



ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL HERALD



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FESTIVAL 2010, A GREAT SUCCESS, NOW HISTORY

As this issue of the Herald went to press, the Annunciation Cathedral was concluding its Food Festival, which was held September 24, 25, and 26, on the Cathedral's grounds at 245 Valencia Street. The Festival was a great success, both in the record number of people who attended and because the festival benefits the ministries of the Cathedral, as well as its building fund. The Souvenir Festival Book, which is published in connection with the Festival, was successful, both because, for the first time, it included color ads and, at the same time, featured colored renderings of the new Cathedral. All of the success of the book, as well as the entire festival, is attributable to the efforts of a hard-working committee, hard-working volunteers and, of course, the many people who came during the course of the three-day Festival and supported us. Here's to next year!



ANGIE AND TED LEVENTIS SELECTED AS SPIRIT OF STEWARDSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Metropolis of San Francisco has established a "Spirit of Stewardship Awards" banquet honoring the faithful stewards of the Metropolis, on the occasion of the Feast Day of St. Gerasimos. The event will take place at the Ascension Cathedral, Oakland, on Saturday, October 30th, beginning at 6 p.m., with a cocktail

reception and silent auction, and continuing with dinner and the program at 7 p.m. The parishes of the Metropolis were asked to name two individuals who embody the spirit of stewardship. The Annunciation Cathedral has named **Angie** and **Ted Leventis**, the Cathedral's Philoptochos President and her hard-working chef-husband, respectively, of the Cathedral. A brief write-up about both appears below. Parishioners of the Cathedral are encouraged to attend the celebration and honor Pat and Gus for their service, along with His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco, on the occasion of the Feast Day of his Patron Saint. The donation is \$75 per person. Tables of ten are available. Please send in your RSVP cards that you should have received in late September, as soon as possible. For more information on the event, feel free to contact the main office line at the Ascension Cathedral, Oakland, at (510) 531-3400.

PARISH ASSEMBLY AUTHORIZES PARISH COUNCIL TO PROCEED WITH REBUILDING OF THE CATHEDRAL

The Annunciation Cathedral held a special general assembly on Sunday, September 12, in order to authorize the Parish Council to proceed with the rebuilding the Cathedral as presented to the May 2, 2010 and the September 12, 2010 special Parish Assemblies, and as it has appeared in the June-July, August and September issues of the *Herald*. The response was overwhelmingly in favor of rebuilding the Cathedral! Truly, this was an historic occasion, and this is truly a historic time for our community. This new Cathedral will not only be for us and for our lifetime, but for our children and our grandchildren. It will serve not only our parish needs, but the ecclesiastical needs of our Metropolis, as well. We have been offered an opportunity by God to truly bring forth some of the gifts he has given us- time, talents, and treasure- to build a temple for the glory of His Name.

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Following are the minutes of the special Parish Assembly:

***Minutes of the Annunciation Cathedral
Special Assembly Meeting
September 12, 2010***

The meeting was called to order through prayer led by Father Stephen Kyriacou at 12:50 p.m.

Election of Assembly Chair

Parish Council president, Tom Nuris, called for nominations for Assembly Chair. Paul Sogotis nominated Tom Nuris. The motion was seconded. Paul Sogotis moved to close nominations. The motion was seconded and nominee, Tom Nuris, was elected unanimously.

Quorum

110 Parishioners in Good Standing registered and took part in the Parish Assembly, constituting a quorum for the purpose of transacting the business of the Assembly.

Secretary's Report

Gus Vouchilas read the minutes of the April 18 and May 2, 2010 General Assemblies. Tom Nuris called for additions or corrections to the minutes as presented. There were none. Pat Aleck made a motion to adopt both sets of minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Building Committee Report – Phase III

Tom Nuris discussed the need for additional Cathedral parking, noting that two levels of below-grade parking have proven cost prohibitive. Tom advised that Phase III, following the completion of Phase II of the Cathedral building plan, will consist of acquisition of land to be developed for future parking needs.

Dean's Comments

Father Stephen Kyriacou noted the significance of this meeting and its historic value to the Annunciation family, the Metropolis, and the community at large. He reiterated the importance of building a new Cathedral for worship which meets parish needs both now, and into the future.

Father Stephen introduced the Capital Campaign Committee members to date:

Patricia Aleck, Gus Konstin, Thomas Nuris, Tom Papageorge, Paul Sogotis, Nicholas Svetcoff and George Vlahos

Father Stephen also announced the Advisory Board members to date:

Victor Makras, George Marcus, Alexander Moulinos, Peter Poulos, Stefanie Roumeliotis, and Michael Vriheas.

Father Stephen advised that an Endowment Committee is currently being formed.

Consideration of the Motion

Tom Nuris entertained the following motion:

“To go forward with the rebuilding of the Cathedral in accordance with the architectural plans presented to the Parish Assembly on May 2, 2010, at a cost of \$12 million, to be funded by a. the bequest of \$5 million from the late Angelo and Anne Mountanos, b. \$4 million, to be raised from among the Cathedral parish as documented by the Feasibility Study presented to the aforementioned Assembly, and c. \$3 million from the Metropolis of San Francisco, the Archdiocese of America, and the community at large.”

The motion was made by James Vorrises and seconded by Foula Vasilogiorgis.

Sakee Poulakides requested a ballot vote. Father Stephen noted that there is no precedent for ballot votes for General Assembly meetings. He further noted that construction will proceed only as funding permits.

Andrew Dimitriou called for the question. The call was seconded and the motion to go forward with the rebuilding of the Cathedral, as delineated above, carried, 109 in favor, one opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m. Father Gregory Ofeish was called on by Father Stephen to offer the benediction.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Stephen H. Kyriacou, Dean
Thomas A. Nuris, Chairman
Gus Vouchilas, Secretary

Note: In accordance with Archdiocese Regulations, the minutes, along with a number of other documents, and the Permit Set of Drawings, including architectural, mechanical and structural drawings, were sent to Metropolitan Gerasimos and the Architectural Review Committee of our Metropolis, for review and approval.

IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED

For some years now, area hospitals no longer maintain records based upon one's religious affiliation. Therefore, if a priest goes to a hospital to visit a parishioner, he has no way of knowing whether another member of the parish is also at the same hospital, unless he is informed. If you, or if anyone you know, are hospitalized and wish to be visited by one of the Cathedral clergy, kindly let us know by calling the Cathedral, at 415 864-8000.

OPEN INVITATION TO ATTEND METROPOLITAN GERASIMOS' RECEPTION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

On Sunday evening, October 17, from 5 to 7 p.m., His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos will host a special reception in the Cathedral Hall showcasing the completed plans to build the new church. The event is being held for informational purposes only--no solicitations will be made that evening. Cathedral members are all invited to attend. Individual invitations have also been sent to certain individuals from the greater Bay Area, many not members of the Cathedral. This will be the first of many occasions in which the Metropolis of San Francisco and the Annunciation Cathedral gather groups of people in small, intimate settings, for the purpose of generating support for the rebuilding of the new Cathedral. Since this will be a catered event, if you plan to come, please let the Cathedral office know, by calling 415 864-8000.

DIVINE LITURGY TO BE CELEBRATED AT THE CATHEDRAL ON OCTOBER 20 THE FEAST DAY OF SAINT GERASIMOS, NAMEDAY OF METROPOLITAN GERASIMOS

On Wednesday, October 20th the Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on the occasion the Feast of Saint Gerasimos--the nameday of His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco. The Orthros will begin at 9 am, followed by the Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the Divine Liturgy, receive the blessings of His Eminence and personally extend best wishes and *Polla ta eti* on the occasion of the Feast Day of his Patron Saint.

PARISH ASSEMBLY: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

Parishioners of the Annunciation Cathedral are invited to attend the second regular Parish Assembly for 2010 (we also had two special Parish Assemblies) to take place in the Cathedral's Kytherian Room on Sunday, October 17, following the Divine Liturgy. The Agenda is as follows:

Opening Prayer

1. Election of Assembly Chair
 2. Reading/Approval of the April 18, 2010 Minutes of the Parish Assembly
 3. Treasurer's Report
 4. Reports:
 - a. Stewardship
 - b. 2010 Festival
 - c. Youth
 5. Plans for rebuilding the Cathedral Church
 6. Report of the Board of Auditors
 7. Report of the Nominating Committee (Following their report, the Nominating Committee effectively becomes the Board of Elections. As such, it will oversee the Parish Council elections, which will take place on Sunday, December 19, 2010, following the Divine Liturgy. Those elected will serve a two-year term.)
 8. Election of Delegates to the Metropolis Clergy-Laity Congress (St. Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center, May 2-3, 2011)
 9. Old Business
 10. New Business
- Closing Prayer

Parishioners in good standing (that is, those who are ecclesiastically in good standing with the Orthodox Church, as defined in the Archdiocese Regulations, and who have met their stewardship obligations to the Cathedral) may participate in the Parish Assembly. Quorum requirements, as defined in the Parish By-Laws are: 75% of the Parish Council (i.e. 12 out of 15 members), an equal number of other parishioners in good standing, plus the Dean of the Cathedral or, if fewer than 12 members of the Parish Council are present, then 75 parishioners in good standing, plus the Dean of the Cathedral.

THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL

Now that the Parish Assembly has authorized proceeding with the rebuilding of the Cathedral, a Capital Campaign is being formalized. As announced, **Fr. Anthony Scott of Stewardship Advocates**, has been engaged by the Cathedral to help it put together the Campaign. Father Scott has worked on some forty capital campaigns, some of them in the Bay Area.

The Cathedral's Campaign will be conducted in clarity, openness, responsiveness, courtesy, utmost professionalism and most importantly, humble deference to the will of God. Every gift will be received with gratitude. For though we ask every family and person to give *sacrificially* according to biblical standards as taught by our Lord Jesus Christ, truly only God and the giver know whether or not the gift is *truly sacrificial*. Let us recall that the greatest sacrifice of all was our Lord who offered every thought, every feeling, every action and every word in loving sacrifice to His Father and ultimately, His very life for our salvation.

The professional capital campaign has five phases:

- ◆ Phase 1 is the pre-campaign phase characterized by identifying the capital need of the parish (a new Cathedral), defining the parameters and features of the building, developing estimated costs and developing community consensus to undertake the project.
- ◆ Phase 2 is the organizational phase, which is characterized by a planning study, a decision whether or not to utilize the services of a consultant, identifying a feasible fund raising goal and recruiting those parishioners who will be involved in undertaking the fund raising.

- ◆ Phase 3 is the “silent” or “nucleus fund” phase in which cultivation of prospective donors occurs and the team humbly and courteously seeks those major gifts that are keys to success;
- ◆ Phase 4, the public phase, ideally commences after a sufficient number of major gifts have been received that raise the giving sights of the supporters of the Cathedral, give the campaign serious credibility, and create optimism and momentum going forward; Phase 4 is characterized by fund raising events and the general solicitation of all supporters of the Cathedral thereby according to each person the *privilege* of glorifying God through the construction and beautification of the Metropolis Cathedral.
- ◆ Phase 5 is the post-campaign when the pledges are received, communications continue and the actual construction of the Cathedral is undertaken with a very careful eye on expenditures.

We respectfully request the prayers of the faithful for the success of our Campaign. Please be patient as we do our best to conduct the campaign within the fullness of the Orthodox Faith and according to professional standards to obtain optimal results. Please be patient as we now undertake the organizational phase and the silent or nucleus fund phase. If you are anxious to offer your pledge now, please do feel free to call or email **Fr. Stephen** or either one of our Campaign Co-Chairmen, **Tom Nuris or Tom Papageorge** for a visit.



PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Please note the following schedule of events pertaining to the Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos:

Thursday, October 7	1 p.m.	General Meeting, 2nd floor conference room
Thursday, November 11	1 p.m.	General Meeting, 2nd floor conference room
Sunday, November 21	noon	Thanksgiving Luncheon honoring our seniors
Tuesday, December 14	noon	Christmas luncheon (Restaurant TBD)

We invite your presence and participation.

NEXT COMMUNITY LINK OCTOBER 23

Please join us for our upcoming Community Link on Saturday, October 23. We meet at the Cathedral at 9am for prayer and visit assignments, followed by visits (usually in pairs), concluding by Noon.

Our visitations to home-bound parishioners are very special to us and to those we visit. They bring joy to our seniors who are experiencing isolation from their community due to illness, loss or hardship. Community Link is an excellent way for all of us – children, adults and families – to engage with one another and to share the message of God’s love.

If you know someone who would like a visit, or to RSVP, please email **Caroline Pappajohn**. Community Link dates for the remainder of 2010 are: October 23, November 20, December 18. All dates are Saturdays.

FOCUS ON YOUTH

A warm, very heartfelt thanks to all our youth who volunteered their time at the Annunciation Cathedral Greek Food Festival this year! All your help was greatly appreciated, thanks!

Monthly Youth Message:

“Gym, Tan, Laundry...?”

by Rev. Deacon Niko Bekris

Even though this current season is taking place in South Beach, Florida, New Jersey must be enjoying a boost of national attention given the success of the new MTV show, *Jersey Shore*. As you know, *Jersey Shore* is the latest attempt at a different reality TV show, and is about eight roommates, seven of whom are Italian-Americans and all from New Jersey, who do the usual bicker/complain/lust/talk about dreams/go through life that has become typical of reality TV ever since MTV’s *Real World*. The difference between this show and others is that a) the cast is predominantly Italian, b) the cast is even more obsessed with their looks than usual reality stars, and I would say c) it pushes the envelope with how much TV is allowed to disrespect individuals (a guy punching a girl? Give me a break!), which could be one of the reasons people watch it. It seems as though we’re fascinated with how people disrespect each other- verbally, physically, emotionally, because it’s so unreal to us that it’s

shocking! And for many, that means entertaining. I read recently that in early September, *Jersey Shore* was rated the #1 show among adults ages 18-49, more than any other show on television- cable or broadcast.

The motto of many of the characters is “gym, tan, laundry” to describe their usual day, and from the episode that I saw, they sure seem to live by that. Paulie gets his hair cut twice a week, Jenny praises herself for fixing her outfit and hair in any way to “be that girl [#1 in the club],” and Sammi exclaims that “you need to spend at least \$200 on hair other than your own, you need to look ten times better than any other girl out there.” Now, of course it’s very human and very normal to want to look nice when you go out to meet people, especially if you’re a single young adult. It seems to me, however, that even in the last fifteen years of my life, TV shows (and pop culture in general) have really tried to push the boundaries that have been set by prior shows, in order to create a broader audience for their show. What you get is shows like *Jersey Shore*, that try to present an exaggerated, warped way of going through your life, which include messages like “there’s nothing more important than the way you look.”

In Matthew 6, we read about Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount. And while he’s not referring to dressing up, I do love how Jesus tells those listening,

“Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ But seek first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (v. 25, 28-31, 33)

The Lord is referring to worrying about having adequate food and clothing, and yet, the message can also be applied to becoming wrapped up in how you look. For *Jersey Shore*, nothing is more important than how you look. For us, it should be following the Lord. God has created each of us to be a unique creation, and following Him is how we truly become the best people we can be, because He knows what’s best for us, even more than we do. If we do this, what to wear, eat, how to look, and all of that will follow in its proper place. Don’t be duped into thinking that “gym, tan, laundry” is going to bring you fulfillment and companionship. It won’t. It will only give you extra stress. Focus on “Kingdom, of God,” and everything will fall into place.

Youth Committee Has Been Formed and Fundraising Event Underway!

The Annunciation Cathedral Youth Committee, consisting of **Ari Stratakis, Michael Canellos, Maria Manetas, Tina Kontonis and Chrisoula Pezo** met for the first time last month, and agreed to take on the responsibility of 1) Making a community calendar or youth events to be emailed out each month so as to avoid scheduling conflicts 2) Putting together new fundraiser ideas for the youth programs, and 3) To hear grievances or problems from the various youth programs that need help being solved.

We thank each of these dedicated parents for volunteering their time this year to help the youth programs of our church and minister to the Lord's children!



GOYAns as Greek folk dancers. Our senior dance group is in the process of being re-formed. Meanwhile, our youngest groups *Thisavri* and *Spithes* practice on Sundays. *Ekrixi* (ages 13-16) practices Tuesday evenings.



Cathedral GOYAns who serve as acolytes

GOYA News- October 2010

The Annunciation Cathedral GOYA is once again underway and ready to begin more youth programs for the 2010-2011 ecclesiastical and school year. This last September 20th was our first GOYA meeting of the year, which was held at the **Stratakis family** home. We watched the 49ers on Monday Night Football, and afterwards signed cards for graduated GOYAns who are now in college.

From now on, GOYA meetings will take place every third Monday of the month, in addition to the monthly GOYA events we put on. For more information on GOYA, contact **Deacon Niko Bekris** at deacon@annunciation.org, or visit the Youth of Annunciation Cathedral San Francisco Facebook page.

JOY News- October 2010

It was recently decided at the first youth committee meeting of 2010-2011 that the Cathedral JOY group (3rd-6th grade) will meet on the first Tuesday of every month at a different location. Tuesday, October 5th, we will be at the Manetas Home. More events and meetings are being planned, and if you have any suggestions, feel free to contact Deacon Niko at deacon@annunciation.org.

In a home filled with prayer, God is "tasted," prayer is as natural as breathing, and Holy Tradition is passed to the next generation less by preaching than by life and example.

Sister Magdalen
"Orthodox Tradition and Family Life"

Young Adult News- October 2010

Our Annunciation Cathedral young adult group continues to meet every second Thursday of the month for a social event, and the last Thursday of the month for a dinner somewhere in the city. For over a year and a half now, this program has been successful in connecting young adults with their church community and with one another, and October promises to be no different. October 2nd, the Metropolis of San Francisco Youth Office will be hosting a Bay Area Young Adult Community Service Project at Holy Cross Church, Belmont, where young adults from all over the Bay Area will be making hygiene kits to send to Haiti through International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC). Also, October 15-17 at Saint Nicholas Church, San Jose, will be the 2nd Annual Young Adult Volleyball Tournament, (which our young adults won last year), and the Annunciation will once again be sending at least two adult teams.

If you know of a young adult who is new to San Francisco or would be interested in any of our programs, feel free to contact **Deacon Niko** for more information at deacon@annunciation.org or visit the Youth of Annunciation Cathedral San Francisco Facebook page.

LEARNING ERITREAN (LANGUAGE AND CULTURE)

An Eritrean School has recently started operating, also on Saturdays. Eritrean School will also begin on Saturday, September 11. The particulars of this school were not available at the time of printing of the August *Herald*. They will be included in the September issue.



A recent young adult gathering

LEARNING GREEK (LANGUAGE AND CULTURE)

Greek School began Saturday, September 11, with over 30 children enrolled!. Please note that the time has changed. Instead of starting at noon and ending at 2 p.m., Greek School will start at 10 a.m. and end at noon. We will have three classes, as follows: 1) ages up to 6 years; 2) 6-8 year olds (or thereabouts), and 3) 8 and above. As far as the costs go, our total expenses to operate the school come to \$5,000, to be split among the families. Right now, we have a total of 17 boys and girls. Keeping the 50% discount for siblings, this would translate to \$400 for a single student and \$600 for siblings. This is the total for the year for 33 lessons. Registration will take place on opening day. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, September 11.

OYAA BASKETBALL STARTING UP IN OCTOBER; COACHES TO MEET OCTOBER 6

Practice for the 2010-2011 Junior Varsity season will begin on Wednesday, October 13. Boys and girls, ages 7 to 14, are invited to come to down to the gym that night for registration and for our first practice, which will begin at 7 p.m. On Wednesday, October 6, a mandatory meeting of the coaching staff for the entire season (Junior Varsity and Varsity alike) will take place. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and will be held in the second floor conference room. Agenda items, as practices, registration procedures, rosters, membership requirements, and church attendance will be discussed. With everyone's cooperation (parents, players, and coaches) we look forward to another great season!

SUNDAY SCHOOL KORNER

A message from Sunday School Principle, **Denise Yeilding**:

Sunday School invites your children to participate in Sunday School and learn the fundamentals of our Orthodox Faith. Teachers have prepared the classrooms, which are welcoming and exciting. We have embarked upon a great spiritual year, and pray that it continues to be fulfilling and spiritually rewarding. For your convenience, a schedule of the first semester is provided below. Meanwhile, if you can help plan and/or organize our Christmas program this year, please email **Chrisoula Pezo** at lcpezo@comcast.net. She will be spearheading our efforts this year for a great family program. Sunday School meets each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. sharp.

Thank you,
Denise Yeilding

Annunciation Cathedral Sunday School 2010- 2011 Semester One

- 9/12 Opening Day/ Registration
- 9/19 1st official day of classes
- 9/26 Classes held (10:30 am) before food festival opens
- 10/3 Regular classes held
- 10/10 Regular classes held
- 10/17 Teaching Liturgy held in chapel.
All classes attend with parents.
- 10/24 Regular classes held
- 10/31 Regular classes held. Sunday School costume luncheon held at coffee hour.
Free lunch served for all. Wear your costume.
- 11/7 Regular classes held
- 11/14 Daylight savings/ Food Drive begins/ canned soup day
Regular classes held
- 11/21 Regular classes held, Philoptochos
Thanksgiving Luncheon
- 11/25 Thanksgiving Day, attend liturgy with family.
Sunday school sponsors coffee hour with donuts
- 11/28 Thanksgiving Weekend. No attendance taken.
Classes combined for students who attend.
- 12/5 Classes held, Christmas program rehearsals begin.
- 12/12 Classes held, Christmas program rehearsals continue
- 12/19 Christmas program following liturgy,
free luncheon & arts 'n crafts
Food Drive Concludes. Christmas Break

Services & Sacraments At The Cathedral

BAPTISMS

Liahna Lula, daughter of **Lawrence Wayne Harrison, Jr.** and **Helen Andy**, was baptized at the Cathedral on August 29. Her sponsor is **Helen Woldai**.

Theodore John, son of **John Theodore Lampros** and **Magdalene Margiannis**, was baptized at the Cathedral on September 5. His sponsors are **Thanacis Skorinis** and **Stavroula Margiannis**.

Na mas Zisoun! (Long life!)

FUNERALS

Katherine Karneris, who fell asleep in the Lord on August 14, was buried on August 24. She is survived by her children, **Efstathia Giannacou** and **Argyroula Karneris** and their families.

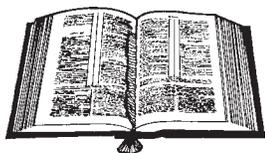
John P. George, who fell asleep in the Lord on September 2, was buried on September 10. He is survived by his wife, **Kay George**, daughters **Effie Arnolfo** and **Julie Boettner** and their families.

Andy H. Pappas who fell asleep in the Lord on September 13, was buried on September 17. He is survived by his wife **Voula Pappas**, and his daughters **Irene** and **Sophia** and their families.

Aionia I mnimi! (Eternal memory)

O C T O B E R C A L E N D A R

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Orthros 9 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m Class on Orthodoxy 9 a.m. Dance practice 12-1 p.m.		Dance practice, 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.	Basketball Coaches Meeting 7 pm	Philoptochos meeting, 1 p.m.		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Orthros 9 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m Class on Orthodoxy 9 a.m. Dance practice 12-1 p.m.		Dance practice, 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.	JV Basketball Practice Begins, 7 pm And each Wednesday thereafter			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Orthros 9 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m Class on Orthodoxy 9 a.m. Dance practice 12-1 p.m. Regular Parish Assembly Cathedral Building Project Reception 5-7 pm		Dance practice, 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Senior Camp	Feast of Saint Gerasimos Orthros 9am Divine Liturgy 10 am Capital Campaign Committee Meeting, 7pm JV Basketball Practice 7 pm			Community Link 9 am
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Orthros 9 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m Class on Orthodoxy 9 a.m. Dance practice 12-1 p.m.		Saint Demetrios Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am Dance practice, 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.	Parish Council 7 pm JV Basketball Practice 7 pm			Spirit of Stewardship Awards, Ascension Cathedral, Oakland
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LOOKING AHEAD	
Friday, November 5	Clergy Synaxis, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday, November 6	PAOI Evening of Thanksgiving
Sunday, December 19	Parish Council Elections

ΕΚΤΑΚΤΗ ΓΕΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΝΕΛΕΥΣΗ ΕΝΕΚΡΙΝΕ ΤΟ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΟΙΚΟΔΟΜΗΣ

Στις 12 Σεπτεμβρίου πραγματοποιήθηκε η έκτακτη Γενική Συνέλευση των μελών του Καθεδρικού Ναού που ενέκρινε το κτίσιμο του Καθεδρικού Ναού σύμφωνα με τα σχέδια που υποβλήθηκαν στην έκτακτη Γενική Συνέλευση των μελών του Καθεδρικού Ναού στις 2 Μαΐου, 2010. Το κόστος ανέρχεται στα \$12 εκατομμύρια, τα οποία θα συλλεχθούν ως ακολούθως: α) τα πέντε ήδη υπάρχουν, δωρεά του Ευάγγελου και της Άννας Μουντάνου, β) τὰ τέσσερα θα συλλεχθούν από τα μέλη και φίλους του Καθεδρικού Ναού, όπως διαπιστώνει η μελέτη που παρουσίασε ο Π. Σκότ, γ) τα τελευταία τρία από διάφορους παράγοντες ανά την Ι. Μητρόπολη Αγίου Φραγκίσκου και την Αρχιεπισκοπή Αμερικής. Πραγματικά ένα ιστορικό γεγονός!

ΑΝΑΦΟΡΙΚΑ ΜΕ ΤΟ ΦΕΣΤΙΒΑΛ ΜΑΣ

Συγχαρητήρια σε όλους όσους εβοήθησαν στο εφετινό φεστιβάλ του Καθεδρικού Ναού, που έλαβε χώρα στον χώρο πάρκιγκ όπως και στον υπόλοιπο εξωτερικό χώρο, επίσης στο γυμναστήριο, την Παρασκευή 24 Σεπτεμβρίου το Σάββατο 25 Σεπτεμβρίου και την Κυριακή 26 Σεπτεμβρίου. Εβοήθησε και ο καιρός: ήταν πραγματικά υπέροχος. Και έτσι, ακόμα μια φορά, το φεστιβάλ είχε μεγάλη επιτυχία. Συγχαρητήρια και ένα μεγάλο ευχαριστώ στην Κοινότητα του Καθεδρικού Ναού. Και του χρόνου!

ΓΕΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΝΕΛΕΥΣΗ

Καλούνται τα μέλη του Καθεδρικού Ναού σε κανονική Γενική Συνέλευση των μελών, που θα λάβει χώραν την Κυριακή 17 Οκτωβρίου, αμέσως μετά τη Θεία Λειτουργία. Η ημερησία διάταξη είναι γραμμένη, λεπτομερώς, στο αγγλικό μέρος του παρόντος δελτίου.

Η ΑΓΓΕΛΙΚΗ ΚΑΙ Ο ΘΕΟΔΩΡΟΣ ΛΕΒΕΝΤΗΣ ΟΝΟΜΑΣΘΗΚΑΝ ΩΣ ΕΜΠΝΕΟΝΤΕΣ ΤΟ ΠΝΕΥΜΑ ΤΟΥ ΣΤΟΥΑΡΝΤΣΙΠ

Συγχαρητήρια στην Αγγελική Λεβέντη και στον Θεόδωρο Λεβέντη, οι οποίοι εφέτος εκπροσωπούν τον Καθεδρικό Ναό σε δείπνο που δίνει η Μητρόπολις του Αγίου Φραγκίσκου το Σάββατο 30 Οκτωβρίου για να τιμήσει όλους εκείνους που ονομάστηκαν από τις Κοινότητές τους ως "εμπνεόντες το πνεύμα του Στούαρντσιπ." Η Αγγελική Λεβέντη υπηρετεί ως πρόεδρος της Φιλοπτώχου Αδελφότητας, ο δε Θεόδωρος υπηρετεί την Κοινότητα ως μάγισσας και ιεροψάλτης, άνευ αμοιβής. Τους συγχαίρουμε για το καλό τους παράδειγμα και τους ευχόμαστε κάθε ευλογία από τον Θεό. Άξιοι!

ΔΕΞΙΩΣΗ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΤΗ ΣΤΙΣ 17 ΟΚΤΩΒΡΙΟΥ

Μερικοί ίσως λάβατε προσκλητήριο για δεξίωση που δίνει ο Σεβασμιώτατος Μητροπολίτης Αγίου Φραγκίσκου κ. Γεράσιμος στον Καθεδρικό Ναό την Κυριακή 17 Οκτωβρίου για να παρουσιάσει επίσημα τα σχέδια οικοδομής του νέου Καθεδρικού Ναού. Άλλοι μπορεί να μη λάβατε. Πάντως, όλοι καλούνται στην ωραία αυτή βραδυά, από τις 5 έως τις 7 το απόγευμα. Παρακαλείσθε όπως σημειώσετε την παρουσία σας, τηλεφωνώντας στο Γραφείο του Καθεδρικού Ναού, στο 415 864-8000. Η είσοδος είναι δωρεάν.

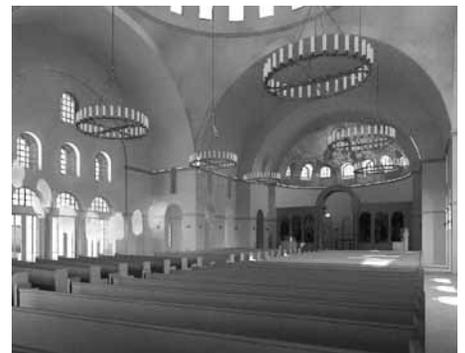


ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ, ΚΑΤΗΧΗΤΙΚΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ

Πληροφορούμε ότι το Ελληνικό Σχολείο του Καθεδρικού Ναού ήδη άρχισε το Σάββατο 11 Σεπτεμβρίου, με πάνω από 30 παιδάκια. Σημειώνουμε δε ότι τα μαθήματα γίνονται σε τρία επίπεδα (για παιδιά μέχρι 6 χρόνων, για παιδιά 6-8 (περίπου), και για παιδιά 8 και άνω), αντί να γίνονται 12 με 2 μ.μ. (όπως έγιναν πέρυσι) θα γίνονται 10 το πρωί με 12. Αυτό φαίνεται ότι βολεύει τους γονείς και τα παιδιά. Τα δίδακτρα παραμένουν τα ίδια (\$400 το κάθε παιδί, με 50% έκπτωση για το δεύτερο παιδί της ίδιας οικογένειας). Η διάρκεια των μαθημάτων είναι 33 Σάββατα. Με μεγάλη χαρά πληροφορούμε ότι έφετος διδάσκει και η Ευδοκία Ανδρεάδη (θυγατέρα του Γενικού Προξένου της Ελλάδας κ. Ιωάννη και της συζύγου του, Δήμητρας Ανδρεάδη). Ευχαριστούμε τους γονείς, που φέρνουν τα παιδιά τους στο Ελληνικό Σχολείο, έτσι δίνοντας στα παιδιά όχι μόνο την ευκαιρία να μάθουν μια δεύτερη γλώσσα (και τι γλώσσα, την γλώσσα του Ευαγγελίου, την γλώσσα των φιλοσόφων, των πατέρων, της Ορθόδοξης Πίστης), αλλά να αποκτήσουν την αίσθηση ότι αποτελούν συνέχεια αυτής της ένδοξης φιλής που λέγεται Ελληνισμός.

ΣΕ ΠΕΡΙΠΤΩΣΗ ΠΟΥ ΠΑΤΕ ΣΤΟ ΝΟΣΟΚΟΜΕΙΟ

Ευχόμαστε ότι δεν θα σας χρειασθεί αλλά, σε περίπτωση που πάτε στο νοσοκομείο, τα νοσοκομεία της περιοχής μας, για αρκετά χρόνια τώρα, δεν ειδοποιούν την εκκλησία ότι νοσηλεύεσθε, ούτε κρατούν κατάλογο ασθενών αναλόγως με το θρήσκευμα τους. Έτσι, σε περίπτωση που πάτε στο νοσοκομείο, και επιθυμείτε επίσκεψη από κληρικό του Καθεδρικού Ναού, παρακαλείσθε όπως επικοινωνήστε μαζί μας, στο 415 864-8000. Πολύ ευχαρίστως, θα θέλαμε να σας δούμε, να προσευχηθούμε και να σας ευχηθούμε καλή ανάρρωση.



Why is the Lord's presence promised to two or three? Because there, where two or three are gathered in the name of Christ, is the Church, the union of faith and love; there is mutual love.

Saint John of Kronstadt
Nineteenth Century, Russia

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