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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DANCE GROUPS!!!

Many, many congratulations are in order for our Cathedral dance groups who participated in this year's Folk Dance Festival in Anaheim! Building on last year's FDF success, our community sent three groups to the competition this year, and each group did a fantastic job! **Thisavri**, our youngest group, performed in Division III (non-competitive), and showed great presence and excellence for their age group, and clearly have a bright future! **Spithes**, our elementary/junior high group which competed in the Primary category and placed second last year, this year placed first, bringing home the gold medal! Finally, **Ekrixi**, our high school/college group was bumped up to the highly-competitive Senior category this year, and placed third!

Congratulations to all our dancers and their parents for putting in such hard work all year long this year, and to all our directors for their dedication and leadership- **Irene Kyriacou, Lea Lyberopoulos, Lea Papavasiliou (Thisavri and Spithes), Michael & Nicole Garibaldi (Ekrixi) and Athena Stavrakaras (executive director).**

Truly, this year our dance groups made Anaheim, CA the "Happiest Place on Earth!" Each of our groups will also do an encore performance at the Cathedral on March 25 during the luncheon for the feast day of our parish. Here's to next year!



Ekrixi- 3rd Place in the Senior Category!



JOY- Our 1st Place Spithes!



Ekrixi dancing their island set on Saturday

The Trumpet Call of God

The following sermon was given by Father Anthony Scott at the Cathedral on February 5:

“For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.”

(I Thessalonians 4:16)



Listen. Can you hear it? Listen carefully. Listen beyond the clamor and the clang of the world – the blaring televisions, the shouting politicians, the blasting advertisements and worst of all, the feverish ravings of our own minds. Find quietude. Now listen closely.

Underneath it all...Can you hear it? God is calling us, summoning us to battle.

St. Paul proclaims to the Ephesians: “Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

The life of the spirit is an embattled place. Monastics refer to it as “The Arena” – the place where early Christians encountered the shouted contempt of the pagan mobs and the wild animals that would rend their flesh. It was their militant duty to stand firm in the Holy Orthodox Faith.

Great Lent is upon us. In fact we are well into Lent. It is the 40 days leading up to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the arena of in which the battle is fought. This is the militant time of the Church year. It’s the spring time of the soul – the time of spiritual renewal – the time of rededicating ourselves to God. At the beginning of Great Lent we hear this phrase in the services: “Awake! Awake my soul! Why are you sleeping?”

This article began with the quote of St. Paul to the Thessalonians that references “the dead in Christ.” Who exactly are “the dead in Christ” that St. Paul refers to? Yes, of course, it is those who have fallen asleep in the Lord. May God receive them all into His heavenly Kingdom. Yet we are also the dead – insensitive to God, numbed by our worldly preoccupations, madly pursuing wealth, prestige, and power; swept along in the roar of the “noisome pestilence” of Psalm 91. We also are being called to rise up. It’s not too late to pick up our shield of faith, our helmet of salvation and our sword of the Spirit.

Consider the parable of the Publican and the Pharisee, which was read as a prelude to Great Lent on Sunday February 5th. That Gospel reading prepares us. The Pharisee seeks to justify himself to God, “I do this (for the church), I do that (for others). I’m not like hypocrites such as that guy over there (gesturing with contempt at the sinful, traitorous Publican.)” The Pharisee was appearing to be righteous, pious and holy, better than others. But inside he was prideful, boastful and judgmental of others. The Old Testament prophets call this having a heart of stone, not one of flesh. He was numb to God, spiritually sleeping, swept up in the “noise” of the world. He is us and we are him.

Meanwhile, the Publican, who publicly appeared rapacious, greedy, exploitive and faithless, expressed an authentic and humble contrition before God. Striking his chest in sincere repentance, he begged God for forgiveness, confessing his sins. He was alive to God, the Prodigal Son returning to his father. He responded to the trumpet of God calling to him.

Let us arise to the trumpet call of God and stand well-prepared for the beautiful and powerful mysteries of Holy Week. The Church prescribes three primary ways for us to embrace the spirit of Great Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These are not multiple choice; all three are required of us. This is the battle to which the trumpet calls.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN SURPASSES \$2.2 MILLION

The Capital Campaign has surpassed the \$2.2 million mark, in pledges and gifts, as of January 31, 2012. Of this amount, \$1.447 million has already been contributed, leaving a balance of \$764,500. Donors elect whether to pay all at once, or in installments (monthly, quarterly, or annually) up to five years. The \$2.2 million was raised from 47 donors, as follows: 1 at \$630,000; 1 at \$394,000; 2 at \$150,000; 2 at \$100,000; 1 at \$64,000; 3 at \$50,000; 1 at \$35,000; 1 at \$30,000; 4 at \$25,000; 2 at \$20,000; 1 at \$18,500; 1 at \$17,500; 4 at \$15,000; 2 at \$12,000; 12 at \$10,000; 1 at \$7,500; 3 at \$5,000; 1 at \$3,000; and 4 at \$1,000.

Approximately \$1 million has been paid out so far, for architectural, engineering, consultant, and Planning Department fees, leaving a \$5,419,000 balance in the Building Fund. We need \$10 million to build the Cathedral and one level of underground parking, leaving another \$4 million to be raised. We believe this is reasonable, since we have raised over \$2 million from only 10% of the community! Toward this end, the Capital Campaign Committee is calling families and individuals with a view to scheduling visits with Fr. Anthony Scott and/or Fr. Stephen Kyriacou, Fr. Niko Bekris, along with a member of the Capital Campaign Committee. Father Scott will be at the Cathedral February 1-7, 2012. During this time he will coordinate conference calls with committee members, conduct meetings of the Capital Campaign Committee, make visitations, and follow up with prospective donors. In addition, he will get the Legacy and Endowment Program and the Endowment Committee up and running. This will provide for post-construction and programmatic support, for the long-term well-being of the Cathedral. Father Anthony will visit the Cathedral on a monthly basis for one week at a time, generally the first week of each month, through June, 2012.

Meanwhile, we urge parishioners not to wait to be called. We urge them to take the initiative to set up a day and time when it is convenient for them to meet to learn about our project and the timetable for its completion, to participate in the Capital Campaign, to the extent to which they are able, and/or to discuss their participation in the Cathedral's Legacy and Endowment Program. We are blessed indeed that we have been the beneficiaries of those who established the Cathedral community and who have provided for it these past 90 years of its existence. Now it is our turn to step up and declare what we will do for the generations that will follow us, mindful of the words God spoke through Moses, when he said, "Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you." (Exodus 25:8)

Greek Cultural Celebrations, March 24 and 25

As has become an annual tradition in San Francisco, the United Hellenic American Societies (UHAS) is once again organizing a celebration of **Greek Independence Day** celebrating our culture and heritage as well as the 191st anniversary of Greek Independence Day, and will be held on **Saturday, March 24, 2012**. Initially, a parade was scheduled for that afternoon, but in view of the hardships that are going on in the country of Greece today, UHAS has instead elected to only do a celebration in the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium, scheduled for **3:00-5:00 PM**. This decision has the full support of the Metropolis of San Francisco. All are welcome to join in this wonderful celebration! For more information contact UHAS President Ted Laliotis at ted@laliotis.or or visit the UHAS website www.hellenicfederation.org.

Appropriately, this celebration of our ethnic heritage is taking place on the eve of a celebration of our faith, as March 24 is also the Eve of the Feast of the Annunciation. That evening, Great Vespers will be celebrated at 7 pm at the Cathedral. His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos will be presiding over the Vespers, and all are encouraged and welcome to attend. The following day, March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation, Orthros and Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at their usual times, and will be followed by a special Greek School program! A luncheon will also follow, at which our award-winning folk dance groups will perform several sets of dances which they performed at this year's FDF in Anaheim. Please join us in prayer as we give thanks to God for this momentous day, and to come support our children!

Parish Assembly to Convene March 11

Parishioners of the Annunciation Cathedral are invited to attend the first regular Parish Assembly for 2012 to take place in the Cathedral's Korinthias Hall on Sunday, March 11, following the Divine Liturgy. The Agenda is as follows:

Opening Prayer

1. Election of Assembly Chair
2. Reading/Approval of the November 13, 2011 Minutes of the Parish Assembly
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Reports:
 - a. Stewardship
 - b. 2012 Festival
 - c. Youth
 - d. Metropolis Clergy-Laity Congress (Held at St. Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center January 16-17, 2012)
5. Plans for rebuilding the Cathedral Church
6. Report of the Board of Auditors
7. Election Nominating Committee (Parish Council elections will take place on Sunday, December 9, 2012, which is also the date of Stewardship Sunday, with a luncheon following the Divine Liturgy. Seven individuals will be elected to serve a two-year term.)
8. Election of Delegates to the Archdiocese Clergy-Laity Congress (To be held in Phoenix, AZ July 2-5, 2012)
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.

PRAYER BEFORE TRAVEL

O Savior, as you journeyed with Luke and Cleopas on the road to Emmaus, journey also with your servants, defending them from all evil. Surround them with your holy angels. Grant that they may carry out their plans according to your will, for you alone are almighty and love mankind.

Amen.

ΓΕΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΝΕΛΕΥΣΗ ΣΤΙΣ 11 ΜΑΡΤΙΟΥ

Τα μέλη του Καθεδρικού Ναού καλούνται στη πρώτη Γενική Συνέλευση των μελών, που θα λάβει χώραν εις την μεγάλη αίθουσα συνεδρίασης την Κυριακή 11 Μαρτίου μετά τη Θεία Λειτουργία. Τα θέματα συζήτησης είναι ως ακολούθως:

Προσευχή

1. Εκλογή προέδρου συνέλευσης
 2. Πρακτικά Γενικής Συνέλευσης 13ης Νοεμβρίου 2011
 3. Απολογισμός Ταμία
 4. Αναφορές: Σπούαρντσιπ, Φεστιβάλ, Νεολαίας, Κληρικο-Λαϊκής Συνέλευσης της Μητροπόλεως, που έλαβε χώρα στο Ίδρυμα του Αγ. Νικολάου, 16-17 Ιανουαρίου, 2012
 5. Οικοδομή Ναού, πάρκινγκ
 6. Αναφορά Εξελεγκτικής Επιτροπής
 7. Εκλογή Ονομαστικής Επιτροπής (για τις εκλογές 7 μελών του Κοινοτικού Συμβουλίου στις 9 Δεκεμβρίου 2012)
 8. Εκλογή εκπροσώπων εις την Κληρικο-Λαϊκή Συνέλευση της Ι. Αρχιεπισκοπής, που θα λάβει χώραν εις τον Φοίνικα, Αριζόνας 2-5 Ιουλίου 2012
 9. Παλαιά θέματα
 10. Νέα θέματα
- Προσευχή

2012 Food Festival Preparation Underway!

Food festival preparations are underway for 2012! The festival committee had a meeting on January 25 under the capable leadership of Bob and Lea Lyberopoulos. Thank you to all who attended this meeting and who have helped at past festivals, as well. The next festival meeting is scheduled for February 29 at 7:30. If you would like to lend your expertise in this way, we invite you to become a part of the planning process, please e mail Lea and Bob at karthia808@yahoo.com or at grk808@yahoo.com.

2012 Schedule for *Psychosavato* (Saturday of Souls) Services

The first Saturday of March 2012 will be the third Saturday of Souls of this year. Please note that this year's schedule of services for the Saturdays of Souls, or, *psychosavata*, will be **March 3** Divine Liturgy at 10 am at Annunciation Cathedral, and not the Greek Orthodox Memorial Park cemetery chapel.

Please feel free to bring names of any loved ones who have passed on from this life, and *kollyva* for their memorial service, if you wish.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Greetings from Philoptochos! 2012 is truly a banner year for Philoptochos.

We are celebrating the 80th anniversary of this organization which has spread "*philanthropia*" to all those in need over those many years. Now more than ever we need many hands to meet the needs of our church community as well as the community at large. In this time of economic downturn, which will come back in a long and tedious span of time, there is much need for all our chapters to continue our outreach projects to meet those needs. We ask all our Annunciation community members, men and women alike, to join and become members of Philoptochos and be part of devoted service in the name of our Lord. We are delighted to welcome new members **Effie Arnolfo**, **Nicole Georgiou Garibaldi**, **Polytimi Peters** and **Mia Mattis Sarikakis**. We hope all will join them to be part of this outstanding group that is filled with compassion, love and service!

Our Philoptochos members thank all who attended our 30th annual crab feed on Friday, January the 27th. Under the guiding hands of general chairs Mike Canellos and Ackie Argyres, the ladies of Philoptochos prepared a delicious crab dinner that was enjoyed by all. Close to 450 attendees were present. In addition to the feasting and camaraderie those who attended helped raise funds to support our many outreach programs and ministries. All our members work very hard to prepare, but special thanks go to **Teia Nuris** and **Rose Sogotis** and crew for preparing the crab and salad dressing. The garlic marinade was wonderful. Also, congrats go to **Diane** and **Bill Angelopoulos** and crew for preparing the delicious pasta and to **Pope Zakis**, **Despina Kokalis** and crew for assembling the salad and garlic bread. It takes many loving hands to make a great pre-

sentation and good food. Our raffle was one of the best ever under the chairmanship of **Roberta Economidis**, **Mauna Arson** and **Pat Destein**. Many thanks to all who donated the fabulous prizes. I just wish all could win!

I attended the FDF Folk Dance Festival and our Philoptochos presence is always visible.

Congratulations to all who participated. It was a delight to watch our groups perform and of course the prize is to come home with a medal!

March 25th, the feast day of our Cathedral, is fast approaching. Philoptochos will be serving a coffee reception on the evening of the 24th after vespers. A luncheon will be provided after service on the feast day. We hope everyone will join us that day.

Our Easter Bake Sale will start the end of March and we will be distributing forms for you to order Easter goods.

I look forward to the growth of our Philoptochos so that we may continue to do good deeds for the good of our Church and community.

Command them to do good and be rich in good deeds, to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasures for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age...

Timothy 6:18-19

Wishing all our Church family joy and love as we begin the spring season!

With warmest regards and love in Christ,

Patricia Aleck, Philoptochos President

Join Us for Godparents Sunday April 1

Baptism, one of the seven sacraments of our Orthodox Church, unites us with the Church and the Body of Christ. It also unites the baptized with his or her godparent(s) for a lifetime of learning about the faith, practicing the faith, and continued renewal as we search for spiritual meaning and hope. The celebration of Godparent Sunday, which has now become a tradition at the Annunciation Cathedral, will once again bring our baptized together with our godparents in an expression of renewal and the restatement of our shared beliefs. This year Godparent Sunday shall be held on April 1st. We invite you to come united, godchildren with godparents, to pray together and to partake of Holy Communion. A Lenten luncheon will be provided immediately following Divine Liturgy and all are welcome. The luncheon will be hosted by your Annunciation Stewardship Committee.

Automatic Donations to the Cathedral

Many of our parishioners have submitted their credit card information to the Cathedral office to make periodic contributions, either for stewardship, capital campaign or another type of donation. It should first be said that the Cathedral is most grateful for your support to the Church and to our ministries. At the beginning of each year, however, authorization is once again required to continue making such automatic payments. If you have given your consent in recent years to have such payments made and wish to do so again this year, please call Mariam Arsinoos at the Cathedral office (415-864-8000) to give your verbal consent. Many thanks!

Urban Ministry at the Cathedral- Tax Aid

One exciting program that the Annunciation Cathedral is helping organize in March is a non-profit company called Tax Aid, a company that prepares tax statements for low-income US citizens. This company was referred to us by **Emmanuel Pappas**, who has been helping Tax Aid in their work for the last few years.

If a household has a total income of less than \$50,000 a year, they are eligible to be assisted by Tax Aid, who will prepare their taxes for free. The Cathedral will host Tax Aid in the Kytherian Room on four dates in March- the 7th, 14th, and 21st from 5-8 pm (all Wednesdays), and Saturday, the 31st, from 10 am to 2 pm.

Given the fact that our community has made a commitment to build our new church in San Francisco, there is a great deal of opportunity, given our location, to provide urban ministries in the inner-city. The service provided by Tax Aid is one such opportunity. If you or anyone you know is eligible for this service and needs the assistance, feel free to contact the Cathedral office for more information.

Adult Greek Language Lessons

Our Greek Language Program is expanding to include an adult class in this spring! We are currently in the process of assessing potential enrollment, staffing, and comprehension levels. Classes will take place on Saturday mornings, 10:00 to 12:00 noon. Tuition will be set once we have finalized class size. If interested in joining our dynamic class, or have any questions on our Greek School program in general, please contact us at anna.kapetanakos@gmail.com.

*Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life;
you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes,
with your right hand you save me.*

Psalm 138:7

YOUTH NEWS

Sunday School Korner- March

March is a busy month for our Sunday School classes. Lent has begun. It is a great time to bring your children/grandchildren to classes (10:30 am) for Lenten lessons and much more. Share the gift of Faith with our youth. *Please volunteer to help in the classrooms, with Oratorical Festival, TGI Pascha or our Angels during Holy Week.*

March 4th **Sunday of Orthodoxy**

***Children should **bring an icon** from home to participate in the procession at the end of the Liturgy.

March 11th **Parish Oratorical Festival**

Held immediately after Divine Liturgy in Chapel

***Students in the upper grades (5th – High School) give prepared speeches as outlined by the Archdiocese. There is opportunity for students to go on to participate in the Metropolis competition. Join us in supporting our youth in expressing their faith.

March 18th **Sunday of the Holy Cross**

***Sunday School will participate in the procession of Crosses at the end of Liturgy.

March 25th **Feast of the Annunciation**

We will sign up girls to be Angels during Holy Week beginning March 25th. All girls in 3rd/4th grade and above will be eligible to be an angel. They must be able to attend at least 3 of the services in which Angels participate to be eligible.

I am asked frequently during lent about fasting, so I have taken an excerpt from the archdiocese website to help answer common questions:

The Great Lent begins Monday after Sunday of Cheese, the

fifth week before Holy Week, and lasts through Saturday of Lazarus, and continues through Holy Week. Abstinence from meat, fish and dairy products is observed, except on Palm Sunday and the Annunciation, March 25, when fish may be eaten. On Saturday and Sunday of Lent, wine, oil and shellfish may be eaten. This selection of foods is applied to the other fast periods, below, except when indicated otherwise.

Children should be instructed (both at home and in Sunday School) as to the purpose and meaning of church observances such as the procedures of fasting. Children should be taught the ideals of abstinence from foods and from iniquities and their relationship to prayer, alms-giving, self-control and love. Children of sound health should fast. The main purpose of children fasting is to make them aware that fasting is a dedication and pledge to obey the principles of faith in Christ. Infants are not required to fast. However, the feeding of infants should take place at least two or three hours before Holy Communion.

The archdiocese website, www.goarch.org, is a great wealth of information for families.

Join the Annunciation Sunday School Facebook page. Like us. Photos have been posted of all the Santa photos from Christmas. Updates posted regularly about classes.

I look forward to seeing our many families participate in our many programs over the next two months. This is a wonderful time of year. Thank you for your support.

Denise Yeilding

Sunday School Principal

IONIAN VILLAGE REGISTRATION OPENS FOR SUMMER 2012

Ionian Village, the summer camping ministry of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, is now accepting registrations for its Summer 2012 programs. Operating from a beautiful seafront campsite on western Peloponnesus in Greece, Ionian Village brings its campers and staff into close contact with their faith and heritage as they travel throughout the country to sites of cultural and religious importance. Ionian Village offers two camping sessions: Summer Travel Camp and Byzantine Venture. Registration is open to Greek Orthodox youth who have completed grades 7 through 12. This summer will also see the expansion of the Spiritual Odyssey program, shorter pilgrimage-style trips for young adults ages 19 to 28. Three unique programs are being offered.

For more information about any of the Ionian Village programs, or to participate in this summer's programs, visit www.ionianvillage.org or contact the Office of Ionian Village at (212) 570-3536.

Altar Group Schedule for March

Many thanks to all the families who have committed to our altar group schedule these last three months. It has been wonderful having each of them in the altar, knowing that it is a wonderful way for any young man to serve the Lord and His Church. Thank you also to **Nektarios McKnight, Manoli Darzins, and Michael Garibaldi** for “coaching” our altar servers each Sunday.

The schedule for the Sundays in March will be as follows:

March 4- Group 4

March 11- Group 1 (unless participating in Parish Oratorical Festival)

March 18- Group 2

March 25- Feast of the Annunciation, OPEN TO ALL GROUPS

Since three new young men have been added to the altar group schedule since December, the groups are now as follows:

Group 1- Harry Misthos (group leader), Stelio Kyriacou, Kosta Lyberopoulos, Niko Pezo and Demetri Rally

Group 2- Anthony Obester (group leader), Demetri Kontonis, Bobby Kontonis, Niko Manetas, and Steven Manolakis

Group 3- Steven Flynn, Clint Flynn (group leaders), Antonio Panagiotopoulos, Steven Panagiotopoulos, Panagioti Sogotis, and Yianni Sogotis

Group 4- Andrew Nuris, Vasili Loufas (group leaders), Anthony Tadessee, Jonas Tesfai and Nathan Tesfai

As always, if anyone has any questions or suggestions, feel free to let us know. Thanks!

Young Adult News

As of this month, our young adult group is now in its third year of monthly gatherings! Given San Francisco's unique character as a city, and the fact that young adults come from all over the country to find work here, by the grace of God, our group has never had a shortage of new faces and fun activities.

After writing over 100 cards for Meals on Wheels seniors in January, our Cathedral Young Adult Group met on February 26 at Gordon Biersch for a wonderful evening of dinner and fellowship. It was a wonderful time, as usual! We plan to meet again this month for dinner and an activity. The group is open to all young adults between 22-35. Feel free to tell friends about us, as well!

For more information on any of the Cathedral's youth groups, please contact Father Niko Bekris at fatherniko@annunciation.org, or visit the Youth of Annunciation Cathedral San Francisco Facebook page.

OCF REAL BREAK

**Do something REAL
this Spring Break!**

The Real Break program provides alternatives to the traditional Spring Break for college students. It exists to provide students with the most authentic experience possible, and is modeled as a full Christian lifestyle, which includes fellowship, prayer within community, witness and service. Each spring, over 100 students attend various trips, both domestic and international, to give of themselves to those less fortunate and to do something real for themselves and for God. OCF Real Break has been running since 2000 with over one thousand students participating in these life-changing opportunities.

Current trips include: Toronto, Houston, Constantinople, Guatemala, Romania, and Project Mexico. For more information or to register for OCF REAL BREAK 2012, please visit <https://events.ocf.net/>.

It should be noted that both of these youth ministries offered by the Archdiocese have now been going (and growing!) for the last fifteen years with rave reviews.

Youth Group News

Because the month of February is typically peak-season for our folk dance program (due to the annual Metropolis Folk Dance Festival (FDF), see above), both JOY and GOYA will resume this month! Our JOY group will be meeting on Tuesday, March 6, and our next GOYA meeting will be on Saturday, March 17th.

A reminder that JOY is open to all youth grades 3-6, and GOYA is open to all youth grades 7-12

M A R C H C A L E N D A R

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--------|---------|-------------------------------|----------|---|---|
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | | | | | First Salutations to the Theotokos 7 pm | Third Saturday of Souls, Divine Liturgy at Cathedral, 10 am (Fr. Stephen/Fr. Niko) OYAA Basketball Playoffs, Holy Cross and Holy Trinity |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Sunday School at 10:30, Orthros at 9:00 am, Divine Liturgy at 10:30 am Sunday of Orthodoxy (children bring icon for procession) OYAA Basketball Championships, Ascension Cathedral | | | Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 10 am | | Second Salutations, 7 pm | |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| Sunday School at 10:30, Orthros at 9:00 am, Divine Liturgy at 10:30 am Parish Assembly Parish Oratorical Festival | | | Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 10 am | | Third Salutations, 7 pm | |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| Sunday School at 10:30, Orthros at 9:00 am, Divine Liturgy at 10:30 am Sunday School students process | | | Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 10 am | | Fourth Salutations, 7 pm | Greek Cultural Celebration 3 pm Annunciation Vespers, 7 pm |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| Sunday School at 10:30, Orthros at 9:00 am, Divine Liturgy at 10:30 am Luncheon and Greek School Program | | | Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 10 am | | Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos, 7 pm | |

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27

Sacraments and Services

CHRISTMATION:

Denise Tacusis daughter of **Andrew Tacusis** and **Irene Resendez**, was received into the Orthodox Church through the sacrament of chrismation on February 19. Her sponsors were **Alexander Kozak** and **Elisavet Peterson**. We congratulate Denise and her family and pray that God bless her in this new chapter of her life.

WEDDINGS:

The marriage of **Robert Gatewood** and **Christine-Anne Chiappari** was blessed at the Cathedral on February 26. Their sponsor is **Dorothy Riedel**.

Na mas zisoun! (Long Life!)

FUNERALS:

Stella Stavropoulos fell asleep in the Lord February 18, and was buried on February 23 following funeral services at the Cathedral. She is survived by her daughter, **Ivonne Stamatakis** and her family.

Aionia i mnimi! (Eternal memory!)