



ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL HERALD



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BUILDING PROJECT EXCAVATION NEARING COMPLETION

With the completion of shoring and excavation, construction of the new Cathedral is moving into its second phase - construction of the underground parking garage. This parking garage will replace 58 of the 61 parking spaces in the former parking lot. The new parking garage will be an all-concrete structure, and its base slab will be the foundation for the whole new Cathedral structure. The parking garage's roof slab will serve as the base slab for the rebuilt courtyard and the new Cathedral with its small side and back courtyards. The first steps in this phase involve installing the under-slab sewer lines, then the waterproofing system, and then the rebar for the foundation slab. Once the foundation slab is poured and cured, the waterproofing and rebar will be installed for the walls, and the wall concrete will be sprayed into place. Once the walls have cured, then the top slab can be formed, rebar installed, and the slab concrete poured.

All this concrete work will require a lot of rebar - some 260,000 pounds! Fortunately, a benefactor has stepped up to help: Isidoros Garifalakis owner of Omega Industries, a steel fabrication company headquartered in Vancouver, Washington. He has generously offered to supply all the rebar for the project at a price considerably below his material cost, as well as donating all the costs for shop fabrication, shipment, and delivery to the job site. This arrangement was the result of extensive four-sided negotiations between the Cathedral construction team, Isidoros, Dan McNely (the project contractor) and his rebar installation subcontractor. We are grateful to all the team members for diligently working to hammer out the conditions of this agreement, and, of course, especially grateful to Isidoros and his family for their generosity. The negotiation team is already hard at work sorting out a similar arrangement for the steel framework of the Cathedral itself.



Annunciation Sunday School Building Project

If you've been attending service over the past couple of months it's hard to miss the building enthusiasm shared by the youth of our church. This enthusiasm is more formally known as the Annunciation Sunday School Building Project.

During the school year there will be a variety of projects presented in church that allow the youth to interpret what building a new church means to them. Presentations are grouped in several ways including age, activity, or child's interest.

The aim of the Sunday School project is to allow the youth to take part in the historic building process of the Annunciation Cathedral. Just as many of you hold memories of the devastating 1989 earthquake, we want our youth to hold memories of building the new cathedral.

All pictures will be displayed on our building project shutterfly share site: https://annunciationsf.shutterfly.com/#:emid=site_calendarreminder&cid=SHARE3SXXXX. All members of the share site can view, copy, post, and order pictures of the projects. If you wish to be added to the share site, email Anastacia Ambus at: Tashaugr@yahoo.com.

MATCHING GIFTS FOR THE BUILDING PROJECT

A few months ago, one of our dedicated parishioners informed us that the company she works for offered to match any contributions made by any of their employees to non-profit organizations. The individual had already pledged \$25,000 over five years to the building project, and had already submitted one payment in the amount of \$5,000 this year. Recently, we were notified that the company would be sending a check for the same amount. This means that, potentially, this individual's pledge will go from \$25,000 to \$50,000!

If you have already pledged to the Capital Campaign and submitted a payment this year, or are planning to do so in the future, please inquire if your employer has a similar policy of matching gifts to non-profits. Please join us as we embark on this historic time in the history of our community. Every bit helps!

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WHAT DOES MY GIFT TO THE BUILDING FUND REALLY AMOUNT TO OVER A FIVE YEAR PERIOD?

Below are some different ways to look at how you can make a meaningful gift.

AMOUNT	PER YEAR OVER 5 YEARS	PER MONTH OVER 5 YEARS	PER DAY OVER 5 YEARS	2 PERSON FAMILY- PER DAY (EACH)	3 PERSON FAMILY- PER DAY (EACH)	4 PERSON FAMILY- PER DAY (EACH)
\$100,000	\$20,000	\$1,666.00	\$54.80	\$27.40	\$18.26	\$13.70
\$50,000	\$10,000	\$833.00	\$27.40	\$13.70	\$9.13	\$6.85
\$30,000	\$6,000	\$500.00	\$16.43	\$8.22	\$5.48	\$4.10
\$25,000	\$5,000	\$416.00	\$13.70	\$6.85	\$4.56	\$3.42
\$20,000	\$4,000	\$333.33	\$10.95	\$5.49	\$3.65	\$2.74
\$15,000	\$3,000	\$250.00	\$8.22	\$4.11	\$2.74	\$2.05
\$10,000	\$2,000	\$166.66	\$5.47	\$2.75	\$1.82	\$1.36



Cathedral Young Adults Hold First Ever Soup Kitchen at Annunciation!

After many months of planning and coordinating, our Cathedral Young Adult group organized a soup kitchen and food pantry at the Cathedral the evening of March 27! Hot food was served between 6:30-8:30, and non-perishable goods were also passed out to each individual as they left. Over 30 needy people were fed in the Kytherian Room that night, and over 30 volunteers came and helped, including 10 visitors from other parishes!

Given Annunciation Cathedral’s unique urban setting, and our community’s recent decision to build our new church and remain on Valencia Street, it behooves us to begin thinking of ways to adapt our ministries and programs to incorporate serving the inner-city. The success of this event demonstrates the tremendous potential for programs such as this, and other new ways of carrying

the message of the Gospel into our neighborhood and city. Thank you to **His Eminence, Metropolitan Gerasimos** for joining us that evening and offering the opening prayer. Many, many thanks to **Christina Tsiatis** and **Stefani Kalligeros**, who coordinated the event, and to **Harry Madeckas** and **Kokkari** for cooking and donating the soup. Thanks, also, to **Ari Stratakis** and **Productive Printing** for making the banner and promotional materials at no cost, and to all the volunteers who brought food ingredients and non-perishable items.

*** Our parish leadership is currently discussing how to make the soup kitchen an ongoing, regular program. If you are looking for opportunities to help or donate in the future, stay tuned for future announcements in the Herald and the Cathedral’s Facebook page. ***

2014-2015 Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarships Available

Applications and instructions for three scholarships administered by the Department of Philanthropy of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America are now available for awards to be made for the 2014-2015 academic year. The **George & Naouma (Gioule) Gioles Scholarship** and the **Katina John Malta Scholarship** are for undergraduate studies, and the **Paleologos Scholarship** is awarded for graduate work of a non-theological nature. Each of these scholarships was established through generous gifts from dedicated Greek Orthodox Christians who wanted to provide financial assistance towards the education of young people from our Orthodox Christian community.

Applications can be downloaded from the website of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America at www.goarch.org. For more information, please email scholarships@goarch.org or call 212-774-0283. The deadline for submitting an application for any of these scholarships is April 25, 2014.

Greek Village Camp Plans Virtual Trip to Crete

Camper Online Registration and Staff
Applications Available Now! www.ourgreekvillage.org

The Greek Village Immersion Camp is a successful and growing ministry of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco. Now in its fifth year, the Greek Village Immersion Camp, "To Elliniko Horio", will be held June 21 - 28, 2014 at Saint Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center in Dunlap, CA, for children ages 7 through 15. This year's camp will follow the theme "Let's Go To Crete - Πάμε Κρήτη" and will provide campers with an all-Cretan experience including geography, music, dancing, food and much more.

The Greek Village Camp offers a creative and educational immersion program which brings children closer to their ancestral heritage through instruction in language, customs, traditions and the Orthodox faith. With the guidance of skilled instructors, campers will also participate in classes and activities such as: language, mythology, athletics, theatre and more. The children will attend worship services daily and also have an opportunity to observe the monastic life at the Monastery of the Theotokos the Life Giving Spring which is adjacent to Saint Nicholas Ranch. Arts and crafts, swimming, basketball, volleyball and canoeing are also just a few of the many extracurricular activities included in the campers' daily schedule, plus evening campfires, storytelling, folk dancing and singing.

The 230-acre Saint Nicholas Ranch is nestled in the foothills of the Sequoia National Park. Its hiking trails, apple orchards, historic barn and lake provide the aura of a traditional Greek Village to further enhance a truly cultural experience.

The Greek Village Camp is now offering a convenient and secure way to enroll your child with online registration. Visit www.ourgreekvillage.org to sign up today! Special discounts are available for families sending more than one child. Enrollment is limited so reserve your space today! For those campers attending from southern California, convenient bus transportation is being offered for an additional fee and will depart from the Assumption Church in Long Beach. Check out the website for more details and sign up today!

Take Advantage of the Early Registration Pricing until March 31!

Pricing for 2014: \$450 Early registration (March 1 - March 31)
\$475 Normal registration (April 1 - April 30)
\$500 Late registration (May 1 - May 31)
All siblings receive a \$25 discount.

For questions contact Paul Gikas, Director of the Metropolis Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries at 415-814-1186, pgikas@sanfran.goarch.org.

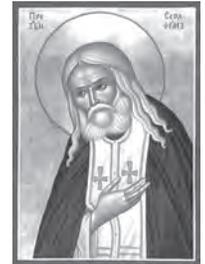
Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute Presentation April 26

The Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute (PAOI) invites you to a Lecture, Private Gallery Viewing and Light Reception at the Getty Villa in Pacific Palisades on April 26, 2014 at 6:00 pm. The theme is "Heaven and Earth, Art of Byzantium from Greek Collections." Reservations are Required and Space is Limited. For additional information please contact: Georgia Kezios at 562 865 7700. This special event is hosted by the PAOI Women's Board of Southern California.

St Seraphim of Sarov and the Vision of the Uncreated Light (Part 2)

"For the sheer benefit of spiritual edification I wanted to reproduce here the section from Valentine Zander's *Life of St Seraphim of Sarov*, where we have the description of the uncreated light of the grace of God."

— Marcelo P. Souza



St Seraphim of Sarov

And Father Seraphim continued: "When the Spirit of God comes down to man and overshadows him with the fullness of His inspiration, then the human soul overflows with unspeakable joy, for the Spirit of God fills with joy whatever He touches . . . What else do you feel, your Godliness?"

I answered: "An extraordinary warmth."

"How can you feel warmth, my son? Look, we are sitting in the forest. It is winter out-of-doors, and snow is underfoot. There is more than an inch of snow on us, and the snowflakes are still falling. What warmth can there be?"

I answered: "Such as there is in a bath-house when the water is poured on the stone and the steam rises in clouds."

"And the smell?" he asked me. "Is it the same as in the bath-house?" "No," I replied. "There is nothing on earth like this fragrance. When in my dear mother's lifetime I was fond of dancing and used to go to balls and parties, my mother would sprinkle me with scent which she bought at the best shops in Kazan. But those scents did not exhale such fragrance."

And Father Seraphim, smiling pleasantly, said: "I know it myself just as well as you do, my son, but I am asking you on purpose to see whether you feel it in the same way. It is absolutely true, your Godliness! The sweetest earthly fragrance cannot be compared with the fragrance which we now feel, for we are now enveloped in the fragrance of the Holy Spirit of God. What on earth can be like it?"

Mark, your Godliness, you have told me that around us it is warm as in a bath-house; but look, neither on you nor on me does the snow melt, nor does it underfoot; therefore, this warmth is not in the air but in us. It is that very warmth about which the Holy Spirit in the words of prayer makes us cry to the Lord: 'Warm me with the warmth of Thy Holy Spirit!'

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By it the hermits of both sexes were kept warm and did not fear the winter frost, being clad, as in fur coats, in the grace-given clothing woven by the Holy Spirit. And so it must be in actual fact, for the grace of God must dwell within us, in our heart, because the Lord said: The Kingdom of God is within you (Lk. 17:21). By the Kingdom of God the Lord meant the grace of the Holy Spirit.

This Kingdom of God is now within us, and the grace of the Holy Spirit shines upon us and warms us from without as well. It fills the surrounding air with many fragrant odours, sweetens our senses with heavenly delight and floods our hearts with unutterable joy.

Our present state is that of which the Apostle says; The Kingdom of God is not food and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit (Rom. 14:17). Our faith consists not in the plausible words of earthly wisdom, but in the demonstration of the Spirit and power (cp. I Cor.2:4).

That is just the state that we are in now. Of this state the Lord said: There are some of those standing here who shall not taste of death till they see the Kingdom of God come in power (Mk. 9:1).

See, my son, what unspeakable joy the Lord God has now granted us! This is what it means to be in the fullness of the Holy Spirit, about which St. Macarius of Egypt writes: 'I myself was in the fullness of the Holy Spirit.'

With this fullness of His Holy Spirit the Lord has now filled us poor creatures to overflowing. So there is no need now, your Godliness, to ask how people come to be in the grace of the Holy Spirit. Will you remember this manifestation of God's ineffable mercy which has visited us?"

"I don't know, Father," I said, "whether the Lord will grant me to remember this mercy of God always as vividly and clearly as I feel it now."

"I think," Father Seraphim answered me, "that the Lord will help you to retain it in your memory forever, or His goodness would never have instantly bowed in this way to my humble prayer and so quickly anticipated the request of poor Seraphim; all the more so, because it is not given to you alone to understand it, but through you it is for the whole world, in order that you yourself may be confirmed in God's work and may be useful to others.

The fact that I am a Monk and you are a layman is utterly beside the point. What God requires is true faith in Himself and His Only-begotten Son."

*"Rejoice! Our Lady, Purest
and most beautiful among
women are you who have
known no sin."*

- Hymn from the Salutations service

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Greetings from Philoptochos! As we begin the days of the Great Feast of Pascha, Philoptochos hopes the light of this special season brings a peaceful loving presence to all. The months of April and May are busy ones for our members. Our ladies are in planning mode and their energy is bountiful. We hope you will join us in all our activities.

By the time this Herald is published the annual Feast Day Luncheon hosted by Philoptochos on March 25th will have occurred. I thank all the members who helped with this event and especially Yvonne & John Stamatakis from Stella Catering who did the cooking. We thank Joy Tamaras who made a considerable donation to the luncheon in memory of her late beloved husband Nick Tamaras. We also thank Pat & Deedy Aleck for donating the salmon. Many thanks to all who helped.

Our Easter Bake is now in progress and goes into the month of April. Our ladies will be preparing Easter Breads, red eggs and koulourakia for your Easter Festivities. We will be busy taking orders and preparing for pickup on Friday, April 18 (9AM to 3PM) and on Saturday, April 19 (10 AM till 1 PM). Please take time to fill out an order form and enjoy these wonderful Easter goodies. The deadline for orders is April 13, 2014. You won't want to miss out on these delicious delicacies for your Easter with family and friends.

In May we will be hosting our annual Mother's Day Luncheon. The date is Saturday, May 10, 2014 and will take place at McCormick and Kuleto's Restaurant at 900 Northpoint in San Francisco. You will be treated to a wonderful view of the Bay in addition to a delicious luncheon and entertainment and a great raffle. This is a different venue for our chapter and will be only for this year. We will be honoring a special Mother who will represent the day for all mothers, daughters, granddaughters, family and friends. Look for your invitation in the mail and join us for this special day.

Our members wish you Kali Sarakosti and a great Holy Pascha.

With warmest regards and love in Christ,

Patricia Aleck, Philoptochos President



**Kids n' Cancer
Camp Agape**

A Ministry of the
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco
Ladies Philoptochos Society

Agape Celebration of Love Reception to benefit Kids 'n' Cancer
Sunday, May 4, 2014 2:00pm - 5:00pm
Big Canyon Country Club
One Big Canyon Drive
Newport Beach, California
\$75 per person

For more information, please contact:
Metropolis of San Francisco Philoptochos Office
at 415-431-2600 or office@sphiloptochos.org.

Xronia Polla for Namedays in April!

Best wishes to the following individuals who celebrate their namedays in April:

Anastasia Athanasiades
George Dekaristos
Anastasia Dekaristos
George Diamantopoulos
George Gavros
George Haris
George Kallas
George Mattis
George Mavroudis
Anastasios Mavroudis
George Mourgos
Anastasia Pezo
Anastasia Raggio
George Stathoudakis
Georgia Stathoudakis
George Tacticos
George Vlahos
Taso Zografos

YOUTH NEWS

Sunday School Korner

Sunday School had a very exciting month! So many things happening in our classrooms during lent. Our children are participating in Lenten lessons each Sunday. Learning about fasting, confession, and how we should treat others at this time. We encourage parents/grandparents to bring children to Sunday School at 10:30am each Sunday.

Our Oratorical Festival was a great success! Congratulations to **Yonas Tesfai**, who wrote about Temptation, our Junior Division Representative to the District competition. Congratulations to all our Elementary Division speakers for a job well done: **Maria Novo, Nathan Tesfai, Elizabeth Monolakis, Anastasia Pezo, Daphne Gavros, Isabella Koutoulas, & Steven Monolakis**. A special Thank You to **Mary Tonas, Chrisula Pezo, Tina Kontonis** and **Gus Vouchilas** for

The Resurrection (*Anastasis*) of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, April 20
Saint George, the Great Martyr, April 23

You may wish to consider sponsoring a coffee hour on the Sunday closest to your nameday, as a way of celebrating with our parish family. For more information, please contact Mike Canellos at (415) 864-8814.

*** The information above was taken from the data submitted on our 2014 stewardship pledge cards. If your name does not appear on this list, please feel free to give your information to our stewardship data table in the gallery, or by filling out a 2014 stewardship pledge card. ***

*“And now I bend the
knee of my heart, beseeching
Your goodness.”*

– A prayer of Manasseh, King of Judah,
from the Great Compline service

all their efforts with our students. All Students in 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th grade wrote speeches in class. Presenting speeches to our community was optional. Thank you for our volunteer judges who gave comments and evaluation to our Junior Division speaker. They were: **Patricia Aleck, John Bardis** and **Alexander Kozak**.

Calling all Angels!

Now is the time for all girls to sign up to be an Angel (Myrrh Bearers) during Holy Week. Please contact **Denise Yeilding** to sign up and be part of this wonderful Annunciation tradition. Girls 3th grade and older are eligible for participation. We welcome College Students home for Holy Week to take the lead. This is a wonder-

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Young Adults Put On Soup Kitchen/Food Pantry for Mission Homeless

With great joy, our Cathedral young adult group put on a soup kitchen/food pantry at the Annunciation Cathedral on March 27. There was a wellspring of support, volunteers and donations, both from our young adults as well as the greater community. Given the success of the event, it is our hope that this can become an ongoing, monthly ministry.

Many, many thanks to **Harry Madeckas** for cooking, and to **Stefani Kalligeros** and **Christina Tsiatis** who coordinated this amazing event. A HUGE thank you, also, to **Ari Stratakis** and Productive Printing, who made our promotional materials at no cost to the Cathedral.

Next month, our young adults will celebrate our annual Pre-Sanctified Liturgy on Friday, April 11, at 6:30. Dinner will follow.

The Cathedral Young Adult group is open to all young adults 22-35(ish)

For more information on any of our youth groups, feel free to contact **Father Niko** at fatherniko@annunciation.org, or visit the "Youth of Annunciation Cathedral San Francisco" Facebook group page.







*The Annunciation Cathedral's
Ladies Philoptochos
invites you to our 55th Annual
Mother's Day Luncheon*

...Mother... Our Greatest Treasure

*Honoring
Helen Panomitros
2014 Mother of the Year*

May 10, 2014

McCormick & Kuleto's

900 North Point St., corner of Beach & Larkin, San Francisco

*11:30 No-host cocktail Reception ~ 12:30 Lunch
Donation: Adults \$60 ~ Children 12 years & younger \$35*

PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE BY MAY 2, 2014 ~ SEATING IS LIMITED.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NO. _____

PLEASE RESERVE _____ ADULT @ \$60 AND _____ CHILDREN @ \$35 TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

PLEASE INDICATE CHOICE AND NUMBER OF ENTRÉES: _____ GRILLED SALMON _____ STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST

I AM UNABLE TO ATTEND AND WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION TO PHILOPTOCHOS CHARITIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____

PLEASE LIST ALL ATTENDEES' NAMES ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM. TABLES OF 10 AVAILABLE.

TICKET AND SEAT ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE HELD FOR YOU AT THE DOOR.

3 HOURS GRATIS COMPLIMENTARY PARKING. ENTER ON BEACH ST. OR LARKIN ST. AND TAKE ELEVATOR TO PLAZA LEVEL.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL THE CATHEDRAL AT (415) 864-8000
OR CONTACT ANGIE LEVENTIS ~ ALEVENTIS3@COMCAST.NET PAT ALECK ~ P_ALECO@SBCGLOBAL.NET



Annunciation Cathedral Philoptochos Easter Bake - 2014

– PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW –

	<u>No. of Orders</u>	<u>Total</u>
Easter Bread @ \$15.00 each	_____	_____
Koulourakia @ \$8.00 per Doz.	_____	_____
Red Colored Eggs @ \$6.00 per Doz.	_____	_____
TOTAL Amt. of order	\$_____	

NAME_____

TEL NO. _____

Your order will be ready for P/U on Friday, April 18, (10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. only) & Saturday, April 19 (10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon only)

Please return completed form to the Cathedral Office or call 415 - 864-8000 to place your order. Enclose payment with your order. All orders are prepaid:

DEADLINE TO PLACE ORDER IS SUNDAY, April 13, 2014

Check received_____Amt:_____



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ful tradition at Annunciation! Let's get everyone involved. Help needed: Volunteers to help with Angels are needed to facilitate the program.

April 6th is Godparent's Sunday. Invitations were made by all of our students and mailed. Please contact your *nouna* or *nouno* and personally invite them to come to Sunday School with you and take communion together. We have special projects in the classroom for Godparents to work on with their Godchild. This is a wonderful shared experience.

April 13th is Palm Sunday. All Sunday School classes will take class photos. Remember to wear your Sunday best!

We invite all families to participate in the services on Easter Sunday. Father Stephen and Father Niko will be looking for volunteers to speak in foreign languages during the service. No classes will be held Easter Sunday.

Looking ahead... Applications are now available for the Sunday School Vellis Scholarship. The first scholarship was awarded June 5, 2014. The Sunday School of Annunciation Cathedral created a scholarship in memory of Andrew and Efrosine Vellis for their dedication to both the Sunday School and their church. Please contact the Church office for criteria and application to apply for this year's scholarship. Applications, and support materials, should be sent to the Church office (Attention Vellis Scholarship) by May 15th, 2014. The Vellis Scholarship will be awarded at Sunday School Graduation on June 1st. The applicant should be available to receive the Scholarship in front of the community.

As always we would love to encourage the community to help participate, not only in the classroom, but also in preparation of events & programs. Please contact Denise Yeilding at dyeilding@yahoo.com to get involved.

*“Lord of the Powers, be with us.
For in times of trouble we have no
other help but You. Lord of the
Powers, have mercy on us.”*

- Hymn from the Great Compline service

Other Important Dates for 2014

April 13	Palm Sunday (class photos taken)
April 18	TGI Pascha – Good Friday
April 20	Easter/ no classes held
May 4	Mother's Day projects
May 11	Mother's Day
May 18	Regular classes
May 25	No classes/Memorial Day
May 29	Ascension
June 1	Last day of classes Graduation/Luncheon

Oratorical Festival Participants 2014- Parish Level

4th Grade

Maria Novo - My Favorite Icon
Nathan Tesfai - Family
Elizabeth Monolakis - The Cross

5th Grade

Anastasia Pezo - The Anastasi
Daphne Gavros - Family
Isabella Koutoulas - The Epiphany

6th Grade

Steven Monolakis - Serving In The Altar

8th Grade

Yonas Tesfai – Temptation

'Like' Annunciation
Cathedral Sunday
School!



Summer Camp at Saint Nicholas Ranch 2014

Online Registration Now Open! www.gosfyouth.org

Get excited... Summer is BACK! The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco is proud to announce the 34th year of its Summer Camp Program at Saint Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center in Dunlap, CA. Building on the success of the theme last year, the commandment of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to “Love one another”, this year's theme will be, “As I have loved you.”

Campers will once again participate in all of the traditional camp activities such as swimming, canoeing, archery, arts and crafts, Olympics, campfires, daily worship services, Orthodox Life discussions, visits to the Monastery of the Theotokos the Life-Giving Spring, plus the fun new additions from last summer of junkyard wars, faith and culture, nightly themed activities, and even more new surprises coming this summer!

The Camp Director will be Paul Gikas, Director of the Metropolis Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. The Summer Camp Management Team will be comprised of the following individuals: Jacob Saylor, Program Director; Johanna Duterte, Camp Administrator; and Chris and Kalli Retelas, Boys and Girls Directors, respectively.

Summer Camp is for children 8 years old (or entering 3rd grade in Fall 2014) to 18 years old (or graduating from High School in Spring 2014).

Dates for 2014:

Session I: July 6 – 12
Session II: July 13 – 19
Session III: July 20 – 26

Pricing for 2014:

\$450 Early registration (March 1 – March 31)
\$475 Normal registration (April 1 – April 30)
\$500 Late registration (May 1 – May 31)
All siblings receive a \$25 discount.

Take advantage of Early Registration pricing by going to www.gosf-youth.org now!

Stay connected to our Summer Camp social media:

Facebook: Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco Summer Camp at St Nicholas Ranch
Instagram: [metropolisofsfsummercamp](https://www.instagram.com/metropolisofsfsummercamp)
Twitter: @SFMetSummerCamp

For questions or additional information please contact Paul Gikas, Director, Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, 415-814-1186, pgikas@sanfran.goarch.org.

“O Christ our God... Who love the just and show mercy to the sinners; Who call all men to salvation through the promise of blessings to come...”
- Prayer from the Great Compline service

Greek School Going Strong

Many thanks to the talented staff and parents that have made this year’s Greek School program a success already! Classes will resume after the Christmas break on January 4. If you have any questions about the program or would like to sign your child up for the 2014-2015 year, please contact Anthi Janssens (anthij@comcast.net) or Philip Athanasiades (philippos1cy@yahoo.com).

Some noteworthy dates are as follow:

- April 19: Greek Easter, no class
- May 24: Memorial Day, no class
- June 7: Last day of Greek school!

JOY to Attend Giants Game in May!

Because Holy Week is earlier this year, our Cathedral JOY will resume in May, when we will attend a Giants game! Stay tuned for more details.

JOY (Junior Orthodox Youth) is open to all youth between grades 3-6

“Almighty Lord, You have created all things in wisdom. In Your inexpressible providence and great goodness You have brought us to these saving days, for the cleansing of our souls and bodies, for control of our passions, in the hope of the Resurrection.”
- Prayer from the Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

Community Link Continues Ministering to Those in Need

Community Link, now in its ninth year of existence, is a group of Annunciation parishioners who meet once a month on a drop-in basis to visit members of our community who may be confined due to illness or age. We travel to hospitals, nursing homes and private residences. Many of those we visit no longer have family or friends to support them and just need to know there is someone who cares. A short visit or phone call can lift one’s spirits a great deal. If anyone in the community knows of any other home bound parishioners to add to our list or would like to join us for a visit, please contact, please contact Pauline Oetzel at poetzel@hotmail.com. Upcoming Community Link dates are: April 11 (a Friday), May 17, and June 21, at 9 am.



Altar Group Schedule for April

The schedule for the month will be as follows:

April 6- Group 1

April 13- Group 2

April 20- Pascha- All Altar Boys age 12 and older

March 23- Group 3

The 2014 altar group rosters are as follow:

Group 1- Niko Manetas, Stelio Kyriacou,
Kosta Lyberopoulos, George Tsokas

Group 2- Anthony Obester, Demetri Kontonis,
Andrew Vellis, Panagioti Sogotis, Yianni Sogotis

Group 3- Niko Pezo, Demetri Rally,
Steven Chiappari, Steven Monolakis

Group 4- Jonas Tesfai, Nathan Tesfai, Bobby
Kontonis, Hari Manetas, Matthew Nuris

Please note that all boys are welcome to serve during any of the nights during Holy Week, however, Holy Friday and Anastasis services, will be only all boys age 12 and older. If any families are interested in their boys joining an altar group, who are above the age of 10, feel free to contact **Father Niko Bekris** at fatherniko@annunciation.org. Thank you also to **Nektarios McKnight** for guiding and instructing our altar servers each Sunday. As always, if anyone has any questions or suggestions, feel free to let us know. Thanks!

“I consecrated this house you built to place My name there forever, and My eyes and My heart will be there all days.”

– 3 Kingdoms 9:3

“Though a person may run as fast as he can away from Christ, if it is toward what he considers true, he runs in fact straight into the arms of Christ.”

– Fr. Alexander Schmemmann

FUNERALS SACRAMENTS AND SERVICES At the The Cathedral

BAPTISM

Eleni Kathleen Violet, daughter of **Lee** and **Emily Violet**, was baptized at the Cathedral on February 22. Her sponsor is **Diedre Caldwell**.

Na sas zisi!

FUNERAL

The Cathedral extends condolences to the family of **Loula Tzekos**, who fell asleep in the Lord on March 21, and was buried at the Greek Orthodox Memorial Park on March 28. She is survived by her goddaughter **Alicia Mayfield** and **Melissa Strickland**.

Aonia I mnimi (Eternal memory)!

A P R I L C A L E N D A R

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
			Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 10 am Construction Meeting, 10 am		Akathist Hymn, 7 pm	Greek School, 10 am
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Orthros, 9 am, Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am Godparents Sunday			Construction Meeting, 10 am		Young Adult Pre-Sanctified Liturgy and Dinner, 6:30 pm	Saturday of Lazarus, Orthros 9:30 am; Divine Liturgy, 10 am Greek School, 10 am
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Orthros, 9 am, Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am Palm Sunday; Bridegroom Service, 7 pm	Holy Monday, Bridegroom Service, 7 pm	Holy Tuesday, Bridegroom Service, 7 pm	Construction Meeting, 10 am Holy Wednesday, Holy Unction, 7 pm	Holy Thursday, Vespers Liturgy, 10 am; The 12 Gospels, 7 pm	Holy Friday, The Great Hours, 10 am; Descent from the Cross, 1 pm; Lamentations, 7 pm	Holy Saturday, Divine Liturgy, 7 am; Paschal Vigil, 11 pm; Anastasis, Midnight
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Orthros, 9 am, Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am Easter Sunday, Agape Vespers, 11 am			Feast of St. George, Divine Liturgy, 10 am Construction Meeting, 10 am			Greek School, 10 am
27	28	29	30			
Orthros, 9 am, Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am Parish Council, 12:30 pm			Construction Meeting, 10 am			

“LEAD US IN YOUR WAY, THAT WE MAY WALK IN YOUR TRUTH; GLADDEN OUR HEARTS, THAT WE MAY BE IN AWE OF YOUR HOLY NAME, FOR YOU ARE GREAT IN THE WONDERS YOU PERFORM.”

- Prayer from the Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

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– J.H. Newman