

The San Francisco Annunciation Cathedral Presents **2024 COMMEMORATIVE ALBUM**

Annunciation Cathedral
Commemorative Album and Festival Chairperson's letter

Dear Friends and Guests,

On behalf of the Festival organizing committee, it is our pleasure to extend a warm welcome to the Annunciation Cathedral for the 73rd San Francisco Greek Food Festival – “A Journey of Greek Culture!”

We are thrilled to have you join us for this beloved annual event where we come together to celebrate the rich traditions and flavors of Greece. Over the next three days, we invite you to immerse yourself in the vibrant tapestry of Greek culture, enjoy a variety of delectable dishes, and experience the lively spirit of our community.

This Festival is an intergenerational labor of love and it would not be possible without the generous support and hard work of many individuals. We extend our heartfelt thanks to our donors, volunteers, and all those who contributed their time, talent, and resources. Your dedication and enthusiasm have made this event a reality, and we are deeply grateful for your support.

To our attendees, we hope you relish every moment of this festival. Discover the delicious tastes of Greek cuisine, enjoy traditional music and dance, learn about our Orthodox faith, and make new friends along the way. Your participation is the heartbeat of this celebration, and we are delighted to share this experience with you.

Thank you for being here and for joining us in celebrating the rich heritage and vibrant traditions of Greece. We hope you have an unforgettable time and that this Festival leaves you with wonderful memories and a greater appreciation for Greek culture.

Opa!

Warm regards,

Dean & Maria Nicolacakis Deno Konstantinidis and Mike Spachis

Album Chairs

Festival Chairs

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Greetings!



Welcome to the **73rd Annual Greek Food Festival** at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral in San Francisco. This weekend epitomizes fellowship and hospitality, honoring our Orthodox faith and the richness of our Hellenic culture.

As we share in the traditions that have shaped our faith and heritage, may this event spread peace, unity, and the enduring spirit of love throughout our community.

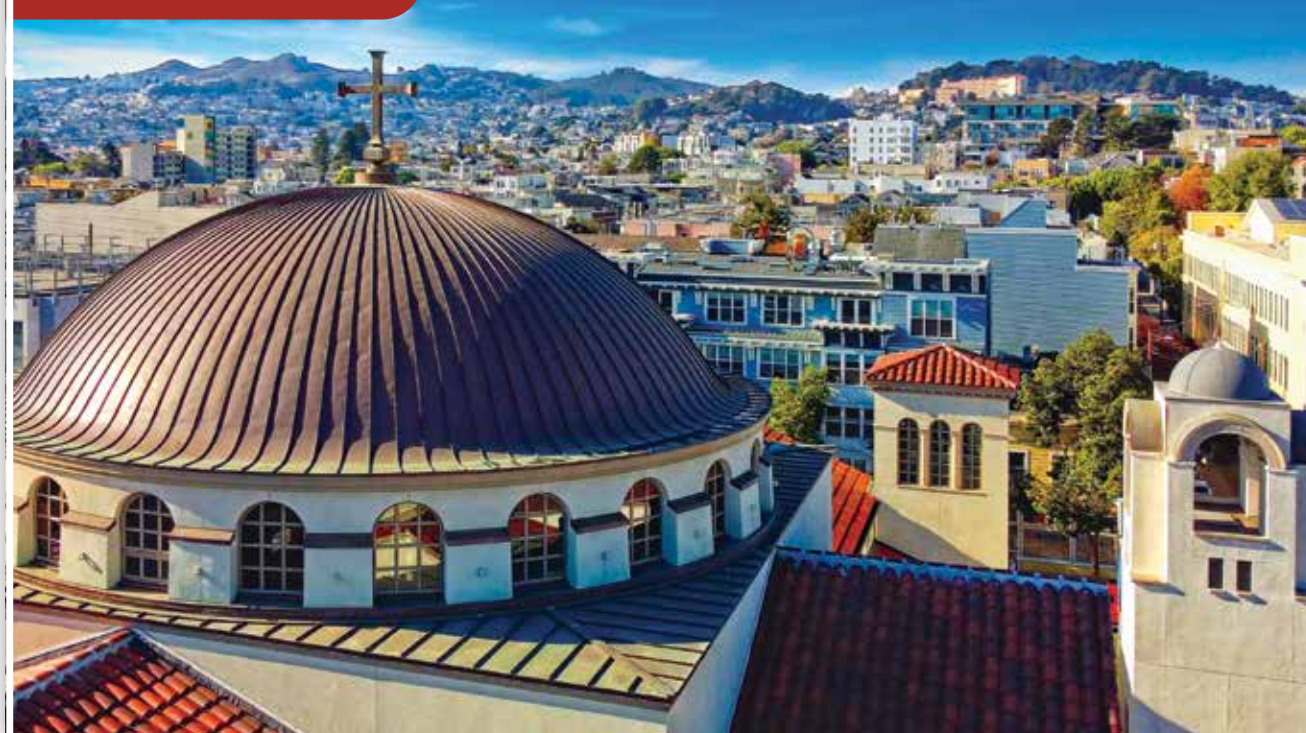
Thank you for joining us on this joyful occasion and may God bless you!

With Love in Christ,

Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco

✠ METROPOLITAN GERASIMOS OF SAN FRANCISCO

“One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.” **Psalms 145:4**



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Protopresbyter Angelo Pappas,
Dean of the Annunciation Cathedral



Our Dear Friends and Neighbors of San Francisco,

On behalf of the Greek Orthodox Community of the Annunciation Cathedral, I welcome all of you to our 2024 Annual Greek Festival!

The purpose of our Festival is to expose our Greek Orthodox Religion and our Hellenic Culture to those who know little about us. And to those who do know us - welcome back, it's great to see you again! Our Church is not only our spiritual center, but our cultural and social center as well. We promote our Greek

language, dance, cuisine and other aspects of Hellenism. Socially, we have get togethers, celebrations, as well as other family-oriented gatherings.

Here in San Francisco, we are also blessed that our community is comprised of other nationalities as well; including Albanian, Chinese Russian, Serbian, Ukrainian, Hispanic, Palestinian, Lebanese, Syrian amongst others all worshipping in our parish as One Body in Christ.

Through your generosity, our Festival supports our ELPIDA youth ministry, our nationally recognized Greek dance program, our Greek Language School for adults and children, The Philoptochos (meaning “Friends of the Poor” and led by the women of our community), our monthly Soup Kitchen to help those less fortunate in our neighborhood, International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) which provides global relief efforts, Religious Education, our Metropolis Camp in Dunlap, California (which is available to all Orthodox in the Metropolis of San Francisco) - and that's just to name a few!

My Friends, this weekend we are one big Greek Family - and you're all part of it! We're excited you're here to celebrate with us! So Welcome Home! Have fun, enjoy, and this weekend...BE GREEK! OPA!

Love in Christ,

Fr. Angelo Pappas

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Our History

The history of our community is tied to the pioneer spirit of California and the history of San Francisco. Greeks arrived in San Francisco as early as 1850 and began to arrive in greater numbers in the 1880s. During this time Greeks worshipped at the Russian Orthodox Church. The community's growth led to the founding of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in 1904. Fr. Constantine Tsapralis became Holy Trinity's first priest.

St. Sophia, the precursor to Annunciation Cathedral, came into being June 1921, when a group of parishioners from Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in San Francisco, sympathetic to Greek Prime Minister Eleftherios Venizelos established a second Greek Orthodox community in San Francisco. Land was acquired at Hayes and Pierce streets, all the lots facing Pierce Street from Hayes to Fell streets, for the purpose of building a Cathedral and an adjoining school and orphanage. Ground was broken June 26, 1921 where His Eminence Metropolitan Meletios Metaxakis, laid the cornerstone of the Cathedral.

The community chose Father Philaretos Ioannides as their first priest. He was accomplished, well-educated and capable. In 1923, he was consecrated as the first Bishop of Chicago and appointed Bishop of San Francisco, Locum Tenens. He would later become Metropolitan of Syros.



St. Sophia Subscription Agreement, 1921

The Founding of the Cathedral Philoptochos

On July 27, 1921 a meeting was held at the home of Athena Constantine, 834 Cabrillo Street, San Francisco, which was comprised of ladies of the new St. Sophia church located at Hayes & Pierce streets.

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The purpose of the meeting was to devise ways & means of helping the new church.

Attendees:

Mrs. Athena Constantine, Mrs. Effie Alamisis, Mrs. Kouvelas, Mrs. Elisavet Julius, Mrs. Chrisafo George, Mrs. J. George, Mrs. Angel, Mrs. Calogridis, Mrs. Vasilatos, Mrs. M. Taggart, Mrs. T. George, Miss Zoe Vasilatos, Mrs. J. Gianopoulos, Miss Cannelos, Mrs. J. Pappas.

The group agreed that the society's objectives will be to aid the church, the prospective school, and orphanage and to help those of our faith as necessary. The group elected its first permanent officers:

Mrs. Athena Constantine – President

Mrs. Effie Alamisis – Vice President

Mrs. Kouvelas – Secretary

Mrs. J. Gianopoulos – Treasurer

The ladies agreed that the name of the new organization will be "The Ladies Aid Society of Saint Sophia". This group would become the Cathedral Philoptochos.

The group agreed to an initiation fee for membership of fifty cents, dues of fifty cents per month or six dollars per year. The group agreed to meet every Wednesday at 2pm and that their first fundraising activity will be a bazaar held a little before Christmas. Two weeks later, Mrs. Alamisis resigned her position and was replaced by Mrs. Kalliopi Preovolos.

Father Ioannides donated \$10 to the new society and spoke of the power of women within the church and to use their influence to uplift humanity in spiritual and practical ways. On August 10, 1921, the organization's constitution and bylaws were approved. On August 17, 1921, the organization held its first meeting at St. Sophia.

On August 7, 1927, Father Kallistos Papageorgopoulos was consecrated as the first Bishop of San Francisco by Archbishop Alexandros. The consecration was held at St. Sophia on Hayes & Pierce Streets. A banquet in honor of the occasion was held at the Hotel Whitcomb. His Grace, Bishop Kallistos, established his office at the Cathedral.

The St. Sophia community grew, requiring larger

facilities. In April 1928, the community acquired the Valencia Street Theater, which stood on the earlier site of the pavilion of Woodward's Gardens. George Burns, among others, often mentioned how he got his start at the Valencia Street Theatre, known as the "grandest, most beautiful of the West."

In 1929, Father Pythagoras Caravellas, St. Sophia's priest for six years, contracted tuberculosis and was sent to a sanatorium in Belmont. His story is particularly interesting because he was a Harvard University educated doctor who gave up a career as a doctor to become a priest. Father Caravellas and Presvytera Evangeline helped many Greek immigrants adjust to life in the United States. In spite of the economic strain of the Great Depression, the community wanted Father Caravellas to receive the best medical care. Sadly, he passed away in 1934 at the age of 44. His passing was a tragic loss to the Greek community.



Alexandra Apostolides Sonenfeld, 1930s

The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) was founded in 1922. Soon after the need for women's affiliate organization became apparent.

In 1929 Alexandra Apostolides Sonenfeld, a St. Sophia parishioner, formed the women's affiliate organization of the AHEPA Family in San Francisco, California and called it the Daughters of Penelope.

Mrs. Apostolides was educated at the University of California at Berkeley. Her husband, Dr. Emmanuel Apostolides, was a well-known doctor within the Greek community and a devoted Ahepan.

Mrs. Apostolides envisioned a new beginning for the first generation Greek-American women. She drafted the basic principles of the organization and undertook writing the Constitution and Bylaws of the Daughters of Penelope as we know it today. Mrs. Apostolides' impact on Greek women was profound throughout her life.

Annunciation Community

In 1935, however, in the wake of financial difficulties brought on by the Great Depression, the

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Chris Katon, 1931

Saint Sophia community declared bankruptcy. The Bank of Italy, later Bank of America, foreclosed and purchased the church property in a foreclosure auction. In 1936, the Saint Sophia community was reorganized and named the United Greek Orthodox Community of San Francisco, the Annunciation. The community subsequently repurchased the church building for the original auction price of \$25,000 largely due to the efforts of Chris Katon.



Fr. Basil Lokis, 1938

In 1936, Father Basil Lokis arrived in San Francisco as an assistant priest to Fr. Constantine Tsapralis at Holy Trinity. Father Tsapralis was nearing retirement and Father Lokis would eventually become his replacement. Father Lokis was young, ambitious, spoke several languages, and was a brilliant speaker. He led a movement to unite both parishes, largely driven by community members who believed the parishes should be united during difficult financial times. Unfortunately the movement to unite the parishes brought much division which led to litigation in the form of series of injunctions in 1936. The court ultimately ruled that the parishes should vote on the issue of unification. Annunciation voted for unification and Holy Trinity voted against unification. As a part of the court settlement, Father Lokis was dismissed from his position at Holy Trinity and was hired by Annunciation. Father Tsapralis asked the Archdiocese for permission to leave Holy Trinity and become Annunciation's second priest. His request was granted and he served Annunciation until his passing in 1942. Father Spyridon Spyropoulos, who had been at Annunciation since 1929, was transferred to San Diego where he became the first priest of the San Diego community.

As a result of this series of events, over half of Holy Trinity's parishioners left Holy Trinity and joined Annunciation. Under Father Lokis' leadership, An-

nunciation prospered. He led the community out of the Great Depression. Father Lokis left Annunciation in 1943 to join the OSS (the precursor to the CIA). He was sent to Egypt where he became a spy for the Allies. After the war was over, Father Lokis returned to the United States where he resumed his career as a priest until his passing in 1953.

During World War II, the Annunciation Community led several Greek War Relief efforts. Anastasios Mountanos, Peter Boudoures, Nick Dallas, and Gus Daldas accomplished a lot on behalf of Greek War Relief and were recognized for their efforts. During the 1940s and 1950s, a Greek radio program was broadcast from the Cathedral. The program was the voice of the Greek community. Anastasios Mountanos, the owner of the California Greek language newspaper, frequently spoke of the resurrection of Greece from Nazi occupation. During Christmas live concerts were broadcast. The concerts were so popular that parishioners and neighborhood residents stood outside the Cathedral to enjoy holiday music.

The post-World War II years were a period of significant growth for the Cathedral. John Hodges was a significant contributor. Mr. Hodges, a San Francisco probate lawyer, was relied on to invest the funds of the Cathedral. Due to his successful investment strategy, the Cathedral was able to buy the Colonial Apartments and the Bausch & Lomb building and the Philoptochos was able to fund several major projects. Several Greek Orthodox priests relied on Mr. Hodges to invest their savings in preparation for their retirement. In later years, Mr. Hodges and his wife Violet would become major donors to Stanford University.

In 1962, Annunciation was named Cathedral for the Diocese of San Francisco. Later that year, the Annunciation community acquired an adjacent apartment building. The building was razed to make way for the building of a new community center complex. In 1965, a major renovation of the sanctuary, auditorium, and classrooms was completed. In 1981, the Bausch & Lomb Optical Company building, located at 275 Valencia Street, became available and was purchased by the Cathedral, effectively giving the community 47,000 square feet of land. The plans were modified to accommodate, in part, the inclu-

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sion of this new acquisition. The Cathedral itself was scheduled to remain as renovated.

At 5:04 on the afternoon of October 17, 1989, the Loma Prieta Earthquake struck with a force of 7.1 on the Richter scale. The City of San Francisco and the Bay Area were particularly hard hit by the earthquake. While the congregation of Annunciation Cathedral suffered no loss of life or personal injuries, the earthquake wreaked devastating damage to the Cathedral building. As a result, the Cathedral building was closed by the City, since structural engineers noted that a portion was in imminent danger of collapse. The parishioners voted to demolish the church and construct completely new facilities.

Given the general condition of the neighborhood, some people felt the Cathedral should relocate. Two years of searching for an alternate site ensued. Noting the pro-

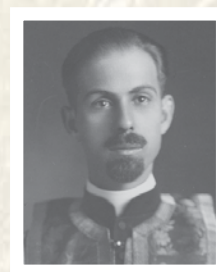
hibitive costs of new locations and the desire of many to remain on Valencia Street, on March 3, 1991 the parishioners voted unanimously to rebuild on the same site. They initially approved a \$10 million plan, which proved to be too expensive. After considerable discussion on what to build first, the church or the facility, on May 12, 1992 the Parish Assembly voted to commence with construction of Phase 1 of the Master Plan, as modified, to include a 300 seat chapel, a multi-purpose hall, kitchen, classrooms, Cathedral offices at an approximate cost of \$4.6 million. It should be noted that the initial seed money of \$500,000 came from the Ladies Philoptochos. Their contribution to the project reached over \$1 million. Ground for Phase 1 was broken on November 22, 1992. Michael Vriheas was the hero of Phase One following the earthquake. He rose to the occasion by donating his time and expertise to oversee the entire project. Without Michael, the construction would not have taken place.

Priests who have served the Cathedral:

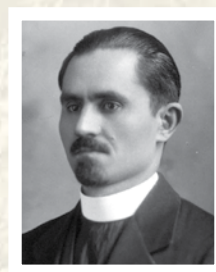
Over the years, the Cathedral has had a distinguished list of priests who have served as the dean of the cathedral. Three of them were later elevated to bishop and served the Archdiocese in that capacity. Assistant priests are excluded from the list below.



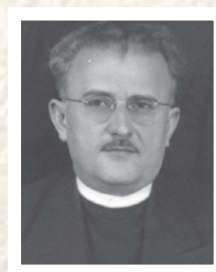
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Philaretos Ioannides,
1921-1923



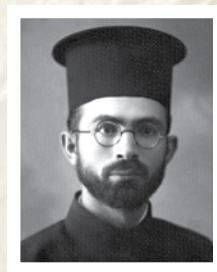
Fr. Pythagoras
Caravellas,
1923-1929



Fr. Spyridon
Spyropoulos,
1929-1936



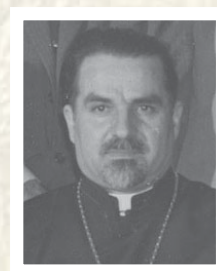
Fr. Basil Lokis,
1936-1943



Fr. Timothy
Pantelakos,
1943-1944



Bishop Polyevktos
Finfinis,
1944-1955



Bishop Meletios
Tripodakis,
1955-1961



Fr. John Geranios,
1961-1971



Fr. T. P. Theophilos,
1971-1987



Fr. Stephen H.
Kyriacou,
1987-2022

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Programs and Events

Annunciation maintains a number of programs for our senior population. Its youthful character is also apparent. One only has to look at the diversity of our youth programs: Sunday School, Greek Language School, GOYA (Greek Orthodox Youth of America), YAL (Young Adult League), Boys and Girls Basketball for ages seven through eighteen, Adult Basketball, Bible Study, Orthodox Church Life, Greek Folk Dancing, and Summer Camp. As if this were not enough, in 1997 we added a Sunday pre-school class, a Women's Basketball Team, a Junior Varsity Girls Team and a Booster Program.

Our annual festival, held every year in September, is the only Greek festival held in San Francisco. This event is widely supported by San Francisco residents.

Annunciation hosts many other events, including Diocesan Spiritual Renewal, Religious Education and other Conferences. His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew's visit in November, 1997 points to the re-emerging prominence of Annunciation Cathedral.

Rebuilding the Cathedral

On October 9, 2013, the Annunciation community signed a contract to rebuild the cathedral. The community was issued a building permit on October 17, 2013, the 24th anniversary of the Loma Prieta Earthquake. The project includes underground parking and a courtyard for events.

Our deep appreciation to Jim Lucas ,of blessed memory, for his valuable contribution assembling this Cathedral's history.

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As we celebrate our 100th anniversary in 2021, we have watched the parking garage and the exterior of the new Cathedral rise in the midst of the COVID pandemic. There is more work to do and we are looking forward to a bright future and the next one hundred years. We serve the larger Orthodox Christian community, in addition to the immediate neighborhood, which is mostly Latino. One of the considerations in deciding to remain in its present location was the commitment to the neighborhood, where the church provides a sense of order, purpose and stability. In doing so, the community is committed to serving all people, in San Francisco and beyond.



WE ARE PROUD TO SERVE THE ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO COMPLETING OUR CATHEDRAL CHURCH, A LANDMARK IN SAN FRANCISCO FOR THE NEXT CENTURY AND BEYOND.

The 2024 Parish Council

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Annunciation Cathedral Ministry Programs

Youth Ministries

- Elpida Religious Youth Program: Elpida@annunciation.org
- HOPE, JR GOYA, GOYA, YAL: Youth.ministries@annunciation.org
- Greek Dance: SFgreekdance@annunciation.org
- Greek School: Greekschool@annunciation.org
- Basketball / Volleyball / Pickleball: Athletics@annunciation.org
- Acolyte / Altar Boys: Christo.pappademos@annunciation.org

Adult Ministries

- Ladies Philoptochos: Philoptochos@annunciation.org
- Community Kitchen: Community.Kitchen@annunciation.org
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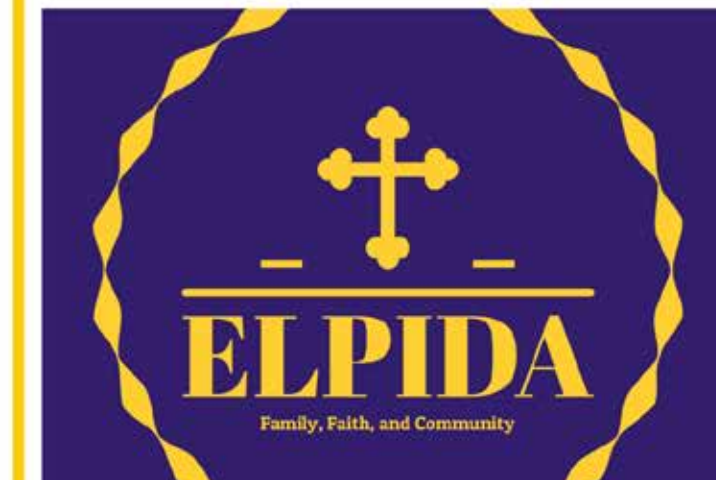


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Annunciation Cathedral Youth Ministries



Elpida is a religious education and vibrant ministry based out of the Annunciation Cathedral that is dedicated to building community through faith. If you are interested in participating in the Elpida program, please contact Mia Fanourgiakis at: mia.fanourgiakis@annunciation.org.



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GOYA

Annunciation's Greek Orthodox Youth Association (GOYA) is an engaging ministry for high school students ages 13-18, combining faith, fun, social activities, and community service. Led by Vicky Spachis, and under the guidance of Christos Papademos, GOYA offers opportunities for our youth to deepen their faith, form lasting friendships, and make a positive impact on the community. Activities include retreats, game and movie nights, outdoor camping, dances, cooking classes, and more. GOYA also focuses on service projects and outreach, instilling values of compassion and responsibility.

We've already had two successful events: a "Make Your Own Pizza Night" during Lent, reflecting on the significance of fasting, and a "Summer Pool Party" that included GOYA members from other parishes.

We're excited to continue bringing our youth together to inspire, connect, and empower them through GOYA!

For more information or to get involved, please contact vicky.spachis@annunciation.org.



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JR. GOYA

The Junior Goya (JR Goya) program at the Annunciation Cathedral is a dynamic and welcoming ministry designed specifically for middle school-aged children. Meeting monthly, JR Goya provides a space where young members of our community can come together to build lasting friendships, deepen their faith, and experience a sense of belonging.

The purpose of JR Goya is to offer a supportive environment where middle schoolers can navigate the challenges of adolescence with the guidance and camaraderie of their peers and mentors. This program emphasizes the importance of having a community that feels like home, where children can connect with others who share their faith and values.

If you are interested in joining this recently relaunched ministry, please reach out to Mia Fanourgiakis at mia.fanourgiakis@annunciation.org.



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H♥PE

Annunciation Cathedral's Holy Orthodox Primary Education (**HOPE**) ministry is a program for our elementary school children (grades K-5) that fosters a supportive environment where young minds can come together in our community and flourish spiritually while forming long-lasting friendships with their peers. The program led by Natalia Mavroudis, will hold activities that are not only fun, but that also create an atmosphere where the children can bond and connect through their faith. Through active participation in our community our hope is to lay a strong foundation of faith for our youth.

HOPE ministry was recently initiated with a movie night at the Cathedral where the kids watched "Migration," a heartwarming film portraying a family of ducks as they venture into the unknown, discovering new horizons and forming deep connections along the way.

We hope these gatherings and experiences inspire our children to broaden their horizons, embrace new friendships, and achieve more than they ever thought possible through our community.

We invite all elementary school children to join our program. Let's come together as a community to support our youth on their journey of growth and discovery.

We also extend a warm invitation to all parents to get involved by volunteering with **HOPE**. Whether you have a knack for organizing events, leading activities, or simply lending a helping hand, your contribution will make a difference in the lives of our children.

For more information or if you are interested in getting involved, please contact Natalia.mavroudis@annunciation.org or visit <https://www.annunciation.org/hope-registration> to register your child. You may also scan the QR code below



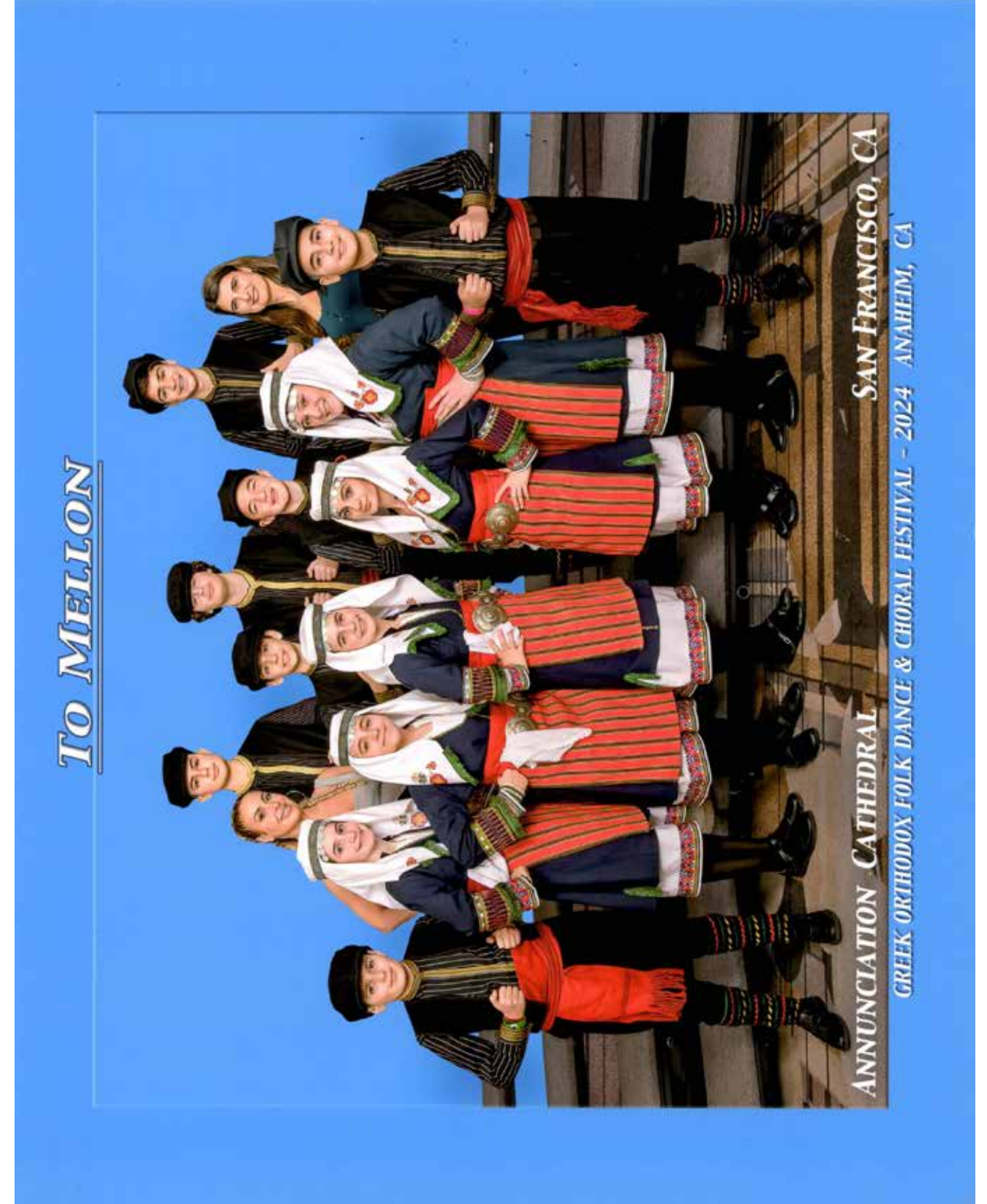
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Annunciation Cathedral Volleyball Team

The Annunciation Cathedral plays every year in the San Jose Volleyball Tournament. If you are interested in joining this fall, please contact **Deno Konstantinidis 415-867-8035**



Annunciation Cathedral Youth Ministries

OYAA Basketball

The Annunciation Cathedral participates in the OYAA basketball league. If you are interested in joining us please call **Deno Konstantinedes at 415-867-8035**



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Annunciation Cathedral Greek School

*Join us for the
2024-2025 school year
for Greek language and culture*



Annunciation Cathedral Adult Ministries

**COMMUNITY
KITCHEN**
the MISSION 



Community Kitchen is a ministry organized by the Parish young adults that addresses a critical demand seen throughout our Mission neighborhood - hunger. We serve quality meals to our brothers and sisters in Christ who are in need of a helping hand.

Community Kitchen is held every 3rd Tuesday of the month rain or shine!

If you are interested in getting involved and volunteering, please email:
community.kitchen@annunciation.org

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Annunciation Cathedral San Francisco
Greek Orthodox Philoptochos Society

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Congratulations & best wishes for a successful Festival!
Wishing our Cathedral community a prosperous 2024-25
Ecclesiastical year!

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A Time to Celebrate and Reflect

As we gather this weekend to celebrate our faith, vibrant culture, and traditions, surrounded by family, friends, and the warmth of our community, let us take a moment to reflect on the significance of this time. Next month marks the 35th anniversary of the day that the earth shook, and our parish was forever changed. The Annunciation Cathedral was the only house of worship in San Francisco destroyed in the earthquake, a loss that has deeply impacted our community.

Our church, like our community, has endured much since that fateful day. We have worked tirelessly, not only to rebuild the physical walls that were damaged but also to restore the spiritual foundation that holds us together. Through determination, faith, and the support of one another, we have come a long way—but our journey is not yet complete.

As we enjoy this joyous Festival, let us also remember the work that remains. Our theme of "rebuilding" is a call to action, a reminder that our mission continues. So, let us celebrate today with full hearts, sharing our rich heritage with those around us. And when the festivities are over, let us roll up our sleeves and finish the job, together.

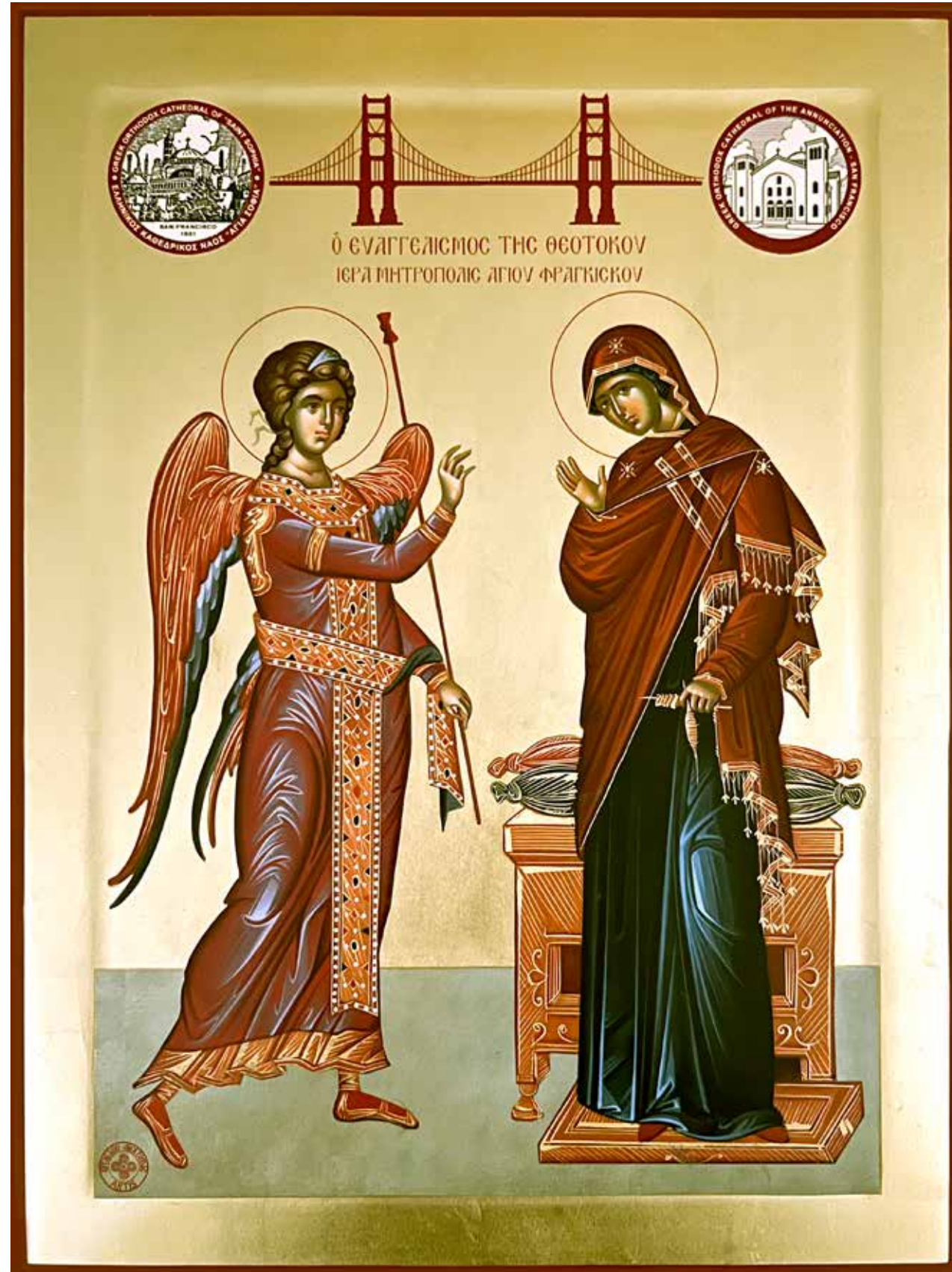
Please **save the date** for our 35th Anniversary Commemoration of the Loma Prieta Earthquake, which will take place on **Sunday, October 20, 2024**, with a luncheon immediately following Divine Liturgy. Further details will follow.

We are also seeking sponsors for this important event. If you or your business are interested in donating or sponsoring, please contact Tasso Mavroudis at tasso.mavroudis@annunciation.org, or reach out to the church office at (415) 864-8000.

Additionally, we ask that anyone with photos from the old Cathedral bring them to church or email them to photos@annunciation.org. These memories are an important part of our history, and we hope to include them in our commemoration.

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This special Icon of the Annunciation is being commissioned on the occasion of the Centennial Celebration of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral, San Francisco, California

This Icon depicts Agia Sophia in Constantinople, our Mother Church, depicted in the 1921 seal of the Cathedral which was originally named St. Sophia.

The Golden Gate Bridge, representing San Francisco, connects Agia Sophia to today's Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral. A limited edition of 150 Icons will be produced. Each Icon will be numbered and dedicated to the person or family purchasing it. The Icons will be blessed by the Archbishop and presented to the people who purchase them.

The icons are made of solid, natural limewood (Tilia) which has been prepared by hand, using traditional methods and organic materials.

The background is comprised of 22 Karat gold leaf, meticulously applied by hand to each piece.

All of the icons are reproduced in accordance with museum print standards and are authentic replicas of Holy Icons from Mount Athos and elsewhere. The Icons are crafted in Greece by Artist Iconography Works.

The Icons will be shipped in luxury packaging, suitable for gifting.

Size: 11" x 15" with Recessed Border

Cost: \$1,250.00 (Pre Order Required with nonrefundable deposit)

A 50% deposit is required. Monthly payment plans are also available upon request.

For questions and further information, please contact:

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*The Vorrises Family
enjoying Family Time & Love
Together on a Sunday Afternoon*



Liana, Matteo, Nan, Renee, Louise, Jim, Marie, Kai Giovanni (not Shown) Stephanie, Ryan, Angelo, Casper, Dionisi, Denis,

The Annunciation Cathedral of San Francisco is and continues to be very important and central to the lives of the entire Vorrises Family as it has been for over 100 years. This year our Family was Blessed with the birth of Kai Giovanni. We are Vo much looking forward to the day that the rebuilding of our Annunciation Cathedral becomes a reality and is consecrated to the Glory of God. In addition, we extend our love, good wishes, and appreciation to Father Steven and Presbytera Alikı Kyriacou for their 36 years of Service to our Annunciation Community and especially for their friendship to our Family.

May God Bless us all.

**WISHING A BRIGHT FUTURE AND BLESSINGS
FOR OUR COMMUNITY**



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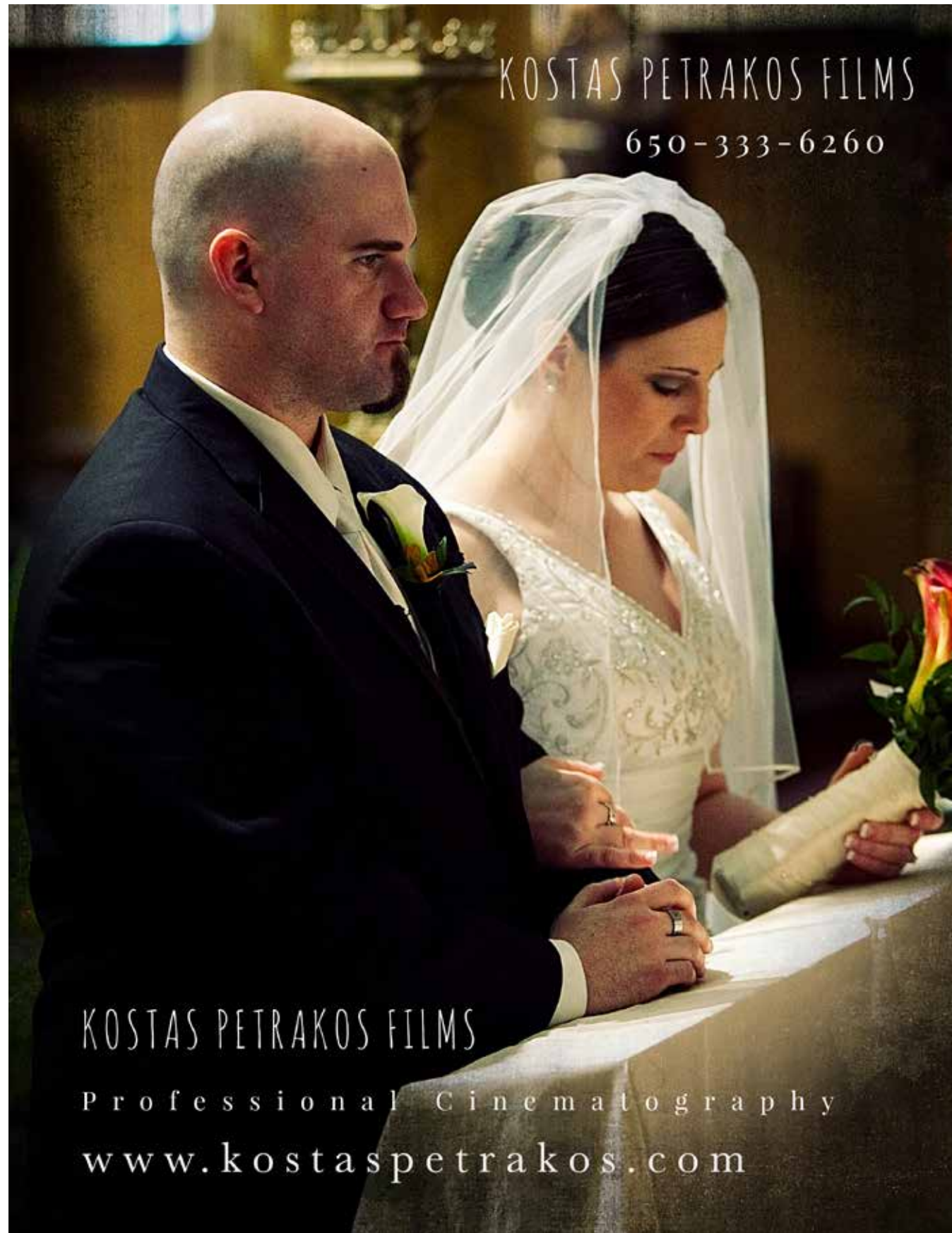
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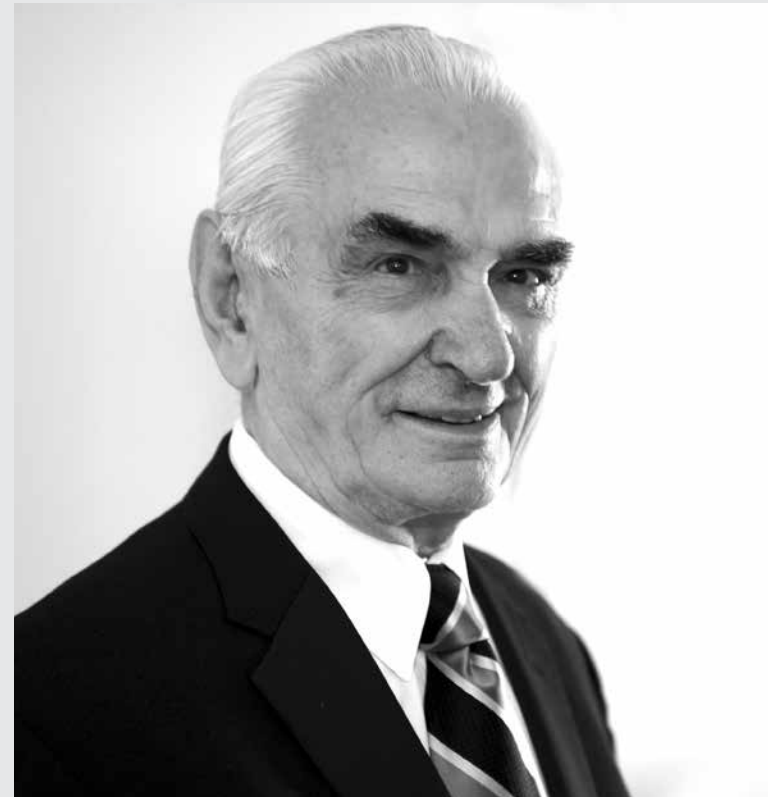
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όπου σηκώθηκε Ψηλά η γαλανή σημαία*

*Κυμάτιζε στην κορυφή περήφανη, αντρειωμένη,
και έδειχνε εις τον στρατό εμπρός για να πηγαίνει*

*Όλοι τους πολεμήσανε με πάθος, με μανία,
μα στην Ελλάδα δεν χωρά πια η Τουρκοκρατία*

*Υπόδουλοι εζήσαμε τα τετρακόσια χρόνια
μα ήρθε για μας η λευτεριά παντοτινά και αιώνια*

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όπου θυσιάστηκαν για χάρη σου Παρθένα*

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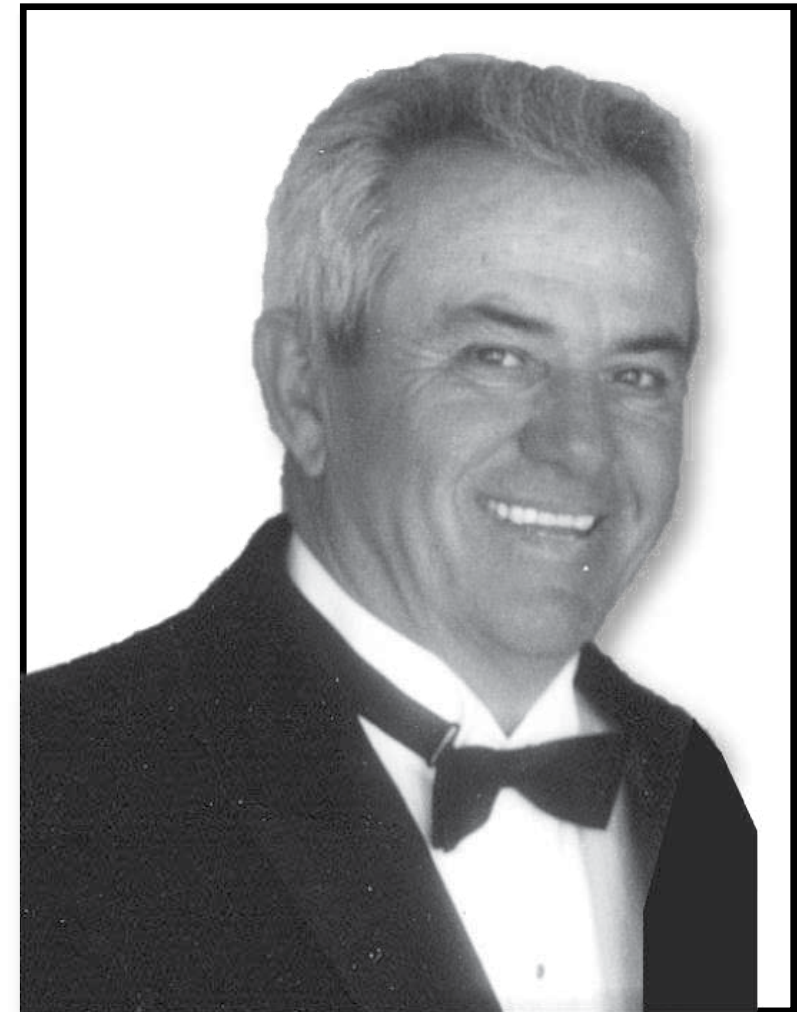
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 Και στο Θεο προσευχομαι
 γαλήνη να γνωρισεις

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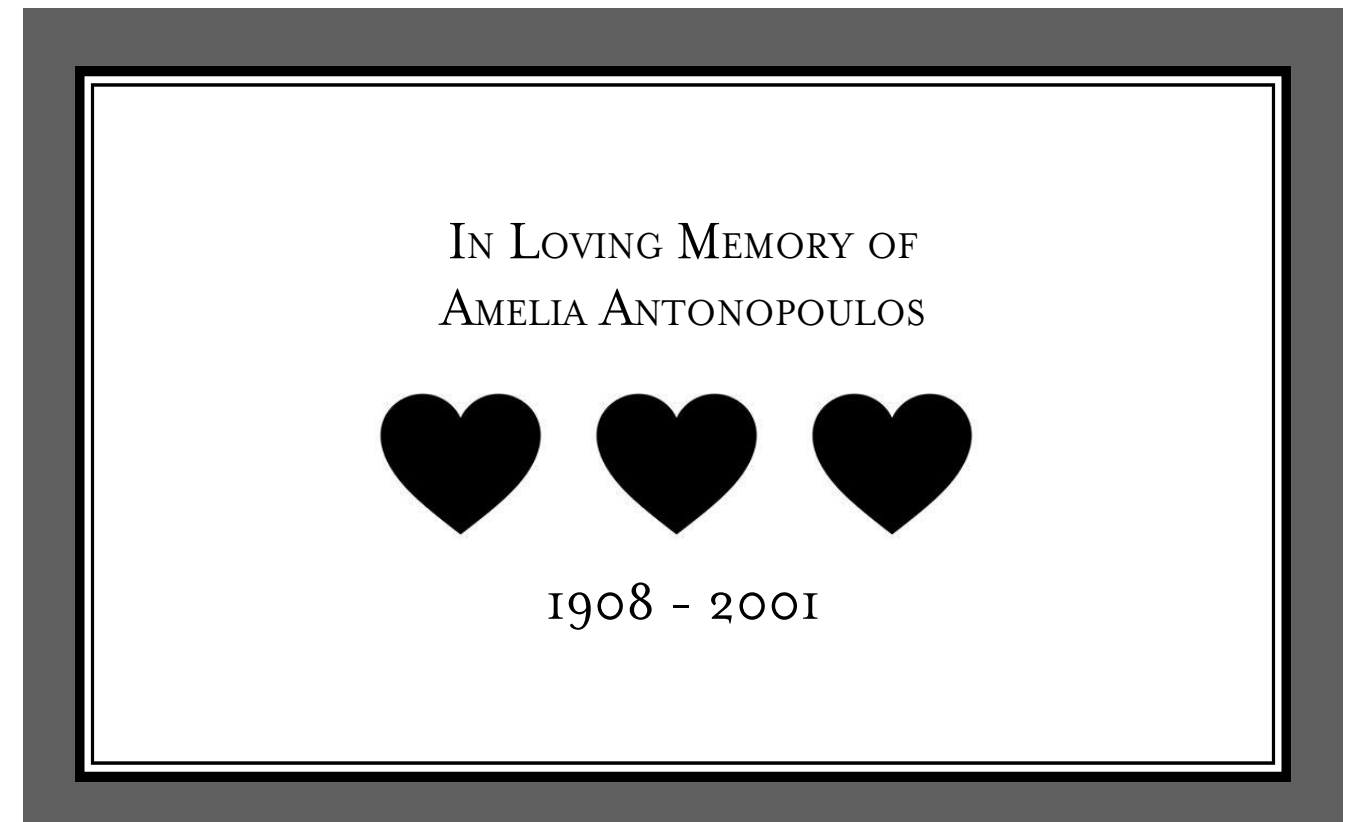
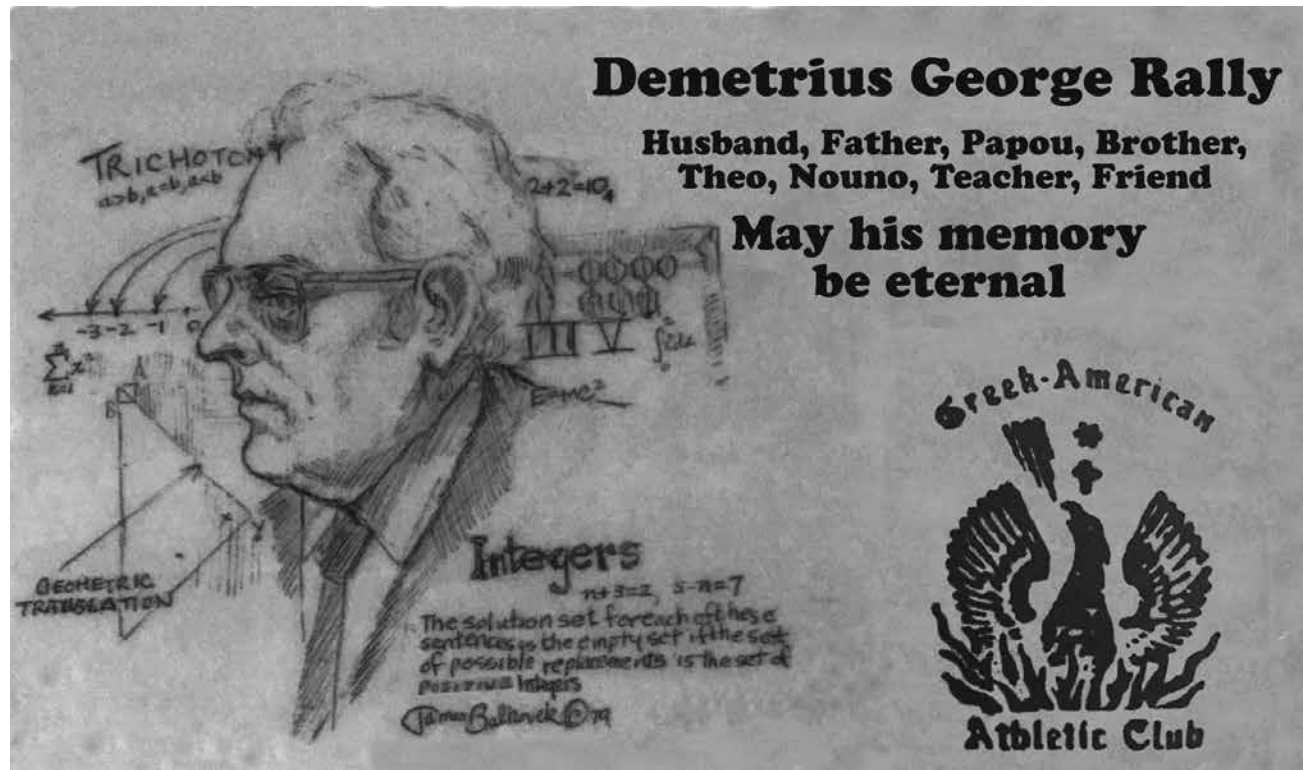
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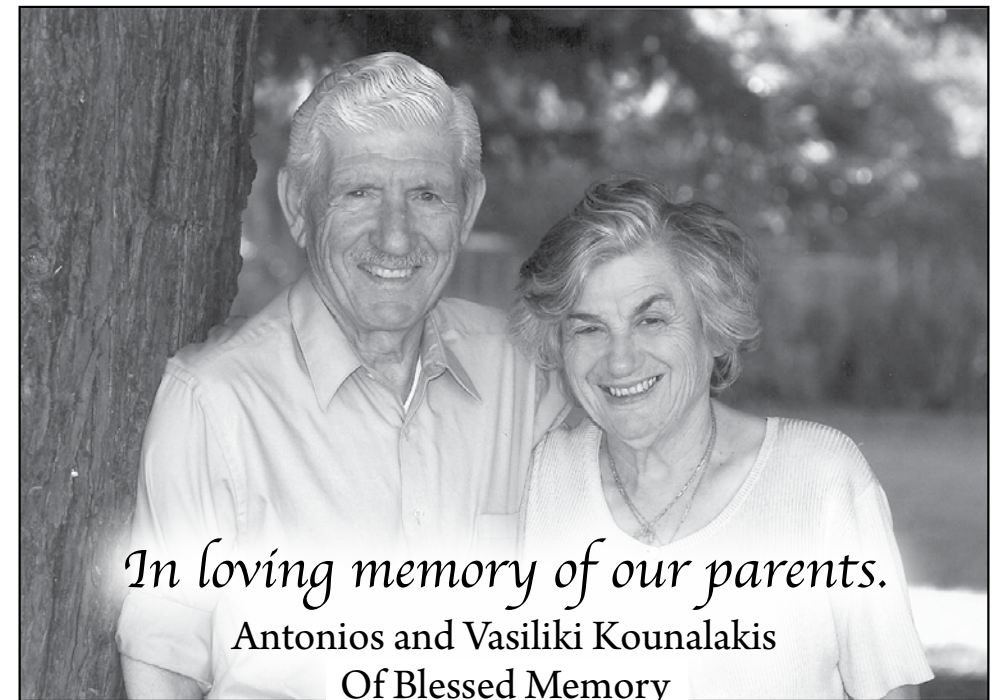


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*Always loved and forever missed by
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**Here is to
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SUCCESSFUL
Festival!**

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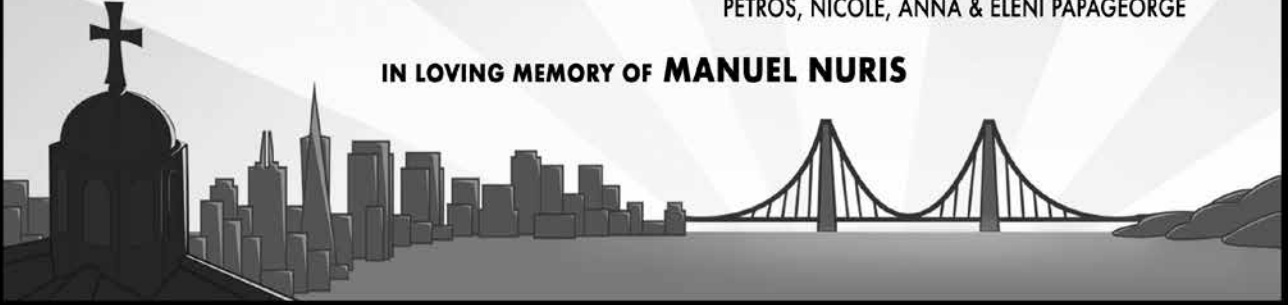

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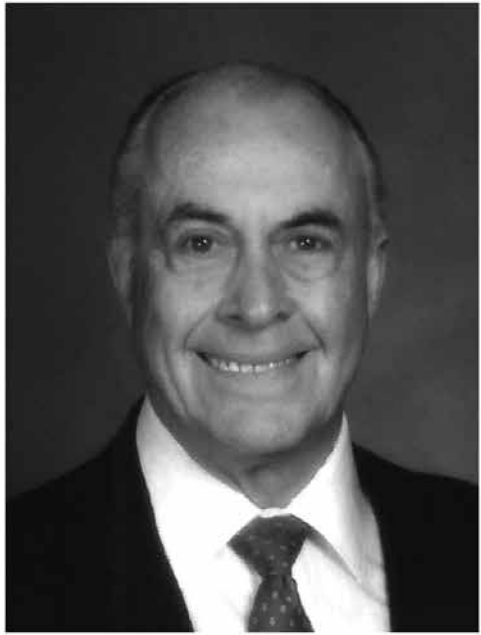
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 of our future.

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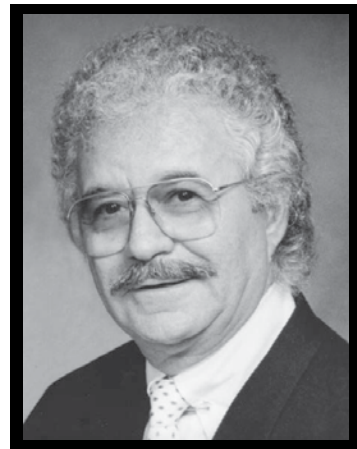
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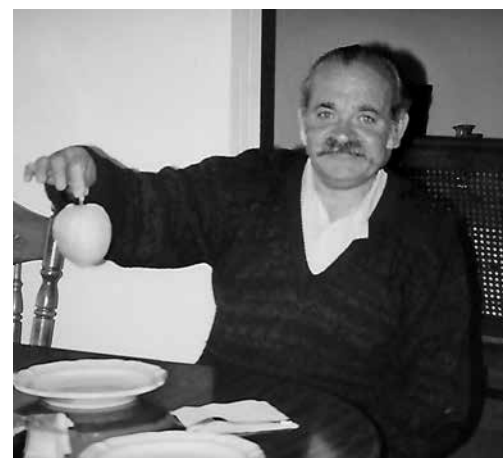
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PASTITSIO

¼ cup olive oil
2 medium dry onions chopped finely
1 ½ pounds ground lean beef
¼ cup tomato paste
2 garlic cloves finely chopped
1 ½ tsps cinnamon
1 tsp ground nutmeg
3 whole cloves
1 ½ pounds thick spaghetti
Grated Parmesan Cheese
5 cups béchamel sauce

In a large skillet, heat 2 tablespoons of the olive oil. Add onion and Sauté. Add meat, garlic, tomato paste, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves and salt. Stir well. Lower heat and simmer for 40 minutes until liquid has been absorbed and meat has cooked.

While meat is simmering, boil pasta until it is almost done. Remove And drain. Toss 2 tablespoons of olive oil and grated parmesan cheese With pasta. Preheat oven to 350F. grease an 11x15x3 inch pan.

Bechamel Sauce

10 Tablespoons butter
10 Tablespoons flour
5 cups of milk
2 Tsp Grated nutmeg
4 eggs slightly beaten

Melt butter over low heat – do not brown. Add flour, stir to blend With a wooden spoon or wire whisk. Cook over low heat for 5 Minutes. Slowly add room temperature milk (DO NOT HEAT MILK – IT WILL CAUSE LUMPING). Cook for 10 minutes. Beat Eggs and Temper them. Slowly add egg mixture to the sauce and stir. Remove from Heat. Add some Parmesan cheese to the sauce.

Spread half of the cooked spaghetti across bottom of oiled pan. Place All of the meat sauce on top. Add remaining pasta. Pour all of the Béchamel sauce over pasta and spread evenly. Sprinkle with 2 Tablespoons Of parmesan cheese over top. Bake for 45 minutes until a golden crust Forms on top. Yield: 8 to 10 servings.

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TIROPETES
Triangles

2 Pounds of Feta Cheese
1 Pound of Ricotta
1 8 oz. Cream Cheese
½ cup of Grated Parmasean Cheese
Grating of Nutmeg
4 Eggs well Beaten

1 Pound of melted butter
2 Pounds of Filo Dough

Chop all the cheeses and add the well beaten eggs.

Use 2 sheets of filio and fold in thirds for medium triangles.
Butter each sheet. Add about 2 tablespoons of filling. Fold in a triangle like you would fold a flag.

Bake in 350 degree oven until golden brown.

Bake in 325 degree oven for ½ hour reduce to 300 degree until golden brown. Makes 5 vasilopitas.

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GALACTOBOUREKO
(Custard Dessert)

9 Cups Milk
1 ¼ Fine Semolina or Cream of Wheat
1 ¼ cups of Sugar
1 Tablespoons of vanilla
1 Tablespoon Orange Rind
1 Tablespoons of Orange Juice
1 ¼ cube of butter
6 Eggs
1 ½ pounds of filio dough

Bring the milk, sugar, and butter to a boil over medium heat. Whisking constantly, add the semolina in a thin stream. Cook, stirring constantly until thickened slightly, about 3 minutes. Remove from heat and cool custard.

Add the beaten eggs, whisking to blend well. Stir in vanilla, orange juice and orange rind.

Place 10 to 12 sheets of filio on the bottom of the pan buttering each sheet of filio. Fill the pan with 7 ½ cups to 8 cups of filling. Place another 10 to 12 sheets of filio, buttering each sheet.

With a sharp knife score the top layer of pastry into squares, without cutting through the filling. Approximately 3 inch by 3 inch pieces.
(Pan size 20" x 13" x 2").

Bake for 50 minutes in 350 degree oven. When you remove from oven, pour cooled lemon syrup on top.

Lemon Syrup

4 cups of sugar
2 cups of water
3 cinamom sticks
2 tablespoons of lemon juice
Thin slices of lemon

Cook for 30 minutes until slightly thick.

Bake in 325 degree oven for ½ hour reduce to 300 degree until golden brown. Makes 5 vasilopitas.