



ALL THINGS NEW IN THE RESURRECTION

Father Stanley S. Harakas

The Resurrection of Christ is the most important and central aspect of our Orthodox Christian faith.

In three of the Gospels, an event is described in which Jesus Himself was challenged by the leading Sadducees, who rejected belief in the resurrection. Jesus countered their denials with an affirmation of resurrection (Mark 12:18-27); Matthew 22:23-33; Luke 20:27-40), saying “You are quite wrong!” (Mark 12:27). In John 5:29 Christ taught that “those who have done good, (will come) to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment. Elsewhere He declared, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live” (John 11:25).

So, on the third day after His Crucifixion and death, Jesus Himself became the victor over death, sin, evil and the Devil, by conquering death through

His Resurrection. The biblical words are still powerful and striking: “He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. Lo, I have told you” (Matthew 28:6-7). It was the first sermon of the Church – “He has risen from the dead!”

Later, when Judas had to be replaced among the Twelve Apostles, one of the conditions of his replacement was that the candidate “must become with us a witness to His resurrection” (Acts 1:22). At Pentecost, St. Peter proclaimed the Resurrection of Christ: “This Jesus, God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses” (Acts 2:32). The Apostles began their preaching by “proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead” (Acts 4:2). We learn that the preaching on the central importance of Christ’s Resurrection continued in the Church: “With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all” (Acts 4:33).

In our Orthodox Church, the Resurrection of Christ is central, especially in worship. Every Sunday is a little Pascha, commemorating Christ’s Resurrection. At Pascha, we read St. John



Chrysostom’s Easter Sermon where it is proclaimed, “O death, where is your sting? O Hades where is your victory? Christ is risen, and you are annihilated. . . . Christ is risen, and life is liberated . . . for Christ having risen from the dead, has become the first fruits of those who fall asleep.” Brothers and sisters! Christ is Risen! Truly, He is Risen!



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR MAY 2024

Sunday, May 12

Thomas Sunday

Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 10am

Sunday, May 19

Sunday of the Myrhh
Bearing Women

Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 10am

Sunday, May 26

Sunday of the Paralytic

Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 10am

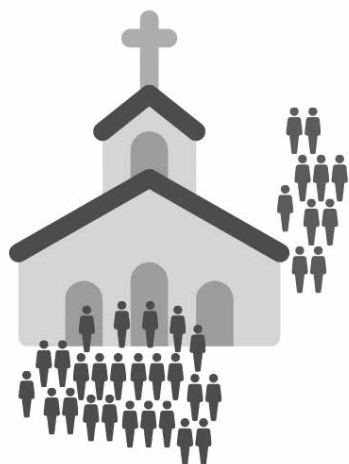
Pledged List of Stewards for 2024 Thus Far

“As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God”

(1 Peter 4:10)

As Orthodox Christians, we are all called upon to be worthy stewards. The very concept of stewardship is based upon our thankfulness toward God. Stewardship asks each of us to commit our time, talent and treasure in fulfilling the mission of Christ and his Church.

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Parish General Assembly

Sunday, May 26, 2024

In accordance with the Uniform Parish Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, a Parish General Assembly will be held in the Korinthias Center following the Divine Liturgy.

All 2024 stewards of the Annunciation Cathedral are invited to attend this assembly.

Please make time to join us as we discuss the ministries of our Parish. Your participation and ideas will be greatly appreciated!

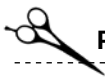
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Let's embrace this exciting new chapter together as we harness the power of technology to strengthen our Cathedral community. For more information, or for assistance in setting up your profile, reach out to us by email at: RealmHelp@annunciation.org.

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Philoptochos News

Calendar 2024

The Annunciation Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos invites you to note these activities over the next few months.

June	16th	Father's Day Coffee Hour
June	30th	Biennial Philoptochos Convention
June	TBD	Pastry Preparation and Baking for Food Festival
Aug	TBD	Pastry Preparation and Baking for Food Festival

March 25th Feast Day of the Annunciation

Our annual March 25th Annunciation Feast Day was a great success. After a beautiful liturgy with seven clergy, a catered luncheon was hosted by Philoptochos with over 100 attendees. Thank you to Despina Kokalis for her donation of the fish at the luncheon! March 25th also marks a day of national celebration for those of Greek heritage. It was on this day in 1821 that Greece officially declared its independence. All proceeds from this important celebration went toward a most beloved ministry, Kid n' Cancer and its family residential camp, Camp Agape. Camp Agape offers a summer camp experience to cancer-afflicted children and their families. It is a special place where families can relax, enjoy activities, delicious food, and build strong and lasting friendships.

Congratulations Graduate

Our very own Philoptochos member, Kalli Vellis, daughter of Gus and Meena Vellis is graduating from City College of San Francisco in May. She is on schedule to complete the requirements of the nursing program and will receive an Associate Degree in Nursing.



Father's Day June 16th Coffee Hour

Join Philoptochos on this great day to celebrate fathers and father figures. Let's show our love and gratitude and make them feel special.

2024 Biennial National Philoptochos Convention June 30-July 4 in San Diego, California

This gathering promises to be a celebration of community, compassion and commitment to service. From engaging workshops and inspiring keynote speakers, the convention offers a unique opportunity for members of the Philoptochos society to come together, exchange ideas, and renew their dedication to making a difference in the lives of those in need. This event happens jointly with the Clergy-Laity Congress. More information can be found at philoptochosconvention.vfairs.com

or contact Pat Aleck: 415-566-8544 or p_aleco@sbcglobal.net with questions.



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Elpida's Lenten Retreat: A Day of Faith, Fellowship, and Service

By Mia Fanourgiakis

On March 30th, the Annunciation Cathedral of San Francisco became a hub of joy, creativity, and service as over 125 children gathered for the Elpida Lenten Retreat. This special event, organized by the Elpida program, aimed to bring families together to strengthen their community bonds through faith-based activities and hands-on learning experiences.

Welcoming Spiritual Leaders

The retreat was honored to welcome Father John Kocolas of the Nativity of Christ Parish in Marin County, Father Niko Bekris of the Church of the Resurrection in Castro Valley, Father Neboja Pantic of the St. Nicholas Parish in San Jose, Annunciation's own Father Angelo Pappas, and Annunciation's Pastoral Assistant Christo Pappademos. These esteemed spiritual leaders enriched the afternoon with lessons anchored in the Greek Orthodox faith, providing participants with meaningful insights and guidance.

A Multitude of Learning Experiences

The Elpida Lenten Retreat offered a diverse range of activities designed to educate and inspire participants of all ages. From Koliva Baking to Daffodil Planting, from Orthodox Church Construction to Icon Making, the children were immersed in the rich traditions and teachings of the Orthodox Church.

Additionally, the retreat featured sessions on learning about Orthodox Saints, Religious Discussions, and Play Centers, ensuring that there was something for everyone to enjoy and learn from. For those energetic little ones, Motor Movement activities were also available, allowing children to get their wiggles out while having fun.

Parental Involvement and Support

Parents had the opportunity to participate in workshops led by Vivian Tavernakis, a licensed school counselor and an expert in family dynamics. These workshops provided valuable insights and practical tips for nurturing family relationships and fostering spiritual growth within the home.

Stuffie Building: A Heartwarming Community Service Project

In the spirit of service and compassion, all the children enthusiastically participated in a community service project by building 125 stuffed animals. These handcrafted stuffies were donated to the SSFPD (South San Francisco Police Department) to bring comfort and joy to children in need. Officers Vince and Mesch were present to receive this generous donation, adding a special touch to the day's activities.

Fulfilling Elpida's Goals

The Elpida Lenten Retreat perfectly encapsulated the program's core goals: to build community and teach children about the Greek Orthodox faith through hands-on learning experiences. By engaging children in meaningful activities that promote both personal growth and communal well-being, Elpida is making a lasting impact on the lives of families and the broader community.

A New Era for Elpida

Following the successful Elpida Lenten Retreat, exciting developments are underway for the Elpida program. On April 12, Co-directors Christo Pappademos and Mia Fanourgiakis had the privilege of meeting with His Eminence, Metropolitan Gerasimos. During this meeting, a significant milestone was reached: His Eminence officially recognized the Elpida program as a ministry of the metropolis.

This official endorsement marks a new chapter for Elpida, granting the program full metropolis support. With this backing, Elpida will be empowered to expand its reach and impact, fostering faith-based community-building initiatives that resonate with the teachings of the Greek Orthodox faith.

Future Retreats on the Horizon

One of the exciting outcomes of this partnership is the commitment to hosting at least two retreats a year. While the details are still being finalized, this announcement signals a promising future for Elpida and its mission to build strong, supportive communities through faith, fellowship, and service.

Building on Success

The recent Elpida Lenten Retreat served as a testament to the program's effectiveness and the community's enthusiasm for its mission. With the support and guidance of the metropolis, Elpida is poised to build on this success, offering more opportunities for families to come together, deepen their faith, and engage in meaningful service projects.

The official recognition of Annunciation's Elpida program as a ministry of the metropolis is a significant step forward in the journey to strengthen and expand this impactful initiative. With the commitment to hosting regular retreats and the unwavering support of the metropolis, Elpida is well-positioned to continue making a lasting difference in the lives of families and communities.

As we look forward to the future, we can anticipate more faith-based retreats, enriching educational opportunities, and community service projects that embody the spirit of Elpida. Together, with faith as our guide, we can build stronger, more vibrant communities that reflect the love, compassion, and shared values of the Greek Orthodox faith. Here's to many

more Elpida retreats that strengthen our bonds, deepen our faith, and enrich our lives!

Thank you to the Elpida Board!

We are immensely grateful to the Elpida board for their unwavering support and dedication. The Elpida board truly embodies the dream team, bringing together a remarkable group of individuals who have contributed immensely to our community.

Armineh Vafiades stands out with her incredible vision and creative eye. Together with Stephanie Thompson, and Dina Kratsas, the three of them transformed our church hall into a beautiful and welcoming space, even managing to elevate our church's parking lots. Their creativity and passion have truly made a difference

John Lampros, and Peter Canzanis have been invaluable with their expertise in marketing, technology support, and their overall wonderful ideas. Their contributions have helped us reach new heights and engage with our community in meaningful ways.

Maria Nicolacakis and Eleni Taptelis are exceptional teachers who share their love for children and deep knowledge of the faith in a captivating manner. Their commitment to education has inspired many and enriched our community.

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Christo Pappademos for his patience, unwavering support, and enthusiasm in embracing all of Mia's ideas. His dedication to children and our parish is truly inspiring and serves as a beacon for us all. Christo's valuable knowledge and background in theology provide a solid spiritual foundation for the curriculum that Mia creates.

Christo's willingness to encourage creativity and exploration is a testament to his passion for nurturing faith and fostering growth within our community. We are incredibly grateful for his guidance, wisdom, and the positive impact he has on our parish.

Thank you, Christo Pappademos, for your exceptional contributions and for embodying the spirit of dedication and inspiration in all that you do. Your commitment to our community is deeply appreciated and cherished by all.

Thank you to all the teachers and volunteers

Elpida also wants to thank all of the volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this event a success. We are incredibly grateful for the collaborative spirit of the Elpida team, which brings together staff and volunteers from various parishes

across Northern California. Your dedication and commitment have truly made a difference, especially during our recent Lenten Retreat.

A heartfelt thank you to the 2024 Elpida Lenten Retreat team:

Armineh Vafiades (Annunciation, San Francisco)
Irene Fotinos (Holy Cross, Belmont)
Maria Tzagarakis (Ascension, Oakland)
Christoula Koutulas-Pezo (Annunciation, San Francisco)
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Iliana Cazanis (Annunciation, San Francisco)
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Pelagia Kratsas (Annunciation, San Francisco)
Ted Lampros (Annunciation, San Francisco)
Yianni Sarikakis (Annunciation, San Francisco)
Katerina Nicolacakis (Annunciation, San Francisco)
Maria Vafiades (Annunciation, San Francisco)
Tasso Mavroudis (Annunciation, San Francisco)
Vicky Spachis (Annunciation, San Francisco)

We are also incredibly fortunate to have had an amazing team of "Yiayias" supporting us in the kitchen. A special thank you to Anastasia Dekaristos, Irene Vafiadis, Nicki Dakis, Mary Fanourgiakis, and Emilia Sarikakis for their tireless efforts and dedication in ensuring that everything food-related ran smoothly.

A special thank you goes to Irene Kyriacou and the entire Rakos family for their invaluable contribution to the 2024 Elpida Lenten Retreat. Their dedication and hard work in preparing crafts for the children played a crucial role in ensuring the event ran smoothly.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Paul Sogotis, our Parish Council President, for his warm hospitality and welcoming spirit. Your dedication to creating a welcoming environment for all families has truly made a difference and set a positive tone for the 2024 Elpida Lenten Retreat.

We would also like to thank Father Angelo Pappas for his warm hospitality, unwavering *filotimo*, and invaluable religious guidance in preparing for this retreat. Your leadership and spiritual guidance have been instrumental in creating a meaningful and enriching experience for everyone involved.

Your efforts in fostering community, providing religious guidance, and ensuring a warm and welcoming atmosphere have not gone unnoticed. We are deeply grateful for your commitment and dedication to our community.

Thank you, Paul Sogotis and Father Angelo Pappas, for your exceptional contributions and for embodying the spirit of *filotimo* in all that you do.

Thank you to our Generous Donors

Elpida wants to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Father

Stephen and Presbytera Alik for their generosity toward the Elpida program. Their kindness and generosity have made a significant impact, providing support to children who otherwise would have not been able to attend.

Nonie Giusti, who is truly the best grandmother in the world. Her unwavering faith in my ideas and constant support means more to me than words could describe. Thank you, Nonie, for generously sponsoring the gardening rotation of the retreat.

We are incredibly fortunate to have the best Philoptochos and Parish Council at the Annunciation Cathedral. Your dedication, compassion and continued support have been instrumental in the success of the Elpida Program.

Thank you for always being there to lend a helping hand and generously covering many expenses associated with the program. Your commitment to our mission and the well-being of the children we serve is truly inspiring.

We are deeply grateful for your continued support and partnership. Together, we are making a meaningful difference in the lives of others, and for that, we thank you from the bottom of our heart.



Dance Groups

On Sunday, April 14th, the United Hellenic American Societies (UHAS), hosted the annual Greek Independence Day & flag raising celebration at Union Square in downtown San Francisco. Our Cathedral dance groups, To Mellon and Revmata joined by some of our Rizos dancers, performed dances from their FDF suites. It was a beautiful, clear and sunny day in San Francisco as guests cheered as our Greek flag was being raised above the St. Francis Hotel. We commend UHAS for continuing the tradition of raising the Greek flag for the Greek and the Bay Area communities at large. The Cathedral dance groups were proud to be a part of such a special celebration and thank UHAS President, Taso Zografos for including us! ΖΗΤΩ Η ΕΛΛΑΣ!





NEW EPITAPHIO FOR THE CATHEDRAL

After 100 years of use from our original Epitaphio, (the cloth icon which is processed every year on Holy Friday during the Lamentations Service) we have finally acquired a brand new hand sewn Epitaphio from Greece. Our original Epitaphio will be framed and displayed for safekeeping as we will use the new Epitaphio for services from now on. We are seeking donors to cover the cost of this most important icon. Whether it be a family, or a group of families who would like to sponsor the new Epitaphio, we ask those interested to please email Father Angelo Pappas at fr.angelo@annunciation.org or Christo Pappademos at christo.pappademos@annunciation.org

We are seeking donations to cover a cost of \$2,500.00



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

SAVE THE DATE

Our next Men's Fellowship gathering will take place Thursday, May 23rd. Social hour at 6pm followed by dinner at 7pm. Please email Jim Rakos to RSVP if you would like to attend. There is no cost. jim.rakos@annunciation.org

Community Kitchen

What an incredible showing for the April Community Kitchen! Our donation delivery was much smaller this month, and the guests showed up in force!! Word has hit the streets that we are back in action and thanks to our amazing volunteers we improvised and fed over 65 people! A special shout out to all the volunteers who pitched in and hustled to make sure no one had an empty plate. We will stock the cupboards and freezer and be ready for next month!

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

We are a ministry organized by the Parish's 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.

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

An invitation to host Coffee Hour!

Coffee hour represents a wonderful venue for drawing our parishioners together and promoting fellowship each Sunday. Earlier in the year we announced the launch of our new invitational coffee hour program that provides a more complete offering for our parishioners to enjoy. And our program has been gaining momentum!!!



Here's where you come in... We're calling on all ministries, organizations, and our parishioners (individually or in teams!) to sign up to host one or more coffee hours over the course of the year. We'll supply the coffee/ cream/ sugar, tablecloths, napkins, utensils – and you supply the goodies (e.g., pastries, donuts, bagels & cream cheese, small sandwiches, fruit/vegetable/cheese platters and assorted dips, or other similar items.)

Looking ahead, we're seeking hosts for the following Sundays in June: the 9th, the 23rd, and the 30th. Please reach out to Irene Melitas (irene.melitas@annunciation.org, or 925.212.8561) to sign-up and learn more.

All About Hope!

We are excited to announce the revival of the **HOPE** (Holy Orthodox Primary Education) program for our elementary school children (K-5). **HOPE** isn't just an acronym; it embodies our commitment to fostering a supportive environment where young minds can flourish in our community. Our goal is to create an atmosphere where our children can grow spiritually and form lasting connections with their peers. Through active participation in our Cathedral community, our **HOPE** is to lay a strong foundation of faith for our youth. The program is being led by Natalia Mavroudis, who is eager to guide our children as they embark on this enriching experience.

To kickstart this exciting journey, **HOPE** is hosting a Movie Night at the Cathedral on Friday, May 31st, from 7-10 PM. We'll be screening "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.

Just like the characters in the movie, we **HOPE** this experience inspires our children to broaden their horizons, embrace new friendships, and achieve more than they ever thought possible.

But our excitement doesn't stop there! In addition to our Movie Night, **HOPE** will be hosting monthly events for our children. These gatherings will provide opportunities for fun, learning, and building strong relationships within our community.

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.

We invite all elementary school children to join us for this special evening of fun and inspiration. Let's come together as a community to support our youth on their journey of growth and discovery.

For any inquiries or to get involved, please feel free to reach out to Natalia at natalia.mavroudis@annunciation.org or call/text her at (415) 531-0346.

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