



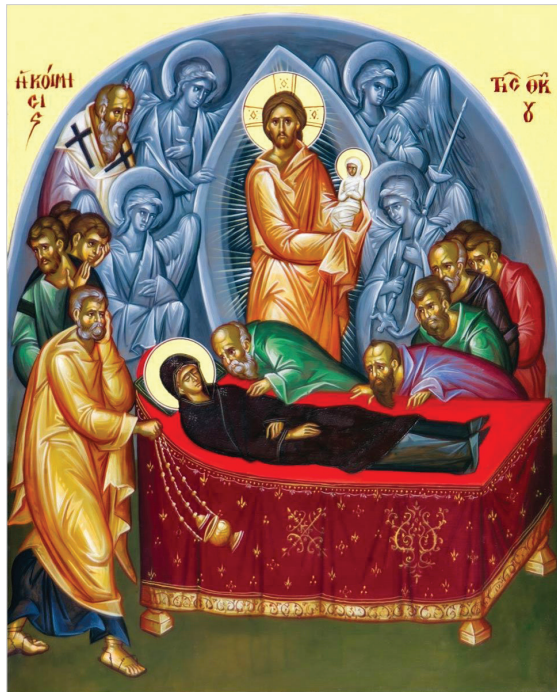
## The Dormition Of The Theotokos On August 15

The Feast of the Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on August 15 each year. The Feast commemorates the repose (dormition and in the Greek *kimisis*) or “falling-asleep” of the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord. The Feast also commemorates the translation or assumption into heaven of the body of the Theotokos.

The Holy Scriptures tell us that when our Lord was dying on the Cross, He saw His mother and His disciple John and said to the Virgin Mary, “Woman, behold your son!” and to John, “Behold your mother!” (John 19:25-27). From that hour, the Apostle took care of the Theotokos in his own home. Along with the biblical reference in Acts 1:14 that confirms that the Virgin Mary was with the Holy Apostles on the day of Pentecost, the tradition of the Church holds that she remained in the home of the Apostle John in Jerusalem, continuing a ministry in word and deed.

At the time of her death, the disciples of our Lord who were preaching throughout the world returned to Jerusalem to see the Theotokos. Except for the Apostle Thomas, all of them including the Apostle Paul were gathered together at her bedside. At the moment of her death, Jesus Christ himself descended and carried her soul into heaven.

Following her repose, the body of the Theotokos was taken in procession and laid in a tomb near the Garden of Gethsemane. When the Apostle Thomas arrived three days after her repose and desired to see her body, the tomb was found to be empty. The bodily assumption of the Theotokos was confirmed by the message of an angel and by her appearance to the Apostles.



### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2024

**Sunday, August 4**

7 Youths of Ephesus

*Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 10am*

**Tuesday, August 6**

Holy Transfiguration

*Divine Liturgy 10am*

**Friday, August 9**

Paraklesis, 6pm

**Sunday, August 11**

Martyr Euplus the Deacon

*Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 10am*

**Monday, August 12**

Paraklesis, 6pm

**Wednesday, August 14**

Vespers, 6pm

**Thursday, August 15**

Dormition of the Theotokos

*Divine Liturgy 10am*

**Sunday, August 18**

Martyrs Floros & Lauros

*Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 10am*

**Sunday, August 25**

Apostle Titus of 70

*Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 10am*

**Thursday, August 29**

Beheading of St. John the Baptist

*Divine Liturgy 10am*

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## Stewardship 2024

As Orthodox Christians, we affirm that every aspect of our lives is a gift from God. Stewardship calls on us, the faithful, to cheerfully offer back to our Lord a portion of the gifts we have been blessed with. Your offering enables our church to carry out Her mission to bring Christ and Orthodoxy into the lives and hearts of all we serve.

**Fill Out Stewardship Pledge Here with this QR CODE, then Attend Church and ask a Parish Council Member for Help at Table or Pangari.**



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### ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL 2024 STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARD

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**Our apologies if we have made an error/omission with listing your name on our stewardship list. Please contact Denise Yeilding, Stewardship Chair, so she may correct the error. We thank all of you that support the Church and our Ministries.**

## ELPIDA BACKPACK DONATION DRIVE

Elpida, our vibrant new religious education program, is dedicated to building community through faith. At the next Elpida retreat on August 24, 2024, the children of our Metropolis will be engaging in a community service project in which they will be filling high-quality backpacks with essential school supplies to be distributed to students in need in our surrounding Mission District for the upcoming school year (**See back page ad**). We have partnered with the amazing Sydney Paige Foundation to conduct this community service project. Please help us secure the necessary supplies and meet our goal of empowering students in school and in life by donating today: <https://donate.sydneypaige.org/elpida>







*An invitation to host Coffee Hour!*



## Philoptochos News

### Calendar 2024

The Annunciation Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos invites you to note its activities over the next couple of months.

Aug	15th	Celebrating Panagia-Dormition of the Theotokos
Sept	1st	Deadline for scholarship submission
Sept	TBD	Preparing/baking galaktoboureko
Sept	TBD	Bagging, boxing pastries for food festival

### *Κοίμησις τῆς Θεοτόκου,* **Dormition of the Theotokos**

On August 15th Thursday, immediately following the Divine Liturgy, the Philoptochos will be having a brunch/lunch. Tickets can be purchased at the door. More information to follow. The proceeds will help support our many Metropolis and National Philoptochos ministries.

### **Educational Scholarships**

The Ladies Philoptochos Society is offering scholarships for graduating senior high school students and college students. You can access the scholarship information and application form on line from the archived June/July Herald. Please note that the application and supporting documents must be submitted by September 1, 2024. Should you have any questions, contact [christo.pappademos@annunciation.org](mailto:christo.pappademos@annunciation.org)

We know you'll agree that coffee hour represents a wonderful venue for drawing our parishioners together and promoting fellowship each Sunday. Earlier in the year we launched 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 full month of August (4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>) and early September (1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>). Please reach out to Irene Melitas ([irene.melitas@annunciation.org](mailto:irene.melitas@annunciation.org), or 925.212.8561) to sign-up and learn more.

## Congratulations Graduate

**Matteo Vorrises**, graduated from St. Matthews Catholic School in San Mateo with honors his proud Parents, Denis & Renee Vorrises report.

We would like to include photos of life's special events of our members when space allows. Please submit clear photos and info to: [denise.yeilding@annunciation.org](mailto:denise.yeilding@annunciation.org).



# COMMUNITY KITCHEN

the MISSION



Another month and another success! We definitely didn't think that only 8 months in we would be having such a huge response to our meals! Unfortunately, we did not receive any food from Food Runners this month but luckily the SF Marin Food Bank was stocked to the gills this week! Thanks also to a generous chicken donation, we were able to provide delicious roasted chicken, pasta, baked beans, salad, roasted cauliflower and many many deserts to all 65 people who were still in sf this summer! Special thanks to Vanessa Mora for spending the day shopping and cooking and to one of our new volunteers Stavros for washing our never-ending dishes! This month's music theme was chosen by Alyson (contrary to popular belief Maria does allow other people to choose the music once or twice

a year) and all our guests and volunteers had a blast dancing and singing along to Female Power Ballads! Thank you again to all our volunteers and we cannot wait to see you again 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](mailto:community.kitchen@annunciation.org)**





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August 1, 2024

Dear Annunciation Cathedral parishioners,

We are happy to be spearheading the 2024 SF Greek Food Festival Commemorative Album and are reaching out today to invite you to support our upcoming festival by purchasing a message in the album.

Our annual Greek Food Festival is a celebration of Greek culture, cuisine, and community, and it serves as a vital fundraiser for our Annunciation Cathedral. By purchasing an advertisement in our festival commemorative album, local businesses and supporters like yourself not only have the chance to share a personal message or showcase your services and products to our festival attendees, but your contribution will significantly impact our festival's success.

This year, we will print the album BEFORE the festival so all who attend will receive your message. For everyone's convenience, **you can purchase your ad and upload your message online**. Point your smartphone camera to the QR code below or go to [annunciation.org](http://annunciation.org), go to the FESTIVAL menu and drop down to "Annual Commemorative Album." There you'll find a link to fill out the Google form with your information.

You may choose to use your previous ad, or type or upload a new message directly in the Google form. You may also upload photos as high resolution jpegs directly onto the Google form. If you are submitting a finished ad, it should be a PDF.

If you prefer to submit a hard copy, you may mail the attached paper form and your payment via mail to: 2024 Festival Album, 245 Valencia Street, SF, CA 94103.

We understand that some people supported the commemorative album in 2023 that was not produced. If you bought an ad last year and would like that applied to this year, please go ahead and still fill out the form, but you may skip the payment page.

**Submission Deadline: August 31**

We look forward to showcasing your message in our 2024 Commemorative Album!

Warm regards,

Dean & Maria Nicolacakis

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All proceeds are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law. Payment must be made upon submission of this contract. Any payments not made by the August 31, 2024 deadline will result in your commemorative message or ad not being included in the album.

Please make checks payable to:

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