

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's letter to the Galatians Chapter 6, Verse 11 - 18: Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke Chapter 18, Verses 18-27: At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' " And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Christmas Bake Sale-Philoptochos will be selling premade boxes of pastries after church beginning December 8th. \$25/box. No preorders.

Christmas Party-December 12th. Our Christmas Party will be at Nick's Rockaway Beach Restaurant in Pacifica. The cost will be \$75/person. For more information contact Foula Vasilogiorgis at 415-378-7200 or foulaki8@gmail.com

Vasilopita-Place your order for vasilopita prior to Dec 15th. Order forms available near the pangari or place your order after church at the Philoptochos table.

Crab Feed-Our annual crab feed will be held Friday, Jan 31, 2025. An Early Bird special price of \$90/person during the month of December 2024 is being offered. The price will jump to \$100/person beginning January 1, 2025. Pick up a flyer near the pangari.

TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR: We would like to thank Dean and Maria Nicolacakis for hosting our Coffee Hour today in celebration of the name-days of their son Victor and daughter Katerina. We wish them *χρόνια πολλά!*

CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS CARD FUNDRAISER: We invite you to include your name in our yearly Cathedral Christmas Card. Kalliope Fousekis and Irene Kyriacou will be gathering names and donations following Divine Liturgy on Sundays. Please stop by their table to include your name and make your donation. We are accepting donations at a minimum of \$35. You can also email Irene Kyriacou at irene.kyriacou@annunciation.org

MATCHING DONATION OPPORTUNITY: An anonymous donor has generously contributed \$50,000.00 to the Annunciation Cathedral Building Fund and challenged our community to match this amount by **December 31, 2024**. This is a unique opportunity to raise at least \$100,000.00 toward the completion of our new Cathedral. Every dollar donated will be fully restricted to the Building Fund and used exclusively to bring our shared vision to life. Contributions made during the 2024 calendar year may also provide tax benefits. Join us in meeting this challenge and help us create a lasting legacy for future generations! Donate today and double your impact.

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Grant us Your blessing, Lord our Savior, that we may always be faithful stewards, continuing to share the gifts You have given us, by the power of Your grace, mercy and love. May Your name be glorified forever.

AN INVITATION TO HOST COFFEE HOUR: As part of our revitalized coffee hour program, 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). We're currently seeking hosts for the month of December (1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th) and January (19th and 26th). Please reach out to Irene Melitas (irene.melitas@annunciation.org, or, 925.212.8561) to sign-up and learn more.

GOYA WINTER FORMAL: On Saturday, December 14, we will be hosting a Bay Area-wide Goya Winter Formal dance featuring the musical stylings of DJ G Stav. Tickets are \$30. If your Goya-age child would like to attend please contact Vicky Spachis at vicky.spachis@annunciation.org

COMMUNITY KITCHEN: Every third Tuesday of the month, we come together to prepare, serve, and share a hot meal with those in our neighborhood. If you are interested in volunteering please visit www.annunciation.org/community-kitchen-signup. You can also support this ministry by making a financial donation at <https://www.annunciation.org/community-kitchen-donate>