

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's letter to the Ephesians Chapter 2, Verse 4 - 10: Brethren, God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God: not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke Chapter 18, Verses 35-43: At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to 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

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.

ELPIDA SUNDAY: Today is an Elpida Sunday so we ask that the first three pews on the north side of the church stay open for our kids to sit. We also ask that you allow the children to come forward first to receive Holy Communion before they go to their class.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR: The Cathedral is excited to announce the second annual Holiday Bazaar, taking place on **Saturday, December 7, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**. This festive event promises to be a delightful celebration of the holiday season, filled with cheer, music, and a vibrant atmosphere. Visitors can enjoy holiday tunes filling the air, beautifully festive decor, and an assortment of mouth-watering seasonal treats.

DIVINE LITURGY ST NICHOLAS: This **Friday, December 6**, we will celebrate Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Saint Nicholas beginning at 10am.

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.

STEWARDSHIP – As the year comes to a close, we are thankful for your support of the Cathedral. Now is the time to review your statements that arrived in the mail and finish your pledging for 2024. We will launch our 2025 Stewardship on **Sunday, January 12**.

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 (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>