



# ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL HERALD



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MAY 2012

# PLAYBILL BROADWAY

THE ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL'S LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS  
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*"ON BROADWAY"*

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2012

ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL  
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11:30 RECEPTION  
12:30 LUNCH

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CHILDREN 12 & UNDER \$20  
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ON BROADWAY

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## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN SURPASSES \$2.35 MILLION

The Capital Campaign has surpassed the \$2.35 million mark, in pledges and gifts, as of April 18, 2012. Of this amount, \$1.5 million has already been contributed, leaving a balance of \$850,000. Donors elect whether to pay all at once, or in installments (monthly, quarterly, or annually) up to five years. The \$2.35 million was raised from 57 donors, as follows: 1 at \$630,000; 1 at \$394,000; 2 at \$150,000; 2 at \$100,000; 1 at \$64,000; 3 at \$50,000; 1 at \$35,000; 1 at \$30,000; 7 at \$25,000; 2 at \$20,000; 1 at \$17,000; 1 at \$18,500; 1 at \$17,500; 4 at \$15,000; 2 at \$12,000; 14 at \$10,000; 1 at \$7,500; 6 at \$5,000; 1 at \$3,000; 1 at \$2,000; and 4 at \$1,000.

Approximately \$1 million has been paid out so far, for architectural, engineering, consultant, and Planning Department fees, leaving a \$5 million balance in the Building Fund. We need \$10 million to build the Cathedral and one level of underground parking, leaving another \$4 million to be raised. We believe this is reasonable, since we have raised over \$2 million from only 10% of the community! Toward this end, the Capital Campaign Committee is calling families and individuals with a view to scheduling visits with **Fr. Anthony Scott** and/or **Fr. Stephen Kyriacou**, **Fr. Niko Bekris**, along with a member of the Capital Campaign Committee. Father Scott has been at the Cathedral since April 23, 2012 and will stay, this go-around, through May 7. During this time he has been coordinating conference calls with committee members, conducting meetings of the Capital Campaign Committee,

making visitations, and following up with prospective donors. In addition, he is getting the Legacy and Endowment Program and the Endowment Committee up and running. The Legacy and Endowment Program will provide for post-construction and programmatic support, for the long-term well-being of the Cathedral. Father Anthony has been visiting the Cathedral on a monthly basis for one week at a time, generally the first week of each month. He will return in June, 2012.

Another encouraging step is the willingness of parishioners, who have already pledged and/given to the Capital Campaign to host receptions in their homes for approximately ten families who have not yet given to the Campaign. The purpose of the gathering is to give people the opportunity to ask questions and to learn more about the Campaign. No solicitations will be conducted at these gatherings. At the conclusion of the presentations, guests will be asked whether they would be willing to sit down with us, at a later time, to consider their participation.

Yet another encouraging step is that we have a Banquet Committee meeting on a regular basis, to plan a celebratory banquet, which will coincide with Groundbreaking and which will raise an additional \$1 million for the Campaign. **Valerie Roumeliotes**, immediate past president of the Metropolis of San Francisco Philoptochos, is chair of the Banquet Committee. We are

very excited about the enthusiasm that is building up about the prospect of beginning construction on the Cathedral.

Meanwhile, we urge parishioners not to wait to be called, but to get *involved*. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to become builders of a church and, in this way, the guarantors of the Orthodox Faith for generations to come. Your names will be remembered in the diptychs as “blessed and ever-memorable founders and benefactors of this holy Church.” More importantly, your names will be remembered in Heaven!

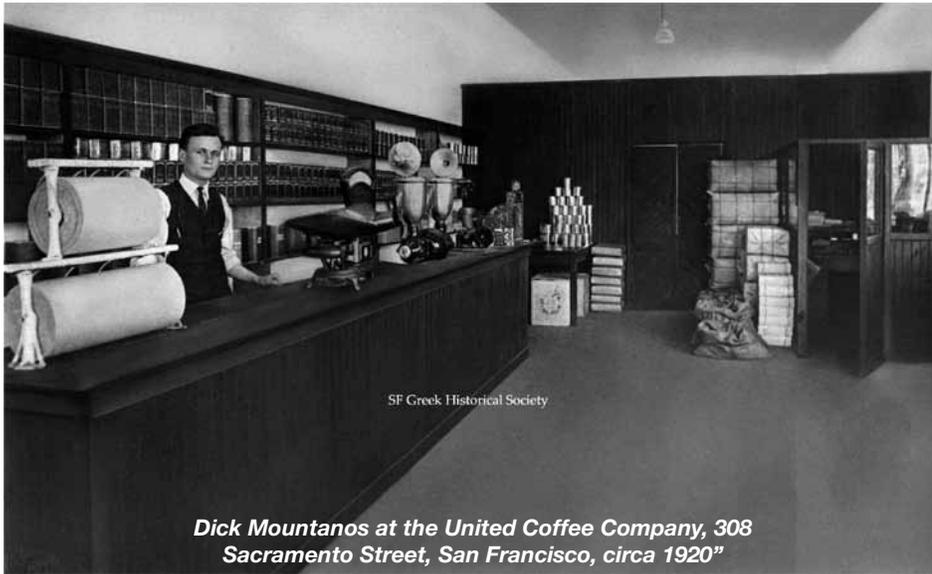
As for participating in the Capital Campaign, we urge you to take the initiative to set up a day and time when it is convenient for you to meet to learn about our project and the timetable for its completion, to participate in the Capital Campaign, to the extent to which you are able, and/or to discuss your participation in the Cathedral’s Legacy and Endowment Program. We are blessed indeed that we have been the beneficiaries of those who established the Cathedral community and who have provided for it these past 90 years of its existence. Now it is our turn to step up and declare what we will do for the generations that will follow us, mindful of the words God spoke through Moses, when he said, “Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you.” (Exodus 25:8)



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## MORE FINDINGS BY JIM LUCAS AND THE SF BAY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Following up on last month's amazing findings by the San Francisco Bay Area Historical Society, a few more pictures have been included for your perusal. Pictured is a photograph of Dick Mountanos at the United Coffee Company, 308 Sacramento Street, San Francisco, circa 1920. The photograph will be included in the society's next photo exhibition. Thank you!

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## New Parish Software Purchased- New Parish Listserv Coming Soon

After much discussion and consideration, last month our parish council approved the purchase of a new software tailored exclusively for Orthodox parishes. This new software, called "ParishSoft," will not only interface with our current Quickbooks database for pledges and all giving, but will be able to catalogue groups, ministries, family information, etc, in order to improve communication with our parishioners, as well as better financial statements and other such items. In addition, we are in the process of creating an updated parish directory as well as a new parish listserver (list of emails for correspondence), in order to send the Herald and other announcements electronically. It should be noted, of course, that all information is confidential and not shared.

Many thanks to Nick Rally, Deno Konstantinidis, Dean Nicolacakis and Marcelo Souza for their assistance in this endeavor!

## 2012 Food Festival Preparation Underway!

Food festival preparations are underway for 2012! The new festival committee has now had three well-organized, very productive meetings already this year, under the capable leadership of Bob and Lea Lyberopoulos. Thank you to all who have attended these meetings and who have helped at past festivals, as well. If you would like to lend your time and talents to this year's food festival, we invite you to become a part of the planning process. We need everyone's help! Please email Lea and Bob at [karthia808@yahoo.com](mailto:karthia808@yahoo.com) or at [grk808@yahoo.com](mailto:grk808@yahoo.com) for information on the next meeting.

## San Francisco Sunday Streets Dates Announced

As you may have seen on many occasions in the past, the city of San Francisco organizes outdoor fairs, marathons, and other car-free events in various neighborhoods including the Mission district. These objectives of events such as these are to encourage health and fitness, clean air, and less traffic. That said, there have been times in the past when such events have directly inhibited automobile access to the Cathedral.

After coordinating our efforts with Livable City (a non-profit that sponsors these events), we have asked that the city provide uninhibited routes for cars to enter the church parking lot on days that Sunday Streets is taking place, and we have been guaranteed that we will be given them. **Please note the following dates when Sunday Streets will be in the Mission district:**

May 6	June 3
July 1	August 5

A street guide will be included in the Herald when we receive it. For more information, feel free to contact that Cathedral office at (415) 864-8000 should you have any questions.



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## Byzantine Chant Class Now Offered at the Cathedral

Since last November, Byzantine chant classes have been offered once a month by **Mr. Kostas Haralabopoulos**, assisted by his son, **George Haralabopoulos**. Our Cathedral community has been blessed for many years now to have **Mr. Haralabopoulos**, a very accomplished and wonderful chanter, with us on major feast days of our Church, and it is a tremendous blessing to have him teaching to, God willing, our next generation of chanters. To

date, four classes have been held, and some 5-8 students have attended the class at a given time. Since February, our community has also been blessed to have a new chanter with us at our services, **Mr. Basil Crow**, the son of an Antiochian Orthodox priest in Rhode Island, who has recently moved to San Francisco. Last month saw **Basil** hold a special tutoring session on April 22, and **Mr. Haralabopoulos** teach a class again on April 29.

Many, many thanks to **Mr. Kosta & George**, and **Basil** for their dedication and commitment to this beautiful new program. Classes will resume on Sunday, May 20, in the small conference room on the second floor following Divine Liturgy, and will continue on the third Sunday of every month. For times that **Basil** is available to tutor, or any additional information, feel free to contact **George Haralabopoulos** at [georgehrlm@gmail.com](mailto:georgehrlm@gmail.com).

**APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE** *Scholarship Applications can be found here.*

### 2012 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

For 2012, the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation will provide three (3) scholarships, as follows:

1. The Andreas and Niki Coundouris Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000.
2. The Dr. Anthony P. Bagatelos Medical Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000., and
3. The Judge S. Lee Vavuris Legal Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000., and

For 2012, the Cathedral of the Annunciation Ladies Philoptochos will provide the following scholarship:

1. One (1) Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000., for a total of four (4) scholarships, each in the amount of \$1,000. (Additionally, a scholarship in memory

of Efrosine and Andrew Vellis will be awarded. If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, a different application is required. To obtain a copy, please call the Cathedral at 415 864-8000.)

Please complete and forward the appropriate application to the attention of:

The Scholarship Committee, 245 Valencia Street, San Francisco, California 94103

**by May 20, 2012.**

The application must be accompanied by the following:

\* **An Official Transcript** from the Office of the Registrar at your High School or College (University/Vocational School) AND **Recent SAT or ACT Scores.**

\* **A Letter of Recommendation** from ONE (1) Member in Good Standing with the Cathedral of the Annunciation OR the Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos.

\* **One (1) page typed essay** in English about his/her educational, vocational and life goals and aspirations.

\* **Additionally**, the applicant (or, if the applicant is under 18 years of age, the applicant's parent(s)/guardian(s) must be a member of the Annunciation Cathedral.

\* **Relative to the Bagatelos/Vavuris Scholarships:** Applicants for the Dr. Anthony P. Bagatelos and the Judge S. Lee Vavuris Legal Scholarships must be of Greek descent or of the Greek Orthodox faith. These scholarships are awarded to students who matriculate at and attend medical/law school, preferably at Stanford University/University of San Francisco and intend to practice medicine/law within the nine county area surrounding San Francisco Bay, preferably San Francisco.

Up to 75% of the income earned by the Bagatelos Scholarship Fund is awarded in the form of a scholarship for tuition or other school-related expenses. Typically, the scholarship is awarded to the same student until that student gradu-

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ates from medical school, provided that, after submitting the initial application, the student requests the medical school to verify to the Annunciation Cathedral, in writing, by June 1, that the student has satisfactorily completed course work for the year. As for the Vavuris Scholarship, the scholarship is awarded by the Annunciation Cathedral, in concert with the Hellenic Law Society.

\* **All Applicants:** Applicants will be notified as soon as possible following the May 20 deadline. **Certificates of scholarship will be presented at the Graduation Day Brunch, which will follow the Divine Liturgy, on Sunday, June 3, and which the scholarship recipients are expected to attend.**

## 2012 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. NAME \_\_\_\_\_
2. ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_
3. AGE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_
4. E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_
5. HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE you are currently attending \_\_\_\_\_
6. Date of High School Graduation \_\_\_\_\_ Career Objectives \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. COLLEGE you will be attending in the fall \_\_\_\_\_
8. Name of Parent(s) or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_
9. Address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_
10. Involvement of Applicant with the Cathedral { } Member { } Youth { } Choir  
{ } Sunday School { } Greek School { } Altar { } Dance Group { } Athletics  
{ } Other \_\_\_\_\_
11. School Honors & Awards \_\_\_\_\_
12. Offices held in Class, School, or Church Organizations \_\_\_\_\_
13. Out-of-School Activities \_\_\_\_\_
14. Have you received a Cathedral or Cathedral Philoptochos Scholarship in previous years? YES { } NO [ ] Number \_\_\_\_\_ Year(s) \_\_\_\_\_

(Priority will be given to those who have not received a Cathedral or Cathedral Philoptochos Scholarship.)

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT: I hereby certify that I am a Greek Orthodox Christian (or, of Greek descent, if applicable), spiritually in good standing and a member of the Annunciation Cathedral, San Francisco, California (or otherwise qualify as noted in the instructions). I have answered the above questions correctly and to the best of my knowledge. I will use any funds awarded to me (to be credited to my school account, or to me, if crediting my account will reduce other scholarship awards) as a result of this application for the sole purpose of assisting me in my higher education.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## PHILOTOCHOS NEWS

### Greetings from Philoptochos!

The members of Philoptochos wish all a blessed Pascha and hope the light of Anastasi shines brightly in all our hearts.

Our Philoptochos is growing. This month we welcome new member Maria Nicolacakis.

April and May are busy months for Philoptochos. Our *Easter bake Sale* is in progress.

We will be busy taking orders and preparing for pickup on **Friday, April 13 (from 9am to 5pm) and Saturday, April 14 (from 10am to 2pm)**. Please take a moment to fill out the form that will be mailed to you. The form is also in the Herald. Our deadline date for orders is April 8, 2012. We know you will enjoy all the bread, red eggs and koulourakia for your Easter festivities. All proceeds of our bake

go to Philoptochos charities which support those in need.

In May we are hosting our **Mother's Day Luncheon** on May 12, 2012 at the Cathedral. This year's theme "**ON BROADWAY**" promises to great event as we celebrate and honor Mothers of the Year. Come join us as we present fashions on the runway of the Big Apple. Under the capable hands of Irene Kyriacou and her committee chairs, a lovely day is being planned that you won't want to miss. So put the date on your calendar, ask friends to join you and come enjoy a day of fun, music and fashion.

We would like to thank Anastasia and Marios Stathopoulos for helping underwrite the reception following vespers on March 24, 2012. In addition, our thanks go to Despina

Kokalis for her donation to provide the fish for our March 25<sup>th</sup> luncheon

in honor of her late husband Nick. Also, our thanks go to the donation provided by Joy Tamaras in honor of her late husband Nick. May their memories be eternal!

As you can see our Philoptochos light shines brightly with service and leadership.

This quote by Edith Wharton reminds us -

"There are two ways of spreading light: to be a candle or a mirror that reflects it."

Kalo Pascha from all our Philoptochos members!

Patricia Aleck  
*Philoptochos President*



### A "Link" to Those in Need

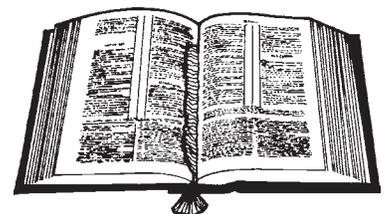
Community Link, now in our eighth year of existence, is a group of Annunciation parishioners who meet once a month on a drop-in basis to visit members of our community who may be confined due to illness or age. We travel to hospitals, nursing homes and private residences. Many of those we visit no longer have family or friends to support them and just need to know there is someone who cares. A short visit or phone call can lift one's spirits a great deal. If anyone in the community knows of any other home bound parishioners to add to our list, please contact Pauline Oetzel at poetzel@hotmail.com. Community Link will be making visits this month on May 19, the Saturday of Lazarus, beginning in the Cathedral Conference Room at 9 am.

Upcoming Community Link Meetings in 2012: May 19, June 16, and July 21.

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### PRAYER BEFORE TRAVEL

O Savior, as you journeyed with Luke and Cleopas on the road to Emmaus, journey also with your servants, defending them from all evil. Surround them with your holy angels. Grant that they may carry out their plans according to your will, for you alone are almighty and love mankind.  
Amen.



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## YOUTH NEWS

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### Sunday School Korner

May 2012

Christos Anesti! Our children had a wonderful Lenten season in Sunday School and it was capped off by a hugely successful TGI Pascha. Thank you to all the many volunteers who helped make it possible.

May brings wonderful Mother's Day projects and lessons about family and relationships. We encourage parents/grandparents to bring children to Sunday School at 10:30 am each Sunday. Our students will have family worship on May 27th, as we will hold no Sunday School Classes.

The Sunday School of Annunciation Cathedral has created a scholarship in memory of Andrew and Efrosine Vellis for their dedication to both the Sunday School and the Annunciation Cathedral.

The first scholarship was awarded June 5, 2011, and future scholarships will be awarded each year at Sunday School Graduation. Please contact the church office for criteria and application to apply for this year's scholarship.

Plans are underway to prepare for the upcoming 2012-2013 school year. Volunteers are needed for assistance in the classroom and for specific projects such as: filing, emails, food drive, UNICEF, Christmas program, Oratorical Festival, and more. Remember, it takes a village. Please contact Denise Yeilding or Father Nikos to step up and participate.

Denise Yeilding

*Sunday School Principal*

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***But I trust in your unfailing  
love; my heart rejoices***

***in your salvation.***

***Psalm 13:5***

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### Weekly Cretan Dance Workshop- "Rizites"- Formed

The Cathedral is very pleased to announce the formation of a new Cretan dance workshop called "Rizites," to be taught weekly by **Petros Papageorge!** We are very lucky to have Petraki teaching this group, as he is an ardent supporter and veteran of many years of Cretan folk dancing. The recently-formed workshop is open to all young adults (18-35) who have experience dancing Cretan folk dances, and would like to hone them in order to participate in the many authentic Cretan *glendia* of Northern California throughout the year. Please see the mission statement and contact information from Petraki below.

#### **Name of Group: RIZITES**

#### Mission Statement:

A Cretan dance & musical hobby *parea* group/*parea*, where those who want to learn more in general and for the popular Cretan *Glendia* they participate in regularly during the year throughout California & the U.S. & Crete, can meet to apply & develop their skills confidently & in an authentic way that maintains strong roots.

Content: The study & style execution of Cretan dances & music from the original provinces in Crete they came from.

Moderator/Teacher/Director: Petros Papageorge

(650) 391-7737 petros@athertonappliance.com

"The *tragoudia* (songs) which were 'born' in the region of Lefka Ori, in the prefecture of Chania, were named *Rizitika* by the modern researchers. This name was chosen due to the fact that these songs are sung at the area of *riza*, the foot of the mountains. According to another interpretation, *rizitika* originate from the ancient town Rizinia, in the province of Kydonia, which is called Meskla nowadays. *Rizitika* were composed by the *rizites*, the people who live in the high mountain villages, who preserve the ethos and mores from time immemorial. We don't have much evidence about the origin of *Rizitika*. It is sure that they date from the Byzantine Period. Many researchers claim that *rizitika* are the continuance of the martial songs of Dorians, who took up their residence at the mountain region of Chania in about 1000 b. C. and preserved their ancient traditions inalterable during the ages. Most of them are creations dated in the centuries of the Venetian and Turkish bondage. *Rizitika* are sung *a capella* (not accompanied with musical instruments). Today we know 32, or some more, melodies, including slight variations. There are, though, another 47 *idiomela rizitika* (which are sung with their own unique melody). The music of *rizitika* is an especially interesting subject. The melody 'suppresses' the rhyme and adapts it to its own 'shape'.

# TGI Pascha 2012



*This year's beautifully decorated kouvouklion.*



*Mrs. Fousekis teaching church music at this year's TGI Pascha.*



*More of our youngsters with Tessa Ambus.*



*His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos celebrating the Anastasis service, assisted by Father Stephen and Father Niko.*



*Some of this year's angels!*



**Our  
wonderful  
volunteers  
at this year's  
Philoptochos  
Easter Bake!**



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### Altar Group Schedule for May

**M**any thanks to all the families who have committed to our altar group schedule these last three months. It has been wonderful having each of them in the altar, knowing that it is a wonderful way for any young man to serve the Lord and His Church. Thank you also to **Nektarios McKnight, Manoli Darzins, and Michael Garibaldi** for “coaching” our altar servers each Sunday.

The schedule for the Sundays in May will be as follows:

May 6- Group 1

May 13- Group 2

May 20- Group 3

May 27- Group 4

The altar group rosters are as follow:

**Group 1-** Harry Misthos (group leader), Stelio Kyriacou, Kosta Lyberopoulos, Niko Pezo and Demetri Rally

**Group 2-** Anthony Obester (group leader), Demetri Kontonis, Bobby Kontonis, Niko Manetas, and Steven Manolakis

**Group 3-** Steven Flynn, Clint Flynn (group leaders), Antonio Panagiotopoulos, Steven Panagiotopoulos, Panagiotti Sogotis, and Yianni Sogotis

**Group 4-** Andrew Nuris, Vasili Loufas (group leaders), Anthony Tadessee, Jonas Tesfai and Nathan Tesfai

As always, if anyone has any questions or suggestions, feel free to let us know. Thanks!

### Bay Area “Festival of Faith” for Youth, May 19

In the spirit of the Saint John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival, a feature ministry of the Archdiocese now for decades, the Church of the Holy Cross in Belmont, is organizing the first ever “Festival of Faith,” to be held Saturday, May 19 at Holy Cross.

Under the capable leadership of Father Pete Sotiras, the Youth Director of the Metropolis of San Francisco from 2005-2008, this new youth ministry invites GOYA-Young Adult age Orthodox Christians to present a “faith message” in any of the following categories:

- **Songs/Songwriting (2-5 minutes)**
- **Short Film (3-10 minutes)**
- **Writing (short stories, comic strips, poetry, children’s stories, etc)**
- **Art (painting, iconography, children’s books, comics, etc)**
- **Technology**

There are many young people in our community who are artistically inclined in many of the aforementioned areas, and are *highly* encouraged to present their gifts in this beautiful forum, not only for their own edification but for the inspiration of other youth in the Bay Area.

More information can be found on our Facebook page- Youth of Annunciation Cathedral San Francisco, as well as by contacting Father Pete at [frsotiras@go-holycross.org](mailto:frsotiras@go-holycross.org), or Father Niko at [fatherniko@annunciation.org](mailto:fatherniko@annunciation.org).

### Thriving Cathedral Greek School Continues

**O**ur Cathedral Greek School program is now nearing conclusion of its fourth year, and has been growing each year! The mission of the program is threefold: 1) to teach our children the Greek language, 2) to explore Hellenic culture, and 3) to connect our Greek-American children and Greek expatriates with the historical and cultural characteristics of Greece. Thanks to the efforts of many hard-working teachers and parents, our Greek School program is now thriving!

We currently offer 4 grade levels with a small teacher-student ratio as follows:

Level 1 (Ages 4-5) taught by **Maria Panostopoulou**

Level 2 (Ages 6-7) taught by **Sotiria Mitrosyli-Bouna**

Level 3 (Ages 7-8) taught by **Lizabeta Koukkou**

Level 4 (Ages 8+) taught by **Paris Apostolopoulos**

This year, there are a total of 30 students enrolled! Classes are held Saturday mornings from 10:00am to 12:00 pm. If you are interested in registering your child for the 2012-2013 academic year, please contact **Pamfilia Zambelis** at

pzambelis@yahoo.com.

Also, please note that our Greek Language Program is expanding to include an adult class in this spring! We are currently in the process of assessing potential enrollment, staffing, and comprehension levels. Classes will take place on Saturday mornings, 10:00 to 12:00 noon. Tuition will be set once we have finalized class size. If interested in joining our dynamic class, or have any questions on our Greek School program in general, please contact us at [anna.kapetanakos@gmail.com](mailto:anna.kapetanakos@gmail.com).

*\*\*Of note: In a recent article in the New York Times, recent studies have shown that bilingualism not only sharpens cognitive skills of infants, but strong evidence now exists that if an individual has a strong degree of bilingualism, the brain of that individual has a stronger resistance to dementia and Alzheimer's.\*\**

More information can be found at [http://www.nytimes.com/2012/03/18/opinion/sunday/the-benefits-of-bilingualism.html?\\_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2012/03/18/opinion/sunday/the-benefits-of-bilingualism.html?_r=1)

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## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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### JOY News

On April 24, our Cathedral JOY met at the **Rally** home! As usual, our group played a fun game, had dinner and a discussion with **Father Niko**. We thank **Nick** and **Patty** for opening their home to us once again this year. In May, JOY will be attending a Giants game along with our Cathedral GOYA, and in June, we will have a pool party at the **Monolakis** home. We hope to see you there!

\*\*\*A reminder that JOY (Junior Orthodox Youth) is open to all youth grades 3-6, and is typically held the second Tuesday of every month \*\*\*

### GOYA News

On April 28, our Cathedral GOYA spent an afternoon at the San Francisco wharf, which included lunch and seeing the aquarium! A great time was had by all on a beautiful, sunny day.

This month, our GOYA will be attending a Giants game along with our Cathedral JOY group, and in June we will hold our annual barbeque/softball game in San Bruno Park, which this year will be held in June. Thanks, as always, to **Katerina Loufas**, **Harry Misthos**, and **Manoli Nuris** for their great ideas and help coordinating our events.

\*\*\* GOYA (Greek Orthodox Youth of America) is open to all youth grades 7-12, and is typically held the third Monday of the month \*\*\*

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***“Begin to fulfill the commandments relating to small things, and you will come to fulfill the commandments relating to great things: small things everywhere lead to great ones.”***  
—St. John of Kronstadt

## YOUNG ADULT NEWS

On April 6, the Friday before Holy Week, some 25 young adults attended a special Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at the Cathedral, a beautiful service celebrated in our Church during Great and Holy Lent. A Lenten dinner took place following the liturgy at Another Monkey Thai restaurant across the street from the church, and a wonderful time was had by all. Also, on April 27, 20 young adults attended a Giants baseball game!

This month, our group will hold its second discussion/dinner in the Cathedral conference room on Thursday, May 24. The first young adult discussion was very well-received and well-attended, and we're very much looking forward to the second.

\*\*\* Our Cathedral Young Adult group is open to all young adults ages 22-35, and typically meets for dinner the last Thursday of every month. \*\*\*

\*\*\*For more information on any of the Cathedral's youth groups, please contact Father Niko Bekris at [fatherniko@annunciation.org](mailto:fatherniko@annunciation.org), or visit our "Youth of Annunciation Cathedral San Francisco Facebook page." \*\*\*

## Ο ΕΡΑΝΟΣ ΣΥΛΛΕΓΕΙ ΗΔΗ ΠΑΝΩ ΑΠΟ 2,35 ΕΚΑΤΟΜΜΥΡΙΑ

Ο έρανος συλλογής χρημάτων για την έγερση του Καθεδρικού Ναού ήδη έχει περάσει τα 2,35 εκατομμύρια δολάρια, από τις 18 Απριλίου 2012. Από αυτό το ποσό, 1,5 εκατομμύρια έχουν ήδη ληφθεί. Τα υπόλοιπα 850,000 δολάρια θα αποπληρωθούν σύμφωνα με την επιθυμία του κάθε δωρητή, άλλος σε τρία χρόνια, άλλος σε πέντε, και ούτω καθ' εξής. Οι προσφορές αποπληρώνονται μηνιαίως, κάθε τρεις μήνες, η ακόμα μια φορά το χρόνο. Τα 2,35 εκατομμύρια έχουν συλλεχθεί από 57 δωρητές, ως ακολούθως: 1 εκ 630.000, 1 εκ 394.000, 2 εκ 150.000, 2 εκ 100.000, 1 εκ 64.000, 3 εκ 50.000, 1 εκ 35.000, 1 εκ 30.000, 7 εκ 25.000, 2 εκ 20.000, 1 εκ 18.500, 1 εκ 17.500, 4 εκ 15.000, 2 εκ 12.000, 14 εκ 10.000, 1 εκ 7.500, 7 εκ 5.000, 1 εκ 3.000, 1 εκ 2.000, και 4 εκ 1.000.

Από τα χρήματα που συλλέξαμε, ήδη έχουν πληρωθεί τα σχέδια, οι μηχανικοί και άλλοι σύμβουλοι (εμπειρογνώμονες), ως και τα τέλη στην Πόλη για την υποβολή των σχεδίων. Το συνολικόν ποσό των αυτών των εξόδων ανέρχεται σε 1 εκατομμύριο δολάρια. Απομένουν 5 εκατομμύρια δολάρια στο ταμείο οικοδομής. Χρειαζόμαστε 10 εκατομμύρια δολάρια συνολικά για να κτίσουμε και να αποπερατώσουμε το καινούριο κτίριο, οπότε πρέπει να συλλέξουμε ακόμα 4 εκατομμύρια δολάρια. Πιστεύουμε πως τούτο σαφώς μπορεί να γίνει, εφόσον τα 2,35 εκατομμύρια συλλέχθησαν από μόνον 10 τοις εκατώ των μελών της Κοινότητας!

Η Επιτροπή Εράνου καλεί τα μέλη όπως κλείσουν ραντεβού με τον Πατέρα Σκοτ μαζί με τον Πατέρα Στυλιανό, τον Πατέρα Νικόλαο, η άλλο μέλος της επιτροπής, ώστε να μάθουν περισσότερα αναφορικά με το που βρισκόμαστε (πότε θα αρχίσει η οικοδόμηση, κλπ.) και να δηλώσουν τη συμμετοχή τους. Ο Πατέρας Σκοτ βρίσκεται στον Καθεδρικό Ναό μέχρι τις 7 Μαΐου. Θα έλθει πάλιν κατά τις αρχές του Ιουνίου. Δύνασθε να τον βρείτε τηλεφωνώντας στο γραφείο της Κοινότητας, στο 415 864-8000. Στο μεταξύ, ετοιμάζει για τον Καθεδρικό Ναό ένα πρόγραμμα κληροδότησης, το οποίο έχει ως στόχο την εξασφάλιση πόρων για τη συντήρηση του νέου Ναού και την χρηματοδότηση διαφόρων μελλοντικών προγραμμάτων.

Μας ενθαρρύνει η προθυμία αρκετών δωρητών να φιλοξενίσουν στο σπίτι τους μέχρι δέκα ζευγάρια μελών που δεν έχουν συνεισφέρει ακόμα εις τον έρανον, με σκοπό την ενημέρωση, όπως εσημειώσαμε, γύρω από το που βρισκόμαστε, και να δοθεί η ευκαιρία να τηθούν τυχόν ερωτήσεις. Ο σκοπός αυτών των συγκεντρώσεων δεν είναι ο έρανος. Δεν θα ερωτηθεί κανείς για τη συμμετοχή του κατά τη διάρκεια των συγκεντρώσεων. Αλλά, μια και τελειώσει η παρουσίαση, θα ερωτηθούν οι συγκληθέντες εάν θα εδέχοντο ειδική επίσκεψη, κατά την οποίαν θα ερωτηθούν για τη συμμετοχή τους.

Ακόμα μας ενθαρρύνει ο σχηματισμός επιτροπής, με πρόεδρο τη Βασιλική Ρουμελιώτου, πρώην πρόεδρο της Φιλοπτώχου Αδελφότητας της Ιεράς Μητροπόλεως Αγίου Φραγκίσκου, με στόχο ένα επίσημο δείπνο, ίσως εν συνδυασμό με την αρχή της οικοδόμησης, το οποίο δείπνο θα συλλέξει τουλάχιστον 1 εκατομμύριο δολάρια.

Εν τω μεταξύ, παροτρύνονται οι πάροικοι του Καθεδρικού να μην περιμένουν να τηλεφωνηθούν αλλά να πάρουν την πρωτοβουλία και να τηλεφωνήσουν, να ζητήσουν συνάντηση, έτσι γινόμενοι αυτοί που θα εγγυηθούν το μέλλον της Ελληνορθόδοξης μας Πίστης για τις μεταγενέστερες γενεές. Τα ονόματά σας θα μνημονεύονται στά δίπτυχα του Ναού ως τῶν μακαρίων καὶ ἀειμνήστων κτιτόρων τοῦ Ἱεροῦ Ναοῦ τούτου. Αυτό είναι το ελάχιστον. Τα ονόματά σας θα μνημονεύονται εις τα ουράνια δίπτυχα!

Πρέπει να αισθανόμαστε ευλογία μεγάλη διότι σε λίγους ανθρώπους έλαχε η ευκαιρία να κτίσουν Ναό προς δόξαν Θεοῦ. Είμαστε οι απόγονοι αυτών που ίδρυσαν τον Καθεδρικό Ναό, εδώ και 90 χρόνια. Τώρα είναι η δική μας σειρά να δηλώσουμε τι θα κάνουμε για τις επόμενες γενεές, έχοντας υπόψη αυτό που είπε ο Θεός στον Μωυσή: **Καὶ ποιήσεις μοι ἁγίασμα, καὶ ὀφθήσομαι ἐν ὕμῳν.** (Εξόδου 25.8)



## M A Y C A L E N D A R

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
		Dance Practice 7p.m.		Dance Board 7p.m.		
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
Sunday School at 10:30, Orthros at 9:00 am, Divine Liturgy at 10:30 am  Street Closure		Dance Practice 7p.m. Saint John the Apostle, Evangelist, and Theologian- Divine Liturgy, 10 am				Mother's Day Luncheon and Fashion show
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
Sunday School at 10:30, Orthros at 9:00 am, Divine Liturgy at 10:30 am		Dance Practice 7p.m.	Parish Council 7p.m.	Philoptochos 1p.m.		High School/ Adult Basketball Playoffs Begin
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
Sunday School at 10:30, Orthros at 9:00 am, Divine Liturgy at 10:30 am Teaching Liturgy (families worship together) Byzantine Music Class High School/ Adult Basketball Championships		Dance Practice 7p.m.	Festival Committee 7p.m.	Ascension, Liturgy, 10a.m. Young adult Event 7p.m.		
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		
Orthros at 9:00 am, Divine Liturgy at 10:30 am Memorial Day, no Sunday School		Dance Practice 7p.m.				

O radiant light of holy glory, the immortal Father, heavenly and holy, blessed Jesus Christ. And now that we have come to the setting of the sun with all the light of eventide, we praise You the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God. It is worthy at all times to praise You, with voices of holy song, O Son of God and giver of life, the world does glorify You.

*Vesperal Hymn: O radiant Light, Phos Ilaron*

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