



ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL HERALD



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MAY 2013

KATHERINE COSTOPOULOS (CONDOS) BEQUEATHS \$1.3 MILLION TO THE CATHEDRAL!

As the May issue of the *Herald* was going to press, we received notice from the attorneys handling the estate that the late Katherine Costopoulos (Condos), a long-time member of the Cathedral, bequeathed the above sum to the Cathedral. She said she was going to do it, and she did it. Over the years, Katherine had told close friends, relatives, and the Cathedral clergy that she wanted to see the new Cathedral built. At the same time, she was concerned about the elderly, when they were no longer able to come to church, as Katherine was unable to do once she stopped driving (although, immediately after she stopped driving, for a while, she came by taxi). Catherine truly loved the church. She was an equally active member of the Ladies Philoptochos. A native of Tristenon, Doridos, Greece, she lived in San Francisco most of her life. She was known to be faithful, independent, and devoted. She fell asleep in the Lord peacefully on July 5, 2012.

According to the information the Cathedral received from the attorneys, a hearing is scheduled in the San Francisco Superior Court on June 25, 2013. Once the Court approves the Petition, the final order will be sent to the attorneys and the executor will prepare a check to the Cathedral, which will be forwarded by the attorneys. (The exact amount of the bequest is \$1,327,422.58.) This bequest is the second largest ever received by the Cathedral. The largest is that received from the Trust of the late Anne Mountanos, which was \$5 million. As the Cathedral prepares to break ground for the new Cathedral (replacing the one lost to the Loma Prieta Earthquake, October 17, 1989), it will institute a "Founders Day," at which time a *mnemosynon* (memorial service) will be offered "for the repose of the blessed and ever-memorable founders and benefactors of this holy church." Katherine's name will be among those commemorated every year on "Founders Day." *Aionia I Mnimi! May her memory be eternal!*

CHRISTOS ANESTI! CHRIST IS RISEN!

On May 5 this year, Orthodox Christians around the world celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. As noted in a pastoral message sent out to the Cathedral's parishioners and friends, the over-a-month difference in the celebrations of the Orthodox and other Christians is largely attributable to the different calendars used to calculate Pascha, as the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is known. Pascha proclaims the essence of the Good News (which is the literal translation of *Evangelion*, some times translated as "Gospel"). Pascha affirms that Jesus Christ was born in the flesh "for us and for our salvation," as we proclaim in the Nicene Creed, was crucified for us, suffered and was buried, and, on the third day, rose again. (He shall come again in glory to judge the living and the dead; His Kingdom shall have no end.) From Pascha and for forty days afterwards, until the *Apodosis* of Pascha, we Orthodox Christians greet one another with *Christos Anesti!* Christ is Risen! We answer one another: *Alithos Anesti!* Truly He is Risen! The greeting is said in every language. See how many of the following languages you recognize.



Albanian	Krishti u Ungjall	Vertet Unjal!
Arabic	Al Massih Qam!	Haken Qam!
Armenian	Krisdos haryav ee merelotz!	Orhnyal eh harootiunun Krisdosee!
Bulgarian	Hristos Voskrese!	Vo Istina Voskrese!
Castilian	Cristo ha Resucitado!	En Verdad ha Resucitado!
English	Christ Is Risen!	Truly He Is Risen!
Eritrean	Christos Tensiu!	Oue Tensiu!
Ethiopian	Christos Tanasa!	Awon Tanasa!
French	Le Christ est Ressuscite!	En Verite Il est Ressuscite!
Georgian	Kriste agsdga!	C'esmarit'ad agsdga!
German	Christus ist Erstanden!	Er ist Wahrhaftig Erstanden!
Greek	Christos Anesti!	Alithos Anesti!
Italian	Cristo `e Risorto!	Veramente `e Risorto!
Latin	Christus Resurrexit!	Vere Resurrexit!
Romanian	Hristos a Inviat!	Adevarat a Inviat!
Russian	Khristos Voskrese!	Voistinu Voskrese!
Spanish	¡Cristo ha resucitado!	¡En verdad ha resucitado!
Swahili	Kristo Amefufukka!	Kweli Amefufukka!
Turkish	Hristos Diril-di!	Hakikaten Diril-di!
Ukrainian	Khristos Voskres!	Voistinu Voskres!

PERMIT/CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

ARCHITECTURAL, MECHANICAL REVIEW COMPLETE. STRUCTURAL AND FIRE ARE NEXT.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO BREAKING GROUND IN JUNE!

As this issue of the *Herald* went to press, we received notice from the Department of Building Inspection that the architectural component of the Cathedral's plans have been approved. At the same time, we heard from our Architect that all mechanical issues were resolved and that the mechanical component of the plans have been approved. The structural plans were also reviewed. Comments by the Department of Building Inspection are being addressed. Our Architect anticipates that approval of the structural drawings is anticipated within the next two weeks. This leaves the review by the Fire Department, approval of which is also anticipated by the end of May. Meanwhile, five general contractors are being invited to bid on the project. All five have had extensive experience with church construction. The Cathedral's Building Committee,

meanwhile, is in the process of reviewing contracts. At the same time, they are negotiating with Zenanli Parking, which runs the lot behind the Cathedral, at 14th and Stevenson, as well as the lot under the freeway overpass, on Valencia Street, for the purpose of providing parking during construction.

As for the Capital Campaign, we are pleased to inform our parishioners and friends of the Cathedral that pledges and gifts to the Capital Campaign are up to \$3 million. This amount represents the commitments of 112 of the Cathedral's 400 families, to date. Added to the \$5 million bequest from the late Anne and Angelo Mountanos, already received, the anticipated \$1.3 million bequest from the late Katherine Costopoulos (Condos), and an additional bequest of \$84,000 from the late Helen Tsalamakos, we are at 80%

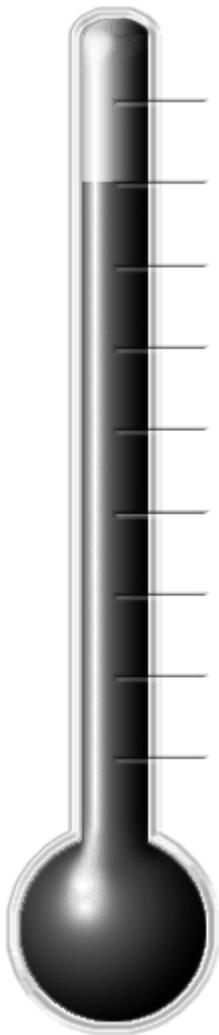
of our goal, as the thermometer graphic found in the present *Herald*, shows. We are determined to fully cover the cost of the project, so as not to impose a debt on the community (although an interim construction loan may be obtained, until all receivables have been realized). We are, therefore, reaching out to the remaining 288 families which make up the Cathedral community and inviting you to participate in the sacred work of building our church so that, as the Book of Exodus (25:8) reminds us, "the Lord may appear among us." We invite you to share the vision for our community, for our generation, and for the generations that will follow. We invite you to study the chart below to see how you may participate meaningfully in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity of building a church, to the glory of God.

WHAT DOES MY GIFT TO THE BUILDING FUND REALLY AMOUNT TO OVER A FIVE YEAR PERIOD?

Below are some different ways to look at how you can make a meaningful gift.

AMOUNT PER YEAR OVER 5 YEARS	PER MONTH OVER 5 YEARS	PER DAY OVER 5 YEARS	2 PERSON FAMILY-PER DAY (EACH)	3 PERSON FAMILY-PER DAY (EACH)	4 PERSON FAMILY-PER DAY (EACH)
50,000 10,000	833.00	27.40	13.70	9.13	6.85
30,000 6,000	500.00	16.43	8.22	5.48	4.10
25,000 5,000	416.00	13.70	6.85	4.56	3.42
20,000 4,000	333.33	10.95	5.49	3.65	2.74
15,000 3,000	250.00	8.22	4.11	2.74	2.05
10,000 2,000	166.66	5.47	2.75	1.82	1.36

OUR GOAL: \$12 MILLION



100%

90%

\$2.7 million more to reach our goal (as of May 1, 2013)

80%

\$1.3 million from estate of Katherine Costopoulos

70%

\$3 million from Capital Campaign (112 participants)

60%

Includes \$630,000 from estate of Virginia Athan-Olin

50%

\$5 million from estate of Anne and Angelo Mountanos

40%

(\$1 million spent to pay off loans on our current building; \$1 million expended for project-related costs, including architectural and consultants' fees, and City permits)

30%

20%

10%

We invite you to contribute to the Capital Campaign

Be part of this once-in-a-lifetime sacred opportunity to rebuild the Cathedral to the glory of God!



*We at the Annunciation Cathedral will grow
The Orthodox Christian Faith in San Francisco through:*

*Stewardship,
Worship,
Education,
Evangelism and
Philanthropic Outreach*

*The Annunciation Cathedral's Ladies
Philoptochos*

*54th Annual Mother's Day Luncheon &
Fashion Show*

"Bon Voyage on a Fashion Cruise"



Saturday, May 11, 2013

11:30 Reception 12:30 Lunch

Donation: Adults \$55 Children 12 & under \$20

Annunciation Cathedral

245 Valencia Street

San Francisco, CA

Attended parking available

*For reservations, please contact Angie Leventis
aleventis3@comcast.net or the Cathedral (415)864-8000*

Stewardship: What does it mean and what does it cost?

by Gus Vouchilas, Stewardship Chairman

We all make choices in this world – sometimes for better – and sometimes for worse. Perhaps we have found ourselves looking back at a choice we made and pondered it, regretfully knowing that there may have been a better outcome had we made a different decision. The decisions we make may not always be the best, but despite all else, God has given us the free will to make choices that affect our lives, and often, the lives of others.

This notion may not seem entirely relevant to Stewardship at first glance, but when we consider that our actions now will impact the future, it becomes exceedingly clear that the Lord counts on us to get things done in this world – otherwise, why give us the will to make our own decisions? He could make them for us on His own.

But He chooses not to. The character of an individual is built upon choices made in this world in the present time. Whether we choose to help the needy – or not. Whether we choose to feed the hungry – or not. Whether we think that what we say might hurt someone else – or not.

Clearly, these choices needn't be as simple as one or the other. But how does the Lord see our actions? Did He not ask the tax collector to give his money to the poor and follow Him (Mark 10:21) – promising treasure in Heaven? And what was the choice the tax collector made? We know the result but we don't know if he regretted it one day as he reflected on his life. And what about Judas Iscariot? – the regret he felt for betraying the Lord is clear – it was enough to cause him to take his own life (Matthew 27:3-10). When we consider the power of our innermost thoughts and our abilities to make choices – most

importantly we must ask – are they the right choices and have they been reflected upon through heartfelt prayer?

The relevance of actions we take now, then, directly relate to Stewardship in that God relies on us to make decisions that impact our lives; and as part of our lives, our church. Our church is the cornerstone of life that fills spiritual needs as well as social needs. We have grown to expect so much from the church – isn't it fitting that we provide for it in return?

So what does Stewardship cost then? It is a commitment to God, to the church, to our Cathedral family, and to an open heart that understands the needs of the Cathedral so that it can vibrantly serve our community. Without you, there is no Cathedral.

The church, of course, has a need for service but it also has financial needs as we all know. We know this because each year the Stewardship Committee looks to its parishioners for a heartfelt and generous (sacrificial) pledge. This pledge is a testimony to faith in Christ the Lord, to the continued service of the Cathedral to her people, and the wherewithal for each of us to make the right choice knowing that in the end, we will have done the right thing – and have no regrets.

If each current Cathedral pledge was increased by only \$150.00 this year, our Stewardship goal of receiving half of the Cathedral operating budget in Stewardship funds by 2015 would be easily attainable. The yield from such a small amount from each individual or family, would make a tremendous difference overall. It could easily provide us with an additional \$45,000 for the year, or more. Over the next three years, an increase of \$150.00 by our

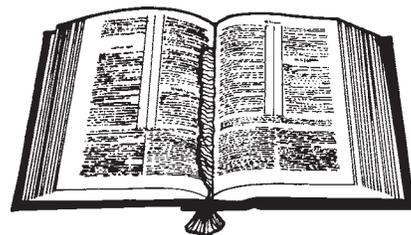
Stewards would easily help us achieve this surmountable goal. Imagine what a difference this would make. When we consider that a single cup of coffee at 1.50 a day for one hundred days (just over 3 months) would be the equivalent amount, it seems a shame not to consider it to the benefit of God's house.

The cost of Stewardship is very individual. What matters most is that each of us knows in our heart, mind, and soul that we have done what we can to help keep our Cathedral strong, vibrant, and ever spreading the word that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is the reason behind it all.

Please consider increasing your Stewardship pledge by 150.00 for 2013. You may notify the Cathedral office of the change (particularly for those on credit card payments) or simply note it in the 'memo' section of your check.

*"Let everything you do
have its justification
in Holy Scripture."*

St. Anthony the Great



New Members Elected to the Board of Auditors and Nominating Committee/Board of Elections for 2013

At the April 7 Parish Assembly, **Steven Deliandides** was elected to the Cathedral's Board of Auditors, to fill the vacancy left by **Philip Athanasiades**, who was elected to the Parish Council. Steven now joins **John Zambelis**, who has served for several years on the Board of Auditors, a committee required to audit the parish finances, in accordance with the Archdiocese Regulations.

Also at the Parish Assembly, **Tony Ambus**, **Basil Tonas**, and **Annette Chiappari** were elected to the Nominating Committee/Board of Elections. The Committee is responsible for placing in nomination, at the November 10 Parish Assembly, the names of those who will run for election to the Parish Council. Elections for eight members of the Parish Council to a two-year term will take place on Sunday, December 15. As the Board of Elections, then, **Tony Ambus**, **Basil Tonas**, and **Annette Chiappari** will oversee the elections.

The Cathedral is now on Twitter

The cathedral now has an active Twitter account and cathedral event announcements and news are being delivered through Twitter. This will allow you to receive information from the cathedral on your smart phone and IPAD. You can sign up to receive our "tweets" (posts) by visiting www.twitter.com/annunciationsf and clicking to follow us. The cathedral follows the twitter postings the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, Orthodox Wiki, Ancient Faith Radio, Mount Athos, Greek Orthodox TV, and the Ecumenical Patriarch. The new design of the web site currently in development will include a live Twitter feed.

Consider joining an OCMC Orthodox Mission Team in 2013

Consider joining an OCMC Orthodox Mission Team in 2013. Mission Teams serve our Holy Orthodox Church's unending mission effort that all people may come to know the saving love of our Lord. Be a living witness as a family on a Family Outreach Team in Albania, take part in stewardship training in Uganda, or offer your talents on other OCMC Teams in 2013. Team applications and details are available online at www.ocmc.org or call the OCMC at 1.877.463.6787 (ext 142) for more information.

Ionian Village and Spiritual Odyssey 2013

The dedicated staff of the Youth and Young Adult Ministries department of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese has been hard at work these past few years growing the wildly successful Ionian Village program. The following are two programs that have been put together for summer 2013:

Ionian Village

Ionian Village, the summer camping ministry of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, is now accepting registrations for its summer 2012 programs. Operating from a beautiful seafront campsite on western Peloponnesus in Greece, Ionian Village brings its campers and staff into close contact with their faith and heritage as they travel throughout the country to sites of cultural and religious importance. Ionian Village offers two camping sessions: Summer Travel Camp and Byzantine Venture. Registration is open to Greek Orthodox youth who have completed grades 7 through 12.

Spiritual Odyssey 2013 : Cyprus and Crete

While in Cyprus, participants will experience our faith and culture first-hand, visiting sites where the Apostles once preached, also learning about the Cypriot struggle and ongoing division of the island. Participants will also explore the beautiful beaches, food, and culture of the island of Cyprus. Participants will then travel to Crete where they will marvel at the ancient ruins in Knossos and experience the island's rich religious heritage.

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Spiritual Odyssey is an Ionian Village program for young adults, ages 19-28, giving them an opportunity to travel to sites of both historical and spiritual importance, while exploring their faith with other people their age.

This fun and exciting pilgrimage gives its participants an opportunity to do

more than just travel, it allows them to experience the sites of Orthodox and historic importance with other young adults, and most importantly, it allows them to grow together as a group, experiencing their faith and culture with each other and as a family. **Total Cost** (includes airfare) is \$2750.00. All forms

and payments are due by May 1st.

For more information about any of the Ionian Village programs, or to participate in this summer's programs, visit www.ionianvillage.org or contact the Office of Ionian Village at (212) 570-3536.



PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Greetings from Philoptochos!

As we sail into the month of May our Philoptochos ladies wish all our Annunciation family a glorious feast of Pascha. May the light of the Anastasis touch our hearts with love and faith and prepare us for continued good deeds to the glory of our new Cathedral.

The planning of our Mother's Day Luncheon and Fashion Show is finalizing and we hope all can join us on May 11 for a fun, special day that is being planned by co-chairs Irene Kyriacou and Niki Ketchum and their committees. We are honoring two very special Mothers who have worked and contributed much to our community. Come honor them and enjoy a day filled with music, song, good food and great fashion. Check the flyer in this month's *Herald* and send in your reservations. You won't want to miss!

Philoptochos is pleased to once again offer a scholarship for the 2013 year. All those students who are interested may pick

up an application at the office. We will present the scholarship in June along with other Church scholarships.

Make sure you get your Easter Bake order in. Our ladies are preparing the delicious tsourekia, koulourakia and red eggs for your Easter table. They make wonderful gifts for your relatives and friends.

On May 19 we are preparing loukoumathes for a Sunday treat. We call it Loukoumatha Sunday. Yum...so get your appetite ready for these wonderful delicacies. They are worth breaking a diet for!

Once again, on behalf of our members I wish you and your loved ones a blessed Pascha.

With warm regards and love in Christ,

Patricia Aleck

Philoptochos President

Community Link Continues Ministering to Those in Need

Community Link, now in its ninth 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 or would like to join us for a visit, please contact Pauline Oetzel at poetzel@hotmail.com. Upcoming Community Link dates for 2013 are: May 18, June 15, and July 20.

2013-2014 Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America Scholarship Applications Available

Christos and Georgia Trakatellis Fellowship

The Chancellor's Office of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America is pleased to announce that applications are now available to apply for a Fellowship from **The Christos and Georgia Trakatellis Fellowship Fund**. This fund was set up in 2011 by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios and his brother, Prof. Antonios Trakatellis, in memory of their parents, Christos and Georgia. The fund offers Fellowships to graduates of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology who are planning to continue their studies in the Greek language, Hellenic culture and liturgical practice. This study could be part of an established Doctoral or Masters level program, or part of a free program, which, however, should be well structured and clearly defined in view of the above stated purpose of the fund. These studies could take place here or preferably in Greece or the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Constantinople.

Candidates for Fellowships shall be chosen based on "merit" and "need." The amount of the Fellowship is \$3,000 per semester for up to two semesters, totaling \$6,000. One or more full, or partial, Fellowships will be awarded annually.

Complete instructions and applications are now available on the website of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America www.goarch.org/archdiocese/administration/chancellor/2013. Or, candidates can contact the Chancellor's Office (by email at: scholarships@goarch.org or by calling (212) 774-0513) and request an application. The application needs to be completed in full and together with all the necessary documentation, sent to the Chancellor's Office by the April 26, 2013 deadline. Application does not automatically guarantee an award. Each application will be considered individually in conjunction with the supporting documentation provided by each candidate.

WEEKLY CRETAN MUSIC & DANCE WORKSHOP, RIZITES

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

Marriage and Family Retreat Held at Cathedral April 13

The Cathedral held its first Marriage and Family Retreat last April 13, led by guest speaker George Papageorge, MFT. Two presentations were offered by George at the retreat- "Raising Kids with Emotional Intelligence: Insights into the emotional lives of our kids and the parenting styles that promote closeness & confidence" and "Why Marriages Succeed or Fail: An honest look at what we can do to strengthen our relationships." The retreat was well-attended and very well-received, and we thank George once again for his time and expertise! In addition, we also thank the Annunciation Cathedral Youth Committee, who sponsored the event, and our young adults who organized and worked the children's portion of the event!

The goal of the ministry of family wellness is to offer assistance to all families of our parish, by giving tools which will help in any walk of life, ultimately strengthening our relationships with our family members, and with God. In an effort to grow the ministry of family wellness at the Cathedral, we welcome any insight or suggestions from our parishioners. Another seminar will be offered either in the fall of 2013 or spring of 2014.

We are off to a great start!

Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco Summer Camp at Saint Nicholas Ranch 2013

On-line Registration Now Open at www.gosfyouth.org

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco is proud to announce the 33rd year of its Summer Camp Program at Saint Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center in Dunlap, CA. The theme for camp will be "Love One Another" following the directive of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to his disciples in John 13:34 - 35.

Campers will participate in all of the traditional camp activities such as swimming, canoeing, archery, arts and crafts, Olympics, campfires, daily worship services, Orthodox Life discussions and visits to the Monastery of the Theotokos the Life-Giving Spring. However this year there are many new additions to the program so campers will have an even broader and more exciting experience. You won't want to miss it!

Summer Camp is for children 8 years old (or entering 3rd grade in Fall 2013) to 17 years old (or just graduated from High School in Spring 2013).

Dates: Session I: July 7 - 13
 Session II: July 14 - 20
 Session III: July 21 - 27
 Session IV: July 28 - August 3

Pricing: \$425 - Early registration (April - April 30)
 \$445 - Normal registration (May 1 - May 30)
 \$465 - Late registration (June 1 - June 30)

A \$25 discount is offered for each additional child in the same family.

Through a generous grant from Leadership 100, scholarships will again be available this year for families seeking financial assistance. Information is forthcoming so check back to the website.

Early registration is now available. Take advantage of discounted pricing by registering online today at www.gosfyouth.org!

For questions or additional information please contact Paul Gikas, Director,

Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, 415-814-1186, pgikas@sanfran.goarch.org.

Young Adults volunteering at the San Francisco Food Bank



*"Pray for the salvation of others
as you would pray for your own salvation."
- St. John of Kronstadt*

The following pictures are from the following parish events during April:



Greek School March 25th Program



Spithes dancing at the Greek Independence Day Parade



Philoptochos Koulourakia baking



Marriage and Family Retreat

March JOY at the Athanasiades house



YOUTH NEWS

May Sunday School Korner

Calling all Angels!

Now is the time for all girls to sign up to be an Angel (Myrrh Bearer) during Holy Week. Please contact Denise Yeilding to sign up and be part of this wonderful Annunciation tradition. Girls in 3th grade and older are eligible for participation. We welcome College Students home for Holy Week to take the lead. This is a wonderful tradition at Annunciation! Let's get everyone involved. Help needed: volunteers to help with Angels are needed to facilitate the program.

Christos Anesti!

Our children had a wonderful Lenten season in Sunday School and it was capped off by a hugely successful TGI Pascha and our beautiful Angels during Holy Week. 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. We will hold no Sunday School Classes Memorial Day Weekend, May 26th.

The Sunday School of Annunciation Cathedral offers 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. This year's scholarship will be awarded at Sunday School Graduation. Please review attached criteria and application to apply for this year's scholarship. We will award the scholarship at Sunday School Graduation, June 9th.

Plans are underway to prepare for the upcoming 2013-2014

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.

Looking ahead...applications are now available for the *Sunday School Vellis Scholarship*. The first scholarship was awarded June 5, 2011. The Sunday School of Annunciation Cathedral created a scholarship in memory of **Andrew** and **Efrosine Vellis** for their dedication to both the Sunday School and their Church. Please contact the Church office for criteria and application to apply for this year's scholarship. Applications and support materials should be sent to the Church office (**Attention: Vellis Scholarship**) by May 15th, 2013. The Vellis Scholarship will be awarded at Sunday School Graduation on June 2nd. The applicant should be available to receive the Scholarship in front of the community.

Remember, it takes a village. Please contact Denise Yeilding at dyeilding@yahoo.com or Father Nikos to step up and participate.

Join the Annunciation Sunday School Facebook page and "Like" Us!

On our page you will find updates posted regularly about our classes.

I look forward to seeing our many families participate in our many programs over the next two months. This is a wonderful time of year! Thank you for your support.

Denise Yeilding

Sunday School Principal

Youth Groups Active as Great Lent Begins

Our Cathedral JOY was once again well-attended and met Tuesday, April 9 at the home of the **Nuris** family! We played a fun icebreaker game in the backyard, had dinner, and talked about the connection between fasting and forgiveness using the hit pop song "Don't You Worry Child" by the band Swedish House Mafia. We thank **Tom** and **Liberty** for their hospitality and for opening their home to us, and all the parents for bringing their children once again.

Our next event will be a Giants Game in May! Stay tuned for more updates via email and our Facebook page.

DANCE GROUPS PERFORM AT GREEK CULTURAL PARADE

On Sunday, April 7th, two of our dance groups, Thisavri and Spithes, marched and performed at the Greek Independence Day parade and celebration held at the Civic Center Plaza in downtown San Francisco. Parents, grandparents, siblings and other family members joined in the march to pay tribute to our Greek culture and heritage. Zito Ellas! Spithes also had the wonderful opportunity of performing for Greek Feet's annual Greek Glendi on Saturday, April 13th accompanied by the very talented Michael Garibaldi, George Chittenden, and Rumen Shopov.

The dance groups will resume practices after Easter and continue through the end of June, before taking their annual summer break. Anyone interested in joining any of the groups, please contact Irene Kyriacou at (650) 591-0690 or email sassygrk@aol.com.

The dance groups are as follows:

To Mellon (4-5 year olds)

Thisavri (6-8 year olds) - directed by Shareen Fousekis, Irene Kyriacou, Lea Lyberopoulos and Lea Papavasiliou

Spithes (9-13 year olds) - directed by Irene Kyriacou, Lea Lyberopoulos & Lea Papavasiliou

Ekrixi (14 & up) - directed by Michael & Nicole Garibaldi

The schedules for the practices is as follows:

May 19 Thisavri and Ekrixi
June 2 Spithes, Thisavri and Ekrixi
June 9 Spithes, Thisavri and Ekrixi
June 23 Spithes, Thisavri and Ekrixi
June 30 Spithes, Thisavri and Ekrixi

The groups will not practice during July. They will resume practice on August 18.

Greek School Classes Resume

We thank our wonderful teachers and the families that have supported our Greek School this year. This wonderful program continues going strong, with an excellent staff of teachers and growing enrollment each year. Classes are held each Saturday at 10 am.

If you have any questions, or would like to sign up your child for Greek School during the 2013-2014 school year, please contact **Pamfilia Zambelis** at pzambelis@yahoo.com.

"Truth is the foundation of everything that has been created."

- St. John of Kronstadt

Cathedral Young Adults Hold Pre-Sanctified Liturgy and Lenten Dinner in April

Our Cathedral Young Adults held their second annual Pre-Sanctified Liturgy the evening of April 26 at the Cathedral, and was again well-attended. The Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts is a beautiful, moving service that is only celebrated during Great Lent, and is a great experience for all Orthodox Christians and especially for youth. The services were followed by a delicious Lenten dinner at Krue Thai, a new restaurant on 16th and Guerrero.

For more information on any of our youth groups, feel free to contact **Father Niko** at fatherniko@annunciation.org, or visit the "Youth of Annunciation Cathedral San Francisco" Facebook group page.

JOY is open to all youth grades 3-6 and meets on the second Tuesday of each month

GOYA is open to all youth grades 7-12 and generally meets the third Monday of each month

The Cathedral Young Adult group is open to all young adults 22-35(ish)

Altar Group Schedule for May

The schedule for the month will be as follows:

May 5 ANASTASIS- All Altar Servers
Ages 12+
May 12- Group 2
May 19- Group 3
May 26- Group 4

The altar group rosters are as follow:

Group 1- Niko Pezo, Demetri Rally, Stelio Kyriacou, Kosta Lyberopoulos, Andrew Vellis

Group 2- Anthony Obester, Demetri Kontonis, Bobby Kontonis, Niko Manetas, Hari Manetas, Matthew Nuris

Group 3- Steven Flynn, Clint Flynn, Tony Selianitis, Taumaoe Selianitis, Dimitri Selianitis

Group 4- Anthony Tadesse, Jonas Tesfai, Nathan Tesfai, Steven Monolakis, Panagioti Sogotis, Yianni Sogotis

If any families are interested in their boys joining an altar group, who are above the age of 10, feel free to contact **Father Niko Bekris** at fatherniko@annunciation.org. Thank you also to **Nektarios McKnight** for guiding and instructing our altar servers each Sunday. As always, if anyone has any questions or suggestions, feel free to let us know. Thanks!

Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers at Saint Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church.



Sacraments and Services

FUNERALS

Evangeline T. Lagios, who fell asleep in the Lord on March 31, 2013, was buried on April 9. She is survived by her daughter, **Elaine Brose**, and her family.

Aionia i Mnimi! (Eternal Memory!)

BAPTISMS

Jahon Elisha, the son of **Carlos Kentrell Washington** and **Ashorina Medina**, was baptized at the Cathedral on April 6. His sponsor is **Alexander William Georges**.

Na Mas Zisi! (Long life!)

Buy your tickets for Greek educational play “Niara”

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE EVERY SATURDAY BEGINNING ON APRIL 6 AT GREEK SCHOOL...

The Hippo Theatre Group from Thessaloniki, Greece will be in the Bay Area in early June for a wonderful performance of their educational play “Niara”.

Niara is a modern story for children of all ages, including live music and dancing. It is a lively performance which entertains and educates its audience. The story is about an ordinary aristo-cat on a trip of self-discovery. Niara on her journey to the far away land of Portucat passes through many obstacles overcoming many enemies but finding unexpected friends.

Niara is told in a modern story telling mode with influences from musical theatre, with live music and dancing. The actors perform multiple roles and use physical and vocal skills. The performance will be in Greek, while the workshop, which follows, will be in English. The ensuing workshop includes theatrical games and drama techniques.

Tickets for this wonderful performance will be on sale starting this weekend at the Greek School. The cost of the ticket for each child will be 10 dollars. Please pay for your ticket either to Pamfilia Zambelis or to Evdokia Andreades. This money will be used to pay for the cost of the performance.

The performance will occur on the last day of Greek school, June 8th, at Noon. The performance and workshop that follows should conclude by 1:30 pm.

We strongly encourage all our students to attend this event and support this Greek Theatrical Group.

This performance is open to all!!!!!! Feel free to invite friends and relatives to enjoy the show.

“Like a holy epidemic,
renewed love at a church
automatically spreads
outside to offices, factories,
gas stations, convenience
stores, schools, Fortune 500
companies- wherever Christ
lovers find themselves.
Holy love flowing through
the people of God to the
unsaved is a powerful force
for evangelism... Outsiders
who feel that love want to
attend church. And the come
again and again to experience
the love of Christ flowing
through a Christ-exalting
church.”

“First fulfill, then teach.

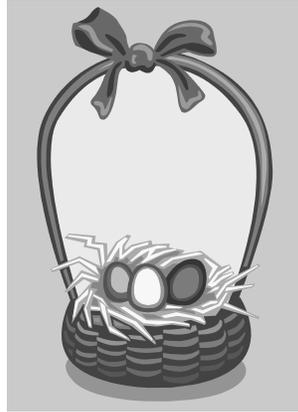
All of the apostles and all of the saints of God adhered to this rule.”

– St. Nicholas the Serb



Agape Easter Dinner

Hosted By
AHEPA Golden Gate Pacific #150/Daughters of Penelope San Francisco Eos #1



Feasting on the traditional complete Easter dinner:
Lamb with Manestra, Freshly Baked Tsourekí, Green Salad, Easter Eggs,
Koulourakía, Wine, Galaktobouriko, and Coffee

Wednesday Evening * May 8, 2013**

Annunciation Cathedral

245 Valencia Street, San Francisco

Reception at 6:30 p.m. *** Dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Cost = \$45.00 per person
Tables of 10 available

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Please make reservations with Foula Vasilogiorgis at (415) 378-7200 or email at foulaki8@gmail.com
or Christi Tsiplakos (650) 992-9619 and send this form along with payment to Christi at: 30 St. James Court, Daly City, CA 94015
MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO EOS#1

Name(s): _____

Number of Tickets: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make reservations by April 29, 2013.

MAY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			Holy Unction, 7 pm	Vesperal Liturgy, 10 am; 12 Gospels 7 pm Basketball, 7-8:30 pm	The Great Hours, 10 am; The Descent from the Cross, 1 pm, and The Lamentations, 7 pm	Greek School, 10 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am; Paschal Vigil, 11 pm; ANASTASIS, midnight
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
St. George Orthros 9 am, Divine Liturgy 10 am	Agape Vespers, Divine Liturgy, 10 am	Adult Greek Class, 7- 9:15 pm Hall Management, 7 pm	Daughters of Penelope Agape Dinner, 6:30	Basketball, 7-8:30 pm	The Life-Giving Fountain, Divine Liturgy, 10 am	Greek School, 10 am Mother's Day Luncheon, 11 am
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Orthros, 9 am, Divine Liturgy, 1 0:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am		Adult Greek Class, 7- 9:15 pm JOY, 6:30	Parish Council, 7:30 pm	Basketball, 7-8:30 pm		Greek School, 10 am Community Link, 9 am; Historical Society, 10:30 am
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Orthros, 9 am, Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am		Saints Constantine and Helen, 10 am; Adult Greek Class, 7- 9:15 pm JOY Giants Game (evening)		Basketball, 7-8:30 pm		Divine Liturgy (at Greek Orthodox Memorial Park), 10 am
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Orthros, 9 am, Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am		Adult Greek Class, 7- 9:15 pm		Basketball, 7-8:30 pm Young Adult Dinner		

"Above all, pray for your spiritual family."

– Father Porphyrios

2013 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

For 2013, the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation will provide four (4) scholarships, as follows:

1. The John N. Pappas Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000.00
2. The Christos Tsikitas Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000.00, and
3. Through the Cathedral Sunday School, the Efrosine and Andrew Vellis Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000.00.
4. In addition to the above, the Annunciation Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos will provide one (1) Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000.00

Please complete and forward the appropriate application to the attention of: The Scholarship Committee, 245 Valencia Street, San Francisco, California 94103 by May 24, 2013

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. For the Vellis scholarship, two letters of recommendation are required, one of these must be from an Annunciation Cathedral Sunday School Teacher. Also, for the Vellis scholarship, applicant must have been a registered student of the Cathedral Sunday School, with regular participation and attendance, or a Sunday School student who has gone on to serve in the altar or as a Sunday School teacher, again, with regular participation and attendance.

- * **A brief resume (2 page maximum)** about yourself including: honors/awards, special skills, extracurricular information, education, and life goals.

- * **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. A member of the Cathedral includes support of the Cathedral through Stewardship. A 2013 Stewardship Pledge Card must have been filed with the Cathedral in order for the scholarship application to be considered.

- * **All Applicants:** Applicants will be notified as soon as possible following the May 24 deadline. Certificates of scholarship will be presented at the Graduation Day Brunch, which will follow the Divine Liturgy, on Sunday, June 9 and which the scholarship recipients are expected to attend.

2013 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. COLLEGE you will be attending in the fall _____
 7. Field of Study: Major_____ Minor_____
 8. Actual Grade Point Average_____ Weighted GPA_____
 9. Date of High School Graduation_____ Career Objectives_____
 10. Name of Parent(s) or Guardian _____
 11. Address (if different from above)_____
 12. Involvement of Applicant with the Cathedral { } Member { } Youth { } Choir { } Sunday School { } Greek School { } Altar { } Dance Group { } Athletics { } Note: Altar Servers and Sunday School students, please indicate years of service. From_____ to_____. Did you participate in the parish Oratorical Festival? Yes { } No { }
Other _____
 13. School Honors & Awards _____
 14. Offices held in Class, School, or Church Organizations _____
 15. Out-of-School Activities _____
 16. Have you received a Cathedral, Cathedral Philoptochos or Vellis Scholarship in previous years? YES { } NO { }
Number_____ Year(s)_____
- (Priority will be given to those who have not previously received a 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_____

UNITED GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF
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“In the end, victory and glory belong to the righteous.

*They need only to arm themselves
with faith and forbearance.”*

– St. Nicholas the Serb

