



ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL HERALD



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First Window Goes In!

On December 15, the first of 135 windows was installed. The window was installed on the ground floor, next to the westernmost of the three double doors which open into the courtyard. The schedule calls for all the windows to be installed by the first week in February. Meanwhile, we are completely done with the metal stud framing and the exterior Densglass (the yellow panels you see on the outside). We have also installed all the plywood and wood blocking on all tile roof areas, as well as the domes. Waterproofing is now being completed. Following the window installation, lath, and plaster will be applied. Things are moving right along and on schedule. The only delays we had were those at the beginning of the project involving the finding of lead in the soil, as well as the delay in our building of the garage south wall, which was resolved by the signing of a dual easement agreement with our neighbors in the adjacent apartment building.

What a thrill as we watch this magnificent house of worship evolve: it represents everything we are and everything we believe as Greek Orthodox Christians. It is also a symbol of the faith that our own generation has cultivated, and what we hope to leave behind, to inspire the generations to come. Those who have viewed the interior are in awe. The space is meant have a

transforming effect, which is how we should feel as we enter the church building for worship.

As for funding, we've noted on a number of occasions that we have raised \$6 million towards this project, with another \$4.7 to go. As of this writing, we've borrowed \$1.4 million from Five Star Bank, against a \$6 million line of credit. As for a projected timetable for completion of the project—we anticipate the exterior of the building will be complete by fall, 2016, at which time we will be able to utilize the garage, which will have a functioning elevator and lobby. We are planning to celebrate the occasion, as we get ready to begin work on the interior of the Cathedral, by holding a **Gala. Saturday, November 5** has been set as the date for the **Gala**. (A save the date will go out soon and further information will be forthcoming, as the committee finalizes its plans.) People ask, "when will we be able to worship in the new Cathedral and when will the consecration take place." All this will depend, of course, upon fund raising. If all goes as planned, and the garage generates the income we project it will, work on the interior can begin in earnest the beginning of 2017. It will take about a year to complete, including appointments and iconography. We would then be looking at utilization of the Cathedral in 2018, and to its consecration to the glory of God well before the community's 100th anniversary in 1921. While all this is challenging, it affords our community the opportunity to articulate a vision for the Cathedral for the next hundred years. Just as the founders of the Cathedral articulated their vision in 1921, it falls to our generation to express our own, in light of the Great Commission. The Great Commission is found in the Gospel according to Matthew. There (chapter 28, verses 19-20), the Resurrected Christ tells His disciples: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

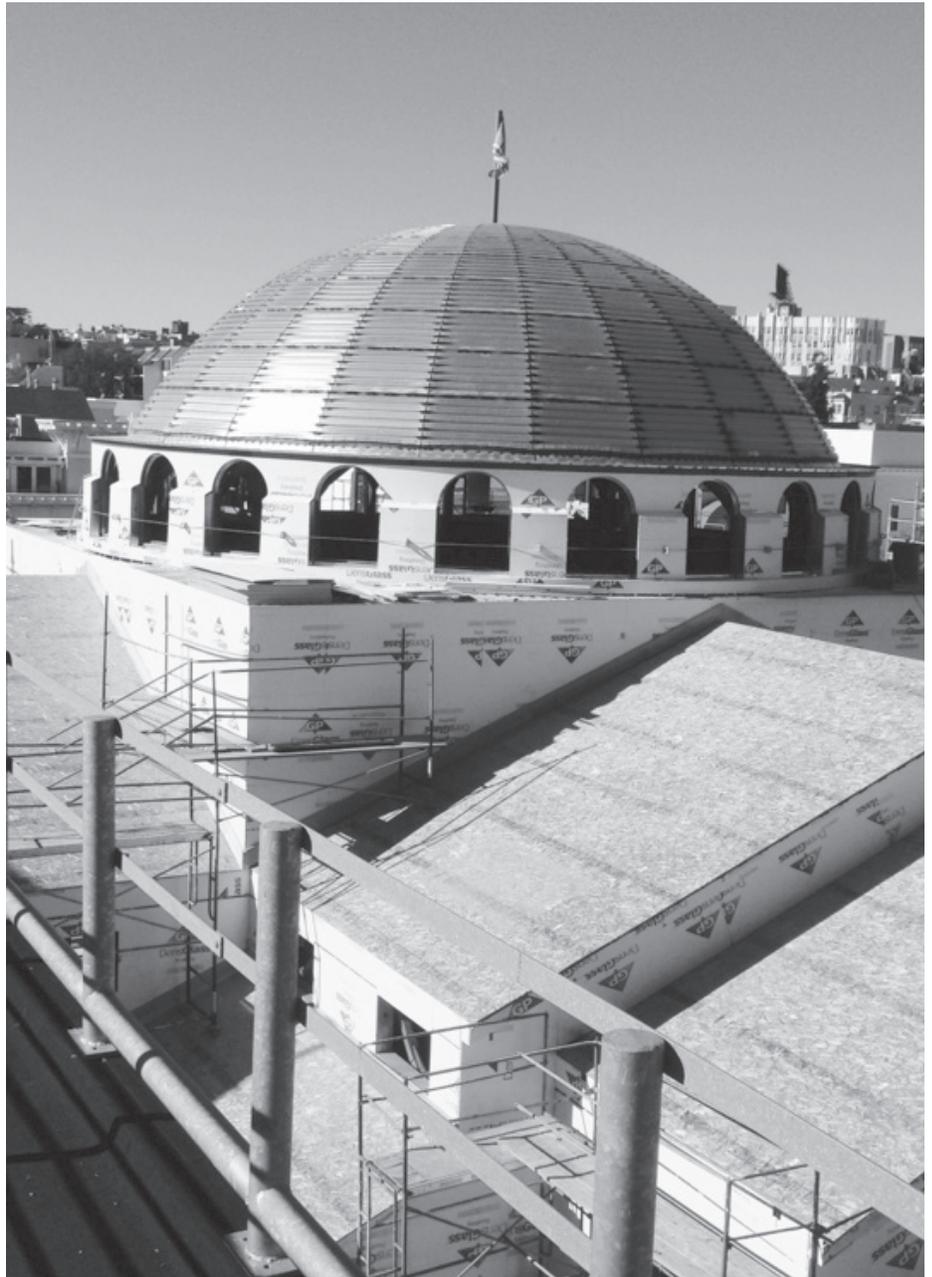
We recall the prophetic words of His All-Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, when he broke ground for the Cathedral on November 6, 1997. At that time he said: "The Church shall be a home for Orthodox Christians from every ethnic and national background. It shall be a house of prayer for all humankind, in which the Holy Name of our Triune God shall be extolled and all of creation sanctified."

May God, to whose glory this Cathedral church is being rebuilt, bless our undertaking, for God is the one who spoke to Moses, then, and who speaks to us, today, saying: "Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you." (Translated from the Septuagint: *ποιήσεις μοι ἅγιασμα, καὶ ὀφθήσομαι ἐν ὑμῖ*). (Exodus 25:8). May we prove worthy of the trust God has in us to rebuild His Church.

Thank you to you, our 2016 Stewards

A church is only as vibrant as the faith of the people who make up the community. Annunciation Cathedral is blessed to have dedicated people, who worship regularly and who contribute, making possible the many ministries offered by their parish. Recently, we've had significant changes in the Cathedral's personnel. This does not, however, diminish the service which the parish offers to you, its parishioners, nor the level of support which the parish enjoys from you, its parishioners. If anything, it energizes our parishioners to expect, rightfully, more and better programs, as we engage in articulating a vision for our parish for its second hundred years.

On December 6, we observed "Stewardship Sunday" at the Cathedral. Through your stewardship, you declared your support of the Cathedral and its ministries for 2016 and beyond. 94 Stewardship pledges were received on that day. Now, is this good? Yes and no. Yes, because it represents just under a third of the level of support we enjoyed in 2015, and we anticipate we should have 350 or so stewards again in 2016. On the other hand, our community has a potential of having 800 stewards. There are at least that many families with whom we communicate on a regular basis, and who consider the Annunciation Cathedral to be their parish church. So, how do we get everyone on board? By keeping at it, by staying the course. By continuing to extend the invitation, as the Lord himself does. As He says in Scripture, specifically, in the Book of Revelation, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock" (Revelation 3:20).



Meanwhile, we pause to acknowledge and thank our stewards. The February 2016 issue of the Herald, which will go to press on January 15, will feature an "honor roll of stewards." In that issue, we will print the names of all those who will have declared their support for 2016. In order to be listed, please forward your 2016 Stewardship pledge card by January 15. If, for some reason, you have misplaced your card, please call the Cathedral office at 415 864-8000, and we will be happy to send you another card. If you prefer, you may pick up a card when you come to the Cathedral for worship, or you may speak with Gus Vouchilas, our Stewardship Committee Chair, or with Father Stephen, fatherstephen@annunciation.org.

Liberty Nuris helps decorate the White House for Christmas

The Cathedral has learned that Liberty Nuris, a parishioner, helped decorate the White House for Christmas. Ms. Nuris applied as a volunteer and was selected as one of 92 individuals from around the country invited to participate in decorating the various rooms of the White House for the holidays. Lib stayed in Washington, D.C. for a week, offering her decorating skills. On the last day, a reception was hosted to thank all the volunteers.

Mrs. Obama personally welcomed and thanked everyone. Some may have seen an HGTV Christmas special, which showed how the White House is decorated at this time of year. We believe this is the first time a parishioner of the Annunciation Cathedral was selected for this honor and we are justifiably proud of Lib and for what she has done.

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)
\$100,000	\$20,000	\$1,666.00	\$54.80	\$27.40	\$18.26	\$13.70
\$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



From the exterior, a little like the old Annunciation! Notice the windows and the central peak. Even the towers, for those who remember the bell towers before they were taken down in the 60s. In any case, the exterior is thoroughly Byzantine. It is typical of Orthodox churches built between the 4th and 9th centuries. The interior is something else. Like Orthodox worship itself, it must be experienced.

Gift Giving to the Capital Campaign

For those parishioners or friends of the Cathedral who wish to make a donation, you may consider donating funds from your stock portfolio. If you were to sell this stock on the open market most likely you will pay capital gain taxes. To avoid paying capital gain taxes, you simply donate the stock to the Annunciation Cathedral, a non-profit 501(c)3 religious corporation.

The stock needs to be publicly traded on one of the exchanges (NY, NASDAQ, etc) then you simply report it on your tax return as a noncash charitable contribution. You get the appreciated value for the donation and do not pay tax on the capital gain. Then all you will need for taxes is a letter of acknowledgment from the Cathedral, with the name of the stock, date of donation and number of shares received. For additional information regarding the transfer of stock to the Cathedral, please contact Father Stephen at fatherstephen@annunciation.org or Angie Leventis at aleventis3@comcast.net.

Parking During Construction

Parking for up to 70 cars is available in the lot behind the Cathedral, at 334 14th Street and on the street. Stewards of the Cathedral are charged only \$5 to park, by showing their; the Cathedral will pay \$7 of the parking cost for Stewards. To pick up a parking pass or to discuss your stewardship, please call the Cathedral office, at 415 864-8000. Street parking is also available on Sundays, especially along the 217' construction zone in front of the Cathedral. For your convenience, an attendant will be on hand each Sunday to monitor the drop off zone and direct parking to the Zenanli lot behind the Cathedral. We kindly ask our parishioners to be considerate of those with disabilities, giving them parking preference in the spaces on Valencia Street.

People ask: Will there be Another Steel Signing?

As you can see, construction of our new Cathedral continues beautifully! Parishioners have asked whether we will hold another steel signing, a second opportunity for those who did not sign the steel the first time. Currently, we are thinking of holding another signing event as soon as the exterior is constructed, that is, when our present contract with McNely has been completed, just before we begin to work on the interior. For, we would like as many people as possible to come and see and feel what is to come and to give glory to God, who makes all things new. More than likely, we'll coordinate this with the November 5, 2016 Gala which is being planned.

4 Elected to 2016-2017 Parish Council; Oath of Office to be Administered on January 3; remaining 4 members to be elected by Parish Council

On December 13, Philippos Athanasiades, Katina Kostoulas, Ph. D., Nicholas Svetcoff, and James D. Vorrises were elected to the Parish Council for a two-year term, 2016-2017. Because there are eight (8) vacancies on the Parish Council this year (of the fifteen (15) elected members, seven (7) are elected one year and eight (8) are elected the following year, to two-year terms; this year eight (8) were to be elected), and only four (4) qualified, the remaining four (4) will be elected when the Parish Council convenes on Sunday, January 3 to elect officers for 2016. At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy that day, the four (4) members who were elected last Sunday will take their affirmation of office. We also thank **Phil and Annette Chiappari** and **Bill Tonas**, who conducted last Sunday's elections.

*“For neither upon one place
nor on a narrow piece of land
is the glory of the Lord settled,
but upon all the ends of the inhabited
world has his grace been poured out
and there the Almighty God settled,
through Christ Jesus, to whom be
glory unto the ages. Amen.”*

MELITO OF SARDIS, THE MYSTERY OF PASCHA

*“He was baptized as a man, but he
destroyed sins as God; he himself
was not in need of purifying rites,
but [he was baptized/he came]
that he might sanctify the waters.
He was tempted as a man, but
he conquered as God; not only
this but he even encouraged [us]
to be courageous, since he had
conquered the world.”* GREGORY OF
NAZIANZUS, ORATION 29:20,

THE MYSTERY OF THE INCARNATION

Purchase on Amazon.com and Support the Cathedral!

As announced, the Cathedral has been receiving small donations from Amazon.com's AmazonSmile program, in which the Cathedral has been enrolled for about a year. If you sign up for AmazonSmile (this is free), Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to a non-profit of your choice, in this case Annunciation Cathedral! Growing this program would be a tremendous help to the Cathedral while shopping on one of the biggest online businesses in the world!!

When making online purchases from Amazon, just select "Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral" as your charity of choice. Here's how to enroll in this program:

- Go to <https://smile.amazon.com> and log in with your Amazon account (if you don't have an Amazon account, you can create one from that web page by clicking on the 'Create an account' link)
- Enter 'Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral San Francisco' in the search field and hit 'Search'
- You should see a single result of 'Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral'. If you see more results, locate the one with 'San Francisco, CA' next to it.
- Hit 'Select' to make the Annunciation your charitable organization choice for your Amazon account.

That's it! When shopping on Amazon this Christmas season, simply sign into <https://smile.amazon.com> for the Annunciation to receive 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases. You'll know you're in the AmazonSmile program because the top left corner of the web page will show 'amazonsmile' instead of 'amazon'.

Because we strive for Accuracy

Occasionally, parishioners bring certain facts to our attention and we make them known, because we strive for transparency and for accuracy. The following was sent to us from George Mattis, a former president of the Annunciation Cathedral's Parish Council. The text of Mr. Mattis' e mail is as follows:

Subject: Point of Information

Father Stephen,

The Bell towers were demolished about 1977 when I was president of the Board, not the 60's. Cleveland wreckers told me that one small shake and they would have fallen onto the choir loft. The inside metal beams were totally corroded at the bases. Later they asked me what we wanted to do with the bell and I told them to put it in the walkway between the two buildings, they were ready to haul it away. I can't remember what the demolition cost was at the time.

The elevator contract was signed by me when I first became president of the Board and work started in 1976. Total contract for re-model and elevator was \$70,000.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and the family...

George

“For no one is able to speak the name of the ineffable god. And if someone dare to say that it is [possible], he is raving with a hopeless madness. And this washing is called illumination, because those who are learning these things are being illuminated in their mind. And the one who is being illumined is washed also in the name of Jesus Christ, who was crucified in the time of Pontius Pilate, and in the name of the Holy Spirit, who through the prophets proclaimed in advance everything concerning Jesus.”

JUSTIN MARTYR, FIRST APOLOGY: ON BAPTISM

“There are two ways, one of life and one of death, and great is the difference between the two ways. So, then, the way of life is this: first, you shall love the god who made you; second, your neighbor as yourself, and whatever you want not to happen to you also do not do to another.”

THE DIDACHE, THE WAY OF LIFE AND DEATH

Once again: Commission for Orthodox Missions and Evangelism has Launched New Website!

As announced in our December, 2015 *Herald*, the Commission for Orthodox Missions and Evangelism (COME), a vibrant ministry of the Metropolis of San Francisco, has recently launched their beautiful new website, which can be seen at www.come-sf.org. Through the diligence of Thomaida Hudainish, now employed by the Metropolis for this ministry and under the leadership of His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos, the leadership of this ministry has committed itself to the following goals:

- Educate and engage the faithful of the Metropolis in Evangelism and Mission
- Fulfill the the Great Commission
- Assist in the establishment and growth of mission parishes to achieve self sufficiency
- Further the work and programs of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) in St. Augustine, Florida
- Enhance inter-jurisdictional cooperation in the establishment of domestic mission parishes

The Metropolis of San Francisco's Strategic Plan, unveiled in 2014, defined three strategic objectives for Missions & Evangelism, which have become C.O.M.E.'s task to fulfill:

- Establish and support Missions & Evangelism Ministries in each parish.
- Plant five new parishes in 10 years.
- Parish Mentoring

Please visit the COME website and pray on how we as individuals and as a community can help with this beautiful ministry!

Introduction to Orthodoxy Class

The Cathedral's Intro to Orthodoxy class, taught by **Alexander Kozak**, has now entered its eighth year! The class is especially intended for those who are thinking about converting to Orthodoxy and for family members and friends who would like to support them on their journey, but it is also open to people who are already Orthodox and who would like to deepen their understanding of their faith.

The class explores Christian theology and practice through reading selections of Scripture, the Church Fathers, the lives of the Saints, and other texts representative of the Orthodox worldview. These readings are the starting point for our discussions, which aim at clarifying doctrine and worship and helping us to discover (or rediscover), week after week, why we belong in the Church. If you are interested in attending the class, please contact **Alexandros Kozák** at orthodoxy-agkozak@sneakemail.com.

Chronia Polla for Namedays in January

You may recall, in past issues of the *Herald*, a list of names appeared of those parishioners who were celebrating their Name Days that given month. The lists were derived from the baptismal names given to the office. Occasionally, there were omissions and we apologize for this. We would like our data base to be up to date, and accurate as possible. Toward this end, we included a space in our 2016 Stewardship Pledge reply "card" where you can list your baptismal name. However, since we currently have no one in the office who works on this data base with Parish Soft, we are unable to reprint the names of those who celebrate their Name Days in January. We are in the process of identifying a person who can work a few hours a week bringing this data base up to speed. If you are that person, and would like to offer your services to the community, please identify yourself. We would very much like to identify people who are celebrating their Name Days during a given month and to publicly extend best wishes.

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, please contact Pauline Oetzel at poetzel@hotmail.com. Community Link is a small group of Annunciation parishioners who visit members of our community who may be confined due to illness or age. Please keep them in your prayers!



Some of our 50 guests at the December Soup Kitchen

Cathedral Soup Kitchen

Although the Soup Kitchen is a Parish-wide undertaking, we are grateful to our Young Adults for taking the lead in preparing and serving the food at our Soup Kitchen the third Tuesday of every month. This month, the Soup Kitchen will take place on Tuesday, January 19, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. In December, we had our greatest attendance ever---over 50 guests! For the December Soup Kitchen, members of the Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos joined the young adults, helped and learned more about this important ministry. The ministry takes time to shop, to cook, to serve. It involves set-up, take-down, and follow through. In addition to feeding the hungry, the Soup Kitchen ministry has a nurse on hand and gives each guest items to take with them—mostly canned or packaged food items, but items to help keep people warm during this increasingly cold time of year. Thank you, all for, in feeding and for reaching out to the hungry, you are feeding and reaching out to Christ Himself.



Some of the Soup Kitchen volunteers with His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos

Cathedral Office Team

In the December *Herald*, we thanked those who have been a huge help to us by helping us put together mailing materials from time to time. At the same time, we noted we have need for volunteering in the office on a daily basis. We are pleased to share with you that Snezana Xenytellis is in the office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. (Every other week, though, she is in the office on Monday rather than on Tuesday.) Mariam Arsinoos, our bookkeeper, meanwhile, is in the office early Monday morning and most of the day on Friday. However, as noted elsewhere in this edition, we would like someone to work a few hours a week doing computer work, entering data in our Parish Soft program (so that we can glean things like Name Days, and communicate with parishioners by e mail and in groups) and preparing mail merges, spreadsheets and the like. If you are interested in helping us in this way, please contact **Father Stephen**, at 415 864-8000 or fatherstephen@annunciation.org.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Happy New Year and Greetings to our Annunciation family from Philoptochos!

We hope your Christmas season was filled with warm memories. We now look forward with anticipation and excitement to the final stages of the outer construction for our new Cathedral. This is certainly going to be a banner year for our entire community!

Congratulation to Annunciation member Stella Vafiadis who won the beautiful and gift filled **Reds to Riches Tree** provided and decorated by our Annunciation Philoptochos at the Metropolis Philoptochos **Light The Path** luncheon held on December 12, 2015. The



Annunciation Cathedral's tree, featured at the Bishop Anthony Philoptochos Student Aid Endowment Holiday Brunch, which was held on December 12 at Ascension Cathedral, Oakland

luncheon was a warm and fun gathering filled with gorgeous trees and Christmas décor and hosted this year by Ascension Cathedral Philoptochos in Oakland, Ca. Close to thirty of our members attended. All proceeds from this luncheon help to provide scholarships to our Seminarians/Students at Hellenic College/Holy Cross in Brookline, Massachusetts. We are the only Metropolis across the Archdiocese who provides our students with such support. We heard presentations by third year Seminarian Christopher Zaferes in the Master of Divinity program and Fotini Dorrance a sopho-

more at Hellenic College. Both spoke to the support our endowment provides them and their goals for the future.

Entertainment for the day was provided by Theodosia Roussos, oboist, soprano and folk artist. She has performed throughout the United States. This delightful event provides the funds for this important ministry of the Metropolis Philoptochos which allows our Seminarians to graduate debt free as they join our Churches.

Philoptochos January events:

Join Philoptochos for our annual **Vasilopita on Sunday, January 10, 2016** immediately following church service. As is our tradition we will serve a champagne brunch in addition serving the wonderful breads to see who receives the coin for good luck for the year. We will charge \$20 for adults and \$10 for children to support our ministries.

Our **Membership** drive for 2016 will take place the months of January through March. We look forward to all becoming members of our hard working chapter. **We are Philanthropy in action.** Look for information that tells all the ministries we support.



All smiles at the Luncheon December 12



Some of the Cathedral Philoptochos members at the Luncheon

YOUTH NEWS

GOYA News

A meeting of the parents of GOYA age children (13 to 18 years old) took place on Sunday, December 13. We thank them for meeting and considering: : 1) articulation of a vision for the Annunciation Cathedral 2) immediate programmatic needs for GOYA, and 3) consideration of volunteer/paid non-parent Youth Worker. A date for parents and children to meet for a meal, for further discussion and for election of GOYA officers, in January, was also considered (parents and GOYAns will be notified by e mail), as were events for our youth, as we go forward. Meanwhile, we thank you, the parents, for your continued vigilance on behalf of our children, as we endeavor to strengthen this youth ministry of our parish.

Annunciation Dance Groups Prepare for FDF

The Folk Dance Festival (FDF) is literally “just around the corner.” It will take place, again this year, in Anaheim, California Thursday, February 11 through Sunday, February 14. We are proud of our groups, the parents, and the directors, for their dedication to this program. The Cathedral’s groups are as follows:

Pre-K group, turning 3 1/2 - 4 in 2015, or entering PreK or Kindergarten in fall 2016
Beginning elementary group, Kindergarten-2nd grade in Fall 2015
Thisavri, 3rd -5th grade in Fall 2015
Spithes, 6th-10th grade in Fall 2015
Ekrixi, 18 and up.

For further information about the dance program, please contact **Lea Lyberopoulos**, dance board president, at karthia808@yahoo.com.

Sunday School News

Our Sunday School held its Christmas program on December 20. The program was followed by a luncheon, prepared by parents of the children in Sunday School. Meanwhile, its music program continues with its aim of familiarizing students with the various hymns of the Divine Liturgy and introducing them to music theories, especially Byzantine notation. Sunday School endeavors to engage our children not only in learning facts about our faith, including its teachings, its saints, and its history, but

molding them into responsible, hopeful Christian young adults whose faith in Christ can help make a difference in the world. Sunday School resumes, following the Christmas break, on Sunday, January 3.

Summer Camp at St. Nicholas

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco is proud to announce the 36th year of its Summer Camp ministry at Saint Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center in Dunlap, CA. Organized by the Metropolis Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, this program is a highlight of youth ministry throughout the year. All three sessions of Summer Camp are for campers ages 8 – 18.

The dates for the 2016 Metropolis Summer Camp are:

Staff Orientation Week - July 5-9

Session I - July 10-16

Session II - July 17-23

Session III July 24-30

Due to high demand, campers are now limited to registering for only ONE session of summer camp.

Pricing for 2016:

\$475 Early Registration (December 1 – February 29)

\$500 Normal Registration (March 1 – April 30)

\$525 Late Registration (May 1 – June 15)

All siblings receive a \$25.00 discount.

Online Registration

Camper Registration and more information is now available online at www.gosfyouth.org.

You can make a deposit now to lock in the “Early Registration” pricing and make payments until June 15. Summer Camp Staff Applications are coming soon and will be available online at www.gosfyouth.org

For questions, please contact Johanna Duterte, Director, Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, JDuterte@sanfran.goarch.org.

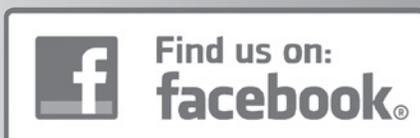
Greek School News

Here is a blurb for greek school!

“Hard to believe half the year is finished for Greek school! We had our annual Christmas celebration on Saturday, December 19th where students sang Greek Christmas songs and told poems, followed by our holiday lunch! It was a festive and beautiful celebration!

If you or someone you know would like to get more information about our school, please contact Anthi Janssens at anthigj@gmail.com or at 415-254-5458. Our Greek school wishes everyone a very happy and Prosperous 2016! Χρόνια Πολλά!” Greek School resumes, following the Christmas break, on January 9.

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Annual Vasilopita and Brunch

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2016

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIVING LITURGY
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AT 415-864-8000 OR EMAIL P_ALECO@SBCGLOBALNET
BY JANUARY 3, 2016



Some of the many Young Adults who attended the Christmas party at the Metropolis House on December 18.



Children of the Cathedral's Greek School, singing the Kalanda during the Christmas program December 19.

Altar Groups in January

Serving in the altar is a wonderful way for our young people to participate in the worship of our church, and learn more about our faith. For the 2015-2016 school year, we are very pleased to announce the altar leaders program! This year, three of the older altar servers will take on the responsibility of coordinating the groups during services each week. We hope to add several more to their ranks in the coming years!

If any families are interested in their boys joining an altar group, who are above the age of 10, feel free to contact Father Stephen at fatherstephen@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!

Our altar schedule for this month is as follows:

- January 3 - Group 1
- January 10- Group 2
- January 17- Group 3
- January 24- Group 4
- January 31- Group 1

Our altar groups are as follow:

Group 1- Stelios Kyriacou, Kosta Lyberopoulos, Andrew Vellis, George Tsokas, Victor Nicolacakis (Demetri Kontonis- Group Leader)

Group 2- Panagiotis Sogotis, Yianni Sogotis, Steven Monolakis, Sean Souza (Niko Manetas- Group Leader)

Group 3- Niko Pezo, Demetri Rally, Steven Chiappari, Gianni Kefalas, Nicholas Shatara (Demetri Kontonis- Group Leader)

Group 4- Nathan Tesfai, Bobby Kontonis, Hari Manetas, Matthew Nuris (Jonas Tesfai- Group Leader)



Children of the Cathedral's Sunday School, wishing everyone a Merry Christmas, during its Christmas program December 20.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

Lennox Moreau (Magdalene), daughter of Blair Payson and Melissa Hackbarth, was baptized on November 14. Her Godparent is Maria Danielides.

Kennedy Alexandra Small (Alexandra), daughter of Zachary Small and Eleni Nicolas, was baptized on December 13. Her Godparent is Joey Perez.

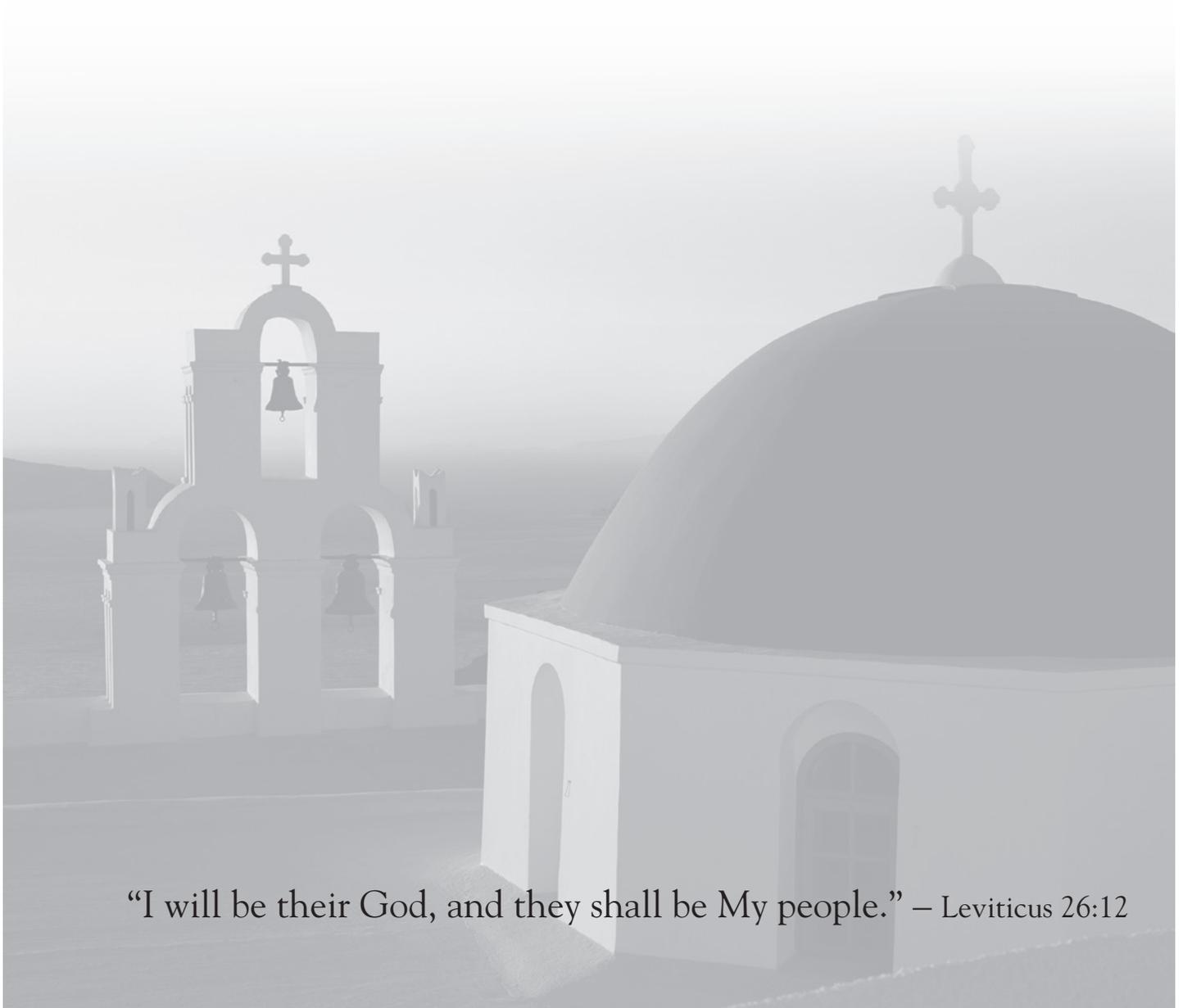
Na Mas Zisoun! Long Life!

J A N U A R Y C A L E N D A R

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Orthros, 9 am Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am Dance Practice, Noon Oath of Office to Parish Council; Parish Council election of officers		Basketball practice 7 pm	Basketball practice 7 pm			Greek School, 10 am Parish Vasilopita
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Orthros, 9 am Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am Dance Practice, Noon Parish Vasilopita		Basketball practice 7 pm	Construction Meeting, 10 am Basketball practice 7 p.m.			Greek School, 10 am
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Orthros, 9 am Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am Dance Practice, Noon Parish Council 12:30 p.m.		Basketball practice 7 pm Soup Kitchen, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Basketball practice 7 p.m.			Greek School, 10 am
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Orthros, 9 am Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am Dance Practice, Noon		Basketball practice 7 pm	Construction Meeting, 10 am Basketball practice 7 pm			Greek School, 10 am Three Hierarchs, Liturgy 10 am
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