

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's letter to the Hebrews Chapter 4, Verses 14-16, Chapter 5, Verses 1-6: BRETHREN, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark Chapter 8, Verses 34-38, Chapter 9, Verse 1:The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

PHILOPTOCHOS EVENTS

March 25th Luncheon-Following Church services Philoptochos will hold a catered lenten luncheon on this special day to celebrate the Feast Day of the Annunciation. Cost will be \$25/person.

Easter Bake Sale-Place your orders for Tsoureki (\$25/each) and Koulourakia (\$20/dozen). Order deadline is April 7th and pick up on Palm Sunday April 13th from 12n-2p. We will have a table set up in the gym to take orders.

Mother's Day Luncheon- Combine your 70's inner disco style with the wonders of the grecian isles and celebrate Momma Mia: A Journey Through Greece. The 63rd annual luncheon and fashion show will be held May 10th at Annunciation Cathedral. For reservations or information contact: [grace.koutoulas@annunciation.org](mailto:grace.koutoulas@annunciation.org)

**STEWARDSHIP:** Stewardship is the foundation of everything we do as a parish. It supports our ministries, programs, outreach, and the care and maintenance of our beloved Cathedral. Your commitment is not only vital to sustaining our work but also to building a stronger future for our community. Please visit [www.annunciation.org/pledge](http://www.annunciation.org/pledge). or if you prefer, you can still complete a Stewardship card for 2025 at the Cathedral, and we continue to accept cash and check donations. Your support makes everything we do possible, and together we can continue to build a parish that honors our faith, supports our families, and serves as a beacon of Orthodoxy for the San Francisco Bay Area.

**SALUTATIONS:** This **Friday, March 28th at 6pm**, we will celebrate the **4th Salutations** service.

**PALM SUNDAY COURTYARD DEDICATION AND LUNCHEON:** Join us on **Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025**, as we dedicate the **Cathedral Courtyard** in honor of **Reverend Father Stephen H. Kyriacou**, whose leadership guided our community through the rebuilding after the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake and laid the foundation for our new Cathedral. The dedication will take place immediately following the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy.

After the ceremony, we invite you to a festive luncheon, with all proceeds benefiting the **Building Fund**. Luncheon tickets are **\$40 per adult / \$20 per child (12 & under)**. Reserve your spot by visiting [www.annunciation.org/events](http://www.annunciation.org/events)

**EGGS FOR PASCHA:** We are asking our families to each donate one dozen dyed red eggs for Pascha this year. Philoptochos is coordinating this effort so please reach out to a Philoptochos member to have your eggs included this year to be handed out on Holy Pascha.

**NOTICE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY – MARCH 30** In accordance with the Uniform Parish Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, a General Assembly will be held on **Sunday, March 30**, immediately following Divine Liturgy. All 2025 stewards of the Annunciation Cathedral are invited to attend this important gathering as we discuss the ministries of our Parish and provide key updates on the future of our community. Your participation, input, and ideas are invaluable as we work together to strengthen and grow our Cathedral. We look forward to seeing you there!

**AN INVITATION TO HOST COFFEE HOUR:** As part of our revitalized coffee hour program, we're calling on all ministries, organizations, and our parishioners (individually or in teams!) to sign up to host one or more coffee hours over the course of the new year. We'll supply the coffee/ cream/ sugar, tablecloths, napkins, utensils – and you supply the goodies (e.g., pastries, donuts, bagels, small sandwiches, fruit/vegetable/cheese platters and assorted dips, or other similar items). **Note:** during the Lenten season (Mar 3 - Apr 19) was ask that the food items be suitable for the Lenten fast – i.e., no meat or dairy, please. We're currently seeking hosts for the month of April (6<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>). Please reach out to Irene Melitas ([irene.melitas@annunciation.org](mailto:irene.melitas@annunciation.org), or, 925.212.8561) to sign-up and learn more.

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN:** Every third Tuesday of the month, we come together to prepare, serve, and share a hot meal with those in our neighborhood. Our next gathering will take place **Tuesday, April 15**. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up at [www.annunciation.org/ck-signup](http://www.annunciation.org/ck-signup). If you are unable to volunteer but would like to support this important ministry, please consider making a financial donation at [www.annunciation.org/ck-donate](http://www.annunciation.org/ck-donate)

**COMEDY NIGHT WITH BASILE:** Join us for a night of laughter on **Friday, April 25th, 2025** at the Annunciation Cathedral with the one and only Basile the Comedian.. General Admission: \$50 per person. VIP Meet & Greet and preferred seating: \$85. per person. Purchase tickets at [www.annunciation.org/basile](http://www.annunciation.org/basile)