

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul’s letter to the Hebrews Chapter 9, Verses 11-14: BRETHREN, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark Chapter 10, Verses 32-45:At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

**PHILOPTOCHOS EVENTS:**

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)

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:** Today’s Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of **Demetrius (Jim) Rally**, 10 years since his passing. May his memory be eternal! Αιώνία η μνήμη!

**TODAYS COFFEE HOUR:** is being hosted by the Rally family in memory of their beloved father Jim. Αίωνία η μνήμη!

**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.

**LAZARUS SATURDAY PALM CROSS TYING:** We will be tying our Palm Crosses in preparation for Palm Sunday on **Saturday, April 12** following Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday. We invite all of our youth and parents to participate in the tying of the Palm Crosses. There will be lunch and an outing in the city to follow!

**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 Hierarchical 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)

**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 (27<sup>th</sup>) and May (4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<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)