Sacraments & Services

BAPTISM
Sarah Marie Greco, daughter of John Greco and Patricia Ann Mosher, was baptized at the Cathedral on August 30. Her sponsors are Ramsey Kubein and Muna Naber.

WEDDING
The marriage of Petros Athanasios Papageorge and Nicole Marie Balian was blessed at the Cathedral on September 12. S. Christopher Kyriacou is their sponsor.

Na ma Zinon! (Long life!)

FUNERALS
Frances (Vidal) Stuart, who fell asleep in the Lord on August 28, was buried on September 2. She is survived by her sons, Peter G. and Anthony Colla, daughter-in-law Claudia and brother, Marco Vidal.

Aionia I Mnimi! (Eternal memory!)

Prayer is the strength of the body,
The prosperity of the household,
The good order of the city,
The might of the Kingdom,
The victory in war, the security in peace,
The unity of those divided,
The constancy of those united.

Saint Gregory of Nyssa
Fourth Century

OCTOBER 2009

PAT ALECK, GUS VOUCHILAS SELECTED AS SPIRIT OF STEWARDSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Metropolis of San Francisco has established a “Spirit of Stewardship Awards” banquet honoring the faithful stewards of the Metropolis, on the occasion of the Feast Day of St. Gerasimos. The event will take place at the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Parish Hall, 60 Davis Street, San Jose, CA on Saturday, October 10, beginning at 6 p.m., with a cocktail reception and silent auction, and continuing with dinner and the program at 7 p.m. The parishes of the Metropolis were asked to name two individuals who embody the spirit of stewardship. The Annunciation Cathedral has named Patricia Aleck and Gus Vouchilas, past Stewardship Committee Chair and current Stewardship Committee Chair, respectively, of the Cathedral. A brief write-up about both appears below. Parishioners of the Cathedral are encouraged to attend the celebration and honor Pat and Gus for their service, along with His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco, on the occasion of the Feast Day of his Patron Saint. The donation is $75 per person. Tables of ten are available. For reservations and additional information, please contact Terry Kylan at 408 365-0774.

PATRICIA ALECK
Pat Aleck and family have been long time and devoted parishioners of the Annunciation Cathedral Family. A graduate of Lowell High school and San Francisco State University, where she obtained her Master’s degree and Teaching Credential, she started a career in the education field serving in many areas of the educational environment until her retirement. Following her family’s example of contribution and example she began her service to the Cathedral by first teaching in the Sunday School Ministry for a number of years. She has served in many areas of the Church life including terms as Treasurer, Vice President and President of the Parish Council. She has chaired many fundraising activities.

GUS VOUCHILAS
Gus Vouchilas began his service to the Annunciation by serving as an acolyte. His eight years of service in the altar helped guide his future years at the Cathedral. As a teen, Gus joined GOYA and became involved in its youth activities. In later years, Gus served on the Annunciation cooking committee which prepared and delivered monthly meals to a local home which houses those less fortunate. Years later, Gus helped launch Community Link, a Cathedral organization which continues to provide caring hearts to parishioners in need.

Since 2004, Gus has served on the Parish Council of the Annunciation. While on the Council, Gus embraced Stewardship by beginning his service through chairing the committee and working on Stewardship communication, administration, Stewardship Sunday events, and the Cathedral Godparent Sunday event. He has been dedicated toward developing a Stewardship program which provides a strong infrastructure and which parishioners are proud to support.

Most recently, Gus has joined the faculty of Sunday School where he continues to enjoy teaching the 7th and 8th grade students.

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events, capital campaigns and galas at the Cathedral and has been a member of many committees of the Ministries of the Church. She served as Stewardship Chair for a number of years working to educate and raise the level of commitment to Stewardship from Parishioners to the Cathedral. She currently serves in the Annunciation Philoptochos, on the Metropolis Philoptochos board and the National Philoptochos serving on committees including Kids-N-Cancer, AIDS, Autism and Audit. Her energy and enthusiasm also has extended to being part of many organizations in the Hellenic community. With her can do attitude, great smile and welcoming personality she continues her time and talent to community and Church. She served as stewardship Chair for a number of years working to educate and raise the level of commitment to Stewardship.

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FESTIVAL 2009
A GREAT SUCCESS
NOW HISTORY

A s this issue went to press, the Annunciation Cathedral was concluding its Food Festival, which was held September 25, 26, and 27, on the Church’s grounds at 245 Valencia Street. The Festival was a great success, both in the record number of people who attended and because the festival benefited the Cathedral’s building fund. For the first time ever, the Souvenir Festival Book, which is published in connection with the Festival, brought in over $50,000., thanks to the efforts of a hard-working committee and generous advertisers and sponsors. The proceeds will benefit the Cathedral’s building fund. The schematic designs for the new Cathedral were included in this year’s Souvenir Festival Book, affording everyone a glimpse of things to come. Congratulations to all. This year’s festival, now history, was, indeed a great event. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

PARISH ASSEMBLY: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

Parishioners of the Annunciation Cathedral are invited to attend the second Parish Assembly for 2009 (the first was held on March 15), to take place in the Cathedral’s Korinthias Hall on Sunday, October 18, following the Divine Liturgy. The Agenda is as follows:

Opening Prayer
1. Election of Assembly Chair
2. Reading/Approval of the March 15, 2009 Minutes of the Parish Assembly
3. Treasurer’s Report
4. Reports:
   a. Stewardship
   b. 2008 Festival
   c. Youth
5. Plans for rebuilding the Cathedral Church
6. Report of the Board of Auditors
7. Report of the Nominating Committee (Following their report, the Nominating Committee effectively becomes the Board of Elections. As such, it will oversee the Parish Council elections, which will take place on Sunday, December 13, 2009, following the Divine Liturgy. Those elected will serve a two-year term.)
8. Election of Delegates to the Metropolis Clergy-Laity Congress (St. Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center, February 8-9, 2010)
9. Old Business
10. New Business
Closing Prayer

Parishioners in good standing (that is, those who are ecclesiastically in good standing with the Orthodox Church, as defined in the Archdiocese Regulations, and who have met their stewardship obligations to the Cathedral) may participate in the Parish Assembly. Quorum requirements, as defined in the Parish By-Laws are: 75% of the Parish Council (i.e. 12 out of 15 members), an equal number of other parishioners in good standing, plus the Dean of the Cathedral or, if fewer than 12 members of the Parish Council are present, then 75 parishioners in good standing, plus the Dean of the Cathedral.

SUCCESS
A GREAT FESTIVAL 2009

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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 eschatology, 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 Hilaron

The Orthodox Church has always placed great emphasis on fasting. We fast on Wednesdays because it is the day on which Jesus was crucified. Fasting helps us remember that these are special days in the history of salvation.

Rev. Fr. Anthony Comarz
Making God Real in the Orthodox Christian Home

An important part of a child’s education is storytelling, since good stories excite the imagination and strengthen the bond between parent and child. Stories from the Bible are preferred, and the child should repeat them often, to underscore full comprehension.

Saint John Chrysostom

ONOMASTIKHAN, O KÔTAS BOUSTIAS KAI H PANAIG WITH A GREEK NAME, 'PARAEGHMIKON ENOPHES'

The Hellenic of the Agios Phakelias urobou thes a prospora to o anaplases "paraegihmikos enopites" to eudia dein to o ito o organon en en sindiasia me to eorth e to Agios Gerasimos. Sýmfono me to prógramma autó, oi koivótpites to Ierás Mityrópilés ekleunon duo "paraegihmikos enopites". O Kadosixos onós ómophke to Yógita Boustis kai thn Panaigóto Láxeptidóulo. O Kóttas einai pródechos ths eipitrophs stis Stouvarntip, ena h Panaigóto xarímpate pródechos ths eipitrophs epí polía ét. Koi o die o ergázeite apoletismatiká gia to kaló ths Koivótpités kai o die o einai méll to koivótpito tis Sýmbilov iftisofth to Kadosixo Nao. To deín to lóbeta chría sth Koivótpito Ánthousa ths Koivótpitos to Agió Nýkolou. Svno Xóto to Sýmbelto, 10 Októwbrivou, stis 7 m. p. o o kóttas gíne deóxías, stis 6 m. p. Kalo bátan óla to méll to Kadosixo Nao na pareureqoun sto déitno, timaini to kai thn Sebabmatistikí Mityrópilíta má. K. Gerásimo, gia thn omoiômati to eorth. Gi b káleite thesies threstíneite sto Téru Kéllan, sto 408 365-0774.

BOUTSILAS KAI H PANAGI NAOMASETHIKA O KÔTAS BOUSTIAS KAI H PANAIGÓTO LÁXEPTIDÓULO, "PARAEGHMATIKON ENOPITETE"
BUILDING UPDATE: WHAT'S HAPPENING?

A lot has been happening since we last reported in the September Herald. As noted, the Cathedral’s architect has completed the schematic drawings. Schematic drawings are preliminary drawings. The September Herald featured the ground floor plan. The remaining drawings were included in this year’s Festival Souvenir Book, affording parishioners a glimpse of things to come. As the October Herald went to press, a preliminary review of the drawings was held by the Planning Department of San Francisco. The purpose of the review was to inform the City of the specifics of our project. The Cathedral believes its arguments are sound, and that the Planning Department will give it the “green light” to proceed to the next stage, which is the design stage. At this point, we will be working with a contractor, who will be able to cost out the construction, both with respect to what it will cost for the entire project, and how much the various components of the project (the dome, the baptistry, the holy steps, the iconostasis, etc.) will cost. At this point, we will have a project, which will be brought to the community for its input, discussion, and vote. Until then, all we will have done is the ground work or preparation work required to develop a project proposal. We will discuss this in further detail at the Parish Assembly, to be held Sunday, October 18.

Meanwhile, our architect, John Goldman, has gone to Italy and to Constantinople to further study famous Byzantine churches. He visited San Vitale in Ravenna, and other churches there. In Constantinople, he visited Hagia Sophia, Hagia Eirene, the church of Sts. Sergius and Bacchus, and the Chora monastery. With the exception of the latter, all the churches date to the sixth century and are considered to be the epitome of Byzantine church architecture. Ravenna was a Byzantine stronghold under the Emperor Justinian, and the structures there are due mainly to his building program. On September 14, John was in Ravenna, visiting the church of San Vitale. This is what he tested: “This is possibly the greatest church I have ever seen. It is incredibly brilliant, inventive, resolved and beautiful. Also, the mosaics are extraordinary. Whatever you have heard about the greatness of this place does not give it justice. Language is inadequate to describe this church.” Then, two days later, John visited Constantinople. He e-mailed: “Fr. Stephen, I was amazed yesterday by Hagia Sophia and took many photos. The spaces are wonderfully formed, as are the details. However, I was not able to experience the entire central space at once because a massive scaffolding was set up right in the middle of the nave, below the dome, for mosaic restoration. The mosaics are fantastic at Hagia Sophia, as it is the light. I spent around four hours there experiencing everything and photographing the building. Today I went to visit one of the administrators for Hagia Sophia and Hagia Eirene. I brought our Annunciation drawing. (continued on next page)
Haghia Eirene, domes and vaults

left me alone, because in the six page form I filled out to gain access to the church I said I needed at least an hour. He reappeared after an hour, but did not push me to speed things up and left me alone to finish. The experience was definitely one of the highlights of my life. Being in such a great building with no tourists, all alone, to experience it and photograph it and walk around it at my own pace in exactly the way I wanted to, was something I will never forget as long as I live. Attached are a few previews. [Four views of Haghia Eirene were forwarded, which we have reprinted. Note: The Ecumenical Patriarchate was moved from Haghia Sophia to Haghia Eirene when the Ottomans took Constantinople in 1453. Then it was moved again, to the Church of the Holy Apostles, a fourth time to Panaghia Pammakaristos and, finally, to St. George, where it is located today. Haghia Eirene was never turned into a mosque. It was used to store artillery. Today it is used for mosaic restoration.]

Father Stephen e-mailed back: “John, I am grateful to receive this e-mail, as well as the text message you sent on Monday when you visited St. Vitalis in Ravenna. Amazing, absolutely amazing, what civilizations were able to construct at that time, entirely of masonry, without the benefit of steel and modern engineering and equipment. I can see why Vladimir’s emissaries said, “We did not know whether we were in heaven or on earth, so beautiful is this place.” (Russian Primary Chronicle, ca. 900) Sorry about the 280 lira. But, as you say, well worth the experience. If you are still in Istanbul, there are the 6th century Church of St. Sergios and Bacchus, an octagon, replete with inscriptions in Greek, being used as a mosque, as well as the Church of Chora, much later, but known for its magnificent mosaics. The latter one functions as a museum and is just outside the walls, going west. Enjoy the rest of your stay in the Queen City (as Constantinople was known for most of its 1,000 plus years, and as it is still known in ecclesiastical circles). Make sure to savor the food and take in the sights in this most spectacular city, situ...
YOUTH FOR THOUGHTS

“What is Love?” Part 1 of 4 By Rev. Deacon Nikos Bekris

Is there any word in the English language that is thrown around as much as “love”? How about in any other language, for that matter? It is the word “love” everywhere. Is there any song on the radio these days that is not about this word? How often do we see this topic in popular culture? How many clothing lines, backpacks, school supplies, you name it—have hearts on them or other love-themed pictures? We hear people using this word often in public, when saying something like “Oh, I love that!” or “I’m in love.” Certainly, everyone seems to know what love is, and I’m pretty sure everyone has an idea of what it means to be “in love.” But truly, despite how often we hear this word, do we really know what love is?

I think it’s safe to say that we love something when it has a lot of meaning for us, or when we, really, really, enjoy something—a good restaurant, a movie we really enjoyed, maybe a song, a piece of jewelry, or anything else, we say that we “love” it. What about a person? We all love our parents, relatives and friends we meet in our lives, which is definitely a kind of love. What about a special someone in our life? One day we find ourselves in the presence of someone we find attractive, someone we’d like to get to know more about and be around. We find that we have butterflies in our stomach when we see them, we want to know more about them, and more than anything we really want them to like us back. When this happens, we say that we “have a crush” on this person, or we “like” this person, or we’re “in love with” this person. Here is where our question comes in…

There’s no doubt that love, to a degree, is an emotional response. Those butterflies in our stomach are our blood rushing and hormones getting amped up. But why does this reaction happen? Is it just because we find the person physically attractive? Is it simply because we’re infatuated with them? That’s probably part of it, but not all of it. Someone’s personality plays a part, doesn’t it? Even if a person is very attractive, are we just as inclined to want to be in a relationship with them if that person is mean and acts like a jerk? We probably don’t have the same feelings for them after that, do we?

The truth is that romantic love is just as much a spiritual reaction as it is a physical one. When we find that we are “in love with” someone, part of it is because our soul wants to have a special relationship with that person. Something about that person’s soul connects with us. Have you heard a story of someone meeting their future spouse, and as soon as they saw them, they knew they were meant to marry them? I felt this happen to me, and I am convinced it is a reaction of a person’s soul. As I heard a dear priest once say to me, it’s “two hearts speaking to one another.”

Think about this: God is love (1 John 4:8), and therefore whatever true love we feel has been created by God. God wants to have a special relationship with each of us, and we, too, since we’ve been created in His image and likeness, feel this as well—someone’s heart connecting with ours. Physical attraction is healthy, since God has given us these feelings as well. If we are to have a healthy relationship, however, even a “healthy crush,” physical attraction cannot be the only attraction we feel, and we should not be duped by pop culture into thinking it is. So what is love? “Love” is an emotional reaction, yes, and something physical, but it is also very much a function of our soul, something we truly realize in our faith in Jesus Christ who loves each of us. With this in mind, we can be guided to a healthy idea of love, and who we are “in love with.”

Now what about dating…?

5. A luncheon on December 6. We will celebrate the conclusion of the Stewardship campaign by means of a fellowship meal. How appropriate that this day coincides with the Feast of St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra in Lycia (Asia Minor). St. Nicholas is a prime example of Christian stewardship.

The Cathedral’s Stewardship Committee invites your continued involvement, suggestions and support.
HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL TO CELEBRATE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the building of Holy Trinity Cathedral (OCA), located at Van Ness and Green Streets, San Francisco. The parish was established in 1864. However, the church was destroyed by the 1906 earthquake, and was rebuilt. To celebrate, a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Sunday, October 11, which is a Saturday. The Liturgy will begin at 10 a.m. Father Stephen invites members Annunciation Cathedral to join him at this Liturgy. At 1 p.m. a banquet will take place at Fisherman’s Grotto.

The suggested donation for the banquet is $35 per person ($10 per child). Reservations are required. Please call Holy Trinity and let them know of your attendance. Their number is 415 673-8565. On Sunday, October 18, a second Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be celebrated, followed by a buffet lunch at the church. Reservations are not required for this event. The Annunciation Cathedral extends congratulations and best wishes to Father John Takahashi, Dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral, and to his parishioners on this centennial and pray that it may continue in its service to the Lord and His Holy Church.

ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL, HOLY TRINITY TO FURTHER WORK TOGETHER, LITURGICALLY, PROGRAMMATICALLY

As everyone knows, San Francisco is home to two Greek Orthodox parishes, the Annunciation Cathedral and the Holy Trinity Church. For many years, the two parishes have worked together, liturgically and programmatically, in serving their respective parishioners and all our Orthodox Christian faithful. For example, the Christmas Divine Liturgy has been celebrated at Holy Trinity on Christmas Eve, while at the Cathedral it is celebrated Christmas morning. Also, for their respective feast days, the two parishes do not hold concurrent services but attend each other’s churches. For example, the clergy and parishioners of Holy Trinity come to Annunciation for March 25th. In turn, Annunciation’s clergy and parishioners go to Holy Trinity the day after Pentecost. Programmatically, Holy Trinity parishioners have participated in Annunciation’s summer camp program. Annunciation’s youth, in turn, have attended events, such as the Divine Liturgy at Holy Trinity. We could go on and mention Community Link, a program in which parishioners of both communities participate. Members of the program visit homebound seniors on a regular basis.

Recently, Father Aris Metrakos and Father Stephen Kyriacou met to discuss opportunities for further working together between the two parishes. The meeting took place on September 5, Feast of the Birth of the Theotokos. Both priests noted the attendance at their respective Liturgies on that day, welcoming the opportunity to work out a schedule for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy on similar Holy Days, when attendance tends to be small, in one or another of the churches, but not both. A discussion took place at a recent meeting of Annunciation’s Parish Council and those individuals who attended the Divine Liturgy at Annunciation on September 8 were polled. While we work together to better serve our respective communicants, we welcome your input and suggestions.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NATIVITY OF CHRIST ON ITS 40TH

This year also marks the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Nativity of Christ Greek Orthodox Church in Novato. A celebration will take place on Sunday, October 11, with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy at the church and a banquet in its fellowship hall. The evening celebration will begin at 4 p.m. with a reception, followed by dinner at 5:30 p.m. There will be dancing to the music of Helios Band. For reservations and further information, please call the church at 415 883-1998. The Annunciation Cathedral will be represented at the banquet by Deacon Nikos Bekris and his wife, Stella, who grew up in the Nativity of Christ parish. The Cathedral extends to Father Constantine Efstratiu, Pastor of Nativity of Christ Church, and to his parishioners congratulations and best wishes on this 40th anniversary celebration in the life of the parish and prays that it may continue in its service to the Lord and His Holy Church.

MORE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

It certainly is great for all the kids to be back in Sunday School! All of our classrooms have gotten beautiful new furniture and icons have been placed in every room, come and see for yourself. These rooms are your children’s classrooms and much thought has been given to how best we can serve their needs. Welcome to three new teachers who have joined our staff. Our new teachers will be instructing in kindergarten and second grade. We look forward to working with the new members of our staff throughout this coming year and thank them for their service to our Church.

You are invited to Father Stephen for visiting the classrooms on Sept. 20th and for greeting all the kids. An inspirational welcome to the students from Father Stephen is always a wonderful way to begin the school year. Along that same line, Father Stephen and Denise Yelling request that all parents of Sunday School children, no matter what age, should plan to attend the Parents Meeting after Liturgy on October 4. The location of the meeting will be announced by Father Stephen on that day.

Our ever popular annual Halloween party will be held immediately following Liturgy on Oct. 25th. Students can change into their costumes after the Liturgy. Please do not bring your children to Sunday School in their costumes. It is not permissible for them to be in the Chapel or to receive Holy Communion while in costumes.

Thanks to all who supported the Sunday School by buying icons and books from the Sunday School booth at the Food Festival. It was great to see everyone there.

Please remember Sunday School begins promptly at 10:30 a.m. Please note the following first semester dates:

10/04/09 Regular classes held
10/09/09 Sunday school Parent’s Meeting Immediately following Liturgy
10/11/09 Regular classes held
10/18/09 Regular classes held / Parish Assembly
10/25/09 Regular classes held Sunday School sponsored Halloween event
11/01/09 Regular Classes held / Daylight Savings
11/08/09 Teaching Liturgy held in church for all
11/15/09 Regular classes held / Food Drive Begins /
Stewardship Campaign Begins
11/22/09 Upper School students to learn about St John Chrysostom &
Oratorical Festival
12/06/09 Entire School to participate in Stewardship Campaign kickoff
12/09/09 Philoptochos Thanksgiving Luncheon following
Sunday School
12/16/09 Thanksgiving Day / Family Worship
Sunday School sponsors coffee hour/donuts
12/19/09 Thanksgiving weekend NO Classes Held
12/23/09 Family worship Day
12/26/09 Preparation for Xmas Program in classes
12/31/09 Christmas Program & Luncheon/ Food Drive Ends
12/31/09 Parish Elections Held
1/02/10 No classes held / families worship in Church
1/09/10 No classes held / families worship in Church

GREEK SCHOOL TO BEGIN, BUT WHEN?

Last year, the Cathedral was pleased to offer Modern Greek to young children, ages 5 and above. The Cathedral wishes to continue this service for the 2009-2010 school year. 1) We are in search of a teacher and 2) We wish to hear from parents with respect to their commitment to bringing their children to “Greek School,” as well as the date and time which is most convenient to them. For the 2008-2009 school year, the class met on Saturdays, from Noon to 2 p.m. However, as the children get older and get involved in more extra-curricular activities, Saturdays at noon may no longer be a convenient time for most parents. Some have said a 9 a.m. start time is better. Others have indicated a weekday afternoon works best. We are, therefore, asking parents to e-mail Pamfilia Zambelis, Coordinator of the Greek School program, at pamfilia.Zambelis@kp.org and indicate their preference.

Those interested in teaching are also asked to contact Mrs. Zambelis at the above e-mail address, or Father Stephen, at the Cathedral, at 415 864-8000.

Speaking of “Greek School,” some people have inquired about Greek classes for adults. The Cathedral would like to be able to offer this service to the community, again this year. Please indicate your interest by calling the Cathedral at 415 864-8000 or e-mailing the Cathedral, at office@annunciation.org. The class will be convened according to interest and proficiency level.
The nonprofit organization The Blade and Light Society will help defray poor. She has a large infiltrating basal cell cancer very close to her left eye. If this is not treated soon, she will lose vision in her left eye. It is also causing scarring, but this will heal over time. In Greece there are no Mohs surgeons, so they will remove part of her eyelids, it will require special plastic surgery. She will have to stay in the hospital for a few days, given the proximity to her eye. Because the surgeons will probably have to go into her eye, the operation will be more serious and it will require hospitalization. The patient’s name is Paraskevi Chatzidakis.

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