



# Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral

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Sunday Bulletin

July 8, 2018

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew

The Holy Great Martyr Procopius  
Theophilus the Myrrhbearer of Pantokrator Monastery  
Appearance of the Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos of Kazan

**Plagal First Mode \* Sixth Eothinon**

*PLEASE NOTE: During the Cathedral Expansion construction period,  
Sunday Services will be held in the Martel Hall*

**Sunday Service Schedule**  
**8:15 am Orthros + 9:30 am Divine Liturgy**

**Welcome to all our visitors worshipping with us today!**

We're glad you're here! Please join us at our Fellowship Coffee immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Visit the Welcoming Committee table to meet fellow parishioners and learn more about our community.

*Please silence all mobile devices while in the Holy Sanctuary. Thank you.*

## Special Hymns at Liturgy:

### Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal First Mode

Let us worship the Word, O ye faithful, praising Him that with the Father and the Spirit is co-beginningless God, Who was born of a pure Virgin that we all be saved; for He was pleased to mount the Cross in the flesh that He assumed, accepting thus to endure death. And by His glorious rising, He also willed to resurrect the dead.

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν, ὅτι ἠυδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγεῖραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

### Apolytikion for Great Martyr Procopius in the Fourth Mode

Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee received the prize of the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

Ὁ Μάρτυρ σου Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἀθλήσει αὐτοῦ, τὸ στέφος εκομίσατο τῆς αφθαρσίας, ἐκ σοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν, ἔχων γὰρ τὴν ἰσχύν σου, τοὺς τυράννους καθείλεν, ἐθράυσε καὶ δαιμόνων, τὰ ἀνίσχυρα θράση, αὐτοῦ ταῖς ἰκεσίαις Χριστέ, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

### Apolytikion of the Church

On this day when our salvation is crowned for eternity and the revelation of the mystery of the ages. The Son of God becomes on this day the Virgin's Son, with Gabriel proclaiming the tidings of God's Grace. And we also join in the cry unto the Theotokos singing: Hail to You who are filled with grace; the Lord is with You.

Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ Κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνος Μυστηρίου ἡ φανέρωσις, ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν, Χαῖρε Κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

### Seasonal Kontakion in the Second Mode

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε. Μὴ παρίδης ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς

κραυγάζοντων σοι: Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἰκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα αἰεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμῶντων σε.

## Appointed Scripture Readings:

### Matins (Orthros) Gospel

Luke 24:36-53

**A**t that time, Jesus, having risen from the dead, stood in the midst of his disciples and said to them, "Peace to you." But they were startled and frightened, and supposed that they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in your hearts? See my hands and feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them. Then he said to them, "These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled. Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and they returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

### Epistle Reading

St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 12:6-14

**B**rethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα Πρὸς Ῥωμαίους 12:6-14.

**Α**δελφοί, ἔχοντες δὲ χαρίσματα κατὰ τὴν χάριν τὴν δοθεῖσαν ἡμῖν διάφορα, εἴτε προφητείαν, κατὰ τὴν ἀναλογίαν τῆς πίστεως· εἴτε διακονίαν, ἐν τῇ διακονίᾳ· εἴτε ὁ διδάσκων, ἐν τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ· εἴτε ὁ παρακαλῶν, ἐν τῇ παρακλήσει· ὁ μεταδιδούς, ἐν ἀπλότῃ· ὁ προϊστάμενος, ἐν σπουδῇ· ὁ ἐλεῶν, ἐν ἰαρότῃ. Ἡ ἀγάπη ἀνυπόκριτος. Ἀποστυγούντες τὸ πονηρὸν, κολλώμενοι τῷ ἀγαθῷ. Τῇ φιλαδελφίᾳ εἰς ἀλλήλους φιλόστοργοι· τῇ τιμῇ ἀλλήλους προηγούμενοι· τῇ σπουδῇ μὴ ὀκνηροί· τῷ πνεύματι ζέοντες· τῷ κυρίῳ δουλεύοντες· τῇ ἐλπίδι χαίροντες· τῇ θλίψει ὑπομένοντες· τῇ προσευχῇ προσκαρτεροῦντες· ταῖς χρεῖαις τῶν ἁγίων κοινωνοῦντες· τὴν φιλοξενίαν διώκοντες. Εὐλογεῖτε τοὺς διώκοντας ὑμᾶς· εὐλογεῖτε, καὶ μὴ καταρᾶσθε.

## Gospel Reading

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew

Matthew 9:1-8

**A**t that time, getting into a boat Jesus crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say 'Rise and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" he then said to the paralytic -- "Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 9:1-8

**Τ**ῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐμβὰς εἰς πλοῖον διεπέρασε καὶ ἦλθεν εἰς τὴν ἰδίαν πόλιν. Καὶ ἰδὸν προσέφερον αὐτῷ παραλυτικὸν ἐπὶ κλίνῃς βεβλημένον· καὶ ἰδὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὴν πίστιν αὐτῶν εἶπε τῷ παραλυτικῷ· θάρσει, τέκνον· ἀφέωνταί σοι αἱ ἁμαρτίαι σου. καὶ ἰδοὺ τινες τῶν γραμματέων εἶπον ἐν ἑαυτοῖς· οὗτος βλασφημεῖ. καὶ ἰδὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὰς ἐνθυμήσεις αὐτῶν εἶπεν· ἵνα τί ὑμεῖς ἐνθυμεῖσθε πονηρὰ ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ὑμῶν; τί γὰρ ἔστιν εὐκοπώτερον, εἰπεῖν, ἀφέωνταί σοι αἱ ἁμαρτίαι, ἢ εἰπεῖν, ἐγείρε καὶ περιπάτει; ἵνα δὲ εἰδῆτε ὅτι ἐξουσίαν ἔχει ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἀφιέναι ἁμαρτίας - τότε λέγει τῷ παραλυτικῷ· ἐγερθεὶς ἄρῃ σου τὴν κλίνην καὶ ὕπαγε εἰς τὸν οἶκόν σου. καὶ ἐγερθεὶς ἀπῆλθεν εἰς τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ. ἰδόντες δὲ οἱ ὄχλοι ἐθαύμασαν καὶ ἐδόξασαν τὸν Θεὸν τὸν δόντα ἐξουσίαν τοιαύτην τοῖς ἀνθρώποις.



## The Holy Great Martyr Procopius (July 8)

The holy Martyr Procopius was born of a pious father named Christopher, but his mother Theodosia was an idolater. After Christopher's death, she presented Neanias - for this was the Saint's name before - to Diocletian, who was at Antioch in Syria. Diocletian made him Duke of Alexandria, and sent him there to punish the Christians. On the way to Alexandria, our Lord spoke to Neanias as once He had to Saul, and turned this new persecutor to faith in Him. Neanias turned back to Scythopolis, and preached Christ. He was betrayed by his own mother, and was arrested and tormented in Caesarea of Palestine. While he was in prison, the Lord appeared to him again and gave him the new name of Procopius (which is derived from the Greek word meaning "progress, advancement"). He was brought out of prison and taken to worship the idols, but at his prayer, the idols fell; many then believed in Christ and suffered martyrdom, among them certain soldiers, twelve women of senatorial rank, and the Saint's own mother, Theodosia. Saint Procopius, after further torments and imprisonment, was beheaded about the year 290.



Holy Communion is reserved for those who have been Baptized and/or Chrismated in the Eastern Orthodox Faith. The Communion Prayers are our final preparation to receive the Sacrament, along with fasting on Wednesdays and Fridays each week, and in the morning prior to the Divine Liturgy. (We, of course, continue to take prescribed medications.) We also prepare ourselves through regular confession. Please follow the directions of an usher to invite you to join the Communion line. When you approach the chalice, please give your

Baptismal name to the priest. The order of communion is the newly baptized (with lit candles) and the congregation, pew by pew, beginning from the front of the nave.

## Altar Group for July 8 – Saint Kosmas

Camden Engelman, Ari Mangos, Christian Mangos, Constantine Mathews, Jonathan Mathews, Charlie McGee, Zack Nicolaou, Diego Padilla, Manoli Pappas, Nicholas Rougas, Socrates Strafkos

## Altar Group for July 15 – Saint Nektarios

Basil Anaipakos, Michael Botti, George Catechis, Tommy Maglaras, Stephen Mucher, Theodore Mucher, Pete Nicolaou, Nicholas Schnur, Socratis Zavitsanos

## Parish News And Events

### **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Album Tributes**

Be a part of our Cathedral's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration! Offer your congratulations to our Cathedral by purchasing a Tribute Ad in honor of your family – past and present. We hope you choose to be included in this beautiful book. Look for our table after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday

### **Festival 52 – Let's Dance!!**

Registration for the **Adult Evening Dance Program** is now open!

If you are between the ages of high school junior and 35, please click here [www.greekfestival.org](http://www.greekfestival.org) and then click on the registration button. If you have any questions, please contact us at [original.greek.festival@gmail.com](mailto:original.greek.festival@gmail.com). Registration ends on July 31st. Please register as soon as possible.

As you all know, it is a significant commitment to participate in the evening dance program at AGOC. It is our hope and prayer that you will make that commitment and attend ALL practices. If you have a conflict in practice schedules, please note this on the form and feel free to email us to discuss.

Please do so as soon as possible. It is our obligation to put on the best show possible and we can only do that through practice, practice, practice!

Please note that this is for adult registration only. A separate notice, at a later date, will be sent for the children's program.

### **COMMUNITY TALENT SHOW CELEBRATES AGOC CENTENNIAL**

The commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our community continues with “Yoakum’s Got Talent!”, a showcase of the musical, dramatic, comedic, and other skills of our parish members.

The event will take place on Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> in the Martell Hall and all interested performers, 12 years and older, are encouraged to arrange their auditions now. Performances must be family-friendly, in English or Greek, and no longer than 5 minutes in length. Rules and guidelines are available at the AGOC offices Contact Doug Harris at (713) 569-7716 or [DougH@Noisemaker.com](mailto:DougH@Noisemaker.com). Judges include Grego from CW39’s NewsFix, Variety Magazine’s Joe Leydon, and Grace Courtright, host of Six Foot Mom. The audience will also vote on their favorite performers.



July 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> 8:30a-3:00p

Grades K-5 @ Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral  
3511 Yoakum Blvd. Houston, TX 77006

*Children are the most emotionally vulnerable after disaster strikes. Camp Noah is a safe, fun environment where children learn to build resiliency skills to process trauma that's occurred and to feel more prepared to handle future life challenges while building confidence and self-esteem.*

**FREE!**

Lunch and snacks provided!  
Kids will receive a t-shirt, blanket, supplies, a preparedness pack, and more!

Register online at

1. [campscui.active.com/orgs/CampNoah](http://campscui.active.com/orgs/CampNoah)
2. Click "view"
3. Scroll to Houston, TX Annunciation

Only 50 spots available!

# 2018 Stewardship Ministry Campaign

Many thanks to all of you who are making contributions to support the daily operations and ministries of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral. Your contributions help fund the following integral needs:

- Our incredible team of priests and committed support staff.
- Ministry programs such as Religious Education for all ages, GOYA and other youth programs, Greek School, Senior Citizen fellowship, choir, hospital visitations, college ministries, and so much more.
- Daily building maintenance, security, utilities, and repairs that keep our Cathedral pristine.

The Stewardship Campaign for 2018 is now underway, and, as of July 5, we have collected \$802,897 from 657 families towards our goal of **\$1,500,000**.

**If you haven't yet made your commitment, here are several convenient ways to do so:**

- **By text:** Simply send a text to [713-766-6357](tel:713-766-6357) with the amount you would like to contribute. Make sure to include the dollar sign before the amount (example: \$25). Within a few minutes, you will be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt via email. For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically.
- **Pledge online** at [www.agoc.org/stewardship](http://www.agoc.org/stewardship).
- **By mail:** Complete a pledge card and mail your pledge to our administration office.
- **By phone:** Call Betti Self at 832-242-9272.
- **Through the AGOC mobile app:** Download GivePlusChurch for free from the App Store or Google Play. Search for "GivePlusChurch" to download the app and make a donation from your smartphone using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account. You can also choose to donate as a guest or set up an account that allows you to securely and conveniently schedule recurring donations and manage and review your giving history.

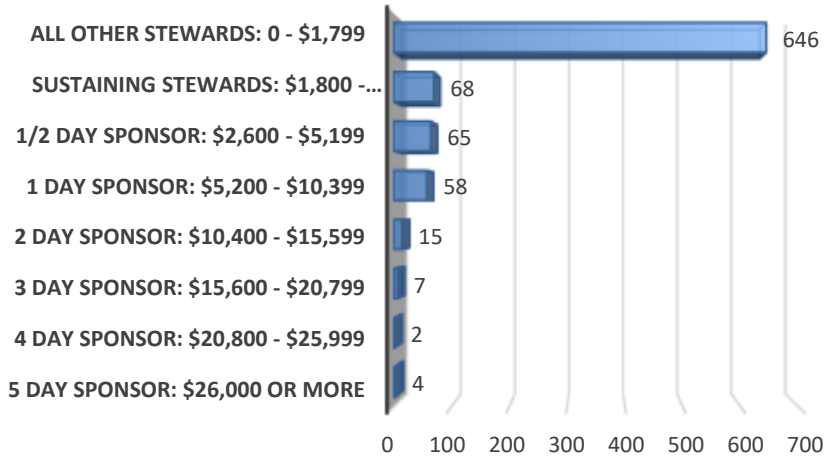
Thank you for your continued support.

Gratefully,

Dean Pappas  
2018 Stewardship Chair



## AGOC Pledging Members as of July 5, 2018





# 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE ALBUM CONTRACT

## OUR PARISHIONERS

Please PRINT clearly. **Deadline is July 15, 2018**

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## 2018 -- 52<sup>nd</sup> ORIGINAL GREEK FESTIVAL COOKING SCHEDULE

ITEM	DATES Times: Days 9 am-4 pm; *Nights 4-8 pm	CHAIRMEN
PASTITSIO	Completed > 400 pans!	Katerina Karnezis, Elaine Badoian
DOLMADES	Completed 9,460!	Koula Theo, George Fress <i>*night – Gus George Fress &amp; Pauline Koinis</i>
SPANAKOPITES a la carte & dinner plate	July 16*, 17*, 18, 19, 20	Koula Theo, Maria Gekas <i>*night – Fote Demeris, Karen Pratt</i>
KEFTEDES	July 24*, 25	Stathy Demeris, Gus Economides, and Marcus Payavla
TIROPITES a la carte	July 28, 29 (after Liturgy)	Kiki Pantazis
TIROPITES dinner plate	July 30*, 31* and August 1, 2	Angie Vossos, Koula Theo, Maria Gekas <i>*night – Sophia Psilias, Stephanie Alvarez</i>
TSOUREKIA	August 23, 24	Eleni Kyriazis, Nina Maroulis, Niki Vaughn, Ritsa Nikolaou
KOULOURLAKIA	August 26 (after Liturgy), 27, 28, 29	Kathy Pappas, Rena Koinis
KOURAMBIEDES	September 4, 5, 6	Eleni Kyriazis, Nina Maroulis, Niki Vaughn, Ritsa Nikolaou
FINIKIA	September 10, 11, 12	Paula Phocas
BAKLAVA	September 15, 16 (after Liturgy), 17*, 18*, 19*	Toula Kaldamis, Martha Stefanidakis, Eleni Kyriazis, Karen Pratt <i>*night – Maria Kantalis, Art Harrison</i>
BAKLAVA PACKING	September 19*, 20*	Patricia Dewey, Thalia Gazis
SOUVLAKI Marinade	Meat/Onion Marinade: Sept. 27	Juan Jaimes, George Stefanidakis
SOUVLAKI Weekend	Friday, Sept. 28 at night; Saturday, Sept. 29 all day, and Sunday, Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup> after Liturgy	Evan Lorenzatos, James Pappas, Nick Sissa
PASTRY PACKING	October 1, 2	Pauline Koinis, Eleni Kyriazis, Yvonne Sotiriades, Pres. Joana Tagaropoulos
RIZOGALO / MEZEDES	October 2, 3	Noe Jaimes, Spyros & Marian Catechis
SALAD DRESSING	October 3	Katie Constantatos
52 <sup>nd</sup> ORIGINAL GREEK FESTIVAL	October 4, 5, 6, 7	George Tratras, Chair Jeff Rushing, Co-Chair

**Notes:** \* Night cooking scheduled as noted. Any questions, call the Bozalis Festival Center at 713-533-0654.

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## Volunteer on an IOCC “Orthodox Action Home Build Team in Houston”

Since the devastating hurricanes in 2005, International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) has provided over 1200 volunteers and thousands of man-hours to help families rebuild their lives by building new homes or repairing damaged ones. In 2018 teams of Orthodox and other volunteers will be coming to the Houston area for week-long builds in cooperation with Team Rubicon and other IOCC partners.



As Orthodox members in the Houston area, we would like you to join the team as a day volunteer! You do not need to be skilled — just energetic!

Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older, but 16 and 17 year olds are accepted if they are accompanied by their parent, legal guardian or an adult with a power-of-attorney to act on their behalf for the duration of the deployment.

We have the following day volunteer opportunities available near you:

June 5 – June 8*	Houston, TX
June 12 – June 15*	Houston, TX
July 17 – July 20*	Houston, TX
July 24 – July 27*	Houston, TX

Space is limited, **ACT TODAY!** ALSO, YOU DON'T NEED TO WORK FOR THE WHOLE WEEK, JUST LET US KNOW WHICH DAYS YOU CAN BE THERE. There is **NO Cost** for local volunteers, just pack your own lunch and meet us as instructed.

To volunteer go to [iocc.org/actionteams](http://iocc.org/actionteams) and choose Houston, TX. For other information please contact Rana Deeba at IOCC at [volunteercoordinator@iocc.org](mailto:volunteercoordinator@iocc.org).

*\* Each Houston work week is Tuesday – Friday from 7:30 am until 3:00 pm. On the website the dates will be from Monday through Saturday (e.g. June 4 – June 8) because out of town volunteers will come in on Mondays and depart on Saturdays. So even though you register for those dates on the web site, your work week is only Tuesday – Friday.*

*"I did New Orleans a few years ago and had to do another build. This year's Houston build was great! I can't wait for the 2013 build schedule to come out so I can volunteer for another action team next summer!" 2012 Houston Action Team Participant*



## ***Annunciation Greek Language & Culture School***

### **Registration Information**

The Registration for the Greek School has started. Greek school for **Children** will start on Friday, September 14 at 5:00pm and for **Adults** on Tuesday, September 25 at 6:30pm.

You can find the registration forms online at [www.agoc.org](http://www.agoc.org). Under the ministries, click Greek Language and Culture School. Please, complete the form and mail to the church (attention Mrs. Kontogeorgaki) or email it to [Katerinakonto@agoc.org](mailto:Katerinakonto@agoc.org)

For more information or any questions, please contact the director:  
**Katerina Kontogeorgaki** at 832-242-9257 or email [Katerinakonto@agoc.org](mailto:Katerinakonto@agoc.org)

### **Greek Language Teacher Position**

If you are interested in teaching the Greek language, (Children and/or Adults program), please, send your resume to [katerinakonto@agoc.org](mailto:katerinakonto@agoc.org)

**Καλό Καλοκαίρι !!!**



## "Finding Community in Christ"

Throughout the weekend, speakers will invite young adults to explore the questions surrounding how and why it is important to seek community through the Church, and the impact it has on young adults. Discussing issues like vocation, self-care, community building, and leadership, speakers will seek to empower young adults to build strong relationships with each other and Christ.

**Labor Day Weekend  
august 31- september 3**

**Salt Lake City, UT**

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**REGISTER NOW AT**  
[metofdenveryaconf.org](http://metofdenveryaconf.org)

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**Contact us at:**  
[MetofDenverYA@gmail.com](mailto:MetofDenverYA@gmail.com)

All Orthodox Young Adults from across the nation, ages 19-35, are invited to attend!

The registration fee is \$195, and includes all meals and activities for the entire weekend.





The story of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral began 100 years ago, but we did not formally record it until 1982 as part of the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. The 75<sup>th</sup> and 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries saw additional histories and, in 2013, *Greeks in Houston*, was published by Arcadia Publishers. Our story has grown and, as we prepare to celebrate 100 years, we will publish reflections on our faith journey as a community in our weekly bulletin.

### *100 Years of Keeping the Faith*

In 1996, as Grand President, Daughters of Penelope, Mary Verges made a three-week diplomatic tour of Greece to strengthen relations between Greek-Americans and their native country. President and Mrs. Clinton invited her to the White House on May 9, 1996, to honor President Constantinos Stephanopoulos of Greece. Events included a Rose Garden reception; luncheon in the Benjamin Franklin Room of the State Department, hosted by Vice-President and Mrs. Gore; and an evening reception, dinner, and dancing hosted by the President and Mrs. Clinton. Mrs. Verges was seated between President Stephanopoulos and Mrs. Clinton and served as a translator for them.

Mrs. Verges also traveled to Turkey, where she had a private meeting with Patriarch Bartholomew. "I received his blessing and [where] our commitment to our church was once again emphasized."

Under Mary's leadership, the Daughters of Penelope received a \$5 million grant from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development in 2006 to build their own 67-unit apartment building for needy seniors.

*(Christ in Our Midst)*

## Today at the Cathedral:

Memorial Service is offered at the Divine Liturgy for **Nicholas G. Tratras (40 days)**.

Join us for the Fellowship Coffee in the Trophy Room following the Divine Liturgy. The coffee today is sponsored by the **Family of Nicholas G. Tratras**.

## This week at the Cathedral:

Monday, July 9	8:30 am - Camp NOAH
Tuesday, July 10	8:30 am - Camp NOAH
Wednesday, July 11	8:30 am - Camp NOAH
Thursday, July 12	8:30 am - Camp NOAH
Friday, July 13	8:30 am - Camp NOAH