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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

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SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

Saint Theodore the Commander & Great Martyr

Second Mode ✣ Eothinon II

SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Orthros 7:45 am ✣ Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Special Hymns at Liturgy

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Second Mode
When You descended unto Death, O Lord, You who are immortal Life put Hades to death, by the lightning of Your divinity. And when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the hosts of heaven sang aloud to You, "O Christ God, Giver of life, glory to You!"

Ὅτε κατῆλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ Ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν ᾅδην ἐνέκρωσας τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς Θεότητος, ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον·Ζωοδότα Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion for Afterfeast of the Presentation in the First Mode
Lady full of grace, rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, for Christ our God, the Sun of righteousness has risen from you and He illumined those in darkness. And you, righteous Elder, be glad in heart, receiving in your embraces the One who liberates our souls and bestows on us the Resurrection.

Χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη Θεοτόκε Παρθένε, ἐκ σοῦ γὰρ ἀνέτειλεν ὁ Ἥλιος τῆς δικαιοσύνης, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, φωτίζων τοὺς ἐν σκότει. Εὐφραίνου καὶ σὺ Πρεσβύτα δίκαιε, δεξάμενος ἐν ἀγκάλαις τὸν ἐλευθερωτὴν τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν, χαριζόμενος ἡμῖν καὶ τὴν Ἀνάστασιν.

Kontakion for the Memorial
Remember, O Lord, as You are Good, Your servants and forgive whatever sin they have committed in this life. For no one is without sin, save as the mighty One, and grant rest to them who have been removed from us.

Μνήσθητι Κύριε, ὡς ἀγαθός τῶν δούλων σου, καὶ ὅσα ἐν βίῳ ἡμαρτον συγχώρησον. Οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰμὴ σὺ ὁ δυνάμενος καὶ τοῖς μεταστάσι δοῦναι τὴν ἀνάπαυση.

Apolytikion of the Church
Today is the crown of our salvation, and the revelation of the mystery planned from eternity; the Son of God, becomes the Virgin's Son, and Gabriel announces the grace. Wherefore, we along with him, to the Theotokos let us cry out: Rejoice, O full of 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 τὴ Θεοτόκω βοήσωμεν, Χαῖρε Κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

Seasonal Kontakion in the First Mode

You sanctified the womb of the Virgin by Your birth, and by Your presentation You blessed the hands of Symeon, when You came, and You saved us, O Christ our God. Now we pray You give peace to Your world at war, and let love for Your people prevail in all, O only benevolent Lord.

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἁγιάσας τῶ τόκω σου, καὶ χείρας τοῦ Συμεὼν εὐλογήσας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νὺν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός. Ἀλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλάνθρωπος.

Matins (Orthros) Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back - it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, He is not here; see the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him, as He told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Epistle Reading

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 6:12-20.

Brethren, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" -- and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.

τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα Πρὸς Κορινθίους α' 6:12-20.

Αδελφοί, πάντα μοι ἔξεστιν, ἀλλ᾽ οὐ πάντα συμφέρει· πάντα μοι ἔξεστιν, ἀλλ᾽ οὐκ ἐγὼ ἐξουσιασθήσομαι ὑπό τινος. Τὰ βρώματα τῇ κοιλίᾳ, καὶ ἡ κοιλία τοῖς βρώμασιν· ὁ δὲ θεὸς καὶ ταύτην καὶ ταῦτα καταργήσει. Τὸ δὲ σῶμα οὐ τῇ πορνείᾳ, ἀλλὰ τῷ κυρίῳ, καὶ ὁ κύριος τῷ σώματι· ὁ δὲ θεὸς καὶ τὸν κύριον ἤγειρεν καὶ ἡμᾶς ἐξεγερεῖ διὰ τῆς δυνάμεως αὐτοῦ. Οὐκ οἴδατε ὅτι τὰ σώματα ὑμῶν μέλη Χριστοῦ ἐστιν; Ἄρας οὖν τὰ μέλη τοῦ Χριστοῦ ποιήσω πόρνης μέλη; Μὴ γένοιτο. Οὐκ οἴδατε ὅτι ὁ κολλώμενος τῇ πόρνῃ ἓν σῶμά ἐστιν; Ἔσονται γάρ, φησίν, οἱ δύο εἰς σάρκα μίαν. Ὁ δὲ κολλώμενος τῷ κυρίῳ ἓν πνεῦμά ἐστιν. Φεύγετε τὴν πορνείαν. Πᾶν ἁμάρτημα ὃ ἐὰν ποιήσῃ ἄνθρωπος ἐκτὸς τοῦ σώματός ἐστιν· ὁ δὲ πορνεύων εἰς τὸ ἴδιον σῶμα ἁμαρτάνει. Ἢ οὐκ οἴδατε ὅτι τὸ σῶμα ὑμῶν ναὸς τοῦ ἐν ὑμῖν ἁγίου πνεύματός ἐστιν, οὗ ἔχετε ἀπὸ θεοῦ; Καὶ οὐκ ἐστὲ ἑαυτῶν, ἠγοράσθητε γὰρ τιμῆς· δοξάσατε δὴ τὸν Θεὸν ἐν τῷ σώματι ὑμῶν, καὶ ἐν τῷ πνεύματι ὑμῶν, ἅτινά ἐστιν τοῦ Θεοῦ.

Gospel Reading

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Luke 15:11-32

The Lord said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his belly with the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 15:11-32

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τήν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄνθρωπός τις εἶχε δύο υἱούς. καὶ εἶπεν ὁ νεώτερος αὐτῶν τῷ πατρί· πάτερ, δός μοι τὸ ἐπιβάλλον μέρος τῆς οὐσίας. καὶ διεῖλεν αὐτοῖς τὸν βίον. καὶ μετ᾽ οὐ πολλὰς ἡμέρας συναγαγὼν ἅπαντα ὁ νεώτερος υἱὸς ἀπεδήμησεν εἰς χώραν μακράν, καὶ ἐκεῖ διεσκόρπισε τὴν οὐσίαν αὐτοῦ ζῶν ἀσώτως. δαπανήσαντος δὲ αὐτοῦ πάντα ἐγένετο λιμὸς ἰσχυρὸς κατὰ τὴν χώραν ἐκείνην, καὶ αὐτὸς ἤρξατο ὑστερεῖσθαι. καὶ πορευθεὶς ἐκολλήθη ἑνὶ τῶν πολιτῶν τῆς χώρας ἐκείνης, καὶ ἔπεμψεν αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς ἀγροὺς αὐτοῦ βόσκειν χοίρους. καὶ ἐπεθύμει γεμίσαι τὴν κοιλίαν αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ τῶν κερατίων ὧν ἤσθιον οἱ χοῖροι, καὶ οὐδεὶς ἐδίδου αὐτῷ. εἰς ἑαυτὸν δὲ ἐλθὼν εἶπε· πόσοι μίσθιοι τοῦ πατρός μου περισσεύουσιν ἄρτων, ἐγὼ δὲ λιμῷ ἀπόλλυμαι! ἀναστὰς πορεύσομαι πρὸς τὸν πατέρα μου καὶ ἐρῶ αὐτῷ· πάτερ, ἥμαρτον εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ ἐνώπιόν σου. οὐκέτι εἰμὶ ἄξιος κληθῆναι υἱός σου· ποίησόν με ὡς ἕνα τῶν μισθίων σου. καὶ ἀναστὰς ἦλθε πρὸς τὸν πατέρα αὐτοῦ. ἔτι δὲ αὐτοῦ μακρὰν ἀπέχοντος εἶδεν αὐτὸν ὁ πατὴρ αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐσπλαγχνίσθη, καὶ δραμὼν ἐπέπεσεν ἐπὶ τὸν τράχηλον αὐτοῦ καὶ κατεφίλησεν αὐτόν. εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ υἱός· πάτερ, ἥμαρτον εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ ἐνώπιόν σου, καὶ οὐκέτι εἰμὶ ἄξιος κληθῆναι υἱός σου. εἶπε δὲ ὁ πατὴρ πρὸς τοὺς δούλους αὐτοῦ· ἐξενέγκατε τὴν στολὴν τὴν πρώτην καὶ ἐνδύσατε αὐτόν, καὶ δότε δακτύλιον εἰς τὴν χεῖρα αὐτοῦ καὶ ὑποδήματα εἰς τοὺς πόδας, καὶ ἐνέγκαντες τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτὸν θύσατε, καὶ φαγόντες εὐφρανθῶμεν, ὅτι οὗτος ὁ υἱός μου νεκρὸς ἦν καὶ ἀνέζησε, καὶ ἀπολωλὼς ἦν καὶ εὑρέθη. καὶ ἤρξαντο εὐφραίνεσθαι. Ἦν δὲ ὁ υἱὸς αὐτοῦ ὁ πρεσβύτερος ἐν ἀγρῷ· καὶ ὡς ἐρχόμενος ἤγγισε τῇ οἰκίᾳ, ἤκουσε συμφωνίας καὶ χορῶν, καὶ προσκαλεσάμενος ἕνα τῶν παίδων ἐπυνθάνετο τί εἴη ταῦτα. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῷ ὅτι ὁ ἀδελφός σου ἥκει καὶ ἔθυσεν ὁ πατήρ σου τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτόν, ὅτι ὑγιαίνοντα αὐτὸν ἀπέλαβεν. ὠργίσθη δὲ καὶ οὐκ ἤθελεν εἰσελθεῖν. ὁ οὖν πατὴρ αὐτοῦ ἐξελθὼν παρεκάλει αὐτόν. ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς εἶπε τῷ πατρί· ἰδοὺ τοσαῦτα ἔτη δουλεύω σοι καὶ οὐδέποτε ἐντολήν σου παρῆλθον, καὶ ἐμοὶ οὐδέποτε ἔδωκας ἔριφον ἵνα μετὰ τῶν φίλων μου εὐφρανθῶ· ὅτε δὲ ὁ υἱός σου οὗτος, ὁ καταφαγών σου τὸν βίον μετὰ πορνῶν, ἦλθεν, ἔθυσας αὐτῷ τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτόν. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· τέκνον, σὺ πάντοτε μετ᾽ ἐμοῦ εἶ, καὶ πάντα τὰ ἐμὰ σά ἐστιν· εὐφρανθῆναι δὲ καὶ χαρῆναι ἔδει, ὅτι ὁ ἀδελφός σου οὗτος νεκρὸς ἦν καὶ ἀνέζησε, καὶ ἀπολωλὼς ἦν καὶ εὑρέθη.

Sunday of the Prodigal Son (February 8)

Through the parable of today's Gospel, our Savior has set forth three things for us: the condition of the sinner, the rule of repentance, and the greatness of God's compassion. The divine Fathers have put this reading the week after the parable of the Publican and Pharisee so that, seeing in the person of the Prodigal Son our own wretched condition -- inasmuch as we are sunken in sin, far from God and His Mysteries -- we might at last come to our senses and make haste to return to Him by repentance during these holy days of the Fast.

Furthermore, those who have wrought many great iniquities, and have persisted in them for a long time, oftentimes fall into despair, thinking that there can no longer be any forgiveness for them; and so being without hope, they fall every day into the same and even worse iniquities. Therefore, the divine Fathers, that they might root out the passion of despair from the hearts of such people, and rouse them to the deeds of virtue, have set the present parable at the forecourts of the Fast, to show them the surpassing goodness of God's compassion, and to teach them that there is no sin -- no matter how great it may be -- that can overcome at any time His love for man.

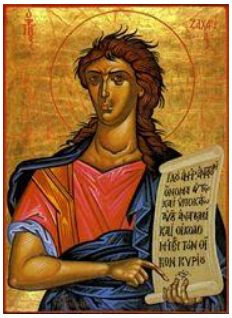
Theodore the Commander & Great Martyr (February 8)

The holy Martyr Theodore was from Euchaita of Galatia and dwelt in Heraclea of Pontus. He was a renowned commander in the military, and the report came to the Emperor Licinius that he was a Christian and abominated the idols. Licinius therefore sent certain men to him from Nicomedia, to honor him and ask him to appear before him. Through them, however, Saint Theodore sent back a message that it was necessary for various reasons, that Licinius come to Heraclea. Licinius, seeing in this a hope of turning Saint Theodore away from Christ did as was asked of him.

When the Emperor came to Heraclea, Saint Theodore met him with honor, and the Emperor in turn gave Theodore his hand, believing that through him he would be able to draw the Christians to the worship of his idols. Seated upon his throne in the midst of the people, he publicly bade Theodore offer sacrifice to the gods. But Theodore asked that the emperor entrust him with the most venerable of his gods, those of gold and silver, that he might take them home and himself attend upon them that evening, promising that the following day he would honor them in public. The Emperor, filled with joy at these tidings, gave command that Theodore's request be fulfilled.

When the Saint had taken the idols home, he broke them in pieces and distributed the gold and silver to the poor by night. The next day a centurion named Maxentius told Licinius that he had seen a pauper pass by carrying the head of Artemis. Saint Theodore, far from repenting of this, confessed Christ boldly. Licinius, in an uncontainable fury, had the Saint put to many torments, then crucified. While upon the cross, the holy Martyr was further tormented -- his privy parts were cut off, he was shot with arrows, his eyes were put out, and he was left on the cross to die. The next day Licinius sent men to take his corpse and cast it into the sea; but they found the Saint alive and perfectly whole. Through this, many believed in Christ. Seeing his own men turning to Christ, and the city in an uproar, Licinius had Theodore beheaded, about the year 320. The Saint's holy relics were returned to his ancestral home on June 8, which is also a feast of the Great Martyr Theodore.

The Holy Prophet Zacharias (Zachariah) (February 8)



The Prophet Zacharias was the son of Barachias, and a contemporary of the Prophet Aggeus (Dec. 16). In the days of the Babylonian captivity, he prophesied, as it says, in the book of Ezra, "to the Jews that were in Judah and Jerusalem" (Ezra 5: 1); he aided Zerubbabel in the rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem. In the book of Ezra he is called "Zacharias the son of Addo (or Iddo)" but in his own prophetic book he is called more fully "Zacharias, the son of Barachias, the son of Addo the Prophet" (Zach. 1:1). When the captives returned from Babylon, he came to dwell in Jerusalem in his old age. His book of prophecy is divided into fourteen chapters and has the eleventh place among the books of the minor Prophets. Sozomen reports that under the Emperor Honorius,

Zacharias' holy relics were found in Eleutheropolis of Palestine. The Prophet appeared in a dream to a certain Calemerus, telling him where he would find his tomb. His body was found to be incorrupt (Eccl. Hist., Book IX, 17).

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH US TODAY

It is always a blessing to welcome you to our Cathedral Parish.
Please introduce yourself to any member of the Clergy, Parish Council, or Welcome Table.
If you would like us to contact you for further information regarding our Faith,
please fill out our Welcome Card found in the Narthex or Welcome Table.

Please silence all mobile devices while in the Cathedral. Thank you.

Parish News and Events

ACOLYTE Team
February 8, 2026

St. John of Kronstadt
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2026 ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ELEMENTARY ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

Well done to the 22 students from grades 4th-6th who participated in our St. John Chrysostom Elementary Oratorical Festival on February 2, 2026!

Thank you to **Poppy Cobanoglu-Padley,** our 4th-5th grade Sunday School teacher and Elementary Oratorical Chairperson for her continued dedication to this program and her students. Thank you also to **Pahno Georgeton** for giving of his time and talent for the photography.

The following students participated**: Siggy Boardman**(5th), **Nicholas Carayannopoulos**(5th), **Alexander Enterline** (4th), **Bear Fasheh** (6th), **Jett Fasheh** (4th), **Lukas Georgas** (4th), **Nicholas Georgas** (6th), **Konstantinos Hritcko** (5th), **Ebin Insall** (6th) **Eleni Katsonis** (6th), **Theodoros Milkowski** (5th), **Sophia Najera** (5th), **Luke Pantelis** (6th), **Sam Pantelis** (4th), **Gabe Papazis** (6th), **Marina Papazis** (4th), **Emorie Rolstad** (5th), **Irene Spiliotis** (4th), **Vicky Spiliotis** (6th), **Zoe Spiliotis** (4th), **Sarah Constance Strickler** (6th), **Evie Voutsinas** (4th).

Parents, we could not have done this without you! Thank you to Fr. Efstratios for his encouraging words to our students and families.

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Calling all kids! Ready for the Journey???

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FEBRUARY 8, 2026

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are required to attend practice.

Please arrive on time and dressed appropriately for practice.

Teams
Junior & Senior Boys and Girls

Practice Date & Time:
Sunday, February 8, 2026
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Location:
AGOC Gym

Questions?
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AGOC Adult Bible Studies

"As the body without the spirit is dead,
So faith with works is dead also" (James 2:26)

For the next two weeks, we are **returning to meeting as usual on WEDNESDAYS. We will meet on Wednesday February 11, 2026 at both 1:00PM (In-Person), and in the evening by ZOOM ONLY at 7:00PM. (Sign-In at 6:50PM).** Both sessions will pick up where we left off last week. In preparation for our sessions, please read *and reflect on cited below.*

Topic: *Love, Faith and Works in the Epistle of St. James*

Readings: Farley. 24-36; Gen. 15:6-7; Job 22:6; Prov. 21:13; Romans 12:8; In OSB, read *Articles on Justification of Faith (in Chapter Five of Romans), and "Works" in Paul's Writings (in Ephesians Chapter Two)*; Eph. 2:4-10; Heb. 11:17; James 1:19-2:26; Farley, 24-36.

Please join us for some interesting and fruitful discussions.
+Fr. Demetri

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FEBRUARY 12

What is Tsiknopempti

What do I need to bring?

Bring your own meat seasoned, marinated, and ready to throw on the grill for your family and friends. Prep and bring any appetizers or libations you want to enjoy.

What time does it start?

RSVP HERE

Grills will be hot at 6:00 pm. When you want to eat, throw your protein on the grill and get started!

Who is it for and where is it?

This is a community-wide cookout! Everyone is invited and included. The cookout will take place on our AGOC grounds

What does it cost?

$10 covers the cost of the baked potato, salad bar, and homemade Greek desserts.
Please RSVP via the QR code
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Final Deadline: Apply by February 20, 2026*
Placement notification by March 15, 2026
LEARN MORE AND APPLY!
CROSS ROAD
qrco.de/CR-Summer
SESSION 1 | BOSTON
JUNE 6-16, 2026
SESSION 2 | BOSTON
JUNE 20-30, 2026
SESSION 3 | SOCAL
JUNE 22-JULY 2, 2026
SESSION 4 | NEW YORK
JULY 6-16, 2026
* Late applicants may be considered after the final deadline if there are spots available.

The Annunciation Greek Language
& Culture School
invites you to our fabulous
Karnavali
Niko Niko's Catering
Family Fun
Dinner | Dance | Music
Face Painting | Balloons
Silent Auction | Raffle
Student Awards
DJ Golden Feta
Nintendo Switch 2 and more!
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21 @ 6.30PM
Raffle Tickets
MARTEL HALL, 3511 YOAKUM BLVD
WEAR YOUR FAVORITE COSTUME
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE GREEK SCHOOL
RSVP: GREEKSCHOOLAGOC@GMAIL.COM
KATERINAKONTO@AGOC.ORG, 281-250-8178
Karnavali Tickets

Philoptochos
in Action Event!
"BUSY HANDS"
COFFEE HOUR
IOCC Hygiene Kits
Everyone welcome!
Sponsor a hygiene kit
for $10!
We will purchase in bulk
and bring everything for
assembly.
Sponsor a kit for $10!
Goal: 100 kits!
Assembly Sunday
February 22nd
Small Hall
During Coffee Hour
Sponsor by QR or credit card via www.houstongreekpastry.com,
check to AGOC Philoptochos, or cash to the table during coffee hour 1/18, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15.

Junior and Senior Division Oratorical Festival

Grades 7-9th & 10-12th

March 1, 2026

How to Participate...

1) Pick a Topic: Junior Division Topics
Senior Division Topics

QR to Topics

2) Register: **Participant Registration Link (Please register by Feb. 25)**

Chair Person: Katie Najera
Chairperson email: najerafamily2008@gmail.com
Priest: Fr. Efstratios Magoulias
Parish: Annunciation Cathedral
3511 Yoakum Blvd.
Houston, TX 77006
Metropolis of Denver

QR to Register

3) Need help or resources for your Speech?

Link to: Topics, Tips, and Research

Reach out to your Sunday School teacher(s), Ms. Papazis, or Mrs. Najera!

Cash prize for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners

Questions? **Katie Najera** **najerafamily2008@gmail.com**
Christina Papazis **ChristinaP@agoc.org**

Did you know...?

In a survey of youth (ages 9–17) involved in organized public speaking events, participants reported ***improvements in confidence, communication skills, goal setting, organization, and working with others after preparing and delivering speeches.*** *Journal of Youth Development

Bravo to our young men and women who participated in the 2025 SJCOF !

SJCOF: Will You Participate?!

March 1, 2026

YOU could be here too!

Μυροφόρες

"THE ANGEL, STANDING BY THE TOMB
CRIED OUT TO THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN:
"MYRRH IS FITTING FOR THE DEAD,
BUT CHRIST HAS SHOWN HIMSELF
A STRANGER TO CORRUPTION."

We invite our young women,
4th Grade through High School,
to learn the
Lamentations of our Lord's Passion
prayed on Holy Friday Evening

HOLY & GREAT FRIDAY
APRIL 10TH

To learn more and participate,
contact Poppy Padley

kpcpadley@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE!
Vacation Bible School
June 15-19th
AGOC & St. George
@ St. George Orthodox Church
PreK4 through 6th (grade just completed)

Today at the Cathedral

Memorial is offered for **Anthony "Tony" Pappas** (1 year), **Elena Semander** (44 years), and the **Departed Members of Philoptochos**.

Please join us for the fellowship hour in the Martel Hall following the Divine Liturgy. The fellowship hour today is sponsored by the Families of Anthony Pappas and Elena Semander and the Ladies Philoptochos of Annunciation Cathedra.

11:00 am – Adult & Children's Sunday School Classes.

Daughters of Penelope Valentine Bake Sale, following Divine Liturgy, Martel Hall.

Philoptochos Membership & Mimosas, following Divine Liturgy, Small Martel Hall.

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm – GOYAN Basketball Practice, AGOC Gym

This week at the Cathedral

Tuesday, February 10	6:30 pm – Adult Greek School Classes, Beg., Intermed., Adv. 7:00 pm – Orthodoxy 101, Zoom only
Wednesday, February 11	11 am-3:00 pm – Visit the Library 1:00 pm – Bible Study In-Person, Room 219 7:00 pm – Bible Study, Zoom only, *6:50pm check-in*
Thursday, February 12	11:00 am – Greek School, *online*, Adv. Conversation 6:00 pm – Tsiknopempti, Martel Hall
Friday, February 13	5:00 pm – Greek School – Children
Saturday, February 14	**Saturday of Souls** **8:30 am Orthros / 9:30 am Divine Liturgy**