

2018 Christmas Caroling Schedule



- ♪ Sunday, December 9th, 1 p.m. @ Hale Ho Aloha ICF/SNF, 2670 Pacific Heights Road
- ♪ Sunday, December 16th, 1:45 p.m. @ Hale Nani Rehabilitation & Nursing, 1677 Pensacola Street

Words of Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

“And the Word became flesh!...in order to make us earthly beings into heavenly ones, in order to make sinners into saints; in order to raise us up from corruption into incorruption, from earth to heaven; from enslavement to sin and the devil – into the glorious freedom of children of God; from death – into immortality, in order to make us sons of God and to seat us together with Him upon the Throne as His royal children. O, boundless compassion of God! O, inexpressible wisdom of God! O, great wonder, astounding not only the human mind, but the angelic [mind] as well!”

+ **St. John of Kronstadt, Sermon on the Nativity of Jesus Christ**

To Our Visitors:

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. Just a reminder, however: the Sacrament of Holy Communion is a manifestation of the *unity of the Body of Christ*. As such, only those who are members in spiritual good standing of the Orthodox Church – and who have prepared themselves for the Sacrament – may partake of the Holy Chalice. However, *everyone* is welcome to come up with our people at the end of the service to receive blessed bread. *Please be sure to join us at Coffee Hour following Services.*

Ss Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Pacific



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10th Sunday of Luke

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Commemoration of: The Conception by St. Anna of the Most Holy Theotokos;
Hanna the Prophetess; Narses the Martyr of Persia

Apolytikia - Entrance Hymns

Effrenestho ta urania (Resurrection Hymn) Tone 3
Let the heavens rejoice, let all the earth be glad, for the Lord has shown His might with His arm, the Lord has shown His might with His arm. He has trampled death down by death becoming first to be born of the dead, from the depths of Hades He has delivered us, and He granted to the world His great mercy.

Simeron tis ateknias (Conception) Tone 4
Today the bonds of childlessness are broken. For hearing the prayers of Joachim and Anne, God promised that against all hope they would give birth to the Maiden of God. He, the Uncircumscribed, would be born of her, when He would become man, and by the Angel's example, He commands us to call to her: "Rejoice, Maiden full of the grace, the Lord is with you." (AgesInitiatives.com)

Tu Stavru Su (Hymn of the Church) Tone 8
Having seen in the sky the form of Your Cross and, like Paul, having received his calling not from men, Your apostle among Kings, Lord, placed his reigning city in Your hand, which forever you guard in peace, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, for You alone are the lover of mankind.

Kontakion

Eortazi simeron (Conception) Tone 4
On this day the whole wide world is celebrating that Saint Anne conceived a child, which was a miracle of God. And she gave birth to the one who bore the divine Logos, in ways passing speech and thought. (AgesInitiatives.com)

Epistle Reading Galatians 4:22-27
BRETHREN, Abraham had two sons, one by a slave and one by a free woman. But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, the son of the free woman through promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and shout, you who are not in travail; for the children of the desolate one are many more than the children of her that is married."

Gospel Reading Luke 13:10-17
At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there

was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

Activities & Announcements

Today

- ✘ 10th Sunday of Luke; 2 Year Memorial for Ted (Anargyros) Anastasopoulos;
- ✘ **Parish Council Election Results**– Congratulations to our newly elected Parish Council Members! They are: **Roni Katsikas, John Kiladis, Trish Kiladis, Cleopatra Kritikos** and **Garry Ross**. Oath of Office and Election of Officers are scheduled to take place on Sunday, January 13, 2019, pending ratification from the Metropolis.

This Week

- ✘ TUE, 12/11– Bible Study on the Gospel of St. Mark 5 to 6:30 p.m.
- ✘ WED, 12/12– St. Spyridon the Wonderworker: Orthros 8:30 a.m.; Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.
- ✘ THU, 12/13– Parish Council Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- ✘ FRI, 12/14– Catechism 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Study Byzantine Chant 1:30 to 3 p.m.
- ✘ SAT, 12/15– St. Eleftherios the Holy Priest Martyr: Orthros 8:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.; *No Great Vespers*
- ✘ SUN, 12/17– 11th Sunday of Luke

Upcoming Events

- ✘ **Christmas Choral Concert**– Today, Sunday, December 9th at 4 p.m., featuring Karol's Karolers
- ✘ **Philoptocos "Walk to the Manger" Lenten Potluck Dinner**. To remember women and children residing in abused women's shelters, \$10 monetary gifts or \$10 Walmart gift cards will be collected. Friday, December 4, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Church Hall. Sign-up sheet posted on Philoptocos bulletin board. See Eres Eddy or Anita Higashi for complete details.
- ✘ **Epiphany Celebration & Cross Throwing** - Sunday, January 6, 2019
- ✘ **FDF Fundraiser Glendi for Dance Groups**– Saturday, January 26, 2019, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Dinner and Entertainment in Church Hall. For tickets, contact Dianna Graves or any dancer.
- ✘ Thank you to everyone who has sponsored a coffee hour this year. The new 2019 Coffee Hour Sponsor sign up board is posted by social hall door. If you have any questions please see Frances.