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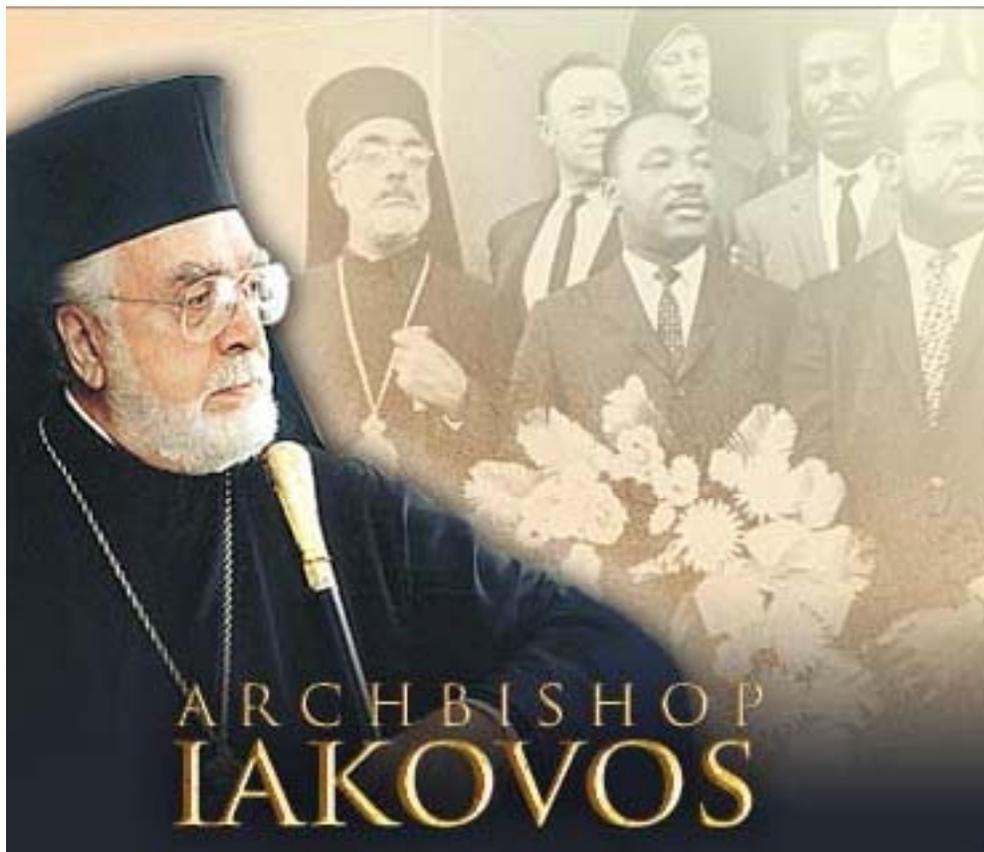
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## **Archbishop Iakovos Former Archbishop of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America Dies**

April 10, 2005

New York, NY - Archbishop Iakovos, 93, spiritual leader of Greek Orthodox Christians in the Western Hemisphere from 1959 to 1996, died today, April 10, 2005 at Stamford Hospital, Stamford, CT, from a pulmonary ailment. In announcing the passing of Archbishop Iakovos, His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in America, issued the following statement:

“I have had the great honor and joy to know Archbishop Iakovos for more than fifty years. He has been a superb Archbishop who offered to the Church an intense, continuous, multifaceted and creative pastoral activity. He has been a true and whole shepherd to his people trying day and night to teach them, to guide them, to comfort them, to encourage them, to edify them in Christ and to lead them as a loving shepherd to the 'springs of the living waters' (Rev. 7:17) of faith and life with God.”

The enthronement of Archbishop Iakovos on April 1, 1959 at Holy Trinity Cathedral in New York City, ushered in a new era for Greek Orthodoxy in America. Deeply respected by all religious leaders in the United States when he retired at the age of 85 on July 29, 1996, Archbishop Iakovos offered 37 years of service which were distinguished by his leadership in furthering religious unity, revitalizing Christian worship and championing human and civil rights. He had the courage to walk hand in hand with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Selma, AL, a historic moment for America which was captured on the cover of LIFE Magazine on March 26, 1965.

Friend to nine United States Presidents, Archbishop Iakovos was the recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom bestowed by President Jimmy Carter on June 9, 1980.

A dynamic participant in the contemporary ecumenical movement for Christian unity, he served for nine years as President of the World Council of Churches and piloted Inter-Orthodox, Inter-Christian and Inter-Religious dialogues.

Archbishop Iakovos was an admirable role model for American Greek Orthodox Christians, thoroughly committed to the vital democracy of his adopted country without forfeiting the ageless values of Greek culture or abandoning Greek Orthodoxy's spiritual and ecclesiastical roots in the Church of Constantinople.

## ENCYCLICAL

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To the Reverend Clergy and All the Faithful of the Metropolis of San Francisco:

*Let the whole world, visible and invisible, celebrate,  
For Christ is risen, our eternal joy!*  
(First Ode, Paschal Canon)

My Dearly Beloved in the Lord,

On this radiant night of Pascha, illuminated by the glimmering light of the candles, look around you! Do you see any sorrowful faces? Do you discern any hearts weighed down with sadness, or heads bowed in despair? Look to the sky, and see if it is dark and threatening; to the earth, whether it is groaning in anguish. Look around you: are the people standing with you listless and dispirited, without any sense of purpose or direction in life?

All things are overflowing with light and joy! Every human being who has ever experienced the reality of the Resurrection is filled with exultation. This joy can be seen in their eyes, in their faces, in their whole being. The heavens above us and the earth below are vibrating with inexpressible gladness and delight. Tonight, even the tombs have been shaken and emptied; tombstones are cast aside as on that night, when "many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised" (Matt. 27:52). The dead arise, death is abolished, life celebrates and leaps for joy. Human beings, the crown of the divine creation, regain their rightful place in God's beautiful world. Humanity is raised from its fallen state. Tonight, the Risen Christ becomes our own resurrected self--a new person with an unquenchable faith that "He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you" (Rom. 8:11).

The Resurrection is called a miracle because, in our human understanding, it surpasses the limits of physical possibility. And yet to the Christian, who has the experience of faith as a guideline for reasoning, the Resurrection is a natural outcome of the fundamental Christian teaching that "we are children of God" (Rom. 8:16). As God's children, we are God's heirs, co-heirs of eternal life together with His only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ (cf. Rom. 8:17), since it is not in the nature of God, the Immortal One, to die. Our experience of this life culminates in our receiving of Holy Communion; it is here, in the Body and Blood of Christ, that our personal participation in the Resurrection lies, here that everything is renewed and all things join with us in rejoicing.

My beloved children, look into your hearts, and you will discover there the joy of the Resurrection. Christ is risen, and death and sorrow are no more! Christ is risen, and the whole world rejoices! Christ is risen, and life reigns! Let us go forth boldly in this confidence, joyfully proclaiming to the world:

CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD  
TRAMPLING DEATH BY DEATH  
AND GRANTING LIFE TO THOSE IN THE TOMBS!

With Love in the Risen Lord,

+ *Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco*  
✠Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco

### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRIEST

My Dear Beloved Parishioners,

Christ Is Risen! Truly He Is Risen!

There was no hope or light on the first Pascha morning. A shroud of darkness covered the earth and the hearts of Jesus Christ's followers.

Carefully read the story as it is written in the four Gospels. The dramatic events that took place that first Pascha brought hopelessness before sunrise. The crucifixion of Christ stood as a fearful threat for the disciples and His first followers.

It was during this dark and unstable time that God gathered His strength to defeat evil and to offer His victory. The light inside the empty tomb was so brilliant and intense that it persuaded His first disciples and the women who followed Him that, indeed, Christ was resurrected from the dead. Later, Saint Paul would write to the Corinthians: "Death is swallowed up; victory is won! O Death, where is your victory? O Death, where is your sting?" (I Cor. 11:55).

Throughout the ages, artists and iconographers have portrayed the ecstatic Myrrh-bearing women, who fearlessly went to anoint the body of their Lord Jesus Christ. Other artists created masterpieces of the dramatic and powerful Resurrection of the Lord.

The light of the tomb has illuminated the world for more than two thousand years. The Myrrh-bearing women were not the only ones who were stunned by this light. Countless saints and martyrs, fathers and mothers of the Church to this very day, have been inspired by this inexpressible light and endeavored to share its brilliance with the world.

During this challenging times, we must gather strength and inspiration from this light. We desperately need to transform ourselves so that peace may enter our hearts and our world.

Look, my dear brothers and sisters, at the radiance of the light of the Resurrection! Let it warm any coldness in our hearts, and wash away any darkness from our minds. Let us act and relate to others as children of light and shed the radiance of the Resurrection wherever we go.

Glory to His Third Day Resurrection!

With my warmest wishes for a joyous Easter,

Father Efstathios V. Mylonas  
Protopresbyter

## MESSAGE FROM PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Just a short message this time to announce the upcoming events. Mother's Day Brunch given by the parish council will be held on Mother's Day, SUNDAY, MAY 8, in the Hellenic Cultural Center. All mothers will be our guests. Our 1<sup>st</sup> General Assembly of the year will be held on MONDAY, MAY 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Hellenic Cultural Center. A light dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Please make every effort to attend.

Don't forget the Talent Show on SUNDAY, MAY 22, at 4:00 p.m. in the Hellenic Cultural Center. A fun and casual afternoon to enjoy with your entire family. (Flyer is enclosed in this bulletin). Of course, no one wants to miss the golf tournament on FRIDAY, JUNE 10 at Brookside Golf Club.

I want to congratulate our basketball teams on a great year. The junior girls took 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the tournament and the senior girls took 4<sup>th</sup> overall. Both teams were coached by Louie Kades and Dena Katsafados. The junior boys coached by Tony Mowrey and Theo Giannoulis took 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. The senior boys coached by Tony Christopoulos won the Championship. Congratulations and thank you to all the coaches for all their time and effort in helping our kids. A special thank you to Chris Harper, our GOYA advisor, for organizing the basketball program for St. Anthony's.

Thank you,

Sophia Angelos  
Parish Council President

## **ENTHRONEMENT OF METROPOLITAN GERASIMOS**

The enthronement of Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco, our spiritual leader took place on Saturday, April 2, 2005 at the Ascension Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Oakland, California. It was a day of celebration for our Metropolis and for all those who were present at the enthronement. Our parish was represented by Father Stathis, Pres. Maria Mylonas, Sophia Angelos, president of the Parish Council. There were also present John and Pamela Buzas, Judith Christopoulos, Pantele Xanthos and Lisa Xanthos, president of Saint Anthony's Ladies Philoptochos.

His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in America presided at the enthronement of His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco.

The Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople elected the new Metropolitan of San Francisco on February 22, 2005 to succeed Metropolitan Anthony of San Francisco who fell asleep in the Lord on December 25, 2005.

To our Metropolitan Gerasimos express our congratulations. May the Lord our God grant him many healthy and fruitful years in his new Archepiscopal ministry. Axios!

His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos will visit our parish, on Holy Thursday, April 28 and he will preside at the Holy Service of our Lord Jesus Christ Passion at 7:00 p.m. Earlier he will meet with Father Stathis and the Parish Council and their spouses. We express our deep gratitude to Metropolitan Gerasimos for choosing to visit our parish so early as the new spiritual leader of our Holy Metropolis of San Francisco.

## **ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

On the falling asleep in the Lord of Pope John Paul II, Fr. Stathis sent a letter of condolences to His Eminence Cardinal Roger Mahony, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles and attended an Interfaith Service at the Catholic Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels.

On the election of the new Pope Benedict XVI, we express our best wishes to the Roman Catholic Church and we pray and hope that he will support the dialogue among the Churches of Christ. May God enlighten him and strengthen him in leading his Church. The renown scholar and writer Professor Father Hans Kung said, "The papacy is such a challenge that it can change anyone....Let us therefore give him a chance."

## **JUNIOR CHOIR**

Our Junior Choir is a reality. Children of nine years old and up can participate. Director is Gisele Shamaan and organist Adora Shamaan. Their first participation in the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, April 17, 2005 was a great success. Their angelic voices added beauty and meaning to our Holy Services.

## **ADULT CHOIR**

We need people, parishioners to come forward and commit their talent and time to Christ. We need an adult Choir. Nick Perdaris meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. with those who are willing to help rebuild our Choir. Mr. Perdaris will be the director of the Choir.

**DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED ARCHBISHOP IAKOVOS MAY BE MADE** to: Archbishop Iakovos Chair of Orthodox Theology, c/o Office of the President, Holy Cross School of Theology, 50 Goddard Ave., Brookline, MA 02445. Checks payable to: Hellenic/Holy Cross Archbishop Iakovos Chair. The Archbishop Iakovos Chair of Orthodox Theology is an endowed chair at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology granted to a senior tenured faculty member in any of the several fields of theology. The chair was established in May of 1986 and serves two purposes. The first is to honor His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos and his magnificent archiepiscopal legacy in the Americas and the world. The other is to promote Orthodox theology, the scholarly projection of Holy Cross, as well as the ecumenical witness of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese. The first holder was Rev. Dr. Stanley S. Harakas, now retired Professor emeritus of Christian Ethics. The present holder is Rev. Dr. Theodore G. Stylianopoulos, Professor of New Testament.

**EASTERN ORTHODOX SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY** (a non-profit corporation) is a reality through the united efforts of the Orthodox women's groups and the Eastern Orthodox Senior Care Center's board of Directors. Together they have dedicated themselves to providing assisted living, skilled nursing and dementia care for Orthodox Christian seniors. The Episcopal Home Communities, a non-profit organization with over 80 years of history in providing outstanding senior care in a Christian atmosphere, is partnering with the EOSCC Board to create The Eastern Orthodox Senior Living Community at The Kensington in Alhambra, CA. For more information call (800) 737-0001 or (626) 576-1032.

## **HOLY SACRAMENTS**

### **Baptisms**

Sarina Athena, daughter of Paul N. and Jessica Mitsos on March 10, 2005. Godparents: Michael and Michele Mitsos.

Alyssa Sophia, daughter of Arthur D. and Diana Rutledge on April 3, 2005. Godparents: Randy and Stephanie Soewers.

David Michael, son of Ronald D. and Judith Hickey on April 9, 2005. Godparent: Maria C. Sellis.

Sara Denae, daughter of James P. and Penny M. Kyle on April 10, 2005. Godparent: Ermeonie Zois.

Warmest wishes to the newly baptized, to their families and godparents. May God the Almighty bless their lives.

We express our condolences to Nick and Charlene Vayos and their family on the death of their beloved mother, Chrissy Vayos and to Peter Kousakis on the death of his beloved sister, Stamatina. May the Lord our God grant rest to their souls among His saints and angels. May their memory be eternal.

## **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Saint Anthony's invites** you to our First Annual Easter Picnic at the beautiful Lacy Park in San Marino, includes activities for children. The event will take place on Easter Sunday, May 1, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. \$3.00 admission (paid to the city of San Marino). For information call (626) 449-6943. We are now accepting orders for legs of lambs for Saint Anthony's Easter Picnic. You may pre-order a leg of lamb for \$35.00. It will be cooked and delivered to the park at 12:00 noon on May 1. You must order to pay by Thursday, April 28, 2005. Please call the Church to order at (626) 449-6943. Information on the picnic is at <http://www.saint-anthonys.org>

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Saint Anthony's Golf Classic** will be held on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at Brookside Golf Course in Pasadena. This Year's Tournament theme, Taverna-on-the-Green, promises to be a most memorable day of golf, food, fun and fellowship – all for a great cause. The golf committee invites everyone in the community to contribute an

item for the silent auction. For more information, please contact the church office (626) 449-6943.

SAINT SOPHIA PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY cordially invites you to the Mother's Day Luncheon and Fashion Show, "Cherished Memories," honoring mother of the year 2005, Sophie Mastor. The event will take place at The Regent Beverly Wilshire Hotel. \$75.00 per person, children 12 and under \$50.00. Reservations: Vergie Papalexis (323) 877-4696 or Bebe Paul (818) 784-9260.

**Saint Barbara of Santa Barbara, CA** Eighth Annual Golf Classic on Friday, May 13, 2005 at Rancho San Marcos Golf Course. For information call Bob Swider at (805) 965-4120.

**Saint George of Palm Desert** Golf Tournament will take place at The Golf Resort at Indian Wells on Friday, May 13 and on Saturday, May 14 Scramble Format. Shotgun start at Marriott's Shadow Ridge. For information and reservations call the Church Office at (760) 568-9901 or George Argyros at (760) 346-3352, or by email at [gsargyros@aol.com](mailto:gsargyros@aol.com)

**Saint Anthony's first General Assembly** for the year 2005 will take place at the Hellenic Center on Monday, May 16, 2005 at 6:30 p.m., a light dinner will be served. Please attend and take part. Your presence and participation in the discussions are vital for the future of our parish.

**The Clergy-Laity Assembly** of the Metropolis of San Francisco has been reschedule for Monday and Tuesday, May 23-24, 2005, at St. Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center.

**IOCC News:** For the second consecutive year, International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) is offering an opportunity to see its programs first hand through a studio trip to the Balkans. Come along as we travel to Bosnia-Herzegovina and Serbia-Montenegro and witness the ways that your support of IOCC is helping people recover from war. The study trip, schedule for Aug. 29-Sept. 7, will include visits to Belgrade, Banja Luka and other IOCC project sites, as well as schedule audience with His Holiness Patriarch Pavle of the Serbian Orthodox Church. Estimated cost is \$2,700, and final payment is due by June 24. For more information, visit the IOCC web site at [www.iocc.org/studytrip](http://www.iocc.org/studytrip) or contact Dan Christopoulos at (952) 930-3286.

**National Orthodox Radio Program:** Come Receive The Light (CRTL) for the week of 4/23/05 will be "Six Months to Live" with Dr. Albert Rossi as our guest. Programs are

subject to change; please visit our web site [www.receive.org](http://www.receive.org) for more information on CTRL programs, featured segments, and to subscribe to our e-newsletter.

**Kids N Cancer:** His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco and the Metropolis Philoptochos Board cordially invite you to attend the annual reception to benefit “Kids ‘N’ Cancer” at the home of Georgia and Nikiforos Valaskantjis at 97 Marbella, San Clemente, California on Sunday, May 15, 2005 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

#### **For our parishioners to know**

On Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2004 our neighbor –Decatur Walker was served with a restraining order that will expire in November 2007. Father worked hard with many in our community in achieving this and thereby making our community safe. The message is loud and clear we had to do this to protect our children and elderly. If any parishioner in the community is approached by him you need to call the Church office and report the incident.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Information to be included in our monthly bulletin has to be electronically transmitted to us by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Our e-mail is [alma@saint-anthonys.org](mailto:alma@saint-anthonys.org) No fax or mail are accepted.

#### **CAMPS**

**Saint Nicholas Ranch Summer Camp 2005** will offer you a unique experience. Session One: July 10-16, Session Two: July 17-23, Session Three: July 24-30. For information call our office at (626) 449-6943 or (559) 338-2103, [info@stnicholasranch.org](mailto:info@stnicholasranch.org)

**2005 SPRING FAMILY CAMP AT SAINT NICHOLAS RANCH**  
An alternative Day Weekend, May 27-30 at the Ranch. Call (559) 338-2103.

**IONIAN VILLAGE SUMMER CAMP 2005 IN VARTHOLOMIO, GREECE**  
Program dates: Summer Travel Camp (grades 7 – 9): July 1 – 19. Byzantine Venture (grades 10 – 12): July 25 – August 13. Information/registration at [www.IonianVillage.org](http://www.IonianVillage.org) or call (646) 519-6190, email: [ionianvillage@goarch.org](mailto:ionianvillage@goarch.org)

**Saint Sophia Summer Camp** is located in the San Bernardino Mountains. The first week is scheduled from July 24 through July 30, second week from July 31 through August 6. For applications and reservations call Vicki Kades at (310) 869-4499 or at [www.saintsophiacamp.org](http://www.saintsophiacamp.org) or Saint Anthony's Church at (626) 449-6943.

**SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ANAHEIM CALIFORNIA GREEK FESTIVAL**  
Will take place on May 20, 21, 22, 2005 at 405 North Dale St., Anaheim. For information call: (714) 827-0182 or [www.stjohnanaheim.org](http://www.stjohnanaheim.org)

**Our first Talent Show** on Sunday, May 22, 2005 in the Church Hall. All ages wanted. Contact Nicholas Angelos at (626) 353-6680, [nick.angelos@indymacbank.com](mailto:nick.angelos@indymacbank.com) or Nicholas demopoulos at (626) 437-1924, [demop@earthlink.net](mailto:demop@earthlink.net)

**MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH**

**SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2005**

**HELLENIC CULTURAL CENTER**

**ALL MOTHERS ARE OUR GUESTS**

St. Anthony's Church

TALENT SHOW

LIVE on Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005 at 4:00 p.m.

Location: St. Anthony's Church Hall

Wanted: ACTORS and ACTRESSES

With all kinds of talent

Showcase your raw and silly talent with your own skit, dance, song or joke. We have many skits prepared that need lively participants to make them great.

All AGES are WANTED and NEEDED

Rehearsals and Practices start early MAY

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