



Lenten Retreat with Orthodox Missionary to Albania Nathan Hoppe

Saturday, April 1, veteran missionary to Albania Nathan Hoppe will facilitate a retreat at Holy Trinity. A series of presentations and discussion groups will help participants better understand Christ's call to make disciples in Jerusalem, Judea all Samaria and to the ends of the earth. Nathan's presentations are interactive and based on the theology of the church as well as his experience in Albania over the last 18 years and his childhood as a missionary kid in Columbia. The retreat will begin at 10:00 am and conclude at 3:00 pm. A simple Lenten lunch will be offered. For more information or to register please contact Father Aris. There is no fee for the retreat, but participants are encouraged to make a

free will offering in support of the Hoppe family's ministry or become a sponsor of their work.

Nathan and Gabriela Hoppe are working to inspire, train, equip and lead Albanians to proclaim the Gospel and make disciples in Albania. They feel a tremendous urgency to follow Christ's command to make disciples of all nations in this land where less than a generation ago, complete atheism was enforced by the totalitarian communist government. Albania is one of the fastest changing countries in the world as it moves to integrate economically and culturally with Western Europe. The Orthodox Church of Albania has

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experienced a resurrection under the inspired leadership of Archbishop Anastasios. This resurrection is one of the miracles of the Orthodox world today but it is a fragile miracle and there is still much work to do.

The ministry of the Hoppe's is focused on seminary students, university students and children. Nathan teaches the early church fathers at the Resurrection of Christ Theological Academy. Nathan also directs the Central Children's Office of the Orthodox Church of Albania, a ministry in which he works closely with Gabriela. He represents the Orthodox Church of Albania at a number of international gatherings including the official dialogue with the Roman Catholic Church and the dialogue with the Lutheran World Federation. Nathan also serves on the steering committee of the Lausanne-Orthodox initiative (LOI), is a member of the Advisory Council for World Vision

Albania and is on the board of the Inter-Confessional Bible Society.

Nathan was born and raised in Colombia, South America, where his parents continue to serve as missionaries. He is a graduate of Wheaton College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. Nathan has now served in Albania for more than 18 years. Gabriela, a native of Albania, is a graduate of the Resurrection of Christ Theological Academy and the University of Tirana she also holds a master's degree in Children's and Family Ministry from Bethel Seminary. In addition to her role in the Central Children's Office, Gabriela devotes much time to her important responsibilities as wife, mother and homemaker. The Hoppes have three children, Tristan (19), Katherine (16), and Daniel (7).

Philoptochos Corner

Mothers' Day Luncheon May 13: Please join the Philoptochos for a luncheon honoring mothers, grandmothers, and Godmothers. Please see the April Familian for more details.

Bouquets to Icons March 18: This Lenten luncheon in support of the PAOI will take place at the Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church in Moraga, 11 am to 3 pm. For more information: Marilyn Habeeb (650.692.1966). Cost: \$55.

Youth Ministry Updates

GOYA/Teen Forum will meet on the following dates (7-8:30 pm) 3/22, 4/5, 5/10 & 5/24.

First Fridays will meet 3/18 (2-4:00 pm), 4/14 (Good Friday, 11:00 am-2:00 pm), 5/6 (2-4:00 pm).

Seniors' Fellowship

Beginning April 19, the Seniors will meet at 11:00 am on the third Wednesday of the month for a program (meeting with Father Aris, movie, etc.). Lunch will be served. The Seniors will continue to meet at 10:00 am on the other Wednesdays of the month for board games and fellowship.

Baptisms

Nicole McKinney, February 19 (Adult). Sponsor: Intisar Hannonch.

Kalliopi Arvanitidis, February 25, Sponsor: Panos Pappas.

Funerals

Helen Prongos, February 9.

George Panellis, February 10.

Evelyn Pavlou, February 16.

Salvatore Nogara, February 24.



Panagia our Protector

Lunch Fundraiser in support of
the Monastery of the Theotokos the Life-giving Spring
Construction & Expansion Project

\$20 for adults - \$10 for children under 12

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
999 Brotherhood Way - San Francisco, CA 94132
Sunday March 26, 2017 following Divine Liturgy



Everyone is invited to join us for a luncheon in support of the Monastery of the Theotokos the Life-giving Spring in Dunlap, CA. Our Sunday School students & Paradosi Program youth will share a special presentation during the luncheon about how our Panagia (the Virgin Mary) has protected Christians throughout the centuries.

To purchase tickets please call Eleni in the church office, 415-584-4747 ext 0

Family Matters: Reclaim the Family Dinner

Reclaim the family dinner.

Prioritize time together: Be intentional about sitting down to a simple meal together as a family.

Begin with prayer: Before you eat, take time to thank God for all your blessings!

Keep the table tech free: Disconnect from all devices in order to reconnect with one another.

Engage with intentional conversations: Try some of the following questions to get discussion started.

What was your first thought when you woke up today?	our world today?	If you could switch places with one family member for a day, who would it be?
What are you most afraid of?	If somebody from another planet came to Earth, what would he or she think of our world??	What are the three most important qualities in a friend?
What do you want to accomplish by your next birthday?	What is something you use every day that you don't need?	What's the funniest thing somebody did or said today?
If you could be famous for one thing, what would it be?	If you could give everybody in the world one piece of advice, what would you say?	Besides your teacher, who is somebody in your class you could learn from?
What's your favorite word right now? Why?	If you could time travel, where would you go? What would you change?	Who in your class is special? Why?
What do you love about yourself?	What is something you know how to do that you could teach others?	What is the most important job in the world?
What's something that is hard for you?	What will you be doing in 10 years?	If you could create on law that everybody on Earth had to follow, what would it be?
Describe your perfect day.	What's the most important choice you will have to make in your life?	If you could go anywhere in the world to complete a good deed, where would you go and what would you do?
Who in your class is lonely?	If you could only eat one food for an entire year, what would you choose?	What will the world be like in 10 years? What will be the same? What will be different?
Who in your class is a leader?	If you could have one superpower, what would it be?	Is it possible to help someone you've never met? How?
When is it hard being a friend?	What is the best thing that's ever happened to you? What is the worst thing?	If you could liv in another country for one year, where would you live?
Who is someone you'd like to be friends with who isn't yet your friend?	If you had three wishes, what would they be?	Is it better to have too much or not enough of something?
If you could switch places with one friend for a day, who would it be?	What are you the most proud of/	Who is the most important person in the world?
How were you a helper today?	Who in your class seems sad?	
What's the smartest thing you heard somebody say today?	Who do you admire? Why?	
Who in your class makes you smile?	What is something you've always wanted to ask me?	
What's the best thing about living here?		
How can you change the world?		
What's the biggest challenge facing		

Holy Week & Pascha Schedule of Services

Saturday, April 8

Saturday of Lazarus

Matins 9:00 am, Liturgy 10:00 am

Sunday, April 9

Palm Sunday

Matins 9:15 am, Liturgy 10:30 am

Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm

Confession after Service

Monday, April 10

Holy Monday

Presanctified Liturgy 10:00 am

Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm

Confession after Service

Tuesday, April 11

Holy Tuesday

Presanctified Liturgy 10:00 am

Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm

Confession after Service

Wednesday, April 12

Holy Wednesday

Presanctified Liturgy 10:00 am

Unction Service 3:30 & 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 13

Holy Thursday

Vesperal Liturgy 10:00 am

Holy Passion Service 7:00 pm

Friday, April 14

Holy Friday

Royal Hours 12:00 am

Youth Retreat 11:00 am—2:00 pm

Taking Down from the Cross 3 pm

Lamentations Service 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 15

Holy Saturday

Vesperal Liturgy 10:00 am

Matins 11:00 pm

Sunday, April 16

Pascha

Resurrection Service & Divine Liturgy 12:00 am

Agape Vespers 1:00 pm

Pascha Picnic 2:00 pm

Drinks & a limited amount of food will be available for purchase.

Holy Week & Pascha Wish List

Priest's Pascha candle \$300.

Deacon's Pascha Candle \$250

Olive Oil for Unction \$25

Flour for Unction \$10

Fragrant Anointing Oil for Unction \$20

Flowers for the Crucifixion Icon \$200

Wreath for the Cross of Christ \$250

Rose Petals for Holy Friday \$50

Flowers for Kouvouklion (Epitaphios) \$600

Flowers for the Resurrection Banner \$100

Candle Cups for Friday & Sunday \$250

12 Lilies \$300

Easter Offering Envelope (Included)

Epitaphion Flower Offering Envelope (Included)

Sunday Services Times:
 Matins 9:15 am
 Liturgy 10:30 am

MARCH-APRIL 2017

Food Bank Distribution
 Saturdays 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.
 Volunteer at
tinyurl.com/foodbankHTSF

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19	20	21 Paradosi 5:30 pm Faith & Fellowship 6:30 pm	22 Seniors' Fellowship 10:00 am Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 pm GOYA 7:15 pm	23	24 Vespers & Salutations 6:00 pm Movie in Center following services	25 Annunciation Matins 9:00 am Liturgy 10:00 am
19 26	27	28 Paradosi 5:30 pm Faith & Fellowship 6:30 pm	29 Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 pm	30	31 Akathist 6 pm Movie in Center following the service	April 1 Missions Retreat 10 am to 3 pm
2 Diaper Sunday	3	4 Paradosi 5:30 pm Faith & Fellowship 6:30 pm	5 Seniors' Fellowship 10:00 am Presanctified Liturgy 6 pm GOYA 7:15 pm	6 Orthodox Forum 7:30 pm	7	8 Saturday of Lazarus Matins 9:00 am Liturgy 10:00 am
9 Palm Sunday Luncheon Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm	10 Presanctified Liturgy 10:00 am Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm	11 Presanctified Liturgy 10:00 am Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm	12 Presanctified Liturgy 10:00 am Unction 3:30 & 7:00 pm	13 Vespers Liturgy 10:00 am Holy Passion Service 7:00 pm	14 Royal Hours 12:00 am HOPE/JOY Retreat 11:00 am to 2:00 pm Taking Down from the Cross 3:00 pm Lamentations Service 7:00 pm	15 Vespers Liturgy 10:00 am Matins 11:00 pm
16 Resurrection Service & Divine Liturgy 12 am Agape Vespers 1:00 pm Pascha Picnic 2:00 pm	17	18	19 Seniors' Fellowship & Lunch 11:00 am Parish Council 6:30 pm	20 Orthodox Forum 7:30 pm	21	22 Liturgy at Cemetery 10:00 am

Pascha Picnic

Please plan to join other parishioners in eating your Pascha meal at the church, April 16 at 2:00 pm. Tables can be reserved for \$35 and an alcove for \$100 by calling the church office. You can also reserve wine for your table at a cost of \$15 per bottle. The picnic will include a bouncy house, egg hunt, and other children's activities. Most attendees will bring their own food, but a limited amount of food will be available for purchase.

Holy Trinity Best at FDF!

Holy Trinity's Advanced Senior group, *Oikogenia* (Family), won the Division I Sweepstakes at the February 16-19 Metropolis Folk Dance Festival in San Diego. Two performances that combined the talents of two generations of dancers featured creative sets, unforgettable team and lead dancing, and innovative staging. "Sweepstakes" is awarded to the best overall group in a division—Division I is the higher of the two competitive divisions. *Oikogenia* also won the Advanced Senior division's chorale award.

To view their semi-final performance, please go to the 2:26 mark of <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q2ATx1MuZ-8>

The final performance can be found at the 0:13 mark of <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P5vD5LBAzDw>

The presentation of the Sweepstakes award is at 3:35 of https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NeiI3QCvAoM&feature=em-subsub_digest

Metropolis Young Adult Lenten Retreat 2017

Join Orthodox Young Adults from across the West Coast for a Lenten Retreat at St. Nicholas Ranch & Retreat Center. Young Adults in their 20's and 30's from all Orthodox traditions are welcome to attend!

We are honored to have both His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco and His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia join us for this beautiful retreat. Our guest speakers will be Fr. Jim Pappas and Rondal Burkhard from St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Fresno, CA. We will spend time having discussions and fellowship at St. Nicholas Ranch, as well as visit and help the Sisters at the Monastery of the Life-Giving Spring with a work project on Saturday afternoon.

DATE: Friday March 31 - Sunday April 2, 2017

LOCATION: St. Nicholas Ranch & Retreat Center, Dunlap, CA

PRICE: \$135

AGES: Young Adults in their 20's and 30's

REGISTRATION: www.gosfyouth.org

Moldovan Summer Camp Needs Help

Your donation will help keep the campfire burning in Moldova



The youth camp that Father Aris served in the Republic of Moldova in 2015 needs an infusion of cash to conduct a program in 2017. Moldova is the poorest country in Europe and the Church struggles to offer more than the basic ministries. As in the United States, summer camp is one of most effective ways of helping young people form their Christian identity developing the next generation of church leaders. Persons who are able to help can make a donation to Holy Trinity (check, credit card, or cash) earmarking the gift "Moldova Summer Camp." The fundraising goal is \$3500.



The Seniors' Fellowship gathered March 8 to celebrate Olga Andrews's birthday.



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