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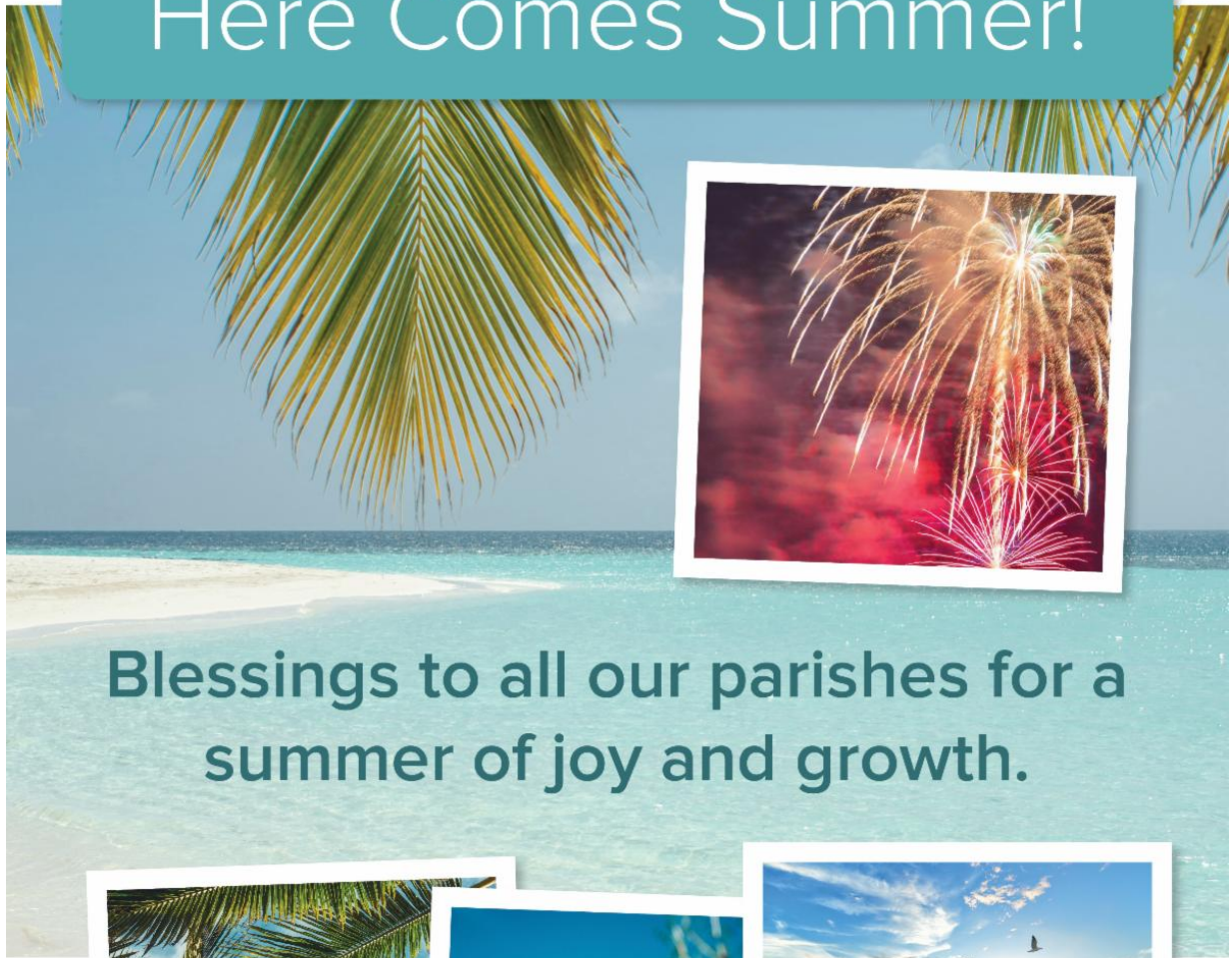
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Here Comes Summer!



**Blessings to all our parishes for a
summer of joy and growth.**





As part of St. George Fresno's centennial celebration, our ministry was invited to present a seminar on the music of the Church on Saturday, June 8. Ministry Chair Christopher Hondros was on hand to offer a morning adaptation of our Church Music Intensive, "Singing in the Nave and Beyond." The theme of Christopher's talk was **"What are we hearing? What are we singing?"** and included an overview of the Liturgical Day, the books which make up the Liturgical Year, as well as an examination of the roles of church musicians and the congregation in services. Many music samples were presented for listening and discussion, which generated interesting questions about the structure and function of this music. A lively and engaged group of 30 people were in attendance, many of whom were not church musicians. Dozens more were watching via live stream on St. George's Facebook page. What a pleasure it was to be part of the celebration and join the community of faith in Fresno!

If your parish would like to host a Church Music Intensive workshop on any topic of interest to you, please contact us at any time. We can help you plan a morning, a full day, or a weekend of music enrichment!

Important Plenary Information and
Planning meeting on the future of our



ministry.

**Saturday, August 17, 2024
at 11:00 AM via Zoom**

Welcome Niko!



Please join us in congratulating our Assistant to the Ministry Chair, **Athena Anastos**, on becoming a *yiayia*! Nikolas Allen was born on June 8 in Houston, Texas, to Tom and Emily Anastos. Athena and Papou Nick are bursting with joy!



Just Published:
**BEAUTIFUL NEW LITURGY
IN ENGLISH**

On July 19, 2024 Cappella Romana Publishing will release *The Divine Liturgy* by our former Church Music Development Team Co-Leader, Samuel Herron. Employing the official translation of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, this volume is the first of its kind in English.



His one-of-a-kind liturgy collects all of the hymns for the service, composed in both English and in Byzantine notation, in one volume which includes a unique collection of Cherubic Hymns and includes Communion Hymns in all eight modes in both short and long settings, unavailable anywhere else.

[Read more about Sam's accomplishments and this publication here.](#)

No news is ... *no news!*

We would love to share stories and photos from your parish. Items sent by the last week of the month will be featured in the next month's issue of our Grace Note. Can't wait to see and hear what's been happening with you.

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