# Annunciation Cathedral Greek Dance Program
## Dancer & Parent Agreement

The Greek Dance Program is a youth ministry of the **Annunciation Cathedral in San Francisco**. Participation in this program is both a privilege and a commitment to our faith, community, and cultural heritage. By joining this Ministry, dancers and their families agree to uphold the following expectations:

**1. Eligibility Requirements**

- I and/or my family are **stewards in good standing** of the Annunciation Cathedral.
    - Dancers aged **18+** must pledge stewardship **individually**, separate from their family.
    - Stewardship must be **pledged** prior to the start of the dance season and **fulfilled by December 1st** of each year in order to attend FDF.
- I and/or my family will **pay annual dance dues** by the communicated due date.

**2. Church & Sunday School Participation**

- I will attend **Divine Liturgy** regularly.
- If under 18, I will participate in the current **Sunday School program**, as directed by the parish priest at the beginning of the dance season.

**3. Practice & Performance Expectations**

I will:

- Attend **all practices regularly**, **on time**, and be **prepared to work**.
- Behave professionally at practices, showing respect for directors and their choreography.
- Learn and know **the dance steps and song lyrics** as assigned.
- Be attentive, kind, and respectful toward **directors, other adults, and fellow dancers**. Wear appropriate dance footwear (tennis shoes or dance shoes) as directed.
- Not leave practice or church grounds during practice time without **parental permission** and director notification.
- Keep **all electronic devices**, including phones and earbuds, **turned off and put away** during practices.
- Not wear earbuds or chew gum during **practices or performances**.

**4. Communication Responsibilities**

- If I cannot attend a practice or performance, I will **notify my director in advance** by phone, text, or email.
- If it is due to an emergency within 24 hours of practice,, I will **call or text** my director as soon as possible.

**5. Conduct & Behavior**

I understand that participation in this ministry requires me to:

- Represent myself and the Cathedral with **dignity and respect** at all times.
- Avoid any form of **illegal activity** during practices, performances, or events like FDF.
- Treat the Cathedral with respect and care: including not damaging property, cleaning-up after myself, and using common sense.

**6. Fundraising & Volunteer Commitments**

- I will volunteer at least **8 hours** during the **parish festival** (for dancers in **6th grade +**). These hours are in addition to the fundraising activity hours below.
- I and/or my parents will participate in **fundraising activities**, contributing at least **20 hours** per dance season. (competing groups)
- I and/or my parents will participate in **fundraising activities**, contributing at least **8 hours** per dance season. (non-competing groups)

**7. Attendance, Preparedness & Consequences**

I understand that:

- Consistent **absences**, **lateness**, or being **unprepared** may result in my removal from dances or performances, including FDF.
- Directors have the authority to make decisions regarding participation in performances based on behavior and commitment.
- Participation in the Dance Ministry is a **privilege**, and failure to meet expectations may lead to:
    - Being asked to leave practice temporarily.
    - Being removed from the program permanently.
    - Becoming ineligible to attend **FDF**.
    - Forfeiting all registration fees.

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**8. Acknowledgment**

By selecting **"Yes, I accept"**, you acknowledge that:

- **Parents/Guardians:**
    - I reviewed this with my child in an age-appropriate way & explained the terms of this agreement.
    - You and your child agree to uphold the expectations outlined above as part of your commitment to the Annunciation Cathedral Greek Dance Program.
- **Dancers 18+:**
    - I reviewed this agreement and agree to uphold the expectations outlined above as part of my commitment to the Annunciation Cathedral Greek Dance Program.