

The Athena Philoptochos Society of St. George Church



Kids 'n' Cancer

"Give your heart to a child."

The mission of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco Philoptochos Kids 'n' Cancer/Camp Agape Ministry is dedicated to providing support for children afflicted with cancer and their families. This beloved ministry offers a compassionate and caring environment, exemplary of Christ's unconditional love, along with an opportunity to shape meaningful friendships and create precious memories.



The Kids 'n' Cancer – **Agape Celebration of Love** is a yearly event held to bring awareness to the ministry by providing a beautiful, fun-filled afternoon giving those in attendance the opportunity to participate in fundraising, meet Camp Agape families, and fellowship together.

Camp Agape is a special place where families have the opportunity to enjoy four carefree summer days, away from the sights and sounds of doctors, laboratories, and hospitals, where they spend so much of their lives. Children and their families engage in hands-on group activities that provide a reprieve from their daily challenges. For children and their families, this is a truly a time to refresh, reflect and form lasting bonds with Philoptochos and new friends.

Kids 'n' Cancer/ Camp Agape is a Philoptochos ministry inspired by Father John Bakus and Bishop Anthony of the Metropolis of San Francisco. It began at the Saint Nicholas Ranch in Dunlap, California in 1989 and has expanded to camps in: Portland, Oregon, 1995; Ramona, California, 2005; and Mayer, Arizona, 2007. Camp Agape offers an *all-expense-paid* summer camp experience to hundreds of children with cancer and their families.



Angel Babies Burial Gowns

Angel Babies are preemies and newborns who fall asleep in the Lord before or immediately following their births. Hinds Hospice helps between 10 and 45 families a month to bury their Angel Babies. Our project is to work with Hinds Hospice to help provide small baby blankets, Angel Gowns, special envelopes, and teeny diapers. We accept donations of bridal gowns which are respectfully repurposed into the Angel Gowns. Prayers are needed for all of these families who are burying their angel babies.

If you have any questions or wish to offer a donation, please contact the church office at 559-233-0397.



Ronald McDonald House: We provide meals for the families who call the Ronald McDonald House home while their children are undergoing medical treatment. With a full house plus families there on a day pass, a warm dinner is always welcomed. Please let us know if you would like to participate.