

THE ANNUNCIATION

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

14th Sunday of Luke/Prophet Habakkuk

The Holy Prophet Habakkuk, the eighth of the Twelve Minor Prophets, was descended from the Tribe of Simeon, and he prophesied around 650 B.C. The Prophet Habakkuk foresaw the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple, the Babylonian Captivity and the later return of the captives to their native land. During the war with the Babylonians the prophet withdrew to Arabia, where the following miracle occurred. When he was bringing dinner to the reapers, he met an angel of the Lord, and instantly by the strength of his spirit he was transported to Babylon, where at the time the Prophet Daniel was languishing in prison. The food intended for the reapers assuaged the hunger of the exhausted Prophet Daniel (Dan. 14:33-37). After the end of the war with the Babylonians, the Prophet Habakkuk returned to his homeland and died at a great old age. His relics were found at the time of Emperor Theodosius the Younger (408-450), together with the relics of the Prophet Micah (August 14). The Fourth Ode of the Psalter ("O Lord, I have heard thy report, and was afraid...") is based on Habakkuk 3:2-19.

December 2, 2018

Rev. Fr. Joseph Gingrich, Parish Priest

Altar Boys All Available

Ushers On Duty 2

Epistle Reading Ephesians 6:10-17

Gospel Reading Luke 18:35-43

TODAY'S DIVINE LITURGY HYMNS AND SCRIPTURE READINGS:

HYMNS AFTER THE SMALL (GOSPEL) ENTRANCE

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN THE SECOND MODE

When Thou didst descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then didst Thou slay Hades with the lightning of Thy Divinity. And when Thou didst also raise the dead out of the nethermost depths, all the powers in the Heavens cried out: O Life-giver, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ Ζωὴ ἢ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς Θεότητος, ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

DISMISSAL HYMN FOR THE ANNUNCIATION IN THE FOURTH MODE

Today is the crown of our salvation and the revelation of the Mystery that is from all eternity. The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin, and Gabriel announces this grace. Let us join Him and cry out to the Theotokos: Hail, you who are full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Σήμερον της σωτηρίας ημών το κεφάλαιον και του απ' αιώνας μυστηρίου η φανέρωσις, Ο Υιός του Θεού, Υιός της Παρθένου γίνεται, και Γαβριήλ την χάριν ευαγγελίζεται. Διό και ημείς συν αυτώ τη Θεοτόκω βοήσωμεν. Χαιρε, κεχαριτωμένη, ο Κύριος μετά σου.

SEASONAL KONTAKION IN THE THIRD MODE

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to God the Word ineffably, Who was before all the ages. Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing the gladsome tidings; with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him Who is willing to be gazed on as a young Child Who before the ages is God.

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν Προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν Σπηλαίῳ ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπορρήτως. Χόρευε ἡ οἰκουμένη ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν.

EPISTLE READING

PRIEST: Let us attend.

READER: The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me sorely.

PRIEST: Wisdom

READER: The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 6:10-17.

PRIEST: Let us attend.

READER: ¹⁰Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, with the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the complete armor of God, so that you may be able to resist the devil's tactics. ¹²Truly, our struggle is not against flesh and blood but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this darkness and against the evil spiritual forces of the supernatural realms. ¹³Therefore, put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to resist when the evil day comes. Having accomplished all things, may you stand your ground! ¹⁴Yes, stand [firm], having the belt of truth around your waist, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵having fitted shoes on your feet so as to be ready in the Good News of peace. ¹⁶Above all, take up the shield of faith which will enable you to quench all the fiery darts of the evil one. ¹⁷Take also the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit which is the word [spoken] by God.

LUKE 18:35-43

³⁵As Jesus was approaching Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the road, begging. ³⁶Hearing a crowd going by, he asked what this meant. ³⁷People told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. ³⁸He began to cry out, "Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me!" ³⁹Then those who led the way rebuked him, ordering him to be quiet. But the blind man cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁰Standing still, Jesus commanded that the blind man be brought to him. When the man had come near, Jesus asked him, ⁴¹"What do you want me to do?" The man replied, "Lord, that I may see again!" ⁴²Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight. Your faith has healed you." ⁴³Immediately, the man received his sight and began to follow Jesus, glorifying God. When all the people saw this, they praised God.

SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018

MATINS AND DIVINE LITURGY

8:15 AM

YOUTH SUNDAY

ARTOKLASIA offered in health and safety for: Kate Argue Poeppelman, Nia, Lucy, Harriet, George, Anthony, Jennifer, Madison, and Anthony Argue

MEMORIALS TODAY:

+Carol Valen 6 month
+Otis Tekakis 19 years

ALTAR FLOWERS given in loving memory of +Carol Valen and +Otis Tekakis by The Zalants, Retzios, Hodson, & Valen Families.

COFFEE HOUR sponsored by the family of +Carol Valen in loving memory of +Carol Valen and +Otis Tekakis and hosted by GOYA.

TODAY - FRAUD AWARENESS PRESENTATION SPONSORED BY THE AIF

Please join us for this very informative program today after church. A light lunch will be provided. Investigators from the Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office will present a fraud awareness presentation.

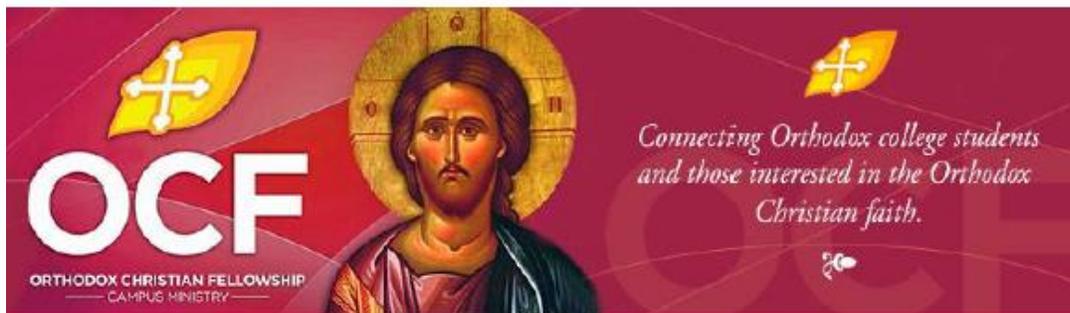
MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 3RD

Date	Event	Time	Location
Mon. 3 rd	Greek School	5:30 PM	Community Center

Tue.	4 th	Community Sandwich Making	6:30 PM	Community Center
Wed.	5 th	Adult Catechism Class	6:30 PM	Athenagoras Room
		Marian Prayer	3:00 PM	Church
		Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM	Church
Thur.	6 th	Great Vespers for St. Nicholas	6:30 PM	Cincinnati, Ohio
		Divine Liturgy St. Nicholas	9:30 AM	Church
		<i>Artoklasia offered for the health of: Michael, Nicholas, Andreas, Aikaterini, Michael, Andreas, Angeliki, Vassiliki, Vassilios</i>		
		Philoptochos Christmas Luncheon	11:00 AM	Moraine CC

University of Dayton Orthodox Christian Fellowship

The official campus ministry organization of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America



Attention all college students in the Dayton Area,

The University of Dayton has just created a OCF and would love for you to join.

SECOND MEETING: Tuesday December 4th, 2018 at 8:30 P.M.
Location: Liberty Hall Room 08

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- An explanation of the University of Dayton's OCF goals
- A fun time
- An opportunity to meet new people

WHO CAN ATTEND:

- Open to any college student in the area.

If you have any question feel free to contact us at: 412-439-7596
UDaytonOCF@gmail.com germanose1@udayton.edu

EXTEND, O LORD, YOUR MERCY AND PROTECTION UPON YOUR SERVANTS

Please pray for the health and salvation of your brothers and sisters in Christ during today's Divine Liturgy and throughout the week: *Konstantinos Haritos, Mary Saloom, Mike Mokas, Katherine Xidas, Magdeline Tisinger,*

Peter Mihalisis, Stephanie Michaelson, Mary Leakas, Maria Polychronis, Alex Gounaris, Athie Zavakos, Stephen Fricioni, John Wagner, Marilyn Lusa, Cynthia Yonts, Margie Polites, Toulia Stamm, Don Hanel, John Moraites, Bob Cade, Berdi Kakas and Sarah Petrick

FROM FATHER JOSEPH

-Friends of the Metropolis Sunday. Sunday December 16th will be Friends of the Metropolis Sunday. On this day we will take up a collection to support the vital ministries of our diocese. When we support the Friends of the Metropolis campaign, we are part of a greater outreach that proclaims with one universal voice that God is truly our hope and our rock of salvation. Because of our devotion to the Friends program, ministries and programs are implemented on a Metropolis-wide basis which strengthen and enhance our faith and our joint ministry of service. I would like to invite you to join forces with the faithful throughout the Metropolis of Detroit in support of the ministries which are part of the Office of the Metropolitan.

-Sunday Divine Liturgy. The only people who should be in the community center during Sunday Divine Liturgy are those setting up for coffee hour. All others are expected to be worshipping the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in the church. Fellowship and socializing is appropriate after Divine Liturgy.

-Adult Catechism Class. Adult Catechism Classes will be on Tuesday's at 6:30 PM on the following dates: Dec. 4, Dec. 11, Dec. 18. The books being used will be the four-volume *The Orthodox Faith* by Fr. Thomas Hopko and can be ordered through St. Vladimir's Seminary Press. All classes will cover new material as we will begin where we ended in the text. For the Dec.4 class please read pages 17-42 from Volume 3.

-In Need. If you are a parishioner in need there are limited funds available through AHEPA. All requests to Fr. Joseph will be kept in strict confidence.

-Holy Land Trip. I'm considering planning a trip to the Holy Land June 15 to June 25, 2020. The cost with airfare, hotels, and two meals a day would be around \$3,500 a person. I'm in the process of calling travel companies that have come recommended to me by other priests. If interested, please come and see me. In order to make this work we would need at least 24 people. A deposit will be required for all reservations.

-Congratulations to Matt Boosalis! Boosalis Baking and Cafe has been named "Best Coffee Shop in Ohio" by USA Today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PHILOPTOCHOS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Celebrate St. Nicholas at the Divine Liturgy on Thursday, December 6, followed by our Christmas Luncheon at Moraine Country Club. Remember to bring pajamas and books for the children at Schneider House of Hope, Homeless Center. Your \$22 check to "Philoptochos" is your Reservation. Reservations Chairs are Mary Caudell and Liz Limber. **Today is the final date for pre-paid Reservations, no exceptions.**

FROM THE MAINTENANCE STAFF

Please excuse the dust as we work to make our church beautiful again. The scaffolding for the plaster and paint will be here for up to 4 weeks, so please be careful as you exit church.

YOUNG AT HEART

Join us for our annual Christmas luncheon sponsored by Philoptochos on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 11:30 AM. The choir will lead us in singing Christmas carols. Hope to see you there!

PHILOPTOCHOS COMMUNITY CARE MINISTRY FOR DECEMBER

In the spirit of the Christmas season and the celebration of our Lord and Savior's birth, please join us in supporting BRIGID'S PATH. Brigid's Path (brigidspath.org) provides inpatient medical care for drug-exposed newborns, nonjudgmental support for mothers, and education services to improve family outcomes.

During December we will be accepting donations in support of Brigid's Path. For a donation of \$20 or more, please accept a hand-blown glass ornament in appreciation of your generous support of this worthy organization ministering to the innocent and suffering.

*Checks should be made payable to Philoptochos with CCM on the memo line and can be deposited in the Red Box or sent to Michelle Zois at 111 Diamond Drive, Centerville, Ohio 45458

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BOOSALIS BAKING AND CAFÉ

It is that time of year to start planning for your Christmas meal. The Daughter's of Penelope, along with Boosalis Baking are teaming up again to offer Tsourekia to make your Christmas table complete. We will be accepting orders now through Monday December 10. The bread will be ready for pick up at the Community Center Saturday December 15 and Sunday December 16 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm. Please contact Melissa DeBernardi-Smith at 412-512-5242 or email myguiness14@hotmail.com to place your order.

SAVE THE DATE – 2019 VASILOPITA LUNCHEON – SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019

Philoptochos invites you to our Annual Vasilopita Luncheon that benefits St. Basil's Academy. Join us **Sunday, January 6, 2019**. There will be a silent auction of pitas and the popular children's bidding table, and as always, monetary donations are welcome. Menu: Greek Roast Beef, Rice Pilaf, Capri Blend Vegetables, Rolls and Butter, Spinach Salad w/ a citrus vinaigrette, Cheese Cake Assortment; Menu for Children: Chicken Tenders, Macaroni & Cheese, and Applesauce, Coffee, Lemonade, and Iced Tea. Tickets go on sale November 18, 2018. Deadline for pre-paid reservations is Sunday, December 30, 2018. **No ticket sales on the day of the event!** COST: Adults \$12/Children \$6. All tables will have a Vasilopita. RESERVE A TABLE AND BRING THE ENTIRE FAMILY. For ticket sales, contact: Christa Bishop (513) 304-9128 or Angie Retzios (513) 594-5485

Are you confident you (and your loved ones) are protected from Identity Theft?

Join us for this informative presentation as we learn helpful hints to help protect ourselves.



Did you know that in 2017, 1 in 15 people became victims of identity fraud.

Fighting Fraud with the Montgomery County Investigators

Sunday, December 2nd – Immediately following liturgy

A light lunch will be provided

Topics will include:

- Fraud awareness
- Prevention methods in the case of victimization
- Steps you can take to help report/recover from being a victim
- Time for questions
- Exploration of cases involving:
 - Telemarketer schemes
 - Internet fraud
 - Grandparent schemes
 - Power of attorney theft
 - Contractor fraud
 - And others

Don't miss this opportunity to change your odds in the identity theft statistics, for you and your loved ones!

This free program is offered to our community by
Annunciation Investment Fund

If you have any questions, please contact Tina Haubrock 885-9410



District #11 Maids of Athena presents:

MY BIG FAT GREEK CHRISTMAS



1 ornament: \$10

3 ornaments: \$25

A perfect stocking stuffer & present this holiday season for the Greek-Americans in your life!

Proceeds will go to District #11 Maids of Athena & non-profit philanthropy: Hellenic Hearts

Payable by cash or check to "District #11 Maids of Athena"

Contact DG Andrea Tsatalis (Tsatalis.1@osu.edu) with questions





Baked by Maids of Athena

Just in time for Christmas

Sold on Sunday after church (December 9 -16)



Dozen koulourakia- \$6.00

