

# THE ANNUNCIATION

## GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### GODPARENT/GODCHILD SUNDAY

## 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew/The Synaxis of the Holy and Righteous Symeon the God-Receiver and the Holy Prophetess Anna

*Yesterday, we celebrated the Meeting of our Lord in the Temple; today we honor the righteous Elder Symeon and Prophetess Anna, who prophesied concerning Christ by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and were the first in Jerusalem to receive Him as the Messiah.*

**Sunday, February 3, 2019**

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Rev. Fr. Joseph Gingrich, Parish Priest

Altar Boys All Available

Ushers On Duty 2

Epistle Reading II Corinthians 6:1-10

Gospel Reading Matthew 25:14-30

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#### TODAY'S DIVINE LITURGY HYMNS AND SCRIPTURE READINGS:

##### HYMNS AFTER THE SMALL (GOSPEL) ENTRANCE

##### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN THE THIRD MODE

Let the Heavens rejoice; let earthly things be glad; for the Lord hath wrought might with His arm, He hath trampled upon death by death. The first-born of the dead hath He become. From the belly of Hades hath He delivered us, and hath granted great mercy to the world.

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιášθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος, ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος, ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας ᾄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

##### APOLYTIKION FOR AFTERFEAST OF THE PRESENTATION IN THE FIRST MODE

Rejoice, thou who art full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos, for from thee hath risen the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, enlightening those in darkness. Rejoice, thou also, O righteous Elder, as thou receivest in thine arms the Redeemer of our souls, Who also granteth unto us the Resurrection.

Χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη Θεοτόκε Παρθένε, ἐκ σοῦ γὰρ ἀνέτειλεν ὁ Ἥλιος τῆς δικαιοσύνης, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, φωτίζων τοὺς ἐν σκότει. Εὐφραίνου καὶ σὺ Πρεσβύτα δίκαιε, δεξάμενος ἐν ἀγκάλαις τὸν ἐλευθερωτὴν τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν, χαριζόμενος ἡμῖν καὶ τὴν Ἀνάστασιν.

##### DISMISSAL HYMN FOR THE ANNUNCIATION IN THE FOURTH MODE

On this day when our salvation is crowned for eternity. And the revelation of the mystery of the ages. With divine grace the Son of God becomes the Virgin's Son. And Gabriel's good tidings proclaim the news. For this we rejoice in song unto the Holy Theotokos. Hail to you who are filled with 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 ημεῖς συν αυτώ τη Θεοτόκω βοήσωμεν. Χαιρε, κεχαριτωμένη, ο Κύριος μετά σου.

##### SEASONAL KONTAKION IN THE FIRST MODE

Your birth sanctified a Virgin's womb and properly blessed the hands of Symeon. Having now come and saved us O Christ our God, give peace to Your commonwealth in troubled times and strengthen those in authority, whom You love, as only the loving One.

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγιάσας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεῶν εὐλόγησας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Ἄλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλόανθρωπος.

**PRIEST:** Let us attend.

**READER:** Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Clap your hands, all you nations.

**PRIEST:** Wisdom

**READER:** The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:1-10.

**PRIEST:** Let us attend.

**READER:** Brethren, <sup>1</sup>Since we are God's fellow workers, we also entreat you not to receive his grace in vain, <sup>2</sup>for he says, "At a favorable time I listened to you; In a day of salvation I helped you." Behold, now is the acceptable time! Behold, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We give no occasion for stumbling in anything, so that our ministry may not be blamed. <sup>4</sup>Instead, we seek to be approved as servants of God in everything, in great endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses, <sup>5</sup>in beatings, in imprisonments, in riots, in labors, in vigils, in fastings, <sup>6</sup>in purity, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in a holy spirit, in sincere love, <sup>7</sup>in the word of truth, and in the power of God. There is also the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, <sup>8</sup>glory and dishonor, evil report and good report; being thought of as deceivers, and yet true; <sup>9</sup>unknown, and yet well-known; dying, and behold, we live; punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; thought to have nothing even though we possess all things!

#### **MATTHEW 25:14-30**

<sup>14</sup>Indeed, the Kingdom is like a man who was leaving for another country. He called his own slaves and entrusted his goods to them. <sup>15</sup>To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one; to each according to his own ability. And immediately he went on a journey. <sup>16</sup>Then the one who received five talents went off, did business with them and earned another five talents. <sup>17</sup>And in the same way, the one who had received two gained another two. <sup>18</sup>But the slave who received one talent went off, dug [a hole] in the ground and hid his lord's money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time, the lord of those slaves returned and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>The one who had received the five talents came forward and brought another five talents, saying: 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents. Behold, I have gained another five!' <sup>21</sup>The lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave! You have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord!' <sup>22</sup>The one who had received the two talents also came forward and said, 'Lord, you entrusted me with two talents. Behold, I have gained another two talents!' <sup>23</sup>The lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave! You have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord!' <sup>24</sup>The one who had received one talent now came forward and said, 'Lord, I knew you, that you are a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter. <sup>25</sup>I was afraid! I went away and hid your talent in the earth. Behold, you have what is yours!' <sup>26</sup>But his lord answered, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You understood that I reap where I did not sow, and that I gather where I did not scatter. <sup>27</sup>And so, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming, I would have received it back with interest. <sup>28</sup>Therefore, take away the talent from this one, and give it to the one who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to everyone who has, [more] will be given and he will have in abundance. But from the one who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>Throw out the unprofitable slave into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

## SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019

**MATINS AND DIVINE LITURGY**

**8:15 AM**

**YOUTH SUNDAY**

**GODPARENT/GODCHILD SUNDAY**

**MEMORIALS TODAY:**

+Aida Shamma	7 years
+Andre' Sabty	8 years
+Irene Valen	10 years
+Lazaros Thomas Retzios	17 years

**ALTAR FLOWERS and FELLOWSHIP COFFEE HOUR** are given in loving memory of **+Lazaros, +Irene, +Andre & +Aida** by the Retzios & Shamma Families. Fellowship Coffee hour is hosted by the MAIDS.

### **MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Mon. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Greek School	5:30pm	Community Ctr.
	Community Sandwich Making	6:30pm	Community Ctr.
Wed. 6 <sup>h</sup>	Marian Prayer	3:00pm	Church
	Choir Rehearsal	4:00pm	Church
	Choir Rehearsal	6:30pm	Church
Thur. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Philoptochos Membership Mtg.	10:00am	Athenagoras Rm.
	Twisted Stitchers (Tatting Class)	11:30am	Athenagoras Rm.

### **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 Mihalislis, 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, Farrell Humphreys, and Sarah Patrick***

### **FROM FATHER JOSEPH**

**-Stewardship.** We are going in the right direction with stewardship! As your priest, thank you! The number of pledges was down by 14 for 2018. Yet even though pledges were slightly down, the amount pledged was up \$23,016.72. Of the monies pledged 96.63% were paid. Total pledges paid were up \$34,403.43 in 2018. Average and median pledges were both up \$100 from 2017. This is stellar considering we have had 36 deaths according to our metrical records in 2017 through 2018.

**-Holy Land Trip.** I'm considering planning a trip to the Holy Land from June 15 to June 25, 2020. The cost of 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. There are flyers in the community center that describe some of what we do and where we would visit. So far we don't have nearly enough people interested to make this a go. The cutoff date will be May 1, 2019.

**-Vacation Church School.** Thank you to Tom Federle, Becky Heddings, Ruth Ann Zavakos, Dena Inempolidis, Diane Briggs, Katie Poeppelman, Mary McDonald, Sandy Panagouleas, Gigi Tsocaris, Mary Searles and Chrissy Panagouleas-Stephens for all volunteering to help with our VCS. Our co-director will be Diane Briggs. If you would like to help please see me. The dates are June 24th to June 28th.

**-Clergy Retreat.** I will be attending a mandatory clergy retreat in Detroit Monday, Feb. 4 to Wed. Feb. 6.

**-Parish Council Elections For 2019**

Parish Council elections for 2019 were held on January 18<sup>th</sup> and the following were elected to office:

President – Mary (Toni) Moraites

Vice-President - Dessine Ziehler

Secretary – Mary Haritos

Treasurer – Nick Regopoulos

**Congratulations To All!**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **COMMUNITY SANDWICH MAKING**

February community sandwich making will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 4th in the Community Center kitchen.

### **AHEPA DISTRICT #11 – BUCKEYE SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION**

#### **Application Submission Process**

This year's application will only be accepted via the online application process

[www.bsf.buckeyedistrict11.org](http://www.bsf.buckeyedistrict11.org).

The application is now available and will be **due March 31, 2019**. For those of you that have applied in the past **please note that the due date has changed this year**.

Awards are given only to students *entering college or in undergraduate school*, who are active members of the AHEPA, Daughters of Penelope, Sons of Pericles, Maids of Athena, or whose parent(s) have been active members of the Senior Orders for 3 consecutive years (2 years plus current year).

If there are any questions, contact Nick Regopoulos [rego4nick@aol.com](mailto:rego4nick@aol.com)

### **SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019**

You are invited to the 2019 AHEPA Dayton Family Event and District 11 Governors' Recognition at the Presidential Banquet Center 4572 Presidential Way Dayton, Ohio 45429.

### **CATECHISM SCHOOL**

#### **1. CATECHISM SCHOOL & OPA'S**

2nd Annual

BLESSING BAG

LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT

Sunday, April 7th

We encourage all students and families to participate!!

Follow the Sign-up Genius link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B45AEA923A3FF2-blessing1>

Donations due: March 17th!

2. FIRST CONFESSION SEMINAR - Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

## **MAIDS OF ATHENA**

Maids of Athena will be sponsoring a baby shower to benefit Hannah's Treasure Chest on Sunday , February 24 during coffee hour.

### ***Top Five Priority Needs***

- Infant clothing, 0-3 M
- Potty chairs
- Diapers, sz NB, 4, 5, 6
- **Sturdy gym shoes and sandals, esp. boys' size 13-youth 2.5**
- Batteries, esp. C, AA

### ***Infants***

- Infant outfits & PJs, esp **0-3M**
- Infant socks
- Baby wellness kits – thermometer, aspiration bulb, nail clippers, etc.)
- [Lovey blankets](#) & [WubbaNub](#) lovey toys
- Teething rings & rattles
- [Diapers](#), size NB, 1, 4, 5, 6
- Diaper bags
- Pull-Ups, size 3T, 4T
  - ***Open packs of diapers and Pull-Ups are always welcome!***

*Monetary donations are also appreciated.*

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**Program for Young Adults**  
(Entering Senior Year or First Year of College)

**Week Zero** June 23 – June 29, 2019

**Programs for Youth Entering Grades 3-11**

**Week 1** June 30 – July 6, 2019

**Week 4** July 21 – July 27, 2019

**Week 2** July 7 – July 13, 2019

**Week 5** July 28 – August 3, 2019

**Week 3** July 14 – July 20, 2019

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