

THE ANNUNCIATION

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Epiphany

About the beginning of our Lord's thirtieth year, John the Forerunner, who was some six months older than Our Saviour according to the flesh, and had lived in the wilderness since his childhood, received a command from God and came into the parts of the Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance unto the remission of sins. Then our Saviour also came from Galilee to the Jordan, and sought and received baptism though He was the Master and John was but a servant. Whereupon, there came to pass those marvellous deeds, great and beyond nature: the Heavens were opened, the Spirit descended in the form of a dove upon Him that was being baptized and the voice was heard from the Heavens hearing witness that this was the beloved Son of God, now baptized as a man (Matt. 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:1-22). From these events the Divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ and the great mystery of the Trinity were demonstrated. It is also from this that the present feast is called "Epiphany" or "Theophany", that is, the divine manifestation, God's appearance among men. On this venerable day the sacred mystery of Christian baptism was inaugurated; henceforth also began the saving preaching of the Kingdom of the Heavens.

Sunday, January 6, 2019

Rev. Fr. Joseph Gingrich, Parish Priest

Altar Boys All Available

Ushers On Duty 2

Epistle Reading Titus 2:11 – 14; 3: 4-7

Gospel Reading Matthew 3:13-17

TODAY'S DIVINE LITURGY HYMNS AND SCRIPTURE READINGS:

HYMNS AFTER THE SMALL (GOSPEL) ENTRANCE

APOLYTIKION FOR HOLY EPIPHANY IN THE FIRST MODE

When Thou wast baptized in the Jordan, O Lord, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest; for the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the certainty of the word. O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and hast enlightened the world, glory be to Thee.

Ἐν Ἰορδάνῃ βαπτιζομένου σου Κύριε, ἡ τῆς Τριάδος ἐφανερώθη προσκύνησις, τοῦ γὰρ Γεννήτορος ἡ φωνὴ προσεμαρτύρει σοί, ἀγαπητὸν σὲ Υἱὸν ὀνομάζουσα, καὶ τὸ Πνεῦμα ἐν εἶδει περιστεράς, ἐβεβαίου τοῦ λόγου τὸ ἀσφαλές. Ὁ ἐπιφανεῖς Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, καὶ τὸν κόσμον φωτίσας δόξα σοί.

SEASONAL KONTAKION IN THE FOURTH MODE

You appeared to the world today, and Your light, O Lord, has left its mark upon us. With fuller understanding we sing to You: "You came, You were made manifest, the unapproachable light."

Ἐπεφάνης σήμερον τῆ οἰκουμένη, καὶ τὸ φῶς σου Κύριε, ἐσημειώθη ἐφ' ἡμᾶς, ἐν ἐπιγνώσει ὑμνούντάς σε. Ἦλθες ἐφάνης τὸ Φῶς τὸ ἀπρόσιτον.

DISMISSAL HYMN FOR THE ANNUNCIATION IN THE FOURTH MODE (NOT SUNG TODAY).

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 ημείς συν αυτώ τη Θεοτόκω βοήσωμεν. Χαιρε, κεχαριτωμένη, ο Κύριος μετά σου.

EPISTLE READING

PRIEST: Let us attend.

READER: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His mercy endures forever.

PRIEST: Wisdom

READER: The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7.

PRIEST: Let us attend.

READER: Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

MATTHEW 3:13-17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴However, John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and [it is] you who come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered and said to him, "Allow it for now, for it is fitting that in this way, we should fulfill all righteousness." Then John allowed Jesus [to be baptized]. ¹⁶After he had been baptized, Jesus immediately came out of the water and behold, the heavens were opened to him. He saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and coming down on him. ¹⁷And behold, a voice from heaven said: "*This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased!*"

SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019

MATINS AND DIVINE LITURGY

8:15 AM

Catechism School classes resume today.

No Coffee Hour today due to the Vasilopita Luncheon.

The Annual Vasilopita Luncheon and Silent Auction benefiting St. Basil Academy takes place today following the Divine Liturgy. We will hold our traditional auction of Vasilopitas. Fr. Joseph will also cut the community Vasilopita and distribute pieces to the various parish ministries and organizations.

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 7TH

Date	Event	Time	Location
Mon. 7 th	House Blessing		
	Centerville-Bellbrook-Waynesville		
	Greek School	5:30pm	Community Ctr.
Tue. 8 th	Comty. Sandwich Mkg.	6:30pm	Community Ctr.
	House Blessing		
Wed. 9 th	Centerville-Bellbrook-Waynesville		
	House Blessing		
Thur. 10 th	Kettering -Oakwood		
	Marian Prayer	3:00pm	Church
	Choir	4:00pm	Church
	Choir	6:30pm	Church
Sat. 12 th	House Blessing		
	Kettering -Oakwood		
	DOP/AHEPA Meeting	6:30pm	Athenagoras Room
	GOYA Party	6:00pm	Community Ctr.

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 Moka, Katherine Xidas, Magdeline Tisinger, Peter Mihalisis, Stephanie Michaelson, Mary Leakas, Maria Polychronis, Alex Gounaris, Athie Zavakos, Stephen Frizioni, John Wagner, Marilyn Lusa, Cynthia Yonts, Margie Polites, Tola Stamm, Don Hanel, John Moraites, Bob Cade, and Farrell Humphreys*

FROM FATHER JOSEPH

-His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas Pastoral Visitation. His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas will be coming to Dayton to serve Divine Liturgy on January 20th. Please mark your calendars. At this time will we also be celebrating Ernie's retirement as choir director. RSVP yourself and your children to Carol by Jan. 15th.

-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. 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.

-Vacation Church School. Thank you to Becky Heddings, Ruth Ann Zavakos, Dena Inempolidis, Diane Briggs, Katie Poepelman, Mary McDonald, Sandy Panagouleas, Gigi Tsocharis, Mary Searles and Chrissy

Panagouleas-Stephens for all volunteering to help with our VCS. If you would like to help please see me. The dates are June 24th to June 28th.

-House Blessing Drivers. The 2019 house blessing form and schedule is available in the community center. I need male volunteers to help drive and escort me into homes. Please see the schedule and call Carol if you would like to volunteer to drive.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH DIRECTORIES

The Parish Directories are here! Every family listed in the directory will be given one free copy. Additional copies are available for \$5, mailed copies are available for \$5. Please stop by the table in the Community Center lobby to pick yours up.

JOY COURTYARD AND MEMORIAL GARDEN

Orders for bricks and pavers for the Joy Courtyard and Memorial Garden are being taken until January 11th. This phase will be installed in the spring of 2019. Please contact Deb Pulos [937-478-2367](tel:937-478-2367)/debrapulos@mac.com if you have any questions. Order forms are available at the church office and on the website.

GOYA – AD BOOK

It is that time of year again! The GOYA will be selling ads after church for the ad book. If you have any questions please text or call Missy Fote at 937-219-4211. Thank you for supporting our youth!

PHILOPTOCHOS MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please remember to pay your \$30 Philoptochos dues for 2019 or consider joining if you are not a member. Stop by the membership table after church (in January) for more information. We will be set up in the community center hallway.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE AND AHEPA MEETING

Daughters and AHEPA will meet on Thursday, January 10th in the Athenagoras Room at 6:30pm.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE WINE TASTING

The Daughters of Penelope Polydama 111 Cordially invites you to an evening of Wine Tasting on Friday, January 18, 2019 at 7:00pm Reservations: \$30.00 per person. Pay in advance or at the door. Buy your ticket early and be entered to win a gift basket. Contact Thomai G. Bessler (937)422-4887 thomai@greeklis.org or Voula Zois (937)266-4027 voula1961@aol.com

REQUEST FOR USHER VOLUNTEERS

We have two usher teams that are in desperate need of a new member. This volunteer work is essentially critical to Father Joseph as he celebrates specific, required liturgies during the week. This can also count toward stewardship for any person under the time category.

For your convenience and planning purposes, listed below are the dates and times for each team that is in need. Please review them. We are looking for parishioners that have time during the week in either the morning or evening. If there a date or two that you cannot do, but can do most of them, we can work around that, especially in this time of need.

If you are able to volunteer, we will be happy to have you train with a current usher during a Sunday service that you are available. Please contact **PC Usher Ministry Liaison Bernie Gearon** at 626-4800 or email him at btgearon@gmail.com

Here are the teams and dates/times needed (We need at least one person for each team):

Team 9

Saturday 1/5/19, 6 p.m.

Friday 3/15/19, 7 p.m.

Sunday 3/24/19, 6 p.m.

Thursday 4/11/19, 6 p.m.

Monday 4/22/19, 7 p.m.

Saturday 6/15/19, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday 8/7/19, 7 p.m.



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Dayton, Ohio

Please join us for a luncheon in Honor of
His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas
Visiting our Parish



To Celebrate
Ernie Stathes
For his Years of Service as Choir Director

Sunday, January 20, 2019
Immediately after Liturgy
In the Community Center

RSVP by January 15 to Carol McDougale
office2.annunciation@donet.com, 937-224-0601
Please give number of adults and children.

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