

THE ANNUNCIATION

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Third Sunday of Matthew/Alban the Protomartyr of Britain

Sunday, June 17, 2018

Rev. Fr. Joseph Gingrich, Parish Priest

Altar Boys

All Available

Ushers On Duty 1

Epistle Reading

Romans 5:1-10

Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:22-33

TODAY'S DIVINE LITURGY HYMNS AND SCRIPTURE READINGS:

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.

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

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. Χαῖρε, κεχαριτωμένη, ο Κύριος μετά σου.

SEASONAL KONTAKION IN THE SECOND MODE

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε. Μὴ παρίδης ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθὴ, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἰκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε

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 Romans 5:1-10.

PRIEST: Let us attend.

READER: BRETHREN, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man -- though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

MATTHEW 6:22-33

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2018

MATINS AND DIVINE LITURGY

8:15 AM

Our Annual Recognition Sunday Luncheon: Today we will honor and recognize our parish's High School and College Graduates at our annual Recognition Luncheon following the Divine Liturgy. Additionally, we will announce our 2018 AIF Scholarship recipients, our AHEPA District #11 – Buckeye Scholarship Foundation recipients and acknowledge our parish St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival participants.

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 18TH

Wed.	20th	Marian Prayer	3:00 pm	Church
		Choir Practice	6:30 pm	Church
		Festival Meeting	6:30 pm	Athenagoras Room

		Ellas Dance Practice	7:00 pm	Community Center
Thur.	21 st	Young at Heart Luncheon	11:30 am	Community Center
		Parish Council Meeting	6:30 pm	Athenagoras Room

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, Elli Bambakidis, Stephanie Michaelson, Mary Leakas, Maria Polychronis, Alex Gounaris, Athie Zavakos, Stephen Fricioni, John Wagner, Marilyn Lusa Cynthia Yonts and Margie Polites***

FROM FR. JOSEPH

-Member in Good Standing. In order to serve as a sponsor or koumbaro/koumbara at a Sacrament of the Church one must be a pledged member of our parish for 2018 according to the **Uniform Parish Regulations** of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. **Section 18** of the **UPR** states: *"At a minimum, a parishioner in good standing must: be current in his or her stewardship and other financial obligations to the Parish, abide by all the regulations herein stated and the Parish Bylaws; and cooperate in every way for the welfare and well being of the Parish."*

-Morality Classes. The Morality Seminar for Juniors and Seniors is being moved to October 20th, 2018 and May 11, 2019.

-Vacation Church School. Vacation Church School will take place at St. Paul's Orthodox Church Monday, June 25 to Friday, June 29 from 9:00 AM to 12:40 PM. Ages are 5 to 11. Registrations and information are on the glass kiosk as you enter the community center. Please turn your child's registration into my exterior mailbox today. For additional information call Heather Weiss at (937) 397-5026. This will be a lot of fun and I will be active in it if our children sign up.

-Apostle's Fast. The Apostle's Fast takes place from June 4 to June 29. For anyone wishing to keep the traditional fast no meat, fish, eggs, dairy products, or alcohol are to be consumed on June 6,13, 15, 20, 22, and 27. Fish and alcohol are permissible on all other days of the Apostle's Fast while meat, eggs, and dairy products continue to not be consumed according to the fulness of our fasting tradition. Our rule of fasting, to be sure, is not intended to be a "straight-jacket" for Orthodox Christians, nor a source of pharisaical pride for anyone who keeps the fulness of the Church's fasting discipline. It is rather the rule, the standard, against which each is to measure his own practice, and towards which we individually must always strive, according to our strength and circumstances. Whenever, for sickness or any other reason, one falls short of the rule, he applies to himself the spiritual medicine of self-reproach and strives to enter more fully into the spirit and discipline of fasting, which is indeed of great spiritual benefit to those who sincerely strive to follow it.

-Father's Day. Happy Father's Day to all our godfathers, grandfathers, and fathers!



Park Days Schedule

Please join us for park dates every Thursday this summer.
 Early birds will arrive around 9 am and many will bring a packed lunch.
 In case of rain, cancellations will be posted by 8:15 am in the St. Paul Facebook page:
facebook.com/St.Paul.Orthodox.Dayton.Ohio/

Date	Park	Address	Amenities
May 31	St. Paul's Play Ground	4451 Wagner Rd., Dayton, 45440	Playground, walking trails
June 7	Indian Riffle Park	2801 E Stroop Rd., Kettering, 45420	Playground, pond, walking trails, shelter area
June 14	Shoup Park	1341 Meadowbridge Dr., Beavercreek, 45432	Basketball, picnic, Picnic shelters, playgrounds
June 21	Helke Park	888 Randler Ave., Vandalia, 45377	Playgrounds, tennis courts, volleyball, grass area, woods
June 28	Community Park [VCS Camp Week]	691 E. Dayton-Yellow Springs Rd., Fairborn, 45324	Playgrounds, tennis courts, basketball
July 5	Wegerzyn Children's Discovery Garden	1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave., Dayton, 45414	Water play, sand area, pond, walking paths
July 12	Kennedy Park	5073 Bigger Rd., Kettering, 45440 (Next to Polen Farm)	Water play, playground, shelter area
July 19	Owen's Place	2260 Dayton Xenia Rd., Dayton, 45434	Accessible playground, recreational area, tree house village
July 26	Orchardly Park	2599 Delaine Ave., Oakwood, 45419	Water play, tennis, basketball, sand box, shelter area
August 2	Activity Center Park	221 N. Main St., Centerville, 45459	Water play, tennis, shelter area
August 9	Hills and Dales MetroPark	2606 Hilton Ave., Kettering, 45409	Playground, nature play, walking paths
August 16	Shafor Park	Patterson Rd. and Shafor Blvd., Oakwood, 45419	Water play, sand area, shelter area

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FESTIVAL NEWS

This year we will be celebrating our 60th Festival Anniversary and we are looking for pictures from past festivals, anything dating back to 1958! If you have pictures that you are willing to share with us, we will make sure that they are returned to you after the festival. Please put your name and phone number on the back of the picture and place in envelope to the attention of "Festival Chairs". Please mail or drop off to the Church office no later than Tuesday, July 31, 2018. Please email andreacasey6789@gmail.com with any questions.

MEFGOX CONVENTION INFORMATION

Non-singing parish members are welcome to:

- attend the Thursday Workshops -- tentatively "Repertoire for Hymns During Communion" [2:00 - 3:30], and "How to Teach and Learn New Music" [3:45 - 5:15].
- come for the Friday night dance and entertainment.
- join friends/spouses at meals by making a reservation by June 15th. Forms will be found in the Community Center.

JUNE – COMMUNITY CARE MINISTRY - PROJECT BELIEVE SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Help make Magic happen for kids going back to school! A bin will be in the Community Center lobby for collection of school supplies for children in foster care or who are homeless. Please check the School Supply Wish List: Backpacks, Pens, Glue sticks, Colored pencils (no erasers) Crayons, Markers, Folders (no metal fasteners please) Notebooks (no metal spirals please) Pencil pouches or boxes, Calculators, Highlighters, Rulers (no metal edges) – Chairpersons: Cynthia Barron and Libby Stamas

YOUNG AT HEART – JUNE LUNCHEON

Parish Council will host our annual Young at Heart summer luncheon on Thursday, June 21st at 11:30 a.m. in the Community Center. Hope to see all our Young at Heart people there.

COMMUNITY SANDWICH MAKING

The next community sandwich making day will be on Monday, July 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center everyone is welcome to participate.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

If you are visiting our Parish, please fill out the "Visitor Information Card," located in the Narthex, and hand it to one of the Welcome Committee greeters. You are welcome to come forward to receive a piece of "antidoron" (blessed bread) at the conclusion of the service and join us in the Memorial Center for our Fellowship Hour following the Divine Liturgy.

If you are a "newcomer" to our Parish, please introduce yourself to our priest. He would be most happy to schedule a time to meet with you and discuss the ministries and fellowship opportunities available within our Parish.

GUIDELINES FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

For Orthodox Christians

When preparing to receive Holy Communion, please remain quietly in your pews until an Usher/ Parish Council Member directs you to approach from the center aisle. Your prayerful attention helps sustain the solemnity of the Divine Liturgy for those praying the "Prayers of Preparation" and following Holy Communion the "Prayers of Thanksgiving." You will find these prayers in the burgundy Divine Liturgy book located in the pew backs. The "Prayers of Preparation" begin on page 29 and the "Prayers of Thanksgiving" begin on page 40.

Please allow the acolyte to place the Holy Communion Cloth beneath your chin. This ensures that no particle of the Eucharist falls from your lips. Recite your baptismal name aloud; open your mouth wide; and close your mouth as the Communion Spoon enters your mouth. After receiving Holy Communion, blot your lips on the cloth and return to your pew by the side aisles.

You will find an acolyte offering you a bowl of antidoron from which you should take a single piece to ensure you consume all traces of Holy Communion.

For Non-Orthodox Christians

We welcome to our worship those Christians not fully united with us (canonically).

It is a consequence of the sad divisions of Christianity that we cannot extend a general invitation to receive Holy Communion. Orthodox Christians believe that the Eucharist is an action of the celebrating community signifying a oneness in faith, life, and worship. Reception of the Eucharist by Christians not fully united with us would imply a oneness which does not yet exist and for which we must all pray.