

THE ANNUNCIATION

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday After the Holy Cross/Euphemia the Great Martyr

Saint Euphemia lived in the 3rd century AD. She was the daughter of pious parents. Her father was a senator named Philophronos and her mother was Theodosia. She was born in Chalcedon, located across the Bosphorus from the city of Byzantium (modern-day Istanbul). From her youth she dedicated her life to Christ and practiced the virtues of prayer, fasting and chastity.

The governor of Chalcedon, Priscus, had made a decree that all of the inhabitants of the city take part in sacrifices to the pagan god Ares. Euphemia was discovered with other Christians who were hiding in a house and worshipping the Christian God, in defiance of the governor's orders. Because of their refusal to sacrifice, they were tortured for a number of days, and then handed over to the Emperor for further torture. Euphemia, the youngest among them, was separated from her companions in the hope that she betray Christ if she was on her own. She was promised worldly riches but refused to deny Christ. She was subjected to particularly harsh torments, including the wheel, in hopes of breaking her spirit but the wheel miraculously stopped and an Angel of the Lord ministered to her wounds. The governor then ordered that the saint be cast into a fiery furnace. Two soldiers, Victor and Sosthenes, led her to the furnace, but seeing two fearsome angels in the flames, refused to carry out the order of the governor and became believers in the God Whom Euphemia worshipped. Boldly confessing that they too were Christians, Victor and Sosthenes bravely went to suffering. They were cast into the arena to be eaten by wild beasts. During their martyrdom, they cried out for mercy to God, asking Him to receive them into the Heavenly Kingdom. A heavenly Voice answered their cries, and they entered into eternal life. The beasts, however, did not even touch their bodies. Saint Euphemia, cast into the fire by other soldiers, remained unharmed. Ascribing this to sorcery, the governor gave orders to dig out a new pit, and filling it with knives, he had it covered over with earth and grass, so that the martyr would not notice the preparation for her execution but here too she remained unhurt. Finally, they sentenced her to be devoured by wild beasts at the circus. Before her martyrdom, Saint Euphemia implored God to deem her worthy to suffer terribly for His Name but when she was cast into the arena, none of the wild beasts attacked her. Finally, one of the she-bears gave her a small wound on the leg, from which flowed the pure blood of the martyr, and immediately the holy Great Martyr Euphemia gave her spirit to the Lord. During this time there was an earthquake, and both the guards and the spectators ran in terror, so that the parents of the saint were able to take up her body and reverently bury it not far from Chalcedon. A majestic church was afterwards built over the grave of the Great Martyr Euphemia.

September 16, 2018

Rev. Fr. Joseph Gingrich, Parish Priest

Altar Boys All Available

Ushers On Duty 1

Epistle Reading Galatians 2:16-20

Gospel Reading Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

TODAY'S DIVINE LITURGY HYMNS AND SCRIPTURE READINGS:

HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE (GOSPEL) ENTRANCE

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN THE GRAVE MODE

Thou didst abolish death by Thy Cross; Thou didst open Paradise to the thief; Thou didst transform the myrrh-bearers' lamentation, and didst bid Thine Apostles to preach that Thou art risen, O Christ God, granting great mercy to the world.

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἠνέψξας τῷ Ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρήνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας, ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

APOLYTIKION FOR AFTERFEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS IN THE FIRST MODE

Save, O Lord, Thy people and bless Thine inheritance; grant Thou unto the faithful victory over adversaries. And by the power of Thy Cross do Thou preserve Thy commonwealth.

Σώσον Κύριε τόν λαόν σου καί ευλόγησον τήν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοίς Βασιλεύσι κατά βαρβάρων δωρούμενος καί τό σόν φυλάττων διά τού Σταυρού σου πολίτευμα.

APOLYTIKION FOR GREAT MARTYR EUPHEMIA IN THE THIRD MODE

O Euphemia, Christ's comely virgin, thou didst fill the Orthodox with gladness and didst cover with shame all the heretics; for at the holy Fourth Council in Chalcedon, thou didst confirm what the Fathers decreed aright. O all-glorious Great Martyr, do thou entreat Christ God that His great mercy may be granted unto us.

Λίαν εύφρανας τούς ορθοδόξους, καί κατήσχυνας τούς κακοδόξους, Ευφημία Χριστού καλλιπάρθενε, τής γάρ Τετάρτης Συνόδου εκύρωσας, ά οι Πατέρες καλώς εδογματίσαν, Μάρτυς ένδοξε, Χριστόν τόν Θεόν ικέτευε, δωρήσασθαι ημίν τό μέγα έλεος.

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 FOURTH MODE

Lifted up on the Cross by Your free will, Christ God, grant mercies to the new commonwealth that bears Your name. Gladden our faithful rulers by Your power, giving them victories over their adversaries. May Your alliance be for them a weapon for peace, an invincible standard.

Ο υψωθείς εν τώ Σταυρώ εκουσίως, τή επωνύμω σου καινή πολιτεία, τούς οικτιρμούς σου δώρησαι, Χριστέ ο Θεός, Εύφρανον εν τή δυνάμει σου, τούς πιστούς Βασιλείς ημών, νίκας χορηγών αυτοίς, κατά τών πολεμίωv, τήν συμμαχίαν έχοιεν τήν σήν, όπλον ειρήνης, αήττητον τρόπαιον.

EPISTLE READING

PRIEST: Let us attend.

READER: The Lord will give strength to his people. Verse: Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

PRIEST: Wisdom

READER: The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20.

PRIEST: Let us attend.

READER: Brethren, ¹⁶knowing that no one is justified by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, we believed in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. ¹⁷But if, even though we desired to be justified in Christ, we were found to be sinners, does that mean that Christ is a servant of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸Indeed, if I build up again those things which I [once] destroyed, I show that I am breaking the law. ¹⁹For I, through the law, died to the law, so that I might live to God. ²⁰I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. I now live this life in the flesh, but I live [it] by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and who gave himself up for me. Amen.

MARK 8:34-38; 9:1

³⁴Jesus called the multitude to himself with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wants to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. ³⁵Indeed, whoever wants to save his life

will lose it; and whoever will lose his life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will save it.
³⁶What will it profit if someone gains the whole world and loses his life? ³⁷Or what will someone give in exchange for his life? ³⁸Whoever will be ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man also will be ashamed of when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.” ¹Jesus said to them, “Amen, I tell you that there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Kingdom of God come with power.”

SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

MATINS AND DIVINE LITURGY **8:15 AM**

Memorial Today: **+T.V. Karas Matthews** **40 days**

In loving memory of +T.V. Karas Matthews: Altar Flowers given by Philoptochos; **Graveside Flowers** by Paula Luke; **Koliva** by Daughters of Penelope; **Fellowship Coffee Hour** provided by ladies of GAPA.

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 Mocas, 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, Margie Polites, Toulia Stamm, Don Hanel and John Moraites*

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17TH

Date	Event	Time	Location
Tue. 18 th	GAPA Meeting	1:00 PM	Athenagoras Room
Wed. 19 th	Marian Prayer	3:00 PM	Church
	Choir Practice	6:30 PM	Church
Thur. 20 th	Parish Council Meeting	6:30 PM	Athenagoras Room
Fri. 21 st	AHEPA Chapter 3 rd		
	Annual Golf Outing Registration	7:45 AM	Yankee Trace Golf Club
	Best ball scramble w/a shotgun start	8:45 AM	
	Oktoberfest		DAI
Sat. 22 nd	Oktoberfest		DAI

FROM FATHER JOSEPH

-Ordination Divine Liturgy CANCELLED on Tuesday, September 18. I received notice Tuesday, September 12 that there is a Clergy Synodesmos meeting at the Metropolis chancery in Detroit.

-Morality Classes. The Morality Seminar for Juniors and Seniors is being held on October 20th, 2018. Please call the office to register your junior or senior. Registration ends October 10.

-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 the Holy Spirit in the church. Fellowship and socializing is appropriate after Divine Liturgy.

-Thank You. Thank you to our festival chairs, staff, and volunteers for working so hard at our festival! It still amazes me that so many people came out in the less than desirable weather. The support of our fellow Daytonians shows how much they love our food and this city's annual Greek Fest. Until next year...OPA!

-St. Demetrius Icon. I found a beautiful hand painted icon in a closet of St. Demetrius that will be used for his feast day. The glass and frame need a little repair work. If you are willing to take this small project on, please come and see me.

-Thank You to Leah Derksen. Leah reached out to the State of Ohio House of Representatives who issued an official congratulation to our parish on the 60th Anniversary of our festival. It is signed by Rep. Fred Strahorn and House Speaker Ryan Smith.

Dear Parish Community,

On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to thank the entire parish community for all the hard work and support that went into making our 60th Anniversary Greek Festival a memorable one. To the co-chairs, David and Andrea Casey, Bob Feldmann, Nikki Burns and Bill and Connie Yorgen, a mere thank you seems inadequate. Your time, hard work, commitment and perseverance was evident throughout the weekend.

Thank you, Fr. Joseph, for your spiritual leadership and ongoing support of all parish endeavors, especially this year's 60th Anniversary Greek Festival.

Thank you to all parishioners and friends who have worked tirelessly over the past several months, baking, cooking, attending festival meetings and planning for our 60th Anniversary festival.

Without all the volunteers, parishioners, family and friends, we could not continue to hold such an amazing event which shares with the Dayton community, our food, customs, culture and religion.

This year's festival was challenged with three straight days of rain. We all know we cannot change the weather, but we would like to extend a huge thank you to all who showed up, helped, and worked so hard during such a difficult time. Many times throughout the weekend, as we thanked patrons for supporting our festival, they would voice their thanks to us for hosting them at this year's Greek Festival, even though the weather conditions were far from ideal.

As we all reflect on this year's festival, let's remember to be productive and positive in our comments and remember we must thank God for all he has provided for us. Ultimately, the festival we work so hard to put on each year is because we all share the love of our Church and God.

In Christ,

Maria Abboud

President, Parish Council

INFORMATION ABOUT 2018 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Nominating Committee is seeking parishioners interested in serving on Parish Council for a three-year term beginning January 2019. Elections will be held in the fall on a date following the Fall General Assembly meeting. These council members three-year term expires this year:

Demetri Inempolidis: eligible to run again

Louis Castleman: eligible to run again

Harriet Argue: eligible to run again

Toni Moraites: eligible to run again

Deb Pulos: not eligible for re-election

Eligible candidates for Parish Council must be parishioners in good standing. According to our Annunciation Parish By-Laws a member in good standing must meet the following criteria:

1. The individual must be an Orthodox Christian (an individual who has been baptized and/or chrismated Orthodox).
2. The individual must regularly participate in the Sacraments of the Church.
3. The individual must live his or her life in accordance with the faith and canons of the Church.
4. The individual must have made a stewardship pledge and fulfilled it for the previous year.
5. The individual must have made a stewardship pledge and made a payment toward it in the current year.

Interested individuals may contact one of the following Nominating Committee members:

Jane Speros, Renee Nicholas, Al Price, Kathy Spyrou, Theona Russell

Thank you, Parish Council

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AHEPA CHAPTER 3RD ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

Our local AHEPA chapter is having its 3rd Annual Golf Scramble on September 21st at Yankee Trace Golf Club.

In addition to supporting the chapter's yearly activities, a portion of the profits will go to support The House of Bread and The Soldier's Surgeons, two organizations focused on alleviating hunger and supporting the health of our veterans, respectively. You can register as a golfer or sponsor. This is a great event that provides a wonderful opportunity for fellowship while also supporting several worthwhile causes. If you have any questions, please contact Andrew Ziehler or Evan Bambakidis.

AIF COMMITTEE MEMBER APPOINTMENT FOR 2019-2023

The Parish Council is now accepting resumes to fill the 2019-2023 AIF committee member position. The AIF committee members are appointed by the Parish Council. Each year a new member is appointed and serves a five-year term. Interested candidates should email a resume/questions to Maria Abboud

at mmabboud13@gmail.com or Fr. Joseph at Frjosephgingrich@gmail.com no later than December 1, 2018.

CATECHISM SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2018-2019

Catechism School Registration for 2018-2019 is now available. Classes will begin September 30th. Please contact us at: annunciationcatechismschool@gmail.com with any questions. To register, please follow the link: <http://www.daytonannunciation.org/organizations/catechism-school>

NEW PARISH DIRECTORY

The new parish directory is getting close to completion. Because of the delays that have occurred, we are asking parishioner to please look at the information we have to ensure it is correct and up to date. There will be draft copies for your review on Sundays after church beginning Sunday, September 30 through Sunday, October 21. A copy will also be available in the church office for your review. All corrections and changes must be written on the draft copy no later than October 21, 2018. The new parish directory will go to print the week of October 22, 2018.

We thank you for your patience and look forward to providing everyone with updated parishioner information!

GOYA

GOYA will have their first meeting on September 30th after Catechism School Ice Cream Social.