

THE ANNUNCIATION

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Thomas Sunday/Michael the New Martyr of Smyrna

Sunday, April 15, 2018

Rev. Fr. Joseph Gingrich, Parish Priest

Altar Boys

All Available

Ushers On Duty 2

Epistle Reading

Acts 5:12-20

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

TODAY'S DIVINE LITURGY HYMNS AND SCRIPTURE READINGS:

APOLYTIKION FOR GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA IN THE PLAGAL FIRST MODE

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

Χριστός ανέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καί τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι ζῶν ἡμῶν χαρισάμενος.

APOLYTIKION FOR THOMAS SUN. IN THE GRAVE MODE

Whilst the tomb was sealed, Thou, O Life, didst shine forth from the grave, O Christ God; and whilst the doors were shut, Thou didst come unto Thy disciples, O Resurrection of all, renewing through them an upright Spirit in us according to Thy great mercy.

Ἐσφραγισμένου τοῦ μνήματος ἡ ζωὴ ἐκ τάφου ἀνέτειλας Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, καὶ τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων, τοῖς Μαθηταῖς ἐπέστης ἡ πάντων ἀνάστασις, πνεῦμα εὐθές δι' αὐτῶν ἐγκαινίζων ἡμῖν, κατὰ τὸ μέγα σου ἔλεος.

SEASONAL KONTAKION IN THE PLAGAL FOURTH MODE

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ Ἄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν, καὶ ἀπέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, γυναίξῃ Μυροφόροις φθηνγόμενος. Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

EPISTLE READING

PRIEST: Let us attend.

READER: Great is our Lord, and great is his power. Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

PRIEST: Wisdom

READER: The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles 5:12-20.

PRIEST: Let us attend.

READER: In those days, ¹²Even more, many signs and wonders were accomplished among the people by the hands of the apostles, and they were all [gathered] with one accord in Solomon's porch. ¹³No one else dared to join them, even though they were honored by the people. ¹⁴More believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women. ¹⁵People even carried out the sick into the streets, placing them on cots and mattresses, so that as Peter came by, at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶Crowds also formed from the cities around Jerusalem; they brought sick people, as well as those tormented by unclean spirits, and all were healed. ¹⁷However, the high priest took action, along with all his associates (which is the sect of the Sadducees). Filled with jealousy, ¹⁸they laid their hands on the apostles and placed them in the public jail. ¹⁹But an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors by night and brought them out, saying, ²⁰"Go, stand in the temple, and speak to the people the whole message about this life."

JOHN 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them: "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him: "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them: "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe." Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said: "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018

MATINS AND DIVINE LITURGY

8:15 AM

40 DAY BLESSING:

Iman Shteivi and daughter Grace Shteivi

MEMORIALS TODAY:

+Tom Xarhoulacos 40 days

The Memorial Service is found on page 164 of the Burgundy Divine Liturgy books

ALTAR FLOWERS given by the Xarhoulacos family in loving memory of +Tom Xarhoulacos.

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE HOUR is provided by the Xarhoulacos family in loving memory of +Tom Xarhoulacos, and hosted by GAPA.

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 16TH

Mon.	16 th	Greek School Community Sandwich Making	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Community Center CC Kitchen
Tue.	17 th	GAPA Meeting	1:00 pm	Athenagoras Room
Wed.	18 th	Marian Prayer Choir	3:00 pm 6:30 pm	Church Church
Thur.	19 th	Young at Heart	11:30 am	Community Center
Fri.	20 th	DIFI Baking	4:00 pm	CC Kitchen
Sat.	21 st	DIFI Baking	8:00 am	CC Kitchen

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: ***Dora Protos, Nick Kirbabis, 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, Helen County, Evangelia Panson and Marilyn Lusa***

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. Due to Junior and Senior unavailability this spring the 2018 Morality Seminar is being moved to either October 20th or 27th. Irene Zalants is coordinating with parents of next year's juniors and seniors to find a date that best fits all. Please reach out to her asap.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Parishioners,

In January 2018 , the Parish Council was made aware of discrepancies surrounding the existing documents governing the Annunciation Investment Fund. After seeking legal advice, the parish council has decided all available documents surrounding AIF must be evaluated. New legal documents must be written, reflecting the content of the original documents. The written documents will be presented to General Assembly for approval then to the Metropolis of Detroit Legal Counsel for final approval. A task force of parishioners in good financial standing (paid for 2017 and pledge for 2018) will be formed. Interested parishioners should contact Maria Abboud at mmabboud13@gmail.com no later than 5 pm April 26, 2018. Once nominations are closed, parish council will then create the task force.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS OPEN SEAT

The parish council is seeking a parishioner who would be interested in sitting on the Board of Elections, Nominating Committee. Interested parishioners should contact Maria Abboud at mmabboud13@gmail.com

CHURCH DONATIONS

Unless specifically noted, any donations made to the church or in memory of a parishioner will be deposited into the Legacy Fund. If it is your wish to have donations placed in a specific fund, i.e. Memorial Fund, Capital Improvement Fund etc...This must be specified with the donation. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Brandee the church bookkeeper.

EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2018 THE TRUE VINE WILL BE MOVING TO AN ELECTRONIC FORMAT

If you currently receive the True Vine via email you do not need to do anything

If you wish to have the True Vine emailed to you send an email to office2.annunciation@donet.com and ask to be added to the True Vine mailing list

The True Vine will continue to be available via the Church website, www.daytonannunciation.org

For stewards of the church who do not have internet access, please call Carol in the office to make arrangements to receive the True Vine

Thank you for your understanding as we make this important cost saving transition

AHEPA 113 CHARITABLE FUND SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2018

The local **AHEPA 113** Charitable Fund scholarship for 2018 Application **deadline is May 1, 2018.**

For an application contact: Nick@zoisfinancial.com cell: 937.838.1411

APRIL CCM - MAPLE TREE CANCER ALLIANCE

Maple Tree Cancer Alliance is a non-profit organization that provides free exercise training, nutritional counseling and spiritual support to individuals battling cancer. They have 7 locations in the Miami Valley including Miami Valley and Kettering Hospitals.

\$1 raffle to win Beauty from Ashes- a scripture-based encouragement devotional for your body, mind and soul geared to guide your heart and give you peace during your cancer recovery.

****It's a great gift to give to a friend or family member on a cancer journey.****

****3 books/3 winners will be raffled on Sunday, April 29th.****

COMMUNITY SANDWICH MAKING

The AHEPA brotherhood in conjunction with our fellow parishioners will be in the Community Center kitchen at 6:30 p.m., Monday, April 16th (tomorrow) to make sandwiches for the House of Bread.

AHEPA would like to thank everyone who stepped up in March as part of our Almsgiving Theme to set a record of 1200 sandwiches!

If you are not able to attend, you are welcome to give a donation of cheese, sandwich meat or bread and place it in the walk-in cooler on Sunday labelled "AHEPA" and we will make the sandwiches for you. You can also hand a cash donation to any AHEPA brother and we will use that money to buy materials for sandwich-making.

DAYTON INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

Mark your calendars now for the Dayton International Festival on May 18, 19, and 20th. Our Annunciation Church is a member of this organization and this is one of our church's fundraiser, a portion of which gets placed in our church's Capital Improvement Fund. This is also a good way to fulfill your stewardship pledge by signing up to work a shift or two for this particular weekend. Parish Council Member liaison Bernie Gearon will have sign up sheets available for various shifts on Sunday after church. You can also call him at 626-4800 or email him at btgearon@gmail.com to volunteer.

DIFI BAKING

As Father Joseph and Parish Council President Maria Abboud mentioned during the March General Assembly, we need every church parishioner who can help our church community bake baklava or koularakia to join us in the kitchen on the following dates:

Bakalava: Friday, May 11th, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.; and Saturday, May 12th, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Koularakia: Friday, April 20th, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.; and Saturday, April 21st, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

2018 GRADUATION INFORMATION REQUEST

We are requesting information from our parish's 2018 High School and College/University Graduates for a special "Graduates" Section in our June issue of the True Vine. We ask that submissions include the following: Name of Graduate, School Graduating From, and Degree Received, and Future Plans. Also, we would like a picture (jpeg or png format preferred) of the graduate to accompany the information. Please send all information and photos to the parish office, (office2.annunciation@donet.com), by THURSDAY, MAY 10th

SUMMER CAMP DATES

It's time to start thinking about warmer weather and summer camp! Here are the dates for the 2018 Summer Camp season: **MDSC** (Dayton Week) Week 1 July 1st to 7th When checking out on MDSC camp website www.gomdsc.org please use code "**dayton994**" to receive \$200 discount.

St. Nicholas Camp July 22nd to July 28th www.southerncamp.com

Ionian Village Session 1: June 15 – July 4 **Session 2:** July 15 – August 3

Both sessions are open to campers entering 9th grade in the fall of 2017 through those who will complete the 12th grade in the spring of 2017.

Spiritual Odyssey: May 31– June 11 Open to Young Adults ages 19 – 24 www.ionianvillage.org

FESTIVAL NEWS

We are in need of a Boutique chair(s) for this year's Festival. Assistance will be provided in helping with start-up. If interested, or would like more information, please contact Andrea Casey, 937.414.0613, or andreacasey6789@gmail.com.

TO ALL ORGANIZATIONS/MINISTRIES/PARISHIONERS

When scheduling events at the church (meetings, activities, etc...) you must contact the Building Manager to clear the date, space and staff availability davidcasey.annunciation@donet.com

If room set-up is needed (tables, chairs, AV equipment, etc...) A room set-up form must be filled out and given to the Building Manager. Forms can be found in mailboxes across from office or on the church website under forms <http://www.daytonannunciation.org/forms>

GAPA

GAPA will meet Tuesday, April 17th at 1:00 p.m. in the Athenagoras Room.

YOUNG AT HEART

Hope you will come to the Young at Heart luncheon on Thursday, April 19th at 11:30 a.m. We will have Alan Price give a presentation on his findings of a rare Confederate buckle and 16 relics he found on the Canby property which was next door to the church.

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.