

# THE ANNUNCIATION

## GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### Judgment Sunday (Meatfare Sunday)/Martyr Blaise

*The foregoing two parables -- especially that of the Prodigal Son -- have presented to us God's extreme goodness and love for man. But lest certain persons, putting their confidence in this alone, live carelessly, squandering upon sin the time given them to work out their salvation, and death suddenly snatch them away, the most divine Fathers have appointed this day's feast commemorating Christ's impartial Second Coming, through which we bring to mind that God is not only the Friend of man, but also the most righteous Judge, Who recompenses to each according to his deeds. It is the aim of the holy Fathers, through bringing to mind that fearful day, to rouse us from the slumber of carelessness unto the work of virtue, and to move us to love and compassion for our brethren. Besides this, even as on the coming Sunday of Cheese-fare we commemorate Adam's exile from the Paradise of delight -- which exile is the beginning of life as we know it now -- it is clear that today's is reckoned the last of all feasts, because on the last day of judgment, truly, everything of this world will come to an end. All foods, except meat and meat products, are allowed during the week that follows this Sunday.*

**Sunday, February 11, 2018**

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**Rev. Fr. Joseph Gingrich, Parish Priest**

**Altar Boys** All Available

**Ushers On Duty** 4

**Epistle Reading** 1 Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 25:31-46

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

##### 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.

Εὐφραίνεσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιᾶσθω 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.

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

On this day when our salvation is crown'd 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.

##### SEASONAL KONTAKION IN THE FIRST MODE

O God, when You come upon the earth in glory, the whole world will tremble. A river of fire will bring all before Your Judgment Seat and the books will be opened, and everything in secret will become public. At that time, deliver me from the fire which never dies, and enable me to stand by Your right hand, O Judge most just.

Ὅταν ἔλθῃς ὁ Θεός, ἐπὶ γῆς μετὰ δόξης, καὶ τρέμωσι τὰ σύμπαντα, ποταμὸς δὲ τοῦ πυρὸς πρὸ τοῦ Βήματος ἔλκη, καὶ βίβλοι ἀνοίγωνται, καὶ τὰ κρυπτὰ δημοσιεύωνται, τότε ῥῦσαί με, ἐκ τοῦ πυρὸς τοῦ ἀσβέστου, καὶ ἀξίωσον, ἐκ δεξιῶν σου μὲ στήναι, Κριτὰ δικαιοῦτατε.

### **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 St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2.

**PRIEST:** Let us attend.

**READER:** Brethren, <sup>8</sup>But food does not commend us to God, for if we eat, we are not better; and if we do not eat, we are not worse! <sup>9</sup>However, be careful that your freedom may never become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if someone sees you who have knowledge sitting in an idol's temple, will not this person's conscience, if weak, be emboldened to eat things sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup>And thus, through your knowledge, shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? <sup>12</sup>And so, by sinning against the brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ! <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food causes my brethren to stumble, I will never ever eat meat, so that I may not cause my brethren to stumble. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? <sup>2</sup>If to others I am not an apostle, yet at least for you I am one! You are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

### **MATTHEW 25:31-46**

<sup>11</sup>Jesus said,<sup>31</sup> "But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate them one from another, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>He will place the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the King will tell those on his right hand, 'Come, you blessed of my Father! Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world! <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me food to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you took me in. <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you visited me; I was in prison, and you came to me.' <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, saying: 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you a drink? <sup>38</sup>When did we see you as a stranger and take you in; or naked, and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>When did we see you sick, or in prison, and visit you?' <sup>40</sup>The King will answer them, 'Amen, I tell you: as much as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren,<sup>a</sup> you did it to me.' <sup>41</sup>Then he will also say to those on his left hand, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels! <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me no food; I was thirsty and you gave me no drink; <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not receive me; naked, and you did not clothe me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit me.' <sup>44</sup>Then they will answer him: 'Lord, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not help you?' <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, saying: 'Amen, I tell you: as much as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' <sup>46</sup>These [ones on the left] will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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## **SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018**

**MATINS AND DIVINE LITURGY**

**8:15 AM**

**MEMORIAL TODAY:**

+Ageliki Karras 6 Months

**ALTAR FLOWERS** given in loving memory of +Ageliki Karras by daughters Katerina and Constantina Karras, and granddaughter Maria Powers and great-granddaughter Ageliki Powers.

**INVITATION TO THE CHURCH COMMUNITY FROM THE FAMILY OF CHARLES KRANDALL.**

Today, the community is invited to attend the celebration of Charles Krandall's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday after church services in the Community Center.

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**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, Tom Xarhoulacos, Helen County, Evangelia Panson and Marilyn Lusa*

**MEETING AND EVENTS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Mon. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Greek School	5:30 p.m.	Community Ctr.
<b>Wed. 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Marian Prayer Group</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Church</b>
	Boys and Girls Basketball Practice	6:30 p.m.	Community Ctr.
	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.	Church
Thur. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Athenagoras Rm.
Fri. 16 <sup>th</sup>	GOYA Basketball Tournament		Community Ctr.
<b>Sat. 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>		
	<b>w/Memorial for Saturday of Souls</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Church</b>
	GOYA Basketball Tournament	All Day Event	Community Ctr.

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**FROM FR. JOSEPH**

**-CONGREGATING IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER.** When Divine Services are being held people are only to be in the Community Center if they have a reason to be. Reasons would include but are not limited to meal preparation, Catechism School, coffee hour set up, etc. To come to the parish to socialize only and not worship the Lord is a sin of omission because one is failing to take the needed action they ought to take. We were only created to give glory to God: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Moving forward all people are to be in Divine Services unless their service to the Lord brings them to the Community Center.

**-WHEN SUNDAY CATECHISM SCHOOL** is in session the order for reception of the Eucharist will be as follows: 1) Newly illumined/baptized 2) Altar Servers 3) Catechism School teachers and students 4) Choir 5) All others. This is being implemented so classes begin promptly and the time allotted for them is maximized. Last year there could be as much as a 15 minute waiting period for all students to arrive. Thank you for your cooperation.

**-TRUE VINE.** All submissions to the True Vine are to be in by the 10th of the month. No exceptions. We are moving to a new format and have deadlines to meet. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

**-ADULT CATECHISM.** Adult Catechism will resume Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 7:00 pm. Due to Lent I will not have the time to adequately prepare full lectures. As such these sessions will be more question driven by you. So, please do your part by bringing questions to the classes. I will certainly lecture on the

reading but not in the length and depth I did previously. For homework read the entire New Testament section of Volume 1: Doctrine and Scripture page 172 to 206.

**-FIRST CONFESSIONS.** On Saturday, March 3, the Sacrament of First Confession will be offered to our 3rd and 4th grade Catechism School students at 10:00 am. There will be a lecture with confessions to follow. Pizza and refreshments will be provided. We will need a few parents to help chaperone so please volunteer. The following Sunday morning at Divine Liturgy those children who partook of the Sacrament of Confession will be the first to receive Holy Communion while holding lit candles in celebration of the renewal of their baptism through repentance. We must instill in our children from a young age that there is joy in experiencing God's forgiveness through this great Sacrament.

**-ORATORICAL FESTIVAL.** This year's Oratorical Festival will be Sunday, March 18 after Church. Katie Waszczak and Tina Day are our co-chairs.

**-SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY.** There will be a procession through the church at the end of Divine Liturgy led by the priest with our current council president, past council presidents, archons, and the Catechism School. Please bring an icon to carry.

**-GOSPEL MARKERS:** Thank you to an anonymous donor and the following families for purchasing gospel markers: Liapis, Valen, Argue, Daskalakis, Karras, Paley, Retzios, Zalants, DeBernardi, Stamas, Moraites, and Halabi.

**-MARCH 10 RETREAT:** I'm giving a Ladies Philoptochos Lenten retreat at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Carmel, IN on Saturday March 10. My first lecture will be titled *Antichrist, Apostasy, and Apocalypse* and my second lecture will be my *Conversion Story*. 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Food provided. Please come.

**-THANK YOU:** Thank you to all our staff and volunteers who made the pre-Lenten priest's syndesmos meeting for the Metropolis of Detroit a resounding success. I also must thank Matt Boosalis for donating first class cookies and desserts. Without your support and hard work this couldn't have happened. The Metropolitan and all the priests were very pleased with your hospitality.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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 [andracey6789@gmail.com](mailto:andracey6789@gmail.com).

### STEWARDSHIP 2018: PROVIDING FOR THE FUTURE, SERVING THE PRESENT:

Please remember to turn in your 2018 pledge card. Many parishioners have yet to pledge their financial commitment to our parish for the current year.

Regular payment is very important too. Bills are paid on a regular basis not just at the end of the year. Please make your financial commitment to your parish today!

### SAVE THE DATE!!

**The Palm Sunday Luncheon Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

### MAIDS OF ATHENA SOUPER OPTION DATE CHANGED TO MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>

The Maids of Athena are providing a SOUPER option that can save you from cooking during this Lenten season. We will be making vegetable soup and bread rolls- with love! The soup and rolls will be available for purchase after church on **March 4<sup>th</sup>**. You can support our Maids and grab a great meal for Lent, all in one stop!

Quart of soup: \$6

Pint of soup: \$3

## PARISHIONER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Parishioner Volunteers needed to help with shoveling/salting church sidewalks and stairs on Sunday mornings when we have had a snowfall. We have minimal staff on Sunday mornings and parishioner help is appreciated. Please arrive at the church between 7:30-8 am. Shovels and salt provided. Please check with Bernie upon arrival.

## AHEPA DISTRICT #11 – BUCKEYE SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

### Application Submission Process

This year's application will only be accepted via the online application process. The applications are **available** and will be **due March 31, 2018**. 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 937.748.2794

## SATURDAYS OF SOULS

The second Saturday of Souls service will be conducted Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Forms for submitting the names of your departed loved ones are available in the Narthex, the lobby of the Community Center, and the February issue of The True Vine newsletter. You may return the forms to the church office or to Fr. Joseph's mailbox, in the Community Center. The Third Saturday of Souls is February 24<sup>th</sup>.

## YOUTH SUNDAY SIGN-UP

New this year, the Catechism School will have students become an integral part of the life of the Church by participating in the Divine Liturgy services. They will complete their duties prior to receiving Holy Communion, where they will be dismissed to Catechism School

## YOUTH SUNDAY

**There are still open slots!!** 3rd-12th graders can sign up today. Go to the Youth Sunday Sign up Table in the Memorial Hall! Youth Sunday Dates: March 4th, May 6th.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> When checking out on MDSC camp website [www.gomdsc.org](http://www.gomdsc.org) please use code "dayton994" to receive \$200 discount.

**St. Nicholas Camp** July 22nd to July 28th [www.southerncamp.com](http://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](http://www.ionianvillage.org)

## PHILOPTOCHOS GUEST SPEAKER: KAREN WONDERS, PH.D.

Philoptochos is excited to have special guest Karen Wonders, Ph.D., the Founder and Director of Maple Tree Cancer Alliance speak at the March 1<sup>st</sup> evening Philoptochos meeting.

The role of exercise in relieving cancer treatment related side effects has been extensively investigated and has produced promising results. Nutritional guidance during cancer treatment is crucial, since patients often experience various issues with eating as a side effect of cancer treatment. Karen Wonders is a certified Cancer Exercise Specialist and has witnessed first-hand the positive effect that supervised exercise and proper nutrition can have on the life of an individual being treated with cancer. She has given over 100 presentations on the national, state and local level on this topic.

The March 1st Philoptochos evening meeting is at 6:00pm in the Athenagoras room. Philoptochos members, bring a guest. Speaker at 7:15pm follows our regular meeting.

### **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.