

THE ANNUNCIATION

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

2ND SUNDAY OF MATTHEW
FATHER'S DAY

JUNE 18, 2017

Rev. Fr. Joseph Gingrich, Proistamenos

Altar Boys: St. Basil

Ushers on Duty: Team 1

Epistle Reading Romans 2:10-16

Gospel Reading Matthew 4:18-23

Today's Divine Liturgy Hymns and Scripture Readings:

HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE (GOSPEL) ENTRANCE

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN THE FIRST MODE

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Thine immaculate Body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life unto the world. Wherefore, the powers of the Heavens cried out to Thee, O Lifegiver: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Thy Kingdom. Glory to Thy dispensation, O only Friend of man.

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ Βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

DISMISSAL HYMN OF THE ANNUNCIATION 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 fill'd 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 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, μαισιεία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε. Μὴ παρίδης ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι: Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἰκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμῶντων σε.

EPISTLE READING

PRIEST: Let us attend.

READER: Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

PRIEST: Wisdom

READER: The reading is from St. Paul's letter to the Romans 2:10-16.

PRIEST: Let us attend.

READER: BRETHREN, glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

2ND SUNDAY OF MATTHEW CH. 4:18-23

¹⁸Walking by the sea of Galilee, Jesus saw two brothers: Simon who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother. They were casting a net into the sea since they were fishermen. ¹⁹He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fish for people!" ²⁰Immediately, they left their nets and followed him. ²¹Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. Jesus called them. ²²At once, they left the boat and their father, and followed him. ²³Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the Good News of the Kingdom, and healing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2017

MATINS AND DIVINE LITURGY

8:15 AM

+Jodie Gianopulos 40 days

+George Elias 40 days

Alea Society Members

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

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in loving memory of +Jodie Gianopulos by the Gianopulos family; and given in loving memory of +George Elias, by his mother Joann Elias and the Elias family.

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE HOUR is provided in loving memory of +Jodie Gianopulos by the Gianopulos family and in loving memory of Alea Society Members by the Kordalis family and is hosted by GOYA.

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, Lucy Fasules, Peter Mihalislis, Elli Bambakidis, Stephanie Michaelson, Mary Leakas, Maria Polychronis, Andy Moulas and Reader Daniel Hess**

MEETING AND EVENTS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 19TH

Date	Event	Time	Location
Wed.	21 th Marian Prayer Group	3:00pm	Church
	Choir	7:00pm	Church
	Ellas Dance Practice	7:00pm	Community Ctr.

NOTES FROM FR. JOSEPH

JUNE 25, 2017 PASTORAL VISITATION

His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas will be coming to celebrate Hierarchical Divine Liturgy Sunday, June 25th.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28TH FEAST OF ST'S. PETER AND PAUL

We will be celebrating the Feast of St's. Peter and Paul at the St. Paul OCA parish on Wednesday, June 28 at 6:00 pm with a Vespers Divine Liturgy. The parish is located at 4451 Wagner Rd. Dayton, Ohio 45440. **Please RSVP** to Carol if you will be going **by June 13th** in order for our hosts to best prepare for us. **You are welcomed to bring a non-fasting covered dish.**

ORATORICAL FESTIVAL RESULTS

Let us congratulate Peter Tsatalis for taking 3rd place nationally in the junior division at the Oratorical Festival. Job well done Peter!

MARIAN PRAYER GROUP

It's hard to believe we are a parish without a prayer group! It's my hope that we might be able to remedy this. Wednesday, June 21st at 3:00 PM those interested should meet in the church where we will pray **The Rule of the Theotokos**. It's a very ancient devotion to the Mother of God that has been used by both Eastern and Western Christians in slightly different formats since the 8th century. As our parish is dedicated to the Annunciation of the Mother of God, it seems appropriate that we honor and reach out to Her in prayer

NEW CURRICULUM – THE ORTHODOX FAITH

Our Church Outreach Committee met Wednesday, May 31st. It was suggested that we offer the new curriculum for the High School students in Our Lady's Catechism School to all the adult members of our parish. The series is **The Orthodox Faith** written by Protopresbyter Thomas Hopko, former dean of St. Vladimir's Seminary.

The four volume series covers 1) Doctrine and Scripture 2) Worship 3) Church History 4) Spirituality. The cost for all four books is only \$40.00 and they must be purchased together. It is the hope of the Church Outreach Committee that our parish will be able to form an adult Catechism School sometime in the future. Please call Carol if you would like a copy by June 9th. In the memo line of your checks put **The Orthodox Faith Books**.

CATECHISM SCHOOL REGISTRATION:

Register your child/children for the 2017-2018 Sunday School year!

We are excited for your families to experience the new curriculum as we nurture our children to know and love the Lord.

Registration is now available on our church's website

<http://www.daytonannunciation.org/>

CATECHISM SCHOOL CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

We are looking for teachers and substitutes for the upcoming school year. Come join our team! Exciting new things are happening in the Sunday School!

If interested, please contact the Catechism School office at annunciationcatechismschool@gmail.com

APPRECIATION

I would like to thank Alex and Tina Fote for purchasing a silver lined zeon container in memory of her parent's Charles and Cleopatra Stamas. May God reward them all and remember them in His Kingdom.

Dear Parish Faithful,

Summer is not a time off from one's Sunday obligation to attend Divine Liturgy. It is absolutely essential for spiritual growth to regularly attend church on Sunday. Don't come occasionally to church. Don't just come when you feel like it. Make regular church attendance a priority and let it be a good habit that becomes a part of who you are. Nothing does more for your spiritual health than regularly being in church. Being in a church service is irreplaceable. It is a moment in time and once it's gone, it's gone forever. There will always be competition for your time and other things that you could do on a Sunday.

The Holy Trinity created us to worship Him. That's the primary reason we exist. This is why the Church was established and this is what God's people will do when Jesus returns and restores our fallen world. Revelation 22:3 gives a picture of this: "No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship Him." The central aspect of our corporate worship is the reception of the Eucharist. To not come to God's temple, to not worship Him, and to not receive His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity is a spiritual poverty and tragedy. When a professing Christian misses church they are missing God's prescribed process for spiritual growth through Holy Communion with Him. The only legitimate excuse for missing Sunday Divine Liturgy is work or sicknesses. All other absences are sinful in that they miss the mark in how God calls us to worship Him every Sunday.

As your priest I in no way pass judgment on you. I only ask that you search the depth of your hearts and do what is right. Our lives are so short, and they are gifted to us lovingly by our Lord. What we do in this earthly temporal realm has a direct correlation to what we will experience in the eternal spiritual realm. Jesus wants us here on Sunday mornings to serve and worship Him. He loves us so much that He has given Himself to us through His Divine Liturgy. This practice of the Orthodox Christian assembly dates from the beginnings of the apostolic age. St. Paul's letter to the Hebrews in verse 10:25 reminds the faithful "not to neglect to meet together, as is the habit of some, but to encourage one another." We cannot pray at home as at church, where there is a great multitude of us, where exclamations are cried out to the Lord as from one great heart, and where there is something more: the union of minds, the accord of souls, the bond of charity, and the prayers of all united and offered up to our Most High God through His priest.

With Love in Christ,

Father Joseph

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUNCIATION GREEK SCHOOL NEWS!

Our Annunciation Greek school online Registration is now available on our church's website <http://www.daytonannunciation.org/>.

Our staff would appreciate all early registrations in order to plan for the fall school year of 2017-2018. This year school starts on Monday, September 25th and ends on Monday May 21st. Classes meet Mondays 5:30-7:30pm Children need to be 4 years old by September 30th.

For any questions or further information please contact Katina Tsatalis or Michelle Zois at annunciations@gmail.com

REMINDER! BE A WINNER!!

Pick up your raffle tickets after church in the Athenagoras Room. Sell 10 books and be eligible to win a fifty dollar gift card. Every 10 books will get you an entry into the July 17th raffle.

2017 FESTIVAL MEETING

We are looking for a chairperson for Zorba Zone if you are interested please contact Andrea Casey. andreacasey6789@gmail.com

NEW HIRE – WELCOME

Michael Day is a new employee with the church maintenance staff. Michael, son of Chris and Tina Day, is a student at Wright State University and has served the church for many years as an Altar boy and is now an Usher. Michael is an active participant in many church ministries. We welcome Michael to our staff.

JUNE 20th SKYLINE CHILI FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT OUR VETERANS

The June CCM will support the 37th National Veterans Wheelchair Games. This year the games are being held in Cincinnati July 17-22, 2017.

On June 20 from 5-8pm, we will have an evening at [Skyline Chili](#) on Kingsridge Drive to raise funds to sponsor local veterans participation in the games. The cost, about \$500 per veteran, includes transportation, lodging, food, etc. Several local participants will be joining us for dinner. Veterans compete in the following events plus many others: Archery, Basketball, Bocchia, Bowling, Field Events, Power Soccer, Quad Rugby, Swimming, Trapshooting and Weightlifting.

Please support June's CCM by attending the evening at Skyline Chili where a portion of the proceeds will support our veterans at these games or by donating money in the Red Box in the church entryway or sending a check to church made out to Philoptochos with CCM in the memo line. These veterans gave a lot for us, so let's support them at the 37th Wheelchair Games. Thank you, Cindy Keilholz and Nikki Burns

PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

Over the next couple weeks we will be updating the parish directory with contact information and photos. Alex Karabinis will be at coffee hour with a spreadsheet for all parish families to verify and/or update their information. If you wish to have your family's photo taken to be placed along side your information, we will have a camera as well. If you wish to just update your information but do not wish to update it at coffee hour, feel free to email alexkarabinis@gmail.com

Anybody who wants to submit their photos can do so to my email Thank you.

SUMMER CAMP DATES

Here are the dates for the 2017 Summer Camp season:

MDSC (**Dayton Week**) Week 1 July 2nd to July 8th www.gomdsc.org

St. Nicholas Camp July 23rd to July 29th www.southerncamp.com

Ionian Village Session 1: June 24 – July 13 & Session 2: July 21 – August 9

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 30 – June 10 Open to Young Adults ages 19 – 24 www.ionianvillage.org

BOOKKEEPER'S SUMMER HOURS

Please see the summer business hours for Brandee Moran our parish bookkeeper.

Monday	June 19, 2017	Off	Tuesday June 20, 2017	Off
Wednesday	June 21, 2017	9am – 5pm	Thursday June 22, 2017	9am - 5pm
			Friday June 23, 2017	9am – 5pm

PLEASE CONTINUE YOUR STEWARDSHIP GIVING OVER THE SUMMER AND KEEP UP TO DATE

We are grateful to all of our parishioners who have made their 2017 Stewardship Commitment to the church and have either fulfilled that commitment or are current in their giving.

As we approach the summer months, there is a tendency for Stewardship contributions to decrease. This can place the church in a difficult position as regular expenses, as well as expenses in preparation for the Greek Festival, require payment. The parish, just like our homes, must meet its budget monthly.

Keep up to date with all church happenings by going to www.daytonannunciation.org

Utilize online payments through the "Donate Now" link on the home page. You can make Stewardship donations, HVAC donations, Easter Offerings or donate "In Memory of..." Organizations who want information posted to the website should submit it to Maria Abboud at: mma@woh.rr.com

URGENT NEED FOR REFUGEE CRISIS IN GREECE

With all of the turmoil going on in today's world, the refugee crisis in Greece has sadly been overlooked by a large majority of the media. Over 62,000 people fleeing violence in their home country are now trapped in Greece. This is not a refugee problem, this is not a Greek problem, this is a world humanitarian problem. In a country whose population hovers around 11 million with an unemployment rate of almost 23% you can imagine the stress this has placed on the residents and the refugees alike. Many will ask, "what can I do from over here," or, "how can I help this problem?" We are in luck as a family from our local parish will be visiting Greece in a few weeks and would like to deliver a few suitcases of much needed items as a gesture of love and support for those in need. Below you will find a list of items that are much needed. We will be collecting items through July 2nd. Please contact Alex Karabinis at (937) 570-0297 if you have any questions.

Medium/Large Suitcases	deodorant	baby wipes	baby hygiene products
Baby diapers of all sizes	shampoo	flip flops (all sizes)	
Feeding bottles	mosquito spray (not aerosol)	Razors	
new underwear (adults and children)	leggings (women)		
Other items in need are:	t-shirts (men, boy, girl) & shorts (men, boys)		

Dear Parish Family,

We would like to provide an update to the HVAC (heating and cooling) project. The replacement is complete, and we are working on adjusting the settings to provide comfort to those in attendance at church.

We would like to personally thank all parishioners and organizations who contributed to this important project necessary to maintain the integrity of our church.

We ask those who have made pledges to continue to fulfill those pledges. Statements will be coming with payment reminders.

The replacement of the heating/cooling of our church is truly only the beginning. Our church has many needs to maintain the function and beauty of the church itself and the community center. A capital improvement committee has been put into place, and they have begun to identify needs of the church and community center. This group will prioritize these needs and work on receiving quotes for repairs. Once a list of needs/costs is complete, this list will be provided to the entire parish community. At that point, we will begin to work on raising funds for the next project(s) identified.

We know, many of you are saying/thinking, here we go again, asking for more money. Yes, you are right....we are. For fear of sounding repetitive, this is OUR church, and we are responsible for its upkeep. Little if anything has been asked of the parish financially for many years. We have reached a point where there are many needs and we cannot ignore these needs...they must be addressed.

One way to avoid having to continually ask for money for various "projects" is for each of us to actively adhere to the new Stewardship program our parish is implementing. If each parish family contributed 3% of their annual income to the church, the likelihood that we would need to continue asking for money drastically decreases, probably to zero.

Our hope is we come together as a parish family and continue to provide the needs of our church and community center.

In Christ,

**Fr. Joseph Gingrich
Parish Priest**

**Maria Abboud
HVAC Chair**