

THE ANNUNCIATION

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday of the Cross/ Holy Sophronius Patriarch of Jerusalem

As we have "crucified the flesh with its passions and desires" (Galatians 5:24), and will have mortified ourselves during these forty days of the Fast, the precious and life-giving Cross is now placed before us to refresh our souls and encourage us who may be filled with a sense of bitterness, resentment, and depression. The Cross reminds us of the Passion of our Lord, and by presenting to us His example, it encourages us to follow Him in struggle and sacrifice, being refreshed, assured, and comforted. In other words, we must experience what the Lord experienced during His Passion - being humiliated in a shameful manner. The Cross teaches us that through pain and suffering we shall see the fulfillment of our hopes: the heavenly inheritance and eternal glory.

Sunday, March 11, 2018

Rev. Fr. Joseph Gingrich, Parish Priest

Altar Boys All Available

Ushers On Duty 3

Epistle Reading Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6.

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

TODAY'S DIVINE LITURGY HYMNS AND SCRIPTURE READINGS:

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, ἠνέωξας τῷ Ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας, ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

APOLYTIKION FOR SUN. 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 τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς Βασιλεύσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος καὶ τό σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

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 ημεῖς συν αυτώ τη Θεοτόκω βοήσωμεν. Χαιρε, κεχαριτωμένη, ο Κύριος μετά σου.

SEASONAL KONTAKION IN THE PLAGAL FOURTH MODE

To you, Theotokos, invincible Defender, having been delivered from peril, I, your city, dedicate the victory festival as a thank offering. In your irresistible might, keep me safe from all trials, that I may call out to you: "Hail, unwedded bride!"

Τὴ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια, ἀναγράφω σοὶ ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε, Ἄλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, ἐκ παντοίων μὲ κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, ἵνα κράζω σοί, Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

EPISTLE READING

PRIEST: Let us attend.

READER: O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance. To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

PRIEST: Wisdom

READER: The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6.

PRIEST: Let us attend.

READER: Brethren, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

MARK 8:34-38; 9:1

Jesus 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. Indeed, 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. What will it profit if someone gains the whole world and loses his life? Or what will someone give in exchange for his life? Whoever 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." Jesus 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, MARCH 11, 2018

MATINS AND DIVINE LITURGY

8:15 AM

GENERAL ASSEMBLY TODAY!

Please stay and enjoy lunch while we discuss church business. GOYA will provide babysitting and pizza for your children in the Athenagoras room. See you there!

MEMORIALS TODAY:

+Theodore Vradelis	40 days
+Pete Davis	1 year
+Bessie Argeros	30 years

The Memorial Service is found on page 164 of the burgundy Divine Liturgy book.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in loving memory of +Theodore Vradelis by the family of Theodore Vradelis; Altar flowers given in loving memory of +Pete Davis by the family of Pete and Irene Davis; Ernie, John, Elaine, Mimi, Danielle, Natalie, Alex and Nicole; Altar flowers also given in loving memory of +Bessie Argeros by Venetia Bramlage and family and Ted Argeroplos and family.

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE HOUR is provided by Venetia Bramlage and family and Ted Argeroplos and family in loving memory of +Bessie Argeros.

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 12TH

Date	Event	Time	Location
Mon.	12 th Greek School	5:30 pm	Community Center
Tue.	13 th Adult Catechism	7:00 pm	Athenagoras Room
	14 th Marian Prayer Group	3:00 pm	Church
	Evzonakia, Levendopeda & Nisiotes	5:45 pm	Community Center
	Presanctified	6:00 pm	Church
	Choir Practice	6:30 pm	Church
Thur.	15 th Young at Heart	11:30 am	Community Center
	Parish Council Meeting	6:30 pm	Athenagoras Room
	16 th 3rd Salutations	7:00 pm	Church
	<i>Altar Flowers provided by Spiro and Pat Karabalis</i>		
	<i>Refreshments provided by GOYA</i>		
Sat.	17 th AHEPA Family MW Banquet		The Ohio Statehouse

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*

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.

-ADULT CATECHISM. Adult Catechism class is this Tuesday 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 from Volume 2: The Sacraments. Questions for Volume 2 are on the glass kiosk as you enter the Community Center. Our last Catechism Class for Lent will be March 20th. Class will resume at a later date.

-PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY. Our Presanctified Liturgies should be better attended by you. Our Lord rests in the artoforion all week on the altar so that we can commune with Him every Wednesday. Jesus comes to our church's altar in order to gift us His grace and strength in the fast. Please come and encounter Christ at these most sacred services. Show our Lord you love Him more than anything else. He sacrificed His life so that we could eat His flesh and drink His blood for the remission of our sins and life everlasting.

-ELIZABETH NEW LIFE CENTER PARTNERSHIP BANQUET. I will be giving the opening prayer Thursday, April 19 at this event being held at the Mandalay Banquet Center. 5:30 PM registration and 6:15 PM dinner and program. The cost is \$25 a person and most give a donation from the heart and means once there. Some parishioners have already signed up to come and we would like to get a minimum of 10 people if possible. Recently members of our Ladies Philoptochos and CCM toured *Elizabeth New Life Center* and all were impressed with the medical, educational, and social ministry aspects of this 501(c)3. *Elizabeth New Life Center* truly cares about woman and children and it shows in all that they do. Please come and support this worthy organization that is a part of our Grafton Hill community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DANCE TIME CHANGE - Due to Presanctified Liturgy Service at 6:00, dance practice for Evzonakia, Levendopeda and Nisiotes will be 5:15-6:00pm on March 14th and 21st. Please attend! Thank you! Maria and Isidora

FLOWERS FOR THE TOMB OF CHRIST (Kouvouklion), are an important and beautiful part of our celebration of the Glorious Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are seeking donations to purchase flowers for two items (1) the Kouvouklion--Any donation amount is appreciated (2) Easter Lilies--\$25 per Lily. Thank you for your support in purchasing the many flowers that beautify our Church during Easter services. If writing a check be sure to note what the money is for in the memo line.

YOUNG AT HEART – Baby You Have Come a Long Way

Young at Heart will meet on Thursday, March 15th at 11:30 AM. Give a baby picture of yourself (labeled with your name on the back) to Mary McDonald, put it in the Young at Heart mailbox, or bring the day of the luncheon. The lunch will be sponsored by Sue Bacas, Gloria Borod, Diane Briggs, Mary Caudell, Phyllis Davell, Diane Kontonickas, Mary McDonald, Tina Parker, Margie Polites, Mary Searles, Ruthann Zavakos.

PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON

Palm Sunday Luncheon is Sunday April 1st. Tickets will be sold after Church every Sunday until the deadline date. Deadline for pre-paid reservations is Sunday, March 25, 2018. There will not be any ticket sales the day of the event. Adults: \$12.00 / Children: \$6.00

Chairpersons for the Palm Sunday Luncheon: Katina Tsatalis 937-291-1748
Irene Zalants 513-594-5481

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE EASTER TSOUREKI

In partnership with Boosalis Baking and Café \$6.00 EACH (1 lb. loaf) Deadline for orders: Monday, March 26th
Orders may be picked up at the: Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
Community Center, Saturday & Sunday Saturday March 31st or Sunday April 1st from 11a.m. – 1p.m. To place an order, please contact: Melissa DeBernardi Smith by phone (412)512-5242 Or e-mail: myguiness14@hotmail.com

AHEPA DISTRICT #11 – BUCKEYE SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Application Submission Process

This year's application will only be accepted via the online application process
www.bsf.buckeyedistrict11.org.

The application is now 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

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

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>

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

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.