

THE ANNUNCIATION

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday of the Blind Man/Sergios the Confessor

May 13, 2018

Rev. Fr. Joseph Gingrich, Parish Priest

Altar Boys

All Available

Ushers On Duty 1

Epistle Reading

Acts 16:16-34

Gospel Reading

John 9:1-38

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, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι ζωὴν χαρισάμενος.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN THE PLAGAL FIRST MODE

Let us worship the Word, O ye faithful, praising Him that with the Father and the Spirit is co-beginningless God, Who was born of a pure Virgin that we all be saved; for He was pleased to mount the Cross in the flesh that He assumed, accepting thus to endure death. And by His glorious rising, He also willed to resurrect the dead.

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν, ὅτι ἠυδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελεθεῖν ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγεῖραι τοὺς τεθνεώτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

DISMISSAL HYMN FOR THE ANNUNCIATION IN THE FOURTH MODE

On this day when our salvation is crowned 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. Χαίρε, κεχαριτωμένη, ο Κύριος μετά σου.

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 ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθεγγάμενος. Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

EPISTLE READING

PRIEST: Let us attend.

READER: You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us. Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

PRIEST: Wisdom

READER: The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34.

PRIEST: Let us attend.

READER: Brethren, ¹⁶As we were going to prayer, it happened that we encountered a certain girl who had a spirit of divination and who produced much profit to her masters by fortune telling. ¹⁷As she followed Paul and Silas, she cried out, "These men are bondservants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us a way of salvation!" ¹⁸And she did this for many days. But Paul, becoming greatly annoyed, turned back and said to the spirit, "In the Name of Jesus Christ, I order you to come out of her!" And the spirit came out that very moment. ¹⁹When her masters saw that the hope of their gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas, and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities. ²⁰Having brought them to the magistrates, they said, "These Jewish men are causing unrest in our city! ²¹They teach customs which are not lawful for us Romans to accept or observe!" ²²When the crowd also rose up against them, the magistrates had them stripped and flogged. ²³After giving them a severe flogging, the magistrates had them thrown into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Having received such a command, he threw them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. ²⁵But when it was about midnight, Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly, there was a great earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once, all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were loosened. ²⁷The jailer, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, began to draw his sword and he was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here!" ²⁹Having asked for lights, the jailer rushed in and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰He brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved, you and your household!" ³²Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all those who were in his household. ³³Late as it was, the jailer washed their wounds and was immediately baptized, he and his entire household. ³⁴He took them into his house and set food before them. He was filled with joy for believing in God, along with his entire household.

JOHN 9:1-38

¹As Jesus was passing by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who has sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "Neither did this man sin, nor his parents; but [it was] in order that the works of God might be revealed in him. ⁴I must do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. The night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground, made mud with the saliva and anointed the blind man's eyes with the mud. ⁷He then said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means "Sent"). And so, the man went away, washed, and came back seeing. ⁸At this, the neighbors and those who saw that he had been blind before said, "Is this not the man who sat and begged?" ⁹Others were saying, "It is he!" Still others were saying, "He looks like him." The man said, "I am he!" ¹⁰Therefore, the people asked him, "How were your eyes opened?" ¹¹He answered, "A man called Jesus made mud, anointed my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash.' And so, I went away and washed, and I received sight." ¹²Then they asked him, "Where is he?" The man replied, "I do not know." ¹³They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. ¹⁴It was a Sabbath when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Again, the Pharisees also asked the man how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, I washed, and I see!" ¹⁶At this, some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God because he does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. ¹⁷They asked the blind man again, "What do you say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet!" ¹⁸The Jews did not believe [the report] about this man, that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of this man who had received his sight. ¹⁹They asked the parents, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰His parents answered them, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind. ²¹But how he now sees, we do not know; or who opened his eyes, we do not know. He is of age. Ask him! He will speak for himself." ²²His parents said this because they feared the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone would confess Jesus as Christ, that person would be expelled from the synagogue. ²³Therefore, his parents said, "He is of age. Ask him!" ²⁴And so, they called the man who had been blind a second time, and they told him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner!" ²⁵At this, the man answered, "I do not know if he is a sinner. One thing I do know: that though I was blind, now I see!" ²⁶Again, they asked him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? You do not also want to become his disciples, do you?" ²⁸They insulted him and said, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses; but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰The man answered them, "How amazing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. ³¹Now we know that God does not listen to sinners; but he will listen to anyone who is God-fearing and who does his will. ³²Since the world began, it has never been heard of that anyone opened the eyes of someone born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born completely in sins, and do you teach us?" And they threw him out. ³⁵Jesus heard that they had thrown the man out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of

God?"³⁶The man answered, "And who is he, Sir, that I may believe in him?"³⁷And Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking with you."³⁸Then the man said, "Sir, I believe!" and he expressed adoration to Jesus.

SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018

MATINS AND DIVINE LITURGY

8:15 AM

ARTOCLASIA is offered today by Mary Leakas for the health and well-being of all mothers on Mother's Day.

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE HOUR is hosted and being served by GOYA. The GOYA will present a small gift to all the Mothers on this Mother's Day.

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 14TH

Mon.	14 th	Greek School (Final Exams)	5:30 pm	Community Center
Tue.	15 th	GAPA Event/Meeting	1:00 pm	Dayton Met. Library
Wed.	16 th	Marian Prayer	3:00 pm	Church
		Levendopeda & Nisiotes Dance Practice	6:00 pm	Community Center
		Choir	6:30 pm	Church
		Festival Meeting	6:30 pm	Athenagoras Room
		Ellas Dance Practice	7:00 pm	Community Center
Thur.	17th	DIFI Booth Set-up	8:30 am	Meet at Church
		Divine Liturgy Ascension	9:30 am	Church
		Young at Heart Luncheon	11:30 am	Community Center
		Parish Council Meeting	6:30 pm	Athenagoras Room
Fri.	18 th	DIFI		Convention Center
Sat.	19 th	DIFI		Convention Center

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 Mokas, Katherine Xidas, Magdeline Tisinger, Peter Mihalislis, Elli Bambakidis, Stephanie Michaelson, Mary Leakas, Maria Polychronis, Alex Gounaris, Athie Zavakos, Stephen Fricioni, John Wagner, Marilyn Lusa and Cynthia Yonts**

FROM FR. JOSEPH

-HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY. Happy Mother's Day to all our godmothers, grandmothers, and mothers.

-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.

-VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL. Vacation Church School will take place at St. Paul's Orthodox Church Monday, June 25 to Friday, June 29 from 9:00 AM to 12:40 PM. Ages are 5 to 11. Registrations and information are on the glass kiosk as you enter the community center. Please turn your child's registration into my exterior mailbox by June 8.

For additional information call Heather Weiss at (937) 397-5026. This will be a lot of fun and I will be active in it if our children sign up.

-AHEPA THANK YOU. The AHEPA brothers graciously agreed to pay the full cost of this year's Vacation Church School for our children and the children of St. Paul's Orthodox Church. Thank you brothers!

-SOUL SATURDAY. Soul Saturday Divine Liturgy will take place at the church. Afterwards, we will process first to Woodland Cemetery and then Memorial Park Cemetery where koliva and a trisagion will be offered for all the departed (weather permitting).

-ALEX MALIAN. Today, Alex Malian will be coming to preach and meet with any GOYA children and parents after coffee hour.

-RECORD KEEPING. Beginning May 1, 2018, all reports and minutes given at Parish Ministry meetings must now be submitted to the parish priest and parish president electronically in order to ensure digital and hard records are kept in a standardized filing system. This will include Parish Council, AIF, Parish Council Sub-Committees, Philoptochos, GOYA, Greek School, and Catechism School.

-VACATION. I will be on vacation June 4 to June 16.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION STUDENTS AND TEACHERS ASSIGNED TO THE LOWER LEVEL CLASSROOMS.

The new boiler installation has begun and there is equipment and tools in the hallway. Please use extreme caution! Everything will be back to normal very soon. Thank you for your patience.

THE BLESSING AND DEDICATION OF THE JOY COURTYARD AND MEMORIAL GARDEN WILL BE JUNE 3 FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY.

Orders for phase 4 of the bricks and pavers are currently being taken with a June 8th deadline. If you would like to be a part of this exciting campus renovation, please fill out a form and turn it into the church office with payment. Forms can be found in the community center. The order form can also be found on our website. There are still a limited amount of the larger naming opportunities available. Questions: contact Deb Pulos//debrapulos@mac.com 937- 478-2367

YOUNG AT HEART

Come enjoy a delicious lunch sponsored by the Daughters of Penelope and AHEPA on Thursday, May 17th at 11:30 AM. We will be entertained by the Kettering Senior Showcase Choir.

MEFGOX CHOIR CONVENTION

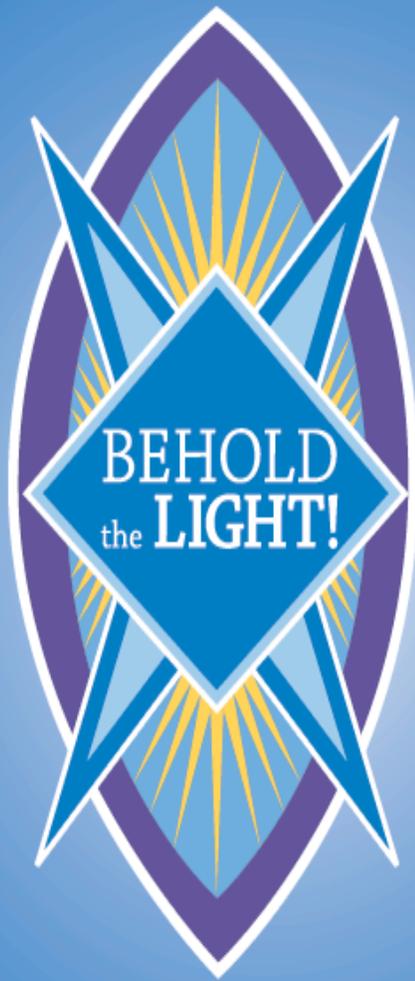
MEFGOX Choir Convention, July 19 - 22 — Our parish has the honor of hosting the 71st Convention of the Mid-Eastern Federation of Greek Orthodox Christian Church Musicians. Parishioners — and non-parishioners — are invited to help support this event by posting ads in the Convention Album. The deadline for submissions is May 30. Ad forms will be available in the Community Center. A table will be setup. Mary Haritos, Convention liaison — mary.haritos@gmail.com

GAPA MAY EVENT/MEETING

GAPA May meeting will be held at the Dayton Metro Library, Main Branch. Located at 215 East 3rd Street. Meeting date and time May 15th 1:00pm – Conference Room 1B. Underground parking garage with entrance on St. Clair Street. Please RSVP to Tina Parker 898-1773.

GREEK NIGHT DINNER DANCE! SATURDAY, JUNE 9, HILTON GARDEN INN, BEAVERCREEK

You are cordially invited to join us in kicking off the summer, with a fantastic, fun-filled evening of great food, music, and Greek dancing! Featuring special musical guests from Detroit, Kostas Grias(vocals) and George Armatas(clarinet) along with George Karras & band. Sponsored by the Dayton Annunciation Members of the Alea Society, celebrating their 75th anniversary. Tickets on sale after church. For information and to RSVP: George Karras 937-554-4100 Buffet Dinner Dance
\$50 Dance Only \$20



VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

REGISTER NOW

St. Paul the Apostle Orthodox Church
4451 Wagner Rd.
Dayton, OH 45440

Monday, June 25 - Friday June 29

9:00 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.

Ages 5-11

Everyone welcome!

Please register by June 10

For more information, call
Heather Weis
(937) 397-5026



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