

# THE ANNUNCIATION

## GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council  
Lucian Martyr of Antioch

October 15, 2017

Please welcome Fr. John Artemas!

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Rev. Fr. Joseph Gingrich, Proistamenos

Altar Boys: All Available

Ushers on Duty: Team 2

Epistle Reading Titus 3:8-15

Gospel Reading Luke 8:5-15

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

#### HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE (GOSPEL) ENTRANCE

#### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN THE SECOND MODE

When Thou didst descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then didst Thou slay Hades with the lightning of Thy Divinity. And when Thou didst also raise the dead out of the nethermost depths, all the powers in the Heavens cried out: O Life-giver, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.

Ότε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ Ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας τῆ ἀστραπῆ τῆς Θεότητος, ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

#### APOLYTIKION FOR SUN. OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL IN THE PLAGAL FOURTH MODE

Most glorified art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast established our Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, and through them didst guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, glory be to Thee.

Υπερδεδοξασμένος εἶ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ φωστῆρας ἐπὶ γῆς τοὺς Πατέρας ἡμῶν θεμελιώσας, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν πρὸς τὴν ἀληθινὴν πίστιν, πάντας ἡμᾶς ὀδηγήσας· πολυεύσπλαγχνε, δόξα σοι.

#### 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 τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν το κεφάλαιον καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνας μυστηρίου ἡ φανέρωσις, Ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς συν αὐτῷ τῆ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν. Χαίρε, κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ 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, μεσιτεία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε. Μὴ παρίδῃς ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασσον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμῶντων σε.

**EPISTLE READING**

**PRIEST:** Let us attend.

**READER:** Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers. For you are just in all you have done.

**PRIEST:** Wisdom

**READER:** The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15.

**PRIEST:** Let us attend.

**READER:** Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

**LUKE 8:5-15**

<sup>5</sup>“A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was sowing, some [seed] fell along the wayside; it was trampled under foot, and the birds of the sky devoured it. <sup>6</sup>Other seed fell on the rock, and as soon as it grew, it withered away because it had no moisture. <sup>7</sup>Other fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew with it, and choked it. <sup>8</sup>Other fell into the good ground, grew, and brought forth fruit a hundred times.” As he said this, he exclaimed, “Let anyone with ears to hear listen!” <sup>9</sup>Then his disciples asked him, “What does this parable mean?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus replied, “To you it is given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of God, but to the rest, [it is given] in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’” <sup>11</sup>Now this is what the parable means: The seed is the word of God. <sup>12</sup>Those along the wayside are those who have heard. Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they may not believe and be saved. <sup>13</sup>Those on the rock are those who receive the word with joy when they hear. But they have no root; they believe for a while, then fall away in time of temptation. <sup>14</sup>What fell among the thorns is those who have heard, and as they go on their way, they are choked with worries, wealth, and the pleasures of life; and they bring no fruit to maturity. <sup>15</sup>As for the seed that fell in the rich soil, this is those who have heard the word with an honest and good heart, who retain it and bring forth fruit with endurance.

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**SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2017**

**MATINS AND DIVINE LITURGY**

**8:15 AM**

**Memorials Today:**

+Cleopatra Stamas  
+Charles Stamas

10 years  
11 years

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

**Altar Flowers** given in loving memory of +Cleopatra Stamas and +Charles Stamas by the children of +Charles and +Cleopatra Stamas.

**Fellowship Coffee Hour** hosted by AHEPA.

**Today Join the Maids of Athena** in the Memorial Center for A Baby Shower to support Hannah’s Treasure Chest. Please bring donations of: New or Gently Used Baby Clothing—all sizes; New Toys; Diapers-Disposable and Cloth; Baby Wipes; and Monetary donations.

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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, Lucy Fasules, Peter Mihalislis, Elli Bambakidis, Stephanie Michaelson, Mary Leakas, Maria Polychronis, Alex Gounaris, Athie Zavakos, Nicole Fischer and Stephen Fricioni*

### MEETING AND EVENTS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup>

Date	Event	Time	Location
Mon. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Greek School	5:30pm	Class Rooms
Tue. 17 <sup>th</sup>	GAPA Knitting Club/Class	10:30am	Athenagoras Rm.
	GAPA Meeting	1:00pm	Athenagoras Rm.
	Adult Catechism Class	7:00pm	Athenagoras Rm.
Wed. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Marian Prayer Group	3:00pm	Church
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm	Church
Thur. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Young at Heart Luncheon	11:30am	Community Ctr.
	Parish Council	6:30pm	Athenagoras Rm.
Fri. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. Fr. Jeffery Jambon Speaker & Dinner	7:00pm	Community Ctr.

### FROM FR. JOSEPH

- **Some Have Asked** why I put altar flowers on the altar at memorials and not in front of the icons on the iconostasis. There are several reasons. When a memorial is served on Sunday I commemorate the person being memorialized at the Office of Oblation or Proskomide. Their commemoration links them to the sacrifice of the Divine Liturgy in a tangible and intimate way because a particle of bread is cut out for them and placed on the Paten. The commemoration of their soul becomes a part of the offering of the bread, wine, incense, and prayers of the Divine Liturgy. Their commemoration is later mingled with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ and the Saints in the Chalice, and communed by the deacon, priest, or bishop in prayer after the Divine Liturgy. Part of the offering for the soul that has left the body are also the flowers purchased by the family. I place the flower offering on the altar where the gifts of the bread and wine will be brought in order to have them next to the tabernacle where our Savior rests, and also to offer them to our Lord in the memory of the person's soul we are praying for. Their commemoration on the Paten and the flowers offered in their memory rest next to each other on the altar. It is a beautiful action to place their commemoration, the bread, wine, and flowers all on the altar together and to pray for the salvation of their soul in God's Divine Liturgy. Just as we offer flowers on the Kouvouklion or Tomb for Christ at His Holy Friday yearly funeral and memorial, we too offer flowers at the yearly memorial for those souls we commemorate on the Paten. While I can't place flowers on the Paten like the Kouvouklion with their commemoration, it's beautiful to have them as close as possible symbolizing one offering to our Lord. Lastly, the title of altar flowers designates that they are placed on the altar and not somewhere else.

-**Adult Catechism begins** Tuesday October 17 at 7:00 PM. There will be no class on October 31st. Read the Preface, Revelation, Tradition, Bible, and Liturgy sections from Volume 1 Doctrine and Scripture. Write questions down as you read for discussion in the class.

**Please pick up your study guide questions in the hallway on the glass counter top.**

-**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.

-**The Christian Morality Classes** for our Juniors and Seniors will take place Monday 4/16/18, Monday 4/23/18, Monday 4/30/18, and Monday 5/7/18. The time and location are to be determined as we are going to try and host them in a parishioner's home that is centrally located for all who will be participating. Each class should be no more than 2.5 hours in length.

-**I will be out** of the Metropolis October 9th to 16th. His Eminence is sending Fr. John Artemas.

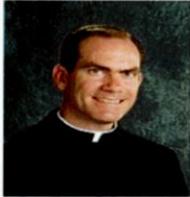
-Fr. Stratton Dorozenski will be celebrating 40 years of ministry in the holy priesthood on Saturday November 4, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the St. Nicholas Event Center located at 760 West Wattles Rd. Troy, MI. Tickets are \$75.00. Please RSVP to me by October 21st and include a check if you would like to go so I can arrange for a table from our community

### JOY/HOPE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

On Friday, November 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in the Athenagoras Room. Joy/Hope will be hosting a family movie night, showing 'Chronicles of Narnia' followed by a talk with Father Joseph. Everyone is welcome to attend! Popcorn & drinks will be provided, bring a bean bag chair if you have one!

**Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church**  
of Dayton, OH presents:

**Where do I stand as a Christian in an age of Moral Relativism?**



***A lecture by the Rev. Father Jeffery Jambon of the Missionaries of St. John the Baptist. Diocese of Covington, KY.***

Fr. Jambon had his academic and spiritual formation in the Legionaries of Christ. His academic and practical formation within this religious congregation encompassed extensive studies in Classical Humanities in Salamanca, Spain as well as Philosophy and Sacred Theology in the Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum in Rome, Italy. Upon graduation he spent 4 years as administrator of a Legionary of Christ seminary in Connecticut and continued studies abroad in Germany and Poland. Fr. Jambon has been giving lectures and spiritual retreats from 2003 to the present. In addition to this Fr. Jambon has served as a medical missionary in Africa, missionary in Mexico, chaplain to a Latin Mass Benedictine convent, and as a parish priest.

**WHEN:** Friday, October 20, 2017 at 7:00 PM

**WHERE:** Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church. 500 Belmonte Park North. Dayton, OH 45405. 937-224-0601.

**RSVP Dinner will be served - Please RSVP to the church office by Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> to reserve your seat – Also please invite your Catholic friends to join us.**

**\*Information on the Missionaries of St. John the Baptist can be found at <https://www.msjb.info/about-us/>**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHURCH HEALTH TEAM – SAVE THE DATE OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>

On Friday October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., and with the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas, the Annunciation Church Health Team will be hosting a lecture by the Rev. Fr. Jeffery Jambon entitled **Where do I stand as a Christian in an age of Moral Relativism.** Your Church Health Team chose this topic and we hope you

will attend. We will be inviting other local parishes as well. ***Dinner will be served please RSVP to the church office by Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> to reserve your seat – Also please invite your Catholic friends to join us.***

### **THE HEART OF GIVING SUNDAY OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup>**

Please join Father Joseph and the stewardship committee for a presentation and discussion on the 2018 stewardship plan. Lunch will be served. Childcare will be provided with lunch. All following the Divine Liturgy. 2018 stewardship materials will be distributed at that time as well. Thank you!

### **2017 FALL PARISH ASSEMBLY**

Fall Parish Assembly, Sunday, November 5th, after Divine Liturgy, *Please plan to attend.*

### **YOUTH SUNDAY SIGN-UP & YOUTH SUNDAY DATES**

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 Dates:** November 5th, December 3rd, January 7th, February 4th, March 4th, May 6th.

### **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](mailto:annunciationcatechismschool@gmail.com)

### **DUTIES INCLUDE:**

- \* **Narthex greeters**- Welcome parishioners at the door, assist elderly to their seats, stand behind the pangari, pass out bulletins, assist ushers.
- \* **Creed readers** - stand at the microphone near the chanter's stand and lead the congregation in the reading of the Creed.
- \* **The Lord's prayer**- stand at the microphone near the chanter's stand and lead the congregation in the reading of the Lord's Prayer.
- \* **Reading of the Epistle**- stand at the microphone near the chanter's stand and read the Epistle of the day.
- \* **Collection tray** - pass baskets with the help of ushers after the sermon.
- \* **Choir**- students are encouraged to join the choir until Holy Communion.

If you are interested in having your child participate, please contact the Catechism School at [annunciationcatechismschool@gmail.com](mailto:annunciationcatechismschool@gmail.com). Please indicate which dates and role your child would prefer.

### **YOUNG AT HEART**

Young at Heart Senior Citizens' Luncheon will take place on Thursday, October 19th at 11:30am in the Memorial Center. The luncheon is sponsored by John and Margie Polites.

### **COMMUNITY CARE MINISTRY (CCM)**

#### **"Charity at Home"**

The October Community Care Ministry will focus on Charity at Home. The funds donated are used anonymously to help parishioners with financial emergency needs. Please be generous in your contributions. Chairperson: Elisabeth Ludwig

### **PARENTS OF DANCERS - ATTENTION!**

Maria McFarland will put together an order for costumes from Greece for Levendopeda and Nisiotes dancers. To make sure of the size and exact costume, dancers are asked to meet with Maria on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> in the second grade Sunday school room right after Sunday school (11:45). Please have your dancer with you to ensure correct size. All questions can be answered at that time. Thank you

### **IOCC HYGIENE KITS & CLEAN-UP BUCKET ASSEMBLY DATE: OCTOBER 22ND**

**Please stay after church on Sunday, October 22nd to help us assemble buckets and kits. All ages welcome!** International Orthodox Christian Charities & Church World Services are in need of emergency disaster kits. We are collecting the following items to assemble Hygiene kits and Clean-up buckets. Please consider donating item(s) to aid in replenishing these kits.

Items needed:

**Hygiene Items**

- Hand towels (new)
- Washcloths (new)
- Combs
- Nail clipper
- Individually packaged toothbrushes

**Clean-up Buckets**

- 5-gallon buckets with lids
- Scouring pads
- Sponges, assorted sizes
- Scrub brushes

**Clean-up Buckets – Continued**

- Cleaning towels, reusable (like Easy Wipes)
- Dry laundry detergent (50-78 oz. box)
- Clothes pins (pkg of 50)
- Clothesline (50 ft. & 100 ft.)
- Dust masks
- Work gloves
- 6-14 oz. plastic bottle of insect repellent (no aerosol)
- 12 oz. plastic bottle of liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol)
- 25 oz. plastic bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn)
- 22-27 count box of heavy-duty trash bags (33-45 gal.)

Donations will be collected until October 22<sup>nd</sup> and can be dropped off in the church community center. If you would like to make a monetary donation instead, please contact Dena Inempolidis at 937-371-7035 or [dena.inempolidis@gmail.com](mailto:dena.inempolidis@gmail.com)

**LUNCHEON HOSTED BY AHEPA - SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 12TH**

**Save the Date: Sunday November 12th Luncheon hosted by AHEPA:** The local AHEPA chapter, with support from the AIF, welcomes everyone to attend a free luncheon following Divine Liturgy on Sunday Nov 12th. This free event is open to the entire parish family and includes a spaghetti luncheon as well as a presentation by an inspiring Theology professor from University of Dayton, Fr. Silviu Bunta, a Greek Orthodox priest raised in Communist Romania. Please mark the date on your calendars and we look forward to seeing you there.

**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.