

# THE ANNUNCIATION

## GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday Before the Holy Cross  
and After-feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos**

**September 10, 2017**

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**Rev. Fr. Joseph Gingrich, Proistamenos**

**Altar Boys: All Available**

**Ushers on Duty: Team 2**

**Epistle Reading Galatians 6: 11 — 18**

**Gospel Reading Matthew 3:13 — 17**

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

#### **Hymns After the Little (Gospel) Entrance**

##### **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, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγεῖραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

##### **Apolytikion for Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos in the Fourth Mode**

Thy Nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole world; for from thee hath dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, annulling the curse and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.

Ἡ γέννησίς σου Θεοτόκε, χαρὰν ἐμήνυσε πάσῃ τῇ οἰκουμένη, ἐκ σοῦ γὰρ ἀνέτειλεν ὁ ἥλιος τῆς δικαιοσύνης, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, καὶ λύσας τὴν κατάραν, ἔδωκε τὴν εὐλογίαν, καὶ καταργήσας τὸν θάνατον, ἐδωρήσατο ἡμῖν ζωὴν τὴν αἰώνιον.

##### **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 τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν. Χαῖρε, κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σου.

##### **Seasonal Kontakion in the Fourth Mode**

In your holy birth, Immaculate One, Joachim and Anna were rid of the shame of childlessness; Adam and Eve of the corruption of death. And so your people, free of the guilt of their sins, celebrate crying: "The barren one gives birth to the Theotokos, who nourishes our life."

Ιωακείμ καί Ἄννα ὄνειδισμού ατεκνίας, καί Ἀδάμ καί Εὐά, ἐκ τῆς φθοράς τοῦ θανάτου, ἠλευθερώθησαν, Ἄχραντε, ἐν τῇ αγία γεννήσει σου, αὐτήν εορτάζει καί ὁ λαός σου, ἐνοχῆς τῶν πταισμάτων, λυτρωθεῖς ἐν τῷ κράζειν σοι, Ἡ στείρα τίκτει τὴν Θεοτόκον, καί τροφὸν τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν.

#### **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 Galatians 6:11-18.

**PRIEST:** Let us attend.

**READER:** Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

#### **SUNDAY BEFORE THE HOLY CROSS JOHN 3:13-17**

<sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven, except for the one who came down out of heaven, the Son of Man who is in heaven. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, likewise, the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>so that everyone believing in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>Indeed, God so loved the world that he gave his uniquely-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>Certainly, God did not send his Son into the world to judge the world, but so that the world should be saved through him.

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### **SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017**

#### **MATINS AND DIVINE LITURGY**

**8:15 AM**

#### **MEMORIALS TODAY**

+Rosilyn Zvakos	24 yrs.
+Dena Zvakos	40 yrs.
+Harry Zvakos	40 yrs.

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in loving memory of **+Loula and +Nick Melison** by John and Mary McDonald.

**No Fellowship Coffee Hour today.**

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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, Andy Moulas, Alex Gounaris, Athie Zavakos, Nicole Fischer and Stephen Fricioni*

### MEETING AND EVENTS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Mon.	11 <sup>th</sup>	Greek Festival Clean-up	All Day	Church Grounds
Tues.	12 <sup>th</sup>	Greek Festival Clean-up	All Day	Church Grounds
Wed.	13 <sup>th</sup>	Greek Festival Clean-up	All Day	Church Grounds
		<b>Marian Prayer Group</b>	<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Exaltation of the Cross</b>		
		<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Church</b>
		Greek Festival Clean-up	All Day	Church Grounds
		DOP Meeting	6:30pm	Athenagoras Room
Fri.	15 <sup>th</sup>	Greek Festival Clean-up	All Day	Church Grounds

#### **FROM FR. JOSEPH**

-There is no need to register your son to serve in the altar. If he is 8 or older he is welcome to serve every Sunday and at other times. Seniors who wish to be altar captains should see me. There is a new Altar Server Guidebook. Please have your son see me to get one.

-Adult Catechism begins Tuesday October 17 at 7:00 PM.

-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.

-Tuesday Sept. 26 at 6:00 pm I will be attending the **Celebration of Life** event hosted by Dayton Right to Life. The address is 4548 Presidential Way Dayton (Kettering), OH. Tickets are \$45.00 a piece. Please see the flyer in the community center if you are interested. There will be two speakers. The keynote speaker is Melissa Ohden. Melissa is the survivor of a failed saline infusion abortion in 1977. Despite the initial concerns regarding Melissa's future after surviving the attempt to end her life at approximately seven months gestation, she has not only survived but thrived. With a Master's Degree in Social Work, she has worked in the fields of substance abuse, mental health, domestic violence and sexual assault counseling, and child welfare. Her life is a testament to the beauty of God's grace in our lives, the power of love, the transformational power of forgiveness, and answering God's call for your life. More information can be found at:

[http://daytonlife.org/About/upcoming\\_events.php](http://daytonlife.org/About/upcoming_events.php)

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS**

This year, all volunteers, including booth chairs, are required to wear a colored wristband the day you are volunteering. Your booth chair will give you a wristband when you report for your shift. There is a different color for each day.

For security reasons, no one will be permitted beyond the Security station next to the church office in the Community Center without a wristband that complies with the color of the day. As a reminder, per the Health Department, volunteers may not wear sleeveless T-shirts or tank tops. Buttons or banners with political statements are not permitted. If you have any questions contact Nikki Burns, Festival Co-Chair.

Thank you for your cooperation.

**THE FIRST DAY OF CATECHISM SCHOOL IS LESS THAN 2 WEEKS AWAY!!!**

Parents: register your children with this link <http://www.daytonannunciation.org/>

**Students must be registered EACH and EVERY YEAR!**

***We've been busy planning an exciting new year and can't wait to share it with you!***

Catechism School is for children ages 2 (by September 30<sup>th</sup>) - 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Whatever grade your child is placed in secular school, is the grade they will be placed in Catechism School

**CATECHISM SCHOOL "THE CHILDREN'S WORD"**

Dear Families:

Attached you will find "The Children's Word". It is a weekly Sunday bulletin for Orthodox Christian young people. Each issue includes a message on the Sunday Gospel lesson and on one of the saints for the week. You'll also find a coloring page and other activities. We hope you enjoy them with your children.

Thank you,  
Father Joseph and the Catechism School

**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 questions or information please contact Katina Tsatalis or Michelle Zois at [annunciations@gmail.com](mailto:annunciations@gmail.com)

**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 DATES:**

October 1st, November 5th, December 3rd, January 7th, February 4th, March 4th, May 6th.

**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.

#### **DAUGHTERS**

DOP will meet Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Athenagoras Room.

#### **GAPA**

GAPA will meet Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in the Athenagoras Room.

#### **YOUNG AT HEART**

The Young at Heart Senior Citizens' Luncheon will take place on Thursday, October 19th at 11:30am in the Memorial Center.

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

#### **SEPTEMBER CCM – BRUNNER LITERACY CENTER**

The Philoptochos CCM for September will benefit the Brunner Literacy Center. The Center provides free, one-on-one tutoring for adults who want to receive their GED, improve their reading, math, writing, and other skills. They also provide ESOL tutoring for adults from other countries who want to learn or improve their English. Items that are needed are:

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| • Wireless notebooks            | First class stamps         | Volunteers/Tutors |
| • Individually wrapped mints    | Prepaid Visa or MasterCard | Tissues           |
| • Eraser tops                   | Correction tape            | Money             |
| • Book bags suitable for adults | Large hand sanitizers      | Prayers           |

Irene and Anthony Zalants are the coordinators.

#### **SECOND ANNUAL DAYTON AHEPA GOLF SCRAMBLE FUNDRAISER**

The Second Annual Dayton AHEPA Golf Scramble Fundraiser will be held Sept 29th at Yankee Trace. Last year's scramble was a huge success, raising thousands for worthwhile causes such as the Greek Orthodox St. Nicholas Shrine at Ground Zero; the Joy Courtyard Project and Athenagoras Room Remodeling project; and Ionian Village. We hope you join your local AHEPA Ch. #113 to make this golf scramble another smashing success. If you are interested in being an event sponsor or participating in the event as a golfer, you can register at [www.ahepaopen.com](http://www.ahepaopen.com) to learn more about the different sponsorship opportunities. For questions, contact Andrew Ziehler or Nick Talias.

#### **OKTOBERFEST AT THE DAYTON ART INSTITUTE**

This month means festivals galore for our church community! In addition to our Greek Festival Oktoberfest at the Dayton Art Institute will be in two weeks September 22-24. Hours will be Friday Preview Party: 7:00 - 11:00 p.m. Saturday: noon - 11:00 p.m. and Sunday: noon - 7:00 p.m.. Volunteers are needed for 4 hour shifts throughout the weekend. Contact Louis Castleman at: [c@stleman.com](mailto:c@stleman.com)

### **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.