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Bearing Each Other's Burdens

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Parish Registry

Memorials in February

Feb. 4 +Lazaros Retzios

Feb. 11 +Ageliki Karras

Feb. 25 +Eleftherios
Karkadoulias

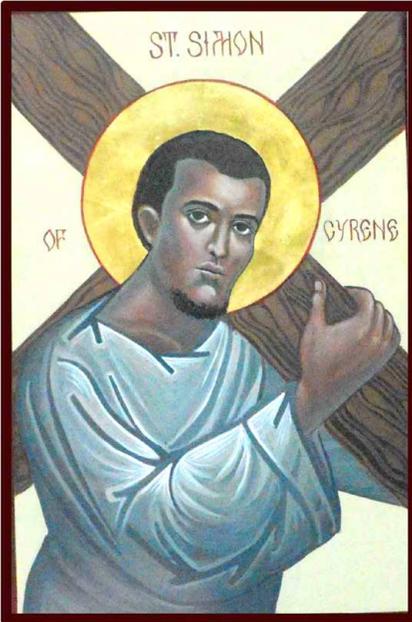
To bear one another's burdens does not mean that we merely put up with or tolerate each other. As individuals, families, and a parish we must do our best to carry one another through the good times and the bad. We have all been in relationships where we simply tolerate another person. And even secretly we may despise him or her. Weeks and even years can go by like this. I was recently talking with a friend of mine who confided to me that she hated someone she was forced to be in an ongoing relationship with for many years to come. My heart sunk because she does not have to be that way. One of our greatest assets as humans is that we can change our minds. We can choose to not let others control us. Life is too short to tolerate or even hate those we are called to love.

Jesus tells us hatred is like murder. When we allow hatred into our hearts and minds we not only figuratively murder those around us, we slowly murder ourselves. It shatters friendships and destroys marriages; it causes abuse in families and discord in business; it breeds violence in the community and breeds war between nations. Its recoil, like that of a high-powered rifle, often hurts the one who wields it as well as its target. Anger makes us lash out at others, destroying relationships and revealing the worst attributes of human nature. The history of the human race is quite often the history of its anger, rage, and despair.

The greatest shining example we have of bearing one another's burdens is Jesus and his Cross. Christ came to earth from heaven. He is God before all time who chose to become a man in order to teach us how to love and be loved. Only once in scripture do we ever see Jesus get angry and it was justified because he saw a blatant injustice. Anger does have a place, but not when it comes to bearing one another's burdens. We must remember that Jesus as God came and he healed the spiritually and physically sick and was ridiculed for doing so. Yet when ridiculed he never met his detractors with anger.

Let us look at the love of Christ for inspiration. When St. Peter denied Jesus three times on the night before his crucifixion our Lord forgave him. When our Savior was being unfairly tried and even savagely beaten by the Sanhedrin our Lord forgave them. When St. Paul who had hunted down and possibly participated in the murdering of Christians was on the road to Damascus continuing in this endeavor the resurrected Christ came to him from heaven and said, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" And Saul said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting..." Yet the Lord also forgives St. Paul. And when our Lord who knew no sin was carrying his Cross to Golgotha after being beaten and stripped and nailed to the new tree of life he said, "Father forgive them..."

As Christians, we are called to bear one another's burdens just as Christ bears ours. When Christ said to Paul "why are you persecuting me" we get a glimpse into this. How is it that Christ who is in heaven can still be persecuted? This is possible because when we are baptized into Christ, we put on Christ. Christ is in all of us. The trials and tribulations we are put through Christ feels also. What parent does not suffer when they see their child suffer? Like parents with children, Christ shows solidarity with us in that he is our co-sufferer. We as Christians are to show this same solidarity with our Christian brothers and sisters. We must be like Christ to all people. We must take up our Cross, deny ourselves, and follow the Lord for the sake of others and ourselves.



When we bear one another's burdens we become like St. Simon of Cyrene. For when Christ was on the lonely road to Golgotha, and he could no longer carry his Cross, St. Simon took our Lord and his Cross up and walked the rest of the way arm and arm with our Savior. That is how we bear one another's burdens. When we find ourselves at the most difficult and trying times we should be able to count on our brothers and

sisters in the Church to lift us up and walk with us. We should happily help one another when we are down in life because that is what our Lord expects of us. He gave us a new commandment to love one another just as he loves us. So let us bear one another's burdens in this New Year with love and compassion.

— Fr. Joseph

Liturgical Schedule for February

All non-Sunday Divine Liturgies begin at 9:30 am unless otherwise noted. If Matins/Orthros is not listed before Divine Liturgy it isn't being served that day.

- Fri., Feb. 2 Divine Liturgy Presentation of the Lord
- Sun., Feb 4 Matins/Divine Liturgy Publican and Pharisee and Godparent Sunday — No Catechism School
- Sat., Feb 10 Divine Liturgy w/Memorial for Saturday of Souls
- Sun., Feb 11 Matins/Divine Liturgy Prodigal Son
- Sat., Feb. 17 Divine Liturgy w/Memorial for Saturday of Souls
- Sun., Feb 18 Matins/Divine Liturgy; Forgiveness Sunday Vespers 6:00 pm w/ Cheesefare potluck. No Catechism School Basketball Tournament
- Wed., Feb 21 Presanctified 6:00 pm
- Fri., Feb 23 First Salutations 7:00 pm
- Sat. Feb 24 Memorial for Saturday of Souls
- Sun., Feb 25 Matins/Divine Liturgy Sunday of Orthodoxy w/icon procession
- Wed., Feb 28 Presanctified 6:00 pm

Saturdays of Souls — ΨΥΧΟΣΑΒΒΑΤΑ

“Among the Saints give rest, O Lord, to the souls of your servants in a place where there is no pain or sorrow or suffering, but Life Everlasting.”

February 10, 17, and 24

Requested by _____

Parishioners wishing to have the names of their departed love ones read during the Saturdays of the Souls are asked to fill out the above form and return it to Father Joseph or the church office.

News and Notes

Invitation to the Church Community From the Family of Charles Krandall



On **February 11** the community is invited to attend the celebration of Charles Krandall's 100th birthday after church services in the Community Center.

2018 Parish Calendars Now Available

You may pick up your calendar in the Community Center lobby. This year's Parish Calendar has been provided by Marker and Heller Funeral Home. We express our sincere appreciation for their generosity.

Sympathies

Our sympathies to the family of +Laurence Azar Warwar who passed on Tuesday, January 9, 2018.

Parish Council

2018 Parish Council elections were held on Sunday, January 14, 2018. Congratulations to the following members who were elected to the Executive Council:

President:	Maria Abboud
Vice-President:	Evan Bambakidis
Treasurer:	Demetri Inempolidis
Secretary:	Deb Pulos

Ministries and Organizations

AHEPA



AHEPA meeting, **Thursday, Feb. 8**, at 6:30 pm in the Athenagoras Room.

American-Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) is a fraternal organization founded in response to the evils of bigotry.

Today its mission is to promote education, philanthropy and civic responsibility. The Dayton chapter is very fortunate to have men of many generations ranging in age from 22 to 100 years old. This is the time of year when we renew our membership and seek new initiates. Men interested in joining may inquire with one of the following members: Evan Bambakidis, Deno Davel, Bearnie Gearon, Nick Toliaos or Nick Regopoulos.

This past year we had the good fortune of significantly increasing the number of scholarships we gave to children of members. We expect the same this year.

Our monthly philanthropic project is open to the entire parish. The first Monday of every month the parish



community gathers to make sandwiches for the House of Bread food pantry in Dayton. People bring their donations of sandwich meat, cheese and bread and we have reached a level of 900 sandwiches a month. **Plan to come to the parish kitchen on Monday 5 Feb at 6:30 pm to help those in need.**

Catechism School

Acknowledgments

Many thanks to all the children who performed beautifully in the Catechism School and Greek School Christmas Program! Parents, thank you for your continued support.

Daughters of Penelope News:



DOP membership meeting, Thursday, February 8, at 6:30 pm at The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church.

Thank you to the community for supporting our Third Annual Wine Tasting that was held on January 19!

We hosted our annual visitation from District and National Grand Lodge on Thursday, January 11. We heard reports on how our chapter support is positively affecting the National Alliance on Mental Illness, Montgomery County Chapter and the Penelope House: Family Domestic Violence Chapter.



In addition, a new Maids of Athena Chapter may be started in Columbus; however, advisors are needed. If you are interested in being a part of this wonderful opportunity to work with inspiring young ladies, please step up!

Please visit the following links to see the wonderful work of the Buckeye District and National DOP, as well as for the Maids of Athena.

www.buckeyedistrict11.org

www.daughtersofpenelope.org

www.maidsofathena.org

DOP welcomes new members at any time! Please contact Alexis Brun, DOP Dayton Chapter President at agrkb1sng22@gmail.com or (937) 219-0463

GAPA

Congratulations to our 2018 officers

President: Linda Kididis
Vice President: Tina Parker
Treasurer: Chris Makaritis
Secretary: Vickie Pacilio.

Many thanks to Berdi Kakas and Kate Scott who are stepping down from the board after many years of service

Next GAPA meeting is February 20.

GOYA

Basketball Tournament

February 16, 17, 18

500 Belmonte Park, North
Dayton, Ohio 4540



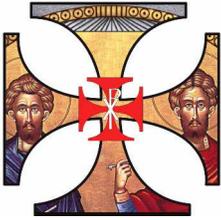
Greek School

No Greek School on
Monday, February 19.

Young at Heart

The Young at Heart will NOT meet in February.

Our next luncheon will be Thursday, March 15 at 11:30 am.



Philoptochos: Faith in Action

February Membership Meeting

Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 1, at 10:00.

March Evening Membership Meeting and Speaker

Look for our flyer in this True Vine for more information.

2018 Annual Dues

Membership dues are \$30.00. Suzanne Zonars-Hambrick, Membership Chair, will gladly accept your payment. Since we are kicking off our membership drive, this is a great time to bring in someone new to Philoptochos. Please let Suzanne know and we will send a note to the recipient on your behalf. It's a great way to introduce a younger church member to our great organization!

Loukoumades Sunday: Day of Caring

Sunday, February 25 is Loukoumades Sunday! Once again the Philoptochos women (with the help of several wonderful men) will make delicious honey puffs to sell in the Community Center following the Divine Liturgy. The money goes to local Dayton charities.



Established in 1991, the Day of Caring is an area wide event held by churches and organizations throughout the Miami Valley. The mission is to increase personal awareness and involvement toward confronting the ever-increasing national plight of hunger and homelessness. Bring your family and plan to purchase yummy loukoumades for everyone!

A Legacy of Service

The 2018 Vasilopita Luncheon, supporting St. Basil's Academy, was very successful and enjoyed by 226 adults and 44 children! Angela Retzios, Nadine Shamma, and Christa Bishop did an excellent job chairing the event and we appreciate all their hard work. Thank you also to all who made the event run smoothly, including the men and women Vasilopita bakers and all those who helped set-up and clean-up. Michael Jannides and his kitchen crew once again provided the delicious lunch and we also thank Matt Boosalis who provided the Vasilopitas.

Donation to Homefull

If you receive a gift of new pots and pans for Christmas, you can donate your gently used pots and pans to the Donation Station at Homefull. They can also use gently used bath towels. You can bring them to the February 1st membership meeting or contact Sandy Alex at salex142@aol.com, (937) 367-4540. What a great way to clean out your cabinets and linen closets!



The National Philoptochos awarded Homefull a \$10,000 grant. Two representatives from National came to Homefull to present the check. The National Philoptochos has given over a half a million dollars in grants to many organizations.

Save the Date: Saturday, May 12, 2018

The annual Mother's Day Luncheon will be Saturday, May 12, 2018 at the Dayton Country Club. We are gratefully accepting monetary donations, both personal and corporate sponsorships. We are also collecting auction items. Contact Michelle Zois or Sandy Alex for more information or to be added to the invitation list.

Did You Know That Philoptochos

- Collected 70 pajamas, 70 books, and donated \$615.00 to Schneider House?
- Has an account at Gordon Food Service and we receive points when we shop there. Please tell the cashier that you would like your purchase to benefit Philoptochos.
- Receives money when you register your Kroger Plus card to benefit Philoptochos? It is easy to do: go to www.kroger.com, at the bottom of the page click on Kroger Community Rewards and choose Ladies Philoptochos Society of Dayton. At our next meeting we will assist those who are not enrolled.

2018 Stewardship Program



Stewardship 2018: Providing for the future, serving the present:

Please keep our church and your stewardship commitment front and center as we begin February. By now you should have received your 2018 packet and commitment card and submitted your card to the church. Regular payment of your stewardship is very important as we pay our bills

and take care of church business. When making your commitment, please keep in mind we are asking that you give your parish 3 percent of your net income. The goal is to become a parish fully supported by parishioners and stewardship.

Stewardship Paid as of January 10



~ 2018 ~

The list of Stewards reflects those who have made their 2018 Stewardship Commitment or contributed to their 2018 Stewardship Commitment as of **January 10, 2018**. We thank them for their generosity and loving support. We invite you to join with them and support, joyously, the ministries of the Church. You may obtain information and Stewardship Commitment Cards from the Church Office, or you can speak to a Parish Council Member or Fr. Joseph.

Dr. Favez & Maria Abboud
Sandy Alex
Bill Alimonos
Lawrence & Susan Andrews
Elayne Anton
Ted & Helen Anton
George & Harriet Argue
Evan & Stacy Bambakidis
Matt & Penny Boosalis
Gloria Borod
Helen Bourne
James & Bessie Brooks
Kay Brown
Doyle & Nicole Burke
Annika Burns & Bob Feldmann
Stephan Calondis
Maria Caras
David & Andrea Casey
Mary Caudell
Kayleigh Choma
Deno & Phyllis Davell
Nick Demetre
George & Vanessa Demetriades
Dr. James & Leah Derksen
Marika Dimitriou
James & Harriett Ellis
Mari Farmakis

Dessine Frizioni
Dr. Arthur Gardikes
Bernard & Tracy Gearon, Jr.
Fr. Joseph Gingrich
Harriet Gounaris
Eileen Gustin
Donald Hanel
Dr. Mary Haritos
Carole Haubrock
Evonna Hurst
William Hutchison
Jerry & Carolyn Hypes
Mike & Anna Jackson
Michael Jannides
Sarah Jones
Pia & Rosalee Kanistros
Lula Karras
Mark & Cindy Keilholz
Peter & Shirley Kossoudji
Harry & Marcia Joan Lake
Gus & Sharon Liapis
Mitchell Limbert
Col & Mrs. John Lusa
Pete & Chris Makaritis
Peter Manavis
George Marinakes
Ike & Christine Maxis

Chris & Beth McAlpine
Jay & Kathy McAlpine
Matt & Laura McAlpine
Keith & Maria McFarland
John & Barbara Moraites
Mary Moraites
Chrisoula K. Morris
Andrew & Stella Moulas
Renee Nicholas
Dennis & Vickie Pacilio
Maria & Vasiliki Panagouleas
William & Irene Pangos
Chris & Christina Papakirk
Georgia Pappas
Taki & Christina Parker
David & Anne Pepiot
John Pickrel
Jared & Kate Poeppelman
John & Margie Polites
Becky Pulos
Chris & Debra Pulos
Nicholas & Charrie Regopoulos
Dr. Thomas & Angela Retzios
Nelson & Theona Russell
George & Mary Saloom
Joe & Heather Saloom
Charles & Kate Scott

John & Mary Searles
Nick & Sophie Shissias
Kenya & Melissa Smith
Paula Stamas-Snyder
Gregory & Jane Speros
Elias & Kathy Spyrou
Nick C & Emily Stamas
Evanthia Steffens
Christina Stiakakis
Roger Sylvester
Dr. Victor & Athena Thaler
Gilbert Thurman
Nick & Theodora Tolia
John & Irene Torges
Pete & Trina Tzolometes
Dr. John & Evanthia Valassiades
Theodore & Chrisoula Vradelis
Stephanie Waszczak
Lynne Zaharako
Anthony & Irene Zalants
Jim & Ruthann Zvakos
Connie Zvakos
Andrew & Dessine Ziehler
Nikki Zonars

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10:00 am Philoptochos Mbrshp. Meeting 12:30 pm Twisted Stitchers	2 Presentation of the Lord 9:30 am Divine Liturgy	3
4 Publican and Pharisee 8:15 am Matins 9:30 am Divine Liturgy GODPARENT SUNDAY No Catechism School	5 6:30 pm Community Sandwich Making 5:30 pm Greek School	6 Clergy Syndesmos	7 6:30 pm Choir 6:30 pm BB Clergy Syndesmos	8 6:30p DOP/ AHEPA Mbrshp. Meeting	9	10 9:30 am Divine Liturgy w/ Memorial for Saturday of Souls
11 Prodigal Son 8:15 am Matins 9:30 am Divine Liturgy	12 5:30 pm Greek School	13	14 6:30 pm Choir 6:30 pm BB	15 6:30 pm Parish Council	16 Goya Basketball Tournament	17 9:30 am Divine Liturgy w/ Memorial for Saturday of Souls Goya Basketball Tournament
18 Forgiveness Sunday 8:15 am Matins 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Vespers 6:00 pm w/Chessefare potluck Goya Basketball Tournament No Catechism School	19 GREAT & HOLY LENT BEGINS No Greek School President's Day OFFICE CLOSED	20 1:00 pm GAPAs Meeting	21 6:00 pm Presanctified 6:30 pm Choir 6:30 pm BB	22	23 7:00 pm First Salutations Philoptochos Reception	24 9:30 am Memorial for Saturday of Souls
25 8:15 am Matins 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Sunday of Orthodoxy w/ icon procession Loukoumades Sunday	26 5:30 pm Greek School	27	28 6:00 pm Presanctified			

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Philoptochos Guest Speaker

Karen Wonders, Ph.D.
Founder and Director, Maple Tree Cancer Alliance

Karen Wonders is a certified Cancer Exercise Specialist and has witnessed first-hand the positive effect that supervised exercise and proper nutrition can have on the life of an individual being treated with cancer.

Thursday, March 1
Athenagoras Room
6:00 pm Philoptochos Meeting
7:15 pm Speaker

Philoptochos Members – please bring a guest
Also bring an appetizer or salad to share.

