

THE TRUE VINE

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HOSPITALITY AND FELLOWSHIP



Rev. Fr. Anthony Cook Beloved in the Lord.

I pray that the summer has been a time of rest and renewal for all of you. As we wind down to the end of the season, we are of course in a time of preparation. The new Liturgical Year begins September 1st, and classes are resuming for our young people at the same time.

Meanwhile, we at the Church are preparing for the return of our various youth ministries here at the Church: Catechism School - October 6th, Greek School - September 23, GOYA (6th-12th grade) - September 15, HOPE/JOY (K-6th grade) - October 6. Registration instructions for Catechism School and Greek School are included below; if you have questions about how to get involved in GOYA or HOPE/JOY please contact the Church office, and we will direct you accordingly. For the full list of organizations and ministries, please see the website: https://www.daytonannunciation.org/organizations.

Greek Festival

Of course, the most visible work at the Church this month has been, and will continue to be, the preparations for our Greek Festival this coming September 6th, 7th, & 8th. Over the next few weeks, we will be gathering to prepare Dolmathes, Pasta Flora, and Karithopita, as equipment and food deliveries accelerate and our entire facility is transformed to welcome thousands of our neighbors and friends to our parish home. This is a time when those in charge of the preparations, the booths, and the overall effort are carrying a tremendous burden on behalf of all of us, and we extend our deepest gratitude to them for their good stewardship and hard work on behalf of our community, and the ministry which we are all called by the Lord to exercise here in Dayton, which is enabled by their faithful labors.

The Gift of Fellowship

To run and to organize the Festival, in all of its many facets, is indeed hard labor, but it is profoundly rewarding as well. There are few responsibilities that any of us can exercise in our parish community which provide such a blessed challenge. In this day, in the several cities and neighborhoods in which we live, we go through the vast majority of our daily existence separated from one another. We are no longer each others' neighbors, we no longer share social responsibilities together, and our children no longer go to school with one another. We are scattered across 60 miles in this Miami River valley, and all too often, the only time we see one another is in church on Sunday, if even then. The normal daily reality of life in a community together is almost completely lost to us.

The Festival is the one time in the year when that changes. For a few months, we see our fellow parishioners multiple times each week. We plan, and bake, and

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:15 am – Orthros 9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

Please see included calendar for details, meetings, feeast-day services, and any other schedule variations.

COMMUNITY UPDATES Baptisms

August 3, 2024 Joshua Brown

<u>Funerals</u> August 3, 2024 Connie Stathes August 5, 2024 Bill Pangos

If you have announcements that you would like for us to include in the Community Updates above, please call or email the Church Office by the 20th of the month.

IMPORTANT LINKS

Service Texts
<u>https://dcs.goarch.org</u>

Parish Live Stream (Youtube) <u>https://www.youtube.com/</u> @daytonannunciation6868

Parish Facebook Page https://www.facebook.com/groups/ 1355887314468422

Stewardship/Online Giving https://www.daytonannunciation.org/ stewardship

Religious Education Initiative <u>https://theruleoffaith.typepad.com/rei</u>

Parish Bulletin Board (event flyers & signups) <u>https://www.daytonannunciation.org/</u> <u>parish-bulletin-board</u>

We urge you all to check this web page often; it will always have the latest flyers and signup options for upcoming events and activities. prepare together, and then, for three glorious days in September, we travel back in time and become the sort of village community from which our greatgrandparents came, and which they sought to establish once again in this place. It is a beautiful gift.

This gift provides us with profound and remarkable moments of fellowship, but it also carries with it difficult and challenging moments of tension and conflict, and even more moments of simple, tedious work in between. But the fellowship, and the tension, and the tedium all combine together to give us an experience that is almost miraculous, impossibly rare in this modern age. In these moments, we have the opportunity to learn, in real time, what community truly is, and the chance to grow in the love and patience to which the Lord calls us, together with our brothers and sisters in the Lord. This experience is more than precious; it is priceless.

So I urge you all not to consider the volunteer hours that you spend at the Festival as some difficult sacrifice that you offer out of a sense of obligation. If you offer them in that way, then it is very likely that that is all you will find. But if we can come as though we are receiving a priceless gift, provided to us by our Lord Jesus Christ, by our forbears in the Faith in our parish, and by those who have taken on the role of leadership and responsibility for the various booths, and for the Festival itself...then we can receive the gift with joy as the impossibly precious thing that it is. I look forward to sharing it with you all!

Hospitality

This gift of fellowship is not the only treasure that we find at the Greek Festival. We are also blessed with the opportunity to extend our hospitality to our neighbors and friends from throughout the Miami Valley. For over 3,000 years, the Greek people have been known for their hospitality, the welcome and courtesy that they give to strangers who are their guests. This pious practice, upheld in Greek mythology by the warning that the guests might well be the gods visiting their subjects on earth, is confirmed and corrected by St. Paul, who urges the Faithful to the same hospitality, saying: "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares" (Hebrews 13:2). Now on the one hand, the sort of hospitality that we provide at the Festival is somewhat different; instead of providing shelter and food, and exchanging guestgifts, we provide food and drink in exchange for payment. But apart from that necessity, we do indeed welcome all who come as guests indeed, sharing the music and the dance and the fellowship and the fun and the history and the memories with all who come, freely and frankly. Still more, we invite them to come inside our Church, and share our Faith and our heritage with them.

For three days, we provide our entire city with a space to rest and relax and taste the precious gift of fellowship together with us, and strengthen our bonds with those who are actually our neighbors throughout the year, taking a small but substantial step towards renewing the village community that we have now lost in the spaces where we actually live and work. And thus, as we enter these final weeks before the Festival, I urge you all to invite your neighbors, your coworkers, and your friends to come and celebrate with us, as we renew once again the gift of the Greek Festival to ourselves and to our community. May the Lord grant us every blessing!

With love in Christ, +Fr. Anthony Cook

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	August 18-August 24	August 25-August 31	September 1 - Sept 7	
Sunday	18 8th Sunday of Matthew★I Corinthians 1:10-17; Matthew14:14-228:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy11a Memorial - Archon Demetrius C. Zonars11:30a Coffee Hour	25 9th Sunday of Matthew★I Corinthians 3:9-17; Matthew14:22-348:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy11a Blessing of the Backpacks - Catechism/Greek School Registration Sunday11:30a Coffee Hour	1 Ecclesiastical New Year I Timothy 2:1-7 ; Luke 4:16-22 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy 11:30a Coffee Hour	
Monday	19 Andrew the General I Corinthians 11:31-34;12:1-6; Matthew 18:1-11 7p Adult Catechism - Zoom	26 The Holy Martyrs Adrian and Natalie Hebrews 10:32-38; Matthew 21:18-22 9a Pasta Flora Making 7p Adult Catechism - Zoom	2 11th Monday after Pentecost Romans 8:28-39; Matthew 23:13-22 7p No Adult Catechism	
Tuesday	20 Samuel the Prophet I Corinthians 12:12-26; Matthew 18:18-22;19:1-2; 13-15 6:30p Parish Council Meeting	 27 Pimen the Great I Corinthians 15:29-38; Matthew 21:23-27 9a Pasta Flora Making 	3 11th Tuesday after Pentecost II Corinthians 2:14-17;3:1-3; Matthew 23:23-28	
Wednesday	21 The Holy Apostle Thaddaeus I Corinthians 13:4-13;14:1-5; Mark 3:13-21 9a Dolmathes Making 6p & 7p Greek Dance Practice 6p Festival Booth Chairs Meeting 7p Zoom Bible Study	28 Moses the Black of Scete I Corinthians 16:4-12; Matthew 21:28-32 6p & 7p Greek Dance Practice 7p Zoom Bible Study	4 11th Wednesday after Pentecost II Corinthians 3:4-11; Matthew 23:29-39 6p & 7p Greek Dance Practice 7p Zoom Bible Study	
Thursday	22 The Holy Martyr Agathonicus I Corinthians 14:6-19; Matthew 20:17-28 9a Dolmathes Making 5:30p Philoptochos Evening Meeting, at Chop House in Centerville	29 Beheading of the Holy and Glorious Prophet Matthew 14:1-13; Acts 13:25-33 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy 6:30p Choir	5 Holy Prophet Zacharias, Father of the Venerable Forerunner II Corinthians 4:1-12; Matthew 23:29-39 10a Philoptochos Meeting 6:30p Choir	
Friday	23 Apodosis of the Dormition Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28	30 Apodosis of the Feast of the Forerunner II Corinthians 1:12-20; Matthew 22:23-33	6 The Commemoration of the Miracle Wrought by Archangel Michael in Colossae Hebrews 2:2-10;Luke 10:16-21 11a Greek Festival	
Saturday	24 Eutyches the Hieromartyr Romans 14:6-9; Matthew 15:32-39	31 The Placing of the Honorable Sash of the Most Holy Theotokos Hebrews 9:1-7; Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28	7 Saturday before Holy Cross I Corinthians 2:6-9;Matthew 10:37-42, 11:1 11am Greek Festival	

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	September 8 - Sept 14	September 15 - Sept 21	September 22 - Sept 28
Sunday	8 Sunday before Holy CrossImage: CrossGalatians 6:11-18; John 3:13-178:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy11:30a No Coffee Hour - Greek Festival12:00p Greek Festival	15 Sunday after the Holy Cross★Matthew 28:16-20 ; Galatians 2:16-208:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy 11:30a Coffee Hour	22 1st Sunday of Luke▶Mark 16:1-8 ; I Corinthians 16:13-248:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy11:30a Coffee Hour
Monday	9 The Holy & Righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna Galatians 4:22-27; Luke 8:16-21 7p Adult Catechism - Zoom	16 Euphemia the Great Martyr II Corinthians 6:1-10; Luke 7:36-50 7p Adult Catechism - Zoom	23 The Conception of St. John the Baptist Galatians 4:22-27; Luke 1:5-25 5:30p Greek School 7p Adult Catechism - Zoom
Tuesday	10 Menodora, Metrodora, & Nymphodora the Martyrs II Corinthians 5:15-21; John 3:16-21	 17 Tuesday of the 1st Week II Corinthians 8:16-24;9:1-5; Luke 3:23-38, 4:1 6:30p Parish Council Meeting 	24 The Commemoration of the Miracle of the Theotokos Luke 1:39-49, 56; II Timothy 3:10-15
Wednesday	11 Theodora of Alexandria II Corinthians 6:11-16; John 12:19-36 7p Zoom Bible Study	18 Wednesday of the 1st Week II Corinthians 9:12-15;10:1-7;Luke 4:1-15 7p Zoom Bible Study	25 Euphrosyne of Alexandria II Corinthians 13:3-13;Luke 5:33-39 7p Zoom Bible Study
Thursday	12 Apodosis of the Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary II Corinthians 7:1-10; John 11:47-54 6:30p Choir	19 Thursday of the 1st Week II Corinthians 10:7-18; Luke 4:16-22 6:30p Choir	26 The Falling Asleep of St. John the Evangelist John 21:14-25; I John 4:12-19 6:30p Choir
Friday	13 Forefeast of the Image: Constraint of the Holy Cross Elevation of the Holy Cross Hebrews 3:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19	20 Eustathius the Great Martyr, his wife and two children Ephesians 6:10-17; Luke 21:12-19	27 Callistratus the Martyr Galatians 2:6-10; Luke 6:17-23 DAI OKTOBERFEST
Saturday	14 The Elevation of the Venerable and Life- Giving Cross I Corinthians 1:18-24; John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy	21 Saturday after Holy Cross I Corinthians 1:26-31;2:1-5; John 8:21-30	28 Chariton the Confessor II Corinthians 4:6-15; Luke 6:17- 23 DAI OKTOBERFEST

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BOOKKEEPER'S CORNER, AUGUST 2024

Brenda Day, Bookkeeper



Newest Visitors...

I can honestly say that the older I get the less I want to work in a garden. It's been so hot and on the days the weather has cooperated I have been working in the office. A few weeks ago, we woke up to see a red fox on the bench on our back deck. Just standing there. Looking out into the yard. In fact, we've seen two of them wandering through the front yard in the late evenings. A male and a female. This morning a young rabbit was on the front porch. I feel for it if the Fox get after it. I had been wondering what critters were digging up the gardens and tossing mulch here and there. I think I know the answerand they are reddish gray with bushy tails and gray with fluffy white tails. If I could only train them to pull weeds, I'd have it made. No such luck.

Greek Festival is right around the corner...

If you haven't volunteered to help during the Greek Festival, I urge you to do so as soon as possible. I spoke about Stewardship in a previous Bookkeeper's Corner. Stewardship is not "just about the money". You can help your parish community right now by signing up to be a volunteer during festival. Not only the weekend of festival, but from today right up until opening. There are many opportunities and the more we have signed up the better equipped we will be to have a great weekend. Why not step up and learn the ropes and give some of our loyal volunteers who work year after year a much-needed rest. You can sign up for one day, two days or the entire weekend. Still too much? Sign up for a 2- or 4-hour shift. We need all the help we can get. Call the front office at 937-224-0601 to see what opportunities are available. Know someone in your family? A neighbor? A friend? We take all volunteers!

Greek Festival Sponsorship...

We need sponsors for Greek Festival. The cost to be a sponsor is \$250.00. Please consider adding your business or family to the list of sponsors to help us defray the cost of running the festival. Not comfortable giving online or with your phone? We accept checks and cash as well. Your sponsorship is appreciated! Contact Deb Pulos at 937-478-2367 or email her at debrapulos@me.com if you are interested.

Stewardship Update...YOU can make a difference....

Pledged as of July 31, 2023 \$395,721.17 from 288 Steward Families Pledged as of July 31, 2024 \$327,969.60 from 275 Steward Families Difference (\$67,751.57)

In Closing...

Taking a break is productive Boundaries are healthy You can do what you set your mind to Changes are painful but worth it God loves you for who you are Good energy attracts good people From "Our Mindful Life"

FESTIVAL UPDATES

2024 GREEK FESTIVAL

The 2024 Dayton Greek Festival is rapidly approaching and the community response to the news that we will be hosting a full festival has been overwhelmingly positive. We need help from our parishioners in welcoming everyone to experience our beautiful culture for the weekend. Festival dates: **Friday, 9/6; Saturday, 9/7** – **11:00am-10:00pm and Sunday, 9/8** – **12:00pm-5:00pm.** Contact information for the festival chairs is included in the fliers section of the True Vine, and has also been included in the bulletin inserts on Sunday mornings. You may reach out to them directly or contact the church office to offer your availability, office@daytonannunciation.org, 937-224-0601.

Volunteer Sign-ups!

We will be signing up volunteers every Sunday in August, as well as on Sunday, September 1st. Please stop by the table during coffee hour and sign-up to volunteer if you have not done so already. Volunteers can also sign up by calling into the church office during regular business hours, or by contacting booth chairs for any area directly (refer to our Festival Chairs list in the fliers section).

Baking Schedule

We still have a few more baking dates to go before the festival, and we always need volunteers on hand for that work.

Dolmathes: Wednesday, August 21st, Thursday, August 22nd, Friday, August 23rd

Pasta Flora: Monday, August 25th, Tuesday, August 26th

Karithopita: Tuesday, September 3rd, Wednesday, September 4th

Next Booth Chair Meeting

Our 2024 Full Greek Festival planning is underway and we will be having our next booth chair meeting on Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 6:00pm in the Community Center. This meeting is for all booth chairs, but if you are not a booth chair and want to become more involved we welcome you!

Be a Festival Sponsor!

Please support the 2024 Greek Festival by becoming a sponsor. Your sponsorship will help cover costs of rentals, hired manpower, purchases and much more. Sponsorship signs will be placed on the festival grounds. Both personal and business sponsorships are encouraged and appreciated. Cost is \$250.00 per sign. Contact Deb Pulos: <u>Debrapulos@mac.com</u> to become a sponsor.

FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fall General Assembly Set for October 13th, 2024

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Fall General Assembly on Sunday, October 13th, 2024.

Among other business of the parish, the Fall General Assembly is the time where the church takes nominations for open positions on the Parish Council. This year, there are **five open positions** up for nominations. All nominees for Parish Council must be parishioners in good standing according to the requirements set forth in the parish bylaws. If you would like to put your name forward, please contact Leah Derkson at ldbamse@aol.com.

Parish Council Elections are set for **Sunday, November 10th, 2024.**

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE - LOUIS CASTLEMAN

From the Parish Council

"...people don't give to need; they give to vision.... Church people don't stretch their giving because of need to meet the budget; they give because they are able to see a vision of people being reached and God's purposes being accomplished in the life of the church and its ministry." –Fr. William Chiganos of Holy Apostles Church in Westchester, Illinois,

This idea of having a vision for the future of our parish is relevant to some recent Parish Council activities:

- Back in June, our Parish Council held two strategic planning meetings. The topic of these meetings was essentially, given an unlimited budget, what are all the things you would do with our parish buildings and property? We brainstormed and discussed every idea we could imagine. It was a refreshing exercise that gave vision to many possibilities.
- In July Council President Andra Casey and Vice President Jim Haubrock attended the national Clergy Laity Congress and returned with enthusiastic reports of successful parish-wide outreach ministries we could emulate here in Dayton.

Both discussions were stimulating and focused on the future. I believe that when we have a clear, shared vision for our Dayton parish, people will be more inclined to give generously. I am optimistic about what lies ahead.

In the meantime, we need to get through this year! As you see in the Bookkeeper's Corner (page 6), our stewardship pledges continue to lag significantly from recent years. Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge. If you have not yet made a pledge for 2024, it's not too late.

PARISH BULLETIN BOARD

Updated Weekly on Our Website!

Please bookmark and regularly check out our online parish bulletin board, which you can find on our website at: <u>https://www.daytonannunciation.org/parish-bulletin-board</u> or by scanning the QR code below. Whenever an parish organization sends in a flier to the church, or has a sign-up or registration page, we will post it up on the online parish bulletin board for your convenience. It is a faster way to find the most recent fliers or sign-ups than our monthly newsletters.



YOUNG AT HEART

We will NOT meet in August and September. Please help with the festival if you are able. We will meet again Thursday, October 17, 2024.

COLLEGE STUDENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Attention all parents with college students -

Please email the church office with your child's college address by September 1. We will need that information in order to do college care packages.

Philoptochos News - August-September 2024

August Evening Membership meeting (Note Date and Time)

The August meeting will be held on August 22 nd from 6-8pm at the Chop House 7727 Washington Village Dr. 45459 (937-291-1661). You can order off the menu, the tip will be added to your bill. Please RSVP to Nikki Burns if you plan to attend. Deadline for reservations: August 16. Contact Nikki Burns at nburns3278@gmail.com or 937-478- 7011.

No Membership meeting in September due to the Greek Festival.

If you have not signed up to work please contact Linda Kididis kidcal90@proton.me or any of the booth chairs to volunteer.

October Membership meeting:

October 3rd at 10am in the Athenagoras room.

Wanted: Your talents and gifts

Philoptochos is looking to create a list of member talents. Talents we can call on for help with projects and management of the chapter. Some examples are:

1) Artistic talent: Several times a year we are called upon to decorate tables for events (Vasilopita, Lenten luncheon, Annunciation reception, etc.). We need individuals who enjoy creating floral arrangements, large table set ups, religious arrangements and small centerpieces.

2) Finance: As we plan for the future, we need individuals who have accounting or bookkeeping skills to serve the Chapter.

3) Computer tech skills: We need individuals who can create flyers, posters, invitations and other types of artwork. This job is well suited for someone who wants to help Philoptochos and work from home.

4) Photography.: We are in need of a few individuals who are good photographers who will take photos at our events so we can post them on our FB page and share with the Metropolis and National.

These are just a few examples. If you have a special talent/gift that you are willing to share with our Chapter, please email Nikki Burn at nburns3278@gmail.com. There are jobs that can be done from home for those who cannot attend meetings. Please do not let that hold you back from responding. Let us know how you can contribute!

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. (1 Corinthians 4)

July CCM Report

We want to thank everyone who donated items for blessing bags for homeless veterans. We packed 24 blessing bags and all extra items, along with the bags, were donated to the Dayton VA. Thank you to Mary Caudell, Diane Briggs, Liz Limber and Diane Leakas who helped pack the bags. With the AIF donation and your financial support, we were able to give the Dayton VA \$1200 for our homeless veterans.

Thank you for helping Dayton's homeless veterans. --Mary McDonald and Cindy Keilholz

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

Hannah's Treasure Chest Volunteer Opportunity in August

Looking for a volunteer opportunity? for you? For your family? Join us at HTC.

Volunteer Dates

- August 22 (9:00-11:00 am)
- September 12 (1:00-3:00pm)
- September 26 (9:00-11:00 pm)

Need more information- see Maria McFarland

CATECHISM SCHOOL ICE CREAM SOCIAL/ ORGANIZATIONAL FAIR

Sunday School/Catechetical School

We are excited to resume the catechetical programs for our young people with the return of Sunday Catechetical School. We have shifted the start a little later in the year, recognizing the difficulty of starting back at full speed while the parish is still winding down from the Festival and the Sunday parking is disrupted by Oktoberfest. We are therefore beginning on **Sunday, October 6th**; following the first day of classes, the Catechism School will host an Ice Cream Social for the students and the entire parish.

Organizational Fair

On that same day, in the community center, the parish will hold our 2nd annual AGOC Organization Fair. This is a chance for parish members, both old and new, to see what our parish organizations and ministries are doing in the life of the parish, and to connect to new opportunities to participate together. We will have more details and information forthcoming, but for now, organizations are asked to begin preparations for their tables - organize displays and create sign up lists and brochures about their organization. If you have any questions, please contact Margaret in the Church office, or talk with Fr. Anthony after Church.

CATECHISM SCHOOL NEWS



Catechism School Registration

It's time to register your children for Catechism School! Classes begin October 6th.

Be sure to register each child on a separate form!

<u>Register here or use the QR code</u> to find the registration form.

Should you have any questions, please email the directors: <u>annunciationcatechismschool@gmail.com</u>

GREEK SCHOOL

Greek school registrations for the academic year 2024-2025 are open until August 31 st , 2024.

Register here for Greek School:

The first day of Greek School for the 2024-2025 school year will be **Monday, September 23, 2024.** Classes meet on Monday evenings from 5:30-7:30pm with a brief recess period.

To contact the Greek School director, email <u>annunciationgs@gmail.com</u>.



CHURCH FLOWER POLICY

Flowers Policy for the Church

We strongly encourage all flowers ordered for memorials and other occasions to be ordered through the church office when you set up your memorial dates. This way, the church will know what to set up for a Sunday memorial service, and can include your donation and its purpose in the Sunday Bulletin.

If we do not know that your flowers are coming, we cannot guarantee that they will be received and placed correctly. If you decide to order flowers on your own, please be certain to notify the church so that we can ensure that someone is present to accept the delivery. Advance notice also guarantees that we know when the flowers need to be taken over for a service.

The church normally orders through Furst Florist; because of this longstanding relationship, Furst knows our delivery process and office availability to receive floral arrangements better than any other florist. We therefore recommend them. Please note, however, that **flowers are never required for any memorial service.**

Procedures:

- 1. Before services on Sunday morning, any flowers ordered for a memorial will be placed out at the front of the church, either behind the candle stands on the tables, or near (but not on) the Sacrament Table upon which the Koliva is placed. Exact locations will depend on the needs of the service for that day. Staff will alert those responsible for Sunday morning set-up when flowers are ordered.
- 2. After services, all memorial flower arrangements will first be offered to the family celebrating the memorial service. The families can then do as they wish with the flowers, whether taking them home, bringing them to the graveside, or distributing them amongst the extended family and friends.
- **3**. If flower arrangements are not taken by family on Sundays, they will first be set aside for parish clergy to take on any pastoral visitations to homebound/ill parishioners that are scheduled for that week.
- **4**. If the flowers cannot be used for this purpose, then all flower arrangements will be disposed of by church staff **before** the next scheduled worship service in the coming week.

Funeral/Special Occasion Floral Arrangements

- Flowers for funerals or other special occasions may only be delivered during regular church office hours (9am-4pm Monday through Friday). Please confirm this with any florist before setting a delivery - we do NOT have staff present at the Church on Saturday, and therefore cannot receive delivery that day.
- 2. Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church cannot accept flower arrangements in glass vases due to the risk (and frequent prior experience!) of breakage. Please ask for all floral arrangements to be delivered in a non-breakable format arrangements with a wire tripod support or in a foam and leak-proof container.
- **3**. All floral arrangements for funerals or other occasions will also be removed from the church after the occasion is over, or before the next scheduled worship service. Families are encouraged to take arrangements home.

Alternatives to Flowers

• Flowers are both expensive and temporary; the total amount spent on memorial flowers each year is significant. If any of the Faithful would prefer instead to support a more permanent adornment of the Church, please consider making a donation to the Altar Fund in memory of your loved ones. These funds are used to renew and beautify the Altar, the Solea, the Iconostasis, the Icons and the Holy Vessels of the Church. If you would like to know more about this option, please speak with Fr. Anthony, or with Brenda Day, our bookkeeper.

CROSS-GENERATIONAL QUESTIONS

Background

In the last *True Vine* we introduced Elizabeth Keating's book, *The Essential Questions: Interview Your Family to Uncover Stories and Bridge Generations* and we discussed why it was important to ask older family members open-ended questions that would encourage them to give us a broader perspective of their lives and histories. We finished that piece with a few introductory questions to get the conversation started.

This month, we continue with suggested questions that fit perfectly with the work of our Greek Festival, as the questions are all about where your family comes from and how that sense of place shaped who they are.

Can you tell me about the home you grew up in?

- What did it look like?
- How many bedrooms were there? Where did you sleep?
- Where did you eat your meals? Did the family eat together?
- What was your favorite part of the house?
- What did the windows look onto?
- What did you hear in the morning?
- What made your house different from your neighbors?
- Can you tell me any stories about the home, or what happened there?
- How would you compare your childhood home to the one you live in now?

Look for more questions to come in the following issues of the *True Vine*. And see what questions you might have for your family members, regardless of whether we mention them here.

PARISH PHOTOS





Vacation Church School kids



Maids of Athena helping out at Ronald McDonald House



Philoptochos July CCM work - packing Blessing Bags!

Michael Hall, our new Catechumen

Prosphoro Baking Class



Daughters of Penelope in coordination with Speakers Committee is pleased to offer a Prosphoro baking class and lecture with guest speaker Father Lucas Christensen from South Bend, Indiana.

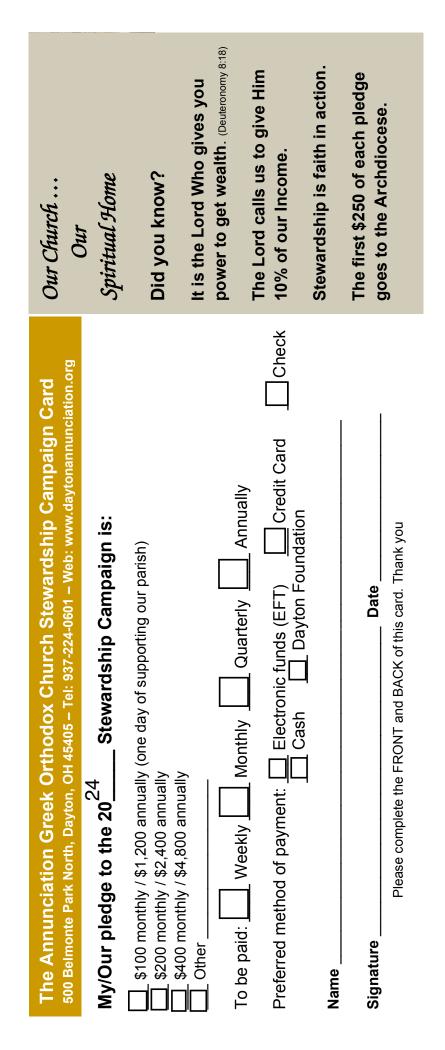
- When: Saturday, November 16, 2024
- Time: Donuts and coffee 10:00 AM, lesson will start at 10:30 AM
 - Please note, due to time and organizing purposes, the dough will be made ahead of time by DOP – attendees will be finalizing the process of shaping and sealing the bread
- <u>Where</u>: Community Center
- <u>Cost</u>: The Annunciation Investment Fund is graciously covering the cost of this event as a part of the 2024 Speaker Series at Annunciation
- A variety of boxed lunches will be provided for lunch

<u>Those who wish to attend must RSVP no later than Saturday, November 9, 2024</u> – any who RSVP past this date may not be able to participate in lunch or the baking, but are still welcome to attend the lecture.

To RSVP contact either:

- Georgia Cheliotis at 937-626-5191
- Michelle Moraites at 937-272-9525 or email <u>nestlecrnch@aol.com</u>
- Bread made during class will be offered to the Church for services.
- Prosphoro seals will be provided to share.
- Attendees can bring their own seal if they have one or purchase online
- Below are some online sources:

https://a.co/d/9NTdBlf https://orthodoxdepot.com/search?q=bread+seal https://www.stjohns-monastery.com/products/greek-prosphora-seal-1.html https://easternchristiansupply.biz/index.php/ecs/catalogsearch/result/?q=seal



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AUGUST/SEPTEMBER SERVICES & EVENTS

Please see the weekly bulletin or the website for the full schedule

August 15 - Dormition of the Theotokos Orthros & Divine Liturgy @ 8:15/9:30 am Dormition Reception @ 11:30 am August 29 - Beheading of John the Baptist Orthros & Divine Liturgy @ 8:15/9:30 am September 6-8 GREEK FESTIVAL September 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross Orthros & Divine Liturgy @ 8:15/9:30 am September 27-29 October Fest @ DAI **October 6** Catechism School Begins, Organizational Fair Hope/Joy Hayride

October 13 General Assembly October 28-29 Pumpkin Glow November 10 Parish Council Elections November 16 Prosfora Workshop November 17 Feather Party **December** 7 Parish Holidav Gala **December 15** Christmas Program (Greek and Catechism Schools)

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 18 Hosted by AHEPA Sunday, August 25 Hosted by Parishioner Group 1 Sunday, September 1 Hosted by Daughters of Penelope Sunday, September 8 No Coffee Hour - Greek Festival

Sunday, September 15 Hosted by Philoptochos Sunday, September 22 Hosted by AHEPA **Sunday September 29** No Coffee Hour - DAI Octoberfest

Sunday, October 6 Organizational Fair/Ice Cream Social Sunday, October 13 Fall General Assembly Sunday, October 20

Hosted by Daughters of Penelope

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