



THE TRUE VINE

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AUTHORITY AND TRUTH



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When we talk about Orthodox Christianity, and what we believe, how we live, and how we understand the Christian Faith, we have a tendency to begin by comparing and contrasting our Faith to American Protestantism and Roman Catholicism. This is because the people among whom we live, our friends, neighbors, and co-workers, are often either Protestants or Catholics, and even when they are not, many still understand what they know of Christianity generally in the terms defined by either the Reformation, or Rome. Both of these focus heavily on the question of authority, on what is a binding and authoritative source for answers to the fundamental questions of human life. For the Protestants (generalizing wildly), the source of doctrine and practice is supposed to be the Bible Alone. For the Roman Catholics, ultimate authority rests with the magisterium, in the person of the Pope of Rome. But because both of these are deeply concerned with authority, we find ourselves tasked with finding what is the source of authority for us, as Orthodox Christians. The answer that we usually give is Holy Tradition.

Before we continue, I'm going to give away the ending a little bit, and suggest that this question of authority is itself foreign to the Orthodox Faith. This is not to say that we have no source of authority, nor to say that we lack answers to these deep and abiding questions of human existence...it is to say, however, that those questions and answers are secondary - they are not the central point of the Christian Faith. Holy Tradition is still a good answer to the question, because it both describes where we do go for authoritative answers, and more importantly describes what we DO consider to be the most important aspect of the Christian Faith and the foundation of our relationship with Jesus Christ. But it's not any fun if I just give away the ending, so let's dig a little bit into what this phrase "Holy Tradition" actually means.

It's important that we should do so, because the word "Tradition" is somewhat like the word "Box." It's just a container, and it doesn't mean much if we don't clarify what we are putting in that box. So, this is what we mean when we say that Holy Tradition is our source of Faith and Truth and authority - that we look to Scripture, and the witness of the Fathers of the Church, and the liturgical services, and the lives of the saints, and the canons of the Great Councils, when we seek an authoritative answer to what must be believed, how we must live, who we are, Who God is, etc.

It is also helpful to note that this word "Tradition," translated from the Greek παράδοσις, is very far from a dry and intellectual word. It combines the word παρὰ meaning beside, or next to, with the word δόσις, meaning giving - so we might think of Tradition as a transfer, a "handing off" - a very concrete,

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday

8:15 am – Orthros

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

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

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Baptisms

August 31, 2024

Olivia Grilliot

Funerals

August 30, 2024

Maria Caras

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

<https://dcs.goarch.org>

Parish Live Stream (Youtube)

<https://www.youtube.com/@daytonannunciation6868>

Parish Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1355887314468422>

Stewardship/Online Giving

<https://www.daytonannunciation.org/stewardship>

Religious Education Initiative

<https://theruleoffaith.typepad.com/rei>

Parish Bulletin Board (event flyers & signups)

<https://www.daytonannunciation.org/parish-bulletin-board>

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.

physical word. If we imagine what this would look like, perhaps how a movie might depict this, we might envision one of the Apostles hearing the news that the soldiers were coming to arrest him. So he gathers all the books and papers and letters that he has accumulated in his life, until he has a massive stack of them, full of deep and complex theology and history, and he thrusts it into the hands of a friend before stepping out to meet the soldiers and go off to martyrdom. And, if we imagine that scene, and try to identify what part of it is the “Tradition,” part, we might say that it is, of course, in the handing over of the stack of books and papers. But that would actually miss the point that he doesn’t just dump that stack of books on anyone - he hands them over to a friend, to a fellow Christian, to a student or a disciple of his. The handover of the books is only Tradition because there is a deep and profound relationship between the spiritual father and the spiritual child.

In other words, we must remember that the Gospel of Jesus Christ was preached and lived before it was written down, and the character of the Christian Faith did not change in a fundamental way after things had been written down. So the “giving from one that stands beside me” that Tradition, παράδοσις describes is rather the slow, patient transmission of a way of life and of a relationship with God, from those who had known Christ, who had seen Him do miracles, and heard Him preach, and watched Him go to the Cross, and rejoiced in the midst of fear and doubt to see Him rise from the dead, and marveled to see Him ascend into heaven, and been filled with the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost...a transfer from those witnesses of His life and love and glory to the first generation of Christians, and from that generation to the next. So the handover of the stack of books doesn’t begin to suffice to portray “Tradition.” If this were a movie, we would instead probably get a training montage, with exciting and inspiring music, depicting the entire relationship of the Apostle with his disciple. Fortunately, this isn’t a movie, because even a training montage would only trivialize the sort of relationship that Tradition describes. Tradition is nothing less than the entire relationship of one generation of Christians with the next, across the centuries, in word, in deed, in patient guidance, and in love, passing on a way of life, a Trust in God, a Faith that transcends human knowledge and understanding, so that what is passed on is not merely knowledge about God, but an encounter and relationship WITH God.

So when we talk about “Holy Tradition,” we are not so much giving a technical answer about what is the source of authority for the Church, as we are giving a vivid description of the inner life and process of the Church. The Faith is not learned intellectually - it is passed on personally, organically, relationally, by love and example, in the lives of individual Orthodox Christians who are filled with the love and grace and presence of Jesus Christ. To say that our source of authority is Holy Tradition is really just a way of saying that the source of authority for the Orthodox Church is the whole life of the Church - and that ultimately means that it is the presence of Christ in the Faithful of the Church, through the power and grace of the Holy Spirit, that is the Holy Tradition of the Church.

The above is the first instalment of the basic Catechetical Program with which we ask all our Catechumens to engage. As these matters are certainly of general interest, we will be publishing them here for the next several months; comments and questions are welcome, and may be directed to Fr. Anthony.

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2024 STEWARDSHIP – STEWARDS AS OF SEPTEMBER 19TH

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Sandy Alex
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Dina Alimonos
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Timothy & Laurie Chappars
Andreas & Panayiota
Charalambos
Maria Charalambos
George & Harriet Cheliotis
Terry & Marthea Christ
Daniel & Maria Cleary
Nicholas & Stephanie Coleman
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Kathleen Cooney
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Barry & Allison Cron
Gary & Sharon Cunagin
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Nick Demetre
John & Barbara Demetriades
Vanessa Demetriades
George & Georgia Demosthenous
James & Leah Derksen
Gene & Irene Dow
Leah Duffy
Janine Elash
JoAnn Elias
Harriett Ellis
Tom & Lisa Federle
Alex & Photini Fote
Chuck & Missy Fote
Dessine Fricioni
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Peter & Anita Henderson
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Michael & Melissa Holland
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Evonna Hurst
Demetri & Dena Inempolidis
Christina Ioannou
Mike & Anna Jackson
Alan & Rebecca James
Mary Jannides
Michael Jannides
Stephanie Jannides
Jordan Johnson
Betty Jonson
Matthew & Eleni Kaiser
Johnny & Jamileh Kaissieh
Christine Kambas
Pia Kanistros
Stephanie Kanistros
Fidan & Abeer Kaptan
Spiro & Pat Karabalis
George J. Karras
Lula Karras
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	Sept 29 - October 5	October 6-October 12	October 13-October 19
Sunday	29 2nd Sunday of Luke ✠ II Corinthians 1:21-24;2:1-4; Luke 6:31-36 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy 11a Memorial- Caras Family 11:30a No Coffee Hour DAI OKTOBERFEST	6 3rd Sunday of Luke ✠ II Corinthians 4:6-15; Luke 7:11-16 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy 11:30a Organization Fair & Catechism School Registration w/ ice cream 12p GOYA meeting 2:30p HOPE/JOY Hayride	13 Sunday of the 7th ✠ Ecumenical Council Titus 3:8-15; Luke 8:5-15 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy Catechism School after communion 11a Memorial-Kanistros 11:30a Coffee Hour
Monday	30 Gregory the Illuminator I Corinthians 16:13-24; Matthew 24:42-47 5:30p Greek School/Greek School Picnic 7p Adult Catechism - Zoom	7 Sergius & Bacchus the Great Galatians 4:28-31;5:1-10; Luke 7:36-50 5:30p Greek School 7p Adult Catechism - Zoom	14 Martyrs Nazarius, Gervasius, Protasius, & Celsus Ephesians 1:22-23;2:1-3; Luke 9:18-22 5:30p Greek School 7p Adult Catechism - Zoom
Tuesday	1 The Holy Protection of the Theotokos Acts 9:10-19; Luke 6:37-45 6p Festival Wrap-up Meeting	8 Pelagia the Righteous Galatians 5:11-21; Luke 8:1-3 6p AHEPA/DOP Meeting	15 Lucian the Martyr of Antioch Ephesians 2:19-22;3:1-7; Luke 9:23-27 11:30a Ladies Fellowship Lunch Bunch 6:30p Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday	2 The Holy Hieromartyr Cyprian and the Virgin Martyr Justina I Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 6:46-49, 7:1 7p Zoom Bible Study	9 James the Apostle, son of Alphaeus I Corinthians 4:9-16; Matthew 9:36-38; 10:1-8 7p Zoom Bible Study	16 Longinus the Centurion Ephesians 3:8-21; Matthew 27:33-54 7p Zoom Bible Study
Thursday	3 Dionysios the Areopagite Acts 17:16-34; Luke 7:17-30 10a Philoptochos Meeting (Athenagoras Room) 6:30p Choir	10 Eulampius & Eulampia the Martyrs Ephesians 1:1-9; Luke 9:7-11 6:30p Choir	17 Hosea the Prophet Romans 9:18-33; Luke 9:49-56 11:30a Young at Heart Luncheon 6:30p Choir
Friday	4 Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens Galatians 4:8-21; Luke 7:31-35	11 Philip the Apostle of the 70 Galatians 4:8-21; Luke 7:31-35	18 Luke the Evangelist Colossians 4:5-11,14-18; Luke 10:16-21
Saturday	5 Charitina the Martyr I Corinthians 4:17-21;5:1-5; Luke 5:27-32	12 Probus, Andronicus & Tarachus, Martyrs of Tarsus I Corinthians 4:17-21;5:1-5; Luke 5:27-32 11a GOYA Backpack filling (offsite)	19 Joel the Prophet Acts 2:14-21; Luke 7:1-10

Fast Days Shaded ✠ Liturgy ❖ Other Service ⇐⇐ fish/wine/oil allowed ☞ wine/oil allowed

	October 20-October 26	October 27-November 2	November 3-November 9
Sunday	20 6th Sunday of Luke ✠ II Corinthians 6:16-18;7:1; Luke 8:26-39 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy Catechism School after communion 11:30a Coffee Hour 12p Fall General Assembly	27 7th Sunday of Luke ✠ II Corinthians 9:6-11; Luke 8:41-56 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy Catechism School after communion 11a Kay Brown (1 Yr Memorial) 11:30a Coffee Hour	3 5th Sunday of Luke ✠ II Corinthians 11:31-33;12:1-9; Luke 16:19-31 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy Catechism School after communion 11:30a Philoptochos Anniversary Coffee Hour 12p GOYA meeting
Monday	21 Hilarion the Great II Corinthians 9:6-11; Luke 10:22-24 5:30p Greek School 7p Adult Catechism - Zoom	28 The Holy Protection of the Theotokos Luke 1:39-49, 56; Hebrews 9:1-7 5p Pumpkin Glow 5:30p Greek School - Zoom 7p Adult Catechism - Zoom 8:15p 1st GOYA Book Club	4 Joannicius the Great Philippians 2:12-15; Luke 12:13-15, 22-31 5:30p Greek School - Zoom 7p Adult Catechism - Zoom
Tuesday	22 Averkios, Equal-to-the-Apostles Ephesians 2:19-22;3:1-7; Luke 9:23-27	29 Anastasia the Martyr of Rome Philippians 1:8-14; Luke 11:34-41 5p Pumpkin Glow	5 Galaktion & his wife Episteme, the Martyrs of Emesa Philippians 2:16-23; Luke 12:42-48
Wednesday	23 James (Iakovos) the Apostle, brother of Our Lord ✠ 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy (tentative) Galatians 1:11-19; Matthew 13:54-58 7p Zoom Bible Study	30 The Holy Martyrs Zenobius and His Sister Zenobia Philippians 1:12-20; Luke 11:42-46 7p Zoom Bible Study	6 Paul the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople Hebrews 8:1-6; Luke 12:8-12 7p Zoom Bible Study
Thursday	24 Arethas the Great Martyr and His Fellow Martyrs Ephesians 5:33;6:1-9; Luke 11:14-23 6:30p Choir	31 Stachys, Andrew, Amplias, Apelles, Urban, Aristobulus & Narcissus Romans 16:1-16; Luke 11:47-54; 12:1 6:30p Choir	7 33 Martyrs of Melitene Philippians 3:1-8; Luke 13:1-9 10a Philoptochos Meeting (Athenagoras Room) 6:30p Choir
Friday	25 The Holy Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius the Notaries Ephesians 6:18-24; Luke 11:23-26	1 Cosmas and Damian the Holy Unmercenaries of Asia ☩ I Corinthians 12:27-31;13:1-8; Matthew 10:1, 5-8	8 Synaxis of the Archangel Michael & the other Bodiless Powers ☩ Matthew 18:10-20; Hebrews 2:2-10
Saturday	26 The Holy Great Martyr Demetrius the Myrrh-streamer Luke 21:12-19; II Timothy 2:1-10	2 The Holy Martyrs Acindynos, Pegasios, Aphthonios I Corinthians 15:58;16:1-3; Luke 9:1-6 1p 25th Anniversary of the Episcopate of Metropolitan Nicholas (CINCINNATI)	9 Nektarius the Wonderworker, Metropolitan of Pentapolis ✠ Matthew 24:42-47; Ephesians 5:8-19 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy 11a GOYA Backpack Filling (offsite) 3p 25HOPE/JOY Event

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BOOKKEEPER'S CORNER, OCTOBER 2024

Brenda Day, Bookkeeper



Everyday Visitors...

Along with the fox, squirrels, racoons, and skunks (oh my) we have an almost daily visitor of white-tailed deer. A mother and her young one run through the yard on a regular basis. She will be going deep into the woods soon and her little one will begin a life on its own. It is always my fervent hope that I'll see her again in the spring with a new wee one (or sometimes twins) and that she won't be harmed by the hunters or the cars on the main road. I know. It's the circle of life, but still, they provide much enjoyment as we watch those little ones run and jump like they don't have a care in the world. And mom? I swear I saw her roll her eyes once. I love the fall and the glorious change of seasons. It's my favorite time of year. I hope all of you enjoy the season going on hayrides with the kids, picking the perfect pumpkins from a pumpkin patch, gathering apples to make an apple pie, winding your way through a corn maze and anything and everything pumpkin spice. The possibilities are endless. Enjoy the season and stay safe!

Greek Festival – what a success!

Let me say that this year's Greek Festival was a great success. I get asked the same question again and again. How much did we bring in? I can't say. Why? Because the bulk of my job is just starting. Sure. I work getting ready for the festival. I work during festival. But my work continues as we take in money for various reasons and, while you might not like to hear it, the bill paying process is still ongoing. In closing – we won't know how well we did until late October at the earliest. Why? Because not all the bills for services have come in to be accounted for. Please be patient while we work it all out so that when we do give you a complete accounting of 2024 Greek Festival, it will be as up to date as it can be. Look for Parish Council to discuss this further at the Fall General Assembly held in October!

Christmas is coming...

We are beginning the process of designing our Annual Parish Community Christmas Card. Don't miss out on having your name included on the card. We will update the donation page on the Church Website with payment information and will also have a list of the flowers needed for the beautification of our church during the Christmas Season. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to be a part of it all.

In Closing...

"Spades take up leaves no better than spoons
and bags full of leaves are light as balloons.

I make a great noise of rustling all day
like rabbit and deer running away."

— Robert Frost

FESTIVAL THANKS

Thank You!

Every year, hundreds of members of our church come together to make food and pastries, set-up festival equipment, work three very long days, provide amazing entertainment, and help clean up. This year we were truly blessed with beautiful weather and fantastic crowds resulting in a **very successful festival!** There are never enough ways to say thank you to each and everyone who helped make the festival a success.

To our parishioners and your friends who volunteered, our fantastic booth chairs, our Parish Council, the AIF, our incredibly devoted hard-working staff, and Father Anthony's prayers and support, thank you from the bottom of our hearts! We look forward to giving a festival summary at the Fall General Assembly meeting. True success is not just financial, it is **the love, support, and hard work of each of you gave for our church.**

God Bless all of you for all that you did!

David and Andrea Casey – 2024 Festival Chairs

FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fall General Assembly Set for October 20th, 2024

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Fall General Assembly on **Sunday, October 20th, 2024.** Note that this is a change from the previously announced date - this is one week later!

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.**

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS - OCTOBER 2024

Philoptochos News October 2024

Membership meeting: The October meeting will be held on Thursday, October 3rd at 10 a.m. in the Athenagoras room. Light refreshments will be available for fellowship after the meeting.

October CCM: Charity at Home:

We all know charity begins at home. Please give generously. No one knows when we might be the individual in need. All money collected this month goes to help people within our own Parish Community. Disbursements are completely confidential. You can send a check to the CCM Treasurer Connie Zvakos 3437 Dahlia Drive 45449 and write October CCM in the memo line or you can deposit your donation in the CCM box located in the Community Center lobby. Chair: Evanthia Valassiades.

Philoptochos Anniversary:

Sunday, November 3rd will be the celebration of Philoptochos 93 rd Anniversary. Baskets for donations to the Ecumenical Patriarchate supported philanthropies will be passed. Philoptochos will sponsor coffee hour that Sunday.

Veterans Day Remembrance:

Every year Philoptochos honors members of our armed forces for their service to our country. We are grateful for their sacrifice and for all they do and have done to protect and serve the country we love. Join us on November 10 for this annual recognition.

November CCM:

Philoptochos has been donating hats and mittens to Edison School since 1990! For 34 years, many children have been kept warm through the cold winter months because of your love and generosity. Monetary donations go towards the purchase of school uniforms. Now is a good time to start purchasing items for donation. Watch for more details for when and where to bring donations. Chairs: Katina Tsatalis and Nadine Shamma.

PHILOPTOCHOS CCM

October CCM: Charity at Home:

We all know charity begins at home. Please give generously. No one knows when we might be the individual in need. All money collected this month goes to help people within our own Parish Community. Disbursements are completely confidential. You can send a check to the CCM Treasurer Connie Zavakos 3437 Dahlia Drive 45449 and write October CCM in the memo line or you can deposit your donation in the CCM box located in the Community Center lobby. Chair: Evanthia Valassiades.

THE MISSION OF THE CHARITY AT HOME FUND IS TO SUPPORT ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS WITHIN OUR OWN ANNUNCIATION PARISH WHO MAY NEED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO GET THROUGH A CHALLENGING TIME. ALL REQUESTS ARE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL BETWEEN THE CLERGY, THE PHILOPTOCHOS PRESIDENT AND PHILOPTOCHOS TREASURER.

REQUESTS MAY BE MADE PERSONALLY OR BY A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER SPEAKING DIRECTLY TO CLERGY, THE PHILOPTOCHOS PRESIDENT OR PHILOPTOCHOS TREASURER. THE CHARITY AT HOME FUND CAN SUPPORT UP TO \$500 IN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE IN NEED. THE FUND DOES NOT SUPPORT REQUESTS FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS OVERSEAS, GOFUNDME PAGES, PERSONAL ACCOUNTS NOR DO WE GIVE CASH. WE CAN SUPPORT THOSE UNDERGOING CHALLENGES BY PAYING UTILITY BILLS, PURCHASING GIFT CARDS AND/OR PURCHASING HOUSEHOLD OR PERSONAL ITEMS.

IF MORE ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED BEYOND OUR GUIDELINES, WE HAVE OTHER AVENUES TO PURSUE FOR ASSISTANCE.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE



Congratulations to our 2024-2025 officers elected in June 2024!

Thomai Gersos Bessler – President,
Maria McFarland – Vice President,
Georgia Cheliotis – Recording Secretary,
Michelle Moraites – Treasurer
Nicole Bacas – Corresponding Secretary

Upcoming Events

- Next Meeting, Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 6:00 pm
- Hosting Coffee Hour: ****NEW DATE**** Sunday, October 13th (Not October 20th)
- Thanksgiving Dinner and meeting, Tuesday, November 12th at GOC community center
- Christmas Dinner at Kohler's Presidential Banquet Center: Tuesday, December 10th.

We look forward to a new year of giving, togetherness, volunteering in our community, and supporting our Maids of Athena. Wondering about joining us? Contact Thomai Bessler (937)422-4887 or thomagouda@gmail.com

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

Hannah's Treasure Chest Volunteer Opportunity in October

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

Volunteer Dates

- Thursday , October 10 (1:00-3:00)
- Thursday, October 24 (9:00-11:00)

Join us at Hannah's Treasure Chest for a worthwhile volunteer experience. Need more information- see Maria McFarland

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. Organizations are asked to begin preparations for their tables - to prepare their 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!

[Register here](#) or use the [QR code](#) to find the registration form.

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



GREEK SCHOOL

The first day of Greek School for the 2024-2025 school year started **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 annunciationsg@gmail.com.

GOYA

GOYA NEWS

If your child is in 6th-12th grade and has not signed up for goya please contact Tina Day 937-510-1280 or steelergoddess@hotmail.com

To those that attended the first meeting there was a typo on the date sheet. We serve at the Kettering backpack on the SECOND Saturday of the month not first. The dates are correct the wording was wrong.

We hope to see you all at the Oct meeting on Oct 6 bring your ice cream from the ice cream social to the meeting!!

HOPE/JOY

Lucas Bros Fall Fest

Join us on October 6 at 2:30 for a hayride with all HOPE/ JOY (ages 5 - grade 5) children. All HOPE/JOY children 's admission is covered by AIF. All family members are welcomed to join at their own expense.

Lucas Bros Farms

3269 Ferry Rd, Bellbrook, OH 45305

YOUNG AT HEART

Thursday, October 17th at 11:30 AM

SPONSORED BY AIF

Hope you can join us for a fun afternoon with card games, board games, and puzzles. Bring your favorite game to play with your friends. Games will also be available for your use.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP LUNCH BUNCH

Save the Date for October 15th

Ladies, please join us for Ladies Fellowship Lunch Bunch scheduled for Tuesday, October 15 at 11:30am. Lunch will be at Jimmie's Italian Cuisine and Bar, 824 E 5th Street, Dayton, Ohio 45402.

We welcome all ladies to come and join in fellowship and enjoy lunch with us. This is an open luncheon for ladies to attend and is at your own expense. Please call Liz Limber (937) 430-8600 for reservations.

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: <https://www.daytonannunciation.org/parish-bulletin-board> or by scanning the QR code. 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.

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

1. 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

Over the summer *True Vines* 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 followed the next month with questions about a sense of space and where our elders grew up/their childhood homes.

This month, we continue with suggested questions about time, and how our elders have experienced and look at questions of time throughout their lives.

How did you perceive time when you were young?

- What was a typical day like for you as a child?
- What did you do in the evenings?
- How did you entertain yourself as a child?
- Was there a period in our life when time seemed to drag or when it seemed to speed up?
- What was a typical day like for you in your teenage years?
- Did you have a part-time job before you left home?
- What was it like to plan your time when you first left home?
- How did marriage change your experience of time?
- How did being a parent change your experience of time?
- Is there a specific time that stands out in your life, and if so, what would that be and why?
- How do you plan your time differently now than when you were younger? Can you give examples?

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



Volunteer work at Hannah's Treasure Chest



Greek Dancers at the Festival



Elevation of the Holy Cross



Baklava Sundaes!

25th Enthronement Anniversary Luncheon

Reverend Fathers, Esteemed Parish Council, Philoptochos, Parish Ministries/Organizations, and Parishioners:

The Parish of Holy Trinity -St. Nicholas in Cincinnati, Ohio is pleased to host the Metropolis of Detroit Central and Southern Districts celebration of the 25th Enthronement Anniversary of Metropolitan Nicholas as Presiding Hierarch of the Metropolis of Detroit. We invite you and the faithful of your parishes to join in celebrating this important milestone in the Arch-pastoral ministry of our beloved Spiritual Father, Metropolitan Nicholas.

A celebratory luncheon will take place on **Saturday, November 2, 2024** at Holy Trinity – St. Nicholas Church in Cincinnati beginning at 1:00 pm. The cost for the luncheon will be \$30 per adult and \$10 per child. To reserve your space, please go to our Parish Website- htsnchurch.org/enthronement. Payment is required when making your reservation. **The deadline for your reservation is Tuesday, October 15, 2024.**

For those who desire hotel accommodations for all or parts of the weekend, we have listed a few hotel options. You must make your own reservations directly through the hotel. Information on suggested accommodations can also be found on our Parish Website- htsnchurch.org/enthronement.

His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas has requested that those desiring to donate on this auspicious occasion may make a gift toward the Metropolis of Detroit Hellenic College/Holy Cross Scholarship Fund. This fund supports our Metropolis' current students and helps pay student loans for the Clergy and graduates who serve in our Metropolis of Detroit parishes. You may forward a check payable to the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit with the notation "MOD HC/HC Scholarship Fund". The address is: **Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit, 2560 Crooks Road Troy, MI 48084**. You may opt to offer your gift online via the Metropolis of Detroit website at www.detroit.goarch.org and click on the Donate option.

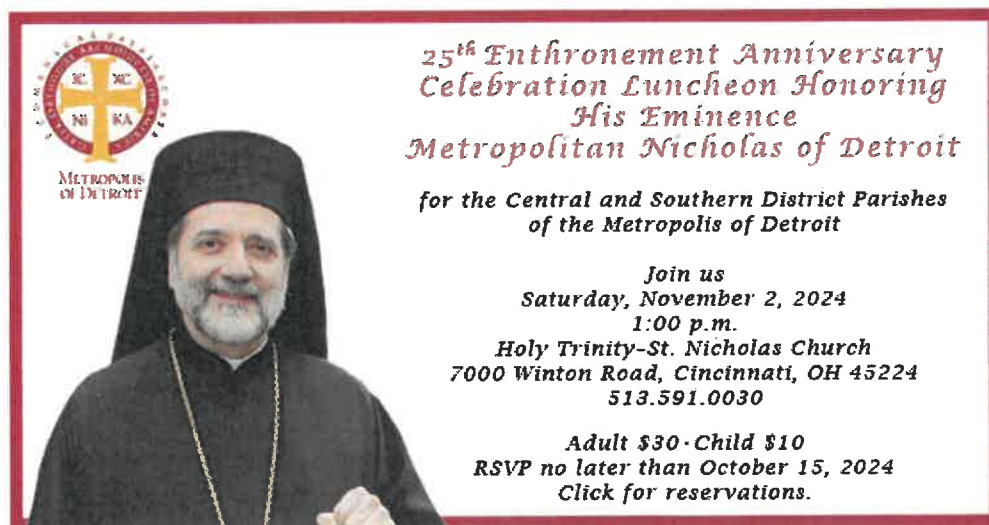
Should you have any questions, please contact the church office at office@htsnchurch.org or 513.591.0030.


We look forward to your participation as we honor the dynamic ministry of Metropolitan Nicholas in the God-kept Metropolis of Detroit.

In Christ,

Rev. Protopresbyter Mark Emroll
Presiding Priest

Eleni Liston
25th Enthronement Luncheon Chairperson




METROPOLIS OF DETROIT

*25th Enthronement Anniversary
Celebration Luncheon Honoring
His Eminence
Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit*

*for the Central and Southern District Parishes
of the Metropolis of Detroit*

*Join us
Saturday, November 2, 2024
1:00 p.m.
Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas Church
7000 Winton Road, Cincinnati, OH 45224
513.591.0030*

*Adult \$30 · Child \$10
RSVP no later than October 15, 2024
Click for reservations.*



Daughters of Penelope,
in coordination with the
Speakers Committee, is pleased to offer our
parishioners a

PROSPHORO



Baking Class & Lecture

RSVP

BY

11/9

with guest speaker, **Fr. Lucas Christensen** from South Bend, IN.

WHEN

Saturday, November 16, 2024

10am: Coffee & Donuts + 10:30am: Lessons will begin

Due to organizing purposes, the dough will be made ahead of time by DOP - attendees will be finalizing the process of shaping, 2nd kneading, & sealing bread.

WHERE

Community Center

COST

The Annunciation Investment Fund is graciously covering the cost of this event as part of the 2024 Speaker Series.

LUNCH

A variety of boxed lunches will be provided

RSVP

YOU MUST RSVP by November 9! Contact Georgia or Michelle.

Those who RSVP after this date may not be able to have lunch / bake bread. However, they are still welcome to attend the lecture.

GEORGIA CHELIOTIS 937-626-5191

MICHELLE MORAITES 937-272-9525 NESTLECRNCH@AOL.COM

OTHER

Bread made during class will be offered to the Church for services.
Prosphoro seals will be provided to share.
Please bring your seal if you have one. Thank You



feather Party



Church Memorial Center

(Dayton – Annunciation Greek Church)

Sunday, November 17th at **5:00 pm SHARP!**

PRIZES



A fun filled, casual night for all



Free Admission – As little as \$5.00 to play most of the evening



Food/Baked Goods/ Pop Available for purchase



Prizes given throughout the night to game winners...including:

- Turkeys and Hams
- Pies from THE SPOT
- Wine from THE MARKET
- Gift Certificates
- Other Prizes include:
Large Screen TV, Electronic Tablet and many more

**Church
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Fellowship

**Family
Fun**

The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church Stewardship Campaign Card
500 Belmonte Park North, Dayton, OH 45405 – Tel: 937-224-0601 – Web: www.daytonannunciation.org

My/Our pledge to the 20²⁴ Stewardship Campaign is:

- \$100 monthly / \$1,200 annually (one day of supporting our parish)
 \$200 monthly / \$2,400 annually
 \$400 monthly / \$4,800 annually
 Other _____

To be paid: Weekly Monthly Quarterly Annually

Preferred method of payment: Electronic funds (EFT) Credit Card Check
 Cash Dayton Foundation

Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please complete the FRONT and BACK of this card. Thank you

*Our Church ...
Our*

Spiritual Home

Did you know?

It is the Lord Who gives you power to get wealth. (Deuteronomy 8:18)

The Lord calls us to give Him 10% of our Income.

Stewardship is faith in action.

The first \$250 of each pledge goes to the Archdiocese.

Please fill out the following information for our records

	Orthodox Christian?	Date of birth:	Email:	Cell phone:
Name:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Spouse:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Child:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____

OCTOBER SERVICES & EVENTS

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

October 3

Philoptochos Meeting

October 6

Catechism School Begins, Organizational Fair
Hope/Joy Hayride

October 8

AHEPA/DOP Meeting

October 15

Parish Council Meeting

October 17

Young at Heart Luncheon

October 20

General Assembly

October 23

Liturgy of St James

October 28-29

Pumpkin Glow

November 2

25 Anniversary of Episcopate of Metropolitan Nicholas

November 10

Parish Council Elections

November 16

Prosfora Workshop

November 17

Feather Party

December 7

Parish Holiday Gala

December 15

Christmas Program (Greek and Catechism Schools)

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 6

Organizational Fair/Ice Cream
Social

Sunday, October 13

Hosted by Daughters of Penelope

Sunday, October 20

Fall General Assembly

Sunday, October 27

Hosted by Catechism School
Parent Team 1

Sunday, November 3

Hosted by Philoptochos

Sunday, November 10

Hosted by Catechism School
Parent Team 2

Sunday, November 17

Hosted by AHEPA

Sunday, November 24

Hosted by Catechism School
Parent Team 3

Sunday, December 1

Hosted by Daughters of Penelope