



THE TRUE VINE

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FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION



Rev. Fr. Anthony Cook

Beloved in the Lord,

A blessed summer to all of you! I pray that, whether you travel or remain at home during this beautiful and warm season of the year, you may find the peace and the joy (and the rest!) that the Lord gives to those who trust in Him.

Because of the many who travel over the summer, and the simple need for some rest and preparation period for those who run our various ministries, we take a break during this period from most of our regular parish activities. Along with this, we unfortunately often see a decline in the regular attendance at the Sunday Divine Liturgy, especially from families with young children. This reflects, I think, two realities. The first is that it is a great deal of work to bring children to church, and to guide them in appropriate behavior there. It is natural for any human being to desire and welcome a break, and with the hiatus in Catechism School, a significant reason for being present is indeed absent during the summer. But that brings us to the second reality, which that we too often consider the class-time, the ministry, to be the *only* reason to bring our children to Church. This way of thinking is natural, as it is one we are familiar with from school, from sports, and from every other activity we bring our children to for which attendance is taken and evaluations are given. But it is simply and utterly wrong. The reason to bring our children to Church is so that they can be in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, can hear the words of the Gospel, and can receive the Holy Sacraments. These realities transform their lives in a way that even the best-taught class can never do. So I urge you all to not neglect the services of the Church. If you need to, come late (10 am) and leave early (11 am), but come! The Lord is here, and He calls the little children to come to Him! Wherever you are this summer, please make a point to always go to Church on Sunday.

The Disciplines of Christian Parenthood

This discipline, to always be present for the Sunday Liturgy, and to bring our children, is one of the essential habits of effective Christian parenthood. It is the irreplaceable foundation of the Christian life in the home. That said, it is not the **ONLY** discipline. What we know from statistics and from experience, personal and pastoral, is that children put great value on what they see their parents valuing. This is why loyalty to sports teams is hereditary, why values and behaviors repeat from one generation to the next. If, then, we wish to see our children continue to practice the Christian Faith, we must live the Christian Faith visibly with them during the years that they are growing up in our homes.

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

June 23, 2024

Philomena Eirini Persico Hickey

Funerals

June 10, 2024

Bill Mitrousis

June 24, 2024

Angelo County

June 28, 2024

Harry Mokas

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>

There are many ways to do this, and many of us have been blessed to see our parents model this in our own childhood. For those who are uncertain how to begin, however, we have prepared a basic template.

Religious Education Initiative

For the past several months, we have posted a link to the “Religious Education Initiative” on the front page sidebar of the True Vine. If you follow that link on a computer, you will see three columns: the center column contains selected readings from Scripture and from the broader literature of the Orthodox Church, the left column contains instructions for how to use these readings, and the right column contains a very basic set of prayers for families to use. The point of this website is to provide a basic guide for parents to create a consistent space for the Christian Faith in the home. For an example of what this looks like, please look at the following link:

<https://theruleoffaith.typepad.com/rei/2020/09/index.html>.

Sacred Mealtimes

The core idea of this model of religious education in the home is that it doesn't look like religious education at all. It's not about “teaching” the children anything; it's about the parents having a conversation together about the matter of the Christian Faith, and inviting the children to join them. To this end, we provide three selections each week, one of which parents are urged to read aloud at the dinner table three nights per week. After the reading (which we try to keep brief, between 2-4 minutes long), we recommend some discussion questions. We provide several possibilities, but suggest, to begin with, a very simple question, phrased exactly like this, to every member of the family: “What did you notice in that reading? What jumped out to you?” That this question be asked in this way is important, as it sets the expectation that everyone *should* notice something, and conditions every member of the household to pay sufficient attention that they will *have* something to share when their turn comes. For a family beginning this process, we would suggest that initially the father and mother should ask each other this question, and have a brief discussion about the passage in front of the children. After a very little time passes, the children will very likely be eager to have their own say.

We urge parents not to try too hard to teach any particular lesson with these readings. The greatest lesson being taught is implicit, not explicit: namely, that the family cares about the things of God, and takes time to read and discuss them together. Not all questions will have an immediate answer, and this process teaches that it's ok to have questions, and to trust that there is an answer to be found *while* we seek for it. In all this, what we are actually teaching is what Faith in God looks like in real life, and from this, when we come to Church together, we will have real questions that we are seeking to answer together. That this conversation happens over the dinner table will, or can, have the effect of restoring a family ritual around the dinner table that is all too easy to lose in our present day, but which our children will remember with a profound sense of gratitude as a source of stability and certainty amidst all the confusion and fear that we all inevitably face in this world.

A Model, not a Mandate

We provide readings and suggested questions, and a basic family prayer rule as well, but this is not to say that you **MUST** read and pray what we provide. The intent is simply to make it easy to begin; a family could easily

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select their own readings (say, selecting only from one of the Gospels, or reading from the Daily Readings app provided by the Archdiocese once a week, or six times a week, or whatever) or their own prayers. The goal is that a family should read and converse about the things of God, regularly and consistently (but briefly), and should say family prayers together, and that the point of this should overtly and explicitly be for the peace and well being of the *parents*, not of the children. In this way, what we are teaching our children is that our Lord Jesus Christ is the one upon whom *we* depend, in whom *we* trust, to keep our lives on an even keel, and to sustain us both in times of peace and times of profound trouble. That is a lesson that they will remember when all the details of every class they have every been taught will have faded from their memory.

The Wisdom of our Parents

This model, we pray, will be helpful to you all, and we suggest that you try implementing it over the course of the summer, when you (hopefully) have a little bit more spare time as a family. But there is another resource that too often goes untapped, and this is the lived experience of those who are currently grandparents or great-grandparents in our community. We have lived our life with them for as long as we can remember, and it is natural that we take them for granted. That very blessing of their constant presence, however, often obscures the fact that we do not know them or their inner lives as well as we would like. The past 70-90 years through which they have lived are a period that has seen profound change in our world, and it is as real and natural to them as breathing, and as distant to those of us who are younger as are any other events in history.

We recently encountered a book which provides some basic questions which members of a younger generation might ask of their elders (or vice versa), to help us get past the generational divide and to see one another as we see ourselves. For the next several months, our parish administrator, Margaret Clinch, will be writing a brief presentation of one of these questions each month, with some reflections and suggestions regarding how we might engage in these conversations with one another. You can find the first installment on page 10.

We pray that these resources are helpful to you all, both during this summer season, and at all times. Stay safe, stay cool, and may the Lord grant us all to walk the path of salvation together!

With love in Christ,
+Fr. Anthony Cook

	July 14-July 20	July 21-July 27	July 28-August 3
Sunday	14 Fathers of 4th Council ✠ Titus 3:8-15; Matthew 5:14-19 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy 11:30a Coffee Hour Bring Festival Items Up	21 4th Sunday of Matthew ✠ Romans 6:18-23; Matthew 8:5-13 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy 11:30a Coffee Hour	28 5th Sunday of Matthew ✠ Romans 10:1-10; Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy 11:30a Memorial - Bill Mitrousis 40 Day 11:30a Coffee Hour 3p HOPE/JOY Event - Young's Dairy
Monday	15 The Holy Martyrs Cyricus and His Mother Julitta I Corinthians 13:11-14;14:1-5; Matthew 17:24-27; 18:1-4 NO Adult Catechism	22 Mary Magdalene, the Holy Myrrh-bearer and Equal to the Apostles I Corinthians 9:2-12; Luke 8:1-3 NO Adult Catechism	29 The Holy Martyr Callinicus Romans 16:17-24; Matthew 13:10-23,43 7p Adult Catechism
Tuesday	16 Athenogenes the Holy Martyr of Heracleopolis Romans 10:11-21;11:1-2; Matthew 11:16-20 6p Parish Council Meeting	23 Phocas the Holy Martyr, Bishop of Sinope Romans 14:9-18; Matthew 12:14-16; 22-30	30 Silas, Silvan, Crescens, Epenetus and Andronicus the Apostles of the 70 Acts 15:35-41; Matthew 13:24-30
Wednesday	17 The Holy Great Martyr Marina (Margaret) ☩ Galatians 3:23-29;4:1-5; Mark 5:24-34 NO Zoom Bible Study	24 Christina the Great Martyr of Tyre Romans 15:7-16; Matthew 12:38-45 NO Zoom Bible Study	31 Forefeast of the Precious Cross I Corinthians 2:9-16;3:1-8; Matthew 13:31-36 7p Zoom Bible Study
Thursday	18 Holy Martyr Emilian Romans 11:13-24; Matthew 11:27-30 11:30a Young at Heart Luncheon at Cox 6:30p Choir	26 Dormition of St. Anna, mother of the Theotokos Galatians 4:22-27; Luke 8:16-21 6:00p Festival Booth Chairs Meeting 6:30p Choir	1 The Holy Seven Maccabee ✠ Children Hebrews 11:33-40;12:1-2; Matthew 10:16-22 10:30a Philoptochos CCM work 5:30p Small Paraklesis 6:30p Choir
Friday	19 Macrina the Righteous, sister of St. Basil Romans 11:25-36; Matthew 12:1-8	26 Paraskeve the Righteous Martyr of Rome ☩ Galatians 3:23-29;4:1-5; Mark 5:24-34	2 Translation of the Relics of Stephen the Protomartyr Acts 6:8-15;7:1-5,47-60; Mark 12:1-12
Saturday	20 The Glorious Prophet Elias (Elijah) James 5:10-20; Luke 4:22-30	27 Panteleimon the Great Martyr & Healer Luke 21:12-19; II Timothy 2:1-10	3 Isaacius, Dalmatus, & Faustus, Ascetics of the Dalmation ☩ Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 9:18-26

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

	August 4-August 10	August 11-August 17	August 18-August 24
Sunday	4 6th Sunday of Matthew ✠ 🕯 Romans 12:6-14; Matthew 9:1-8 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy 11:30a Memorial-Angelo County 40 Day 11:30a Memorial-Kanistros 11:30a Coffee Hour	11 7th Sunday of Matthew ✠ 🕯 Romans 15:1-7; Matthew 9:27-35 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy 11:30a Coffee Hour	18 8th Sunday of Matthew ✠ I Corinthians 1:10-17; Matthew 14:14-22 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy 11a Memorial - Archon Demetrius C. Zonars 11:30a Coffee Hour
Monday	5 Forefeast of the Transfiguration I Peter 1:1-25;2:1-10; Matthew 13:54-58 7p Adult Catechism - Zoom	12 The Holy Martyrs Photius I Corinthians 9:13-18; Matthew 16:1-6 7p Adult Catechism - Zoom	19 Andrew the General I Corinthians 11:31-34;12:1-6; Matthew 18:1-11 7p Adult Catechism - Zoom
Tuesday	6 Transfiguration of our Lord ⏪ ✠ Luke 9:28-36; II Peter 1:10-19 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy	13 Apodosis of the Transfiguration I Corinthians 10:5-12; Matthew 16:6-12	20 Samuel the Prophet I Corinthians 12:12-26; Matthew 18:18-22;19:1-2; 13-15 6:30p Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday	7 Afterfeast of the Transfiguration I Corinthians 7:12-24; Mark 9:2-9 7p Zoom Bible Study	14 Forefeast of the Dormition of our Most Holy Lady I Corinthians 10:12-22; Matthew 16:20-24 7p Zoom Bible Study	21 The Holy Apostle Thaddaeus I Corinthians 13:4-13;14:1-5; Mark 3:13-21 7p Zoom Bible Study
Thursday	8 Emilian the Confessor & Bishop of Cyzikos ❖ I Corinthians 7:24-35; Matthew 15:12-21 3p Great Paraklesis 6:30p Choir	15 The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady Luke 1:39-49, 56; Philippians 2:5-11 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy- Dormition 10:30a Dormition Reception 6:30p Choir	22 The Holy Martyr Agathonicus I Corinthians 14:6-19; Matthew 20:17-28 5:30p Philoptochos Evening Meeting, at Chop House in Centerville 6:30p Choir
Friday	9 The Holy Apostle Matthias Acts 1:12-17, 21-26; Matthew 15:29-31	16 Translation of the Image of Our Lord and God and Savior I Timothy 3:13-16;4:1-5; Luke 9:51-57, 10:22-24, 13:22	23 Apodosis of the Dormition Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28
Saturday	10 Laurence the Holy Martyr & Archdeacon of Rome 🕯 Romans 12:1-3; Matthew 10:37-42, 11:1	17 Myron the Martyr of Cyzicus Romans 13:1-10; Matthew 12:30-37	24 Eutyches the Hieromartyr Romans 14:6-9; Matthew 15:32-39

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2024 STEWARDSHIP – STEWARDS AS OF JUNE 27TH

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Sandy Alex	Demosthenous	Évangeline (Vigi) Liakakos	Retzios
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Panayiotis Alimonos	Janine Elash	Elizabeth Limber & Robert	Theona Russell
James & Elizabeth Allen	Harriett Ellis	Golden	Joe & Heather Saloom
Amanuel & Abeba-Mesfun	Tom & Lisa Federle	Mitchell Limbert	Walter & Gail Schroeder
Andebrhan	Alex & Photini Fote	Paula Luke	Kate & +Charles Scott
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BOOKKEEPER'S CORNER, JULY 2024

Brenda Day, Bookkeeper

Congratulations are in order!

On June 10th I travelled to Lackland Air Force Base in Texas to be present at my Granddaughter's graduation from Basic Training. What a thrill that was and our entire family is so very proud of her. She went through four years of ROTC at Springboro High School and has always wanted a career in the Air Force for as long as I can remember. She has gone on to Security Forces Training at Lackland and then it's on to her FDS (First Duty Station). I can tell you that I learned A LOT of acronyms and just what a trainee goes through at Basic. It's not for the faint of heart and all those recruits have big hearts. Congratulations to the more than 600 recruits who made it through! I know you join me in thanking them for their service.

This is especially meaningful as we celebrated the Fourth of July. Hopefully the weather held out and everyone was able to enjoy a picnic and watch some fireworks. As you continue to celebrate your summer, be safe and stay cool!

Changes coming to Donation Statements

Donation statements will be prepared annually unless a specific request is made mid-year to have a statement emailed or mailed to you.

Another change will be in the way payments for donations and other events, tickets, etc. are entered into our computer system. At the top of the page on the right-hand side of your statement you will see **Tax Deductible** and **Non Tax Deductible Amounts**. It's self-explanatory in that Tax Deductible Donations are for Religious Services such as Stewardship, Memorial Donations, etc. Non-Tax-Deductible Payments are for Tickets to Events, Purchases of Wheat, Holy Books, Etc. The process of adding these Non Tax Deductible categories is ongoing, so please be patient as they are added and updated.

Greek Festival Sponsorship

We have added a category to donate to be a sponsor for the 2024 Greek Festival at a cost of \$250.00 to our online and mobile payment portals. Please consider adding your business or family as a sponsor 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@mac.com if you are interested.

Stewardship Update

Pledged as of June 30, 2023 - \$391,146.17 from 281 Steward Families

Pledged as of June 30, 2024 - \$311,559.90 from 271 Steward Families

Difference (\$ 79,586.27)

In Closing

“Keep your face always toward the sunshine, and shadows will fall behind you.” — Walt Whitman

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS - JULY AND AUGUST 2024

August Evening Membership meeting (Note Date and Time)

The August meeting will be held on August 22nd 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.

Dormition of the Theotokos reception August 15th :

Following the Divine Liturgy for the Dormition of the Theotokos on Thursday, August 15, a reception will be held in the Community Center. Please consider bringing something to share with others on this special day. Some ideas are:

- mini-meat sandwiches
- fresh fruit
- variety of dips with fresh vegetables or crackers
- cheese and crackers
- pitas
- breakfast rolls
- desserts

Contact Mary McDonald (937-272-5962 or mcgreek99@aol.com) on what you are bringing so we can be sure to have a nice variety. We need help to set the hall up for the reception Wednesday, August 14 at 10am. Please let Mary know if you can help with set up and clean up.

Spring Charity Luncheon:

The results are in and they are amazing!

Congratulations and thank you to Sandy Alex and Michelle Zois for co-chairing another outstanding May luncheon! We are thrilled to report that this year's Spring Charity Luncheon was the most successful one yet! We had a profit of over \$18,800!! We are so thankful for our amazing committee and all of our Philoptochos members who contribute in so many ways. Our hearts are filled with such joy!

We are also pleased to announce that our 2 charities, Veterans Matter and Breast Wishes will each receive over \$5,000. Veterans Matter is an organization that works with the Dayton VA to provide rental deposits and first month's rent for homeless veterans. In Ohio, the deposit voucher is close to \$800. The donation from our Spring Charity Luncheon will provide enough money to give six homeless veterans housing. The mission of the Breast Wishes Foundation is to grant wishes that bring JOY to those with breast cancer, such as spa days, nights out, yoga retreats, nutrition classes, new appliances, furniture and even family vacations! Our donation helps them reach their goal of providing 500 wishes by 2025.

Congratulations to the recipients and thank you to the entire Philoptochos membership.

JULY CCM (Community Care Ministry)

In July we will be collecting items and raising money for blessing bags for homeless veterans. Items needed are:

- Chapstick or lip balm,
- individually wrapped sugar-free hard candy,
- small pack tissues,
- small bottles of water,
- single-serve juice boxes mints,
- peanut butter crackers,
- granolabars,
- fruit snacks,
- individually wrapped trail mix,
- small boxes of raisins,
- dental floss,
- combs/brushes,
- deodorant,
- travel size hand sanitizer.

Homeless veterans can use note cards with words of encouragement. We can all use that!

Thank you for helping our homeless veterans. They have done so much for us, now we need to do for them.

Mary McDonald and Cindy Keilholtz

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

Hannah's Treasure Chest Volunteer Opportunity in July and August

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

**- 2490 Technical Drive
Miamisburg, OH 45342.**

HTC provides care packages of children's items to families across 20 Ohio counties.

Volunteer Dates

- July 11 (1:00-3:00 pm)
- July 25 ((9:00-11:00am)
- August 8 (1:00-3:00 pm)
- August 22 (9:00-11:00 am)



Need more information- see Maria McFarland

CATECHISM SCHOOL NEWS

Catechism School Registration

It's time to register your children for Catechism School!

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

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

Greek school is a Greek language and culture education program for children ages four through thirteen. Curriculum goals include developing vocabulary and confidence in speaking/writing skills, as well as exposing the students to various topics of the Greek culture. Classes take place in the classrooms of the Community Center of our church, from the end of September to the end of May. 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. [Register here for Greek School:](#)



YOUNG AT HEART JULY 18, 2024 11:30 AM

Hope you can join us for our annual picnic at Cox Arboretum sponsored by AIF. It will be inside which is air conditioned! We need to know how many people will be attending so we can order enough food. Please contact Mary McDonald (937-272-5962 or mcgreek99@aol.com) by July 15.

Thank you,

Mary

FESTIVAL UPDATES

2024 GREEK FESTIVAL

Planning for the 2024 Dayton Greek Festival is underway 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.

Next Booth Chair Meeting

Our 2024 Full Greek Festival planning is underway and we will be having our next booth chair meeting on Thursday, July 25, 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: Debrapulos@mac.com to become a sponsor.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Studying the Feasts of the Church Year

From Monday, June 24th, through Friday, June 28th, Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church hosted 22 children from both the Annunciation and St Paul's parishes as they learned about major feasts of the church year. The children learned about Theophany, Holy Friday, Pascha, and Pentecost with Father Anthony, made crafts to celebrate each feast, and played games in our Community Center Hall and our outdoor lawn. See photos of the week in our church Facebook group, or on the photo sheets in this True Vine!

From the leaders of Vacation Church School

We had an amazing week at Vacation Church School! We would like to thank Father Anthony, Linda & Harry Bouris, Tina Day, Elizabeth Fote, Demetri, Justin, Evvey, Emma, Franchesca, Zoe and Margaret for all of your help this week!! We couldn't have done it without all of you!

Thanks again to all of the families for bringing your sweet children to spend the week with us!

Dori Daskalakis & Missy Fote

CROSS-GENERATIONAL QUESTIONS

Background

In her book *The Essential Questions: Interview Your Family to Uncover Stories and Bridge Generations*, Dr. Elizabeth Keating writes about how it is so easy to lose stories from our families as the generations go on, as we tend to focus on a few key anecdotes and familiar tales for each person. Some of us, especially those with storytellers in the family, get to a point where we can recite a familiar story word for word. But when we only focus on those select stories, we miss the deep learning and the richer history of our parents and grandparents, and their knowledge of other ways of life.

Keating, coming from an anthropological perspective, suggests taking the time to deliberately sit down and ask broad, open-ended questions from our elders, where we can take in details beyond what we already think we know. In her book, she has formatted this as a sit-down interview session to allow time to dig deeper into family stories, and strongly recommends that the interview be recorded, so that the person asking questions can be present in the moment with their elder, but have something to look back on and review later.

That is certainly a way to go about these questions, and it can be good to dedicate the time to learn from one another. But we can also use these question prompts as part of our ongoing conversations and our regular time together, without having to plan a formal interview.

The First Questions

It can be hard for a person to start talking about themselves or their history, and it's easy for a person to assume that there was nothing special about their life that their grandchildren don't already know. Keating suggests some easier starting questions:

- When were you born?
- Are there any stories about your birth?
- Where were you born? What do you remember about that place?
- Is there a special story behind your name?
- Do you have brothers or sisters? Where are you in the family order?

These may be basic, but there's a lot of space for someone to expand on their answers - to start telling the story of a beloved older relative that they were named after, or to talk about their siblings and how they got along - or did not!

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.

WEBSITE UPDATES FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Call for Pictures

Hello to all! As we move into the summer and our church calendar slows down for a bit, our parish administrator, Margaret, will be doing some edits and revamping of the church website to help it reflect the life and vibrancy of this parish community.

Starting this month, we will be including photo pages in the *True Vine*. Any photo used in these pages is being considered for addition to the church website. If you or a family member are in a photo we put into those photo pages and **do not want** to be included in the website, please contact Margaret directly to ask for the photos to not be uploaded to the website. If, however, you have favorite photos of your group or events that we did not include, please send them to margaret.clinch@daytonannunciation.org to be added to our website.

As we work on the website, we will also be editing pages to make sure that they are updated and reflect the parish's activities and ministries. If you notice anything which you think should be updated or corrected on any page, please reach out to Margaret on this as well.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL



PARISH PHOTOS



Teaching how to light the candles and enter the Narthex



Young at Heart Luncheon



AHEPA Picnic, manning the grill!



Catechism School Celebrations

Pan-Orthodox Youth Soccer Teams



The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church and St Paul the Apostle OCA parish are starting up a pan-Orthodox youth sports program, beginning with soccer. Our teams are open to baptized Eastern Orthodox children, or children of current catechumens, between the ages of **5-12 as of Sep 1st 2024**. Registration fees are **\$50** per player. Teams will be co-ed and grouped by age. For more details, see the registration form. **Please complete one registration form per child.**

Practice will begin in early August, with practices on **Mondays from 6:00-7:00 PM** and games played on **Saturday mornings between 9:00-12:00 AM**. The season will end by the first week of October, and no practices will overlap with the Annunciation Greek School program.

If you have any questions on the registration forms linked below, please contact Evan Bambakidis (evanbam@hotmail.com) or Heather Weis (weisheather.2@gmail.com). Thank you and hope to see you this fall!

[Register here!](#)

*****YAH!!! ARE YOU READY FOR A ROAD TRIP??????*****



YAH is planning a trip to Keeneland Racetrack, Lexington KY, on Wednesday, October 9th. We have found a charter bus called US Coachways. It would leave the church at 9am and return at 5pm which would bring us back to church at around 7:30pm.

There is a 28-person Minibus, and the cost is \$2100, or a Coach Bus it can hold up to 49 passengers and the cost is \$2400.

Group sales for parties of 24 or more begin August 1-2 and tickets are \$15.00. Gates open at 11am and the first race (first post) is at 1:00 pm. We would get lunch at the race and there are many food choices.

We must know by July 21st how many are interested, so that we can make the reservations for the bus and know how many tickets we need to get.

This trip is being made possible by AIF. Our goal is to have 30 to 49 people participate.

Interested persons can contact Charrie Regopoulos at 937-623-2794 or charrie.rego@aol.com.

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Equipment	David Casey	937.414.0787	festivaldirector@daytonannunciation.org

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

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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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Child:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____

JULY/AUGUST EVENTS, OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

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

July 18

Young at Heart Luncheon @ 11:30am at Cox

July 25

Festival Planning Meeting @ 6pm

August 1

Small Paraklesis @ 5:30 pm

August 6

Transfiguration of Our Lord @ 8:15/9:30 am

August 8

Great Paraklesis @ 3pm

August 15

Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady @ 8:15/9:30 am

Dormition Reception @ 11:30 am

August 29

Beheading of John the Baptist @ 8:15/9:30 am

September 6-8

GREEK FESTIVAL

September 27-29

October Fest @ DAI

October 6

Organizational Fair, start of Catechism School

October 13

General Assembly

November 10

Parish Council Elections

December 7

Parish Holiday Gala

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 7

Hosted by Daughters of Penelope

Sunday, July 14

Hosted by Philoptochos

Sunday, July 21

Hosted by AHEPA

Sunday, July 28

Hosted by Maids of Athena

Sunday, August 4

Hosted by Daughters of Penelope

Sunday, August 11

Hosted by Philoptochos

Sunday, August 18

Hosted by AHEPA

Sunday, August 25

Hosted by Parishioner Group 1

Sunday, September 1

Hosted by Daughters of Penelope