

THE ANNUNCIATION

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

8th Sunday of Luke/Menas of Egypt

Saint Menas, who had Egypt as his fatherland, contested in Cotyaeion of Phrygia in 296 during the reign of Diocletian and Maximian. A soldier distinguished for his valour in war, he renounced his rank and withdrew to devote himself to ascetical struggles and prayer in the mountains. Filled with zeal and more than human courage, he presented himself in the midst of a pagan festival in Cotyaeion and declared himself to be a Christian. After terrible torments which he endured with astonishing courage, he was beheaded. His martyrdom in Egypt became a place of universal pilgrimage; evidence of ancient journeys to his shrine have been found as far away as Ireland. The glory and refuge of the Christians of Egypt, he has been revealed to be a worker of great miracles and a swift defender for all who call on him with faith; besides all else, he is also invoked for help in finding lost objects.

NOVEMBER 11, 2018

Rev. Fr. Joseph Gingrich, Parish Priest

Altar Boys All Available

Ushers On Duty 4

Epistle Reading II Corinthians 4:6 - 15

Gospel Reading Luke 10:25 - 37

TODAY'S DIVINE LITURGY HYMNS AND SCRIPTURE READINGS:

HYMNS AFTER THE SMALL (GOSPEL) ENTRANCE

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN THE GRAVE MODE

Thou didst abolish death by Thy Cross; Thou didst open Paradise to the thief; Thou didst transform the myrrh-bearers' lamentation, and didst bid Thine Apostles to preach that Thou art risen, O Christ God, granting great mercy to the world.

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἠνέωξας τῷ Ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρήνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας, ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

APOLYTIKION FOR MARTYR MENAS IN THE FOURTH MODE

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

Οἱ Μάρτυρές σου, Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἀθλήσει αὐτῶν, στεφάνους ἐκομίσαντο τῆς ἀφθαρσίας, ἐκ σοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν, σχόντες γάρ τὴν ἰσχύν σου, τοὺς τυράννους καθείλον, ἐθραυσαν καὶ δαιμόνων, τὰ ἀνίσχυρα θράση. Αὐτῶν ταῖς ἰκεσίαις, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, σώσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

DISMISSAL HYMN FOR THE ANNUNCIATION IN THE FOURTH MODE

Today is the crown of our salvation and the revelation of the Mystery that is from all eternity. The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin, and Gabriel announces this grace. Let us join Him and cry out to the Theotokos: Hail, you who are full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ κεφάλαιον καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνας μυστηρίου ἡ φανέρωσις, Ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς συν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν. Χαίρει, κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σου.

SEASONAL KONTAKION IN THE FOURTH MODE

Today, the most pure temple of the Savior, the precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of God, enters the house of the Lord, bringing the grace of the Divine Spirit. The Angels of God praise her. She is the heavenly tabernacle.

Ο καθαρώτατος ναός τού Σωτήρος, η πολυτίμητος παστάς καί Παρθένος, τό Ιερόν θησαύρισμα τής δόξης τού Θεού, σήμερον εισάγεται, εν τώ οίκω Κυρίου, τήν χάριν συνεισάγουσα, τήν εν Πνευματι θείω, ήν ανυμνούσιν Άγγελοι Θεού, Αύτη υπάρχει σκηνή επουράνιος.

EPISTLE READING

PRIEST: Let us attend.

READER: God is wonderful among his saints. Bless God in the congregations.

PRIEST: Wisdom

READER: The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15.

PRIEST: Let us attend.

Reader: Brethren, ⁶seeing that it is God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, and he has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷However, we have this treasure in vessels of clay, so that the amazing power may be from God and not from ourselves. ⁸We are pressed on every side, yet [we are] not crushed! We are perplexed, but not to [the point of] despair. ⁹We are persecuted yet not forsaken; struck down, yet not destroyed; ¹⁰and we always carry in our bodies the death of the Lord Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹Indeed, we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be revealed in our mortal flesh. ¹²And so, death is at work in us, but life in you. ¹³Still, we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed, and therefore I spoke." We believe, and therefore we also speak; ¹⁴knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will also raise us with Jesus, and bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵All these things are for your benefit, so that as grace is extended to many, this may also cause thanksgiving to be multiplied to the glory of God.

LUKE 10:25-37

²⁵Behold, an expert in the law stood up and put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶Jesus answered, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" ²⁷The man answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸Jesus said to him, "You have answered correctly. Do this, and you will live." ²⁹But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Then Jesus answered, "A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes and beat him. Then they went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹By chance, a certain priest was going down that way. But when the priest saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²In the same way, a Levite also came to the place, but when he saw the beaten man, he [also] passed by on the other side. ³³Now a certain Samaritan was traveling and arrived at the spot where the man was. When the Samaritan saw the wounded man, he was moved with compassion, ³⁴came to him, and wrapped his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. He placed the man on his own animal and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵On the next day, when he was leaving, he took out two denarii and gave them to the host, saying to him, 'Take care of him. Whatever you spend beyond that, I will pay you back when I return.' ³⁶Now which one of these three do you think seemed to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" ³⁷The lawyer replied, "The one who showed mercy on him!" Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2018

MATINS AND DIVINE LITURGY

8:15 AM

ALTAR FLOWERS donated by Mark and Cindy Keilholz in memory of her parents +James and +Beulah (Andrew) Lambrinides.

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE HOUR hosted by Maids of Athena.

HONORING OUR VETERANS

Please remember if you are a Veteran, Active Military or Civil Servant, please stop in the Narthex today before going into Church and let the usher team know that so we can honor you for your service. Our usher team will be presenting all of you with a cross/pin ribbon. Thank you for your service.

FEATHER PARTY – TODAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2018 5:00 PM

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that we will re-start the Feather Party, and will host it this evening, Sunday, Nov 11th starting at 5:00 PM. This year's event promises to be another fun-filled event not only for our parish family but the community. We look forward to seeing you this evening at 5:00 PM in the Community Center. Donations are welcome.

EXTEND, O LORD, YOUR MERCY AND PROTECTION UPON YOUR SERVANTS

Please pray for the health and salvation of your brothers and sisters in Christ during today's Divine Liturgy and throughout the week: *Konstantinos Haritos, Mary Saloom, Mike Mokas, Katherine Xidas, Magdeline Tisinger, Peter Mihalislis, Stephanie Michaelson, Mary Leakas, Maria Polychronis, Alex Gounaris, Athie Zvakos, Stephen Fricioni, John Wagner, Marilyn Lusa, Cynthia Yonts, Margie Polites, Toulia Stamm, Don Hanel, John Moraites, Andy Moulas, Bob Cade and Berdi Kakas*

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12TH

Date	Event	Time	Location
Mon. 12 th	Greek School	5:30 PM	Community Center
Tue. 13 th	Adult Catechism Class	6:30 PM	Athenagoras Room
Wed. 14 th	Marian Prayer	3:00 PM	Church
	Choir Practice	6:30 PM	Church
Thur. 15 th	Parish Council Meeting	6:30 PM	Athenagoras Room
Sat. 17 th	World Community Day	1:00 PM	Community Center

FROM FATHER JOSEPH

-Sunday Divine Liturgy. The only people who should be in the community center during Sunday Divine Liturgy are those setting up for coffee hour. All others are expected to be worshipping the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in the church. Fellowship and socializing is appropriate after Divine Liturgy.

-Adult Catechism Class. Adult Catechism Classes will be on Tuesday's at 6:30 PM on the following dates: Nov. 13, Nov. 20, Nov. 27, Dec. 4, Dec. 11, Dec. 18. The books being used will be the four-volume *The Orthodox Faith* by Fr. Thomas Hopko and can be ordered through St. Vladimir's Seminary Press. All classes will cover new material as we will begin where we ended in the text. For the Nov. 13 class please read pages 100 to 143 from Volume 2.

-Divine Liturgy for St. Chrysostom CANCELLED. The Divine Liturgy for the feast of St. Chrysostom must be cancelled due to a mandatory Clergy Syndesmos meeting at the Metropolis of Detroit on Tuesday November, 13.

-In Need. If you are a parishioner in need there are limited funds available through AHEPA. All requests to Fr. Joseph will be kept in strict confidence.

-Holy Land Trip. I'm considering planning a trip to the Holy Land June 15 to June 25, 2020. The cost with airfare, hotels, and two meals a day would be around \$3,500 a person. I'm in the process of calling travel companies that have come recommended to me by other priests. If interested, please come and see me. In order to make this work we would need at least 24 people. A deposit will be required for all reservations.

-March for Life. Those interested in attending the March for Life January 17 and 18 in Washington D.C. should contact Tom Federle at: tfederle@siebenthaler.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE MAINTENANCE STAFF

Please excuse the dust as we work to make our church beautiful again. The scaffolding will be here for up to 4 weeks, so please be careful as you exit church.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Parish Council elections will take place on Sunday, November 18, 2018. Voting will take place in the community center after the Liturgy and will conclude at the end of coffee hour. Only parishioners who are members in good standing, according to the parish bylaws are eligible to vote.

AIF COMMITTEE MEMBER APPOINTMENT FOR 2019-2023

The Parish Council is now accepting resumes to fill the 2019-2023 AIF committee member position. The AIF committee members are appointed by the Parish Council. Each year a new member is appointed and serves a five-year term. Interested candidates should email a resume/questions to:

Maria Abboud at mmabboud13@gmail.com or Fr. Joseph at Frjosephgingrich@gmail.com no later than December 1, 2018.

COMMUNITY CARE MINISTRY

The CCM for November is Hats & Mittens for Edison School. We will be collecting hats, gloves, mittens and scarves for students at Edison School. Chairpersons are Katina Tsatalis and Nadine Shamma.

PHILOPTOCHOS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Celebrate St. Nicholas at the Divine Liturgy on Thursday, December 6, followed by our Christmas Luncheon at Moraine Country Club. Remember to bring pajamas and books for the children at Schneider House of Hope, Homeless Center. Your \$22 check to "Philoptochos" is your Reservation. Reservations Chairs are Mary Caudell and Liz Limber

COMMUNITY PARISH EVENT - SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2018

AHEPA - INVITES EVERYONE TO A FREE LUNCHEON AND PRESENTATION

DATE: Sunday, November 25th after Divine Liturgy

TOPIC: Defending Our Arteries, Protecting Our Lives, and Preserving Our Happiness in The Era of Obesity and Diabetes

PRESENTED BY: Best Selling Author Anthony Pothoulakis, M.D.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BOOSALIS BAKING AND CAFÉ

It is that time of year to start planning for your Christmas meal. The Daughter's of Penelope, along with Boosalis Baking are teaming up again to offer Tsourekia to make your Christmas table complete. We will be accepting orders now through Monday December 10. The bread will be ready for pick up at the Community Center Saturday December 15 and Sunday December 16 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm. Please contact Melissa DeBernardi-Smith at 412-512-5242 or email myguiness14@hotmail.com to place your order.



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD AND POINSETTIAS

The parish is preparing a Community Christmas Greeting Card to offer you the opportunity to share your wishes for a spiritually rewarding Christmas season and a blessed New Year with your church friends and members. We invite every family to participate and have your name included in this year's Community Christmas Card. A minimum donation of Twenty dollars (\$20) is required to include your name on this attractive card. Also, many of you look forward to donating poinsettia plants for our church during the Christmas/New Year Season. The cost is \$20.00. Forms are available on the information table in the Community Center Hallway and one is included in November issue of the True Vine. Deadline for the card and poinsettia is Sunday, November 25, 2018.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY - SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2018

Philoptochos is a member of CWU (Church Women United) in Greater Dayton. CWU purpose is to encourage church women to come together in a visible fellowship to witness to their faith in Jesus Christ. On November 17, 2018, Philoptochos will be hosting CWU World Community Day, at 1 PM in the Community center. The theme is: Reaching for Wholeness in Harmony with God's People. (Reservation are not needed). For more information, our website is www.cwudayton.org. Key woman for Philoptochos is Theona Russell. CWU membership is \$5.00 for the year. You will also receive CWU Newsletter that is published quarterly.

SAVE THE DATE - DECEMBER 2, 2018 FRAUD AWARENESS PRESENTATION

Investigators from the Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office will present a fraud awareness presentation. Topics will include fraud case examples worked by their office, prevention methods and in the case of

victimization; what steps you can take to help report/recover from being a victim. They will explore cases involving identity theft, grandparent schemes, telemarketer schemes, internet fraud, power of attorney theft, contractor fraud and others.

Please join us for this very informative program on **Sunday, December 2, 2018** after church. A light lunch will be provided.

The program is sponsored by the Annunciation Investment Fund. If you have any questions, please contact Tina Haubrock at 885-9410.

GAPA BAKE & CRAFT SALE – SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18TH AFTER CHURCH

Please join us for our annual Bake and Craft Sale after Church on November 18th. Pastries, and all kinds of other goodies plus craft items will be available for sale just in time for Thanksgiving and your holiday shopping. Monies raised by GAPA women are used to support church needs. If you would like to donate to help support this event, please contact Linda Kididis at 836.1526/ or email at Lk1962@outlook.com

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

If you are visiting our Parish, please fill out the "Visitor Information Card," located in the Narthex, and hand it to one of the Welcome Committee greeters. You are welcome to come forward to receive a piece of "antidoron" (blessed bread) at the conclusion of the service and join us in the Memorial Center for our Fellowship Hour following the Divine Liturgy.

If you are a "newcomer" to our Parish, please introduce yourself to our priest. He would be most happy to schedule a time to meet with you and discuss the ministries and fellowship opportunities available within our Parish.

GUIDELINES FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

For Orthodox Christians

When preparing to receive Holy Communion, please remain quietly in your pews until an Usher/ Parish Council Member directs you to approach from the center aisle. Your prayerful attention helps sustain the solemnity of the Divine Liturgy for those praying the "Prayers of Preparation" and following Holy Communion the "Prayers of Thanksgiving." You will find these prayers in the burgundy Divine Liturgy book located in the pew backs. The "Prayers of Preparation" begin on page 29 and the "Prayers of Thanksgiving" begin on page 40.

Please allow the acolyte to place the Holy Communion Cloth beneath your chin. This ensures that no particle of the Eucharist falls from your lips. Recite your baptismal name aloud; open your mouth wide; and close your mouth as the Communion Spoon enters your mouth. After receiving Holy Communion, blot your lips on the cloth and return to your pew by the side aisles.

You will find an acolyte offering you a bowl of antidoron from which you should take a single piece to ensure you consume all traces of Holy Communion.

For Non-Orthodox Christians

We welcome to our worship those Christians not fully united with us (canonically).

It is a consequence of the sad divisions of Christianity that we cannot extend a general invitation to receive Holy Communion. Orthodox Christians believe that the Eucharist is an action of the celebrating community signifying a oneness in faith, life, and worship. Reception of the Eucharist by Christians not fully united with us would imply a oneness which does not yet exist and for which we must all pray.