

THE ANNUNCIATION

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

2nd Sunday of Luke/Gregory the Illuminator of Armenia

This Saint, a Parthian by race, was the son of Anak. He was born about the year 240 and was taught the Faith of Christ in Caesarea of Cappadocia. He entered the service of Tiridates, King of Armenia, but when discovered to be a Christian, he was subjected to many horrible torments at the King's hands, then was cast into a pit of mire with poisonous serpents and left to die. By the power of God, however, he abode there unharmed for fourteen years, his needs provided by a certain widow, until he was made known by revelation and set free. He converted to piety innumerable multitudes of Armenians, including Tiridates himself, and was consecrated bishop by Leontius, Archbishop of Caesarea, to shepherd the vast flock he had gained for Christ. He spent the last part of his life in retirement in the ascetical discipline, and reposed in peace about the year 325. Saint Gregory is honoured as the Illuminator of Armenia.

September 30, 2018

Rev. Fr. Joseph Gingrich, Parish Priest

Altar Boys All Available

Ushers On Duty 3

Epistle Reading 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Gospel Reading Luke 6:31-36

TODAY'S DIVINE LITURGY HYMNS AND SCRIPTURE READINGS:

HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE (GOSPEL) ENTRANCE

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN THE PLAGAL FOURTH MODE

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Thine immaculate Body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life unto the world. Wherefore, the powers of the Heavens cried out to Thee, O Lifegiver: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Thy Kingdom. Glory to Thy dispensation, O only Friend of man.

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ Βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνη Φιλάνθρωπε.

APOLYTIKION FOR GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR IN THE FOURTH MODE

As a sharer of the ways and a successor to the throne of the Apostles, O inspired of God, thou foundest discipline to be a means of ascent to divine vision. Wherefore, having rightly divided the word of truth, thou didst also contest for the Faith even unto blood, O Hieromartyr Gregory. Intercede with Christ our God that our souls be saved.

Καὶ τρόπων μέτοχος, καὶ θρόνων διάδοχος, τῶν Αποστόλων γενόμενος, τὴν πράξιν εὗρες Θεόπνευστε, εἰς θεωρίας ἐπίβασιν, διὰ τοῦτο τὸν λόγον τῆς ἀληθείας ὀρθοτομών, καὶ τῇ πίστει ἐνήθλησας μέχρις αἵματος, Ἱερομάρτυς Γρηγόριε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι 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 το 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. Χαῖρε, κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σου.

SEASONAL KONTAKION IN THE SECOND MODE

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee:

Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

Προσασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε. Μὴ παρίδης ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἰκεσίαν, ἡ προσπατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

EPISTLE READING

PRIEST: Let us attend.

READER: Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

PRIEST: Wisdom

READER: The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 9:6-11.

PRIEST: Let us attend.

READER: Brethren, ⁶Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. Whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷Let everyone give according to what he determines in his heart; not grudgingly or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that by having what is needed in everything, you may overflow in every good work. ⁹As it is written:

*He has scattered abroad, he has given to the poor.
His righteousness remains forever.*

¹⁰Now may he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food also supply and multiply your seed for sowing, and increase the fruits of your righteousness. ¹¹Thus, may you be enriched in everything, so that you may be generous in all things; and through us, this brings thanksgiving to God.

LUKE 6:31-36

³¹As you would like others to do to you, do the same to them. ³²If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them! ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same! ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive [back], what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners, to receive back as much. ³⁵But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing back. Then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he is kind [even] to the ungrateful and evil. ³⁶Therefore, be merciful, even as your Father is also merciful.

SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

MATINS AND DIVINE LITURGY

8:15 AM

Fellowship Coffee Hour provided by Maids of Athena

CELEBRATE THE FIRST DAY OF CATECHISM SCHOOL

Please join us in the Community Center following Catechism School for an Ice Cream Social. This is a great opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher.

GOYA MEETING

GOYA will have their first meeting today, September 30th after Catechism School Ice Cream Social.

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, Elli Bambakidis, Stephanie Michaelson, Mary Leakas, Maria Polychronis, Alex Gounaris, Athie Zavakos, Stephen Friconi, John Wagner, Marilyn Lusa, Cynthia Yonts, Margie Polites, Toulia Stamm, Don Hanel and John Moraites*

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 1ST

Date	Event	Time	Location
Mon. 1 st	Greek School Class	5:30 PM	Athenagoras Room
	Community Sandwich Making	6:30 PM	Cmty. Ctr. Kitchen
Wed. 3 rd	Marian Prayer	3:00 PM	Church
	Choir Practice	6:30 PM	Church
Thur. 4 th	Philoptochos Mbrp Carry-in Mtg.	6:00 PM	Athenagoras Room

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 begin on Tuesday's at 6:30 PM on the following dates: Oct. 9, Oct. 16, Oct. 23, Nov. 6, Nov. 13, Nov. 20, Nov. 27, Dec. 4, Dec. 11, Dec. 18. ***There will be no class October 30.*** 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.

-Parish Council. We truly need people to run for the parish council. This is our parish and we all have a duty to serve it. If you can't serve please sit on one of our committees if asked. If asked to serve on parish council by myself or our search committee or another council member first be honored that we think you have what it takes to help guide our community and secondly sincerely consider the offer. Is it a sacrifice? Yes. And that is what we do as Christians for those things we love.

INFORMATION ABOUT 2018 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Nominating Committee is seeking parishioners interested in serving on Parish Council for a three-year term beginning January 2019. Elections will be held in the fall on a date following the Fall General Assembly meeting. These council members three-year term expires this year:

Demetri Inempolidis: eligible to run again
Louis Castleman: eligible to run again
Harriet Argue: eligible to run again
Toni Moraites: eligible to run again
Deb Pulos: not eligible for re-election

Eligible candidates for Parish Council must be parishioners in good standing. According to our Annunciation Parish By-Laws a member in good standing must meet the following criteria:

1. The individual must be an Orthodox Christian (an individual who has been baptized and/or chrismated Orthodox).
2. The individual must regularly participate in the Sacraments of the Church.
3. The individual must live his or her life in accordance with the faith and canons of the Church.
4. The individual must have made a stewardship pledge and fulfilled it for the previous year.
5. The individual must have made a stewardship pledge and made a payment toward it in the current year.

Interested individuals may contact one of the following Nominating Committee members:
Jane Speros, Renee Nicholas, Al Price, Kathy Spyrou, Theona Russell

Thank you, Parish Council

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

FAMILY HAYRIDE AT WINDMILL FARM

The Catechism School is sponsoring a family event on Friday Oct. 12th at 5pm at the Windmill Farm in Springboro, OH. Bring your children to have fun on a hayride and pick out a pumpkin with your family and friends. Please note that the Catechism School will cover the cost for any registered Catechism School students attending. The cost for each adult/parent will be \$10. Please have payments in full by Friday, Oct. 5th. This is a first come, first serve event with limited availability.

If interested in attending, please email us at annunciationcatechismschool@gmail.com.

NEW PARISH DIRECTORY

The new parish directory is getting close to completion. Because of the delays that have occurred, we are asking parishioner to please look at the information we have to ensure it is correct and up to date. There will be draft copies for your review on Sundays after church beginning Sunday, September 30 through Sunday, October 21. A copy will also be available in the church office for your review. All corrections and changes must be written on the draft copy no later than October 21, 2018. The new parish directory will go to print the week of October 22, 2018. We thank you for your patience and look forward to providing everyone with updated parishioner information!

GREEK SCHOOL

Greek school starts on Monday, October 1st. Please bring your Registration packets and tuition on that day. The 13th Annual Fall picnic will be on Monday, October 8th at Hills & Dales Park (Paw-Paw Shelter) from 5 – 8 p.m. Looking forward to another exciting school year.

COMMUNITY SANDWICH MAKING

Community sandwich making 6:30 p.m. Monday, October 1st in the Community Center everyone is welcome to participate.

PHILOPTOCHOS

Philoptochos carry-in meeting will be on Thursday, October 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Athenagoras room.

DAUGHTERS AND AHEPA

DOP/AHEPA will meet at 6:30 p.m. at church on Thursday, October 11th in the Athenagoras room.

GAPA

GAPA will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 16th in the Athenagoras Room.

YOUNG AT HEART

The Young at Heart will meet Thursday, October 18 at 11:30 a.m. It is being sponsored by a group of friends who enjoy Young at Heart. Come join the fellowship of your fellow parishioners.

ORTHODOX PARENT ASSOCIATION

OPA will meet Friday, October 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the Athenagoras room.

10 REASONS

to bring your child to Sunday School

Have you considered the benefits of Sunday School attendance for your child. Here are 10 reasons to make it a priority in your family.

- 1. Age Targeted Teaching:** Where else can your kids get Biblical instruction that's focused toward their developmental abilities?
- 2. Friends:** In Sunday School, your child will build positive friendships with their peers by discovering God's Word together.
- 3. It's Fun:** Sunday School is not Disney Land, but our teachers do work hard to teach the Bible in ways that are relevant and fun for kids.
- 4. Spiritual Mentors:** A dedicated teacher can be a Christian role model who supports you and helps inspire the faith of your child.
- 5. Systematic Bible Learning:** Our curriculum is designed to give a broad foundation, so children will understand how all the parts of Scripture point to Christ.
- 6. Praying Teachers:** Our teachers consistently pray for your child's faith to grow. Coming to Sunday School gives another occasion for God to answer those requests.
- 7. Big Reward For a Small Investment:** If you're already coming to church, just come a little earlier. That one change will equal over 800 hours of additional Christian teaching before your child graduates.
- 8. Send the Right Message:** Making Sunday School a priority shows your kids that God's Word really does matter more than pillow-time.
- 9. Adult Fellowship:** While the children enjoy their class, you can fellowship with other adults in the Community Center.
- 10. You'll Be On Time:** Families who come to Sunday School always get to worship on time. It's the easiest way to avoid being late.

**ANNUNCIATION CATECHISM SCHOOL
PRESENTS**

FAMILY FUN AT WINDMILL FARM

**FRIDAY
12 OCT 2018**

STARTS AT 5:00PM

**WINDMILL FARM MARKET
1454 E STATE RTE 73
SPRINBORO, OH**

**DEADLINE:
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 10TH
REGISTER BY CONTACTING CATECHISM SCHOOL
ANNUNCIATIONCATECHISMSCHOOL@GMAIL.COM**

**COST \$10 PER ADULT
REGISTERED CATECHISM STUDENTS ARE FREE**

