



# THE TRUE VINE

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## MINISTRY AND SERVICE

Rev. Fr. Anthony Cook



Beloved in the Lord,

As we approach the holiday season, I pray that you and your families may be blessed with every joy from our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a good and holy thing to give thanks to God for His many blessings, and most especially as we begin to prepare for the great feast of the Lord's Nativity. This month is an eventful one for the parish, of course; every year, we hold our parish council elections (November 12th this year), and wind down our Stewardship program for the year, as we begin to prepare for the work of the year that is to come. This month, we also say goodbye to our invaluable Office Manager, Erin Caldwell; she has accepted a position at the University of Dayton, and worked her last day on October 24th. We wish her all the best, and extend our deepest thanks for her calm and dedicated presence these last three years. In all the turmoil that we have faced, she has been a rock of prudence, consistency and stability, and we will miss her very much! May the Lord bless you richly in the coming years, Erin!

### *Parish Informational Booklet Progress*

We are nearing the completion of our journey through the Sacraments of the Church; all that remains of the classic list of seven is the Sacrament of Ordination. There are some other Mysteries of the Church that remain (such as the blessing of Holy Water, the Consecration of a Church, and even the Coronation of a Monarch), and we will sum them up next month, but for now, let us attend to this, the rarest Sacrament in the experience of most of our Faithful.

### *Ordination and Priesthood*

The Sacrament of Ordination is somewhat different from the Sacraments that we see most frequently in the Church, in that it deals not with Bread and Wine, Water or Oil, but rather with a particular human person. This makes it more similar to Baptism or Marriage, but where these bring people into the Body of Christ, or bless their union within the Church, Ordination often seems more like a sacrament of separation, removing the one ordained from the ranks of the Faithful. It is certainly true that, once a Priest is ordained, he will no longer stand with the People in the Church, but takes his place fulfilling the tasks of the Clergy within the Altar.

This sense of separation is real, but is often taken too far. The role of the Priest is not to *stand apart* from the Laity, but rather to *lead* the Faithful. His role only makes sense in relationship *with* the Faithful; apart from the Church community, the role of the Priest is effectively meaningless. It is for this reason, I think, that the Orthodox Church has always called its clergy "Father." This *can* be understood as a title of authority and separation, but its *proper* function is much more one of connection and relationship, of responsibility and appropriate boundaries. A father can only be a father if he has a family to care for and to serve. The necessary caveat to that point, however, is that the Church never "belongs" to the Priest; it is the Body of Christ, and belongs to God the Father, so anyone who undertakes to be called Father is called to live and become a living icon of the One Father Who is in Heaven.

## 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

### Funerals

October 18, 2023

Victor Thaller

*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

### True Vine Bulletin Board

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

*We urge you all to keep this website open on your phones or computers; it will always have the latest update on current events and activities for the various ministries and organization of the parish.*

### Service Texts

<https://dcs.goarch.org>

### Parish Life 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>

What this means, in practical terms, is that the Priest, like the Centurion who comes to the Lord seeking healing for his servant, is a man under authority, with responsibilities and authority exercised on behalf of someone else. He does not serve himself, or seek his own power, pride, or enrichment; he is a shepherd, caring for the sheep of the Good Shepherd, a minister to the needs of God's people as a living icon of the one Great High Priest, our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### *The Formal Job Description*

With that said as a prelude, the practical role of the Priest is outlined in the Regulations of the Archdiocese in Article 17, as follows:

“The Priest by virtue of his canonical ordination and assignment heads and administers the Parish and exercises on its behalf the priestly duties, which consist in shepherding the Parish entrusted to his care, directing its orderly life, preserving its unity and keeping it faithful to its divine purpose. He shall sanctify his parishioners through the administration of the sacraments and the performance of all other prescribed services of worship. He shall also proclaim the Gospel and impart knowledge of the doctrines, traditions, canons and disciplines of the Church. Further, he shall guide the growth and progress of the Parish in the Christian life through the performance of his pastoral duties. Priests are accountable to their respective Hierarchy and will submit a report of their ministry to him at least annually. The Eparchial Synod shall determine the format for these reports.”

#### *The Priesthood in Practice - Tension and Truth*

The idea that the Priest is set apart from the Faithful often results in a troubled relationship between the Priest and the Faithful. It is common to see the Priest as a guru or judge, an adversary or spoil sport, a *naïf* or hypocrite, a cut-rate therapist or a fixer of last resort, an employee or a boss, an outsider or an insider. But ultimately, the Priest is simply a fellow-traveler on the path of salvation, a father, a listening ear, a voice of conscience, encouragement, comfort, and counsel. He cannot fix anything, but he can help us all to stand with the Lord and to face the storms that come to us in this life. Even in his most “separated” function at the Holy Altar, he is simply an image to us of what we are all to do with the lives that the Lord has given to us: to turn toward the Lord and offer all that we have and all that we are to Him.

There are, of course, particular tasks that are common for a Priest. It is normal on any day for a priest to visit the sick, bury the dead, meet the Faithful for counsel or catechesis, bless homes, support parents, hear confessions, and hold or attend meetings to bring the Faithful together for the work of the Church.

In all of this, the Priest can help us to walk on the path of salvation, but he *cannot* walk it for us. If we're not sure what this looks like, the best thing to do is simply to speak to our priest, and ask if there is any help or guidance that he can give to us. Asking this question places us under no obligation to act on his guidance, but we may well be surprised what we find. We may ask the Priest for help, and find that he is simply able to listen to and validate our pain, stand and grieve with us as we mourn, rejoice with us when we celebrate, and pray with us when we do not know where to turn or what to do. But the greatest role of the Priest is to assure us that we are not alone; not because the Priest is with us (although he will try to be), but because our Lord is with us all, and the Priest, as a very imperfect icon of the Lord, bears witness to that beautiful truth.

For me, then, it is a deep blessing and a sacred responsibility to serve this community as the parish priest. I am honored to walk this path of salvation with all of you, and pray that the Lord will continue to grant us His love, His wisdom, and His mercy in all things.

With love in Christ,  
+Fr. Anthony Cook

# ANNUNCIATION

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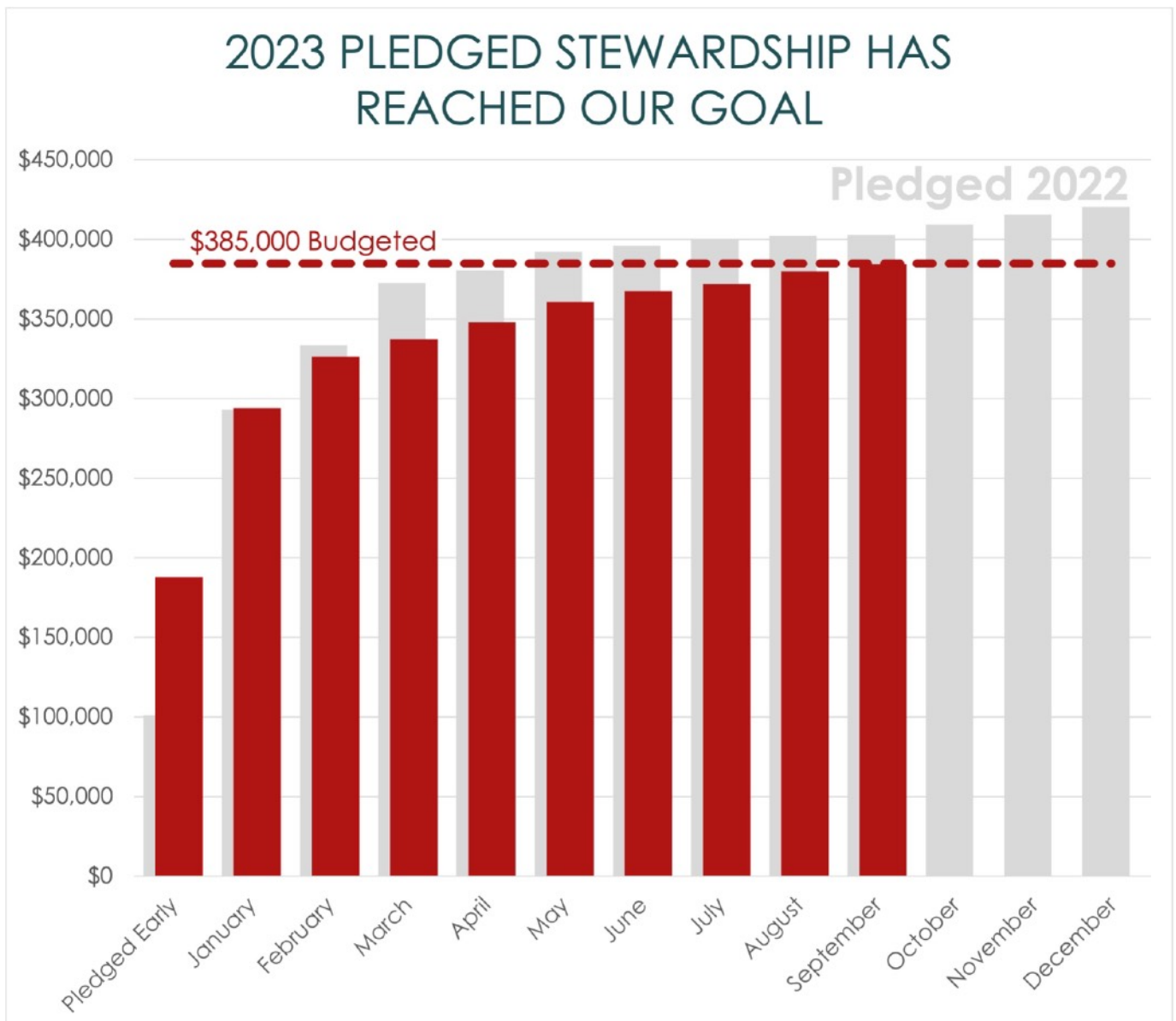
## STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

On behalf of the Stewardship Committee and Parish Council, we'd like to thank the Parish community for their commitment to Stewardship this past year. We've reached our 2023 budgeted goal of \$385,000 pledged stewardship, which is a great achievement with three months remaining in the year!

As we turn our focus to the 2024 Stewardship Campaign, our goal will be \$400,000 - something we have achieved as a parish the last two years (2021-2022), and now believe we will reach in 2023 as well. There are also a few key dates we'd like to highlight:

- **November 12** - Parish Council Elections - 2024 Pledge cards will be available at the election voting area for anyone interested in picking one up to bring back later, or to complete and return to our bookkeeper Brenda Day.
- **November 19** - Stewardship Sunday - 2024 Pledge cards will be distributed to the congregation to prayerfully consider their 2024 pledge amount
- **December 10** - Stewardship Sunday - 2024 pledge cards will be returned and offered by the congregation and blessed by Fr. Anthony after Divine Liturgy

Please remain vigilant on making stewardship payments for the remainder of the year - thank you again for your dedication to our parish!



	Oct 29- Nov 4	November 5-11	November 12-18
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>29 7th Sunday of Luke</b> ✠ John 21:1-14 Galatians 2:16-20 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy Catechism School after communion 11:30am Coffee Hour	<b>5 5th Sunday of Luke/ Youth Sunday</b> ✠ Luke 16:19-31; Galatians 6:11-18 8:15a Orthros/9:30aLiturgy/Catechism School after communion 11:30am Coffee Hour: Philoptochos Annv. 12pm GOYA Meeting	<b>12 8th Sunday of Luke</b> ✠ Matthew 28:16-20; II Corinthians 9:6-11 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy Catechism School after communion Veteran's Day Remembrance 11:30am Coffee Hour/PC Elections 12:15pm Third Full Practice-Holy Wednesday Kids Group
<b>Monday</b>	<b>30 The Holy Martyrs Zenobius and His Sister Zenobia</b> Colossians 2:13-20; Luke 11:29-33 6pm Pumpkin Glow 5:30pm Greek School-Virtually only 7pm Adult Catechism (Zoom) 9pm GOYA Book Club (Zoom)	<b>6 Paul the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople</b> Colossians 2:13-20 Luke 11:29-33 5:30pm Greek School 7pm Adult Catechism (Zoom)	<b>13 John Chrysostom</b> ❖ John 10:1-9; Hebrews 7:26-28;8:1-2 9am Orthros 5pm Tutoring Program 5:30pm Greek School 7pm Adult Catechism (Zoom)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>31 Stachys, Andrew, Amplias, Apelles, Urban, Aristobulus &amp; Narcissus</b> Romans 16:1-16; Luke 11:34-41 6pm Pumpkin Glow	<b>7 33 Martyrs of Melitene</b> I Thessalonians 1:6-10 Luke 12:42-48	<b>14 Philip the Apostle</b> I Corinthians 4:9-16 John 1:43-51 11:30am Fellowship Lunch Bunch
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1 Cosmas &amp; Damian</b> ☩ Colossians 1:18-23 Luke 11:9-13 7pm Zoom Bible Study	<b>8 Synaxis of the Archangel Michael &amp; the other Bodiless Powers</b> ✠ ☩ Hebrews 2:2-10; Luke 10:16-21 8:15am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy 7pm Zoom Bible Study	<b>15 Nativity Fast Begins</b> I Thessalonians 4:1-12 Luke 15:1-10 7pm Zoom Bible Study
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>2 The Holy Martyrs Acindynos, Pegasios, Aphthonios</b> Colossians 4:2-9; Luke 11:47-54; 12:1 10am Philoptochos Meeting 6:30pm Choir	<b>9 Nektarius the Wonderworker, Metropolitan of Pentapolis</b> Ephesians 5:8-19; Matthew 4:25, 5:1-12 11:30am Young at Heart 6pm AHEPA/DOP Meeting 6:30pm Choir	<b>16 Matthew the Apostle &amp; Evangelist</b> ⚡ Romans 10:11-21;11:1-2 Matthew 9:9-13 6:30pm Choir
<b>Friday</b>	<b>3 Aceptsimas the Bishop, Joseph the Presbyter, &amp; Aeithalas</b> Colossians 4:10-18 Luke 12:2-12	<b>10 Erastus, Olympas, Rodion, Sosipater, Quartus, and Tertios</b> I Corinthians 4:9-16 Luke 13:31-35	<b>17 Gregory the Wonderworker &amp; Bishop of Neo-Caesarea</b> I Corinthians 12:7-11 Luke 16:15-18; 17:1-4
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4 Bishop Raphael Hawaweeny of Brooklyn</b> II Corinthians 5:1-10 Luke 9:1-6 4pm GOYA Corn Maze	<b>11 Menas of Egypt</b> II Corinthians 5:1-10 Luke 9:1-6 11am GOYA @ Kettering Backpack 3pm HOPE/JOY Event	<b>18 Plato the Great Martyr of Ancyra</b> ⚡ II Corinthians 11:1-6 Luke 9:57-62

• Fast Days Shaded ✠ Liturgy ❖ Other Service ⚡ fish/wine/oil allowed ☩ wine/oil allowed

	November 19-25	November 26-Dec 2	December 3-9
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>19 9th Sunday of Luke/ Stewardship Sunday</b> ✠ ↵ Mark 16:1-8; Ephesians 2:14-22 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy Catechism School after communion 11:30am Coffee Hour 5pm Feather Party	<b>26 13th Sunday of Luke</b> ✠ ↵ Mark 16:9-20; Ephesians 4:1-7 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy Catechism School after communion 11:30am Coffee Hour	<b>3 14th Sunday of Luke</b> ✠ ↵ Luke 24:1-12; Ephesians 5:8-19 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy Catechism School after communion Memorial: Gust & Ellie Bambakidis 11:30am Coffee Hour 12pm GOYA Meeting & Christmas Party
<b>Monday</b>	<b>20 The Forefeast of the Presentation of the Theotokos into the Temple</b> ↵ II Thessalonians 1:1-10; Luke 17:20-25 5:30pm Greek School 7pm Adult Catechism (Zoom)	<b>27 James the Great Martyr of Persia</b> ↵ I Timothy 1:1-7; Luke 19:37-44 5pm Tutoring Program 5:30pm Greek School NO Adult Catechism 9pm Goya Book Club	<b>4 Barbara the Great Martyr</b> ↵ Matthew 25:1-13; Galatians 3:23-29;4:1-5 5:30pm Greek School 7pm Adult Catechism
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>21 The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple</b> ✠ ↵ Luke 1:39-49, 56; Hebrews 9:1-7 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy 6:30pm Parish Council Meeting	<b>28 Stephen the New</b> ↵ I Timothy 1:8-14 Luke 19:45-48	<b>5 Sabbas the Sanctified</b> ↵ Luke 6:17-23 Galatians 5:22-26;6:1-2
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>22 Archippus the Apostle, Philemon the Apostle &amp; his wife, Apphia, Onesimos the Disciple of Paul</b> Philemon 1:1-25; Luke 18:15-17, 26-30 NO Zoom Bible Study	<b>29 Paramonus, Philumenus, and their 370 Companion Martyrs in Bithynia</b> I Timothy 1:18-20;2:8-15 Luke 20:1-8 7pm Zoom Bible Study	<b>6 Nicholas the Wonder-worker, Archbishop of Myra</b> ✠ ✧ John 10:1-9; Hebrews 13:17-21 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy-St. Nicholas 7pm Zoom Bible Study
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>23 Amphilochius, Bishop of Iconium</b> ↵ II Thessalonians 2:13-17;3:1-5 Luke 18:31-34 6:30pm Choir (may be cancelled due to Thanksgiving Day)	<b>30 Andrew the First-Called Apostle</b> ↵ Matthew 4:18-23 I Corinthians 4:9-16 6:30pm Choir	<b>7 Ambrose, Bishop of Milan</b> ↵ I Timothy 6:17-21; Luke 21:28-33 10am Philoptochos Christmas Luncheon 6:30pm Choir
<b>Friday</b>	<b>24 Our Holy Father Clement, Pope of Rome</b> Philippians 3:20-21;4:1-3 Luke 19:12-28	<b>1 Nahum the Prophet</b> I Timothy 4:4-8 Luke 20:19-26	<b>8 Forefeast of the Conception by St. Anna of the Most Holy Theotokos</b> II Timothy 1:1-2;8-18 Luke 21:37-38, 22:1-8
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>25 Catherine the Great Martyr of Alexandria</b> ↵ Matthew 25:1-13 Galatians 3:23-29;4:1-5	<b>2 Habakkuk the Prophet</b> ↵ Galatians 3:8-12 Luke 12:32-40	<b>9 The Conception by St. Anna of the Most Holy Theotokos</b> ↵ Galatians 4:22-27; Luke 8:16-21 11am GOYA at Kettering Backpack

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# PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

## *Upcoming Meeting*

Our next meeting will be **November 2** at 10am in the Athenagoras room.



## *Philoptochos Anniversary*

**Sunday, November 5** will be the celebration of Philoptochos 92nd Anniversary. Baskets for donations for the Patriarchate will be passed. Philoptochos will sponsor a light-lunch coffee hour that Sunday.

## *Membership Drive*

Renew your Philoptochos Membership! Consider gifting a membership! Our goal is to receive all 2024 membership by mid-January. Opportunities to hand-deliver your \$30.00 dues to Membership Chair, Kathy Spyrou, are at our Christmas Luncheon, January Vasilopita Luncheon or on Sundays through January. You may also place in Philoptochos box in lobby or mail to K Spyrou at 856 Princewood Ave. Dayton, Ohio, 45429. Please make sure to include Philoptochos Membership 2024 in the memo line of your check.

## *Parish-Wide Food Drive*

Philoptochos is sponsoring a food drive on Sunday, **November 5th** in conjunction with our anniversary celebration. Bins will be placed in the community center lobby for food collection.

Members can bring food items to the November 2 meeting. Food will be distributed to the Greene County Fish Pantry, With God's Grace Food Pantry and Miamisburg Helping Hands. We selected these food banks to reach a broad geography of need. Non-perishable and unexpired goods. Canned goods should have pull top openings. Needed items:

- Protein such as canned meats, peanuts, nuts, beef jerky
- Canned stew, peanut butter
- Gravy cans or packets (no glass jars)
- Soups with meat such as chili and stew
- Instant mashed potatoes (plain), rice
- Canned Vegetables and fruits
- Cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes
- Broth chicken, beef and vegetable
- Vegetable oil in plastic bottles
- Common Herbs and spices
- Cereal and Oatmeal, graham crackers, vanilla wafers
- Non fat dry, evaporated or soy milk (cans or powdered)

## *Veteran's Day*

Sunday, **November 12**, Philoptochos will honor our service men and women. If you have a current or former military member in your family or a friend, thank them for their commitment and service to our country. We owe our freedom to them. Chairs: Diane Briggs and Ruthann Zavakos.

## *November Community Care Ministry*

For 33 years, many Edison school children have been kept warm through the cold winter months because of your love and generosity. Decorate the Christmas tree in the Community Center lobby with hats and mittens. Monetary donations go towards the purchase of school uniforms. Put your donation in the red box in the lobby of the Community Center or send donations to CCM Treasurer, Connie Zavakos, 3437 Dahlia Drive, Dayton, OH 45449 with "Nov. CCM" in the memo line. Chairs: Katina Tsatalis and Nadine Shamma.

## *Save the Date: Christmas Luncheon December 7*

The Philoptochos Christmas luncheon is **Thursday, December 7** at the Moraine Country Club. See flyer in this newsletter for more information. Chairs: Maria Castleman and Mary Caudell.

## MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

### *Hannah's Treasure Chest in November*

**November 9** (1:00-3:00pm) only this month. Join us if you can Maria McFarland 937-409-9876



## GIVING ANGELS

Giving Angels is a program which helps local families living at or below the poverty level during the holidays.

Join Missions & Outreach and Philoptochos this holiday season and “adopt a child.” This year, we have asked for the names of five families. Look for our table in the community center during coffee hour and sign up to purchase gifts for a child or donate money and we will do the shopping! Last year, our Dayton community amazed us with their generosity. Let's continue this year!



## AHEPA & DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE NEWS

### *Upcoming Events*



- Please look in your email on details of our November meeting, our annual Christmas dinner on Tuesday, **December 12**, at Kohler's and an additional holiday get-together, wine tasting, at the Rumbleseat, Saturday, **December 2**.



- On Saturday, **December 16**, there will be a Christmas dinner-dance, coordinated by AHEPA. More details to follow.
- We have a fun evening planned for our annual wine and craft beer tasting, “Cheers and Beers” Friday, **January 19, 2024**.
- DOP is hosting for our community a guest speaker, Dr. Nickolas Pappas, professor of philosophy, to present on the Three Holy Hierarchs, on **Sunday, January 28, 2024**. Please see the flyer for more details.

At our monthly outreach at the Ronald McDonald House, we prepared breakfast and dinner with our Maids, for the families staying there. Please be on the lookout for our Maids of Athena upcoming fundraisers and how you might be able to support their efforts.

For our members, effective **January 9, 2024**, we will be returning to meet on the second Tuesday of each month.

Lastly, please remit your 2024 dues of \$45.00 to our Treasurer.

All ladies are warmly invited to join our Daughters of Penelope. Please contact Alexis Brun, (937) 219-0463, [agrkbksng23@gmail.com](mailto:agrkbksng23@gmail.com).

## SEEKING A NEW ANNUNCIATION INVESTMENT FUND BOARD MEMBER

Interested in serving the parish on the Annunciation Investment Fund Board? The Annunciation Investment Fund (AIF) is a fund of professionally managed parishioner contributions that is segregated from the Annunciation Church's operating funds. It is not used for day to day operations, salaries, or other items that should normally be funded by the Parish budget. The AIF exists to provide members of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox community of Dayton, Ohio a way to financially support the charitable, religious, Orthodox Christian-based cultural, and educational goals of the Church. If you would like to serve on this committee, please submit your name, a short bio, and your qualifications to Jim Haubrock by **December 14**.

# CATECHISM SCHOOL NEWS

*The 2023-2024 School Year!*

Catechism School continues! We have 77 students enrolled. Please watch for information about the Christmas Program in the coming weeks!

## *Meet Our Teachers:*

### **Pre-School “Cherubs & Angels”**

Lisa Panson & Pia Kanistros

### **Pre-K & Kindergarten**

Leah Derksen & Ariana Milanese

### **1st & 2nd Grades**

Lin Paslosky & Abeer Kaptan

### **3rd & 4th Grades**

Presvytera Elisabeth Cook

### **5th & 6th Grades**

Maria & Keith McFarland

### **7th & 8th Grades**

David Panson

### **9th & 10th Grades**

Michael Mastromichalis & Tom Federle

### **11th & 12th Grades**

Mary Jannides & Christa Bishop

## *Weekly Sunday Schedule:*

- **9:30am**, Divine Liturgy begins
- After the Gospel: Father Anthony preaches the Children’s Sermon; children sit on the solea/first pews
- After Holy Communion: Classroom lessons begin.
- **11:45am**, students are dismissed from class to join the coffee hour in the Community Center



## GREEK SCHOOL NEWS

Our Annunciation Dayton Greek school has been in session with 31 students. We are grateful for the continuous support of the Annunciation Investment Fund and AHEPA, who sustain our program.

Students and their families enjoyed our 16th annual Fall party at Hills and Dales Park to kick off the new school year. On October 23 we celebrate OXI Day and we are looking forward to the rest of the school year.

## HOPE/JOY EVENT

Join us on **Saturday, November 11** (3:00-5:00pm) at the church for a talk on charity, some arts & crafts, some games (Bingo with prizes!) AND bring hygiene products (shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, toothpaste, lotion....) to donate to Hannah’s Treasure Chest. Hope to see everyone! Let Maria McFarland know by November 1 if your child(ren) will be joining us.

## AIF MDSC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Annunciation Investment Fund has for many years has supported sending the youth of our Parish to Metropolis of Detroit Summer Camp by providing transportation and paying a portion of the camp fee. The AIF will now offer an opportunity to earn up to full camp expenses based on Catechism school attendance. The details are posted on the website under Organizations - Annunciation Investment Fund - MDSC Scholarship. The form is also available in the Catechism School office.

## 2023 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

There are five open positions for Parish Council. Each position will serve a three-year term starting January 2024. Elections will be held by secret ballot on **Sunday, November 12th** from 11:30am-1:00pm in the Athenagoras Room.



## ATTENTION YOUTH WORKERS: BACKGROUND CHECKS & TRAINING

It is that time of year - renewal of training is around the corner as well as some of us will have to renew our background checks. Please watch your email mailboxes for emails with instructions. They will not be from our local church - they will be from Safety Platform with Sterling Volunteers. Please pay attention to the directions in the emails and complete the training/background checks in a timely manner.

## YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON

Hope you can join us for our annual Thanksgiving luncheon on **Thursday, November 9** catered by The Spot and sponsored by AIF. We will play Bingo and have word games to expand our minds! See you on November 9 at 11:30.

## CHURCH DOORS FUNDING DRIVE

At the General Assembly last week, the Building & Maintenance Committee presented a plan for renewing the current doors of the Church for a cost of \$15,000. A generous family in our community has offered matching funds to cover half the expense of this work, so we are now soliciting donations from the rest of the community. We need to raise \$7,500, and our donor will then provide the other \$7,500. Please make your checks or donations payable to the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, and note "Church Doors" in the memo. We thank you all for your generosity! This will free up parish funds for our many other pressing needs.

## SAVE THE DATE - ADVENT RETREAT AT ST. PAUL'S

On **December 2**, St. Paul Orthodox Church will be hosting an advent retreat with Fr. Stephen Freeman. Participation is free, and all are welcome! Watch for more information!

## 2023 CHRISTMAS CARD & FLOWERS

### Community Christmas Card

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. We invite every family to participate and have your name included in this year's Community Christmas Card. A minimum donation of \$20 is required to include your name on this attractive card.

### Christmas Flowers

Also, many of you look forward to donating flowers for the Nativity/Christmas season. We are accepting donations of \$20 for flowers. Thank you!

Sign up forms are available on the information table in the Community Center and one is included below:

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Christmas Flowers/Christmas Card Donations

Fresh Flower Donation:      Christmas Card Donation

(\$20) \_\_\_\_\_      (\$20) \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Names to be listed in the Christmas Card:

\_\_\_\_\_



## Feather Party



Church Memorial Center

(Dayton – Annunciation Greek Church)

Sunday, November 19th at 5:00 pm SHARPI

### PRIZES



A fun filled, casual night for all



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

### Church Fundraiser



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

### Family Fun



# It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year



to gather together at our annual **PHILOPTOCHOS MEMBERSHIP CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

December 7, 2023  
Social Hour ~ 11:00  
Lunch Served ~ Noon



Moraine Country Club

**Featured Menu**

*Choice of Entree*  
Tuscan Holiday Salmon, Pan-Seared with Tuscan Tomato Cream & Wilded Spinach; Yukon-Basil Mashed Potatoes; Garlic Herb Roast Vents

OR

(vegetarian)  
Spinach-Grylore Quiche; Stomped Seasoned Broccoli; Garlic Herb Roast Vents

**Dessert**  
Moraine Christmas Nkt Ball; Popovernut Ice Cream, Toasted Peans, Hot Fudge, Whipped Cream, Cherry

*Children*  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Fruit Cup

*Full Cash Bar Service*

Final Reservations are Sunday, November 19  
Cash or check payable to **Phloptochos**, with choice of entree - \$35.00 - Child \$12.00  
Reservation contact is Mary Caudell, 937-836-7379

Monetary donations, for a "drawing" of a leather Michael Kors Laney Tote Bag, will go towards our Family Christmas Project. We also welcome 2024 Membership Dues: \$30.00

*Do everything in love. 1 Corinthians 16:14*



# WINTER FAMILY GALA

On December 16, 2023, the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, with support from the AIF, proudly presents a Winter Family Gala. Doors open at 5 pm with appetizers, dinner served at 6 pm, with fresh carved prime rib, seared salmon & pasta buffet, along with lots of Greek desserts and an open bar. Music & dancing to follow, with music by The George Karras Greek Band, & Michael Dow as D.J.

20 years and under are free; for ages 21 & up, tickets are \$25, and must be purchased in advance. No tickets will be sold on the night of the event. Table reservations are encouraged & available. Order Tickets at [daytonannunciation.org](http://daytonannunciation.org) by clicking on the "Donation/Make a Payment" tab, or contact Nick Regopoulos at [rego4nick@aol.com](mailto:rego4nick@aol.com) for more information. Tickets can also be paid with a check during coffee hour. Make checks payable to: "Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church" w/"Winter Family Gala" on the memo line. Please specify who will be attending, including all free guests under age 20.

IT WILL BE A NIGHT TO REMEMBER! WE HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE!



January 28, 2024

Join Greek School, AHEPA and DOP to celebrate

THE THREE HIERARCHS

Patron Saints of Education



Following Divine Liturgy and a complimentary lunch, Dr. Nickolas Pappas will be speaking on

A workout for the Soul

Γυμναστική για την ψυχή

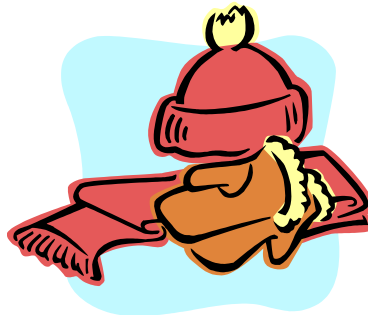
Dr. Nickolas Pappas received his PhD from Harvard University in 1987, was a professor at Hollins College and currently is at City College of New York as a professor of Philosophy.

Invite your church friends and enjoy lunch and a speaker!

This event is possible by the generosity of AIF

# PHILOPTOCHOS

**It's time to decorate the tree.....**



## SCARVES, HATS & GLOVES BENEFITING EDISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

***Monetary Donations used to purchase School Uniforms***

**Checks payable: 'November CCM'  
Connie Zavakos, 3437 Dahlia Drive, Dayton, OH 45449**

## NOVEMBER COMMUNITY CARE MINISTRY

***\*Larger Sizes for Boys & Girls Appreciated\****

Katina Tsatalis & Nadine Shamma



## SERVICES & EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

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

### ***November 2***

Philoptochos Meeting at Church, 10 am

### ***November 4***

GOYA at Tom's Corn Maze, 4pm

### ***November 8 - Synaxis of the Archangels***

Orthros, 8:15am/Liturgy, 9:30am

### ***November 9***

Young at Heart Lunch, 11:30am

Missions & Outreach at Hannah's Treasure Chest, 1pm

AHEPA/DOP Meeting , 6pm

### ***November 9***

GOYA at Kettering Backpack, 11am

### ***November 12***

Parish Council Elections after Liturgy

### ***November 13 - St. John Chrysostom***

Orthros ONLY @ 9am

### ***November 14***

Ladies Fellowship Lunch Group, 11:30am

### ***November 19***

Feather Party, 5pm

### ***November 21 - Entrance of the Theotokos***

Orthros, 8:15am/Liturgy, 9:30am