



THE TRUE VINE

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BLESS THE CROWN OF THE YEAR!



Rev. Fr. Anthony Cook

Beloved in the Lord,

Merry Christmas, and a happy New Year to all of you!

This tradition of marking the passage of time with the celebration of a new year is an ancient one, reaching back beyond written history. As human beings, we are deeply conscious of the passage of the seasons, and of the milestone achieved as we return once more to seasons that we have experienced before. Oftentimes these come to be associated with particular memories, so that (to give an example that is particularly vivid for me) we feel a lifting of our spirits in the spring, as the smells and the feel of the air and the color of the light all remind us years past, of the lifting of the burden of winter, of the joy of Pascha and the Lord's Resurrection, and other milestones that often come in the spring, whether graduations, weddings, other celebrations.

New Year's has a different feel, of course; the celebration falls squarely between the Church's celebrations of the Lord's Birth and His Baptism, and therefore the theme of the period is His Incarnation, as He renews our nature and grants healing and life to all the Creation. The chill in the air, the short and dark days, and the falling of snow mingle with our Feasting in the home with our loved ones to establish a profound and tremendously strong seasonal memory. Beyond the memories, however, as we celebrate the Lord's renewal of our nature, we often take the opportunity to renew our own commitment to a path of wholeness and peace. I therefore pray that whatever New Year's resolutions we have all made may be blessed and prospered by the Lord, so long as they advance our progress in His Kingdom. Behold, the Lord does indeed make all things new - may we be renewed in His life and love and glory.

Sacramental Summary So Far

We noted last month that the Church does not, in fact, limit the number of Her Sacraments to be only seven. The Eucharist, Baptism, Chrismation, Confession, Holy Unction, Marriage and Ordination are certainly central to the life of the Church, but we also observe the Sacraments of the Blessing of the Waters, the Consecration of a Church, the Burial of a Christian, the Tonsuring of a Monastic, and the Anointing and Consecration of a Monarch. We discussed the Blessing of the Waters last time, and will proceed with the Consecration this month. It is certainly fitting that we should do so, as the blessing of the physical space in which we live is deeply connected to the consecration of a space and a building as a Temple in which we worship and commune with our Lord.

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

December 23, 2023

Ammon, Jessie, & Samuel Walker

Funerals

December 22, 2023

Jimmy Reis

40 Day Blessings

December 10, 2023

Michael, son of Michael & Kristina Kontos

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>

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 is Needed for a Church's Consecration

When a church temple is consecrated, there are three items that are used in the Consecration, and all of them are connected to the other Sacraments: Holy Water, Chrism, and the Relics of the Saints. We have, of course, discussed Holy Water and Chrism, but the Relics of the Saints has not been part of our consideration of the Sacraments thus far, at least not overtly. But if we consider rightly, then we realize that the Relics of the Saints are fundamentally connected to the Sacraments at large, since the point of everything else that we bless and sanctify is the sanctification of human beings, and we, ourselves, become a living Sacrament as we receive the Lord in the Sacraments and become Christ-bearers wherever we go in life. The Relics of the Saints are the very matter of transfigured humanity, of the Creation in proper communion with our Creator, and it is for this reason that Churches have always been founded upon the graves of the Saints where possible, and where not possible, the Relics of the Saints have been brought to wherever the Church building is established, so that the Holy Altar may indeed be established upon the foundation of the Lord's transfiguring work in His People.

The Order of Consecration

When the day of Consecration arrives, there are preparatory services the night before, but the pivotal moment arrives the next morning with the Consecration Divine Liturgy. Details can be found here (<https://www.goarch.org/-/service-church-consecration>), but in essence, the Relics of three saints are processed three times around the Church, in a manner similar to the triple procession of a newly baptized Christian around the font. Then they are brought inside the Church, where they are placed upon and then sealed inside the Holy Table. After they have been placed there, the Altar is washed with Holy Water and soap, is dried off, and is then anointed with Holy Chrism. After it has been anointed, the Holy Table is vested in linen and then with the normal Altar Covering, and the Hierarch proceeds to anoint the four walls of the Church and every surface with Holy Chrism, after which the Vigil Lamp is lit and placed on the Holy Table, to burn as long as the Church remains. With that, the Divine Liturgy continues until its end.

Our Church's Consecration

The Annunciation Church in Dayton was consecrated on October 6, 1985 by Archbishop Iakovos together with Bishop Timothy of Detroit, with the assistance of Fr. Stratton Dorozenski, Fr. Jerry Tasikas, & Fr. Philemon Payiatis, as well as Fr. Nickolas Tsaknides and Fr. Dean Gigikos, who grew up in the parish. The three saints whose relics were placed within the Holy Table are three unnamed martyrs from the monastic fathers of Raithu, near the shore to the south of the Sinai Peninsula, who were martyred on December 22nd in the mid-400's. Their feast-day is January 14th, and their Apolytikion is as follows:

O God of our Fathers, ever dealing with us according to Your gentleness: take not Your mercy from us, but by their entreaties guide our life in peace.

As we worship the Lord in this place, we pray that, by their intercessions, and those of all the saints, we may be transformed, like them, in the likeness of the glory and love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

With love in Christ,
+Fr. Anthony Cook

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	Dec 31-Jan 6	January 7-13	January 14-20
Sunday	31 Sunday after Nativity ✠ Mark 1:1-8; II Timothy 4:5-8 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy NO Catechism School 11:30am NO Coffee Hour	7 Synaxis of John the Baptist ✠ John 1:29-34; Acts 19:1-8 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy Catechism School after communion 11:30am Vasilopita Luncheon	14 Theophany Leavetaking ✠ John 20:19-31; Acts 19:1-8 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy Catechism School after communion 11:30am Coffee Hour 12pm Catechism School Teacher Meeting 12pm GOYA meeting
Monday	1 Circumcision of Our Lord Jesus Christ John 10:1-9; Colossians 2:8-12 9am Orthros (St. Basil) NO Adult Catechism Office Closed-New Years Day	8 Afterfeast of Theophany Romans 6:3-11; John 3:22-33 11am House Blessings: Centerville - Bellbrook - Waynesville 5pm Tutoring Program 5:30pm Greek School Vasilopita NO Adult Catechism	15 Paul of Thebes Galatians 5:22-26;6:1-2 Luke 12:32-40 5:30pm Greek School 7pm Adult Catechism
Tuesday	2 Sylvester, Pope of Rome; Seraphim of Sarov Hebrews 5:4-10 John 3:1-15	9 Peter of Sebaste II Timothy 2:1-10; Mark 1:9-15 11am House Blessings: Centerville - Bellbrook - Waynesville 6pm AHEPA/DOP Meeting	16 Veneration of Apostle Peter's Precious Chains ;Acts 12:1-11; John 21:14-25 11am House Blessings: Dayton - Clayton - Englewood 6:30pm Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday	3 Malachi the Prophet I Timothy 3:13-16;4:1-5; Matthew 3:1-6 10am Philoptochos Meeting 7pm Zoom Bible Study	10 Gregory of Nyssa Ephesians 4:7-13; Luke 3:19-22 11am House Blessings: Kettering - Oakwood 7pm Zoom Bible Study	17 Anthony the Great ✠ ☩ Matthew 11:27-30; Hebrews 13:17-21 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy 7pm Zoom Bible Study
Thursday	4 Synaxis of the 70 Apostles I Corinthians 4:9-16; John 1:18-28 10am Philoptochos Meeting (Athenagoras Room) 6:30pm Choir	11 Theodosius the Cenobiarch Luke 6:17-23; Hebrews 13:7-16 11am House Blessings: Kettering - Oakwood 6:30pm Choir	18 Athanasios and Cyril, Patriarchs of Alexandria John 10:1-9; Hebrews 13:7-16 11am House Blessings: Tipp City - Troy - Piqua - Sidney 6:30pm Choir
Friday	5 Eve of Theophany ✠ ✠ I Corinthians 9:19-27; Luke 3:1-18 9am Royal Hours of Theophany 6pm Vespertal Liturgy & Blessing of the Waters	12 Tatiana the Martyr of Rome Acts 18:22-28 John 10:39-42	19 Macarius the Great of Egypt Galatians 5:22-26;6:1-2 Matthew 9:1-8 6pm DOP Cheers & Beers
Saturday	6 The Theophany of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ ✠ Mark 1:9-11; Titus 2:11-14;3:4-7 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy 11am Great Blessing of the Waters	13 Martyrs Hermylus and Stratonicus Ephesians 6:10-17 Matthew 4:1-11	20 Righteous Euthymius the Great II Corinthians 4:6-15 Luke 6:17-23 2pm HOPE/JOY Event

• Fast Days Shaded ✠ Liturgy ✦ Other Service ⋈ fish/wine/oil allowed ☩ wine/oil allowed

	January 21-27	Jan 28-Feb 3	February 4-10
Sunday	21 12th Sunday of Luke ✠ John 21:14-25; Colossians 3:4-11 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy Catechism School after communion 11:30am Ful Luncheon (benefits IOCC) 12:15pm Fourth Full Practice - Holy Wednesday Kids Group - full	28 15th Sunday of Luke ✠ Matthew 28:16-20; I Timothy 4:9-15 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy Catechism School after communion 12pm AHEPA/Daughters/Greek School Luncheon	4 15th Sunday of Matthew ✠ Mark 16:1-8; II Corinthians 4:6-15 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy NO Catechism School-Godparents Sunday 11am Becky Pulos-Memorial (1 year) 11:30am Coffee Hour 12pm GOYA meeting
Monday	22 Timothy the Apostle II Timothy 1:3-8 Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30 5pm Tutoring Program 5:30pm Greek School 7pm Adult Catechism	29 Relics of St. Ignatius Hebrews 10:32-38; Mark 9:33-41 5pm Tutoring Program 5:30pm Greek School 7pm Adult Catechism 8:15pm GOYA Book Club	5 Agatha the Martyr Hebrews 11:17-31; Mark 9:42-50; 10:1 5:30pm Greek School 7pm Adult Catechism
Tuesday	23 Hieromartyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra Philippians 3:20-21;4:1-3 Mark 2:23-28; 3:1-5 11am House Blessings: Fairborn - Beaver creek - Xenia - Huber Heights	30 Synaxis of The Three Hierarchs John 10:9-16; Hebrews 13:7-16 11am House Blessings: Richmond, IN	6 Photius the Great, Patriarch of Constantinople John 10:1-9; Hebrews 7:26-28;8:1-2
Wednesday	24 Xenia, Deaconess of Rome Galatians 5:22-26;6:1-2; Matthew 14:22-34 7pm Zoom Bible Study	31 Cyrus & John the Unmercenaries I Corinthians 12:27-31;13:1-8; Matthew 10:1, 5-8 7pm Zoom Bible Study	7 Parthenius, Bishop of Lampsacus James 1:1-18;13:1-8; Mark 10:11-16 7pm Zoom Bible Study
Thursday	25 Gregory the Theologian ❖ John 10:1-9; Hebrews 7:26-28;8:1- 2 9am Orthros 11am House Blessings: Miamisburg - West Chester- Springboro 6:30pm Choir	1 Trypho the Martyr Romans 8:28-39; Luke 10:19-21 10am Philoptochos Meeting 11am House Blessings: Mason - West Chester - Middletown 5pm Orthros/6pm Liturgy 6:30pm Choir	8 Theodore the Commander & Great Martyr Ephesians 2:4-10; Matthew 10:16-22 6:30pm Choir
Friday	26 Xenophon & his Companions I Corinthians 3:9-17 Matthew 22:2-14	2 The Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple ⚡ Luke 2:25-32 Hebrews 7:7-17	9 Leavetaking of the Presentation of Our Lord James 2:1-13 Mark 10:24-32 6pm Speaker Series - Fr. Nicholas Louh
Saturday	27 Removal of the Relics of John Chrysostom John 10:1-9 Hebrews 7:26-28;8:1-2	3 Afterfeast of the Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple Hebrews 9:11-14 Luke 2:25-38	10 Hieromartyr Haralambos Luke 21:12-19 II Timothy 2:1-10 9:30am Speaker Series - Fr. Nicholas Louh

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

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PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS - JANUARY 2024

Happy New Year!!

Next Membership meeting

The first meeting of the year is January 4th at 10am. Following the meeting we encourage everyone to stay and help set up for Vasilopita Sunday.

Vasilopita Sunday

Vasilopita Sunday is January 7th. This annual event raises money for Saint Basil Academy through a silent auction of delicious homemade vasilopitas. The reservation deadline for the luncheon was December 17th. Please donate a homemade vasilopita for the auction. Contact Chris Makaritis at 937-433-0703 or cmakaritis@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you to Dena Inempolidis, Stacy Bambakidis, Cindy Keilholz and Harriett Ellis for chairing this event.

2024 Annual Dues

Membership fees are \$30 per year. You can mail your 2024 dues to Kathy Spyrou, Membership Chair, 856 Princewood Ave, Dayton, OH 45429 OR give it to her at church. Please write 2024 Philoptochos dues in the memo line on your check. We encourage you to fulfill dues by mid-January 2024.

2024 CCM Donations

Do you know how easy it is to contribute to our Philoptochos Community Care Ministries (CCM)? You can donate MONTHLY or ONCE a year to be divided among ALL the charities. Please make checks payable to: **PHILOPTOCHOS** and put “**CCM + the charity** or **ALL**” in the memo line. Checks can be put in the **RED BOX** in the community center OR mailed to Connie Zavakos, 3437 Dahlia Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45459.

The charities for 2024 are: St. Basil's Academy, Day of Caring, 4 Paws for Ability, Good Shepherd Ministries, Crayons for Classrooms, Blessing Bags for Homeless Veterans, Charity at Home and Edison School Hats and Mittens. If you have questions, please contact CCM coordinators: Diane Leakas (937-298-6858) or Renee Nicholas (937-901-2623). We still need a charity leader for April, Good Shepherd Ministries. Thank you in advance for your support.

Philoptochos Tidbits

- Name the states in the Detroit Metropolis: Ohio east of Columbus, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Michigan, Indiana, upstate New York.
- There are 36 active chapters in our Metropolis with 1850 members.
- There are 427 Philoptochos Chapters across the USA.
- There are over 25,000 members nationally.
- Philoptochos is the second largest women's philanthropic organization in the United States.
- We are a powerful group of women who know how to get anything done!!!!

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

Hannah's Treasure Chest Volunteer Opportunities in January

Thursday, January 11 (1:00-3:00pm)

Thursday, January 25 (9:00-11:00 am)

Join us! Any questions? Call Maria McFarland 937-409-9876

AHEPA & DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE NEWS

Upcoming Events

- We have a fun evening planned for our annual wine and craft beer tasting, “Cheers and Beers” Friday, **January 19, 2024**. See the flyer later in the *True Vine* for more information.
- 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 later 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.

CATECHISM SCHOOL NEWS

Happy New Year, 2024!

Classes resume on Sunday, January 7th.

We are your partners in your children's religious education...

- Attend the Divine Liturgy as a family
- Join Father Anthony as he preaches his weekly Youth Sermon
- After Holy Communion, students go to their classrooms.
- Classes are dismissed at 11:45

Youth Sunday

As we partner with families to prepare our youth for adulthood, we encourage students to participate in the various roles during the Divine Liturgy. On the first Sunday of each month, students can: stand in the Narthex greeting parishioners, bringing vigil candles to the iconostasis, sing in the choir, pass the tray, recite The Lord's Prayer, The Creed and more. Talk to your child's Sunday school teacher about your child's participation!

Join our Team!

We need substitutes and teachers! Let us know if you're interested in sharing your time and talent by emailing annunciationcatechismschool@gmail.com.

Thank you!

The Catechism school family wants to thank co-directors, Rebecca James and Rita Ronayne for their generous gifts of time and talent to produce and direct our beautiful children in the Christmas Program.

Upcoming Catechism School Dates to Remember:

- **February 4th:** Godparent Sunday (no classes). Students will attend the Divine Liturgy with their Godparents. Students will be bringing home invitations to send to their Godparents in early January. Please help them to send or email.
- **February 18th:** GOYA Basketball Tournament (no classes). Attend the Divine Liturgy as a family.

HOPE/JOY SWIM OUTING

Join us on Saturday, January 20 (2:00-4:00 pm) for swimming and fellowship.

Goldfish Swim School is located at 671 Lyons Rd 45459.

Details and RSVP in the group chat.

Any questions ?- Maria McFarland 937-409-9876

ATTENTION YOUTH WORKERS

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.

SPEAKER PROGRAM - FR. NICHOLAS LOUH

A Spiritual Weekend Retreat With Rev. Dr. Nicholas G. Louh - February 9 & 10

On Feb 9 & 10, our parish will host a weekend retreat with Fr. Nicholas Louh. He will speak on strengthening our Families, our Parish, and our Faith. Details may be found on the flyer on later in the True Vine. Please save the date now, and RSVP by Feb 2nd. We hope and pray for a full house, and are inviting our neighboring parishes, so don't delay if you want to save your seat.

For some background, Rev. Dr. Nicholas Louh was born in Jacksonville, FL where he was raised as a member of St. John the Divine Greek Orthodox Church, the same church he has served as a senior pastor since 2007.

He has two weekly podcasts on Ancient Faith Radio. **Healthy Souls** and **Live with the Louh's**, where he is joined by his wife Dr. Roxanne, a licensed clinical psychologist. Together they have written the book, *Renewing You; A Priest, a Psychologist and a Plan.*

His daily inspirational messages on social media have attracted thousands of followers from all over the world. Father Louh is a dynamic speaker who will host three sessions on February 9 and 10, 2023. He will discuss how to strengthen our families, our parish and our faith. This is a retreat you don't want to miss.

Want to learn more about Father Louh? Click on the link to his website where you will be directed to Ancient Faith Radio podcasts and a link to subscribe to messages.

<https://thelouhs.com/>

Please see the attached flyer later in the *True Vine* for more information and to make reservations.

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.

The [Church Door Restoration Fund](#) is now available through our Church website. You can use the direct link provided above, or go to <https://www.daytonannunciation.org/> and find the Church Door Restoration Fund under the Donate/Make-a-payment tab at the far right of the top menu bar.

HOUSE BLESSINGS 2024

In the season of Theophany, we celebrate the Great Blessing of the Waters on the day of the Feast, and by ancient tradition, the priest then visits the homes of the Faithful, blessing and purifying our homes by the sprinkling of the Holy Water. This sets our homes apart from the world at large as extensions of the sacred space of the Church, dedicated to the service of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In this way, our homes themselves become beacons of the light of the Lord, shining so all who surround us can see the Lord's love in us and give glory to Him.

We invite you to take part in this sacred renewal of our homes and our lives. Below are the dates and times Fr. Anthony will be in your area to bless homes. Please complete the 2024 House Blessing Request Form by following this link: <https://forms.gle/hNLBcZ45BdoF6ppT7>.

Below is a list of things to have ready for Father when he comes to visit (placed on the kitchen counter or dining room table):

- an icon
- a list of names of the people living in the house
- Optional: Bowl of water and a lit candle

Due to the number of blessings, specific time requests may not be possible. Those who can be home during the day, please schedule morning hours. Lastly, as in previous years, a male parishioner or parish council member will be present with Fr. Anthony at house blessings.

House Blessing Dates/Times for 2024

- Centerville - Bellbrook - Waynesville (**January 8, 11am-9pm; January 9, 11am-9pm**)
- Kettering - Oakwood (**January 10, 11am-6pm; January 11, 11am-7pm**)
- Dayton - Clayton - Englewood - Vandalia (**January 16, 11am-5pm**)
- Tipp City - Troy - Piqua - Sidney (**January 18, 11am-7pm**)
- Fairborn - Beavercreek - Xenia - Huber Heights (**January 23, 11am-8pm**)
- Miamisburg - West Carrollton - Springboro (**January 25, 11am-6pm**)
- Richmond, IN (**January 30, 11am-4pm**)
- Mason - West Chester - Middletown - Cincinnati (**February 1, 11am-3pm**)

Please use the following link to sign up for a house blessing. The deadline to sign up for a house blessing visit it is January 6. <https://forms.gle/hNLBcZ45BdoF6ppT7>.

If you are unable to be home for Father's visit because of a scheduling conflict, or an illness, please contact the church office at office@daytonannunciation.org or 937-224-0601.

2023 ELECTION RESULTS

On Behalf of the Elections Committee we are pleased to announce the results of the 2023 Parish Council elections.

Elected to the parish council for the next 3 years are: Sophia Angelopoulos, Bill Alimonos, Andrea Casey, Nick Toliias, & Connie Zavakos

Congratulations to all of them, and thanks from the entire community to all of those who have been willing to serve, and especially to Matt McAlpine, Nick Regopoulos, & Stacy Tipler, as they rotate off the Parish Council.

THANKS FROM THEONA!

On behalf of myself and family, I express my sincere "Thank you!" for your prayers, cards, and phone calls since my surgery. Our parish family is truly a loving and caring community. Blessings to all

– *Theona Russell*

Grow Our Philoptochos Membership in 2024



Did you know, our Dayton Philoptochos Chapter has donated over \$208,000 to local and national charities over the past 5 years? In 2022 alone, we donated over \$21,000 to local Dayton charities.

Philoptochos is a group of like-goaled women who participate in worthwhile efforts to help others in need. We raise awareness of a different charity each month through hands-on work, financial support and spiritual involvement. This is in addition to the numerous charities we support through the National and Metropolis Philoptochos organizations.

We encourage you to become a part of what we do! We seek Orthodox women from our parish, 18 & older, willing to make a difference in the Dayton Community and beyond. The mission of Philoptochos is to lessen human suffering and minister to those impoverished financially, emotionally and spiritually. Even if you work full time or are busy with family, there are many ways you can be active and help those in need. We communicate by email – if you can't attend the meetings, you can still be informed and involved, as much as you are able.

Membership fees are \$30 per year. You can mail your 2024 dues to Kathy Spyrou, Membership Chair, 856 Princewood Ave, Dayton, OH 45429 OR give it to her at church. Please write *2024 Philoptochos dues* in the memo line on your check. We encourage you to fulfill dues by mid-January 2024.

We look forward to a rewarding year of philanthropy. At present, we have 128 members in our Dayton Chapter of Philoptochos. It takes each and every one of us to make a difference in the lives of others. Please join us in fulfilling our goals in 2024 and beyond.

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” (1 Peter 4:10)

**IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR
TO CELEBRATE OUR VASILOPITA LUNCHEON
ON JANUARY 7, 2024.
Bakers are needed to make the Vasilopitas
for our silent auction.**

**Last year we had 37 pitas and it was a fantastic
fund-raiser.**

**Please notify Chris Makaritis 937-433-0703 or
cmakaritis@sbcglobal.net.**

Have a great Holiday Season!



Cheers and Beers



Daughters of Penelope Annual Beer and Wine Tasting

Join Us

Friday, January 19, 2024, 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

500 Belmonte Park North (Next to the Dayton Art Institute)

\$40 Per Person

(Advanced purchase receives an entry to win a gourmet gift)

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BEERS



Serving:

Generous portions of wine & beer

An abundant tasting menu

3

WINES



Greek
Desserts



Coffee

Sparkling
water

Fruits &
Sweets

Chance drawings for A 50/50 Raffle & Door Prizes

Drinks provided by: The Market



FUL Luncheon Fundraiser

**HELP SUPPORT GAZA and the Families of the
Orthodox Church of Saint Porphyrius in Gaza**

Sunday, Jan 21st

Immediately After Coffee Hour

All Proceeds will go to the IOCC Emergency Relief Fund

Orthodox Church of Saint Porphyrius in Gaza



Destruction of the Orthodox Cultural Center Gaza



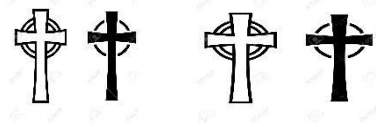
Archbishop Alexios of Gaza



ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

500 Belmonte Park North, Dayton, OH 45405

\$ 10 for Adults | \$ 6 for children up to 12



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



A Spiritual Weekend Retreat

*Strengthening
Our Families
Our Parish
Our Faith*

featuring

Rev. Dr. Nicholas G. Louh

Friday, February 9, 6:00 pm

Dinner – Session I

Saturday, February 10, 9:30 am

Coffee/Donuts/Bagels – Session II

Lunch – Session III

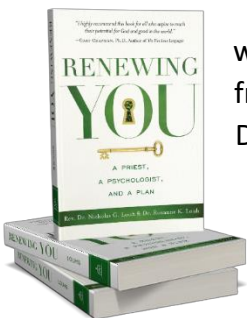
**Dayton Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
500 Belmonte Park North, Dayton, Ohio 45405**

Sponsored by Annunciation Speaker Committee and funded by AIF

Inviting our Dayton Parish Members, as well as Sister Parishes

**To ensure food preparation, please RSVP your interest of each session attending to
Cindy Keilholz, cinlamkeil@gmail.com or cell number 937-974-8841**

No later than February 2, 2023



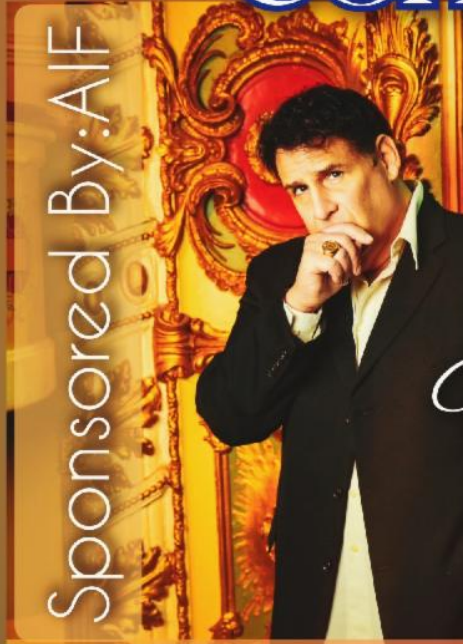
Father Nick will bring some books for signing. He and his wife, Dr. Roxanne Louh, have written the book, [Renewing You A Priest, a Psychologist and a Plan](#). Half of the proceeds from their books go to the American Cancer Society and half to his church, St. John the Divine GOC in Jacksonville, Florida.

Together, Fr. Nicholas and his wife co-host a weekly radio show on Ancient Faith Radio entitled “Live with the Louhs” on Tuesday at 8 p.m. In addition, they co-author daily inspirational messages through email and social media. You can register to receive these messages by going to their website thelouhs.com/subscribe. Visit and subscribe to their YouTube channel to discover sermons and more www.youtube.com/@TheLouhs



Basile The Comedian

Sponsored By: AIF



*Will be at
The
Annunciation
Greek Orthodox
Church in
Dayton, Ohio*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024

Doors open at 6:30pm
Show begins at 8pm

\$50 Per Person

\$350 For a Table of 8

*Price includes admission, light hors d'oeuvres
and 2 drinks*

Order Tickets at: daytonannunciation.org
(click on Donation/Make a Payment tab)

or call

937-224-0601/office@daytonannunciation.org

Limited Seating

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

My/Our pledge to the 20²⁴ Stewardship Campaign is:

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

To be paid: Weekly Monthly Quarterly Annually

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

Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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

*Our Church ...
Our*

Spiritual Home

Did you know?

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

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

Stewardship is faith in action.

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

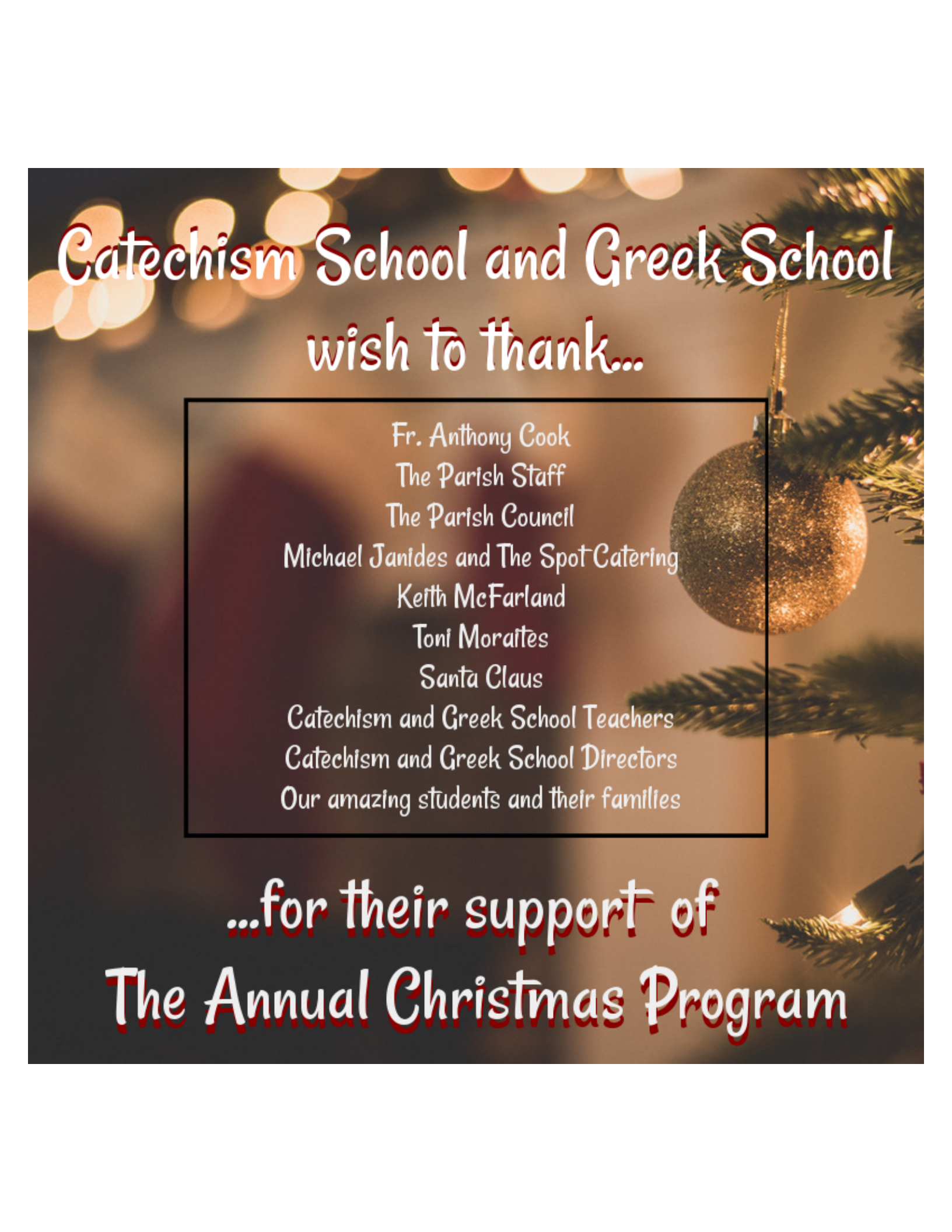
Please fill out the following information for our records

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____



Catechism School and Greek School
wish to thank...

Fr. Anthony Cook
The Parish Staff
The Parish Council
Michael Janides and The Spot Catering
Keith McFarland
Toni Moraites
Santa Claus
Catechism and Greek School Teachers
Catechism and Greek School Directors
Our amazing students and their families

...for their support of
The Annual Christmas Program

SERVICES & EVENTS FOR JANUARY

January 1

Orthros ONLY for St. Basil @ 9 am

January 4

Philoptochos Meeting @ 10 am

January 5

Vesperal Liturgy w/Blessing of the Waters @ 6 pm

January 6

Orthros/Divine Liturgy w/Blessing of the Waters at
8:15/9:30 am

January 7

Vasilopita Luncheon after the Divine Liturgy

January 9

AHEPA/DOP meeting @ 6 pm

January 16

Parish Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm

January 17

Orthros/Liturgy for St. Anthony @ 8:15/9:30 am

January 19

Daughters of Penelope - Cheers & Beers @ 6 pm

January 20

HOPE/JOY Event at Goldfish Swim School @ 2 pm

January 21

IOCC Ful Luncheon for Middle East Relief after
Liturgy

January 25

Orthros ONLY - St. Gregory the Theologian @ 9 am

January 28

AHEPA/Daughters/Greek School host Luncheon
with a Speaker to celebrate the Three Hierarchs after
the Sunday Liturgy