



THE TRUE VINE

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CROWN THEM WITH GLORY AND HONOR

Rev. Fr. Anthony Cook



Beloved in the Lord,

Happy Fall to you all! As we rejoice in the physical harvest of this year's abundance, we pray that the Lord will make us all a plentiful harvest of His Kingdom, and that we may labor together as fruitful & faithful workers in the Lord's vineyard here in this world.

Parish Informational Booklet Progress

Last month we summarized the many organizations and ministries that do this work of planting and nurturing and gathering the Lord's harvest in this parish of ours. This month, we will resume our journey through the Sacraments of the Church, and look at the Sacrament of Marriage. We have already discussed five Sacraments (Baptism, Chrismation, Eucharist, Unction & Confession). The next two Sacraments, Marriage and Ordination, are particular offices that are blessed and ordained by the Lord to serve the Church and sanctify this Creation.

Marriage - the Challenge of our Age

There is in these modern days a sad disconnect between the call of Christian marriage and the usual reality of romantic relationships between men and women. The divorce rate seems to climb ever higher as fewer and fewer couples choose to enter even into civil marriage, and cohabitation before marriage is now more the rule than the exception. The Church's call to chastity before and within marriage is considered by society to be an irrelevant and unrealistic relic of a primitive past, a set of prohibitions whose day is long gone. What is forgotten in the midst of all this is that the Christian understanding of marriage is not negative, but positive, focused not on prohibitions, but on a deep and fulfilling understanding of the blessings and fulfillment to be found in this reality of a man and a woman united in Christ. At the heart of this understanding is the reality of divine Love.

When love is spoken of in the modern world, it usually refers to the passionate feelings which bring two people together, the erotic and romantic desire to lose one's self in one another, or to acquire personal fulfillment and completion from one another. The strength of these feelings is real - but when they pass, or change, or come into conflict, as they inevitably do, too often a couple has nothing left binding them to one another, and the relationship comes to a painful end.

The Love of God

The Church's understanding of love, however is not limited to these passionate desires. They are included, of course, but they are only the beginning, and a healthy marriage must move far beyond these feelings that we call love into an active love that is characterized by sacrifice, growth, and maturity. The experience of the Church is that only by consistent action and sacrifice can the feeling of love be fulfilled and perfected over the years and decades that make up a marriage. In seeking to understand this, we look to the love of Christ for mankind throughout Scripture, but especially at its culmination at Pascha. In His self-offering in death on the Cross, our God and Bridegroom Jesus Christ unites Himself to His creation, restoring harmony

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

40 Day Blessing

September 24, 2023

Philomena Hickey, daughter of Elena Persico and Sean Hickey

Funerals

September 6, 2023

Stavro Ververis

September 30, 2023

Mary Searles

If you have announcements that you would like for us to include in the Community Updates above, please call or email the Church Office.

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>

and communion between Himself, our Creator, and us, His creation. In His glorious Resurrection, He reveals to us the prize won by His sacrificial love for us, as He grants to us, and to all Creation, the victory over death and the promise of everlasting life.

Christian marriage, then, is distinct from the committed union of a cohabiting couple, or even the contractual union of a civil marriage. In Christian marriage, the couple offers that mutual commitment and contractual union to Christ and His Church to be blessed and sanctified, and to receive a far higher calling. The Christian husband and the Christian wife are given an explicit exhortation & a manifest grace to love one another as Christ loves us.

The Ministry of Marriage

Indeed, when we consider the sacramental nature of Marriage, we do well to consider it as a type of Ordination. The priest, of course, is ordained to be a minister of the grace and the love of God to the local Body of Christ in particular and established ways, especially in the consecration and distribution of the Eucharist. In the same way, the husband and wife are ordained as ministers of the grace and the love of God, called to receive the Lord in the Eucharist and to bring His presence and love to one another, to the children which we pray will be the fruit of their union, and, as a Christian family, to the entire world.

It is this positive vision of Christian marriage which must be at the forefront of the minds of any who contemplate Marriage in the Orthodox Church. Marriage is both a call and a blessing, as two people in love are exhorted and empowered to become a living beacon of the love of God to the world. It is both a gift and a responsibility. In Marriage, as in each of the Sacraments of the Church, we encounter the living and loving Person of Jesus Christ. Marriage, then, is not merely an exotic, or romantic, or religious, or cultural ceremony; it is a critical moment of high significance and existential transformation, after which nothing can be the same again for those who enter into it.

Practical Matters - How to Prepare for Marriage

With that said about the purpose and nature of marriage, there are a number of practical matters that must be addressed. An Orthodox marriage requires the permission of our bishop, and that permission is not guaranteed. There are some impediments that can prevent a marriage, and many more which must be addressed before a marriage can be celebrated. Details may be found on the parish website (daytonannunciation.org/marriage). In summary, however, both bride and groom must be Christians, and at least one must be Orthodox in good standing. The same holds for the Koumbaroi (sponsors). Both must be free to marry, and unrelated either naturally or spiritually. Weddings are not permitted during major fasting periods, or on great feasts of the Church.

Each couple is also required to go through a marriage preparation course, under the direction of the parish priest. Couples should therefore make no firm plans for the wedding (especially they should spend no money to secure a date, or ask anyone to serve as their Koumbaroi) until they have consulted with him. Scheduling a meeting with him should be the first step after a couple becomes engaged to be married. The website above provides detailed guidelines and forms which a couple should fill out and submit as they schedule their meeting with the parish priest. If any item is unclear or not yet decided, they should leave the space blank, and discuss it with the parish priest during their meeting with him.

These guidelines are not arbitrary or meaningless; they are provided for the protection of bride and groom and the health of their marriage, so that we may all walk in peace on the way of salvation. We pray that the Lord will sustain us all in this!

With love in Christ,
+Fr. Anthony Cook

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| | October 1-7 | October 8-14 | October 15-21 |
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| Sunday | 1 2nd Sunday of Luke - Youth Sunday ✠ Luke 24:36-53; II Corinthians 6:16-18;7:1 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy Catechism School after communion 11:30am Coffee Hour 12pm GOYA Meeting & Game "night" | 8 3rd Sunday of Luke ✠ John 20:1-10;II Corinthians 9:6-11 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy Catechism school after Communion Memorial: Bill Zois 11:30am Coffee Hour 3pm HOPE/JOY Hayride | 15 Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council ✠ John 20:11-18;Titus 3:8-15 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy Catechism School after communion Memorial: James Ellis 11:30am Coffee Hour 12pm Catechism School Teacher Mtg. 12:15pm 2nd Practice for Youth Singers |
| Monday | 2 The Holy Hieromartyr Cyprian and the Virgin Martyr Justina I Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 6:24-30 5:30pm Greek School 7pm Adult Catechism (Zoom) | 9 James the Apostle, son of Alphaeus I Corinthians 4:9-16; Matthew 9:36-38; 10:1-8 5:30pm Greek School Picnic 7pm Adult Catechism (Zoom) | 16 Longinus the Centurion Philippians 2:12-15; Matthew 27:33-54 5:30pm Greek School 7pm Adult Catechism (Zoom) |
| Tuesday | 3 Dionysios the Areopagite Acts 17:16-34; Luke 6:37-45 | 10 Eulampius & Eulampia the Martyrs Philippians 1:8-14 Luke 8:1-3 | 17 Hosea the Prophet Romans 9:18-33 Luke 9:23-27 6:30pm Parish Council Meeting |
| Wednesday | 4 Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens Ephesians 5:25-33 Luke 6:46-49, 7:1 7pm Zoom Bible Study | 11 Philip the Apostle of the 70, one of the 7 Deacons Acts 8:26-39 Luke 8:22-25 7pm Zoom Bible Study | 18 Luke the Evangelist Colossians 4:5-11,14-18 Luke 10:16-21 7pm Zoom Bible Study |
| Thursday | 5 Charitina the Martyr Ephesians 5:33;6:1-9 Luke 7:17-30 10am Philoptochos Meeting 6:30pm Choir | 12 Probus, Andronicus, & Tarachus, Martyrs of Tarsus Philippians 1:20-27; Luke 9:7-11 11:30am Young at Heart Luncheon 6pm AHEPA/DOP Meeting 6:30pm Choir | 19 Joel the Prophet Acts 2:14-21; Luke 9:49-56 6:30pm Choir |
| Friday | 6 The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas 🕯 I Corinthians 4:9-16 John 20:19-31 | 13 Carpus, Papyrus, Agathodorus, & Agathonica, the Martyrs of Pergamus Philippians 1:27-30;2:1-4 Luke 9:12-18 | 20 Artemius the Great Martyr of Antioch II Timothy 2:1-10 Luke 10:1-15 |
| Saturday | 7 Sergius & Bacchus the Great Martyrs of Syria I Corinthians 15:39-45 Luke 5:27-32 | 14 Martyrs Nazarius, Gervasius, Protasius, & Celsus I Corinthians 15:58;16:1-3 Luke 6:1-10 | 21 Hilarion the Great II Corinthians 9:6-11 Luke 7:1-10 |

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

| | October 22-28 | Oct 29- Nov 4 | November 5-11 |
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| Sunday | 22 6th Sunday of Luke ✠ John 20:19-31; Galatians 1:11-19 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy Catechism School after communion NO Coffee Hour 12:30pm Fall General Assembly | 29 7th Sunday of Luke ✠ John 21:1-14; Galatians 2:16-20 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy Catechism School after communion 11:30am Coffee Hour | 5 5th Sunday of Luke ✠ Luke 16:19-31; Galatians 6:11-18 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy Catechism School after communion 11:30am Coffee Hour 12pm GOYA Meeting |
| Monday | 23 James (Iakovos) the Apostle, brother of Our Lord Galatians 1:11-19; Matthew 13:54-58 5:30pm Greek School NO Adult Catechism | 30 The Holy Martyrs Zenobius and His Sister Zenobia 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 | 6 Paul the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople Colossians 2:13-20; Luke 11:29-33 5:30pm Greek School 7pm Adult Catechism (Zoom) |
| Tuesday | 24 Arethas the Great Martyr and His Fellow Martyrs Colossians 1:1-3;7-11; Luke 11:1-10 | 31 Stachys, Andrew, Amplias, Apelles, Urban, Aristobulus & Narcissus Romans 16:1-16; Luke 11:34-41 6pm Pumpkin Glow | 7 33 Martyrs of Melitene I Thessalonians 1:6-10; Luke 12:42-48 |
| Wednesday | 25 The Holy Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius the Notaries Colossians 1:18-23; Luke 11:9-13 7pm Zoom Bible Study | 1 The Holy Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius the Notaries ☩ Colossians 1:18-23; Luke 11:9-13 7pm Zoom Bible Study | 8 Synaxis of the Archangel Michael & the other Bodiless Powers ☩ Hebrews 2:2-10; Luke 10:16-21 8:15am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy 7pm Zoom Bible Study |
| Thursday | 26 The Holy Great Martyr Demetrius the Myrrh-streamer Luke 21:12-19; II Timothy 2:1-10 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy 6:30pm Choir | 2 The Holy Martyrs Acindynos, Pegasios, Aphthonios Colossians 4:2-9; Luke 11:47-54; 12:1 10am Philoptochos Meeting 6:30pm Choir | 9 Nektarius the Wonderworker, Metropolitan of Pentapolis Ephesians 5:8-19; Matthew 4:25, 5:1-12 11:30am Young at Heart 6pm AHEPA/DOP Meeting 6:30pm Choir |
| Friday | 27 Nestor the Martyr of Thessaloniki Colossians 2:1-7 Luke 11:23-26 | 3 Acepsimas the Bishop, Joseph the Presbyter, & Aeithalas Colossians 4:10-18 Luke 12:2-12 | 10 Erastus, Olympas, Rodion, Sosipater, Quartus, and Tertios I Corinthians 4:9-16 Luke 13:31-35 |
| Saturday | 28 The Holy Protection of the Theotokos Luke 1:39-49, 56 Hebrews 9:1-7 | 4 Bishop Raphael Hawaweeny of Brooklyn II Corinthians 5:1-10 Luke 9:1-6 4pm GOYA Corn Maze | 11 Menas of Egypt II Corinthians 5:1-10 Luke 9:1-6 3pm HOPE/JOY Event |

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FESTIVAL NEWS *THANK YOU!*



We want to thank all of you that supported our very successful Fall Drive-Thru festival. To all our wonderful, hardworking volunteers from baking, cooking prep, and all during the festival days.

Let us first thank our great booth chairs that we could not have done this without all of them! They readily stepped in from the beginning when we decided to have a Fall drive thru festival with planning and finding their volunteers, and were there till the very end running their booths flawlessly!

An enormous thank you to our wonderful volunteers who signed up and gave 100% of their time and efforts to help ensure that orders were filled, packed correctly, and sent out the door quickly. We have had great feedback from our customers of how efficient the system ran and many had asked how they can volunteer for next year's festival!!

We have the best staff personnel and are SO thankful for them. They offered to work the entire weekend keeping the building clean and maintaining all equipment and various tasks. Our hearts are full of love for them, so a big thank-you to them as well.

This has been such a pleasure to run filled with fellowship, fun and food and serving our community!

Thank you all!

Fall Drive-Thru Chairs: *Leah Derksen, Christopher Milanese*

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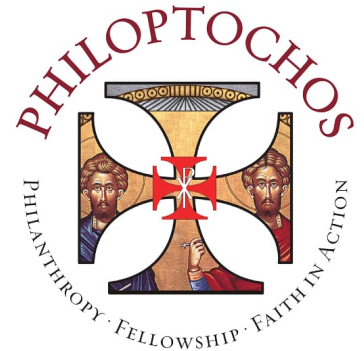
Upcoming Meeting

Our next meeting will be **October 5th** at 10am in the Athenagoras room.

October CCM: Charity at Home

Philoptochos has a Charity at Home Fund to help members of our own parish community who are in need. Each October we sponsor a Charity at Home fundraising drive through which donations can be made. Please consider adding your assistance.

If you, or a family member need help, please know that all information is kept in most strict confidence between the Priest, Philoptochos president and Philoptochos treasurer. For further information contact Philoptochos president Nikki Burns at nburns3278@gmail.com or Father Anthony Cook through the Church office.



You can mail a donation to the CCM Treasurer, Connie Zvakos, 3437 Dahlia Drive, Dayton, OH 45449. Please put Charity at Home in the memo line. Or you can also put your donation in the Philoptochos red box located on the table in the Community Center lobby.

Welcome New Members

Welcome to our new members Diane Leakas and Stephani King!

We welcome all ladies 18 or older to join Philoptochos. You may participate as little or as much as your time allows. It's a great way to get to know people better and provide rewarding services to others.

Coffee Hour

Our next coffee hours are **October 8 and November 5** (our Philoptochos Anniversary). Please contact Kim Moore at moorekim444@gmail.com if you are available to help.

Aprons available!

We have several tan and black Philoptochos aprons still available for \$25. Please see Cindy Keilholz if you are interested.

Mark Your Calendars

The Christmas luncheon is scheduled for **December 7** at the Moraine Country Club. More information to come.

Annual Philoptochos Convention

Nikki Burns, Cindy Keilholz and Connie Zvakos represented our chapter and the annual Philoptochos Convention held in Ann Arbor, MI September 21 - 23. Two projects were submitted for consideration of awards. We look forward to hearing about the convention and possible awards at our next meeting.

Thank You!

Congratulations to the entire parish for a successful 2023 Fall Drive Thru. Thank you to everyone who baked, cupped and packed pastries and worked the weekend in many different booths. At every event, Philoptochos women were there supporting our church. You are awesome!

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

Hannah's Treasure Chest in October

Join us **Thursday, October 12 (1:00-3:00 pm)** and **Thursday, October 26 (9:00-11:00 am)**. There are volunteer opportunities for all ages! Questions? See Maria McFarland - 937-409-9876.



HANNAH'S TREASURE CHEST



AHEPA & DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE NEWS

Daughters of Penelope

Congratulations to our 2023-2024 officers elected at our September meeting. Four officers were re-elected: Alexis Brun, President; Maria McFarland, VP; Mary Haritos, Recording Secretary; and Thomai Bessler, Treasurer. Our newly elected officer is Nicole Bacas, Corresponding Secretary.



Thank you to our Board of Governors, Committee Chairpersons and Maids of Athena Advisors! We also welcome two new Sisters to our Polydama Chapter. Congratulations on the newly elected officers for our Maids of Athena! Please be on the look out for their upcoming fundraisers and how you might be able to support their efforts.

Upcoming Events

- Next meeting is **Thursday, October 12** at the church at 6pm.
- Hosting coffee hour on **October 29**.
- AHEPA Christmas dinner **December 12** at Kohler Catering.
- 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**.
- DOP is hosting for our community a guest speaker on **Sunday, January 28** to present on the Three Holy Hierarchs.

Look for details as well on our tsourekia bread sales, serving at the Ronald McDonald House, and looking forward to planning a new outreach project(s) and fundraiser(s). 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.

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

Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year!

We kicked off the first day of Catechism School with an all-parish ice cream social! Thanks to all who joined us.

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

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

5th & 6th Grades

Maria & Keith McFarland

7th & 8th Grades

David Panson

9th & 10th Grades

Michael Mastromichalis & Tom Federle

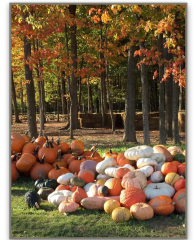
11th & 12th Grades

Mary Jannides & Christa Bishop



HOPE/JOY HAYRIDE

Join us for a hayride at Lucas Brothers Farm 3229 Ferry Rd Bellbrook on Sunday, **October 8 at 3pm**. HOPE/JOY children admission will be paid by AIF. All family members welcomed to join us, just purchase admission when arriving. Questions - see Maria McFarland maroudapap80@gmail.com.



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.

2023 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

There are five open positions for Parish Council. Each position will serve a three-year term starting January 2024. The list of eligible candidates will be presented at the **October 22nd** Fall General Assembly meeting. Elections will be held by secret ballot on **Sunday, November 12th** from 11:30am-1:00pm in the Athenagoras room.

The Parish Council is the administrative body of the parish elected by its stewards for the purpose of working together with the parish Priest in fulfilling the mission and goals of the church. Parish Council members serve as role models for parishioners and must take their ministry seriously. They should lead by example by attending Church and other parish events, and regularly participating in the sacramental life of the church. By doing so, they will have a powerful effect on the overall life of the community. Interested individuals may contact one of the following Nomination Committee members: Leah Derksen or Evan Bambakidis, or Father Anthony directly.

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON

Our fall luncheon will be **Thursday, October 12, 2023** at 11:30 am. What a great way to celebrate Christopher Columbus' voyage to the New World. The lunch is sponsored by AIF and catered by The Spot. Hope to see everyone



Feather Party

Church Memorial Center

(Dayton – Annunciation Greek Church)

Sunday, November 19th at **5:00 pm SHARP!**



PUMPKIN GLOW 2023: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

What has 2 crazy popcorn machines, hotdogs, delicious chili and a fun night for all? Our Pumpkin Glow Booth, of course!

On **October 30th & 31st**, the Annual Stoddard Avenue Pumpkin Glow will be happening and we need volunteers to make it a successful and fun evening. Volunteers are needed Monday during the day for booth set-up and Monday and Tuesday from 5pm-10:30pm for the event. Please contact Dena Inempolidis at dena.inempolidis@gmail.com or Stacy Bambakidis at smathios@aol.com for more information or to sign up. We will have candy!

PRIZES



A fun filled, casual night for all



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



Food/Baked Goods/ Pop Available for purchase



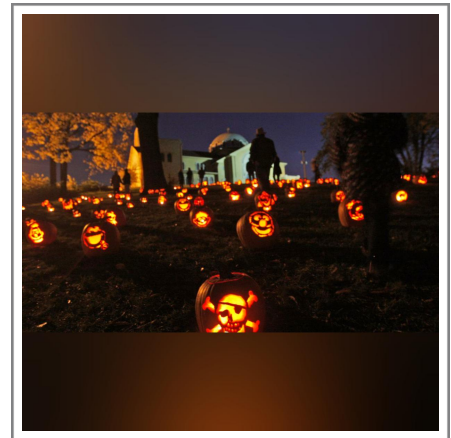
Prizes given throughout the night to game winners...including:

- Turkeys and Hams
- Pies from THE SPOT
- Wine from THE MARKET
- Gift Certificates
- Other Prizes include:
Large Screen TV, Electronic Tablet and many more

**Church
Fundraiser**

Fellowship

**Family
Fun**



COMMUNITY PHOTO PAGE: SEPTEMBER



Greek Fest Express 2023



New 2023 GOYA Officers



Hannah's Treasure Chest Volunteers



New Catechumens Annon & Jessie Walker



DOP Volunteers at Ronald McDonald House

SERVICES & EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

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

October 1

GOYA Meeting followed by Game "Night" after Divine Liturgy

October 5

Philoptochos Meeting at Church @ 10 am

October 9

Greek School Picnic @ 5:30 pm

October 12

Young At Heart Luncheon @ 11:30 am

AHEPA/DOP Meeting @ 6 pm

October 17

Parish Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm

October 22

Fall General Assembly (after Divine Liturgy)

October 26 - St. Demetrius

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

October 30

GOYA Book Club over Zoom @ 9 pm

October 30 & 31

Pumpkin Glow Booth, 6-9pm