

THE TRUE VINE

Beloved in the Lord,

As all of you know well, last year, 2021, was the 100th anniversary of the founding of our parish, and we have set this year apart for the celebration of that anniversary. With the conclusion of our renewed Festival in September, we have completed the last great event scheduled for that celebration.

Celebrating the Past

The celebration of 100 years of parish life has faced us both with great joys and with great challenges: great joys, because we have this opportunity to surround ourselves with the names and faces and successes of the past, but great challenges, because the responsibility of carrying the burden which they bore so well has now passed to us.

Attending to the Present

We have set aside this space in the *True Vine* this entire year to reflect on what we need to do to accept that responsibility and to fulfill it well. We summarized our necessary action with three priorities in the May True Vine, and they bear repeating:

1. Please come to Church, and please come on time
2. Please make time and space for our Lord Jesus Christ in your home and daily life.
3. Please take part in the ministries and life of the Church beyond Sunday.

Church Health Starts with Worship

We placed coming to Church as the first and most necessary priority because our worship of God is truly the center of our community life, and when we, as a community, do not set this first, then nothing else can be right. For this reason, we have dedicated the past several months to the consideration of what it is that we are doing when we gather to offer the Eucharist in our celebration of the Divine Liturgy each week. I pray that these reflections have been helpful, and will leave the matter aside for the present; ultimately, we must all continue to “learn by doing.”

Bringing Worship Home

If we set our Sunday morning worship apart as the “first thing,” then there is much that follows from that. Once we have received the Lord in Holy Communion, we are sent out into the world to carry His presence everywhere we go, and are called by God to live in a different way from what seems natural. In all that we do, we are to be vessels of His grace, His holiness, and His love, living in such a way that “all men may know that we are His disciples” (John 13:35), simply from the way that we treat one another.

What we all know very well, of course, is that this is much easier said than done. We can set out to be patient and gentle and humble and holy each day and each week, but we have only to encounter some temptation, some unfairness, some malice or ill treatment, and we immediately fall into the “natural” mode of giving in to temptation, resenting unfairness, and returning malice and ill treatment in equal measure. Living as faithful servants of the Lord is a hard task, and good intentions are only the beginning.

Good News & Bad News

Fulfilling those good intentions, and becoming doers of the Word of God, and not



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At The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church parish, we continue to live out the ancient faith of Orthodox Christianity in a way that is relevant to today. We practice unity in essentials, diversity in non-essentials, and charity in all things. We welcome all to come and worship the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit with us as it was done in the first days of Christianity, and has now continued for over 2,000 years in our Lord’s One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Orthodox Church.



PARISH REGISTRY

Baptisms

9/3 - Anthony & Mila
Makhoul

Chrismations

8/28 - Andrew Ball

Memorials

10/2 - Kathy McAlpine

only hearers, is the work of a lifetime. This is both good news and bad news for us. It is good news, a source of comfort and encouragement, because it means we should not expect ourselves to be experts at the Christian life right away; beginners are expected to mess up, and doing so is the only way to learn. So long as we approach this truth in humility, and do not take it as an occasion for apathy or laziness, then we can and should rightly take comfort in this truth.

But it can indeed feel like bad news: the reality that it takes an entire lifetime to become who and what the Lord has called us to be can feel exhausting; most tasks that we accept and to which we apply ourselves can be fulfilled in an afternoon, a week, a month, or a year. Multi-year projects are a thing, of course, but there is only one task that we expect to take our entire life, and that is simply living it. Being asked to dedicate the entirety of our life to serve God can therefore feel like an imposition. Our life, we tend to think, is ours to do with as we wish.

But, in fact, when we live life only for the sake of living it, it inevitably begins to feel vain and pointless. When we suffer, we feel as though it is unjust and unfair, and start to drown in resentment. But when all is well, we become bored or discontent even with the good things

that we possess. What we all learn, sooner or later, is that a life lived only for ourselves is no life worth living at all. And so, the truth that this life is given to us precisely so that we can choose to live it for and with the Lord is a source of profound hope and purpose, an anchor for every storm, and a solid foundation for every circumstance.

This is the sort of life that we see exemplified in the Saints of the Church. In whatever circumstance they find themselves, they are at peace within themselves, and at peace with those around them, filled with a joy and hope that no torture or loss can take away. But they did not simply happen into this peace. Rather, they dedicated their entire life and being to the Lord, and because they were always present with Him, they found that He was always present with them, no matter what happened to them. Our approach to our daily life, then, should be to imitate them, and to attend to the things of the Lord at all times and in all places, to school ourselves in the truth of what and Who our life is for, and to open the door of our hearts to His Presence with us.

The Disciplines of Faith

In order to do this, the Church offers to us time-tested disciplines to put into practice in our lives. These are the proverbial “four legs” of the spiritual life: public worship, private prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. What these four disciplines together accomplish in us is a way of life that is wholly dedicated to the Lord, and a rootedness in the life that He gives to us that keeps us secure and stable.

Our public worship is at the heart of this way of life, as we have already discussed; we come to the Church to give thanks to God for all that He has done for us, and to offer ourselves as the first fruits of the entire creation, and as we receive Him in Holy Communion, we are made vessels of His grace, members of His body, and heralds of His glory to all the world. The other three disciplines are what sustain this Life in us through the course of the week.

Private prayer is a matter of faithful, and disciplined “presence” with God, so that we turn our hearts and minds to the Lord at the beginning and the end of each day, asking forgiveness of our sins and seeking the grace and love and strength that He gives to us. When we are faithful to this rule of being present with Him, we learn simply to abide in His presence, attending to what is most real about our existence, and turning away from the distractions and the false comfort of the world.

Fasting is the arena in which we practice this outside of the prayer corner or closet, taking even the food that sustains our life as an opportunity to turn away from the good things of this created world and to seek the good things of the One Who has created it. It is an area where it is easy to get lost in legalism, however, so it is essential that we remember and put into practice the primary purpose, to make space for the things of God by turning away from the things of this world, and to actually and actively attend to Scripture reading, prayer, and care and service to others around us.

Almsgiving is precisely that care and service to others, a reality of mercy and an outpouring of love that is rooted in the love of God for us, as we love those around us in the same way that God has loved us. It is once again easy to get lost in the financial aspect of almsgiving, but in truth, anything that we do that is kind, or patient, or helpful to those around us is an act of almsgiving.

In the coming months, we will talk about these disciplines in more depth. May the Lord grant us strength and endurance to walk the path of salvation in faithfulness and in joy.

With love in Christ,

+Fr. Anthony Cook



PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Membership meeting: The October meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 6** at 10 a.m. in the Athenagoras room. Light refreshments will be available for fellowship after the meeting.

October CCM: Charity at Home

We all know charity begins at home. Please give generously. No one knows when we might be the individual in need. All money collected this month goes to help people within our own Parish community. Disbursements are completely confidential. You can send a check to the CCM Treasurer Michelle Zois at 111 Diamond Dr., Centerville, OH 45458 and write October CCM in the memo line or you can deposit your donation in the CCM box located in the Community Center lobby. Chairs: Renee Nicholas and Kathy Spyrou.

November CCM: Annually, Philoptochos supports the children from Edison School by donating scarves, hats and gloves to keep children in need warm during the cold winter months. Now is a good time to start purchasing items. Chairs: Katina Tsatalis and Nadine Shamma.

Thank you to everyone who donated to Blue Star Mothers. \$1330 was sent to the local organization!

Congratulations to the entire parish for a very successful 2022 Festival. This was our first full festival since 2019 and the Dayton community lovingly welcomed us back. Thank you to everyone who baked, cupped and packed pastries and worked festival weekend in many different booths. At every event, Philoptochos women were there supporting our church. You are all amazing!

GAPA MEETING

The next GAPA Meeting will be at 11:15am on **Wednesday, October 12** at the Chop House, 7727 Washington Village Drive, 45459. RSVP to Evanthia Valassiades at evalassiades@woh.rr.com.

YOUNG AT HEART

Young at Heart will meet on **Thursday, October 27** at 11:30am. A speaker from the Ohio Attorney General's Office will speak on "Senior Scams." This is a topic we often hear about and hopefully can prevent it from happening to any of us. The luncheon and speaker are sponsored by AIF. Hope to see you there.

OCTOBER PUMPKIN GLOW ON THE HILL!



The Stoddard Avenue Pumpkin Glow will be **October 24 & 25** on our hill! We will be having a booth to sell snacks chaired by Stacy Bambakidis & Dena Inempolidis. Let them know if you'd like to help out: dena.inempolidis@gmail.com & smathios@aol.com.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Join us at Hannah's Treasure Chest on **Thursday, October 13** (1:00-3:00pm) and **Thursday, October 27** (9:00-11:00 am). There are always many projects for us! Questions? Contact Maria McFarland: 947-409-9876



HANNAH'S TREASURE CHEST
Enriching the Lives of Children in Need

GREEK FESTIVAL 2022: THANK YOU!



We are always amazed to see how all of the many components of our festival fall into place. It is extraordinary to see our parish family come together to open our church and share our faith, our culture, and our traditions with our surrounding community for three amazing days. We are so grateful to all of you who came to help show off our parish. It takes so many people offering of their time and talents in order to serve our guests with the best festival experience possible. Being a part of our festival can be one of the most rewarding experiences. The good feeling of helping others, the sense of fellowship and camaraderie, the friendships, and even the marriages (speaking from experience!) that come from our festival are all cherished results of the stewardship given by our parishioners.



We have a lot of exciting changes this year and we thank everyone for their patience and help as we implemented these changes. Thank you to the many, many people who came this summer to bake, helped with set up and/or tear down, who gave many hours over the festival weekend to support our festival. Many thanks to our terrific staff who give of themselves wherever they are needed and have worked endlessly throughout the summer to get our facility ready, during the festival and afterwards. Special appreciation to Bob Feldmann, Mark Keilholz and Andrew Kididis for all the physical work they did the week of and during the festival to move frozen foods and heavy equipment throughout the weekend. To Father Anthony for pitching in wherever and whenever something was needed to be done. Special thank you to our booth chairs who gave tirelessly of themselves over the weekend. Figures are still being tabulated so we don't have any real figures to provide at this time. We praise God for the many blessings including the excellent weather and a great turnout by our community.



Special thank you to Premier Health Partners who stepped in to provide first aid services all weekend. We want to thank Sgt. Michael Thiergart and the Springboro ROTC and to the Stebbins School District/athletic boosters who provided workers who did all the behind the scenes jobs to keep booths stocked with drinks, ice, trash removal and a host of other jobs. Our parish is truly blessed to have so many dedicated parishioners and staff and we can't thank you enough for all of your continued support of our festival.



Our festival wrap up meeting is scheduled for **October 11 at 6pm** in the Athenagoras Room.

Linda Kididis, *Director of Operations*



Big thank you to Evzonakia , Levendopedda , Nisiotes, Aegeans and Ellas dance groups. Great weekend! Great dancing! (and thanks to the parents and grandparents who helped)

Thea Athena, Thea Isidora & Thea Maria



DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE & AHEPA NEWS

Daughters of Penelope would love to have you join our organization! The Mission of the Daughters of Penelope is to promote Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, Family and Individual Excellence.
~ <https://www.daughtersofpenelope.org/history.html>

DOP is a part of the national Order of AHEPA (men's group), this also includes our junior order, the Maids of Athena (young ladies); thus we are the AHEPA Family. The Mission of the Daughters of Penelope is to promote Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, Family and Individual Excellence. We strive to fulfill the mission in a variety of ways. Such as each month we volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House preparing breakfast and dinner for the families staying there. We actively partner with our Maids of Athena in order to strengthen relationships, mentor, and empower them. Our support of the Buckeye Scholarship Foundation results in helping our youth achieve their dreams through college scholarships. We certainly value the bond of family and friends, including those with our DOP Sisters and Brother AHEPAns. And we continue to promote the awareness of historical Hellenic contributions to our society in the past and well as now, which continues to help fulfill the ambitions and dreams of the immigrant forbearers that worked so hard while carrying Hellenism in their heart. This is just a small sample of what we accomplish with our Dayton Chapter, but we are a part of something much bigger; the AHEPA Family continues to make positive impacts across the United States and around the world.

Please join our Family! If you were a member in the past, we would love to have you return! Please contact Alexis Brun, Chapter President, agrkblsng22@gmail.com, (937)219-0463

Next DOP meeting is **Thursday, October 13**, at church. Please feel free to arrive as early as 5:30pm, we will have light refreshments and fellowship with our AHEPAns. We will start our meeting at 6:15pm.

Dayton Chapter has been invited by Cincinnati DOP Chapter to attend a joint meeting and lunch on **Saturday, October 22**. Middletown and Louisville, KY chapters have also been invited, including our District Lodge Officers, making this an official "joint visitation". This will be a great time for fellowship after being separated for so long due to the pandemic. Please RSVP to Alexis Brun, Chapter President, agrkblsng22@gmail.com, (937) 219-0463.

TRANSFORMATIVE CHRISTIANITY WEBINAR

The next Transformative Christianity Webinar will be Wednesday, **October 5, at 7pm**. The topic is: "Do not be anxious about tomorrow ..." A talk about the passion of Fear with Fr. Jarrod Russell. We will gather in the Athenagoras room just before 7pm to participate. Join us!

Greek Orthodox
Metropolis of Detroit
presents
**Transformative Christianity
Webinar Series**
Join us for a 10-part webinar series to find out what
Orthodox Christianity
really has to offer to us and to the world!
Wednesday, October 5, 2022
7:00 PM ET / 6:00 PM CT
Session 8 ~ "Do not be anxious about tomorrow ..." (Matt. 6:34)
A talk about the passion of Fear
with Fr. Jarrod Russell

	October 2-8	October 9-15	October 16-22
Sunday	2 2nd Sunday of Luke ✕ <i>II Corinthians 6:1-10 Luke 6:31-36</i> Orthros, 8:15a Divine Liturgy, 9:30a Catechism School Coffee Hour GOYA Book Club	9 3rd Sunday of Luke ✕ <i>II Corinthians 6:16-18;7:1 Luke 7:11-16</i> Orthros, 8a Divine Liturgy, 9:30a Catechism School Coffee Hour HOPE/JOY Event, 1p	16 Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council ✕ <i>Titus 3:8-15 Luke 8:5-15</i> Orthros, 8:15a Divine Liturgy, 9:30a Catechism School Coffee Hour
Monday	3 Dionysios the Areopagite <i>Acts 17:16-34</i> <i>Luke 6:24-30</i> Greek school fall party, 5:30p Adult Catechism class (Zoom only), 7p	10 Eulampius & Eulampia the Martyrs <i>Ephesians 4:25-32</i> <i>Luke 7:36-50</i> Greek school, 5:30p Adult Catechism class, 7p	17 Hosea the Prophet <i>Romans 9:18-33</i> <i>Luke 9:18-22</i> Greek school, 5:30p Adult Catechism class, 7p
Tuesday	4 Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens <i>Ephesians 2:19-22;3:1-7</i> <i>Luke 6:37-45</i>	11 Philip the Apostle of the 70, one of the 7 Deacons <i>Acts 8:26-39</i> <i>Luke 8:1-3</i> Festival Wrap-Up Meeting, 6p	18 Luke the Evangelist <i>Colossians 4:5-11,14-18</i> <i>Luke 10:16-21</i>
Wednesday	5 Charitina the Martyr <i>Ephesians 3:8-21</i> <i>Luke 6:46-49, 7:1</i> Parish Council, 6:30p Transformative Christianity Webinar (Zoom only), 7p	12 Probus, Andronicus, & Tarachus, Martyrs of Tarsus <i>Ephesians 5:25-33</i> <i>Luke 8:22-25</i> GAPA Mtg, 11:15 @ Chop House Zoom Bible Study, 7pm	19 Joel the Prophet <i>Acts 2:14-21</i> <i>Luke 9:44-50</i> Parish Council Meeting, 6:30p Zoom Bible Study, 7:30 p (?)
Thursday	6 The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas ✕ <i>I Corinthians 4:9-16</i> <i>John 20:19-31</i> Philoptochos Meeting, 10am Choir rehearsal, 6p	13 Carpus, Papyrus, Agathodorus, & Agathonica, the Martyrs of Pergamus ✕ <i>Ephesians 5:33;6:1-9</i> <i>Luke 9:7-11</i> Choir rehearsal, 6p DOP/AHEPA Meeting, 6pm	20 Artemius the Great Martyr of Antioch <i>II Timothy 2:1-10</i> <i>Luke 9:49-56</i> Choir rehearsal, 6p
Friday	7 Sergius & Bacchus the Great Martyrs of Syria <i>Ephesians 4:17-25</i> <i>Luke 7:31-35</i>	14 Martyrs Nazarius, Gervasius, Protasius, & Celsus <i>Ephesians 6:18-24</i> <i>Luke 9:12-18</i>	21 Hilarion the Great <i>II Corinthians 9:6-11</i> <i>Luke 10:1-15</i>
Saturday	8 Pelagia the Righteous <i>I Corinthians 14:20-25</i> <i>Luke 5:27-32</i> GOYA @ Kettering Backpack, 11a	15 Lucian the Martyr of Antioch <i>I Corinthians 15:39-45</i> <i>Luke 6:1-10</i> GOYA @ Tom's Corm Maze, 6p	22 Averkios, Equal-to-the-Apostles & Wonderworker <i>I Corinthians 15:58;16:1-3</i> <i>Luke 7:1-10</i> Visit to St. Gregory Palamas Monastery, 8am

Fast days are shaded ✕Liturgy ❖Other Service ← fish/wine/oil allowed ↻ wine/oil allowed

	October 23-29	October 30-November 5	November 6-12
Sunday	23 6th Sunday of Luke ✘ <i>Galatians 1:11-19 Luke 8:26-39</i> Orthros, 8:15a Divine Liturgy, 9:30a Catechism School Coffee Hour/General Assembly	30 6th Sunday of Luke ✘ <i>Galatians 1:11-19 Luke 8:26-39</i> Orthros, 8:15a Divine Liturgy, 9:30a Catechism School Coffee Hour	6 7th Sunday of Luke ✘ Youth Sunday <i>Galatians 2:16-20 Luke 8:41-56</i> Orthros, 8:15a Divine Liturgy, 9:30a Catechism School Coffee Hour GOYA Book Club
Monday	24 Arethas the Great Martyr and His Fellow Martyrs <i>Philippians 2:12-15</i> <i>Luke 10:22-24</i> Greek school (Zoom only), 5:30p Adult Catechism (Zoom only), 7p Pumpkin Glow	31 Stachys, Andrew, Amplias, Apelles, Urban, Aristobulus & Narcissus of the 70 <i>Romans 16:1-16,</i> <i>Luke 11:29-33</i> Adult Catechism, 7p	7 33 Martyrs of Melitene <i>Colossians 2:13-20</i> <i>Luke 12:13-15, 22-31</i> Greek school, 5:30p Adult Catechism class, 7p
Tuesday	25 The Holy Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius the Notaries <i>Philippians 2:16-23</i> <i>Luke 11:1-10</i> Pumpkin Glow	1 Cosmas and Damian the Holy Unmercenarys of Asia, and their mother Theodota <i>I Corinthians 12:27-31;13:1-8</i> <i>Matthew 10:1, 5-8</i>	8 Synaxis of the Archangel Michael & the other Bodiless Powers: Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Salaphiel, Jegudiel, & Barachiel <i>I Corinthians 12:27-31;13:1-8</i> <i>Matthew 10:1, 5-8</i>
Wednesday	26 St. Demetrios ✘ <i>II Timothy 2:1-10</i> <i>John 15:17-27; 16:1-2</i> Orthros, 8:15a Liturgy, 9:30a Zoom Bible Study, 7p	2 St. The Holy Martyrs Acindynos, Pegasios, Aphthonios, Elpidophoros, & Anempodistos <i>Colossians 1:18-23</i> <i>Luke 11:42-46</i> Zoom Bible Study, 7p	9 St. Nektarius <i>Ephesians 5:8-19</i> <i>Matthew 4:25, 5:1-12</i> Orthros, 8:15a Divine Liturgy, 9:30a Zoom Bible Study, 7p
Thursday	27 Nestor the Martyr of Thessaloniki <i>Philippians 3:1-8</i> <i>Luke 11:14-23</i> Young at Heart, 11:30a Choir rehearsal, 6p	3 Acepshimas the Bishop, Joseph the Presbyter, & Aeithalas <i>Colossians 1:24-29, 2:1</i> <i>Luke 11:47-54; 12:1</i> Philoptochos Meeting, 10a Choir rehearsal, 6p	10 Erastus, Olympas, Rodion, Sosipater, Quartus, & Tertios of the 70 <i>Colossians 1:24-29, 2:1</i> <i>Luke 11:47-54; 12:1</i> Young at Heart Luncheon, 11:30a DOP/AHEPA Meeting, 6pm Choir rehearsal, 6p
Friday	28 The Holy Protection of the Theotokos <i>Hebrews 9:1-7</i> <i>Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28</i>	4 Joannicius the Great <i>Colossians 2:1-7</i> <i>Luke 12:2-12</i>	11 Meanas of Egypt <i>II Corinthians 4:6-15</i> <i>Luke 13:31-35</i>
Saturday	29 Anastasia the Martyr of Rome <i>II Corinthians 1:8-11</i> <i>Luke 8:16-21</i>	5 Bishop Raphael of Brooklyn <i>II Corinthians 3:12-18</i> <i>Luke 9:1-6</i>	12 John the Merciful <i>II Corinthians 9:6-11</i> <i>Matthew 5:14-19</i> GOYA @ Kettering Backpack, 11am HOPE/JOY Fall Event, 3pm

CATECHISM SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to all of our families who registered their children for Catechism School. We are off to a great start! It's never too late to register your children.

Christmas Program practice is beginning.
Be on the lookout for information.

Your Home: The Little Church
Ideas for families to *Live Orthodoxy* from Catechism School

Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Pre-Christmas Celebrations



As Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Pre-Christmas parties are approaching with great popularity, just a reminder to “**stay the course**” and focus on the calendar of the Church.

Are we giving our children the best chance for a holy life? As parents, we are called to raise our children to become Saints. By giving more attention to the Church calendar, we hope our children will grow to understand that as Orthodox Christians, we live our faith. Help your children to “LIVE ORTHODOXY” by fasting when others are feasting and by looking to the Saints as our super-heroes:

October 26 - St. Demetrios

October 28 - Agia Skepi, Protection of the Theotokos

November 1 - Cosmas, Damianos, their Mother, also St. David of Euboia and St Eleni of Sinope

November 8 - St. Nektarios

November 9 - the Archangels

November 15 - Nativity Fast begins – make it a ‘Big day’ in your home! We begin decorating and start our 40 Day Calendar.

November 21 - Entrance of the Theotokos to the Temple

November 25 – St. Catherine the Great

November 26 – St. Stylianos, Patron of Children

November 30 – St. Andrew the Apostle

December is full of great Saints up until Christmas and beyond.

JOY/HOPE FALL EVENT

Please join us for a fall hayride at Lucas Brothers Farm on **Sunday, October 9** (1:00-3:00pm). Fun includes:

- Our own campsite
- Hayride & Hayride Pumpkin Patch
- Children’s Corn Maze With Sticker Find
- 6 Acre Corn Maze
- Pick Your Own Pumpkin Patch
- Barrel Train
- Peddle Bikes
- Farm Animals
- Straw Maze
- Photo Ops
- Children’s Play Area
- Grass Tunnel
- Sunflower Patch
- Fun Field Activities
- Fall Fest Shop

Admission will be covered for HOPE/JOY children. Parents and siblings are welcomed to join and purchase tickets at entrance. RSVP to Maria by **September 30** (either in the group message or 937-409-9876).



UPCOMING GOYA EVENTS



October 2—Meeting and book club right after Sunday school

October 8—Kettering Backpack, 11a

October 15—Tom’s Corn Maze, 6p

November 6—Meeting and book club right after Sunday school

November 12—Kettering Backpack, 11a

December 2—Christmas party @ Washington Twp Rec Center and Woodland Lights, 5p

December 4—Meeting and book club after Sunday school

December 10—Kettering backpack program

BOOKKEEPER'S CORNER

Fall...it is finally here! Well now, this is my absolute favorite time of year. I cannot wait to get out into the woods and do some hiking. The sweet sound of leaves crunching under my feet. I feel relaxed and renewed when I'm out and about with nature. I especially enjoy hiking in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. It's not that far away and if you have the opportunity to spend a few days there I highly encourage you to do so. But, I warn you, the areas of Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge are very crowded in October and November. Townsend is the quieter side of the Smokies and they have some very nice trails accessible from that end of the park.



And if you can't get to Tennessee then why not spend some time in our Ohio State Parks or a local park or Arboretum. There is a great book called 50 Hikes in Ohio that you can probably get at your local library. Or go online and look up our local parks. Just get out and enjoy! Fall is fleeting....

Greek Festival

The Greek Festival has ended. What does that mean for the bookkeeping department? The invoices are flying in along with Reimbursement forms from our wonderful volunteers who spent money out of pocket to keep things running during the hectic days! My personal thanks to all of those individuals who filled out their Reimbursement Forms, attached the receipts for their purchases and had the Festival Chair or their Booth Chair approve those expenses before they were turned in. It saves a lot of time and the payments to those individuals went out quickly. It takes time to wrap things up. Please be patient while awaiting final numbers.

Stewardship, General Assembly and Parish Council Elections

It is that time of year when many of you will be sending in your end of year payments for Stewardship. Thank you! Please remember that if you want to Vote at the Fall General Assembly or for the upcoming Parish Council Elections you must have paid your 2021 Stewardship in full and made a Stewardship Pledge for 2022. Not sure if you are paid up for 2021? Send me an email or leave a message at the office. I will look into your Stewardship and let you know where you stand.

In Closing...

Fall pumpkins, hay rides, hikes, Thanksgiving, pumpkin spice coffee, sweater weather, apple cider, and don't forget apple pie. Fall has a lot to offer.

I have closed with this quote before and I do it now because it's my favorite quote. I had it read at my wedding and it speaks to me personally every time I go to the mountains.

"Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop away from you like the leaves of autumn." ... John Muir

ST. GREGORY PALAMAS MONASTERY VISIT

All are invited to join us for an AIF sponsored visit to St. Gregory Palamas Monastery in Perrysville, Ohio on **October 22**. We will be taking a bus together and will leave at 8:00am sharp from the church parking lot. The group will participate in an introduction in the church, a short spiritual talk, a tour of the grounds, and lunch. There is also a gift shop with Orthodox items for purchase. Please wear walking shoes, and women may cover their heads modestly, as this is an apostolic tradition. Short pants or skirts and sleeveless tops are considered inappropriate dress in the Chapel.



Please RSVP to Tina Haubrock at mcdayton@sbcglobal.net by October 10—this trip is limited to 24 people on a first come, first served basis. For more information at St. Gregory Palamas monastery sgpm.goarch.org.

CHURCH BUILDING & ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

After seven years of working at Annunciation, John Barber will be retiring effective October 10. We thank him for his hard work over the years and wish him well. We are beginning the process to find someone to take his place as rental staff and for Monday night Greek school staffing. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this part-time position, please email hr@daytonannunciation.org.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES

There are five open positions for parish council. Members serve a three-year term. Those who wish to serve the Church in this important manner must be members in good standing as defined in the Parish Bylaws.

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 parish. Parish Council members serve as role models for parishioners and must take their ministry very seriously. They should lead by example by attending Church and 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. If Parish Council members treat everyone with love and respect, as Christ loves us, then parishioners will do likewise.

Interested individuals may contact one of the following Election committee members: Harriett Argue or Nikki Burns or contact Jim Haubrock, President of Parish Council or Father Anthony directly.

Eligible candidates will be presented at the fall General Assembly October 23, 2022. Elections will be held at church by secret ballot on November 13, 2022 following Divine Liturgy.

PARISH THANK YOUS!

Thank you for your prayers, cards, flowers, telephone calls, and kindness expressed during my illness. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Evonna Hurst

100th Sacrament Photo Exhibit

Thank you to all who shared their wonderful photos. This project was created to celebrate and illustrate the thousands of most important sacramental milestones in the lives of parishioners of our Dayton Annunciation. The response has been great from our people enjoying memories, as well as Festival guests who of course didn't know anyone but enjoyed the fashion trends and happy smiles. We appreciate your participation.

Thank you,

*Evanthia Valassiades, Maria Cleary
& Marina Zagoris*

Thank You!

ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH CLERGY, STAFF & PARISH COUNCIL

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2022 STEWARDSHIP LIST

It is with gratitude that we acknowledge the following Stewards who have made their **2022** Stewardship Commitment or contributed to their **2022** Stewardship Commitment as of **August 10, 2022**. We invite you to join with them and support, joyously, the ministries of the Church. You may obtain information and Stewardship Commitment Cards from the Church Office, or you can speak to a Parish Council Member or the priest.

Fayez & Maria Abboud	Irini Danopoulos	Constantine Kontonickas & Diane Margioras	Taki & Christina Parker	Pete & Trina Tsolometes
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Panayiotis Alimonos	Gigi Dimitroula	Jim & Diane Leakas	Kristos Pericleous	Dr. Antonia S. Winters
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Andrew Andrianos	Leah Duffy	Evangelina Liakakos	John P. Polites	Costas & Marina Zagaris
Paul & Sandy Angelopoulos	Janine Elash	Chrisoula Liakos	Michael & Maria Powers	Stella Zaharako
Ted & Helen Anton	Joann Elias	Gus & Sharon Liapis	Demetri & Ann Preonas	Anthony & Irene Zalants
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Anthony & Jennifer Argue	Tom & Lisa Federle	Mitchell Lambert	Eleni Prieto	Renea H. Zavakos
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