

THE TRUE VINE

Beloved in the Lord,

Χριστὸς Ἀνεληφθῆ! Christ Ascended!

Last month we wrote to you in the fresh joy of the Lord's Resurrection; now we write at the end of the Paschal period, as we celebrate the Lord's Ascension and approach the feast of Pentecost. Pentecost marks, for us, the return to "normal" time, and usually marks the beginning of the summer period as well. This is often a time of vacation, of travel and of rest, and also a time of preparation, as we ready ourselves for the new school year and the new Church year. In the midst of these realities, it is easy for us to become more distant from the Church, but despite the pause of many parish ministries, the essential life of the Church continues through the summer, and our own need to drink from the River of Life continues as well.

Stewardship

As we enter upon the summer, our parish leadership is taking the opportunity to take stock of our current financial situation, which you will see reflected on page 3. The Stewardship Committee provides a report there, but in summary, our Stewardship is down from last year, both in pledges and in actual donations. We all know that our parish is richly blessed to have strong investments, and it can be tempting to direct our generosity elsewhere because of this knowledge; what we all-too-easily forget, however, is that those investment accounts are tightly restricted, and CANNOT be used to pay either for regular operating expenses, or for repairs and improvements to the physical property of the Church. These are funded by all of you, the Faithful, and by the various fundraisers that our parish community puts on each year. Especially in this year in which we are unable to hold our full Festival, the ministries and daily operation of our parish community depend on your dedicated support. Please give careful attention to the report of the Stewardship Committee, and do all that you can to increase your support of the parish.

Informational Booklet Project

We continue our work to create an informational booklet for our parish, a guide to the services and sacraments, ministries and organizations of the Church, and how our Faithful can request and participate in the grace and blessings of the Lord throughout our lives. It will also provide a glimpse into the Priest's Prayer Book, and what our clergy are able to offer, including prayers and services beyond the basics of Baptism & Marriage. In this space, then, we will publish draft versions of the planned elements of this booklet, for the information of the Faithful, and also to help us identify any changes that need to be made before we go to press.

In May, we talked about the Sacrament of Chrismation, which is for every Orthodox Christian the baptism into the Holy Spirit, an anointing with the seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit, a personal Pentecost, and an ordination as a member of the Royal Priesthood and Holy People of God. Every infant baptized into the Church is Chrismated, and every adult who enters



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May 12—Rosalee Kanistros

40 Day Blessing

May 28—Miller

Upcoming Memorials

June 11- R. Kanistros

June 18- Panson/Alea Society

June 25 - J. Kilavos

the Church having already been baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity is received by Chrismation. Baptism and Chrismation are the first two sacraments; the third is the quintessential Mystery and sacrament of the Church: the Eucharist.

Eucharist - the Mystery of Thanksgiving

For Orthodox Christians, the preeminent Sacrament is the Eucharist. We celebrate the Eucharist every Sunday, and on as many weekdays as we are able. The Christian life is best described as the Eucharistic life; the Eucharist is not just something that we receive, not just something that we observe or attend, but is at the very core of who and what we are. The Orthodox parish is nothing more or less than the Faithful Body of Christ, united in the One Cup with our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom of the Church, the Head of the Body. In that Chalice, we receive the very Body and Blood of our Lord, Who is truly present in these Mystical Gifts, for the forgiveness of our sins and for everlasting life.

These are all true statements, but it is easy for us to lose sight of how we are invited and called to experience and participate in their truth, and in Communion with the One Lord Who calls us to newness of life in Him. To better understand what is happening here, and why it matters so profoundly, we must begin with what the word Eucharist means, because this is not just a title, but a description of what is happening.

The Greek word *ευχαριστία* means "gratitude" or "an offering of thanks." This means, very importantly, that our worship is not something that we initiate, not something that we begin. This central Christian sacrament is not an invocation of the presence of God, accomplished at a time and place of our choosing, to which God is obligated to respond. It is rather OUR response to God's actions on our behalf, which are constantly present for us. This extends from the fundamental cosmic reality of Creation itself, which is sustained in existence by God's will and love, to the deeply intimate and personal reality that our Lord Jesus Christ stands at the door of our heart and knocks, asking us to open and let Him come in. In celebrating the Eucharist, we are giving thanks to God for all that He has done for us. He has acted, and is acting, and will continue to love us into eternity; when we celebrate the Eucharist, we are responding to His action, to His self-offering, with a reciprocal self-offering of our own.

This is the only appropriate response to God's love for us. He has offered Himself to us, so all we can offer in return is all that we have: ourselves, and one another, and our whole life. This, fundamentally, is one of two reasons why the vehicle of our offering to God is food, and specifically bread and wine.

Bread and Wine, Body and Blood

Bread and wine do not, on the face of things, seem like a fitting or worthy gift to give to God in thanksgiving for all that He has done for us. We often think of them as common, everyday foods, consumed in a million mundane settings without any higher thought or meaning. But in fact, they have a profound symbolic significance. Bread and wine are fundamental products of human civilization, of human stewardship of the creation. Neither of them (and especially not bread) occurs naturally; even the grain from which we make the bread is the product of countless generations of agricultural development, of human beings carefully and gradually domesticating wild grass until it functions to feed multitudes. Nor can bread and wine be produced by an individual; both require a community, working in harmony to plow, sow, reap, process, grind or press, bake or ferment the bread or wine. They are quintessential symbols of our God-given role in this world, to be fruitful and multiply, to replenish the earth, and to subdue it, bringing order and plenty and beauty to what we find wild and chaotic all around us.

But we do not simply offer God bread and wine alone. When we offer these gifts, we offer them as an explicit prayer on behalf of ourselves, our loved ones, our neighbors and our enemies, and even the strangers that we do not know, listing all of these by name and sending them into the Altar along with the Prosforo bread. And just in case we have forgotten anyone, we pray for the entire creation in the several litanies of the Divine Liturgy. So truly, in the Eucharist, we offer the entire universe to God...but we ourselves, and our humble symbolic gifts of Bread and Wine, are the first fruits of that universe that we give to Him in thanksgiving and gratitude.

A Meal Shared

The other reason that our offering is food is simply because the purpose of food is to eat it, and to eat it together. This is what the Lord did in His Incarnation; He partook fully of our nature, assuming all that we are to Himself, and sharing fully in our experience. He walked and talked and suffered and slept...and He ate and drank, most especially observing the Passover, eating and drinking together with His disciples. He has partaken

fully in our nature...and in the elements of our offering to Him, our Eucharistic sacrifice to Him, He offers Himself to us, so that we may eat and drink of His Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins, and commune with Him, and abide in His Presence, and taste and see that the Lord is good.

Let Us Go Into the House of the Lord

With all this said, it remains to reflect how important it is for us to remain in communion with the Lord, Who is the source of life and love and wholeness for us, in Whom we live, and move, and have our very being. Even during the summer...although many of the ministries of the Church go on hiatus, we never cease from celebrating the Eucharist. For He is our Life, and we must abide in Him if we are to have life.

I pray that I will see you all frequently in these summer months, and that, if you travel, you will never be too long absent from the House of the Lord and the Cup of Life.

With love in Christ, +Fr. Anthony Cook

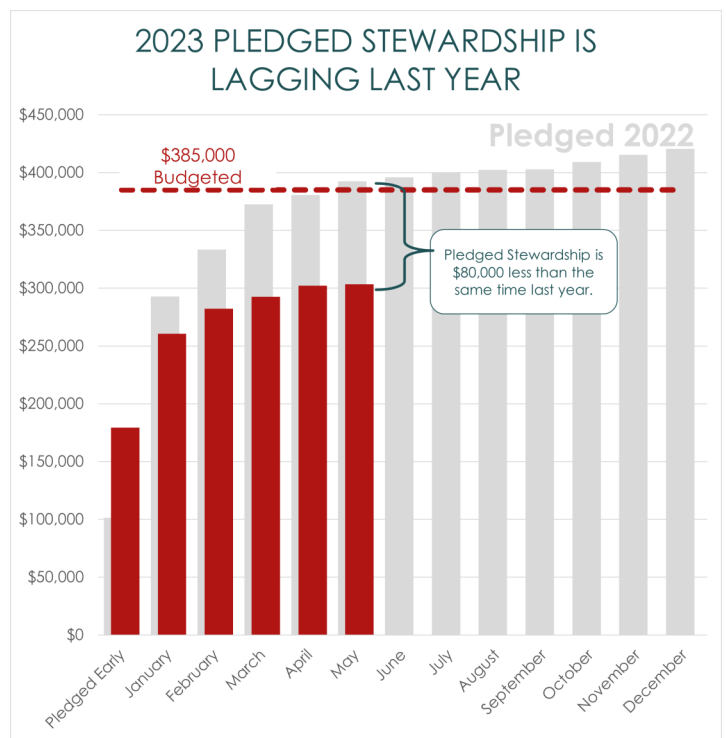
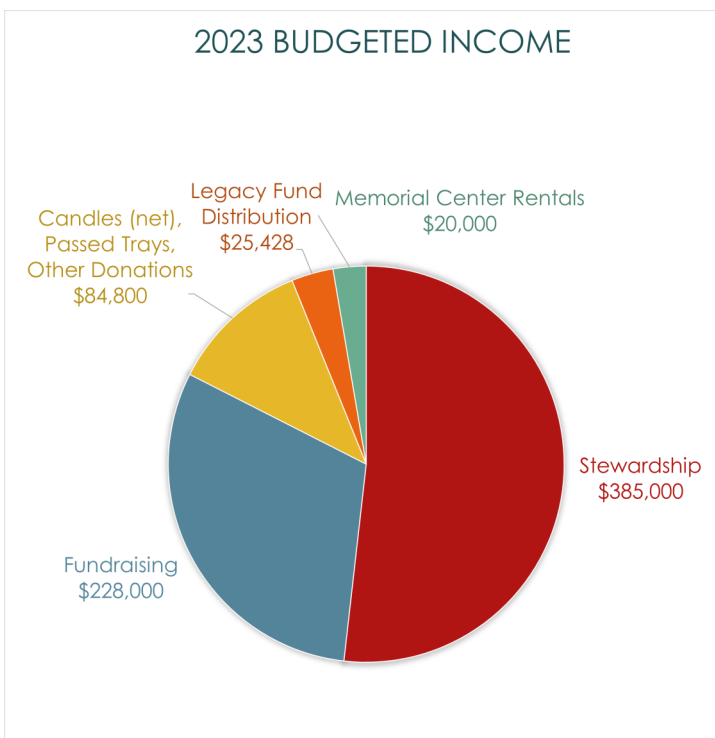
STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Summer is approaching, Glory be to God, and many of us are getting ready for our summer vacation. Most likely, we have put this vacation into our family budget. Budgeting is a useful tool to make sure we can cover the necessary costs in life. Budgets are used in most families, all workplaces and all places of worship.

Our beautiful Annunciation Parish is no exception. We have a budget. We spend our money on bills we must pay (electric, heating/cooling, water, salaries), but how do we earn money that is needed for the budget? Only one answer on the board.... stewardship!

As the graphics show, our pledges are down \$80,000 from the same time last year. Unfortunately, we are unable to depend on the full festival in September to fall back on. We must depend on our stewardship, and as John Jay Jackson Jr. says, "There can be no stewardship without stewards." We all are stewards. We all are needed. Every little bit helps.

If you have not made a pledge, please consider doing so. If you have made a pledge, please consider pledging a little more. Use the stewardship envelopes in the pews! Make a weekly budget and put in a little \$ each week. All money put in those envelopes count towards your stewardship, offering our thanks to God for a blessed week. "God has given us two hands, one to receive with, and one to give with." Billy Graham. Please help support our beautiful parish, so it can support you.



PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Membership Meeting: There will be no Philoptochos meetings in June or July.

Election Results: Congratulations to the 2023-2025 Philoptochos Board

Executive Board:

Nikki Burns, President
Sandy Alex, 1st VP
Harriett Ellis, 2nd VP
Mary McDonald, Recording Secretary
Liz Limber, Corresponding Secretary
Maria Abboud, Treasurer
Libby Stamas, Assistant Treasurer
Cindy Keilholz, Advisor

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Diane Briggs
Maria Castleman
Dena Inempolidis
Linda Kididis
Renee Nicholas
Kathy Spyrou
Connie Zvakos
Michelle Zois
Suzanne Zonars - Hambrick



Membership Dues: If you haven't paid your membership fee of \$30, please do so now. Send it to our new membership chair: Kathy Spyrou, 856 Princewood Avenue, Dayton, OH 45429.

Spring Charity Luncheon Thank You: What an amazing day it was on Saturday, May 13th for our 16th annual event. 217 lovely ladies celebrated together at the Presidential Banquet Center. Red Ribbon Good and Daybreak are the two major charities benefitting from this event. Thank you to the co-chairs, Sandy Alex and Michelle Zois and everyone who helped make this such a memorable event. Thank you to all Philoptochos members for supporting the event and for bringing your family and friends.



June Community Care Ministry: The Gang of Seamstresses

Every one of us has been touched by cancer, either personally or through family or friends. The Gang of Seamstresses is a group of nine women located in Beavercreek who modify new donated shirts into port access shirts with zippers for patients receiving chemotherapy or other types of infusion therapy. A port is a device usually inserted in the upper right chest area used to draw blood or give treatments such as chemotherapy to keep patients from being stuck multiple times during treatments. Wearing a port access shirt keeps the patient from having to undress for each treatment and helps keep them warm.

The seamstresses create 250-300 zippered shirts per month. Since 2018, they have distributed more than 13,452 shirts free of charge to hospitals and patients all across the state of Ohio, including all Premier and Kettering hospitals and Dayton Children's hospital. Retail cost for a port access shirt online can be as high as \$60. Many patients struggle with the cost of medical care. This group has found one way to ease the burden and bring comfort to patients. Their work is solely done through donations.

Do you or a family or friend need a shirt? Contact Pat Cochran to request a shirt at portaccessshirt@gmail.com. Include the size and location (right or left side) of the port in the email. The shirt will be mailed to you. Go to The Gang of Seamstresses on Facebook to learn more.

How can you help the Gang of Seamstresses?

\$25 will buy \$100 zippers - \$65 will cover postage for 10 shirts
\$100 will cover the cost of buying high-demand long sleeve, XL and 2XL shirts

Mail donations to: Nikki Burns, Chair, 1773 Country Corner Lane, Centerville, OH 45458
Make your check out to Philoptochos with "June CCM" in the memo line.

VESPERAL-LITURGY FOR SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Annunciation parish is invited to celebrate the feast day of Sts. Peter & Paul with a vesperal-liturgy at St. Paul the Apostle Orthodox Church (4451 Wagner Rd. Dayton, 45440) on **June 28 at 6pm**. There will be a light reception following the liturgy.





AHEPA & DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE NEWS

The Mission of the Daughters of Penelope is to promote Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, Family and Individual Excellence – daughtersofpenelope.org. Please contact Alexis Brun, Chapter President, if you are interested in joining, agrkblsng22@gmail.com or (937) 219-0463.



Upcoming Dates:

- Dinner with AHEPA and spouses: Thursday, **June 8**—details coming
- Buckeye District Convention in Warren, Ohio: **June 23-24**
- AHEPA Supreme Convention, Las Vegas, NV: **July 23-29**
- Next membership meeting: **Thursday, September 14**, details TBA

BOOKKEEPER'S CORNER

June...A few sentences were inadvertently left off of last month's opening comments: *Nevertheless, we feed the birds and we've seen Cardinals, Robins, and multiple woodpecker species. We have a Pileated Woodpecker that looks very much like something out of a Jurassic Park movie. Only smaller. And one of these days he's going to break the birdfeeder by just landing on it!*

That being said there are more and more birds and critters visiting the yard and more weeds than can be counted. I did get out there a few days ago and do some weeding. Standing up the next day presented a problem, but the yard looks so much better! Still more to do. It keeps me busy. The end results of a hard day of working in the yard is worth it. The lilac bushes are in bloom and I can't wait for the Resurrection Lilies to come up with their pink fragrant flowers. It fills the soul and gives me peace.

Success...The number of reimbursement forms that are being turned in pre-approved with receipts attached is greatly appreciated. Since mid February 2023 there have been no forms returned to individuals for missing approvals or receipts. I'd say that is a huge success. Thank you and keep it going!

Your online payments...When you make a payment online through our website you can choose where you want your money credited. Be it Stewardship (for different years), Easter Offering, Greek School Tuition, and other varied categories. If for some reason you cannot find a specific category then click on "General Donations," enter an amount, and then in the blank box to the right enter the reason for your donation or payment. It's that easy!

There was a missing line from my closing comment last month as well. It should have read...*Sometimes I open my mouth, and my mother comes out.*—**Unknown**

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MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Missions and Outreach was started in our Dayton Annunciation community in March 2020. Our goal was to provide opportunities for our parishioners to volunteer and be a visible and contributing part of our greater Dayton community. We have been fortunate to have so many of our parishioners volunteer at Hannah's Treasure Chest, be part of Adopt A Family at Christmas and tutor DPS students on Mondays in the Athenagoras room. We welcome all ages and would love to have you join us this summer at Hannah's Treasure Chest on:

- **June 8**, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **June 22**, 9-11:00 am
- **July 13**, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **July 27**, 9:00-11:00 am
- **August 10**, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **August 24**, 9:00-11:00 am

Volunteer one day, two times...whenever you are available. There is something for all! Students, if you are looking for volunteer opportunities, join us! With questions call Maria McFarland at 937-409-9876.



YOUNG AT HEART: JUNE

Hope you can join us on **Thursday, June 15** at 11:30. The luncheon is being sponsored by Parish Council and Stavro Ververis will prepare the meal. We will play Bingo!

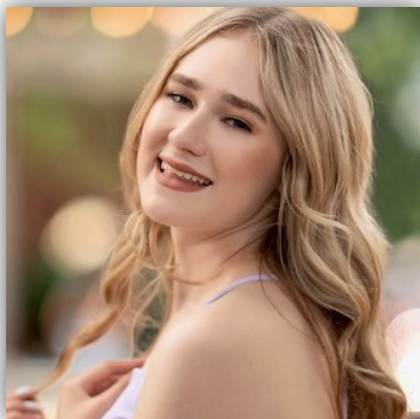


	May 28-June 3	June 4-10	June 11-17
Sunday	28 Fathers of the 1st Council ✕ <i>Acts 20:16-18,28-36;</i> <i>John 17:1-13</i> 8:15am Orthros/9:30am Liturgy 11:30am Coffee Hour 12:30pm Iconography Class	4 Holy Pentecost ✕ <i>Acts 2:1-11; John 7:37-52; 8:12</i> 8:15am Orthros/9:30am Liturgy 11am Kneeling Vespers 11:30am Coffee Hour	11 The Sunday of All Saints/ Recognition Sunday ✕ <i>Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2</i> <i>Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30</i> 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy 11:30am Recognition Sunday Lunch 12:30pm Iconography Class
Monday	29 Theodosia the Virgin-martyr of Tyre <i>Acts 21:8-14</i> <i>John 14:27-15:7</i> Memorial Day —Office Closed No Adult Catechism Class	5 Monday of the Holy Spirit <i>Ephesians 5:8-19</i> <i>Matthew 18:10-20</i> No Adult Catechism Class	12 Onuohrius of Egypt <i>Romans 2:28-29; 3:1-18</i> <i>Matthew 6:31-34; 7:9-11</i> 7pm Adult Catechism Class
Tuesday	30 Isaacius, Abbot of the Mon- astery of Dalmatus <i>Acts 21:26-32</i> <i>John 16:2-13</i>	6 1st Tuesday after Pentecost <i>Romans 1:1-7,13-17</i> <i>Matthew 4:23-25;5:1-13</i>	13 Aquilina the Martyr of Syria <i>Romans 4:4-12</i> <i>Matthew 7:15-21</i>
Wednesday	31 Hermias the Martyr at Co- mana <i>Acts 23:1-11; John 16:15-23</i> 4pm Iconography class 7pm Zoom Bible Study	7 1st Wednesday after Pentecost <i>Romans 1:18-27</i> <i>Matthew 5:20-26</i> 7pm Transformative Christianity Webinar	14 The Holy Prophet Elisha <i>Romans 4:13-25</i> <i>Luke 4:22-30</i> 7pm Zoom Bible Study
Thursday	1 Justin the Philosopher and Martyr and his Companions <i>Acts 25:13-19</i> <i>John 16:23-33</i> 6:30pm Choir rehearsal	8 Removal of the Relics of The- odore the Commander <i>Ephesians 2:4-10</i> <i>Matthew 10:16-22</i> 6pm AHEPA/DOP Meeting 6:30pm Choir rehearsal	15 Amos the Prophet <i>Romans 5:10-16</i> <i>Matthew 8:23-27</i> 11:30am Young at Heart Lunch 6:30pm Choir rehearsal
Friday	2 The Apodosis of the Feast of the Holy Ascension <i>Acts 27:1-44;28:1</i> <i>John 17:18-26</i>	9 1st Friday after Pentecost ☐ <i>Romans 2:14-28</i> <i>Matthew 5:33-41</i>	16 Tychon the Wonderworker <i>Romans 5:17-21; 6:1-2</i> <i>Matthew 9:14-17</i>
Saturday	3 The Saturday of Souls <i>I Thess. 4:13-17; John 21:14-25</i> 9am Prothesis/9:30a Divine Litu- rgy at Woodland Cemetery 11am Memorial Prayers	10 Apodosis of Pentecost <i>Romans 1:7-12 /Matt. 5:42-48</i> 1pm HOPE/JOY @ (Young's Jer- sey Dairy) 5:30pm Great Vespers	17 Isauraus the Holy Martyr & his companions <i>Romans 3:19-24</i> <i>Matthew 7:1-8</i> 6pm Alea Society Dinner Dance at the Presidential

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

	June 18-24	June 25-July 1	July 2-8
Sunday	18 2nd Sunday of Matthew ✠ <i>Romans 2:10-16; Matthew 4:18-23</i> 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy 11am Memorials—Alea Society & Panson 11:30am Coffee Hour	25 3rd Sunday of Matthew ✠ <i>Romans 5:1-10; Matthew 6:22-33</i> 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy 11am Memorial - Kilavos 11:30am Coffee Hour 12:30pm Iconography Class	2 4th Sunday of Matthew ✠ <i>Luke 24:1-12; Hebrews 9:1-7; Matthew 8:5-13</i> 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy 11:30am Icon class exhibition 11:30am Coffee Hour
Monday	19 Thaddeus (Jude) the Apostle & Brother of Our Lord <i>Jude 1:1-25</i> <i>John 14:21-24</i> 7pm Adult Catechism Class	26 David the Righteous of Thessalonika <i>Romans 9:18-33</i> <i>Matthew 11:2-15</i> 7pm Adult Catechism Class	3 Hyacinth the Martyr of Caesarea & Theodotos and Theodota the Martyrs <i>Romans 12:4-5, 15-21</i> <i>Matthew 12:9-13</i> NO Adult Catechism Class
Tuesday	20 Methodios the Martyr, Bishop of Olympus <i>Romans 7:14-8:2</i> <i>Matthew 10:9-15</i> 6:30pm Parish Council Meeting	27 Samson the Hospitable <i>Romans 10:11-21; 11:1-2</i> <i>Matthew 11:16-20</i>	4 Andrew of Crete Author of the Great Canon <i>Romans 14:9-18</i> <i>Matthew 12:14-16; 22-30</i> Independence Day-Office Closed
Wednesday	21 Julian the Martyr of Tarsus <i>Romans 8:2-13</i> <i>Matthew 10:16-22</i> 4pm Iconography Class 7pm Zoom Bible Study	28 Finding of the Relics of Cyrus and John ✠ <i>Romans 11:2-12</i> <i>Matthew 11:20-26</i> 6pm Vespers-Liturgy Sts. Peter & Paul @ St. Paul OCA	5 Athanasius of Mount Athos <i>Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2</i> <i>Matthew 11:27-30</i> 7pm Transformative Christianity Webinar
Thursday	22 Eusebius, Bishop of Samosata <i>Romans 8:22-27</i> <i>Matthew 10:23-31</i> 4pm Iconography Class 6:30pm Choir rehearsal	29 Peter and Paul, the Holy Apostles <i>II Corinthians 11:21-33; 12:1-9</i> <i>Matthew 16:13-19</i> 6:30pm Choir rehearsal	6 Sisoës the Great <i>Romans 15:17-29</i> <i>Matthew 12:46-50; 13:1-3</i> 6:30pm Choir rehearsal
Friday	23 Agrippina the Martyr of Rome <i>Romans 9:6-19</i> <i>Matthew 10:32-36; 11:1</i>	30 Synaxis of the Twelve Holy Apostles ☐ <i>I Corinthians 4:9-16</i> <i>Matthew 9:36, 10:1-8</i>	7 Kyriake the Great Martyr <i>Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5</i> <i>Mark 5:24-34</i>
Saturday	24 Nativity of the Forerunner John the Baptist <i>Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4</i> <i>Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76, 80</i> 8:15am Othros/9:30am Liturgy	1 Cosmas & Damian the Holy Unmercenaries <i>I Corinthians 12:27-31; 13:1-8</i> <i>Matthew 10:1, 5-8</i>	8 The Holy Great Martyr Procopius <i>I Timothy 4:9-15</i> <i>Luke 6:17-19, 9:1-2, 10:16-21</i>

2023 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Katie Burke
Springboro High School

Katie graduated from Springboro High School with an honors diploma. She will be attending Miami University to study nursing.



Zoe Hope Day
Fairmont High School

Zoe graduated *magna cum laude* and was a member of the national Chinese honor society. Zoe is also graduating from Sinclair Community college with an associates degree in applied science & mathematics. She will be attending Miami University in Oxford to study Business & Art and Chinese language



Ispiro Saba Hudson Halabi
Fairmont High School

Saba graduated *magna cum laude* from Fairmont & was awarded the President's Leadership Academy Scholarship from Bowling Green University where he will work with faculty & staff to promote community affairs on and off campus.



John Arthur Tipler
Springboro High School

John will be attending Kent State University to study computer science.

2023 COLLEGE (AND BEYOND!) GRADUATES



Victoria Angelopoulos
The University of Dayton

Victoria graduated from the University of Dayton with her Doctorate in physical therapy. She will be working for Premier Health and Beavercreek, Ohio.



Elizabeth Fote
Ohio University

Elizabeth graduated from Ohio University with a Bachelor's of Science in Education. She plans to move back to the Dayton area to look for a job teaching language arts in grades 7-12.



Georgia McFarland
Boston University

Georgia graduated from Boston University with a Masters of Education in Sports Psychology and will be practicing in New York City.



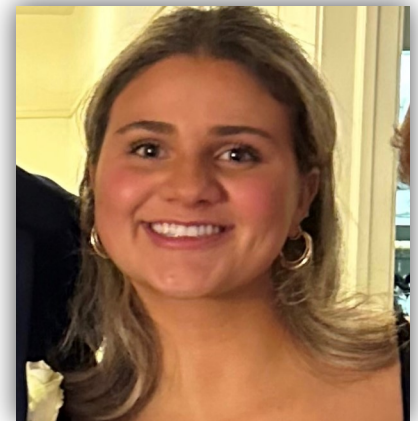
**Emmanuel (Manny)
Joseph Psihountas**
University of Mississippi

Manny (son of Gus & Colleen Psihountas) graduated *magna cum laude* with a Juris Doctorate from the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss). After passing the bar, he will be heading to Washington DC to work as a Patent Attorney with the firm Sughrue Mion.



Helen Souder
University of Cincinnati

Helen graduated with a Bachelor's degree in criminal justice and will be working with luxury complex, The Hub as their leasing manager & head of media.



Valen Irene Zalants
Colgate University

Valen graduated *magna cum laude* from Colgate University with a French honors society distinction from Pi Delta Phi. She graduated with a French major and Architectural Studies minor.

ALEA SOCIETY DINNER DANCE

The Alea Society is hosting Dinner and Dancing at Presidential Banquet Center in Kettering (4548 Presidential Way, Dayton, OH 45429) on June 17. Hors D'oeuvre's will be served at 6pm and Dinner at 6:30pm; the dance will follow.



It's \$35 (per person) dinner & dance, and dance only is \$20 (per person). For more information, and to make reservations contact: Kathy Kordalis at 937-620-0765 or kordalis@sbcglobal.net.



UPCOMING HOPE/JOY EVENT

Our next event will be on **June 10 at 1pm** at Young's Jersey Dairy.

SATURDAY OF SOULS LITURGY AT WOODLAND

The Saturday before Pentecost, **Saturday, June 3**, is the final Saturday of Souls for 2023. In keeping with longstanding tradition, we will celebrate the Divine Liturgy and Memorial Service that day AT Woodland Cemetery, at the Altar



Table that is established in the old Greek Orthodox section of the cemetery. The Liturgy will begin at 9:30am, but Fr. Anthony will begin the preparation of the gifts around 9am. We will bless all the koliva that is brought at the end of the liturgy.

After the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, Fr. Anthony will read the memorial prayers at individual gravesites for anyone who wishes to stay. To make sure Father Anthony doesn't miss anyone, please either wait nearby at the end of the Liturgy, so that you can lead him to your loved one(s)' gravesite, or let him know that you will be waiting for him, and make sure he knows where to find you.

Greek Orthodox
Metropolis of Detroit
presents
**Transformative Christianity
Webinar Series**
Join us in 2023 to continue learning what
Orthodox Christianity
really has to offer to us and to the world!
Wednesday, June 7, 2023
7:00 PM ET / 6:00 PM CT
Session 14 ~ "Clothed in Christ"
A deeper look at the Mystery of Holy Baptism
with Father Paul Patitsas



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FESTIVAL & DRIVE THRU NEWS

Dear Parishioners,

In October the Festival Board of Directors began their search for the need of certain critical festival leadership positions. Despite numerous meetings and communications, these roles still remain unfilled. In December the Festival Board of Directors sent out a Festival update to the entire community, in that update, the Board was clear that if we cannot fill these roles, we will make the recommendation that we will not be able to support a Festival in 2023.

Unfortunately, these roles remain unfilled. In addition, the critical infrastructure challenge that was discussed at the Fall General Assembly in October, remains unresolved. Finally, we have not yet been able to identify replacements for the essential equipment, especially the refrigerator trucks, which our food supplier are no longer available able to provide.

For these three reasons, the Parish Council has accepted the recommendation of the Festival Board of Directors to delay our next Dayton Greek Festival until 2024. To replace the lost revenue, maintain our volunteer base, and retain our claim to our Fall Festival date, we are planning a drive-thru September 8-10.

If you can help us to solve any of the challenges that must be resolved before September 2024, please contact the Parish Council or the Festival Board of Directors. Regardless, please volunteer for the preparation and execution of these two Drive-Thrus.

Signed, *Parish Council Members & Festival Board of Directors*

SPRING DRIVE-THRU THANKS!

We want to thank all of you that supported our successful Spring Drive-Thru festival this past weekend: to both our wonderful volunteers and the those who were not able to volunteer their time but pre-ordered food to take home.

Let us first thank our great booth chairs that we could not have done this without all of them! They were in it from the beginning when we announced that we were going to have a drive-thru and would need their help with the planning and implementing, and were there till the very end with their booths running flawlessly!

A thank you to our wonderful volunteers, who showed up and gave 100% of their time and efforts to help ensure that orders were filled, packed correctly, and out the door in a matter of minutes! Because of their great work we never had cars lined out on the street, they moved smoothly and quickly through the drive-thru process. We have had great feedback from our customers of what a well-oiled machine we have!

We have the best staff personnel and are so thankful for them. They offered to work the weekend before even being asked, after they had already worked their regular shifts, they were there all weekend taking phone calls, helping process orders, keeping the building clean and doing whatever was asked of them, so a big thank-you to them as well.

Thank you all!!

Spring Drive-Thru Chairs:

Andrea and David Casey, Connie and Bill Yorgen, Michael Jannides





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