

# THE TRUE VINE

Beloved in the Lord,

As we write this, the parish is entering upon the last intense stages of preparation before our first full Greek Festival in three years. The entire campus has been humming with activity for weeks with the preparation of the various pastries and other foodstuffs, and every room in the building is dedicated to this great annual effort of our community. As we approach the final days and hours, and the Festival itself, I extend my deepest thanks to everyone who has participated in any way, large or small, in this blessed labor. Whatever the outcome, we have already tasted, time and again, the great blessing of Christian fellowship in working and serving together, and we entrust ourselves and the results of the Festival to the Lord, Who has given us to one another and to our city and community. May it be blessed!

If you have not yet had an opportunity to take part in the work of the Festival, then there are still many opportunities. If you can offer any volunteer time, please contact the Church office; if you cannot, then please still plan to attend, and invite your friends, coworkers, and neighbors. As we open our doors and our hearts to this city in which we live, let them see us at our best, laboring and laughing together in concord and in joy, in peace and in love, so that we may bear witness to the joy and the grace of the Lord Who has brought us together.

Along with the Festival, of course, we are preparing to resume all the other ministries of the Church: Catechism School, Greek School, GOYA, HOPE/JOY, and Young at Heart are all busily getting ready for the start of the new Church Year. Adult Catechism classes have already resumed; the Choir & Parish Council never even paused. After more than two years of disruption from COVID, we are poised to finally return fully to parish life.

In April and May, we spoke of similar themes, as we reflected on the parish's 100th anniversary, and urged ourselves and all of you to take that opportunity to renew our devotion to the Lord and to His Church, and since that time, we have been reflecting in this space on how we may go about doing that, starting with the center of our life together, our worship together in the Church, and how our worship must be rooted in a reality of thanksgiving. This "giving of thanks" is, of course, what "Eucharist" means, and is at the heart of our life in Christ. But it is easy to say this, and much harder to put it into practice.

Thanksgiving, of course, begins with a recognition that we have received a gift. This part is easy; every morning when we wake from sleep, see the sunrise, and smell the fresh morning air, we have an opportunity to recognize the gift of life and existence that the Lord has given to us. Every time we lift up our voices and hearts in prayer, we have an opportunity to confess the good things that God has done for us. And every time we enter the Church, we both hear and participate in the proclamation of His many mercies to us, all that He has done to sustain us in life and restore us to the love and glory for which He created us. If we ever question what is the "point" of the first 40 minutes of the Divine Liturgy, it is precisely this recounting of the many things that God has done for us, for which it is right and proper that we should give thanks to Him.



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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.*



But this recognition and recounting is only the beginning. As all of us know, the natural and proper response to a gift, to a gracious act from someone else, is to respond in kind. When someone else opens up to us, offering something of themselves to us, it is instinctive and normal that we should reciprocate, offering something of ourselves to them. This can become a matter of guilt and obligation, but it need not be so, and should not be so. If what we have received is indeed a good gift, then our hearts are moved, and we desire to respond, not out of obligation, but as a free movement toward still greater intimacy with the giver. If we do not feel this natural movement of our hearts, then it is usually because the gift is not in fact a good gift, or because our hearts and minds are distracted, so that we do not recognize its worthiness and value. So when we come to the Church, our first responsibility is to attend to the good things that God has done for us, and strive to recognize the graciousness and love of God for us. This is often the purpose of the sermon, to spark in us a greater awareness and understanding of what the Lord has done for us, to help us hear and see the things that we have heard and seen all our lives with new eyes and ears, to soften our hearts and move our souls toward the Lord.

It is only once we have attended to these things that God has done for us, as recounted in the Psalms and hymns, Scripture readings and sermons, that we continue with the actual offering of the Eucharist. What we offer at this point is something solid and tangible, not just our feelings, but the actual fruit of the labor of our hands, bread and wine that become the common offering of us all in the Great Entrance. As we continue from that point, we recount in general terms everything that God has done for us from the beginning of time up to the present moment, and exhort ourselves to a real and significant offering of ourselves to the Lord in thanksgiving for the love and salvation that He has given to us. This is the purpose and significance of the proclamation of the Creed, and of the Anaphora, the Offering Prayers of the Priest which immediately follow the Creed. Finally, we recount the Lord's institution of the Eucharist, speaking ourselves the words that He spoke, assuring us that what He offers to us is not just some intermediate grace, but Himself, flesh and blood, God uniting Himself with humankind. And then the Priest, on behalf of all of us, lifts the Bread and Wine that we have offered, representing our entire shared life, and offers all of us to the Lord, on behalf of everyone and everything that exist in this universe.

And thus, as we recount God's goodness to us, we ascend to meet Him, offering ourselves to Him as the first fruits of the entire universe, and in that meeting, He gives Himself to us once again in the very gifts that we have given to Him, so that it is not just the Bread and the Wine of our offering that become the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Rather, it is we ourselves, who offer ourselves to Him in thanksgiving for all that He has done for us, who become the Body of Christ in this world. And this is why we do not merely stand afar and watch in awe at the Consecration of the Gifts, but rather we dare to approach and to receive the Lord, directly and in person. We know and confess that the Lord is good, but we do not simply repeat this truth; rather, we run to Him to offer ourselves to Him in thanksgiving for His goodness, and then we taste and see that the Lord is truly Good, and we are refashioned, becoming one with Him, the Good One Who saves us and all the world.

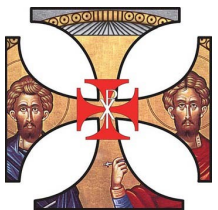
But this is not the end; the Liturgy does not conclude with Holy Communion. It concludes with us being dismissed from the Church, not because the Lord wants us to leave His presence, but because He is now present within us, and is sending us out into the world, back to our lives, our homes, our jobs, our struggles, to carry Him into the world, even into the darkness, so that His light may shine on all.

This, then, is the great mystery of the Eucharist, of our Thanksgiving to God for all that He has done for us. In offering ourselves to Him as living sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving, we are invited to become a part of His good work of salvation in this world, instruments of grace, hands that minister healing, feet that bear good news into a world desperate for hope and grace and peace.

My beloved brothers and sisters, it is indeed a high and lofty and glorious calling that we have received. In this new Church year, this time of renewal after COVID, after 100 years of this parish's life in Dayton, I pray that we may be made worthy of this high calling, and may run with patient endurance and faithfulness the course that the Lord has set before us. But as we said back in May, all this begins simply with coming to Church, and coming on time, as best as we are able. If this is a struggle for us, then we pray that the Lord will grant us strength to struggle indeed, and to grow closer to Him and to one another in the coming months and years.

With love in Christ,

+Fr. Anthony Cook



## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

**Membership meeting:** There is no meeting in September. Our next meeting will be **October 6<sup>th</sup>** at 10am in the Athenagoras room.

### **October CCM: Charity at Home:**

As you think ahead to our October CCM, please consider making a donation to this very worthy fund raiser. Annually, Philoptochos raises funds to provide financial assistance for members of our own parish family. We so often think of Philoptochos as donating to local and national charities, but it is equally important to take care of the needs of those near and dear to us. Disbursements are confidential between the Priest, the Philoptochos President, and the Philoptochos Treasurer. If you know someone within our parish who is in need, please contact Father Anthony or Cindy Keilholz directly.



**August 15 Reception:** Thank you to Mary McDonald, Mary Caudell, Diane Briggs and Ruthann Zavakos for organizing the lovely reception for the Dormition of the Theotokos. Thank you to EVERYONE who made and brought the delightful food for the reception. We certainly had plenty! A special thank you to Harriet Argue for the delicious Artoclasia. We can't say enough for all the help setting up, serving, and cleaning up.

**Fun Night Out:** Our sister Philoptochos in Cincinnati, is hosting a Comedy Night featuring comedian Ellen Karis on **September 24**. The event will be held at Holy Trinity Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church. Doors open at 7pm, show at 8pm. Greek appetizers included in the ticket price with a cash bar. Tickets \$50 for adults, \$5 for HS and college students. Tickets can be purchased online at [htsnchurch.org](https://htsnchurch.org). Deadline for tickets is **September 10**.

**PHILOPTOCHOS**  
**COMEDY NIGHT**  
*Featuring Comedian and Actress*  
**ELLEN KARIS**

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 24, 2022**  
**DOORS OPEN: 7 PM**  
**SHOW: 8 PM**  
**GREEK APPETIZERS**  
**CASH BAR**

**ADULTS: \$50**  
**HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE STUDENTS: \$5**

**RESERVE BY SEPT 10 AT**  
**HTSNCHURCH.ORG**  
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## GREEK DANCING

DANCE PRACTICE WITH THE BAND on **Thursday, September 8, 6:00-7:00pm** by the bandstand outside. All dancers should attend!!

Contact Maria McFarland with questions:  
[maroudapap80@gmail.com](mailto:maroudapap80@gmail.com).



## OKTOBERFEST

The Dayton Art Institute Oktoberfest is **September 23-25**. Our parish operates a food booth selling gyros and also manages the Masonic Temple parking lot. Anyone interested in volunteering please contact

Louis Castleman

At [oktoberfest@daytonannunciation.org](mailto:oktoberfest@daytonannunciation.org)



# GREEK FESTIVAL 2022

**Workers' Parking** | **Seating** | **Baklava Sundae** | **Honey Puffs** | **Beer Truck**

**Workers' Entrance** | **Restrooms** | **Seating** | **Live Music** | **Dancing**

**Yiayia Kathy's Sweets & Treats** | **Restrooms** | **Church Sanctuary** | **Church Tours** | **Seating**

**Uniquely Greek Boutique** | **Garden Seating** | **Kafenion Coffee Shop** | **Beer Truck**

**Trigona** | **ATM** | **Entrance** | **Greek Express** | **Athenian Café**

**Festival Entrance** | **ID Check** | **Raffle Tickets** | **First Aid** | **Entrance**

**Greek Kouzina** | **OPA Bar** | **Seating | Dining Area**

**GREEK FAVORITES**

**GREEK KOUZINA**  
 Pastitsio  
 Dolmades  
 Traditional Gyro  
 Chicken Gyro  
 Veggie Gyro  
 Greek Salad  
 Large Greek Salad with Gyro Meat  
 Large Greek Salad with Chicken  
 Greek Beer  
 Bottled Water | Soft Drinks

**ATHENIAN CAFÉ**  
 Mezze (Sausage Sampler) Platter  
 Greek Dips, Pita bread, & Cheese Platter  
 Lamb Chops (2)  
 Pork Souvlaki  
 Saganaki (Flaming Cheese)  
 Greek Meatballs  
 Greek Fries  
 Cheese Pie | Spinach Pie  
 Bottled Water | Soft Drinks  
 Greek Beer

**GYRO EXPRESS**  
 Traditional Gyro  
 Chicken Gyro  
 Veggie Gyro  
 Bottled Water | Soft Drinks

**YIAYIA KATHY'S SWEETS & TREATS**  
 Assorted Pastries:  
 Pastries-to-Go Box  
 Variety Box of Pastries  
 Baklava Sundae  
 Loukoumades (Honey Puffs)

**BEER TRUCKS**  
**Draft Beer**  
 Bud Light | Michelob Ultra  
 Rhinegeist Truth | Lost Coast Tangerine  
 Yuengling Oktoberfest  
 Greek Bottled Beer

**OPA! BAR**  
**Bottled Beer | Craft Beer**  
 Michelob Ultra | Budweiser | Goose Island 312  
 Platform Haze Jude | White Claw  
 Blake's Cider | High Noon  
 Greek Beer  
 Greek Wine by the glass  
 Greek Wine by the bottle

**Dayton's most delicious festival is back!**

Our community has been preparing for months to make this weekend the best ever!  
 We are excited to share our Greek traditions and culture with you through our food, music, dancing, and warm Greek hospitality. Thank you or as we say in Greek "Efcharisto!" for being a part of our annual Greek Festival! OPA!

**Thank You to our local sponsors & business partners:**

**SPONSORS:** Dayton Art Institute | Grandview Hospital | ROTC Springfield | The Market

**BUSINESS PARTNERS:** Atlantic Foods | Heidelberg Distributing | Miami Industrial Trucks | Premier Produce One  
 Pepsi Co. | The Masonic Temple | United Dairy Farmers

***Greek Festival is here!***

**New Hours: Friday and Saturday 11a - 10p & Sunday 12 - 4p**

No admission fee this year as we welcome back our Dayton community!

Our fabulous foods we look forward to are coming back: gyro, chicken gyros with marinated shredded chicken; veggie gyros, pastitsio, dolmades, and trigona. Athenian Cafe has exciting changes - you will still get saganaki and Greek fries but now you can get lamb chops, souvlaki, hummus & spicy feta dip platter, sausage platter and meatballs. To make room for the extended Athenian Cafe, baklava sundaes and loukamades have been moved to the west side of the church parking lot and we are adding another beer trailer there too! To make room for these booths, the port-a-johns are being moved down the exit driveway next to the Community Center building. In the former Zorba Zone area, we are adding a tent with table and chairs for extra seating.

Exciting changes inside the Memorial Center - Kafenion is now located in the Athenagoras room with room to grow out into the courtyard. New this year, the Kafenion will offer paximathia and floras (baklava nut roll). The Grecian Boutique will be in the gym along with several vendor booths. The Pastry and Trigona booths will still be located in the gym. New this year, the Pastry Booth will also offer floras and our diples have a new bow tie shape!

### **VOLUNTEER INFO BELOW:**

Booth chairs have parking passes and wristbands for their workers. Contact your booth chair to get yours. We have volunteer t-shirts this year but only 300 shirts in a variety of sizes. We plan to offer a new shirt annually. Remember, grass parking lot has limited parking - so plan ahead as you may need to look for alternative parking if the lot is full. We are offering free shuttle service from the Grandview employee parking lot located on Shaw Avenue off Forest Avenue. There will also be paid parking at the Masonic (available after 2p on Saturday). The Grandview hospital parking garage is under construction and will not be available this year.

For those of you working in a food area, please follow the food safety guidelines such as gloves, handwashing, etc. that are provided to booths. We want to ensure the food safety of what we are selling. Masks are advisable but optional.

Father Anthony will offer a blessing at the beginning of the festival on Friday. We look forward to seeing everyone here to help in a booth, dancing, church tours, helping behind the scenes - all are appreciated! We wish to extend a welcome to Premier Health Partners who will be providing our First Aid this year. We also will have a small booth at the entrance on Saturday and Sunday from the VA to provide benefit information to veterans.

Our festival received the **2021 Best of Dayton Award**, Let's keep up the good work! If you haven't signed up to volunteer and don't know where, look at the list below and contact the appropriate booth chair OR contact the church office or [festivaldirector@daytonannunciation.org](mailto:festivaldirector@daytonannunciation.org).

- Linda Kididis, Festival Director of Operations, 937-657-2572

<b>Booth</b>	<b>Chair(s)</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Email</b>
Alcohol ID	Toni Moraites	937-305-5429	
Athenian Cafe	Paul Angelopoulos	937-361-7763	angelopoulospaul@aol.com
	Sandy Angelopoulos	937-470-1996	andraangelopoulos@aol.com
Baklava Sundae	Persephone Powers	937-986-9425 (text only)	
Beer Booth	Tony Argue	937-371-1780	
	Jenn Argue	937-371-1282	
Beverage Center	Jackie Kaiser		jackie@americanhomecraft.net
Church Tours	Sue Bacas	937-416-9849	
Grecian Boutique	Stacy Bambakidis	571-277-3802	
	Dena Inempolidis	937-371-7035	
Gyro Express	Maria Powers	937-562-1094	
Kafenion	Kathy Kordalis	937-862-9800	
Lamb chops/ souvlaki grilling	Michael Jannides	937-726-3183	
Loukamades	Dan Cleary		dan@clearycreativephoto.com
Main Food Tent	Andrew Ziehler		
	Debbie Urse	937-239-9144 (text only)	
Pastries	Sharon Liapis		skayliapis@gmail.com
	Charrie Regopoulos	937-623-2794	
Set up/tear down	Linda Kididis	937-657-2572	<a href="mailto:festivaldirector@daytonannunciation.org">festivaldirector@daytonannunciation.org</a>
Trigona	Harry & Linda Bouris		harryandlinda@earthlink.net

	September 4-10	September 11-17	September 18-24
Sunday	<b>4 12th Sunday of Matthew</b> ✕ <i>1 Corinthians 15:1-11</i> <i>Matthew 19:16-26</i>  Orthros, 8:15a Divine Liturgy, 9:30a Coffee Hour	<b>11 Sunday before the Holy Cross</b> ✕ <i>Galatians 6:11-18</i> <i>John 3:13-17</i>  Orthros, 8a Divine Liturgy, 9:30a Greek Festival 12pm-4pm	<b>18 Sunday after Holy Cross</b> ✕ <i>Galatians 2:16-20</i> <i>Mark 8:34-38; 9:1</i> Orthros, 8:15a Divine Liturgy, 9:30a GOYA Mtg/Book Club, 12/12:30p
Monday	<b>5 Holy Prophet Zacharias</b> <i>II Corinthians 8:7-15</i> <i>Matthew 23:29-39</i>  NO Catechism class	<b>12 Autonomos the Martyr</b> <i>II Corinthians 12:10-19</i> <i>John 11:47-54</i>  Catechism class, 7p	<b>19 Trophimus, Sabbatius, &amp; Dorymedon the Martyrs</b> <i>Galatians 2:11-16</i> <i>Luke 3:19-22</i>  Catechism class, 7p
Tuesday	<b>6 The Commemoration of the Miracle Wrought by Archangel Michael in Colossae</b> <i>Hebrews 2:2-10</i> <i>Luke 10:16-21</i>  Pastry cupping, 9:30am	<b>13 Forefeast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross</b> <i>Hebrews 3:1-4</i> <i>Matthew 16:13-19</i>	<b>20 Eustathius the Great Martyr, his wife and two children</b> <i>Ephesians 6:10-17</i> <i>Luke 21:12-19</i>
Wednesday	<b>7 Sozon the Martyr</b> <i>II Corinthians 9:12-15; 10:1-7</i> <i>Mark 3:30-27</i>  Pastry cupping, 9:30am Transformative Christianity Webinar, 7:30p	<b>14 The Elevation of the Venerable &amp; life-giving Cross</b> <i>1 Corinthians 1:18-24</i> <i>John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28</i>  Orthros, 8:15a Liturgy, 9:30a	<b>21 Apodosis of the Elevation of the Venerable &amp; Life-Giving Cross</b> <i>Galatians 3:15-22</i> <i>Luke 4:1-15</i>  Parish Council Meeting, 6:30pm
Thursday	<b>8 The Nativity of the Theotokos</b> ✕ <i>Philippians 2:5-11</i> <i>Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28</i>  Orthros, 8:15a /Divine Liturgy, 9:30a Pastry Cupping, 11:30a Choir rehearsal, 6p Greek dance practice w/band, 6p	<b>15 Nikitas the Great Martyr</b> ✕ <i>Colossians 1:24-29, 2:1</i> <i>Matthew 10:16-22</i>  Choir rehearsal, 6p	<b>22 Phocas the Martyr</b> ✕ <i>Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5</i> <i>Luke 4:16-22</i>  Missions & Outreach @ Hannah's Treasure Chest, 9-11a Choir rehearsal, 6p
Friday	<b>9 The Holy &amp; Righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim &amp; Anna</b> ☩ <i>Galatians 4:22-27</i> <i>Luke 8:16-21</i>  Greek Festival, 11am-10pm	<b>16 Ephemias, Great Martyr</b> ☩ <i>II Corinthians 6:1-10</i> <i>Luke 7:36-50</i>	<b>23 The Conception of St. John the Baptist</b> ☩ <i>Galatians 4:22-27</i> <i>Luke 1:5-25</i>  Oktoberfest
Saturday	<b>10 Menodora, Metrodora &amp; Nymphodora the Martyrs</b> <i>1 Corinthians 2:6-9</i> <i>Matthew 10:37-42, 11:1</i>  Greek Festival, 11am-10pm	<b>17 Sophia &amp; her daughters: Faith, Hope &amp; Love</b> <i>1 Corinthians 1:26-31-2:1-5</i> <i>John 8:21-30</i>	<b>24 The Commemoration of the Miracle of the Theotokos Myrtidiotissis in Kythira</b> <i>II Timothy 3:10-15</i> <i>Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28</i>  Oktoberfest

Fast days are shaded ✕Liturgy ♦Other Service ➡fish/wine/oil allowed ☩wine/oil allowed

	September 25-October 1	October 2-8	October 9-15
Sunday	<b>25 1st Sunday of Luke</b> ✕ <i>II Corinthians 4:6-15 Luke 5:1-11</i> Orthros, 8:15a Divine Liturgy, 9:30a/Coffee Hour Catechism School begins Ice Cream Social in JOY Courtyard Oktoberfest	<b>2 2nd Sunday of Luke</b> ✕ <i>II Corinthians 6:1-10 Luke 6:31-36</i> Orthros, 8:15a Divine Liturgy, 9:30a Catechism School Coffee Hour	<b>9 3rd Sunday of Luke</b> ✕ <i>II Corinthians 6:16-18;7:1 Luke 7:11-16</i> Orthros, 8:15a Divine Liturgy, 9:30a Catechism School Coffee Hour HOPE/JOY Event, 1p
Monday	<b>26 The Falling Asleep of St. John the Evangelist</b> <i>I John 4:12-19</i> <i>John 19:25-27; 21:24-25</i> AHEPA Golf Outing Greek school, 5:30p Catechism class, 7p	<b>3 Dionysios the Areopagite</b> <i>Acts 17:16-34</i> <i>Luke 6:24-30</i>  Greek school, 5:30p Catechism class, 7p	<b>10 Eulampius &amp; Eulampia the Martyrs</b> <i>Ephesians 4:25-32</i> <i>Luke 7:36-50</i>  Greek school, 5:30p Catechism class, 7p
Tuesday	<b>27 Callistratus the Martyr &amp; his 49 companions</b> <i>Galatians 5:11-21</i> <i>Luke 5:12-16</i>	<b>4 Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens</b> <i>Ephesians 2:19-22;3:1-7</i> <i>Luke 6:37-45</i>	<b>11 Philip the Apostle of the 70, one of the 7 Deacons</b> <i>Acts 8:26-39</i> <i>Luke 8:1-3</i>
Wednesday	<b>28 Chariton the Confessor</b> <i>II Corinthians 4:6-15</i> <i>Luke 6:17-23</i>	<b>5 Charitina the Martyr</b> <i>Ephesians 3:8-21</i> <i>Luke 6:46-49, 7:1</i>	<b>12 Probus, Andronicus, &amp; Tarachus, Martyrs of Tarsus</b> <i>Ephesians 5:25-33</i> <i>Luke 8:22-25</i>
Thursday	<b>29 Cyriacus the Hermit</b> ✕ <i>Galatians 5:22-26, 6:1-2</i> <i>Luke 6:12-19</i>  Choir rehearsal, 6p	<b>6 The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas</b> ✕ <i>I Corinthians 4:9-16</i> <i>John 20:19-31</i>  Philoptochos Meeting, 10am Choir rehearsal, 6p	<b>13 Carpus, Papyrus, Agathodorus, &amp; Agathonica, the Martyrs of Pergamus</b> ✕ <i>Ephesians 5:33;6:1-9</i> <i>Luke 9:7-11</i> Choir rehearsal, 6p DOP/AHEPA Meeting, 6pm
Friday	<b>30 Gregory the Illuminator</b> ☺ <i>I Corinthians 16:13-24</i> <i>Matthew 24:42-47</i>	<b>7 Sergius &amp; Bacchus the Great Martyrs of Syria</b> ☺ <i>Ephesians 4:17-25</i> <i>Luke 7:31-35</i>	<b>14 Martyrs Nazarius, Gervasius, Protasius, &amp; Celsus</b> ☺ <i>Ephesians 6:18-24</i> <i>Luke 9:12-18</i>
Saturday	<b>1 The Holy Protection of the Theotokos</b> <i>Acts 9:10-19</i> <i>Luke 5:17-26</i>	<b>8 Pelagia the Righteous</b> <i>I Corinthians 14:20-25</i> <i>Luke 5:27-32</i>	<b>15 Lucian the Martyr of Antioch</b> <i>I Corinthians 15:39-45</i> <i>Luke 6:1-10</i>

## GREEK SCHOOL NEWS

Greek School begins **September 26**. Registration for the 2022-23 school year is still open. This enables us to plan accordingly for the number of teachers and purchase books. Use the link on the church website under "Organizations" to register your children for Greek School. For any questions please contact Michelle Zois at [matinazois@gmail.com](mailto:matinazois@gmail.com).



## CATECHISM SCHOOL NEWS

***Catechism School begins September 25th!***

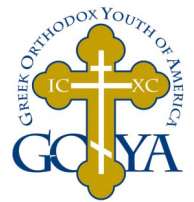
We are so excited to welcome all the students back! Please sit with your family during the Divine Liturgy and after Holy Communion we will have a special "Blessing of the Students and Teachers" before the start of class. After classes are dismissed students will be treated to an Ice Cream Social in the JOY Courtyard (weather permitting) or Community Center (if it's raining).



REGISTER your children here by using the link on our website under the Organizations tab.

## UPCOMING GOYA EVENTS

GOYA Will be having a meeting on **Sunday, September 18** followed by book club. Join us!



All dancers (ages 10+) who are interested in attending Hellenic Folk Dance Festival, contact Maria (937-409-9876) prior to September 15. Registration will be covered by AIF. Dancers are responsible for hotel costs.

There will be meeting on **September 18** following church with forms and additional details. You must attend the meeting to register.

## AIF 2023 BUDGET INPUTS: DEADLINE CHANGE

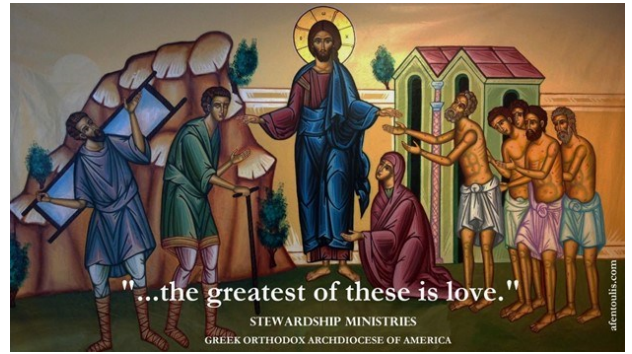
Inputs for the 2023 Annunciation Investment Fund Budget are due no later than **September 20, 2022**. The Funding Request Form, located on the Church Website should be used. Additional pages can be added for justification as required. Inputs can be emailed to [AIF@daytonannunciation.org](mailto:AIF@daytonannunciation.org) or hard copy may be placed in the AIF mailbox at the church. Please make the funding request as complete and detailed as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Harry Bouris at 937-716-5594 or email to AIF mailbox. We will be on a tight deadline to prepare the budget, obtain concurrence from the Parish Council and present to the General Assembly for approval, so this is a hard deadline.



## STEWARDSHIP:

### WHAT INSPIRES YOU TO GIVE?

There are so many ways that you can support the church. You can give your time, talent or your treasure. And all make a positive impact on our church community. Volunteering will not only enrich your life but the lives of others. Perhaps you could consider volunteering this fall for the Greek Festival. A short 2-3 hour shift can make a difference and allow you to feel more connected to our community. Or perhaps you have a special talent or expertise that you can share with the community. Teach a class or be a consultant for a project. This too is a way to support your church. But as we all know, our parish cannot survive without the monetary support of our members. So what inspires you to give? Do you believe in the mission and trust the organization? Do you want to make an impact? Perhaps you have a personal connection or simply want to be a part of something greater? No matter the reason, we hope you will find it in your heart to support the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church. And if you have a compelling story on what inspires you to give...please share it with [rego4nick@aol.com](mailto:rego4nick@aol.com). Thank you for all you do...and remember no gift is too small.



To make your gift online go to: <https://www.daytonannunciation.org/stewardship>



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**Wednesday, September 7, 2022**

**7:30 PM ET / 6:30 PM CT**

**Session 7 ~ "An Anxious Dog Barks"**  
A talk about the passion of Anger  
with Fr. Gregory Hohnholt



## TRANSFORMATIVE CHRISTIANITY WEBINAR

Join us **Wednesday, September 7**  
at the church in the Athenagoras  
room around 7pm for the 6th  
Transformative Christianity  
Webinar followed by discussion.  
This month's topic is "An Anxious  
Dog Bark: A Talk About the  
Passion of Anger" by Fr. Gregory  
Hohnholt. The webinar begins at  
7:30pm. With questions, contact  
Renee Nicholas at  
[reeneenicholas@hotmail.com](mailto:reeneenicholas@hotmail.com).

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## MISSIONS & OUTREACH

We will be helping at Hannah's Treasure Chest on Thursday September 22 ONLY this month from 9:00-11:00 am. All are welcome to come help!

Contact Maria McFarland ([maroudapap80@gmail.com](mailto:maroudapap80@gmail.com)) with questions.



HANNAH'S TREASURE CHEST

## CHURCH BUILDING & ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

### Maintenance Requests

If you see any maintenance items or issues, please fill out the Maintenance Request Form found on our website [daytonannunciation.org](http://daytonannunciation.org) under “Forms.”



### “New” Hires

Renda & Bernie are back! The ladies who had done housekeeping for us before the pandemic have been hired back. They will be both working Mondays together and then individually the other days of the week. Welcome them back if you see them.

## PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES

### Candidates for Parish Council

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. 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 16, 2022**. Elections will be held at church by secret ballot on **November 6, 2022** following Divine Liturgy.

## ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH CLERGY, STAFF & PARISH COUNCIL

### Clergy

Rev. Fr. Anthony Cook  
*Presiding Priest*  
[franthy@daytonannunciation.org](mailto:franthy@daytonannunciation.org)

### Office Staff

Erin Caldwell  
*Office Manager/Rental Coordinator*  
[erin.caldwell@daytonannunciation.org](mailto:erin.caldwell@daytonannunciation.org)

Deborah Stringfield  
*Parish Administrative Assistant*  
[office@daytonannunciation.org](mailto:office@daytonannunciation.org)

Renda Humphreys  
Bernie Clair  
*Housekeeping Staff*

John Barber  
*Maintenance Team Member*

Matthew Stringfield  
*Custodian*

Brenda Day  
*Bookkeeper*  
[accountant@daytonannunciation.org](mailto:accountant@daytonannunciation.org)

### Parish Council

Rev. Fr. Anthony Cook  
*Proistamenos*

Jim Haubrock  
*President*

Isidora Tsonis-Margioras  
*Vice President*

Stavro Ververis  
*Secretary*

Demetri Inempolidis  
*Treasurer*

### Members:

Linda Bouris  
Christina Day  
Mary Haritos  
Linda Kididis  
Matt McAlpine  
Chris Pulos  
Nick Regopoulos  
Kenya Smith  
Stacey Tipler  
Athena Zavakos

## SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER EVENTS ON THE HILL!



**Dayton Art Institute's Oktoberfest** is scheduled for September 23 - 25. This is the same weekend Catechism School is kicking off. That week, Belmonte Park North in front of DAI will be closed but our parking lot will still be accessible. On Sunday the 25th, Oktoberfest opens at noon, but parking may still be a challenge with many DAI vendors using our lot. Just be aware!

### Pumpkin Glow

Save the dates! 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.



## PARISH REGISTRY

### *Baptisms*

8/13 Elena Pericleous  
8/27 Leah Duffy

### *Funerals*

8/10 Eileen Gustin  
8/16 Mary Saloom  
8/24 Kathy McAlpine

### *Memorials*

9/11 Rosilyn Zavakos, 29 years  
9/18 Eileen Gustin, 40 days  
10/2 Kathy McAlpine, 40 days

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## COLLEGE STUDENT INFORMATION REQUEST


We are requesting contact information on our parish's college/university students. Please forward the below information to Deborah in the church office: [office@daytonannunciation.org](mailto:office@daytonannunciation.org).

Name of Student  
College/University Attending  
Postal Address  
Email Address  
Phone Contact

This is a great way for your student to stay connected to his/her home church while at school. Thank you for your assistance!



**Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Dayton, Ohio**



**THE WEEKEND AFTER  
LABOR DAY**

**SEPT 9, 10 & 11**

Hours:  
Sept 9 Friday 11am-10pm  
Sept 10 Saturday 12pm-4pm  
Sept 11 Sunday 12pm-4pm

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