



THE TRUE VINE

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THE FIRST-BORN OF MANY BRETHREN

Rev. Fr. Anthony Cook

We have been discussing the clause of the Creed that deals with the Son of God, and it is good that we here include in full the first half of that clause. This first portion speaks of the eternal existence of the Son of God. "I trust," it says, "in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages, light of light, true God of true God, begotten, not created, of one essence with the Father, through Whom all things were made." You will notice that this does not speak at all of the Lord's birth, life, death, and resurrection in this world, but only of His eternal relationship with the Father; the Incarnation is the subject of the second half of the clause, which we will discuss in due time.

We have talked already about the deeper meaning of the three Names of the Son of God, and in the earliest days of the Church's history, the Creed simply affirmed this trust in one Lord Jesus Christ. As time passed, however, and converts and critics questioned how God could be both Father and Son, and yet still be One God, not two, clarifications were added to the Creed to affirm that they are One. These clarifications were added with great care and deliberation, and so we will discuss them carefully and slowly, phrase by phrase, and word by word. The Church, after all, spent seven centuries discussing the Sonship, the Divinity, and the Humanity of Jesus Christ, making every effort to ensure that the words we use to speak of Him are precise and true - it is only right that we should imitate that care in studying what has been revealed to us.

The reason the Church is so careful on this subject, is that, when we talk about God, and especially when we consider the identity and inter-relationship of the three Persons of the Holy Trinity, we are stretching the capacity of human language and understanding far beyond their limits. The simple reality is that we are finite beings using finite language to talk about the infinite God and His Being that is above and beyond all being. We, and our language, are simply not up to the task. And so we see that when we talk about God, especially when we are talking about His Being beyond the boundaries of this finite world, but even when speaking simply of His action in this world...as soon as we say anything, we pretty much immediately have to un-say it, or at least to clarify that whatever words we said mean something different, or grander, or larger, or more perfect, than what those words usually mean.

This holds above all for the word "Son." Jesus is the Son of God, but there are many things that are usually implied in the word son that simply don't hold here. A son, in our natural experience, has both a father and a mother, but Jesus is, in His Divinity, begotten of the Father without a mother. Normally, a son begins his life much younger and smaller and less capable than his father, and eventually grows to be stronger and more capable as his father ages and becomes less so - but God the Father is eternal, and the Son is co-eternal with Him. Human fathers and sons often come into conflict with one another, as the one decreases and the other increases - but there is nothing but harmony and unity between God the Father and God the Son. Jesus Himself tells us clearly: "I and the Father are One - for I am in the Father and the Father is in me."

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday

8:15 am – Orthros

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

Please see included calendar for details, meetings, feast-day services, and any other schedule variations.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Weddings

October 11, 2025

Ted Cassis & Cynthia Brun

October 18, 2025

Jansen Meyers & Helen Kyriakidis

October 25, 2025

Andrew Mach & Maria Kididis

IMPORTANT LINKS

Stewardship/Online Giving

<https://www.daytonannunciation.org/stewardship>

Religious Education Initiative

<https://theruleoffaith.org/rei>

Service Texts

<https://dcs.goarch.org>

Parish Live Stream (Youtube)

<https://www.youtube.com/@daytonannunciation6868>

Parish Bulletin Board

(event flyers & signups)

<https://www.daytonannunciation.org/parish-bulletin-board>

Parish Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1355887314468422>

We urge you all to check this web page often; it will always have the latest flyers and signup options for upcoming events and activities

So Jesus is the Son of God, but Son, in this case, doesn't mean what it normally means. Some points from our experience of sonship hold true - but many do not. We may take this in two ways. The first is simply to accept that, of all the words and ideas available in human language and thought to describe the relationship between Himself and the Father, the least misleading option was the word "Son," and the model that goes along with it - so that is the word that Jesus used to describe Himself and His relationship with the Father. The second, somewhat more daring thought, is that sonship in its earthly and human framework, was created to mirror the relationship between God the Father and God the Son, that, for all its imperfections, there is something at the core of the relationship between parents and children that reflects the love and unity and harmony of God the Father and God the Son.

As we confess that Jesus is the Son of God, we need to take special care for the word God as well. According to the normal rules of language, to say that Jesus is the Son of God would imply that He is not God in the same sense as His Father - but this is not what He has revealed to us. Rather, we affirm that not only the Father, but also the Son and the Holy Spirit are fully God. We therefore speak of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit - One God, not three, but three distinct Persons in one Being. The word "God" speaks, then, of what is common to the three Persons of the Trinity - it is the Name for their One Being. Because the Father is the source and fountainhead of that Being, we may also use the word "God" to speak of Him specifically, but this in no way implies that the Son and the Spirit are less "God" than the Father. And even when we speak of each Divine Person in a distinct manner, we must remember that where one is, all are. In the eternal Being of the Father, the Son and the Spirit are always present with Him. When Jesus Christ is on the Cross, the Father and the Spirit are present with Him. When the Holy Spirit descends on the day of Pentecost, the Father and the Son are present with Him.

Two final points. First, the phrase "the only-begotten Son of God" which we are discussing today comes from what is perhaps the most famous verse in Scripture. John 3:16. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, so that whoever trusts in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." This verse beautifully sums up the good news of the Christian Faith - we are able to come to know the Son of God because God the Father loves us, and sends His only-begotten Son to save us. Second - it is important that the Creed affirms that Jesus is the only-begotten son of God, and not simply that He is God's only Son. As we said when discussing what it means that God the Father is Father Almighty, all of us human beings are created and called to be and become children of God. The Creed, here, affirms that Jesus is unique, because He is the only begotten Son of God - but we are called to become children of God, in the image and likeness of Jesus. God the Father has given Him to us so that we can be "conformed to the image of His Son", in the words of St. Paul, so that Jesus may be the firstborn of many brethren. This, above all, is why we spend so much time talking about Jesus...because He, and His Sonship, are deeply relevant to us. He is the only-begotten Son of God, the firstborn of many brothers and sisters, the New Adam who is perfect where the First Adam fell into brokenness. He is the prototype of humanity as we are meant to be, the firstborn from the dead, and the Good News of the Christian Faith is not only that He has come into the world, and descended to the depths of our brokenness to save us, but that He has ascended from those depths, and calls us to rise with Him to glory and to everlasting communion with the Father.

To say, however, that Jesus is begotten of the Father begs another question that we must answer, and it is to this question that we will turn next time - specifically, when, exactly, was the Son begotten?

The above is the thirteenth installment of the basic Catechetical Program with which we ask all our Catechumens to engage. As these matters are certainly of general interest, we will be publishing them here for the next several months; comments and questions are welcome, and may be directed to Fr. Anthony.

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	Oct 26-Nov 1	Nov 2-Nov 8	Nov 9-Nov 15
Sunday	26 6th Sunday of Luke ✠ 2 Timothy 2:1-10; Luke 8:26-39 8:15am Orthros/9:30am Liturgy Sunday School after Communion 11:30am Coffee Hour 11:30am Parish Parent Meeting	2 5th Sunday of Luke ✠ Galatians 2:16-20; Luke 16:19-31 8:15am Orthros/9:30am Liturgy Sunday School after Communion 11:30am Coffee Hour 12pm GOYA Meeting 12pm Oratorical Festival Parent's Meeting	9 7th Sunday of Luke ✠ Galatians 6:11-18; Luke 8:41-56 8:15am Orthros/9:30am Liturgy Sunday School after Communion 11:30am Coffee Hr/PC Elections 12:30pm Speaker: Estate Planning/Planned Giving Philoptochos Food Drive Begins
Monday	27 Nestor the Martyr of Thessaloniki Philippians 4:10-23; Luke 10:22-24 5:30pm Greek School via Zoom 7pm Adult Catechesis Pumpkin Glow	3 Acepshimas the Bishop, Joseph the Presbyter, & Aeithalas the Deacon, Martyrs of Persia Colossians 2:13-20; Luke 11:29-33 5:30pm Greek School 7pm Adult Catechesis	10 Erastus, Olympas, Rodion, Sosipater, Quartus, and Tertios, Apostles of the 70 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; Luke 12:13-15, 22-31 5:30pm Greek School 7pm Adult Catechesis Philoptochos Food Drive
Tuesday	28 The Holy Protection of the Theotokos ✠ Hebrews 9:1-7; Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28 8:15am Orthros/9:30am Liturgy Pumpkin Glow	4 Joannicius the Great Colossians 2:20-23; 3:1-3; Luke 11:34-41	11 Menas of Egypt 2 Corinthians 4:6-15; Luke 12:42-48 6pm AHEPA/DOP Meeting Philoptochos Food Drive
Wednesday	29 Anastasia the Martyr of Rome Colossians 1:18-23; Luke 11:9-13 7pm Zoom Bible Study	5 Galaktion & his wife Episteme, the Martyrs of Emesa Colossians 3:17-25; 4:1; Luke 11:42-46 7pm Zoom Bible Study	12 John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria ✠ ☩ 2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Matthew 5:14-19 6pm Zoom Bible Study 6pm Vigil for St. John Chrysostom Philoptochos Food Drive
Thursday	30 The Holy Martyrs Zenobius and His Sister Zenobia Colossians 1:24-29, 2:1; Luke 11:14-23 6:45pm Choir	6 Paul the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople Hebrews 8:1-6; Luke 12:8-12 10am Philoptochos 6:45pm Choir	13 John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2; John 10:9-16 11:30am Young at Heart 6:45pm Choir Philoptochos Food Drive
Friday	31 Stachys, Andrew, Amplias, Apelles, Urban, Aristobulus & Narcissus of the 70 Romans 16:1-16; Luke 11:23-26	7 33 Martyrs of Melitene Colossians 4:10-18; Luke 12:2-12	14 Philip the Apostle ⏪ 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; John 1:43-51 Philoptochos Food Drive
Saturday	1 Cosmas and Damian the Holy Unmercenaries of Asia, and their mother Theodota 1 Corinthians 12:27-31; 13:1-8; Matthew 10:1, 5-8	8 Synaxis of the Archangel Michael & the other Bodiless Powers: Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Salaphiel, Jegudiel, & Barachiel Hebrews 2:2-10; Luke 10:16-21	15 Nativity Fast Begins ⏪ Corinthians 8:1-5; Luke 9:37-43 3pm HOPE/JOY Canned Food Drive Philoptochos Food Drive

• Fast Days Shaded ✠ Liturgy ❖ Other Service ⏪ fish/wine/oil allowed ☩ wine/oil allowed

	Nov 16-Nov 22	Nov 23-Nov 29	Nov 30-Dec 6
Sunday	16 Matthew the Apostle & Evangelist ✠⋈ Romans 10:11-21; 11:1-2; Matthew 9:9-13 8:15am Orthros/9:30am Liturgy Sunday School after Communion 11:30am Coffee Hour Philoptochos Food Drive Last Day	23 9th Sunday of Luke ✠⋈ Ephesians 2:14-22; Luke 12:16-21 8:15am Orthros/9:30am Liturgy Sunday School after Communion 11:30am Coffee Hour 5pm Feather Party	30 Andrew the First- Called Apostle ✠⋈ 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; John 1:35-51 8:15am Orthros/9:30am Liturgy NO Sunday School after Communion 11:30am Coffee Hour
Monday	17 Gregory the Wonderworker & Bishop of Neo-Caesarea ⋈ 1 Corinthians 12:7-11; Luke 14:1, 12-15 5:30pm Greek School 7pm Adult Catechesis	24 Our Holy Father Clement, Pope of Rome ⋈ Philippians 3:20-21; 4:1-3; Luke 17:20-25 5:30pm Greek School 7pm Adult Catechesis	1 Nahum the Prophet ⋈ 1 Timothy 1:1-7; Luke 19:37-44 5:30pm Greek School 7pm Adult Catechesis
Tuesday	18 Plato the Great Martyr of Ancyra ⋈ 1 Thessalonians 3:8-13; Luke 14:25-35 6pm Parish Council	25 Catherine the Great Martyr of Alexandria ⋈ Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5; Mark 5:24-34	2 Habakkuk the Prophet ⋈ 1 Timothy 1:8-14; Luke 19:45-48
Wednesday	19 Obadiah the Prophet 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12; Luke 15:1-10 7pm Zoom Bible Study	26 Alypius the Stylite of Adrianopolis 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12; Luke 18:15-17, 26-30 NO Zoom Bible Study	3 The Holy Prophet Sophonias (Zephaniah) 1 Timothy 1:18-20; 2:8-15; Luke 20:1-8 7pm Zoom Bible Study
Thursday	20 The Forefeast of the Presentation of the Theotokos into the Temple ⋈ 1 Thessalonians 4:18-5:10; Luke 16:1-9 6:45pm Choir	27 James the Great Martyr of Persia ⋈ 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17; 3:1-5; Luke 18:31-34 Church Office Closed - Thanksgiving 6:45pm Choir	4 Barbara the Great Martyr ⋈ Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5; Mark 5:24-34 10am Philoptochos Meeting 6:45pm Choir
Friday	21 The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple ✠⋈ Hebrews 9:1-7; Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28 8:15am/Orthros/9:30am Liturgy	28 Stephen the New 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18; Luke 19:12-28 Church Office Closed - Day after T-day	5 Sabbas the Sanctified ⚪ 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18; Luke 19:12-28
Saturday	22 Archippus the Apostle, Philemon the Apostle & his wife, Apphia, Onesimos the Disciple of Paul ⋈ Philemon 1:1-25; Luke 9:57-62	29 Paramonus, Philumenus, and their 370 Companion Martyrs in Bithynia ⋈ Galatians 1:3-10; Luke 10:19-21	6 Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra ✠⋈ Hebrews 13:17-21; Luke 6:17-23 8:15am Orthros/9:30am Liturgy 5pm Family Holiday Gala

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BOOKKEEPER'S CORNER

Brenda Day, Bookkeeper

Fall ... my absolute favorite time of the year...

I try to put aside some time in the evenings to spend with family and to do some sewing. Soon I will start hiking again. I find that being outdoors in the mountains is where I feel most connected and calm. I'm not sure why that is except that my family is from the mountains of Kentucky. Maybe it's in my genes. I know my love of sewing and crafting is in my genes. Something passed down from my dear mother and grandmother. Every time I sit behind my sewing machine, I feel that connection and smile. It's the same with hiking. I pray that you too find a connection with a person, place or thing that makes you feel calm, serene and happy as well. Have a wonderful fall season!

Online payments...

As many of you are aware, the ability to pay online has been a part of our payment options system for quite some time. You can also pay directly from your Android or iPhone using the church QR Code. The QR Code is on the Donation Envelopes located in the Narthex and in each pew. Additionally, you will find it posted in the True Vine. Pay online at the church website (www.daytonannunciation.org) and click on DONATE, pay using the QR Code below, or pay by check/cash.



**Sunday Church
Average Attendance**

2022

160 each Sunday

2023

170 each Sunday

2024

192 each Sunday

September 2025 average:

202 each Sunday

May the Lord grant us to continue to
grow in that which matters most!

A few available options are paying for your 2024, 2025 and 2026 Stewardship, donating to the Memorial, Legacy or Altar Fund, paying for tickets to upcoming events and purchasing 7-Day Candles. As events come and go, we update the giving options regularly. I just updated the options to include this year's Family Holiday Gala. Tickets are \$25.00 each so reserve your seat at the table now!

Just a gentle reminder that 3rd Quarter Statements went out a few weeks ago. If you see that you have a balance for 2024 please take care of that as soon as possible so we can close 2024 Stewardship matters. Balances remaining for 2025 Stewardship should be paid by December 31, 2025. Thank you for your kind attention to these matters and give me a call if you have any questions or concerns.

In closing...

"I like my coffee like I like my autumn: pumpkin-spiced and cozy." Anonymous

AIF COMMITTEE MEMBER APPLICATIONS OPEN

AIF COMMITTEE MEMBER APPOINTMENT FOR 2026-2030

The Parish Council is now accepting resumes to fill the 2026-2030 AIF committee member position. The AIF committee members are appointed by the Parish Council. Each year a new member is appointed and serves for a five-year term. Interested candidates should email a resume/question to Andrea Casey at andreacasey6789@gmail.com or Fr. Anthony at FrAnthony@daytonannunciation.org no later than December 1, 2025.

2025 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Elections Date

Parish Council elections will happen on Sunday, November 9th in the Athenagoras Room immediately after the Divine Liturgy. Absentee ballots have been mailed out and must be returned to the church by **Friday, November 7th.**

Louis Castleman



With over 35 years of involvement with the Dayton Annunciation community, I'm proud to call it my spiritual home. Growing up in the parish, I served as an altar boy under Father Jerry and Father Stratton. After attending Vanderbilt University in Nashville, where I earned a degree in mechanical engineering, I worked in software sales and investment management for companies in Tennessee.

Returning to Dayton to be closer to family, I've had the opportunity to balance my career with parish involvement. Currently, I work in commercial real estate and have been actively engaged in various parish roles, including two terms on the Parish Council (2016-18 and 2023-present), chairmanship of our Oktoberfest booth for eight years, and membership on the stewardship and speaker committees.

My experience and love for our parish have led me to run for another term on Parish Council, with the goal of contributing to Annunciation's continued growth and success.

Nick Demetre

Hello, my name is Nick Demetre. I am retired and for the past 34 years I was in the retail flooring industry. I have been a member of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church since the mid 1990's.

A few years ago I became a member of AHEPA Chapter 113. As a very active member, I currently assist in taking care of the coffee hour responsibilities as well as other social activities for our chapter. I am on the Board of Directors of the AHEPA Chapter 113 Senior Apartment Complex in Beavercreek.

Other activities include serving as an usher during the Divine Liturgy, and a very active volunteer in various festivals in our community. The YMCA of West Carrollton has been a part of my weekly routine including fast walking and working out in their gym three days a week to keep my physical and mental health active. Prior to 2020, I was a platelet donor at the Community Blood Center where I made over 160 donations.

I have resided in West Carrollton for the past 24 years.

It will be my privilege and honor to serve with my fellow parishioners beginning in the Parish Council 2026 term.



James Derksen



was born in Dayton and raised in Farmersville, OH. I attended University of Cincinnati for my B.S. degree and graduated from Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine in 1985. After 35 years of active family medicine practice I retired in 2022. My wife Leah and I have been married since 1985 and I have been a member of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church for more than 40 years. I have 2 children, Nick and Ariana, and 3 grandchildren.

I served on the parish council from 1997-2000. I have served on the Audit Committee for the church. . For the last 2 years I have served as co-chair for the Main Food Tent for the festival. I also serve as secretary for Dayton AHEPA Chapter #113.

I served on the board of directors for my medical group PriMed for 7 years. I also served as a volunteer physician for Reach Out of Montgomery Clinic (free clinic) and team physician for Carroll High School for 20 years.

I am proud to serve my God, Faith and Church and will use the skills I have attained through life if elected to parish council.

Abeer Kaptan

My name is Abeer Kaptan, I am a mother to two beautiful boys Nicola and Elias, a wife to Fidan Kaptan of 9 years coming up. In my free time I love to spend time with family, read, and enjoy learning about anything really! I hold a bachelors in Psychology and worked as a Mental Health Specialist for over 8 years. I hope to use my education and skillset in parish council.

I would like to serve on the Parish Council to become more actively involved in the life and growth of our church. I want to better understand the inner workings of our parish so that I can contribute meaningfully to its mission and ministries. My goal is to help strengthen our community, support our clergy, and work collaboratively to ensure that our parish continues to flourish both spiritually and socially.

At this stage in my life, I have the time, and commitment to serve the parish in a greater capacity. I bring strong organizational skills, a collaborative mindset, and a genuine desire to see our church community grow in faith and unity. I am dependable, approachable, and passionate about supporting initiatives that enhance parish life whether through youth programs, community outreach, or improving communication and participation among parishioners.

Having served as a Sunday School teacher and being a parent as well, I have seen firsthand the importance of nurturing our youth in the Orthodox faith. If elected, I would like to help expand opportunities for learning, fellowship, and service for our younger generations. Additionally, I would be eager to assist wherever needed to strengthen our parish life whether through events, stewardship efforts, or supporting the spiritual and social well-being of our community.

I was baptized and raised in this parish and have many cherished memories here from meeting lifelong friends to being married and having my children baptized in this very church. It has truly become my second home. What I love most about our parish is the sense of family, love, and faith that brings us together. Our greatest strength lies in our people a community rooted in tradition, compassion, and a shared desire to live out our Orthodox faith together.



Jamil Shteivi



My name is Jamil Shteivi a husband of 38 years to my lovely wife Maha Shteivi. I have three daughters, two grandsons. I love to spend time with my family when I can. I have over 40 years of business ownership and now retired and looking forward if elected to help my church.

I previously had the honor of serving on the Parish Council and greatly valued the opportunity to contribute to improving our church community. I find myself in a season of life where I am able to dedicate my time and energy to serving our parish and our God. I would be grateful for the opportunity to be a reliable servant in this capacity and to be an example to the people I love and those around me.

Having prior experience on the Parish Council, I understand the responsibilities and teamwork required to serve effectively. I bring commitment, reliability, and a willingness to help wherever needed. I have over 40 years of business experience that provided me with unique skills and a lifelong faith and belief in God that guides me.

If elected, I would like to become actively involved in the discussions and decisions that guide the future of our parish. My goal is to listen, learn about current priorities and developments, and contribute in any way that

benefits our church community. I am eager to assist in areas where my experience and skills and faith can be of service.

Since joining the Dayton parish in the 1970s, I have always felt a sense of belonging. The church has been a source of comfort during difficult times and a place of great joy during the happiest ones. My wife and I were deeply involved in parish life in our younger years, and we were blessed to share that time with many wonderful people of whom are still with us today, and others who are no longer with us may their memory be eternal. What I love most about our parish and the greatest strength is the sense of faith, fellowship, and continuity that binds us together as one family in Christ. I hope to help renew and strengthen that same spirit for the next generation.

Dessine Ziehler

Hi! I've been a proud member of our parish my entire life, participating as a Sunday school teacher, MDSC adult volunteer, festival booth co-chair, board member of AHEPA Ch. 113 Housing and Philoptochos. I also had the honor of serving on the parish council in 2018–2019, including on the executive and stewardship committees.

Working with my husband Andrew at Ziehler Lawn Care, I focus on setting direction, driving growth, managing budgets, and most importantly, keeping our team aligned and communicating effectively. These experiences have strengthened my skills in leadership and collaboration, which I hope to bring to the parish council.

I am committed to representing our community and supporting our priest, staff, and parish organizations, and I would be honored to serve.



GIVING ANGELS

Holiday Giving Program



Once again this Christmas season, we will be adopting five families from the Giving Angels program. In 2024, 1100 children were served through Giving Angels. This year, the need is estimated at 1400 children. **In previous years, HTC distributed grocery store gift cards alongside holiday gifts. But with rising food costs and limited availability, we're shifting to a more reliable model.** By partnering with The Foodbank, we can now ensure families receive a full box of shelf-stable groceries, complete with a holiday pie. Your support will make a difference!

Find us during coffee hour in the month of November to “pick” your child OR donate money and we will do your shopping. All presents need to be returned to church by Sunday, November 30, 2025.

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

Join us this month at Hannah's Treasure Chest for volunteer opportunities. We will only meet one time due to Thanksgiving.

- Thursday, November 13 (1:00- 3:00pm)

YOUNG AT HEART

Thursday, November 13, 2025

Hope you can join us for a delicious lunch sponsored by AIF and catered by Michael Jannides.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS NOVEMBER 2025

Philoptochos Anniversary:

Sunday, November 2nd will be the celebration of National Philoptochos 94th Anniversary. Baskets for donations for the Patriarchate will be passed. The Ecumenical Patriarch represents the Orthodox faithful throughout the world. We offer His All-Holiness our prayers and financial support, so he may extend philanthropia on our behalf to those in need. Light refreshments will be served during coffee hour.

Veteran's Day:

Sunday, November 9th, Philoptochos will honor our service men and women. Parishioners who are in church that day will sing God Bless America. If you have a current or former military member in your family or a friend, thank them for their commitment and service to our country. We owe our freedom to them. Chairs are Diane Briggs and Ruthann Zavakos.

November Community Care Ministry Hats and Mittens for Edison School:

Philoptochos has been donating hats and mittens to Edison School since 1990! For 35 years, many children have been kept warm through the cold winter months because of your love and generosity. There will be a Christmas tree in the Community Center lobby to hang hats and mittens collected for Edison School. Monetary donations go towards the purchase of school uniforms. You can put your donation in the red box in the lobby of the Community Center or send donations to Cindy Keilholz, CCM Treasurer at 913 Ashcreek Drive, Centerville 45458. Chairs, Katina Tsatalis and Nadine Shamma. Thank you and please give generously. Please put November CCM on the memo line.

Philoptochos Food Drive

Philoptochos will hold a parish wide food drive November 9-16. See the attached flyer for details. Donations will go to the Xenia Food Pantry and the Dayton Food Bank.

YOUTH TRAINING

All parishioners who work with our youth - HOPE/JOY, GOYA, Altar , Catechism teacher , Greek school teacher , Greek dance instructor, Vacation Bible school AND ALL parish council members - Our Archdiocese youth policy requires that you background screen every two and complete the training every year. If you previously completed the screen/training , you will receive a reminder email with instructions. If you are new to a program contact Maria Pappas McFarland (937-409-9876) or Angie Lander (937-901-2271) for information.

GOYA

Important Dates

- Nov 2 meeting with Friendsgiving lunch
- Nov 8 backpack
- Nov 23 help with feather party
- Dec 7 meeting and Christmas party after church
- Dec 13 backpack

HOPE/JOY

November Meeting

All HOPE/JOY children will be meeting on Saturday , November 15 (3:00-5:00) in the Athenagoras room. We will be talking about charity and giving , playing Thanksgiving BINGO and enjoying some snacks and fellowship. All children are asked to bring full size hygiene items- shampoo, conditioner, soap, body wash, deodorant, razors, lotion, toothpaste etc to donate to HTC. Any questions - see Maria McFarland.

CATECHISM SCHOOL

Meet the Teachers!



Cherubs and Angels (Preschool): Miss Lisa and Miss Amanda

Pre-K and Kindergarten: “Thea” Leah and “Thea” Ariana

1st and 2nd Grades: Miss Lin and Miss Abeer

3rd and 4th Grades: Miss Kim and Miss Christina

5th and 6th Grades: “Thea” Maria and “Theo” Keith

7th and 8th Grades: Mr. David Manson

9th and 10th Grades: Mr. Harry Bouris

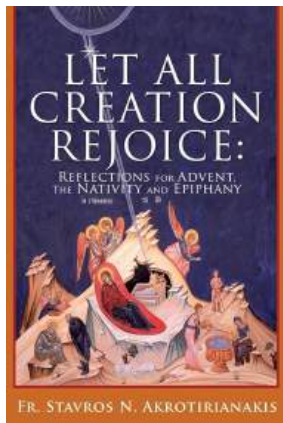
11th and 12th Grades: Mr. Evan Bambakidis and Mr. Demetri Inempolidis

Nativity Play Directors: “Thea” Debbie and “Thea” Allie

Sunday Catechism School Administrative Team: Mrs. Katina Tsatalis (co-director) Mrs. Melissa Holland (co-director), Mrs. Amelia Jaime (assistant)

SPIRITUAL BOOK READING: LET ALL CREATION REJOICE

“Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded, and they were created.” Psalms 148:5



In the Orthodox Christian Church, Advent begins on November 15. Assign yourself time to read the short daily reflections from the book you received with the generous support of AIF. The Feast of the Nativity is celebrated twelve days culminating in the Feast of Epiphany, or Theophany. We will end readings on January 7 (the Feast of St. John the Baptist which falls one day after the Feast of Epiphany, which is held January 6. - Father Stavros Akrotirianakis (p.ix)

If you requested this book and have not received it by November 9, please contact one of us:

Harriet Argue, Renee Nicholas, Kathy Spyrou, Katina Tsatalis

CONGRATULATIONS, KATINA!

Archon Sophia Award for Excellence



On Saturday, October 18, 2025, at the Annual Archon Agape Family Luncheon, the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate presented the Archon Sophia Award for Excellence to veteran educators Dr. Helen Nixon and **Katina Limberakis Tsatalis**, M.Ed. for creating (pro bono) the AEP Ecumenical Patriarchate Catechism School Education Initiative. The AEP presents the Sophia Award for Excellence annually to an individual or individuals who have distinguished themselves in endeavors that serve the needs of the Holy Mother Church and the Sacred Mission of the Archons of the Great Church of Christ.

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America offered the invocation. Following lunch, Dr. Maria A. Limberakis, the beloved and highly accomplished wife of Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, welcomed the attendees and spoke on “The 2025 Religious Freedom Mission and the Role of the Archon Family.”

“This gathering is appropriately named the Agape Family Luncheon,”

Dr. Maria Limberakis explained, “because the mission of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate is not the mission of an individual.

Rather, it is the mission of the family: my family and each of your families. Each and every one of us plays an essential role in promoting and protecting our Ecumenical Patriarchate. We all have something worthy to offer.”

Dr. Limberakis added: “As individuals and as an Archon family, each of us should strive to leave a legacy to inspire our children and our children’s children to continue our Orthodox faith. A critical component of this legacy is ‘protecting the future of faith,’ so that the light of our Orthodox faith can be perpetuated for generations to come.”

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, Dr. Maria A. Limberakis, and Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis then presented the award to Dr. Nixon and Ms. Tsatalis. The educators then made a presentation on the “Archon Ecumenical Patriarchate Educational Global Initiative.”

Upon receiving the Award, Ms. Tsatalis stated: “We dedicate this award to our Archon Sprouts team and most especially to the countless Sunday school teachers who, with love and perseverance, plant the seeds of faith in the hearts of our children. It is their quiet labor, week after week, that ensures the strength and continuity of our tradition. Helen and I value this honor as both a celebration of what has been achieved and a solemn charge to continue advancing the noble work of education, always in the service to God, His Holy Mother Church, and the generations to come.”

Dr. Nixon emphasized: “We want our Orthodox youth to know and understand that they are defenders of our Mother Church. These Sprout lesson plans are the building blocks of a systemic solution to enhance their knowledge and fluency on the Patriarchate and His All-Holiness.”

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, also offered remarks, and closed the luncheon with a Benediction.

CROSSROADS SUMMER INSTITUTE



At CrossRoad Summer Institute, we believe that by engaging in rigorous academic learning, authentic community, traditional spiritual practices, and vocational exploration, young people can develop the tools they need to make meaningful life decisions and serve as responsible and engaged members of their communities. Our faculty and staff are deeply

committed to creating a safe and nurturing environment that encourages participants to ask challenging questions and explore their faith amidst an energized cohort of peer learners. We invite you to join us on this journey of discovery and growth, as we work together to become more faithful and compassionate servant

leaders for both our Orthodox Christian parishes and the world.

If you have any interest and want to find out more information about CrossRoad Summer Institute and the scholarship opportunity, please contact Dr. James and Katina Tsatalis

<https://crossroadinstitute.org/>

THE IONIAN VILLAGE SUMMER IN GREECE

Camp Experience



Scholarships are available for 9th – 12th graders. Ionian Village campers and staff experience the beauties of Greece while learning about the Orthodox faith and Hellenic culture in a more realistic and tangible way. It is a wonderful opportunity to interact with other young people just like them from all over the United States. Through this interaction, their eyes are opened as they witness holy sites of the Church and the natural beauty of Greece. In these experiences, they learn who we are meant to be as Orthodox Christians in the world- people of love with Christ at the center of life. Ionian Village offers two fun-filled sessions. Each session is identical in daily schedule and travel locations, so your camper may choose the session that best fits their summer plans and school schedule. Both Sessions are open to campers who are currently in 9th grade through those who will complete the 12

th grade in the spring of that year. The dates have not yet been announced, but are usually from late June through early August.

Registration will open in early 2026. We will communicate dates once they become available. Registration fills up quickly! If you are planning your 2026 summer or even 2027, keep an open mind to your child attending Ionian Village; an experience of a lifetime!

If you have any interest and want to find out more information about Ionian Village and the scholarship opportunity, please contact Dr. James and Katina Tsatalis

USHER SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

Date	Service	Usher Team
Sunday, 11/2/25	Orthros/Divine Liturgy	2
Sunday, 11/9/25	Orthros/Divine Liturgy	3
Wednesday 11/12/25	Vigil Service @6pm	6
Sunday, 11/16/25	Orthros/Divine Liturgy	4
Friday, 11/21/25	Orthros/Divine Liturgy	1
Sunday, 11/23/25	Orthros/Divine Liturgy	5
Sunday, 11/30/25	Orthros/Divine Liturgy	1

ATTENTION GREEK DANCERS

The children's Greek dance program for next year will run from January to September of 2026

- Evzonakia, grades K-3
- Levendopeda, grades 4-7
- Nisiotes, grades 8-12

If your child will be 5 years old by September of 2026, they can start dancing with us this January. We look forward to welcoming the new children!

Tentative practice dates for 2026:

- Sunday, January 25—All groups after church
- Wednesday, February 25— All groups 6-7 pm
- Sunday, March 8— All groups after church
- Sunday, March 15-Greek Independence Day Program
- Sunday, May 3—All groups after church
- Wednesday, June 24—All groups 6-7 pm
- Wednesday, July 22—All groups 6-7pm
- Wednesday, August 5,12,19,26 and Wednesday,September 2:
 - Evzonakia 6-7pm
 - Levendopeda 7-8pm
 - Nisiotes 6-7pm
- Practice with the band will be Wednesday, September 9...time TBD
- Wednesday, September 16 6-8pm...end of year party! Place TBD

Adults interested in dancing (18+): contact Isidora Margioras

Contact info: **Isidora Margioras at tsonisis@yahoo.com or 937-751-7565 **Athena Zois at soldbyathena@gmail.com or 937-207-2546 **Allie Grilliot at flipflop224@gmail.com or 937-478-5930
 **Nikki Panagouleas at nikipanagouleas@gmail.com or 937-546-4337

PARISH BULLETIN BOARD

Flies Linked



Please bookmark and regularly check out our online parish bulletin board, which you can find on our website at: <https://www.daytonannunciation.org/parish-bulletin-board> or by scanning the QR code.

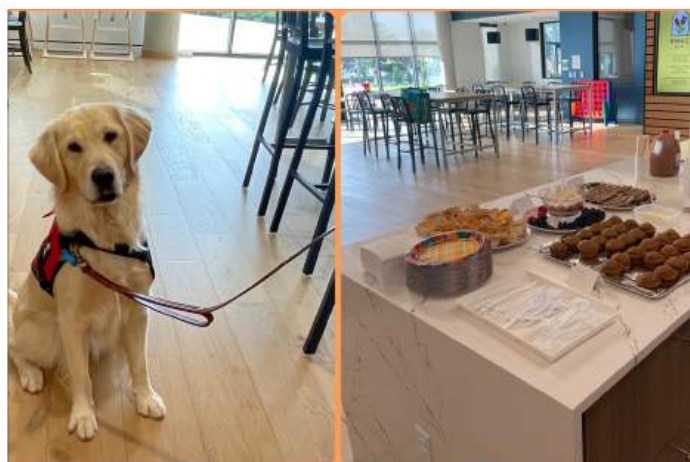
PARISH PHOTOS



HOPE/JOY Hayride



Speaker Series: Doyle Burke



HOPE/JOY Hayride

Volunteer workers



Are you interested in
participating in the
St. John Chrysostom Oratorical
Festival?

***Parent & Participant
Meeting***

Sunday, November 2nd
12noon

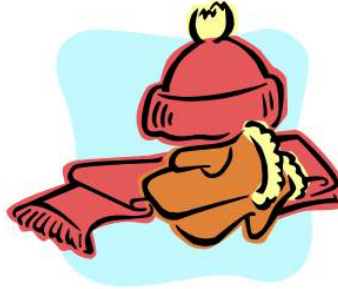
Athenagoras Room

Dr. James & Katina Tsatalis, cochairs

Oratorical Festival: Sunday, March 8, 2026

PHILOPTOCHOS

It's time to decorate the tree.....



SCARVES, HATS & GLOVES

**Benefiting
EDISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

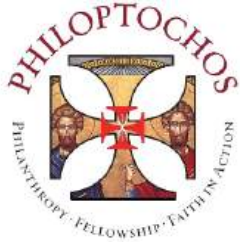
Monetary Donations used to purchase School Uniforms

Checks payable: 'November CCM'

November Community Care Ministry

****Larger Sizes for Boys & Girls Appreciated****

Nadine Shamma & Katina Tsatalis



HELP US FEED THE HUNGRY

JOIN THE PHILOTHONOS FOOD DRIVE

NOVEMBER 9th through NOVEMBER 16th

Donate non-perishable and unexpired goods
Canned goods should have pull top openings. No glass, please!

Protein such as canned meats, fish, peanuts, nuts, beef jerky, canned stew	Nonfat dry milk, evaporated milk, soy milk (cans, powdered)
Soups-Mushroom soup + others	Gravy cans or packets (no glass jars)
Instant mashed potatoes (plain), Rice	Peanut butter, Jelly in plastic bottles
Cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes and stuffing	Canned vegetables and fruits -green beans and corn + others
Chicken, beef and vegetable broths and stock	Pumpkin pie mix, marshmallows, Jiffy pie crust
Common herbs and spices	Vegetable oil in plastic bottles

Food bins will be in the Community Center

All food will be distributed to

- ❖ The Greene County Fish Pantry (Xenia)
- ❖ The Dayton Food Bank



We can make a difference for so many.
The time to help is NOW!

"If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry, and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness" (Isaiah 58:10)



FEATHER PARTY

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23
5PM**

FREE ADMISSION

\$5 TO PLAY MOST OF THE EVENING

**Food/Baked Goods/Pop
available for purchase**

**Prizes all evening, including but not
limited to: Turkeys and Hams, Pies
from THE SPOT, Wine from THE
MARKET, Gift Certificates,
electronics and MORE**

**Philoptochos Membership
Christmas Luncheon**

Past Members, New Members, and
Seekers

Consider treating a new or existing member!

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Moraine Country Club
4075 Southern Boulevard, Kettering

Social Hour 11:00 AM
Lunch 12 NOON

Menu

Fresh Broiled Salmon with Citrus Dill Cream Sauce, Haricot Verts and Basmati Rice
or
Broccoli and Cheddar Quiche: Shallots, Broccoli florets, Fresh Parsley and Creamy Cheddar

Child meal: Mac and Cheese with fruit cup

Dessert: Moraine's Christmas Nut Ball: Peppermint Ice Cream, Toasted Pecans,
Hot Fudge, Whipped Cream, Cherry

Cash Bar

Reservations taken Sunday November 9 th , 16 th and 23 rd after Church

Final Date for Reservations is Sunday, November 23rd

Cash or check payable to "Philoptochos" \$35, Child \$12

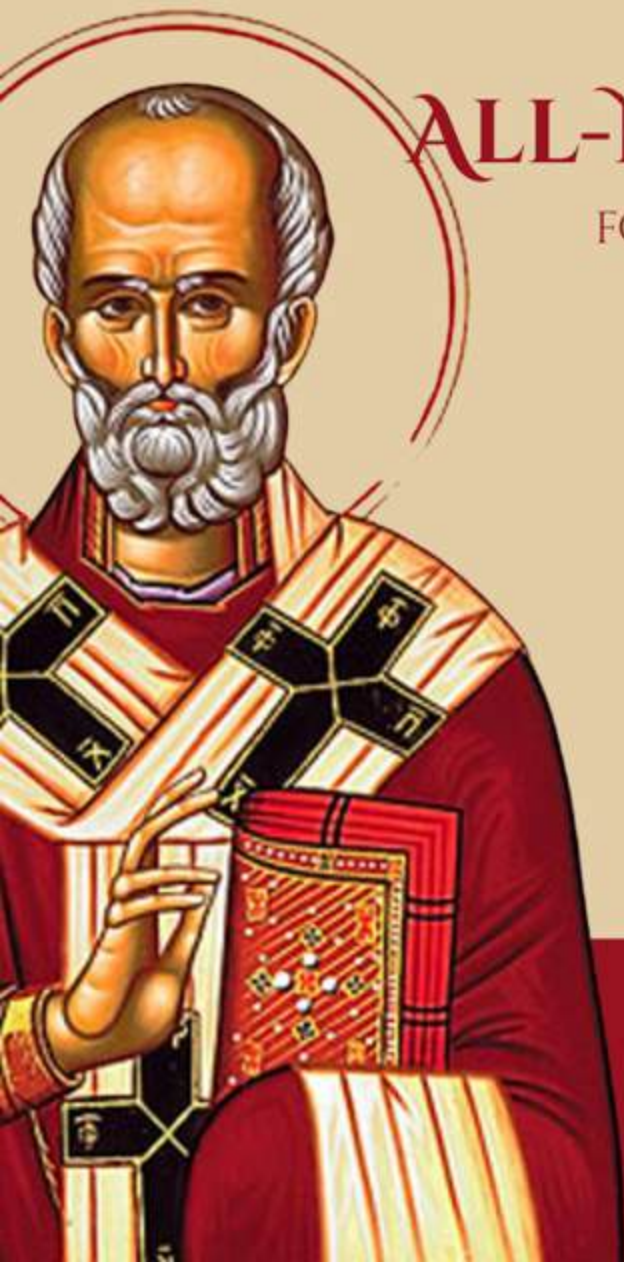
CONTACT IS LIZ LIMBER , RESERVATIONS CHAIR 937-275-2542

Monetary donations, for a "drawing" of a
Michael Kors Medium Two-Tone Metallic Brown and Cream Logo Satchel, will go towards
our Family Christmas Project.

We also welcome your 2026 Membership

Dues \$30.00





ALL-NIGHT VIGIL

FOR ST. NIKOLAOS OF MYRA

DECEMBER 5

FRIDAY

9:00 PM

GREAT VESPERS

LITIA W/ARTOKLASIA

ORTHROS

DIVINE LITURGY

LIGHT POTLUCK TO FOLLOW



The Annunciation

Greek Orthodox Cathedral

555 N High Street
Columbus, OH 43215

The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church invites you to the 3rd annual

Family Holiday GALA



DECEMBER

6

5-10PM

JOIN US FOR A FESTIVE EVENING OF FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP AS WE
CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON TOGETHER WITH OUR PARISH FAMILY.

OPEN BAR
& COCKTAIL HOUR

SEAFOOD
& PASTA DINNER
BUFFET

LIVE GREEK
& AMERICAN
MUSIC BY
GEORGE KARRAS
& BAND

GREEK
DESSERTS
& MORE

\$25.00 FOR ADULTS 21+

GUESTS UNDER 21 ARE INVITED AT NO CHARGE - ALL AGES WELCOME!

Tickets must be purchased in advance by November 29th. None will be sold at the door. You may purchase them online at daytonannunciation.org, or by check, made payable to Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church (memo: Holiday Gala)

Please be sure to include the names of ALL attending guests, even those who qualify for free admission.

Gala Committee: Nick Regopoulos, Christina Casey, Allie Grilliot, Bill Karras & Nick Zois
For more information, contact Nick Regopoulos at rego4nick@aol.com



Annunciation Community Center
500 Belmonte Park N.
Dayton OH 45405

2025 Daughters of Penelope Christmas Bread Sale
(Christopsomo)

*******DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN DEC TRUE VINE AND
WEEKLY IN THE BULLETIN*******

Deadline for orders: December 14th, 2025

Orders may be picked up at the:

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church Community Center

Saturday December 20th or Sunday the 21st from 11am-1pm



To place an order, please contact:
Charrie Regopoulos 937-623-2794
or email: charrie.rego@aol.com

Checks Payable to DOP



✦ Sunday Catechism School ✦
Program Students

STORY OF THE NATIVITY

2025 Christmas Pageant

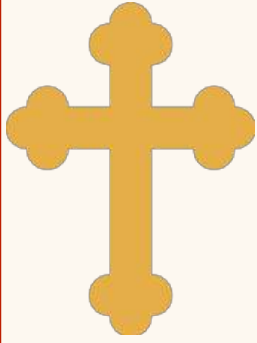
21 DEC | SUNDAY

All Catechism School Students are encouraged to participate
Sign-up for all roles will be available in your child's classroom

Costumes will be provided

Program Directors: Debra Pulos & Allie Grilliot
937.478.2367





SAVE THE DATE: SPEAKER SERIES

January 30 and 31, 2026

Father Stavros N. Akrotirianakis

St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church - Tampa, Florida
Author of *The Prayer Team 365* - Online Daily Reflections,
Books - *Let All Creation Rejoice*, *The Road Back to Christ* & eight more!



**Our Dayton Ladies of Philoptochos are excited
to host Father Stavros for a
Pre-Lenten Spiritual Retreat**

**All Dayton Parish Members and our Sister Parishes are
invited to join us in welcoming Father Stavros
and hearing his message.**

Sponsored by the Annunciation Speaker Committee
Funded by AIF

Watch for more details!

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11th & 12th Grade High School Students

You Belong at CrossRoad!

Join youth from across the country to explore your faith,
purpose, and the Orthodox tradition.

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DAYS TO
EXPLORE &
CONNECT!

LEARN MORE
AND APPLY!



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The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church Stewardship Campaign Card

500 Belmonte Park North, Dayton, OH 45405 – Tel: 937-224-0601 – Web: www.daytonannunciation.org

My/Our pledge to the _____ Stewardship Campaign is:

_____ \$100 monthly / \$1,200 annually (one day of supporting our parish)

_____ \$200 monthly / \$2,400 annually

_____ \$400 monthly / \$4,800 annually

_____ Other _____

To be paid: _____ Weekly _____ Monthly _____ Quarterly _____ Annually

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

Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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

Our Church ... Our

Spiritual Home

Did you know?

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

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

Stewardship is faith in action.

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



Please fill out the following information for our records

	Orthodox Christian?	Date of birth:	Email:	Cell phone:
Name:	☐ Yes ☐ No			
Spouse:	☐ Yes ☐ No			
Child:	☐ Yes ☐ No			
Child:	☐ Yes ☐ No			
Child:	☐ Yes ☐ No			
Child:	☐ Yes ☐ No			
Child:	☐ Yes ☐ No			

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____

NOVEMBER SERVICES & EVENTS

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

Sunday, Nov 2

GOYA meeting @noon
Oratorical Festival Parent meeting @noon

Thursday, Nov 6

Philoptochos Meeting @10am

Sunday, Nov 9

Veteran's Day memorial
Parish Council Elections @noon
Speaker Series: Planned Giving @12:30pm
Philoptochos Food Drive begins

Tuesday, Nov 11

AHEPA/DOP meeting @6pm

Wednesday, Nov 12

Vigil for St. John Chrysostom @6pm

Thursday, Nov 13

Young at Heart @11:30am

Saturday, Nov 15

HOPE/JOY meeting @ 3pm

Sunday, Nov 16

Philoptochos Food Drive concludes

Tuesday, Nov 18

Parish Council Meeting @6pm

Friday, Nov 21

Orthros/Divine Liturgy @8:15/9:30am

Sunday, Nov 23

Feather Party @5pm

Thursday, Nov 27-Friday, Nov 28

Thanksgiving, Church Office Closed

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 2

Hosted by: Philoptochos

Sunday, November 9

Hosted by: Catechism School Parent
Team 1

Sunday, November 16

Hosted by AHEPA

Sunday, November 23

Hosted by Catechism School Parent
Team 2

Sunday, November 30

Hosted by Daughters of Penelope

Sunday, December 7

Hosted by Catechism School Parent
Team 3

Sunday, December 14

Hosted by Catechism School Parent
Team 4

Sunday, December 21

Christmas Program and Luncheon

Sunday, December 28

Hosted by AHEPA

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