



# THE TRUE VINE

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## WHY DO YOU CALL ME LORD?

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Last time, we were talking about God's revelation of His Name to Moses on Mount Sinai, and what His Name means - The One Who Is. As we make our transition to the 2nd clause of the Creed, moving from the Father to the Son, we see that the first thing we say about the Son is that He is Lord - it reads: "And I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ..." So why do we call Him Lord? To answer this, we need to look a little more at the Name of God revealed on Mount Sinai, and how it was used by the people to whom it was given over the centuries that passed between this revelation and the birth of Jesus Christ.

In the course of the history of the Hebrew people, as time passed after the establishment of the Covenant between God and the people of Israel, a number of practical traditions developed concerning the details of religious life. One of these involved the use of the Name by which God called Himself on Mount Sinai. By the third century before Christ's birth, the Hebrew people considered it to be too holy for them to use. When they spoke about God, they would use other names in place of the Holy Name given on Mount Sinai. Even when reading Holy Scripture, they would replace The Name with the Hebrew word "Adonai," which means "Lord."

This usage has been carried over into translation - first in the Greek, where The Name of God was in most cases not translated literally into Ὁ ὢν, The One Who Exists, but instead as Κύριος, the Greek word for Lord. As a side-note, English Bibles generally use this same convention - wherever the Name of God is used in the Hebrew original, the English text uses the word LORD, usually in all capital letters, to show that it is a placeholder for the Hebrew Name of God.

Now, we are very used to calling Jesus Christ "Lord." Throughout the New Testament, the Orthodox Divine Liturgy, and even our daily speech and prayers, we are almost more likely to call Him Lord than we are use the name Jesus, or Christ. But it is important that this familiarity should not breed contempt - when we call Jesus "Lord," we are affirming a great wonder and mystery. The God Who Exists, the Most-High God, has not only revealed Himself to us, but has become flesh, and dwelt among us. His Name is Jesus, and He is the Messiah, the Christ, the Anointed One.

This is why we call Him Lord. But this is not simply a theological point. Jesus assures us of this Himself in Luke chapter 6 when He asks His followers, "Why do you call me Lord, Lord, but do not do the things that I say? Whoever comes to me, and hears my words, and does them, is like a

## 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

### Baptisms

June 14, 2025

Evangelia Milanese

June 15, 2025

Elias Walker

June 28, 2025

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### Weddings

June 28, 2025

Brandon and Katherine Geske

July 5, 2025

Jason and Alexandra Salyers

### Funerals

June 10, 2025

Evelyn Boosalis (Trisagion only - funeral in Minnesota)

July 3, 2025

Mary Jannides (funeral in Sidney)

## IMPORTANT LINKS

### Stewardship/Online Giving

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

### Religious Education Initiative

<https://theruleoffaith.typepad.com/rei>

### Service Texts

<https://dcs.goarch.org>

### Parish Live Stream (Youtube)

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

### Parish Facebook Page

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

### Parish Bulletin Board

(event flyers & signups)

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

man who built a house, and dug deep, and laid the foundation on a rock, so that, when the flood came, and beat violently on the house, it could not shake it, because it was founded on a rock.” And He goes on to say that whoever hears Him, but doesn’t do what He says, is like a house with no foundation, which cannot hold together.

This is more than a demand for obedience - the Lord, The One Who Is, our Creator, God Most High, Jesus Christ, is telling us the central truth of our existence. If we are in good relationship with Him, the house that we build, our very life and existence, is unshakeable, because He, the Lord, the One Who Is, is Existence Himself, the Rock of our Salvation. If we do not listen to Him, and do not live according to His words, then we are cutting ourselves off from the source of life and of being. In Him, and Him alone, do we live, and move, and have our being. Without Him, we are lost. He is the Lord our God, and He has become man.

If we look around the Church, we see this basic point affirmed everywhere. Not only in the words that we say, and the prayers that we pray, but in the icons as well. Every Orthodox icon of Jesus Christ affirms that He is God Most High, the One Who Is - for in every icon, there is around His head a halo, and inside the halo is a cross. On the three bars of the Cross are written the three letters of the Name of God in Greek. ——— O Ω N. ‘Ο ‘Ων: The One Who Is.

Jesus Himself affirms this truth, most clearly in John 8:56, where He says to those who are questioning Him, “Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.” And they replied, surprised, “You aren’t even fifty years old, and you’re telling us that you have seen Abraham?” And Jesus replies, “Truly, truly, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.” And with this “I Am,” He repeats the same affirmation of His Infinite Existence that He had spoken long before to Moses on Mount Sinai.

So we see that in every possible way, the Church affirms this truth: Jesus Christ is God Most High, the One Who Is, Who created the world, Who called Abraham, and spoke to Moses and delivered the children of Israel from bondage in Egypt. He is God, The Lord, the One Who Is. And when we ourselves call Him Lord, we assent to this truth, and confess the central mystery of the Christian Faith. The Infinite One has limited Himself, the Creator has entered into His Creation, the Bodiless One clothes Himself in our flesh. He is our light, our life, and our salvation. His name is Jesus, and He is the Christ, the Messiah, the Anointed One. So next time, we will consider what these names mean.

*The above is the tenth 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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|           | July 13-July 19   | July 20-July 26  | July 27-Aug 2  |
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| Sunday    | <b>13 Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council</b> ✠<br>Titus 3:8-15; Matthew 5:14-19<br>8:15am Orthros/9:30am Liturgy<br>11:30am Coffee Hour | <b>20 6th Sunday of Matthew</b> ✠<br>James 5:10-20; Matthew 9:1-8<br>8:15am Orthros/9:30am Liturgy<br>11:30am Coffee Hour    | <b>27 7th Sunday of Matthew</b> ✠<br>II Timothy 2:1-10; Matthew 9:27-35<br>8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy<br>11:30am Coffee Hour  |
| Monday    | <b>14 Aquila the Apostle among the 70</b><br>Romans 16:1-16; Matthew 13:10-23,43<br>NO Adult Catechesis   | <b>21 John and Symeon the Fool for Christ</b><br>I Corinthians 5:9-13;6:1-11; Matthew 13:54-58<br>NO Adult Catechesis        | <b>28 Prochoros, Nicanor, Timon, &amp; Parmenas the Apostles of the 70</b><br>Acts 6:1-7; Matthew 16:1-6<br>9am Dolmathes Making<br>7pm Adult Catechesis             |
| Tuesday   | <b>15 The Holy Martyrs Cyricus and His Mother Julitta</b><br>I Corinthians 13:11-14;14:1-5; Matthew 17:24-27; 18:1-4<br>NO Parish Council Meeting             | <b>22 Mary Magdalene, the Holy Myrrh-bearer and Equal to the Apostles</b><br>I Corinthians 9:2-12; Luke 8:1-3                | <b>29 The Holy Martyr Callinicus</b> ❖<br>I Corinthians 10:5-12; Matthew 16:6-12<br>8:30am Orthros ONLY<br>9am Dolmathes Making                                      |
| Wednesday | <b>16 Athenogenes the Holy Martyr of Heracleopolis</b><br>I Corinthians 2:9-16;3:1-8; Matthew 13:31-36<br>NO Zoom Bible Study                                 | <b>23 Phocas the Holy Martyr, Bishop of Sinope</b><br>I Corinthians 7:12-24; Matthew 14:35-36;15:1-11<br>NO Zoom Bible Study | <b>30 Silas, Silvan, Crescens, Epenetus and Andronicus the Apostles of the 70</b><br>Acts 15:35-41; Matthew 16:20-24<br>9am Dolmathes Making<br>7pm Zoom Bible Study |
| Thursday  | <b>17 The Holy Great Martyr Marina (Margaret)</b><br>Galatians 3:23-29;4:1-5; Mark 5:24-34<br>11:30am Young at Heart Luncheon<br>6:30pm Choir                 | <b>24 Christina the Great Martyr of Tyre</b><br>I Corinthians 7:24-35; Matthew 15:12-21<br>6:30pm Choir                      | <b>31 Forefeast of the Precious Cross</b> ❖<br>I Corinthians 10:28-33;11:1-8; Matthew 16:24-28<br>6:30pm Choir<br>7pm Vigil Service (tentative)                      |
| Friday    | <b>18 Holy Martyr Emilian</b><br>I Corinthians 4:5-8; Matthew 13:44-54<br>10am Committee Meeting  | <b>25 Dormition of St. Anna, mother of the Theotokos</b> ☩<br>Galatians 4:22-27; Luke 8:16-21;44-54                          | <b>1 The Holy Seven Maccabee Children, Solomone Their Mother, and Eleazar Their Teacher</b> ❖<br>Hebrews 11:33-40;12:1-2; Matthew 10:16-22<br>11am Small Paraklesis  |
| Saturday  | <b>19 Macrina the Righteous, sister of St. Basil</b><br>Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 9:18-26<br>8am AIF Sponsored Bus Trip to the Weeping Icon                       | <b>26 Paraskeve the Righteous Martyr of Rome</b><br>Galatians 3:23-29;4:1-5; Mark 5:24-34                                    | <b>2 Translation of the Relics of Stephen the Protomartyr</b><br>Acts 6:8-15;7:1-5,47-60; Mark 12:1-12   |

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

|           | Aug 3-Aug 9  | Aug 10-Aug 16  | Aug 17-Aug 23   |
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| Sunday    | <b>3 8th Sunday of Matthew</b> ✠ 🕯<br>I Corinthians 1:10-17; Matthew 14:14-22<br>8:15am Orthros/9:30am Liturgy<br>11:30am Coffee Hour  | <b>10 9th Sunday of Matthew</b> ✠ 🕯<br>I Corinthians 3:9-17; Matthew 14:22-34<br>7:45am Orthros/9am Baptismal Liturgy<br>11:30am Reception for New Members                                 | <b>17 10th Sunday of Matthew</b> ✠<br>I Corinthians 4:9-16; Matthew 17:14-23<br>8:15am Orthros/9:30am Liturgy/11am Blessing of the Backpacks<br>11:30am Coffee Hour |
| Monday    | <b>4 Seven Holy Youths of Ephesus</b><br>I Corinthians 11:31-34; 12:1-6; Matthew 18:1-11<br>9am Koulorakia Making<br>7pm Adult Catechesis                                    | <b>11 Euplus the Holy Martyr &amp; Archdeacon of Catania</b> ❖<br>I Corinthians 15:12-19; Matthew 21:18-22<br>1pm Small Paraklesis<br>7pm Adult Catechesis                                 | <b>18 Floros &amp; Lauros the Monk-martyrs of Illyria</b><br>II Corinthians 2:3-15; Matthew 23:13-22<br>7pm Adult Catechesis  |
| Tuesday   | <b>5 Forefeast of the Transfiguration</b> ❖<br>I Peter 1:1-25; 2:1-10; Matthew 18:18-22; 19:1-2; 13-15<br>9am Koulorakia Making<br>6pm Vespers for Transfiguration           | <b>12 The Holy Martyrs Photius and Anicetus of Nicomedia</b><br>I Corinthians 15:29-38; Matthew 21:23-27<br>9am Kourambiethes making   | <b>19 Andrew the General &amp; Martyr &amp; his 2,593 soldiers</b><br>II Corinthians 2:14-17; 3:1-3; Matthew 23:23-28<br>6pm Parish Council Meeting                 |
| Wednesday | <b>6 Transfiguration</b> ✠ ⚡<br>II Peter 1:10-19; Matthew 17:1-9<br>8:15am Orthros/9:30a Liturgy<br>9am Koulorakia Making<br>6pm & 7pm Greek Dancers<br>7pm Zoom Bible Study | <b>13 Apodosis of the Transfiguration</b> ❖<br>I Corinthians 16:4-12; Matthew 21:28-32<br>9am Kourambiethes making<br>11am Small Paraklesis; 6pm & 7pm Greek Dancers; 7pm Zoom Bible Study | <b>20 Samuel the Prophet</b><br>II Corinthians 3:4-11; Matthew 23:29-39<br>6pm & 7pm Greek Dancers<br>7pm Zoom Bible Study  |
| Thursday  | <b>7 Afterfeast of the Transfiguration</b> ❖<br>I Corinthians 14:6-19; 11:1-8; Mark 9:2-9<br>6pm Great Paraklesis<br>6:30pm Choir  | <b>14 Forefeast of the Dormition</b><br>II Corinthians 1:1-7; Matthew 21:43-46<br>6:30pm Choir   | <b>21 The Holy Apostle Thaddaeus</b><br>II Corinthians 4:1-12; Mark 3:13-21<br>6:30pm Choir   |
| Friday    | <b>8 Emilian the Confessor &amp; Bishop of Cyzikos</b><br>I Corinthians 14:26-40; Matthew 21:12-14; 17-20  | <b>15 The Dormition</b> ✠ ⚡<br>Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28<br>8:15am Orthros/9:30am Liturgy<br>11am Dormition Reception  | <b>22 The Holy Martyr Agathonicus</b><br>II Corinthians 4:13-18; Matthew 24:27-33, 42-51  |
| Saturday  | <b>9 The Holy Apostle Matthias</b> ❖ 🕯<br>Acts 1:12-17, 21-26; Matthew 15:32-39<br>5pm Great Vespers w/Catechesis & Chrismations   | <b>16 Translation of the Image of Our Lord</b><br>I Timothy 3:13-16; 4:1-5; Luke 9:51-57, 10:22-24, 13:22  | <b>23 Apodosis of the Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary</b><br>Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28                         |

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# BOOKKEEPER'S CORNER

*Brenda Day, Bookkeeper*

## *National Aviation Day...*



With July 4th celebrations over and done (hope you had a chance to enjoy some fireworks and family time) I am reminded that August 19th is National Aviation Day. Lots to do in Dayton in celebration of this national event. Want to know more? Go to Destination Dayton at <https://www.destinationdayton.org/aviation-in-dayton> for a list of things to see and do in Dayton that are aviation related. Wright Brothers Museum, Carillon Park, Wright Patterson Air Force Base Museum just to list a few. In fact, Destination Dayton has lots to offer on things to do in the area. Go to <https://www.destinationdayton.org/things-to-do>.

Have you ever heard of Young Eagles? Young Eagles is part of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) which offers free plane rides to Youth ages 8-17 through their various Chapters. Kids get to meet an airline pilot (trained and certified volunteers), see how the airplane works, go through safety checks and then take a free 20-minute ride! While the Xenia and Cincinnati Chapter registrations are closed (they are full) there are some dates in Columbus Ohio accepting registrations. Chapters are listed by State, then choose a city or airport near you to see the registration details. The Columbus, Ohio website is located at: <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea9/young-eagles> . If your child is interested in a career in aviation this is an opportunity to get some information and check out what it's really like to fly.

If you are interested at all you won't want to dally around. Young Eagles registrations fill up quickly. Some, but not all chapters have a wait list.

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## *And now for something completely different!*

We are working on putting a QR Code on the Donation envelopes in the Church which will take you directly to Donations and Payments. For now, we are adding it into the *True Vine*. Check this space for updates.

## *In closing...*

"As you simplify your life, the laws of the universe will be simpler." -Henry David Thoreau

# BAPTISMAL DIVINE LITURGY - AUGUST 10TH

*from Fr. Anthony*

Beloved in the Lord,

As the Lord has blessed us with more catechumens than our parish has seen in its entire history, we have found ourselves reaching back into the ancient history of the Church to find the manner in which our forebears in the Faith received the masses of the Roman Empire into the embrace of the Body of Christ. We have therefore resumed the ancient practice of using the great Fasts of the Nativity and Great Lent, as well as the 15 Days of August, for the preparation of the catechumens, and the great Feasts of Theophany, Pascha, and Transfiguration as the occasion to bring them into the Church.

This will result in some changes to the order of services this coming Sunday, August 10th, the Sunday after the Feast of Transfiguration, which will be as follows.

## *Chrismations on August 9th at 5 pm*

On Saturday, August 9th, we will do the service of Great Vespers, at 5 pm. At the beginning of the service, we will conduct the Catechesis Service, in which those who are preparing for baptism will receive the prayers of exorcism, will renounce Satan, and pledge themselves to Christ. These are the prayers that we usually see during a baptism in the Narthex, at the beginning of the service. Then we will proceed with the Great Vespers, and towards the end, we will conduct the Chrismation Service for those catechumens who are being received into the Church by Chrismation, for the seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit. At this service, they will be Chrismated and Tonsured, and will receive their Baptismal Cross. The Vespers service, including these elements, should take about an hour and a half.

## *Baptisms during the Liturgy on August 10th*

On Sunday, August 10th, we will begin the Orthros early, at 7:45 am, so that we can begin the Divine Liturgy at 9 am. This will be a Baptismal Liturgy, a joyous and beautiful event which we have seen only twice before, on January 5th and on April 12th (Lazarus Saturday) of this year. We will begin with the Great Litany, as normal but the Antiphons at the beginning of the service will be replaced by the Baptism and Chrismation of the Catechumens who have been preparing themselves during the Lenten Fast.

After the Newly-Illumined have been baptized and chrismated, the clergy will say the Prayers for the Entrance and for the Trisagion Hymn while the Newly Illumined get dressed and the Chanters sing the hymns of the day, and we will then process around the Font, and then from the Baptistry out to the Narthex and back down the center aisle of the Church, as we all sing: "As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ" in place of the normal Trisagion Hymn.

The Newly-Illumined will then take their place with their godparents in the front several pews on the left, and we will continue with Epistle and the Gospel (we will actually read two of each, one for the Feast and one for the Baptism), and then with the rest of the Divine Liturgy as normal. The Newly-Illumined will, of course, approach first for Holy Communion when the time arrives.

After Holy Communion, we will do the Memorial Service and any other necessary services, and then we will remove the Chrism from the Newly Illumined, Tonsure them, and give them their baptismal crosses, and will then conclude the service.

We will be chrismating 14 souls on Saturday evening, and will be baptizing 15 souls on Sunday. We anticipate that the service will take 45 minutes longer than usual, not counting the additional time for the Memorial Service and other services. We appreciate your presence and your joy in welcoming these newest members of the flock of the Good Shepherd, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you all, and may every blessing of the Lord attend you and your families in these holy days.

In Christ,

+Fr. Anthony Cook

# THE CATECHUMENATE AT ANNUNCIATION DAYTON

*from Fr. Anthony*

The ancient Christian title for those who have undertaken to become Orthodox Christians is "Catechumen." A Catechumen is a member of the Church, and is entitled to burial as an Orthodox Christian should they die before their baptism or chrismation, but catechumens do not participate in the sacraments or in the government of the parish until after their initiation.

To become a catechumen, an inquirer must have been faithful in attendance at the Sunday Liturgy and at the Monday Adult Catechesis class for at least two months. They must have become a pledged member of the Church, and provided to the parish priest an account of their life, and the path that has brought them to the Orthodox Faith. They must have identified a potential sponsor, an adult member of the parish community who has been an Orthodox Christian for at least five years, and preferably for ten years. Once they have completed these requirements, the Church will make them Catechumens by means of the prayer of the 8th Day, usually read for infants along with the prayers of the 40-Day Blessing.

The period of dedicated inquiry and the catechumenate together must last a minimum of one year, but it will frequently last a year and a half, or as much as two years. During that time, the Catechumens will continue to attend Divine Liturgy faithfully each week, along with the Adult Catechesis class Monday evening, and will develop their connection with the parish family through social fellowship at Coffee Hour, service to one another and to the parish family by participating in the hosting of Coffee Hour and the many other tasks involved in daily parish life, by volunteering at the Festival and other parish fundraisers, and by joining in the various outreach ministries of the parish community.

Once that time has been fulfilled, the catechumens are received into the Church by Chrismation, if they have been baptized previously in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, in a church confession which affirms the Nicene Faith in the Holy Trinity, and can provide written documentation of this baptism. If they have never been baptized, then they will be received by Holy Baptism during the Divine Liturgies of the Feast of Theophany, the Saturday of Lazarus, or the Sunday after the Transfiguration. After their baptism, they become full members of the Church, a gift and blessing of the Lord to our community, even as we have been permitted by the Lord to be blessings to them as they find us and join themselves with us.

## RECEPTION LUNCHEON AUGUST 10TH

*In Honor of New Members*

In celebration of the newly chrismated and baptized parishioners that will be taking place on Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting a complimentary lunch to all parishioners after the service. It is complimentary, but you will need to make reservations so that we can accommodate and serve everyone. Please call the church office to make your reservation and the number in your party, no later than Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>.

The menu will be pasta, with marinara or alfredo sauce, salad, fruit, garlic bread sticks, and dessert.

## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

*July Update*

The Annunciation Stewardship Committee thanks you for your continued support to our parish. Just a reminder that being a steward is more than a financial contribution or donating time to parish fundraising--it includes joining your fellow parishioners in worshipping as a community and being there for fellow parishioners in good times and also times of need. We all have great opportunity coming up for the festival to not just volunteer, but also to be around and get to know our fellow parishioners better. Thank you again for your continued gifts of time, talent, and treasure to our Annunciation parish! If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office, Father Anthony, or a member of the Stewardship Committee or Parish Council.



# GREEK FESTIVAL

## 2025 GREEK FESTIVAL

We are 60 days away from our annual festival and as we begin our cooking and baking, we are asking all who can come and help, whether it is a few hours or a day or two, we need and appreciate anytime that you can spare!

The baking schedule is:

- **Dolmades** – Monday-Wednesday, July 28th, 29th, 30th – Linda Bouris, Tina Day, Miss Fote- Chairs
- **Koulouria** – Monday-Wednesday, August 4th, 5th, and 6th – Maria Powers, Chair
- **Kourambietes** – Tuesday-Wednesday, August 12th, 13th – Maria Cleary, Chair
- **Pasta Flora** – Tuesday-Wednesday, August 26th, 27th – Leah Derksen, Connie Yorgen - Chairs

For those who can volunteer festival weekend, the days and times are:

- **Friday, September 5 th – 11:00am – 10:00pm**
- **Saturday, September 6 th – 11:00am – 10:00pm**
- **Sunday, September 7 th – 11:00am – 5:00pm**

We also have a link to help you sign up to volunteer (click the link below or scan the QR code), fill-out the form and submit it, we will take care of the rest. If you are unable to fill it out on-line, call the church office and someone will be happy to assist you with filling it out. Below is the list of all booth chairs and their contact information. Please feel free to reach out to them directly to sign-up.



Volunteer parking passes and wristbands will be available in August from the booth chairs. We will notify everyone when they are available, please reach out to the booth chair where you are working to get your wristband for that day. There will be a different wristband color for each day.

Volunteer parking will be first-come, first-serve on the north side of the parking lot (as it always is), however, you can always park at Grandview Hospital parking lot and ride the shuttle that will drop you off at the driveway entrance and will run continuously from open to close.

This year we do have yard signs available, so when you are at church, please pick one up and display it to help promote our festival. Raffle tickets have also been mailed out to all parishioners, once you have sold your tickets, turn the stubs and money into the raffle box in the lobby or give them to the office staff. If you need more tickets to sell, please ask the office staff.

The week of festival and the Monday and Tuesday after there is always so much to be done in setting up, tearing down, and cleaning. We can use all the help that we can get, so if you are available during those times, please lend hand (or two) to help wherever needed.

If you have any questions, please reach out to David Casey, Festival Director, 937.414.0787, or Andrea Casey, 937.414.0613.

Please see the next page for the list of festival booth chairs and their contact information.

# GREEK DANCE PRACTICE

## *Attention Greek Dancers*

Dance practices will start on Wednesday, August 6 and continue every Wednesday until the festival:

- 6 pm: Evzonakia & Levendopeda/Nisiotes;
- 7 pm: Ellinopeda & Ellas.

We will add Sunday practices as necessary. These dates and times have been posted on the online church calendar since the end of May. As always, if anyone has any questions or concerns, they should reach out directly to Isidora Margioras via email or phone: [tsonisis@yahoo.com](mailto:tsonisis@yahoo.com) or 937-751-7565.

| BOOTH NAME              | BOOTH CHAIR  | PHONE #                                      | EMAIL ADDRESS  |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|
| Admin/Office            | Andrea Casey/Nikki Burns                                 | 937.414.0613<br>937.478.7011                 | <a href="mailto:andreacasey6789@gmail.com">andreacasey6789@gmail.com</a> ;<br><a href="mailto:nburns3278@gmail.com">nburns3278@gmail.com</a>   |
| Baking                  | Connie Yorgen  | 937.974.6329                                 | <a href="mailto:pchefconnie@yahoo.com">pchefconnie@yahoo.com</a>   |
| Cheese/Spinach Pies     | Harry & Linda Bouris                                     | 937.903.5571                                 | <a href="mailto:harryandlinda@earthlink.net">harryandlinda@earthlink.net</a>   |
| Finance                 | Sophia Heckler/Jim Haubrock/<br>Louis Castleman          | 937.607.2533                                 | <a href="mailto:angelopoulos4@wright.edu">angelopoulos4@wright.edu</a>   |
| Inside Boutique         | Connie Yorgen  | 937.974.6329                                 | <a href="mailto:pchefconnie@yahoo.com">pchefconnie@yahoo.com</a>   |
| Kafenion                | Kathy Kordalis   | 937.620.0765                                 | <a href="mailto:kordalis@sbcglobal.net">kordalis@sbcglobal.net</a>   |
| Kitchen                 | Terry Smith/Michael Jannides/Bill Mokus                  | 937.726.3183                                 | <a href="mailto:msjannides@gmail.com">msjannides@gmail.com</a>   |
| Pastries                | Carrie Regoupoulos/Sharon Liapis                         | 937.623.2794                                 | <a href="mailto:charrie.rego@aol.com">charrie.rego@aol.com</a>   |
| Volunteer Room          | Linda and Andrew Kididis                                 | 937.657.2572                                 | <a href="mailto:kidcal90@proton.me">kidcal90@proton.me</a>   |
| Athenian Café           | Paul & Sandy Angelopoulos                                | 937.361.7763                                 | <a href="mailto:angelopoulospaul@aol.com">angelopoulospaul@aol.com</a>   |
| Baklava Sundae          | Tina Day   | 937.510.1280                                 | <a href="mailto:steclergoddess@hotmail.com">steclergoddess@hotmail.com</a>   |
| Band                    | George Karras  |  |  |
| Beer Truck              | Tony & Jenn Argue  | 937.371.7840                                 | <a href="mailto:targue@mitlift.com">targue@mitlift.com</a>   |
| Beverage Center         | Andrew & Dessine Ziehler                                 | 937.604.4159                                 | <a href="mailto:dziehler@discoverziehler.com">dziehler@discoverziehler.com</a>   |
| Entertainment           | Isidora Margioras/Athena Zois-<br>Solomon/Allie Grilliot | 937.751.7565<br>937.207.2546<br>937.478.5930 | <a href="mailto:tsonisis@yahoo.com">tsonisis@yahoo.com</a> ;<br><a href="mailto:soldbyathena@gmail.com">soldbyathena@gmail.com</a> ;<br><a href="mailto:flipflop224@gmail.com">flipflop224@gmail.com</a> |
| Food Tent               | Jim Leakas/Jim Derksen/Bill Yorgen                       | 937.478.9833<br>937.609.8874<br>937.974.6532 | <a href="mailto:jleakas@aol.com">jleakas@aol.com</a> ; <a href="mailto:jdfpdoc@att.net">jdfpdoc@att.net</a> ;<br><a href="mailto:williamjr5645@sbcglobal.net">williamjr5645@sbcglobal.net</a>            |
| Gyro Express            | Maria Powers   | 937.562.1094                                 | <a href="mailto:makapo1971@gmail.com">makapo1971@gmail.com</a>   |
| Lamb Chops/<br>Souvlaki | Michael Jannides/Terry smith                             | 937.726.3183                                 | <a href="mailto:msjannides@gmail.com">msjannides@gmail.com</a>   |
| Loukoumades             | Dan Cleary   |  | <a href="mailto:Dan@clearycreativephoto.com">Dan@clearycreativephoto.com</a>   |
| Saganaki                | Jim Heckler  |  |  |
| Skyline                 | Paul & Sandy Angelopoulos                                | 937.470.1996                                 | <a href="mailto:sandraangelopoulos@aol.com">sandraangelopoulos@aol.com</a>   |
| Veggie Booth            | Christina Casey/Jon Thomas                               | 937.673.7486                                 | <a href="mailto:cmc2475@gmail.com">cmc2475@gmail.com</a>   |
| Church Tours            | Sue Bacas/Evan Bambakidis                                | 937.416.9849                                 | <a href="mailto:suelagreek@gmail.com">suelagreek@gmail.com</a>   |
| Admissions              | Bill Karras/Ike Maxis                                    | 937.266.6822                                 | <a href="mailto:billkarras@gmail.com">billkarras@gmail.com</a>   |
| First Aid               |  |  |  |
| ID Check                | Nick Demetre/Ike Maxis                                   | 937.572.4491                                 | <a href="mailto:relivdemetre2yahoo.com">relivdemetre2yahoo.com</a>   |
| Parking Lot             | NickTolias/Awad Halabi                                   | 937.971.1701                                 | <a href="mailto:nickand theodora@hotmail.com">nickand theodora@hotmail.com</a>   |
| Raffle                  | Connie Zavakos   | 937.469.2996                                 | <a href="mailto:chzgreek@att.net">chzgreek@att.net</a>   |
| Security                | David Casey  | 937.414.0787                                 | <a href="mailto:festivaldirector@daytonannunciation.org">festivaldirector@daytonannunciation.org</a>   |
| Setup/Tear Down         | Bill Alimonos/Don King                                   | 937.418.5775                                 | <a href="mailto:vasilios.alimonos@gmail.com">vasilios.alimonos@gmail.com</a> ;<br><a href="mailto:dking2887@gmail.com">dking2887@gmail.com</a>   |
| Signage                 | Deb Pulos/Photini Duffy/Louis Castleman                  | 937.478.2367                                 | <a href="mailto:debrapulos@mac.com">debrapulos@mac.com</a> ;<br><a href="mailto:leahrena@yahoo.com">leahrena@yahoo.com</a>   |
| Supplies                | Libby Stamas/David Casey                                 | 937.416.0886                                 | <a href="mailto:lstamas54@yahoo.com">lstamas54@yahoo.com</a>   |
| External Volunteers     | Mark Keilholz  | 937.478.8361                                 | <a href="mailto:keilway2@gmail.com">keilway2@gmail.com</a>   |
| Marketing/PR            | Melissa & Mark Holland                                   | 937.974.8889                                 | <a href="mailto:mhollland2006@gmail.com">mhollland2006@gmail.com</a>   |
| Booth Chairs            | Andrea Casey   | 937.414.0613                                 | <a href="mailto:andreacasey6789@gmail.com">andreacasey6789@gmail.com</a>   |
| Equipment               | David Casey  | 937.414.0787                                 | <a href="mailto:festivaldirector@daytonannunciation.org">festivaldirector@daytonannunciation.org</a>   |

# PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS - JULY 2025

## *Membership meeting:*

There will be no membership meeting in July.

## *August Evening Membership Meeting*

The August membership meeting will be held on August 21st at 6:00pm in the Church Community Center. More details to come on the plan for a meal.

## *Dormition of the Theotokos reception:*

The reception for the Dormition of the Theotokos is scheduled for August 15th following the Divine Liturgy. Committee: Mary McDonald, Chair, Lin Paslosky, Mary Caudell, Susan Manos. Set up is scheduled for August 14th at 10am. Request for food sign up will be sent in early August.

## *July CCM – Quilts of Valor*

The Quilts of Valor Foundation has an active Chapter in Vandalia, Ohio that recognizes service members and veterans with handmade quilts. Volunteers work at the Dayton Metro Library's Vandalia Branch to create and present the quilts, which are a tangible expression of gratitude for their service and sacrifice. The quilts are presented at a designated ceremony on the Saturday closest to Veterans Day. This Chapter presented 66 quilts in 2024 with a total of 299 presented to date. 60-70 volunteers use the Vandalia library to work on the quilts during the month of May. They are displayed during the month of October. Chairs Diane Briggs and Mary Caudell.

Donations and other forms of support help the foundation continue its mission of covering service members and veterans with comforting and healing quilts. Your donation will provide financial resources to purchase the materials used to make the quilts. Check donations are welcomed and should be made out to Philoptochos with "Quilts of Valor" in the memo line. You can put your check in the Red Box in the Community Center lobby or mail to

Cindy Keilholz, 913 Ashcreek Drive,  
Centerville, OH 45458

We have a long history of supporting our active service members and Veterans. Please support Quilts of Valor.

*Have a fun and safe 4th of July. God Bless America*

## YOUNG AT HEART

*Thursday, July 17, 2025, 11:30 AM at **Cox Arboretum***

Hope you can join us for our annual luncheon at Cox Arboretum, 6733 N. Springboro Pike, Dayton, Ohio 45449. AIF is sponsoring and Kohler's is catering the lunch. We will be inside in the conference center so the weather will not affect us! You must make a reservation by July 11 to attend.

Contact Mary McDonald - cell 937-272-5962, email [mcgreek99@aol.com](mailto:mcgreek99@aol.com)

## NEW YORK CITY TRIP -SEPTEMBER 15TH AND 16TH

We have the opportunity for a trip to New York City on September 15th and 16th for a religious and cultural experience! Scheduled events include: a visit to St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, a tour of the 9/11 memorial and museum, a meeting with His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, and a group dinner at Carnegie Diner (separate rsvp). Only 50 spots are available, **RSVPs are due to [nyctrip2025@gmail.com](mailto:nyctrip2025@gmail.com) by 8/1/25**. More questions? reach out to Tina Haubrock, Harriet Argue, or Maria McFarland. Support for this trip was generously provided by AIF. If you missed the zoom meeting and you want more information please contact [nyctrip2025@gmail.com](mailto:nyctrip2025@gmail.com). Or if you want to a link to the reserved block of hotel rooms, also reach out to [nyctrip2025@gmail.com](mailto:nyctrip2025@gmail.com).

# MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

## *July Volunteer Dates*

Want to volunteer in our Dayton community? Are you looking for volunteer opportunities for your children during the summer? We have the perfect answer. Join us at Hannah's Treasure Chest Dayton at 2490 Technical Dr. Miamisburg, OH 45342.

Join us in July for volunteer opportunities:

- July 10 (1:00-3:00 pm)
- July 24 (9:00-11:00am)

Plenty of opportunities for all ages. Join us for volunteering as well as fellowship!

Need more information- Maria McFarland 937-409-9876.

## *College Student Care Packages*

Attention parents with college age students - please email the church office ([office@daytonannunciation.org](mailto:office@daytonannunciation.org)) your child(ren)'s college address so we can send care packages. Any questions? See Maria McFarland.

# GREEK SCHOOL



Greek school registrations for the academic year 2025-2026 are open until August 31st, 2025.

Greek school is a Greek language and culture education program for children ages five through thirteen. Curriculum goals include developing vocabulary and confidence in speaking/writing skills, as well as exposing the students to various topics of the Greek culture.

Classes take place in the classrooms of the Community Center of our church, from the end of September to the end of May. Classes meet on Monday evenings from 5:30-7:30pm with a brief recess period. To contact the Greek School director, email [annunciationsg@gmail.com](mailto:annunciationsg@gmail.com).

To register for Greek School, please complete the Google form through the link:

<https://forms.gle/WtUFEJXtB24bPshNA> or by using this QR code:



# CATECHISM SCHOOL

*We are accepting student registrations for the 2025-2026 school year.*

Our Sunday Catechism school program runs from October through May, offering children preschool age through twelfth grade an opportunity to learn and grow in their Orthodox faith. Families will attend the Divine Liturgy and after the reception of Holy Communion, children will exit and attend classes where they are engaged by a curriculum that begins with learning the fundamentals of Orthodoxy and culminates in discussions of ethics and preparation for life as an Orthodox Christian young adult.

The first day of class is Sunday, October 5, 2025.

We are always in need of teachers, both full time and substitute; if you are interested, please contact the Catechism School directors at [annunciationcatechismschool@gmail.com](mailto:annunciationcatechismschool@gmail.com).

A separate registration must be completed for each student.

To register, please use this hyperlink or QR code: [Sunday Catechism School Student Registration 2025-2026](#)





# GOYA BASKETBALL NEWS

## *Change to Schedule*

We hope this message finds you well. We are writing to inform you of an important update regarding our basketball tournament.

After much prayer, discussion, and careful consideration, we have decided that moving forward, the basketball tournament will be held every other year. This was not an easy decision, as we understand how much this event means to our community and especially to our GOYAns.

However, the rising costs of food, gym rentals, hotels, and referees, combined with a noticeable decrease in attendance in recent years, have made it increasingly difficult to break even financially. While the spirit of fellowship and sportsmanship has always been our driving force, we must also be mindful of the resources required to host a successful event.

We remain fully committed to providing opportunities for our youth to come together in faith, fellowship, and fun. We believe that holding the tournament every other year will allow us to maintain the quality of the event while also making it more sustainable for the future.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support. We look forward to seeing you at the next tournament and to many more years of meaningful fellowship.

With love in Christ,

The GOYA Basketball Tournament Committee

# CROSS-GENERATIONAL QUESTIONS

## *Background*

In the summer of 2024, we introduced Elizabeth Keating's book, *The Essential Questions: Interview Your Family to Uncover Stories and Bridge Generations* and we discussed why it was important to ask older family members open-ended questions that would encourage them to give us a broader perspective of their lives and histories. This month, we continue with suggested questions about special memories, which should hopefully build on all the previous conversations.

## *What is the strongest memory of your childhood?*

- What is your earliest memory?
- What were special holiday traditions from your family?
- What food/foods trigger childhood memories?
- Do you have a favorite memory from your childhood? From when you were a teenager?
- What are special anniversaries for you?
- Do you remember what you were doing during a famous historical event?
- What is your favorite family story?
- What is something your parents/grandparents told you that has stayed with you?

# PARISH BULLETIN BOARD

## *Fliers 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. Whenever an parish organization sends in a flier to the church, or has a sign-up or registration page, we will post it up on the online parish bulletin board for your convenience. It is a faster way to find the most recent fliers or sign-ups than our monthly newsletters. We will no longer print out fliers in our hard copy version of the True Vine - you can access them either online in the digital version, or by scanning the QR code to go to the Bulletin Board section of our website.

# USHER SCHEDULE FOR JULY-AUGUST

## *Usher Schedule*

Here is the usher team schedule for services in July and August. Usher teams, please refer to the schedule sent out via email from Harriet for more details on services, arrival times, and other particulars.

| <b>Date</b>                     | <b>Service</b>                                 | <b>Team</b> |
|---------------------------------|--|-------------|
| Sunday, 7/6/2025 @ 8:15 am      | Matins/Divine Liturgy                          | 5           |
| Saturday, 7/13/2025 @ 8:45 am   | Matins/Divine Liturgy                          | 1           |
| Sunday, 7/20/2025 @ 8:15 am     | Matins/Divine Liturgy                          | 2           |
| Sunday, 7/27/2025 @ 11:15 am    | Matins/Divine Liturgy                          | 3           |
| Tuesday, 7/29/2025 @ 8:30 am    | Matins only                                    | TBD         |
| Thursday, 7/31/2025 @ 6:00 pm   | Vigil Service                                  | TBD         |
| Friday, 8/1/2025 @ 11:00 am     | Small Paraklesis                               | TBD         |
| Sunday, 8/3/2025 @ 8:15 am      | Matins/Divine Liturgy                          | 4           |
| Tuesday, 8/5/2025 @ 6:00 pm     | Vespers  | 7           |
| Wednesday 8/6/2025 @ 8:15 am    | Matins/Divine Liturgy (Transfiguration)        | 5           |
| Thursday, 8/7/2025 @ 6:00 pm    | Great Paraklesis                               | TBD         |
| Saturday, 8/9/2025 @ 5:00 pm    | Great Vespers with Catechesis and Chrismations | TBD         |
| Sunday, 8/10/2025 @ 7:45 am     | Matins/Baptismal Divine Liturgy                | 1           |
| Monday, 8/11/2025 @ 1:00 pm     | Small Paraklesis                               | TBD         |
| Wednesday, 8/13/2025 @ 11:00 am | Small Paraklesis                               | TBD         |
| Friday, 8/15/2025 @ 8:15 am     | Matins/Divine Liturgy (Dormition of Mary)      | 2           |
| Sunday, 8/17/2025 @ 8:15 am     | Matins/Divine Liturgy                          | 3           |
| Sunday, 8/24/2025 @ 8:15 am     | Matins/Divine Liturgy                          | 4           |
| Thursday, 8/28/2025 @ 6:00 pm   | Vigil Service for the Forerunner               | TBD         |
| Sunday, 8/31/2025 @ 8:15 am     | Matins/Divine Liturgy                          | 5           |

## PARISH PHOTOS



*Saturday of Souls at Woodland Cemetery*



*Koliva workshop*



*Recognition Sunday - Honoring Graduates!*



*Dancing at the Church Picnic*





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AIF SPONSORED ONE-DAY BUS TRIP

# VISIT THE WEEPING ICON OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

**Saturday, July 19, 2025**

*The Assumption Greek Orthodox Church — Homer Glen, IL*

## TRIP DETAILS

### Departure:

- 8:00 AM from our church  
(restrooms on bus)

### Return:

- Between 8:00 - 9:00 p.m

**RSVP BY 7/6 VIA EMAIL**

**ChicagoTrip2025@gmail.com**



## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Free one-day trip to visit historic icon
- Breakfast box provided by AIF on bus
- Waters and snacks on the bus (no coffee — bring your own!)

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Father Sam Dimitriou will meet with us and speak about the Weeping Icon
- Enjoy the Assumption Church Festival — walk around and purchase food before we return (Festival food not provided by AIF)

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# CATECHISM SCHOOL

*Registration*

2025-2026

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# **CATECHISM SCHOOL**

**2025-2026**

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## NEW YORK CITY

# Trip



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- VISIT ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH AND NATIONAL SHRINE\*
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- TOUR OF THE 9/11 MEMORIAL & MUSEUM\*
- GROUP DINNER AT CARNEGIE DINER
  - SEPARATE RSVP IS NECESSARY
- MEET WITH HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP ELPIDOPHOROS\*

\*ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY

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BY 8/1/25

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MEETING ID: 848 3952 1288  
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# JULY/AUGUST SERVICES & EVENTS

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

## **Thursday, July 17**

Young at Heart AT Cox Arboretum @ 11am

## **Saturday, July 19**

AIF sponsored bus trip to Weeping Icon @ 8am

## **Monday, July 28-Friday, August 1**

VBS @ St. Paul's OCA

## **Monday, July 28-Wednesday, July 30**

Dolmathes making @ 9am

## **Tuesday, July 29**

Orthros only @ 8:30am

## **Thursday, July 31**

Vigil service @ 7pm

## **Friday, August 1**

Small Paraklesis @ 11am

## **Monday, August 4-Wednesday, August 6**

Kolouria baking @ 9am

## **Tuesday, August 5**

Vespers for Transfiguration @ 6pm

## **Wednesday, August 6 - Transfiguration**

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

## **Wednesday, August 6**

Greek Dance Practice @ 6 & 7pm

## **Thursday, August 7**

Great Paraklesis @ 6pm

## **Saturday, August 9**

Great Vespers with Chrismations @ 6pm

## **Sunday, August 10**

Baptismal Divine Liturgy and Reception @ 7:45/9am

# COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

## **Sunday, July 6**

Hosted by DOP

## **Sunday, July 13**

Hosted by Philoptochos

## **Sunday, July 20**

Hosted by AHEPA

## **Sunday, July 27**

Hosted by Maids of Athena

## **Sunday, August 3**

Hosted by Philoptochos

## **Sunday, August 10**

Reception Luncheon for New

Converts

## **Sunday, August 17**

Hosted by AHEPA

## **Sunday, August 24**

Hosted by Daughters of Penelope

## **Sunday, August 31**

Hosted by Philoptochos

## **Sunday, September 7**

No Coffee Hour: Greek Festival

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