



THE TRUE VINE

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WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

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We come now to the word "Christ," in the Creed, and as before, we must begin by considering what the word means. Christ, or Χριστός, is a Greek word that simply means, "Anointed, to have had oil poured or rubbed on," and it is simply the Greek translation of the Hebrew word Messiah, which means the same thing. For the Hebrew people under the Covenant from Mount Sinai, the pouring of oil over the head was the means of consecrating a priest or a king. It was a sign that God had appointed and empowered someone to serve His people. At the time Jesus was born, however, the term had a more particular significance - it referred to an expected leader and deliverer that the Jewish people wished for God to send them, like Moses or David, to make everything right for them as they suffered under the oppression of the Romans. We see the term used several times in the Gospels as people encounter Jesus and wonder if He might be this hoped for "Anointed One."

It is tempting here to pause and consider in detail what it was that the Anointed One was expected to do, to give a thorough summary of what the different social groups of 1st century Judea hoped for and expected from the Messiah - for they all expected something different. But to do this would miss the point that, for all the diversity of these hopes and expectations, they all had two important things in common. The first is that they were all rooted in the problems experienced by one group of people or another, with the Anointed One expected to solve these problems. The second is that they were all wrong. No one expected Jesus to do what He came to do.

The reason that they were wrong about his purpose, though, is not that they wanted too much from Him, but that they wanted too little. They wanted a king, a war leader, someone to bring peace and prosperity and justice as a remedy to the violence and poverty and injustice that were normal parts of their everyday life. They didn't dare to hope for salvation from death itself, from sin, from futility, from the very brokenness of the human condition and the world itself that is at the root of all violence and poverty and injustice. Yet it is from these that Jesus came to save them.

Now, the idea of the Anointed One is a Hebrew idea, but we can extend the same principle to the expectations of every nation and people throughout time. Every culture and society has hopes and desires that they yearn to see fulfilled, and they express those hopes in their various religions, whose worship and doctrines and ordinances, at their core, seek the fulfillment of those yearnings. We have said that Jesus did not come to fulfill the expectations of the Jews; we must add that He also does not come to fulfill the expectations of any nation or religion, because all of them suffer from the same core failing - they hope for too little. What Jesus does come to do, however, is to fulfill the deep yearnings that lie behind all our religions, behind our spoken and unspoken desires. He comes to make everything right, He comes to fulfill everything that lacks, He comes to heal every wound and sickness that afflict us. His purpose, however, His Anointing, does not come from us and our needs, but rather from the Father, Who has sent Him to reconcile all things to Himself.

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

September 20, 2025

Grant Gunston

Funerals (June - August)

June 10, 2025

Evelyn Boosalis (Trisagion)

July 3, 2025

Mary Jannides

July 25, 2025

Jane Speros

August 1, 2025

Chrisoula Morris

August 14, 2025

Jim Haubrock

August 26, 2025

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September 12, 2025

Pete Kossoudji

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 know this because it is what He says about Himself, as recorded in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 4, when He enters the synagogue at Nazareth and reads from the prophecy of Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and the recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of recompense of our God, to comfort all that mourn, to attend to them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified." And in case anyone should miss the point, He then closed the book, and looked at those gathered there, and He said, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears." (Luke 4:18-21).

What is surprising is that the people who heard Him declare Himself as the ultimate remedy to all the brokenness of the world did not immediately rejoice with great joy. Perhaps they thought it was too good to be true. Perhaps they resented that He would not address their more mundane concerns. Whatever the reason, we see consistently that very few of the people who encountered Jesus, even those who believed and hoped He was the Anointed One, were able or willing to understand the magnitude of the Good News. Only a few chapters later in Luke, we see many of their mistaken ideas listed when Jesus asks His disciples who the people say He is. They respond, "Well, some say you're this prophet, some say you're that prophet, some say you're Elijah, some say you're John the Baptist come back again" - in short, everyone thinks you're someone different, depending on what they want and what they are looking for. But when He asks them Who THEY say that He is, we hear something completely different. Peter says, "Lord, You are the Christ, the Messiah, the Anointed One - the Son of the Living God."

And Jesus then affirms that not only is Peter's answer different, it is also true: "Blessed are You, Simon, son of John, because flesh and blood have not revealed this to you - you are not simply parroting some petty human hope - for my Father in Heaven has revealed this to you."

So Peter's understanding of the reality of Jesus and His role as the Anointed One is not based on any human expectation at all. The defining agent in Peter's confession is rather God's will and action in the world, and for all that Peter later loses sight of this, in this moment he has it exactly right,.

What is important in this scene, however, is not that it shows that Jesus is the Anointed One. We already knew that - this is what Jesus told us before in the synagogue in Nazareth. The question is not "Who is Jesus," but rather, "Who do WE say that He is." This question and its answer is the governing principle of our relationship with God - not because our answer to the question changes Who He is in the least, but because our answer defines (and all too often limits) how we relate to Him. We know that we need Him, and we know that we want Him to do certain things, but what He comes to do for us and in us is different from what we want. It is greater, it is better, it is perfect. But if we look for Him to be what WE want Him to be, to fulfill OUR needs and wishes, then our relationship with Him will be troubled, characterized by a constant struggle for control that will inevitably end in utter failure. But if we seek rather to lay aside our broken and misshapen hopes and desires, then we can begin to encounter Him as He Is, as the One Who Is, our Life and our Salvation.

For this reason, we will continue to reflect on Who He Is, according to Peter's confession, "You are the Anointed One, the Son of the Living God," and according to the Creed: "I trust in One Lord Jesus Christ - the only-begotten Son of God."

The above is the twelfth 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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	Sept 28-Oct 4	Oct 5-Oct 11	Oct 12-Oct 18
Sunday	28 1st Sunday of Luke ✠ 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Luke 5:1-11 8:15am Orthros/9:30am Liturgy NO Coffee Hour (Octoberfest AT DAI) 11:30am Altar/Narthex Server Meeting 12:30pm Catechism School Teacher Meeting	5 2nd Sunday of Luke ✠ 2 Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1; Luke 6:31-36 8:15am Orthros/9:30am Liturgy Sunday School after Communion 11:30am Catechism School Ice Cream Social/ Organization Fair 12pm GOYA Meeting	12 Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council ✠ Titus 3:8-15; Luke 8:5-15 8:15am Orthros/9:30am Liturgy Sunday School after Communion 11:30am Coffee Hour 2:30-4:30pm HOPE/JOY Hayride
Monday	29 Cyriacus the Hermit of Palestine Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2; Luke 4:38-44 5:30pm Greek School 7pm Adult Catechesis	6 The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; John 20:19-31 5:30pm Greek School Fall Party (offsite) 7pm Adult Catechesis	13 Carpus, Papyrus, Agathodorus, & Agathonica, the Martyrs of Pergamus Philippians 1:1-7; Luke 7:36-50 5:30 pm Greek School 7pm Adult Catechesis
Tuesday	30 Gregory the Illuminator, Bishop of Armenia 1 Corinthians 16:13-24; Matthew 24:42-47	7 Sergius & Bacchus the Great Martyrs of Syria Ephesians 5:20-25; Luke 6:37-45 6pm Parish Council Meeting	14 Martyrs Nazarius, Gervasius, Protasius, & Celsus Philippians 1:8-14; Luke 8:1-3 6pm AHEPA/DOP Meeting
Wednesday	1 The Holy Protection of the Theotokos ✠🕯 Acts 9:10-19; Luke 5:33-39 8:15am Orthros/9:30am Liturgy 7pm Zoom Bible Study	8 Pelagia the Righteous Ephesians 5:25-33; Luke 6:46-49, 7:1 7pm Zoom Bible Study	15 Lucian the Martyr of Antioch Philippians 1:12-20; Luke 8:22-25 7pm Zoom Bible Study
Thursday	2 The Holy Hieromartyr Cyprian and the Virgin Martyr Justina 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 6:12-19 10am Philoptochos Meeting 6:45pm Choir	9 James the Apostle, son of Alphaeus 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; Matthew 9:36-38; 10:1-8 6:45pm Choir	16 Longinus the Centurion Philippians 1:20-27; Matthew 27:33-54 11:30am Young at Heart Luncheon 6:45pm Choir
Friday	3 Dionysios the Areopagite Acts 17:16-34; Luke 6:17-23	10 Eulampius & Eulampia the Martyrs Ephesians 6:18-24; Luke 7:31-35	17 Hosea the Prophet Romans 9:18-33; Luke 9:12-18
Saturday	4 Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens 1 Corinthians 14:20-25; Luke 5:17-26	11 Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens 1 Corinthians 14:20-25; Luke 5:17-26	18 Luke the Evangelist Colossians 4:5-11, 14-18; Luke 10:16-21

• Fast Days Shaded ✠ Liturgy ❖ Other Service ⚡ fish/wine/oil allowed 🕯 wine/oil allowed

	Oct 19-Oct 25	Oct 26-Nov 1	Nov 2-Nov 8
Sunday	19 3rd Sunday of Luke ✠ 2 Corinthians 11:31-33; 12:1-9; Luke 7:11-16 8:15am Orthros/9:30am Liturgy Sunday School after Communion 11:30am NO Coffee Hour 12pm Fall General Assembly	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	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
Monday	20 Artemius the Great Martyr of Antioch 2 Timothy 2:1-10; Luke 9:18-22 5:30pm Greek School 7pm Adult Catechesis	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 Aicepsimas 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
Tuesday	21 Hilarion the Great 2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Luke 9:23-27 6pm Parish Council Meeting	28 The Holy Protection of the Theotokos Hebrews 9:1-7; Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28 Pumpkin Glow	4 Joannicius the Great Colossians 2:20-23; 3:1-3; Luke 11:34-41
Wednesday	22 Averkios, Equal-to-the-Apostles and Wonderworker, Bishop of Hierapolis Philippians 2:24-30; Luke 9:44-50 7pm Zoom Bible Study	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
Thursday	23 James (Iakovos) the Apostle, brother of Our Lord Galatians 1:11-19; Matthew 13:54-58 6:45pm Choir	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
Friday	24 Arethas the Great Martyr and His Fellow Martyrs Philippians 3:8-19; Luke 10:1-15	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
Saturday	25 The Holy Martyrs Marcan and Martyrius the Notaries 2 Corinthians 1:8-11; Luke 7:1-10	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

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GREEK FESTIVAL

Thank You

Every year, hundreds of members of our church come together to make food and pastries, set-up festival equipment, work three very long days, provide amazing entertainment, and help clean up. This year we were truly blessed with beautiful weather and fantastic crowds resulting in a **very successful festival!** There are never enough ways to say thank you to each and everyone who helped make the festival a success.

To our parishioners and your friends who volunteered, our Parish Council, the AIF Committee, **all our wonderful booth chairs**, our incredibly devoted hard-working staff, and Father Anthony's prayers and support, thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

We look forward to giving a festival summary at the Fall General Assembly meeting. True success is not just financial, it is **the love, support, and hard work of each of you gave for our church.**

David and Andrea Casey – 2025 Festival Chairs

ICE CREAM SOCIAL/ORGANIZATIONAL FAIR OCTOBER 6TH

Sunday School/Catechetical School

We are excited to resume the catechetical programs for our young people with the return of Sunday Catechetical School. We are therefore beginning on Sunday, October 5th; following the first day of classes, the Catechism School will host an Ice Cream Social for the students and the entire parish.

Organizational Fair

On that same day, in the community center, the parish will hold our 3rd annual AGOC Organization Fair. This is a chance for parish members, both old and new, to see what our parish organizations and ministries are doing in the life of the parish, and to connect to new opportunities to participate together. Organizations are asked to begin preparations for their tables - to prepare their displays and create sign up lists and brochures about their organization. If you have any questions, please contact Margaret in the Church office, or talk with Fr. Anthony after Church.

FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Save the Date

Sunday Church Average Attendance

2022

160 each Sunday

2023

170 each Sunday

2024

192 each Sunday

August 2025 average:

230 each Sunday

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

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Fall General Assembly on Sunday, October 19th, 2025. Among other business of the parish, the Fall General Assembly is the time where the church takes nominations for open positions on the Parish Council. This year, there are five (perhaps four, pending a proposed amendment to the Bylaws) open positions up for nominations. All nominees for Parish Council must be parishioners in good standing according to the requirements set forth in the parish bylaws.

2025 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Timing and Absentee Ballot Request Form

There are five (perhaps four, pending a proposed amendment to the Bylaws) open positions for Parish Council. Each position will serve a three-year term starting January 1, 2026. The list of eligible candidates will be presented at the October 19, 2025 Fall General Assembly meeting. Elections will be held by secret ballot on November 9, 2025 from 11:30am to 1:00pm in the Athenagoras room. Parish Council is the administrative body of the parish elected by its stewards for the purpose of working together with the Parish Priest in fulfilling the mission and goals of the church. Parish Council members serve as role models for parishioners and must take their ministry seriously. They should lead by example by attending Church and other parish events and regularly participate in the sacramental life of the church.

Interested individuals must be members in good standing in accordance with the definition in the Parish Bylaws. Contact a member of the Election Committee or Father Anthony directly. 2025 Election Committee: Nikki Burns, Charrie Regopoulos, Mary McDonald, Lin Paslosky, Voula Zois.

Parishioners who are unable to attend church to vote on November 9 may request an Absentee ballot by no later than October 22, 2025. Submit the form below to the church office at office@daytonannunciation.org by mail.

Please send an Absentee Ballot to:

Name(print)_____

Address_____

City_____State_____Zip_____

Ballots will be mailed on October 23 and must be returned no later than November 7, 2025

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

Please join us for volunteering opportunities at Hannah's Treasure Chest.

- Thursday , October 9 (1:00-3:00)
- Thursday , October 23(9:00-11:00)

COLLEGE STUDENT CARE PACKAGES

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

LADIES FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Mark your calendars

Our next Ladies Fellowship Luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, October 21 at the El Asadora at 101 E. Alex-Bell Rd in the Crosspoint Center starting at 11.30 am.

Ladies, you are welcomed to join us for social time and lunch (at your own expense). This is a wonderful opportunity it's to meet other ladies from our community.

Please RSVP to Stella Moulas at 937-428-5802 or Chris Makaritis at 433-0403

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS -OCTOBER

Membership meeting:

The October meeting will be held on Thursday, October 2nd at 10a.m. in the Athenagoras room.

October CCM:

Charity at Home: Please help support this worthwhile CCM. All money collected this month goes to help people within our own Parish Community. If you know someone in our parish who we can help, contact Father Anthony or Nikki Burns nburns3278@gmail.com. Disbursements are confidential between the Priest, the Philoptochos President and the Philoptochos Treasurer. Checks can be mailed to CCM Treasurer Cindy Keilholz at 913 Ashcreek Dr. Centerville, OH 45458 or placed in the Red Box in the CC lobby. Put Charity at Home in the memo line of your check. Chairs, Evanthis Valassiades and Theona Russell.

The mission of the charity at home fund is to support orthodox christians within our own annunciation parish who may need financial assistance to get through a challenging time. All requests are kept confidential between the clergy, the Philoptochos president and Philoptochos treasurer.

Requests may be made personally or by a friend or family member speaking directly to clergy, the Philoptochos president or Philoptochos treasurer. the charity at home fund can support up to \$500 in financial assistance for those in need. the fund does not support requests for family and friends overseas, gofundme pages, personal accounts nor do we give cash. we can support those undergoing challenges by paying utility bills, purchasing gift cards and/or purchasing household or personal items.

If more assistance is needed beyond our guidelines, we have other avenues to pursue for assistance.

Philoptochos Anniversary:

Sunday, November 2nd will be the celebration of Philoptochos 94th Anniversary. Baskets for donations to the Ecumenical Patriarchate supported philanthropies will be passed. Philoptochos will sponsor coffee hour that Sunday.

Veterans Day Remembrance:

Every year Philoptochos honors members of our armed forces for their service to our country. We are grateful for their sacrifice and for all they do and have done to protect and serve the country we love. Join us on November 9th for this annual recognition.

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.

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.

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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.

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](#)

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

Fall Program Return

Goya is welcome to children grades 6-12 if you child is interested please come to the first meeting! This is where we will give all contact information as well as get your contact information for all events. We will have a Google classroom this year with everything listed on there so nothing will be missed by anyone! Any questions please contact Tina Day

WELCOME MEETING FOR GOYA Oct 4 after church

Backpack Saturday Oct 11 at 1030

Fall party TBD

HOPE/JOY

Hayride Oct 12th

Children ages 5 through grade 5 are eligible to join us for our HOPE/JOY activities.

Sunday, October 12 at 2:30 for our HOPE/JOY hayride at Lucas Bros Farms. Children's admission will be paid by AIF Parents are welcomed to join the hayride by paying for their admission Please RSVP to Maria McFarland.

YOUNG AT HEART

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025

Start autumn with food, fun, and fellowship at a luncheon sponsored by Daughters of Penelope and AHEPA. Anyone 50 or older is welcome to join us - we welcome new people. Come join the fun!

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.

NEW PARISHIONERS COLUMN

The Grahams



This month, we would like to introduce Bronte, Cara, and Bronte Jr. Graham. And possibly, by the time of this publication, their daughter, Valencia, will be born. The Graham's recently converted to Orthodoxy on August 10, 2025.

Names of Family: Bronte (Sr), Cara, Bronte (Jr), Valencia Graham

How long marries: 4 years

Hometown: Ypsilanti Michigan

What I do for a living: Active United States Air Force

What brought us to Dayton: USAF

What drew us to the Orthodox faith: Simply put, it is the One True Church of Jesus Christ. How we came to understand this was through prayer and guidance of the Holy Spirit. The draw to the church on the surface was the undeniable historicity of the Orthodox church, next was apostolic succession and lastly for me was the confirmation of these things in scripture. Once I submitted to the fact that I needed a bishop as all Christians understood in the first 1000 years of the church, I visited our current parish and there was no going back. The Truth no longer was an idea, but a person and that person is Jesus Christ, and the Church is

His body, I had never truly understood that until I came to the divine liturgy.

What drew us to this parish: If I am honest, we live not 5 minutes away, so it was the closest, but what has kept us is the community and the beauty.

One thing I hope to see in the future: The parish is growing, and I know this sort of thing ebbs and flows, with the influx though, I would love to see a deacon(s) in the parish to help with some of the duties. I understand this is a tricky area and quite challenging to maintain with the shortage of clergy but through the prayers of our Holy Fathers may it be blessed.

USHER SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

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 for more details on services, arrival times, and other particulars.

Date	Service	Team
Wednesday, 10/01/2025 @8am	Orthros/Divine Liturgy	6
Sunday, 10/05/2025 @8am	Orthros/Divine Liturgy	3
Sunday, 10/12/2025 @8am	Orthros/Divine Liturgy	4
Sunday, 10/19/2025 @8am	Orthros/Divine Liturgy	5
Sunday, 10/26/2025 @8am	Orthros/Divine Liturgy	1
Sunday, 11/2/2025	Orthros/Divine Liturgy	2

FESTIVAL PHOTOS



Pastries!



Blessing the Festival



Dancing



And More Dancing

PARISH PHOTOS



Elevation of the Holy Cross



Blessing of the Backpacks



NYC Trip at the church



Volunteers at Hannah's Treasure Chest



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2025-2026

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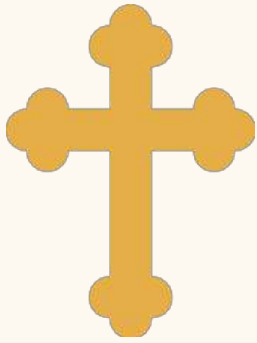
A large, stylized pink ice cream cone with a teal and yellow striped wafer. The cone is surrounded by a light pink background with scattered colorful dots in teal, yellow, and purple. The text is centered on the pink scoop of the cone.

OCTOBER 5

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AFTER CHURCH
DURING COFFEE
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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
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Watch for more details!



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Because of your devotion to the Friends program, ministries and programs are implemented on a Metropolis-wide basis which strengthen and enhance our faith and our joint ministry of service. I would like to invite you to join forces with the faithful throughout the Metropolis of Detroit in support of the ministries which are part of the Office of the Metropolitan.

Thanking you for your kind and generous response, I remain, with paternal blessings and prayers,

+NICHOLAS
Metropolitan of Detroit

MORE INFO AT:
WWW.DETROIT.GOARCH.ORG/FRIENDS



OUTREACH AND EVANGELISM

The Friends of the Metropolis are crucial to the continued support of our Outreach and Evangelism Committee, whose goal is to help others "Discover Orthodoxy" through outreach, education, community, and love.



YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

The Friends of the Metropolis generously support all of the Metropolis Youth and Young Adult Ministry efforts, including regional retreats, parish ministry and youth worker support, the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival, and three Metropolis summer camps.



HELLENIC COLLEGE HOLY CROSS

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SEPTEMBER SERVICES & EVENTS

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

Wednesday, Oct 1

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

Thursday, Oct 2

Philoptochos Meeting @10am

Sunday, Oct 5

Catechism School Ice Cream Social

Organization Fair

Tuesday, Oct 7

Parish Council Meeting @6pm

Sunday, Oct 12

HOPE/JOY hayride @2:30pm

Tuesday, Oct 14

AHEPA/DOP meeting @6pm

Thursday, Oct 16

Young at Heart Luncheon @11:30am

Sunday, Oct 19

Fall General Assembly @11:30am

Tuesday, Oct 21

Parish Council Eligibility meeting @6pm

Monday, Oct 27-Tuesday, Oct 28

Pumpkin Glow

Sunday, Nov 2

GOYA 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

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 5

Catechism School Ice Cream Social

Sunday, October 12

Hosted by: DOP

Sunday, October 18

NO Coffee Hour - Fall General
Assembly

Sunday, October 26

Hosted by: Catechism School Parent
Team 4

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

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