



THE TRUE VINE

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A JOURNEY OF TRANSFORMATION



Rev. Fr. Anthony Cook

Beloved in the Lord,

May the Lord bless you all as we continue our Lenten journey. This entire month is taken up with the season of fasting, with regular services each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. These regular opportunities for prayer and encounter with the Lord take the place of what has been a very busy parish schedule over the past few months.

That said, we do still have some special events upcoming. On Sunday, April 14th, we will have a fundraiser featuring the Arab Christian Lenten delicacy, *fuul medames*. Please make certain to reserve your place at the meal by speaking with either Awad Halabi or Dirk Lakovich-Van Gorp at the Coffee Hour next Sunday. You can also RSVP by email at dlackovichvangorp@gmail.com. Then, on Monday, April 15th, we are blessed to have a parish viewing of the new film "Sacred Alaska," in cooperation with our sister parish of St. Paul. Finally, our Ladies Philoptochos is hosting our annual Palm Sunday Luncheon at the end of the month.

Of these three events, two of them are working to raise funds for fellow Orthodox Christians in profoundly challenging circumstances around the world. The *Fuul* will certainly be delicious, but the point is to support our Christian brothers and sisters who remain caught in the cross-fire between the Israeli army and Hamas in Gaza, and those who are struggling to maintain their faith and culture in Orthodox Alaska. I ask you all to do all that you can to take part in these events, and to be generous in your support. There is nothing more appropriate for us to do during Great Lent than to walk in love and self-offering toward our suffering brothers and sisters around the world.

Great Lent

The Great Fast is a time for fasting from certain foods, but that particular dietary discipline is only part of a greater effort, one of purification and the re-dedication of our lives to Christ. Along with the fasting, we maintain the disciplines of prayer and of almsgiving, as well as an active participation in the worship and prayer of the Church. These four disciplines function together, and are ultimately deeply and intrinsically connected. Fasting from food by itself is little more than yet another fad diet; prayer alone rarely moves beyond talking to ourselves; almsgiving that is not founded on the recognition of Jesus Christ in our brothers and sisters in need is just another performative good deed; and Church attendance that is not attended by these other disciplines can far too easily become just another chance to show off our piety, our wealth, our good taste, or our fashion sense. In Great Lent, the more dedicated we are to the path, the more we discover how troubled our motivations truly are. And in this blessed season, by the grace of God, we are granted the opportunity to be healed, to grow beyond the anxiety and insecurity that so often drives our religious practice.

The Weekdays of Great Lent

On the weekdays of the Fast, we have three standard services. **Great Compline**, celebrated each Monday, is the standard evening service of the Fast. It is a quiet,

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday

8:15 am – Orthros

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Monday

6:00 pm – Great Compline

Wednesday

6:00 pm – Presanctified Liturgy

Friday

6:00 pm – Salutations

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

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Funerals

March 20, 2024

Afroditi Kandris

March 22, 2024

Maxine Alex

If you have announcements that you would like for us to include in the Community Updates above, please call or email the Church Office by the 20th of the month.

IMPORTANT LINKS

Service Texts

<https://dcs.goarch.org>

Parish Life Stream (Youtube)

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

Parish Facebook Page

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

Stewardship/Online Giving

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

Religious Education Initiative

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

sober, prayerful and penitent service, an opportunity simply to stand in the darkness of the Church in the evening and immerse ourselves in the prayer of the Church. The **Presanctified Liturgy**, celebrate each Wednesday evening, provides us with the opportunity to receive Holy Communion, so that we may indeed be sustained by the presence of the Lord even in the midst of the Fast. And the **Salutations to the Theotokos** each Friday evening present to us the full glory of the Lord's work of salvation on our behalf, in the beautiful poetry of the Akathist Hymn, as it reflects on the Lord's Incarnation, from His conception at the Annunciation through His birth at Christmas, His entrance into the Temple 40 days afterward, and His saving work in all this creation.

The Sundays of Great Lent

The six Sundays of Great Lent are all built around themes to help encourage and instruct us, to support and sustain us on the path of repentance and salvation. It is good that we have a sense of how these themes connect with our efforts, so we will outline that briefly here.

The Sunday of Orthodoxy celebrates the restoration of the icons to the Church. This theme is important theologically, as the physicality of the icons affirms the reality of the Lord's Incarnation, but still more than that, the basic principle of iconography

The Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas affirms the theology of the hesychasts, that those whose eyes are opened to the reality of God's presence can truly see Him, that God can be known by us, not in His essence, which is infinitely beyond our capacity, but in His energies, in His active working in the Creation, and in all of us. This serves to encourage us as we struggle to walk on this path of Faithfulness, and seek the light of the Lord's face, assuring us that He is truly present in our midst.

The Sunday of the Cross stands at the mid-point of the Fast, and reminds us that the Cross which we are working to take up was taken up indeed first by the Lord, and that we are following Him as we walk this journey of spiritual effort, self-denial, and love. As we see the Cross blossoming forth in the midst of the bright flowers of spring, we are reminded that the Lord has conquered death, and raised up new life out of it. Thus even in our own suffering we are assured that the Lord can and will raise us up to new life and beauty and glory.

The Sunday of St. John Climacus honors and remembers the life and witness of a master of the spiritual life. His book "The Ladder of Divine Ascent" outlines the steps of spiritual growth, beginning with Renunciation and ending with Faith, Hope, and Love. This book, and all its contents, are a guide for all to the temptations and struggles that we face in this life, and an assurance that this path can be walked, and that the Lord is with us as we journey toward the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt celebrates the life of a remarkable saint, who began her life deep in the mire of the sins of the flesh, but was granted a path to repentance. In her we see the contrast between the life dedicated to pleasure, and the beauty of utter devotion to the Lord. Her example affirms to us all that, no matter how far we have fallen, the Lord rejoices when we seek purification from Him.

Palm Sunday, of course, marks the end of the Fast, and the beginning of the Lord's Passion. It is the prelude and foretaste of the joy of the Resurrection, being one of the Great Feasts of the Church year, and thus, on this day, we see the long-promised arrival in Jerusalem of the King of Kings, Who comes to them and to us not with violence and threats, but with gentleness and humility.

And thus we see that the Church provides us with all that we need to lay aside the weights that beset us and press onward toward the Lord. May He sustain us and guide us as we carry our Cross and walk this path of Salvation!

With love in Christ,
+Fr. Anthony Cook

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	March 31-April 6	April 7-April 13	April 14-April 20
Sunday	31 Sun. of St. Gregory Palamas ✠ 🕯 Hebrews 1:10-14; 2:1-3; Mark 2:1-12 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy Catechism School after communion 11:30a Coffee Hour	7 Sunday of the Holy Cross ✠ 🕯 Heb 4:14-16; 5:1-6; Mark 8:34-38; 9:1 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy Catechism School Early Start 11:30a No Coffee Hour 12p AHEPA hosted Speaker Luncheon 12p GOYA meeting	14 Sunday of St. John Climacus ✠ 🕯 Hebrews 6:13-20; Mark 9:17-31 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy Catechism School after communion 11:30a Coffee Hour 12p Ful Luncheon - IOCC for Relief Fund 12:15p Seventh Full Practice - Holy Wed Kids
Monday	1 Mary of Egypt ❖ Isaiah 8:13-9:7; Genesis 6:9-22 5p Maids of Athena bake koulourakia 5:30p Greek School 6pm Great Compline 7:15p Adult Catechism	8 Holy Apostles of the 70 ❖ Isaiah 14:24-32; Genesis 8:21-9:7 5:30p Greek School 6pm Great Compline 7:15p Adult Catechism	15 Crescens the Martyr ❖ Isaiah 37:33-38:6; Genesis 13:12-18 5p Tutoring Program 5:30p Greek School 6pm Great Compline 7:15p Film Viewing - Sacred Alaska
Tuesday	2 Titus the Wonderworker Isaiah 9:9-10:4; Genesis 7:1-5	9 The Holy Martyr Eupychius of Caesarea Isaiah 25:1-9; Genesis 9:8-17 6p AHEPA/DOP Meeting	16 Agape, Chionia, and Irene, the Holy Martyrs Isaiah 40:18-31; Genesis 15:1-15 6:30p Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday	3 Nicetas, Abbot of the Monastery of Medicium ✠ Isaiah 10:12-20; Genesis 7:6-9 6p Presanctified Liturgy 7:30p Zoom Bible Study	10 Terence and his Companions beheaded at Carthage ✠ Isaiah 26:21-27:9; Genesis 9:18-10:1 6p Presanctified Liturgy 7:30p Zoom Bible Study	17 Symeon the Holy Martyr, Bishop of Persepolis ✠ Isaiah 41:4-14; Genesis 17:1-9 6p Presanctified Liturgy 7:30p Zoom Bible Study
Thursday	4 George the Righteous of Maleon Isaiah 11:10-12:2; Genesis 7:11-8:3 6p Philoptochos Meeting (off-site) 6:30p Choir	11 Hieromartyr Antipas, Bishop of Pergamum Isaiah 28:14-22; Genesis 10:32-11:9 11a Young at Heart Luncheon 6:30p Choir	18 The Great Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete 🕯 Isaiah 42:5-16; Genesis 18:20-33 6:30p Choir
Friday	5 Monk-Martyrs Claudius, Diodore, Victor, Victorinus ❖ Isaiah 13:2-13; Genesis 8:4-21 6p Salutations	12 Basil the Confessor, Bishop of Parium ❖ Isaiah 28:14-22; Genesis 10:32-11:9 6p Salutations	19 The Holy Hieromartyr Paphnutius ❖ Isaiah 45:11-17; Genesis 22:1-18 6p Salutations
Saturday	6 Third Saturday of Lent 🕯 Hebrews 10:32-38; Mark 2:14-17	13 Fourth Saturday of Lent 🕯 Hebrews 6:9-12; Mark 7:31-37	20 5th Saturday of Lent 🕯 Hebrews 9:1-7; Luke 1:39-49, 56 9a District Oratorical Festival - Cincinnati

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

	April 21-April 27	April 28-May 4	May 5-May 11
Sunday	21 Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt ✠ 🕯 Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 10:32-45 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy Catechism School after communion 11am Memorial: Maxine Alex and Kay Brown 11:30a Coffee Hour 12p Catechism School Teacher Meeting	28 Palm Sunday ✠⬅️ Philippians 4:4-9; John 12:1-18 7:30a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy Catechism School Early Start 11:30a Palm Sunday Luncheon 6p Bridegroom Matins	5 Great and Holy Pascha ❖ Acts 1:1-8; John 1:1-17 11am Agape Vespers No Catechism School No Coffee Hour 12p GOYA meeting
Monday	22 Theodore of Sykeon Isaiah 48:17-49:4; Genesis 27:1-41 5:30p Greek School NO Adult Catechism 8:15p GOYA Book Club-Zoom	29 Holy Monday ❖ Matthew 21:18-43; Matthew 24:3-35 9a Presanctified Liturgy 6p Bridegroom Matins No Adult Catechism	6 Renewal Monday ✠ Luke 21:12-19; Acts 12:1-11 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy No Adult Catechism
Tuesday	23 George the Great Martyr and Triumphant Isaiah 49:6-10; Genesis 31:3-16	30 Holy Tuesday ❖ Matthew 22:15-46; 23:1-39; Matthew 24:36-51; 25:1-46; 26:1-2 9a Presanctified Liturgy 6p Bridegroom Matins	7 Renewal Tuesday Hebrews 13:7-16; Luke 24:12-35
Wednesday	24 Elizabeth the Wonderworker Isaiah 58:1-11; Genesis 43:26-31; 45:1-16 7:00p Zoom Bible Study	1 Holy Wednesday ❖ John 12:17-50; Matthew 26:6-16 9a Presanctified Liturgy 3p Holy Unction Service 6p Bridegroom Matins with Holy Unction No Zoom Bible Study	8 Renewal Wednesday John 21:15-25; Acts 2:22-38 No Zoom Bible Study
Thursday	25 Mark the Apostle and Evangelist 🕯 I Peter 5:6-14; Luke 10:16-21 6:30p Choir	2 Holy Thursday 🕯 Luke 22:1-39; I Corinthians 11:23-32 7a Vespers Divine Liturgy of Holy Thursday 6p Passion Matins with 12 Gospels 6:30p Choir	9 Renewal Thursday Acts 2:38-43; John 3:1-15 11:30a Philoptochos Board Meeting 6:30p Choir
Friday	26 Basil the Holy Martyr Bishop of Amasea Isaiah 66:10-24; Genesis 49:33-50:26	3 Holy Friday ❖ I Corinthians 5:6-8; Matthew 27:62-66 9a Royal Hours 11a HOPE/JOY 2:30p Vespers of the Unnailing 7p Lamentations Matins	10 Renewal Friday Acts 3:1-8; John 2:12-22
Saturday	27 Lazarus Saturday ✠ 🕯 Hebrews 12:28-29; 13:1-8; John 11:1-45 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy 6p Great Vespers for the Eve of Palm Sunday	4 Holy Saturday ❖ Matthew 27:62-66; Romans 6:3-11 9a Vespers Divine Liturgy - Proti Anastasi 11p Paschal Vigil	11 Renewal Saturday Acts 3:11-16; John 3:22-33 11:30a Philoptochos Charity Luncheon-Off-Site

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STEWARDSHIP - 2024 STEWARDS AS OF MARCH 20TH

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 AHEPA Dayton Chapter 113
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 Sandy Alex
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 Dina Alimonos
 Panayiotis Alimonos
 Elias & Saba Andebrhan
 Rita Andom
 Paul & Sandy Angelopoulos
 Sophia Angelopoulos
 Anthony & Jennifer Argue
 George & Harriet Argue
 Anastasia Sue Bacas
 Nicole Bacas
 Andrew Ball
 Evan & Aspasia Bambakidis
 John & Cynthia Barron
 Juanita Bartlett
 Michael & Thomai Bessler
 Eric & Christa Bishop
 Sophia Belssing
 Mark & Kristen Bliss
 Evelyn Boosalis
 Matthew & Penny Boosalis
 Wendy Boucuvalas
 Harry & Linda Bouris
 Lou & Tina Bouris
 James & Cynthia
 Brandenburg
 Robert & Alexis Brun
 Doyle & Nicole Burke
 Nikki Burns & Bob Feldmann
 Stephan A. Calondis
 Mariam Caludis
 Christina Casey
 David & Andrea Casey
 Father Bill & Presvytera
 Anastasia Cassis
 Louis Castleman
 Mary Castleman
 Mrs. P. Stanley Castleman
 Mary Caudell
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 Timothy & Laurie Chappars
 Andreas & Panayiota
 Charalambos
 Terry & Marthea Christ
 Daniel & Maria Cleary
 Father Anthony & Presvytera
 Elisabeth Cook
 Kathleen Cooney
 George & Salwa
 Constantinidis
 Despina Costandinidis
 Barry & Allison Cron
 Gary & Sharon Cunagin
 Tom & Dori Daskalakis
 Deno & Phyllis Davell

Chris & Tina Day
 David & Cynthia Delon
 Nick Demetre
 John & Barbara Demetriades
 Vanessa Demetriades
 George & Georgia
 Demosthenous
 James & Leah Derksen
 Leah Duffy
 Janine Elash
 Harriett Ellis
 Tom & Lisa Federle
 Alex & Photini Fote
 Chuck & Missy Fote
 Dessine Fricioni
 Anastasia Gabbard
 Arthur Gardikes, MD & Bess
 Brooks
 Bernie & Tracy Gearon
 Alexandra Ghazal
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 Joan Gounaris
 Dr. Jordan and Alexandria
 Grilliot
 Awad & Barbara Halabi
 Mike Hall
 Mary Haritos
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 James G. & Matina Ann
 Haubrock
 Michael & Amanda
 Haubrock
 Thomas & Connie Hodson
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 Demetri & Dena Inempolidis
 Christina Ioannou
 Mike & Anna Jackson
 Alan & Rebecca James
 Michael Jannides
 Stephanie Jannides
 Jordan Johnson
 Matthew & Eleni Kaiser
 Johnny & Jamileh Kaissieh
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 Pia Kanistros
 Stephanie Kanistros
 Fidan & Abeer Kaptan
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 Chelsea Kay
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 Joshua Kennedy
 Andrew & Linda Kididis
 Maria Kididis
 Donald & Stafani King
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 Kontonickas & Diane
 Margioras

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 Dirk & Ashley Lackovich-Van
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 Evangeline (Vigi) Liakakos
 Chrisoula Liakos
 Gus & Sharon Liapis
 Mitchell Limbert
 Paula Luke
 Mtanious Makhoul & Roula
 Bitar
 Audrey Makris
 Gary Manos
 Dean & Isidora Margioras
 George Marinakes
 Michael Mastromichalis
 Maria Mavrouleas
 Ike & Christine Maxis
 Greg & Erin McAlpine
 Jay McAlpine
 Matt & Laura McAlpine
 Mary & John McDonald
 Keith & Maria McFarland
 Athena McPhearson
 Christopher & Ariana
 Milanese
 Rev Fr Frank and Presvytera
 Cynthia Milanese
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 Mike Mokas
 William Mokas
 John & Barbara Moraites
 Michelle Moraites
 Calvin & Christina Moran
 Chrisoula Morris
 Evangelia Nakis
 Rickey Newman
 Renee Nicholas
 Mark & Leigh Ordning
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 Kyle Stephens & Christina
 Panagouleas-Stephens
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 Costa Pantelatos
 Erika Pantelatos
 Chris & Christina Papakirk
 Jimmie Parker & Linda
 Anagnoston- Parker
 Taki & Christina Parker
 Paul & Irene Parsons
 Paul J. Paslosky
 Paul & Linda Paslosky
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 Kristos & Kristen
 Drs. Pothitos Pitychoutis &
 Katerina Tsouma-Pitychouti

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 Connie Zavakos
 Demetri & Crystal Zavakos
 James & Ruthann Zavakos
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 Louis & Maureen Zavakos
 Renea Zavakos
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 Chris & Christy Zois
 Jim & Voula Zois
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 Nikki Zonars
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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Love in Motion - by Dori Daskalakis

Father Nicholas Louh, priest at St. John The Divine Greek Orthodox church in Jacksonville, FL gave a sermon in 2015 where he shared some surprising numbers. Out of these 4 words found in the bible: pray, love, believe and giving/generosity, the word generosity showed up the most times - 2,171 times, according to Father Louh, followed by the word love at 714 times.

This was so surprising to me until I thought about the 2 commandments that our good Lord says are most important - Mark 12: verses 30 -31

30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'[a] 31 The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'[b] There is no commandment greater than these."

Love is just a word, and the only way to make love tangible is by giving. Giving your time, giving your energy, giving your gifts, giving your resources. I can say easily I love my family, I love my church, I love God, but if there is no action behind those words, then they are just words. Giving of our time, our talent, our money, our resources is what turns that noun of love to the verb of love. Giving is actually love in motion.

As you think about your stewardship to our beautiful church, remember that love without gifts and giving and generosity is nothing but an empty word. Put your love in motion and send in your stewardship pledge today!

GREAT LENT AND PASCHA FLOWERS

During this blessed season of the Triodion, of Great Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha, we have many occasions for which we traditionally adorn our Temple with flowers. We have always requested the financial support of our Faithful to defray the cost of this adornment of our Church. The occasions that we still need to cover are as follows. Please note that the costs listed beside the more expensive items reflect the total costs, not necessarily the full amount we still need to receive:

- Donations for Fridays Salutations, Rose Petals, Candelabras, etc. - \$75
- Donations for Palms & Bay Leaves - \$700
- Donation for the Kouvouklion flowers - \$2,500
- General donation for the church adornment of the season - any amount welcome.

Please call the Church office to make your donation, OR use the church website.

If our donations for flowers exceed our needs, any additional funds raised will be rolled over into the Altar Fund and used for the more permanent adornment of the Holy Place.

Thank you, and God bless you all!

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS - APRIL 2024

April Membership Meeting

Our next meeting is Thursday, April 4 at 6pm at TJ Chumps, 7050 Executive Blvd, Huber Heights (937-610-3900). RSVP to Nikki Burns at nburns3278@gmail.com by April 1st.

Membership Dues:

Kathy Spyrou is the Membership Chair, mail to 856 Princewood Ave, Dayton 45429 or put your check in the membership box outside of the Athenagoras room.

April CCM:

During the month of April, the Philoptochos CCM charity is Good Shepherd Ministries (GSM), a local organization with a high success rate in dealing with the national crises of addiction.

Good Shepherd is an interdenominational nonprofit Christian agency providing social services to those who are in addiction recovery. Our parishioner, Evan Bambakidis, is a member of their Board.

GSM currently operates six residential recovery houses on the East Side of Dayton providing their clients with clean, safe housing and meals, a vigorous program of service work within the Dayton community, job training, continuing education, recovery programs, and therapy to rebuild their lives. Currently, Good Shepherd Ministries has a 68% success rate, housing 28 clients with 12 working and 16 in the recovery program. This is triple the national average.

How can you help?

Good Shepherd is in great need of used household items such as furniture and appliances in good working condition to be sold in their thrift store to help clients get settled in housing. The organization will pick up the items at your home free of charge. A full list of appropriate needed items will be available at the CCM table in the Community Center every Sunday in April or you can contact Tina Vogel at cpvoggs@aol.com.

Monetary donations can be mailed to CCM treasurer, Connie Zavakos at 3437 Dahlia Dr., Dayton, OH 45449 or placed in the red CCM Philoptochos box outside of the Athenagoras room. Make your check out to Philoptochos with Good Shepherd Ministries in the memo line.

Good Shepherd Ministries: Life Recovery Centers

“Restoring those suffering from addiction/alcoholism to recovery and a meaningful life”

Palm Sunday Luncheon

The luncheon is scheduled for April 28 and is chaired by Andrea Casey and Connie Yorgen. Help is needed with set up on April 27. If you are interested in donating an Easter Basket, please let Andrea or Connie know.

Annual Spring Charity Luncheon:

Get your reservations in early! Saturday, May 11th is the date of our popular Philoptochos Spring Charity Luncheon which will be held at The Presidential Banquet Center. Ladies of all ages enjoy this special day with a delicious lunch, over 100 auction items and most of all- fun and fellowship. Doors open at 11:00 am with 1 hour before lunch to decide what auction items you love! If you have questions, please contact Michelle Zois (matinazois@gmail.com) or Sandy Alex (sandylalex@gmail.com). April 26th is the final day for reservations- no exceptions, please. For reservation questions, please email Cindy Keilholz (cinlamkeil@gmail.com).

March 24 Great Vespers

We would like to extend our gratitude to Diane Briggs, Ruthann Zavakos, Mary McDonald and Mary Caudell. Thank you for your dedication in making this such a special event.

AHEPA & DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE NEWS

AHEPA

Dayton's AHEPA Chapter 113 invites all parishioners to attend an afternoon with Dr. John Urse on April 7, 2024 in the Annunciation Memorial Center following the Divine Liturgy. Dr. Urse will present "Total Joint Replacements". This is a follow-up on last year's presentation. Dr. Urse's presentation will examine cutting-edge techniques for new hips, knees, shoulders, and ankles. It will also include computer navigation, robotics and ways to speed recovery. Parishioners will enjoy lunch provided by AHEPA that afternoon followed by the presentation and a session where Dr. Urse can take questions. Mark your calendars and get answers from one of the leading orthopedic and alternative medicine doctors in the area. There is no charge to attend this event.

Dr. Urse is the senior and founding doctor of Orthopedic Association of SW Ohio in Dayton with more than 35 years of practice. Some of Dr. Urse's specialties include hip arthroscopy, regenerative cell therapy, platelet rich plasma, and regenerative medicine. Additionally, he hosts a podcast, *The Bone and Joint Playbook*. Dr. Urse is conducting ongoing research on gluteal tendon biomechanics and has lectured nationally on gluteus medius hip tendon repairs. His articles have been published in the *Journal of Orthopaedic Trauma*, *Journal of Vascular Surgery*, *Journal of Arthroplasty*, and *Journal of the American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopedics*. He is a Master Instructor for Hip Arthroscopy for the Arthroscopy Association Of North America. Additionally, Dr. Urse was on the White House Committee for Alternative Medicine.

For more information on Dr. Urse, parishioners can check out his website at <https://www.drjohnurse.com/>

Daughters of Penelope

At our monthly outreach, on 3/16/24, at the Ronald McDonald House, we prepared breakfast and dinner for the families staying there. Thank you to our volunteers and those that support this outreach.

Please be on the lookout for our Maids of Athena Lenten fundraisers and how you might be able to support their efforts.

We are currently taking orders for our Tsourekia Sales fundraiser after church on Sundays. Please see the flyer included in the True Vine for more details.

At our April meeting, Tuesday, 4/9, 6:00pm at church, we will conduct a special service to commemorate our dearly departed Sisters.

DOP and AHEPA are hosting the Young at Heart Luncheon, Thursday, 4/11, at church.

At our May meeting, Tuesday, 5/14, we will have our officer elections and District Convention Delegate nominations.

AHEPA Family 95th Annual Buckeye District Convention will be held in Columbus, Ohio, hosted by the Buckeye 11 District Lodges, June 21-23, 2024! Please look for additional information to be emailed as to how members, families and friends can participate.

This year we extend our gratitude as well to our Sister, Mary Kididis, Past District 11 Governor, who will represent our Chapter at the AHEPA Family Supreme Convention, in Cyprus, July 21-27, 2024!

With a gracious heart, we extend our gratitude to all those that have proudly represented our Chapter at past District Conventions and Supreme Conventions. At the heart of our conventions is "parea"; as we come together, we are forming and nurturing relationships, with the goal of fulfilling the mission of our AHEPA Family.

To find out how you can become a part of the "parea" of our local chapters, feel free to reach out to Alexis Brun, Chapter President at (937) 219-0463 ~ agrkbksng23@gmail.com

<https://www.daughtersofpenelope.org/>

<https://www.maidsofathena.org/>

<https://ahepa.org/>

MAIDS OF ATHENA

Lenten Koulourakia

Looking for a sweet Lenten treat? The MAIDS will be baking Lenten koulourakia and will have them for sale April 7 after church. Thanks for supporting the MAIDS.



*Koulourakia with orange are a Greek
vegan cookie. perfect for dunking!* 43

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

Hannah's Treasure Chest Volunteer Opportunity in April

Join us on Thursday , April 11(1:00-3:00 pm) at Hannah's Treasure Chest for a volunteer opportunity.
Need more information? - Maria McFarland 937-409-9876

CATECHISM SCHOOL NEWS

Lenten Food for Thought.....

As parents, we are called upon to raise our children to be saints. Faithful attendance at church impresses upon children the importance of God and of our Orthodox Christian value system. ~Fr. Anthony Coniaris

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sunday, April 7th: Sunday of the Holy Cross

- Early Start in class (9:30am). We will return to church for Holy Communion & Procession • Youth Sunday

Sunday, April 28th: Palm Sunday

- Early Start in class (9:30am). We will return to church for Holy Communion & Procession

Sunday, May 5th: Holy Pascha (No Classes)

Click here to read what your child is learning about during Lent:

[Lenten Happenings in the Catechism Classrooms](#)

GREEK SCHOOL



We are extremely proud of our Greek School students who worked so hard to celebrate our National holiday and Greek heritage on our annual March 25th program!

A big thank you to all of our Greek School families, teachers and fellow parishioners for their continued help and support and of course, our AHEPA, for another delicious meal!

Ζήτω η Ελλάδα!

Michelle Zois/Dr. Katerina Tsouma, Co- directors

Margarita Ronayne, Assistant Director



HOPE/JOY ACTS OF KINDNESS

We have a busy April/May We will begin with serving pancake breakfast on Saturday of Lazarus, April 27 following the Divine Liturgy. After cleaning up, the children can join in the palm cross making with parents.

On Good Friday, May 3 we will meet in the church to help decorate the kouvouklion- JOY at 11:45, HOPE at 12:15. When finished in the church, we will go to the Athenagoras room for Lenten snacks and a lesson from Father Anthony. Then we will all attend the Apokathelosis service (taking down from the cross) where the children will assist Father Anthony by holding the sheet.

On Pascha, May 5, we will have our Easter egg hunt following the Agape Vespers.

For more information or questions- contact Maria McFarland

AIF SCHOLARSHIP FUND

ATTENTION:

- high school juniors & seniors
- college students who are eligible for the continuation scholarship.

High School 11th/12th graders:

Download 'AIF High School Scholarship Application' from daytonannunciation.org. ('Organizations' tab)

College Students:

Download 'College Renewal Application' from Daytonannunciation.org (Organizations tab)

Deadline:

Completed applications must be submitted to Fr. Anthony Cook or Nick Xenos by 5PM EST May 1, 2024. No exceptions. For any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact us!

We look forward to hearing from you and wish you all the best as you wrap up this semester. Please reach out if you have questions!

YOUNG AT HEART - APRIL 11TH @ 11:30 AM

YOUNG AT HEART - THURSDAY, APRIL 11 at 11:30 AM

AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope are sponsoring the April Young at Heart luncheon. Hope you can join us for fellowship and a delicious lunch.

Thank you,
Mary McDonald

JOINT PARISH MOVIE NIGHT

Sacred Alaska Movie Night - April 15th

Dayton Annunciation and St Paul's Orthodox Church will be jointly hosting a viewing of the movie "Sacred Alaska", a documentary about the Orthodox church in Alaska. All are invited to attend a movie night Monday, April 15th at 7:15 pm in the church hall. There is a suggested donation of \$10 cash or check paid at the door. Light refreshments will be provided. RSVPs requested - call or email the church office. Following the movie, there will be an opportunity to participate in a Q & A zoom call with the filmmakers.

For further information, please visit the film website: <https://sacredalaskafilm.com/>

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Week Schedule of Services 2024

Saturday, April 27—Lazarus Saturday

8:15am/9:30am Matins/Liturgy w/pancake breakfast & palm cross folding
6pm Great Vespers

Sunday, April 28—Palm Sunday

7:30am/9:30am Matins/Liturgy w/Palm Procession
6pm Bridegroom Matins

Monday, April 29—Holy Monday

8:45/9am, 9th Hour/Presanctified Liturgy
6pm, Bridegroom Matins

Tuesday, April 30—Holy Tuesday

8:45/9am, 9th Hour/Presanctified Liturgy
6pm, Bridegroom Matins

Wednesday, May 1 - Holy Wednesday

8:45/9am, 9th Hour/Presanctified Liturgy
3pm, Holy Unction w/light meal after
6pm, Holy Unction w/light meal after

Thursday, May 2—Holy Thursday

7am, Saint Basil's Divine Liturgy: Mystical Supper
6pm, 12 Gospels Passion Service

Friday, May 3—Holy Friday

9am, Royal Hours w/Kouvouklion Decoration & Youth Retreat
2:30pm, Vespers of the Unnailing
7pm, Lamentations

Saturday, May 4- Holy Saturday

9am, Vesperal Divine Liturgy (Proti Anastasis)
(Note: This service will be the normal, SHORTER length, not like it was in 2022)
11pm/Midnight, Paschal Vigil/Paschal Matins & Liturgy

Sunday, May 5—Great & Holy Pascha

11am, Agape Service
Children's easter egg hunt follows the service.

FUL Luncheon Fundraiser

**HELP SUPPORT GAZA and the Families of the
Orthodox Church of Saint Porphyrius in Gaza**

Sunday, April 14th

Immediately After Coffee Hour

All Proceeds will go to the IOCC Emergency Relief Fund

Orthodox Church of Saint Porphyrius in Gaza



Destruction of the Orthodox Cultural Center Gaza



Archbishop Alexios of Gaza



ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

500 Belmonte Park North, Dayton, OH 45405

\$ 10 for Adults | \$ 6 for children up to 12



**You are invited to the Sacred Alaska Movie Screening,
Zoom Q & A with filmmakers to follow**

Hosted by Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church and St. Paul's Orthodox Church

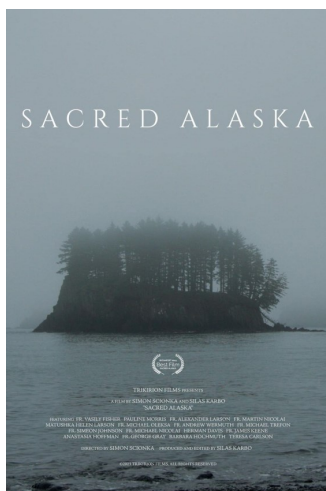
Where: Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
500 Belmonte Park N, Dayton OH 45405

When: Monday, April 15th, 7:15 pm (after 6pm Compline service)

Suggested Donation: \$10 per person, cash or check at the door.

RSVP: call 937-224-0601 or email office@daytonannunciation.org

Light refreshments will be provided.



“Sacred Alaska” is an award-winning documentary that offers an intimate look into Native Alaskan culture and spirituality. It showcases the profound influence of Orthodoxy, introduced by Russian monks in the late 18th century, on Alaskan society. The film highlights the unique way Alaskans have woven their indigenous beliefs with Orthodox traditions, deeply influencing their worldview. Central to this is the concept of learning to become a “real person.” Through beautiful cinematography and powerful storytelling, “Sacred Alaska” underscores the profound sacred bond between the Alaskan people, their faith, and the formidable landscape they call home.

<https://sacredalaskafilm.com/>

PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON-
Sunday, April 28, 2024

Reservations required!

No tickets sold at the door.

Adult meal \$18

Fish Plaki (Baked white fish with green onion, chopped spinach, tomatoes, dill) Rice Pilaf, Greek Green Beans, Spring Mix Salad, dinner roll, assorted cheesecakes

Or

Garlic Pasta with Flame Roasted Vegetables

Kids Meal \$12

Fish Sticks with:

Macaroni and Cheese, Fruit Cup, Cookies

Tickets sale dates:

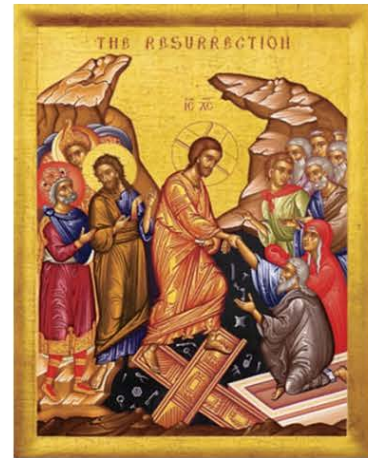
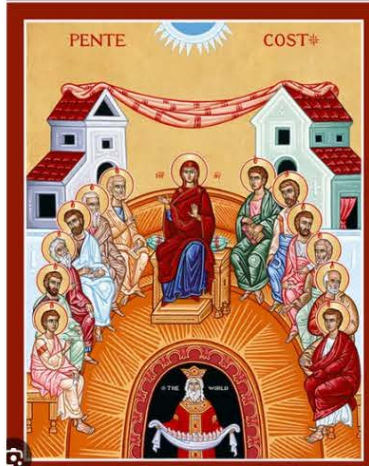
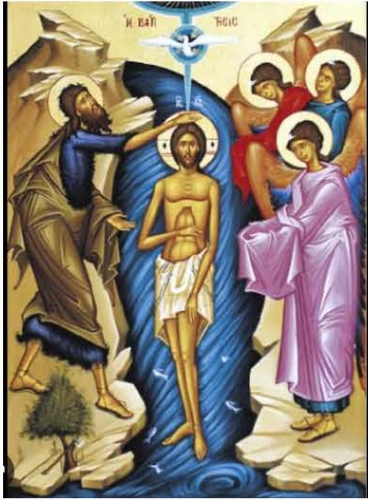
Monday, March 25, 2024 – Sunday, April 21,
2024

For Reservations Contact Andrea Casey at
andreacasey6789@gmail.com, or 937.414.0613

Proceeds to Support Hellenic College Holy Cross
School of Theology



Vacation Church School



**When: Monday, June 24 - Thursday,
June 27 from 10:00-1:00 & Friday,
June 28, a family celebration from
10:00-12:00**

**Who: Children ages K-5
Where: Annunciation Greek
Orthodox Church**

Lunch will be served daily

Contact: Missy Fote (937) 219-4211

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 20²⁴ 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 Check
 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:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Spouse:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Child:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2024

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week FEBRUARY 25th	 <i>TRIODION WEEKS</i> Publican and the Pharisee Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14	Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.
Normal Fast Week MARCH 3rd	 The Prodigal Son Returns! Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32	Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare MARCH 10th FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY	 The Last Judgement Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare MARCH 17th FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY	 Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! <i>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY</i> Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1st Sunday of Lent MARCH 24th	 <i>GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i> SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent MARCH 31st	 ST GREGORY PALAMAS Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent APRIL 7th	 VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS <i>HALF WAY TO PASCHA!</i> Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!
4th Sunday of Lent APRIL 14th	 ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent APRIL 21st	 ST MARY of EGYPT Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! APRIL 28th GREAT WEEK BEGINS	 <i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i> ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY MAY 3rd	 GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <i>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</i> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! MAY 5th NO FASTING!	 <i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

SPECIAL SERVICES & EVENTS FOR APRIL

April 1
Great Compline @ 6pm
April 3
Presanctified Liturgy @ 6pm
April 4
Philoptochos meeting offsite @ 6pm
April 5
Salutations @ 6pm
April 7
AHEPA hosted Luncheon with speaker @ 12pm
April 8
Great Compline @ 6pm
April 9
AHEPA/DOP meeting @ 6pm
April 10
Presanctified Liturgy @ 6pm

April 11
Young at Heart Luncheon @ 11:30am
April 12
Salutations @ 6pm
April 14
Full Luncheon for IOCC @ 12pm
April 15
Great Compline @ 6pm
Parish Movie Night - Sacred Alaska @ 7pm
April 16
Parish Council Meeting @ 6pm
April 17
Presanctified Liturgy @ 6pm
April 19
Salutations @ 6pm

April 20
District Oratorical Festival in Cincinnati @ 9am
April 27- Saturday of Lazarus
Orthros/Divine Liturgy @ 8:15/9:30am
Great Vespers of Palm Sunday @ 6pm
April 28 - Palm Sunday
Palm Sunday Luncheon @ 12pm
Bridegroom Matins @ 6pm
April 29 - Holy Monday
Presanctified Liturgy @ 9am
Bridegroom Matins @ 6pm
April 30 Holy Tuesday
Presanctified Liturgy @ 9am
Bridegroom Matins @ 6pm

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 7
AHEPA Luncheon
Sunday, April 14
Hosted by Parent Team 2
Sunday, April 21
hosted by Parent Team 3

Sunday, April 28
Palm Sunday Lunch
Sunday, May 5
Pascha, no Coffee Hour
Sunday, May 12
hosted by GOYA/Lackovich-Van Gorp Family

Sunday, May 19
hosted by Daughters of Penelope
Sunday, May 26
hosted by Parent Team 4