

# THE TRUE VINE

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#### GIVE ME THIS STRANGER



Rev. Fr. Anthony Cook
Beloved in the Lord,

A blessed conclusion of the Lenten Fast to you all! May the Lord sustain us through the final days of Holy Week and bring us in joy to His Resurrection! We will take this opportunity to speak of the

high points of Holy Week, and why they are particularly beloved to us.

Scenic Views on a Journey

Throughout the Fast, the Church offers to us numerous services to nourish our souls and guide us in prayer and reflection. All of these are precious, but there are certain points that are of special significance, like hills with scenic views in the course of a long hike. They give us a vantage point of the entire journey, so we can better understand the shape of the transformation that we are undergoing, and even glimpse the end before we arrive. There is a danger with this, as well; if we extend the metaphor, we note that one can often drive directly to a scenic view along a hiking trail, and skip the hike completely. But cut off from its context, that high point becomes little more than a pretty view, and hardly worth the trouble. It is the same with Holy Week. These high points are wonderful, but we must remember why they are important, so that we don't lose sight of the journey itself, or of its end. For at their proper place on the journey, these high points offer encouragement, illumination, peace, and profound joy.

The High Points of Holy Week

At **Palm Sunday**, we greet the Lord as the Anointed One, the Christ and Messiah, the One Who Comes in the Name of the Lord, Yahweh our God. We celebrate His entrance into Jerusalem, and also face the truth that we who receive Him in joy must also face the scandal of His Passion, and that our response to this is a crisis for us, a moment of decision that we cannot encounter unchanged.

On **Holy Tuesday** evening, we hear the Hymn of Kassiani, and see the Lord grant forgiveness to the sinful woman who comes in repentance to wash and dry His feet. We face a paradox, for the Lord welcomes sinners, but He also calls them and us to repentance. He seeks us out when we have estranged ourselves from Him, but when He comes to us, we face the choice to lay aside our favorite sins and follow Him, or to turn once more toward what has enslaved us before. We must be watchful.

On **Holy Wednesday**, we come to the Lord in our own turn to receive anointing with Holy Unction, seeking the Lord's mercy, entrusting ourselves to His will, and asking for the healing of soul and body. This is an occasion for

#### SERVICE SCHEDULE

#### Sunday

8:15 am – Orthros 9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

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

#### **COMMUNITY UPDATES**

#### **Funerals**

April 19, 2024 Timothy Hayes

April 22, 2024 Gil Thurman

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

#### Parish Bulletin Board (event flyers & signups)

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

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

repentance, for reconciliation with one another, and for renewing our faithful trust in the Lord, asking of Him whatever is most beneficial for our salvation.

On **Holy Thursday** evening, we watch and walk with the Lord as He goes to the Cross, meditating and wondering in fear and awe as our Creator bends His neck to the yoke of the Cross and takes the burden of our brokenness upon Himself. In the darkness, we see the Light of the world take His last breath and submit to death – but even as He does so, we feel that all things have suddenly changed, and what ought to be overwhelming grief gives way instead to a strange and quiet hope.

On **Holy Friday** evening, we celebrate the funeral service of the Lord, singing the beautiful Lamentations at the Grave before the Kouvouklion that we have decorated earlier in the day. At this service, we ask the young women of the parish to take upon themselves the role and responsibility of the Myrrhbearing Women, who remained faithful to the Lord through His Passion and burial, and undertake to imitate them ourselves, not simply in our presence at the service, but in holding fast to the Lord in the face of the trials and griefs that come to us all throughout our lives. Then we carry the Lord's Grave Cloth (*Epitaphios*) in procession around the Church, singing a dirge as we go, and when we re-enter the Church, the lights that had been dim are brightened, and we shift from standing at the Tomb to waiting in Hades itself, where we hear the voice of the Lord calling for the ancient gates to be opened, so that He, the King of Glory, can enter in, to restore life and light to the uttermost depths of darkness.

On **Holy Saturday**, we continue this observance of the Lord's entrance into Hades, as we read and sing the book of Jonah and the Song of the Three Youths in the Fiery Furnace in Babylon, to whom the Son of God came and turned the fire into dew, delivering them from that great peril and giving a great sign of His coming salvation. In celebration of the Lord's Triumph over Death, we throw bay leaves throughout the Church, singing out the words of the Psalm: "Arise, O God, and judge the earth, and You shall take all the nations into Your inheritance." And then, of course, **Holy Saturday evening**, we gather in the darkness of the Church and receive Light from the Empty Tomb, glorifying Christ our God, Who has arisen from the dead, and we celebrate the Divine Liturgy of the Lord's Pascha surrounded by the tokens of His Victory.

#### A Lost Hymn, Now Restored

As we travel this journey, the high points come more and more often, until we reach the pinnacle in the depths of the night of the Lord's Resurrection. From Holy Friday evening on, everything that we do is great and glorious, and there is a sense almost of vertigo, as what we are encountering is more significant than we can comprehend, more joy than we are capable of feeling as we are, with our senses dulled by constant over-stimulation. There is one hymn, however, which expresses this collision of the mundane with the Eternal in the person of God Himself now lying dead, in poetry and music which help us to move beyond the natural limits and to recognize the glory that is being revealed to us, and it is traditionally sung during the Procession of the Epitaphios around the Church Holy Friday evening. It is a lament chanted from the perspective of Joseph of Arimathea, pleading with Pontius Pilate for the Body of Jesus.

Unfortunately it is not an easy or a short hymn, and therefore it has often been omitted from parish practice in recent decades, simply for the lack of a

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decent translation, or music to sing it, or time for the choirs to prepare it. In the present day, however, we have the ability to print out the text of the hymn so that everyone can follow it, and we are blessed with translators and composers who have set it to music in English, and with singers who can sing it as we walk in procession, and therefore we are able to restore it to our annual celebrations. I urge you all to read it now, and to reflect upon it as we prepare to gather together and carry the Lord for burial this coming Great and Holy Friday.

### When he saw that the sun had hidden (Τὸν ἥλιον κούψαντα) Hymn from the 13th Century

When he saw that the sun had hidden its rays, and the veil of the Temple was rent at the death of the Saviour, Joseph came unto Pilate and entreated him, saying:

"Give me this Stranger, Who from His youth has been received as a Stranger in this world.

Give me this Stranger, whom His kinsmen killed in hatred like a stranger.

Give me this Stranger, concerning Whom I am in perplexity, seeing the strangeness of His death.

Give me this Stranger, Who knew how to take in the poor and strangers.

Give me this Stranger, Whom the Jews in their malice estranged from the world.

Give me this Stranger, that I may conceal Him in a tomb, Who being a Stranger has no place whereon to lay His head.

Give me this Stranger, to Whom His Mother on beholding Him dead cried: 'Oh my Son and my God, though my bowels be wounded, and I be pierced in my heart as I behold You dead, yet trusting in Your Resurrection, I magnify You.'"

Having therefore besought Pilate with these words, the noble Joseph receives the Saviour's body, which with fear he wrapped in linen and spices. In a tomb he placed the One Who grants unto all life everlasting, and great mercy.

I pray that we may all recognize that God Himself has come as a stranger, a  $\xi \acute{\epsilon} vo \zeta$ , to us who have made ourselves strangers and foreigners and exiles to Him through our sin, and has by this reconciled us to Himself, and made us who were strangers to grace and love to be once again sons and daughters of His glory, heirs of the Promise, and bearers of light in this darkened and troubled world.

Christ is Risen! Χριστός Ανέστη!

With love in Christ,

+Fr. Anthony Cook

	April 28-May 4	May 5-May 11	May 12-May 18
Sunday	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	12 Thomas Sunday Acts 5:12-20; John 20:19-31 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy Catechism School after communion 11:30a Coffee Hour
Monday	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 No Adult Catechism	13 2nd Monday after Pascha Acts 3:19-26; John 2:1-11 5:30 p Greek School Final Exam 7p Adult Catechism
Tuesday	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 8pm Choir Practice	7 Renewal Tuesday Hebrews 13:7-16; Luke 24:12-35	14 2nd Tuesday after Pascha Acts 4:1-10; John 3:16-21 6p AHEPA/DOP Meeting
Wednesday	1 Holy Wednesday  John 12:17-50; Matthew 26:6-16  9a Presanctified Liturgy 3p Holy Unction Service 6p Bridegroom Matins with Holy Unction -(Young People Lead Service) No Zoom Bible Study	8 Synaxis of the Holy Powder John 21:15-25; Acts 2:22-38 No Zoom Bible Study	15 2nd Wednesday after Pascha Acts 4:13-22; John 5:17-24 7p Zoom Bible Study
Thursday	2 Holy Thursday Luke 22:1-39; I Corinthians 11:23- 32 7a Vesperal Divine Liturgy of Holy Thursday 6p Passion Matins with 12 Gospels	9 Renewal Thursday Acts 2:38-43; John 3:1-15 11:30a Philoptochos Board Meeting 6:30p Choir	16 2nd Thursday after Pascha Acts 4:23-31; John 5:24-30 11:30a Young at Heart Luncheon 6p Greek Festival Meeting 6:30p Choir
Friday	3 Holy Friday  I Corinthians 5:6-8;Matthew 27:62-66  9a Royal Hours  11:30a/12:30p HOPE/JOY  2:30p Vespers of the Unnailing  7p Lamentations Matins	10 Renewal Friday Acts 3:1-8; John 2:12-22 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy (Theotokos the Life-giving Font + St. George)	17 2nd Friday after Pascha Acts 5:1-11; John 5:30-47; 6:1-2 4p Metropolis Oratorical Festival (hosted by Annunciation Dayton)
Saturday	4 Holy Saturday  Matthew 27:62-66; Romans 6:3-11  9a Vesperal Divine Liturgy - Proti Anastasi  11p Paschal Vigil	11 Renewal Saturday Acts 3:11-16; John 3:22-33 11:00a Philoptochos Charity Luncheon-Off-Site	18 2nd Saturday after Pascha Acts 5:21-32; John 6:14-27 9a Metropolis Oratorical Festival (hosted by Annunciation Dayton)

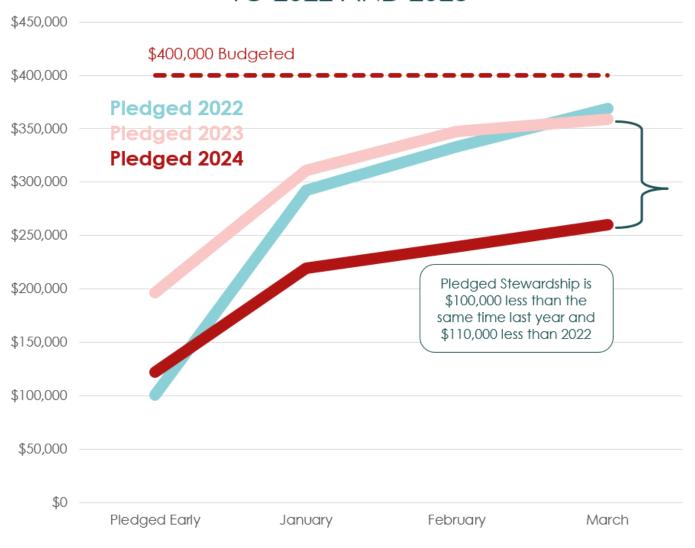
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	May 19-May 25	May 26-June 1	June 2-June 8
Sunday	19 Sunday -Myrrh-Bearing Women Acts 6:1-7 Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy Catechism School Early Start 11a AHEPA & DOP-Family Day-Memorial 11:30a Coffee Hour 1p Catechism School Teacher Appreciation Brunch	26 Sunday of the Paralytic Acts 9:32-42; John 5:1-15 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy 11:30a Coffee Hour	2 Sunday of the Samaritan Woman  John 20:1-10; Acts 11:19-30 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy 11:30a Coffee Hour 12p GOYA meeting
Monday	20 3rd Monday after Pascha Acts 6:8-15;7:1-5,47-60;John 4:46-54 5:30p Greek School Awards Dinner 7p Adult Catechism	27 4th Monday after Pascha Acts 10:1-16;John 6:56-69 7p Adult Catechism 8:15p GOYA Book Club	3 Lucillian of Byzantium, 4 martyred Youths and Paula the Virgin Acts 12:12-17;John 8:42-51 7p Adult Catechism
Tuesday	21 Constantine and Helen, Equal-to-the Apostles John 10:9-16; Acts 26:1,12-20 8:15a Orthros/9:30 Liturgy 6:30p Parish Council Meeting	28 4th Tuesday after Pascha JActs 10:21-33; John 7:1-13	4 Our Father Metrophanes, Archbishop of Constantinople JHebrews 7:26-28;8:1-2; John 10:1-9
Wednesday	22 3rd Wednesday after Pascha Acts 8:18-25; John 6:35-39 7p Zoom Bible Study	29 4th Wednesday after Pascha - Mid-Pentecost Acts 14:6-18; John 7:14-30 7p Zoom Bible Study	5 5th Wednesday after Pascha - Mid-Pentecost Acts 13:13-24;John 6:5-14 7p Zoom Bible Study
Thursday	23 3rd Thursday after Pascha Acts 8:26-39; John 6:40-44 6:30p Choir	30 Isaacius, Abbot of the Monastery of Dalmatus Acts 10:34-43;John 8:12-20 6:30p Choir	6 5th Thursday after Pascha Acts 14:20-28;15.1-4;John 9:39-10:9 6:30p Choir
Friday	24 3rd Friday after Pascha Acts 8:40; 9:1-19;John 6:48-54	31 Hermias the Martyr at Comana Acts 10:44-48;11:1-10;John 8:21-30	7 The Holy Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra Acts 15:5-12; John 10:17-28
Saturday	25Third Finding of the Precious Head of St. John the Baptist Luke 7:17-30; II Corinthians 4:6-15	1 Justin the Philosopher and Martyr and his Companions Acts 12:1-11; John 8:31-42 3p Hope & Joy Event-Young's Jersey Dairy	8 Removal of the Relics of Theodore the Commander Ephesians 2:4-10; Matthew 10:16-22

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#### STEWARDSHIP - GIVING GRAPH

## 2024 PLEDGED STEWARDSHIP COMPARED TO 2022 AND 2023



#### PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS - MAY 2024

#### May Membership Meeting

The May membership meeting will be held on Thursday, May 9th (not May 2nd) at 10am in the Athenagoras Room. Refreshments will be served. Board meeting to follow in the Library.

#### Annual Spring Charity Luncheon, Saturday, May 11th

The luncheon will be held at the Presidential Banquet Center located at 4348 Presidential Way, Kettering, 45429. For those of you who submitted your reservation by the April 26th deadline: the Raffle and Social hour begins at 11:00am. Please arrive no earlier than 11:00am to shop the auction. Raffle tickets will be sold at the event. Cash and credit cards will be accepted. Lunch will be served at 12:15pm. Doors open at 11:00am with one hour before lunch to decide what auction items you love! Looking forward to another wonderful Spring Charity Luncheon!

#### Philoptochos Membership and Dues

Thank you! Εύχαριστο! Our 2024 Dayton Philoptochos Chapter is 140 members strong! This year we welcomed 12 new members. The response to support our organization's missions is growing. It's never too late to join this beautiful group of women who are always willing to support our church events and reach out as needed. Your \$30.00 membership, made out to Philoptochos is appreciated and welcomed.

If you are not receiving information via email (minutes to meetings and general information from our president, Nikki Burns), please contact Kathy Spyrou, so that we can update our membership data and ensure you are involved. If you are unable to attend meetings and have ideas or comments, please reach out! Together we have made, and we will continue to make a difference.

#### Palm Sunday Luncheon

Thank you to Andrea Casey and Connie Yorgen for chairing the Palm Sunday luncheon on Sunday, April 28 and to Libby Stamas for chairing the Easter Basket raffle. It is sure to be a lovely event that will be enjoyed by all. All proceeds will be given to support Hellenic College Holy Cross.

#### Summer Break

There will be no meetings in June and July.

#### MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

#### Hannah's Treasure Chest Volunteer Opportunity in May

Join us at Hannah's Treasure Chest on May 9 (1:00-3:00) and May 23 (9:00-11:00) Questions? See Maria McFarland





#### CATECHISM SCHOOL NEWS

As we come to the end of another school year, we want to thank all of the parents and grandparents who made it a priority to bring their children to Catechism school each week.

Our volunteer teachers lovingly spend their time and treasure preparing lessons to teach your children about our Orthodox faith and traditions. Please take the time to thank your child's teacher!

Dates to Remember:

Sunday, May 5th - NO CLASS (Pascha)

Sunday, May 12th - Class as usual

Sunday, May 19 - 9:30 early start (last day of class & Awards)

#### GREEK SCHOOL

#### Greek School News:



On March 30th eleven families traveled to Cleveland to participate in the Annual Greek Independence Day parade. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our Greek heritage and for the children to enjoy the festivities. Parents, students and Staff are appreciative of our AIF fund and its committee for making the trip possible.

Our annual Awards Banquet to celebrate the end of another school year is on Monday, May 20th.

Registrations for the school year 2024-2025 will open on May 20th as well.

Please register your children as soon as possible to help us plan for the upcoming year.

Have a great summer! KAAO KAAOKAIPI

#### **GOYA**

#### Important Dates

- No meeting on May 5th, because of Easter.
- May 11th Last Kettering backpack
- May 12th COFFEE HOUR for Mother's Day.
- June 16th COFFEE HOUR for Father's Day

#### HOPE/JOY

Join us on Saturday, May 25, (3:00-5:00) at Young's Jersey Dairy for games , fellowship and a kick off to summer! Call Maria McFarland for more details 937-409-9876





#### YOUNG AT HEART - MAY 16 @ 11:30 AM

Hope to see you at the next Young at Heart luncheon sponsored by AIF and catered by The Spot.

#### LADIES FELLOWSHIP LUNCH BUNCH

Ladies, please mark your calendar to join us for next Ladies Fellowship Lunch Bunch scheduled for next month on Tuesday, JUNE 18 at 11:30am. Lunch will be at the GEEZ Grill & Pub Italian Resturant located at 6061 Far Hills near Whipp Rd. We welcome all ladies to come and join in fellowship and enjoy lunch with us. This is an open luncheon for ladies to attend and is at your own expense. Please call Stella Moulas at (937) 428 5802 Chris Makaritis at (937) 433-0703 for reservations.

#### Philoptochos Spring Charity Luncheon



We are so excited for our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Luncheon on May 11<sup>th</sup>! Invitations have been mailed, so if you didn't receive one, please email Michelle Zois (matinazois@gmail.com).

If you or your guest is in a wheelchair or uses a walker, please come at 10:30am to view our auction items for your convenience. For all others, the doors open at 11:00 am.

As you know, it's so exciting to hear your name called if you have won a bid!

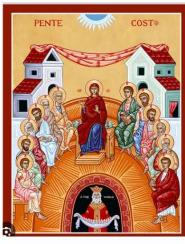
Therefore, we are asking all of our younger ladies to remain in their seats or be seated at the craft table at all times.

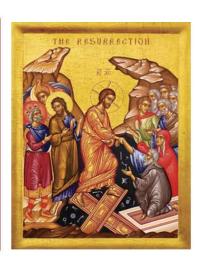
If your youngsters are using electronic devises, headphones are a must! Thank you for your consideration of all our guests. RSVP Deadline is April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Michelle Zois & Sandy Alex, Co-Chairs

# 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

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

Date

Signature

# Please fill out the following information for our records

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

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#### SPECIAL SERVICES & EVENTS FOR MAY

May 1

Presanctified Liturgy @ 9am Holy Unction @ 3pm Bridegroom Service w/Unction @ 6pm

May 2

Vesperal Liturgy@ 7am Matins and 12 Gospels @ 6pm

May 3

Royal Hours @ 9am HOPE/JOY event @ 11am Vespers of Unnailing (a) 2:30pm Lamentations (a) 7pm

May 4

Vesperal Liturgy @ 9am Vigil @ 11pm Divine Liturgy of the Anastasis @ 12:15am

May 5

Agape Vespers @ 11am with Easter Egg\_Hunt\_after

May 9

Philoptochos Meeting @10 am

May 10

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

May 11

Philoptochos Spring Charity Luncheon @ 11:30am

May 14

AHEPA/DOP meeting @ 6pm

**May 16** 

Young at Heart Luncheon @ 11:30am

Greek Festival Meeting @ 6pm

May 18

Metropolis Oratorical Festival @ 9am **May 19** 

Catechism School Teacher's Appreciation Brunch @ 1pm

**May 20** 

Greek School Awards Dinner @

5:30pm

**May 21** 

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

Parish Council Meeting @ 6pm

May 25

HOPE/JOY at Young's @3pm

May 27

Memorial Day, Office Closed

#### COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 5

Pascha, no Coffee Hour

Sunday, May12

hosted by GOYA

Sunday, May 19

hosted by Daughters of Penelope

Sunday, May 26

hosted by Parent Team 4

Sunday, June 2

Hosted by Philoptochos

Sunday, June 9

No coffee hour, Recognition Sunday luncheon

Sunday, June 16

Hosted by GOYA

Sunday, June 23

Hosted by AHEPA

Sunday, June 30

Hosted by Parishioner Group 1