



THE TRUE VINE

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Rev. Fr. Anthony Cook

Beloved in the Lord,

Καλὸ μήνα to you all! A blessed new month in this new year! It is good to be together in Christ, and to worship Him with all of you together. As we enter the month of February, our ministries are continuing their various good labors, and our new parish council is settling into the tasks that face us for the coming months. In the midst of this, we have a joyful update for all of you. You will remember that we announced in the November *True Vine* that our beloved Office Manager, Erin Caldwell, had taken a new job at the University of Dayton, and that we consequently had a vacancy in the office to fill. We have now been blessed to fill that vacancy, and Margaret Clinch has joined us as our new Parish Administrator. Margaret will be in the office full time, and is in the process of learning the tasks and procedures and specific details of our parish community. I hope that all of you will take the chance to introduce yourselves in the coming months; we are truly fortunate to have her with us. You can read more about Margaret below.

Events for February

This month of February will be a busy one for our community. On the 9th and 10th, we will be hosting Fr. Nicholas Louh for a series of three talks on "Renewal" - of our own lives, of our families, and of our parish community. Details are below; the deadline for signing up is approaching very quickly, on the 2nd, in fact, so please contact Cindy Keilholz immediately if you've not yet signed up. The following weekend, from the 16th through the 18th, our GOYA will be hosting the annual Basketball Tournament. We can expect a full church on Sunday the 18th; if you'd like to volunteer to assist in any way, please contact Tina Day, and she'll let you know what help is needed. The following week, on Friday the 23rd, we will host a Comedy Show featuring Basile; details for ticket reservations are below as well.

Sacramental Summary So Far

We are continuing our walk through the Sacraments and Services of the Church. We've looked at the Eucharist, Baptism, Chrismation, Confession, Holy Unction, Marriage and Ordination, and more recently at the Blessing of the Waters and the Consecration of a Church. We have three services left to discuss: the Tonsuring of a Monastic, the Anointing & Coronation of a Monarch, and the Death and Burial of an Orthodox Christian. The Tonsure and Coronation are both services that we rarely see in parish life, or at all in the present day, and yet these services communicate something important to us about our life in the world, so we will be discussing them this week.

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

Funerals

January 27, 2024

Helen Anton

January 31, 2024

Connie Mellas

Chrismation

January 28, 2024

Jasmine (Raphaela) Tuenté

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

True Vine Bulletin Board

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

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>

We urge you all to keep this website open on your phones or computers; it will always have the latest update on current events and activities for the various ministries and organization of the parish.

The Sanctification of the World

What these two sacraments have in common is that in both of them, the reality of our Lord's saving and sanctifying work in this world is extended into corners of our life that we may not immediately expect. Our inclination is often to view both the single life and the realm of politics as a space in which God is absent, or at least from which he is more distant. Those who are "unencumbered" by spouse and children very often are expected in our society to be living a life of consumption and frivolity, while the political sphere is a space where we very frequently hear it said that "Your Christian ideals are all well and good in theory, or in the Church, but here in the real world, we are 'men/women of the world', and there's no room for humility, turning the other cheek, etc.

What we know, of course, is that the Lord does not come to sanctify only suburban nuclear families to the transformation of the new life to which He calls us. He comes into the world to deliver all from oppression to vanity and sin, and this truly extends even to the single life, on the one hand, and to the lives of those in power.

Monastic Tonsure

The making of a monastic, then, is on the one hand an intentional offering of one's life and freedom to serve and to seek the Lord in all things. It involves the three great renunciations of the Christian life (chastity, poverty, and obedience), which are common to all the Faithful, but heightened in their intensity, with a chastity that directs all our yearning toward the Lord alone, a poverty that goes beyond charity and non-possessiveness to actually abandoning worldly possessions, and a radical obedience, in action and even in thought, to the guidance of a spiritual father or mother. The monastic life redirects the single life along a dedicated path of prayer, repentance, and transformation in service of the entire Creation, a life of prayer not just for one's self, but for the whole world, and thus, in the monastic life, we see fulfilled the ancient promise that: "The children of the desolate shall be more than the children of the one who is married" (Isaiah 54:1).

Anointing and Crowning of a Monarch

The making of a monastic is actually a common thing in the life of the Church; it is simply not seen in parish life. The Crowning of an Orthodox monarch is seen very rarely in these present days. It is important that we recognize that this service is/was not a means for the Church to rubber stamp or express loyalty to a secular ruler (as it is often thought), but is rather a type of ordination, the simultaneous giving of a blessing and a high calling to those who wield power, that they should wield it in the defense of the helpless, that they should hold themselves servants of those over whom they hold power, and that they should hold themselves to the highest standards of piety, integrity, faithfulness, and love. A Faithful monarch or ruler is perhaps the rarest thing in all the universe, as we all know from our own experience how easily power corrupts. But the Sacrament of Coronation, even when it is no longer practiced, still bears witness to this truth, that everyone, in every walk of life, is called to show forth the praises of Him Who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9). May we all, then, in whatever way of life we find ourselves, walk in faithfulness to the Lord, the Savior of ALL the world.

With love in Christ,
+Fr. Anthony Cook

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	Jan 28-Feb 3	February 4-10	February 11-17
Sunday	28 15th Sunday of Luke ✠ Matthew 28:16-20; I Timothy 4:9-15 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy Catechism School after communion 12pm Speaker and free luncheon for the whole congregation sponsored by AHEPA/ Daughters/Greek School	4 15th Sunday of Matthew ✠ Mark 16:1-8; II Corinthians 4:6-15 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy NO Catechism School-Godparents Sunday 11am Becky Pulos-Memorial (1 year) 11:30am Coffee Hour 12pm GOYA meeting	11 16th Sunday of Matt. ✠ Mark 16:9-20; II Cor. 6:1-10 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy Catechism School after communion 11:30am Coffee Hour 12:15pm Fifth Full Practice - Holy Wednesday Kids Group
Monday	29 Relics of St. Ignatius Hebrews 10:32-38; Mark 9:33-41 5:30pm Greek School NO Adult Catechism 8:15pm GOYA Book Club	5 Agatha the Martyr Hebrews 11:17-31; Mark 9:42-50; 10:1 5:30pm Greek School 7pm Adult Catechism	12 Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch James 2:14-26; Mark 10:46-52 5pm Tutoring Program 5:30pm Greek School 7pm Adult Catechism
Tuesday	30 Synaxis of The Three Hierarchs John 10:9-16; Hebrews 13:7-16	6 Photius the Great, Patriarch of Constantinople John 10:1-9; Hebrews 7:26-28;8:1-2	13 Martinian of Palestine James 3:1-10; Mark 11:11-23 6pm AHEPA/DOP Meeting 7pm Missions & Outreach Committee Meeting
Wednesday	31 Cyrus & John the Unmercenarys I Corinthians 12:27-31;13:1-8; Matthew 10:1, 5-8 7pm Zoom Bible Study	7 Parthenius, Bishop of Lampsacus James 1:1-18;13:1-8; Mark 10:11-16 7pm Zoom Bible Study	14 Holy Father Auxentius of the Mountain James 3:11-18;4:1-6; Mark 11:22-26 7pm Zoom Bible Study
Thursday	1 Trypho the Martyr ✠ Romans 8:28-39; Luke 10:19-21 10am Philoptochos Meeting 5pm Orthros/6pm Liturgy for the Feast of the Presentation ~7pm Choir	8 Theodore the Commander & Great Martyr Ephesians 2:4-10; Matthew 10:16-22 6:30pm Choir	15 Onesimus the Apostle of the 70 Philemon 1:1-25; Mark 11:27-33 6:30pm Choir
Friday	2 The Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple ⚡ Luke 2:25-32 Hebrews 7:7-17	9 Leavetaking of the Presentation of Our Lord James 2:1-13 Mark 10:24-32 6pm Speaker Series - Fr. Nicholas Louh Dinner & Session 1	16 Pamphilus the Martyr & his Companions I Peter 1:1-25;2:1-10 Mark 12:1-12 GOYA Basketball Tournament
Saturday	3 Afterfeast of the Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple Hebrews 9:11-14 Luke 2:25-38	10 Hieromartyr Haralambos Luke 21:12-19; II Timothy 2:1-10 9:30am Speaker Series - Fr. Nicholas Louh Breakfast & Session 2; Lunch & Session 3 11am GOYA at Kettering Backpack	17 Theodore the Recruit, Great Martyr II Timothy 2:1-10 Luke 20:46-47; 21:1-4 GOYA Basketball Tournament

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

	February 18-24	February 25-March 2	March 3-9
Sunday	18 Sunday of the Canaanite Woman ✠ Luke 24:1-12; II Corinthians 6:16-18;7:1 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy GOYA Basketball Tournament	25 Sunday of Publican and Pharisee (Triodion Begins) ✠ Luke 24:12-35; II Timothy 3:10-15 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy Catechism School after communion 11:30am Loukoumathes Sunday 11:45 am Greek Dance Praticce	3 Sunday of the Prodigal Son/Stewardship Sunday ✠ Luke 24:36-53; I Corinthians 6:12-20 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy Catechism School after communion 11:30am Coffee Hour 12pm Catechism Teacher/GOYA Meetings
Monday	19 The Holy Apostles of the Seventy I Peter 2:21-25;3:1-9; Mark 12:13-17 7pm Adult Catechism	26 Porphyrius, Bishop of Gaza II Peter 1:20-21;2:1-9; Mark 13:9-13 5pm Tutoring Program 5:30pm Greek School NO Adult Catechism 8:15pm GOYA Book Club	4 Gerasimus the Righteous of Jordan I John 2:18-29;3:1-8; Mark 11:1-11 5:30pm Greek School 7pm Adult Catechism
Tuesday	20 Leo, Bishop of Catania I Peter 3:10-22; Mark 12:18-27 6:30pm Parish Council Meeting	27 Procopius the Confessor of Decapolis II Peter 2:9-22; Mark 13:14-23	5 Conon the Gardener I John 3:9-22; Mark 14:10-42
Wednesday	21 Timothy the Righteous I Peter 4:1-11; Mark 12:28-37 7pm Zoom Bible Study	28 Basil the Confessor II Peter 3:1-18; Mark 13:24-31 7pm Zoom Bible Study	6 42 Martyrs of Amorion in Phrygia I John 3:21-24;4:1-11; Mark 14:43-72; 15:1 7pm Zoom Bible Study
Thursday	22 The Finding of the Precious Relics I Peter 4:12-19;5:1-5; Mark 12:38-44 6:30pm Choir	29 Righteous John Cassian the Confessor I John 1:8-10;2:1-6; Mark 13:31-37; 14:1-2 6:30pm Choir	7 The Holy Martyred Bishops of Cherson I John 4:20-21;5:1-21; Mark 15:1-15 10am Philoptochos Meeting 6:30pm Choir
Friday	23 Polycarp the Holy Martyr & Bishop of Smyrna II Peter 1:1-10; Mark 13:1-8 7pm Basile Comedy Show	1 The Holy Righteous Martyr Eudocia the Samaritan I John 2:7-17; Mark 14:3-9	8 Theophylact the Confessor, Bishop of Nicomedia Hebrews 12:1-10; Matthew 20:1-16
Saturday	24 First & Second Finding of the Venerable Head of John Luke 7:17-30; II Corinthians 4:6-15 1pm HOPE/JOY Event	2 Hesychius the Martyr I Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 20:46-47; 21:1-4 11am Annunciation Oratorical Festival	9 Saturday of Souls Luke 21:12-19; I Thessalonians 4:13-17 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Liturgy 3pm HOPE/JOY event

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STEWARDSHIP

Letter from Demetri Inempolidis - Stewardship Committee Chair

On December 10, when we held our annual Stewardship Sunday, I spoke about the similarities between training for a marathon and stewardship:

- Countless hours of training = we come to church regularly and give our time, talent and treasure to the Church
- Nutrition = participating in sacraments regularly
- Proper pacing = fasting within our abilities
- Post race Celebration/Recovery = Bright Week, Church holidays we celebrate

All these together encompass the planning we need to have for our Church. If we are generous in our pledges we can fund our beloved Church not only for the coming year but for any type of difficulty that may arise in the short or long term.

The Stewardship Committee, would like to thank everyone that has already pledged for the 2024 Stewardship campaign. As of January 10, we have received \$140,000 in pledges, about half of the pledges we received by the end of January last year. Please remember a pledge card/commitment is required even if you have it automatically being paid each month through the online giving platform.

There are many ways to give in the digital world of today. No cash? No problem. Here are the ways to give:

1. Church Website- Go to: www.daytonannunciation.org and click on DONATE/MAKE A PAYMENT. Select from the options available. If you set up a profile you can review all of your donations/payments made at any time by entering your email address and password.
2. Credit or Debit card - Swipe your card using the church iPad in the Narthex. Make a donation on the spot.
3. Download the Vanco Mobile app to your Apple or Android Smartphone and donate/make a payment anytime. Giving is encrypted and safe with every transaction.

Make One Time or Recurring Donations. The easiest way to budget your stewardship is to break it into reasonable monthly payments. Your bank account or credit card won't take a hit all at once.

Please call our Bookkeeper, Brenda Day at 937-224-0601 or email her at accountant@daytonannunciation.org if you have any questions or need help setting up your annual Stewardship Pledge.

Thank you!

2023 Stewardship Updates

The following individuals/families should be recognized as having been 2023 Stewards. They were not included in the January *True Vine*, so we include them here, with deepest thanks for their devotion to the Lord and His Church.

Pantelis & Anastasia Frangomichalos
John & Kate Kordalis
Kiriakos & Kasey Kordalis
Zach & Caterina Miller
Alexandra Thomas
Stephanie Thomas
William Thomas
Renea Zavakos

Christmas Card Corrections and Updates

Payment/names for the following individuals did not reach us in time for inclusion into the 2023 Parish Christmas Card. We thank them for their ongoing support of the parish community.

Dr. Chris Pavlakos, Ph.D, Krista, Sophia, Nicholas, Bella, Kim and Victor
Argyroula Diamanti
Kyle & Christina Panagouleas-Stephens
Nick & Despina Bourbakakis

INTRODUCING OUR NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATOR, MARGARET CLINCH



We are pleased to welcome our new Parish Administrator, Margaret Clinch. Margaret comes to us with a wealth of experience working with churches, most recently as the office administrator of Lutheran Church of Our Savior, in Oakwood, where she worked for the past four years. Previous to her work at Our Savior, she was a youth director for an Episcopal church in Maryland, and did several years of one-year service work programs with Americorps, Young Adult Service Corps, and Episcopal Service corps, working in Sidney, Ohio, Baguio in the Philippines, and Baltimore, Maryland, respectively.

Margaret has deep roots in the Dayton area - her family moved to Dayton when she was 2 years old, and has lived here ever since. Her parents and three siblings all live in the city with their families, and they attend Christ Episcopal Church downtown, where Margaret sings in the choir and volunteers with the Sunday School program.

Margaret would describe herself as a bookworm and a crafter - she loves to sew, knit, and paint. Her current big project is a cable-knit sweater for her mother. If you are coming into the church office to say hello, look for the redhead - you can't miss her.

We are thrilled to have Margaret with us, and to have the vacant office filled once again. We appreciate your patience with us in the Church Office over the past two months, and are grateful for your continued support in the coming months. Margaret will be working in the church office from 9:00 am - 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS - FEBRUARY 2024

February Membership Meeting

The next meeting will be held February 1 at 10 a.m. in the Athenagoras Room.

2024 Annual Dues

Remember to pay your \$30 annual dues to Kathy Spyrou, 856 Princewood, Kettering, OH 45429. Make your check out to Philoptochos and put "2024 Dues" in the memo line of your check.

2024 CCM Donations

To make your life easy: You can make one donation to CCM for 2024 or you can donate each month. Either way, make your check out to Philoptochos and put "2024 CCM" in the memo line and give to Connie Zvakos or place in the red box in the Community Center.

Loukoumades Sunday: Day of Caring

Day of Caring is Philoptochos' February Community Care Ministry. Sunday, February 25 is Loukoumades Sunday and is chaired by Harriett Ellis. Once again, the Philoptochos women (with the help of several wonderful men) will make delicious honey puffs to sell in the Community Center following the Divine Liturgy. The money goes to the local Dayton charities.

Established in 1991, the Day of Caring is an area wide event held by churches and organizations throughout the Miami Valley. The mission is to create awareness of hunger and homelessness and to encourage a call to action through increased volunteerism. Bring your family and plan to purchase yummy Loukoumades for everyone! Thank you for your kindness to all who participate.

Welcome New Members

We are happy to announce our new members: Stefani King, Tina Vogel, Anna Jackson, Katie Burke, Kathy Cooney, Jessie Walker and Stephanie Kanistros Welcome ladies!

Vasilopita Luncheon Wrap Up

Thank you to all who worked to make Vasilopita Sunday a success. Over 220 people attended and every pita was purchased. To Stacy Bambakidis, Dena Inempolidis, Cindy Keillholz, Chris Makaritis and Harriett Ellis who lead this event, a very big THANK YOU! To Rita Ronayne, a special thank you for making the large pita for the priest table. And thank you to all who did setup, clean up, did money collecting and counting, worked in the kitchen, created the beautiful head table, made many pitas and so much more. Philoptochos women can do anything and make it look easy!! You are the best. Only we know how truly hard the work is but we do it for our love for the church and with grace.

Annual May Luncheon - Save the Date!

Save the date for Saturday, May 11 at the Presidential Banquet Center. The committee is accepting donations of gift cards of any value and gift items to use for the raffle. Philoptochos members are encouraged to buy gift items from local shops to support businesses within our neighborhoods. Not only will we be raising money for charity, but we will be supporting local businesses as well. The deadline for raffle items is April 6th. both Michelle zois and Sandy Alex are collecting the raffle items. We look forward to holding this special event and will share more details soon!

February Trivia

- February comes from the Latin word februa, which means "to cleanse". The month was named after the Roman Februalia, which was a month-long festival of purification and atonement that took place this time of year.
- February is the only month to have a length of few than 30 days! Though it's usually 28 days, February is 29 days long in years such as 2024!
- January and February were the last two months to be added to the Roman calendar (c. 713 BC), originally, winter was considered a month-less period.
- Originally, February was made the last month of the calendar year. Eventually in (c. 450 BC), February was moved to its place as the second month.

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

Hannah's Treasure Chest Volunteer Opportunities in February

Join us on Thursday, February 8(1:00-3:00) and Thursday, February 22 (9:00-11:00) as we volunteer at Hannah's Treasure Chest.

Any questions? Call Maria McFarland at 937.409.9876

MAIDS OF ATHENA

Hygiene Fair

Please support our local Maids of Athena during coffee hour on February 4. They will be accepting donations of soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, lotion, deodorant, razors etc to benefit the children of Hannah's Treasure Chest. You can also make a monetary donation and they will buy hygiene products Thank you!

AHEPA & DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE NEWS

Thank you to everyone that braved the cold weather and coming to support our annual wine and craft beer tasting, "Cheers and Beers", held on Friday, 1/19/24.

Along with our Brother AHEPAns and Greek School, to celebrate The Three Holy Hierarchs, patron saints of education, it was our pleasure to host the guest speaker, Dr. Nickolas Pappas, professor of philosophy.

At our monthly outreach, on 1/20/24, 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 upcoming fundraisers and how you might be able to support their efforts.

For our members, just a reminder, that on 1/9, we returned to meet on the second Tuesday of each month. Our February meeting is on Tuesday, 2/13, 6:00pm at church. Please look in your email on details of upcoming news. And please remit your 2024 dues of \$45.00 to our Treasurer, Thomai Bessler.

We are very happy to have 2 more ladies, become Sisters (members), joining our chapter in January. All ladies are warmly invited to join our Chapter and share in our social events being planned, and the outreach that we are doing locally and beyond. We welcome you to become a part of our AHEPA Family.

Please contact Alexis Brun, (937) 219-0463 agrkblsng23@gmail.com

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

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

CATECHISM SCHOOL NEWS

Godparent/Godchild Sunday

Join All Godparents and Godchildren are encouraged to be present in church and prepare to receive Holy Communion together. There will be a short prayer service as we bless our Godparents and children.

May we allow this day to strengthen our relationship with each other.

Dates to Remember:

- Sunday, February 4th - Godparent/Godchild Sunday (no classes)
- Sunday, February 18th - GOYA Basketball Tournament (no classes)

GREEK SCHOOL

GREEK SCHOOL NEWS

Our Greek School resumed classes on Monday, January 8th, with our annual Vasilopita Cutting celebration.

Three Vasilopitas were made by our Director, Dr. Katerina Tsouma, our Asst. Director, Margarita Ronayne and one of our GS parents, Cheryl Skintges.

Our students are gearing up for the Independence Day Program to take place on Sunday, March 17th. Come celebrate with us our Greek heritage!

Thank you

HOPE/JOY ACTS OF KINDNESS

All HOPE/JOY children join us on Saturday, February 24 (1:00-3:00pm) in the Athenagoras Room for ACTS OF KINDNESS As always, we will have games , snacks and a project. Don't miss this opportunity to share kindness with others in our community!

GOYA

Important Dates

- Feb 4 meeting after Sunday school 12pm
- Feb 10 Kettering Backpack at 11am
- Feb 16,17 and 18 Basketball Tournament

Basketball Tournament

Parishioners are welcome to attend the weekend events, the games are free to attend on Saturday and Sunday, but if you wish to attend the dinner/dance on Saturday night the cost is \$35 and needs to be paid in advance with reservations to Missy Fote or Tina Day no later than Feb 9, 2024. There will also be a brunch served on Sunday after church before the championship games you are welcome to attend and the cost for that is \$10.

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!

ATTENTION YOUTH WORKERS

It is that time of year - renewal of training is around the corner! Also, it will be time for some of us to renew our background checks. Please watch your email mailboxes for emails with instructions. They will not be from our local church - they will be from Safety Platform with Sterling Volunteers. Please pay attention to the directions in the emails and complete the training / background checks in a timely manner.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP LUNCH BUNCH

Ladies, please join us for Ladies Fellowship Lunch Bunch scheduled for Tuesday, February 13 at 11:30am. Lunch will be at the Cafe Terra Mediterranean at 8351 N. Main St, Clayton, Randolph Plaza.

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 Liz Limber (937) 430-8600 for reservations.

SPEAKER PROGRAM - FR. NICHOLAS LOUH

A Spiritual Weekend Retreat With Rev. Dr. Nicholas G. Louh - February 9 & 10

On Feb 9 & 10, our parish will host a weekend retreat with Fr. Nicholas Louh. He will speak on strengthening our Families, our Parish, and our Faith. Details may be found on the flyer on later in the True Vine. Please save the date now, and **RSVP by Feb 2nd**. We hope and pray for a full house, and are inviting our neighboring parishes, so don't delay if you want to save your seat.

For some background, Rev. Dr. Nicholas Louh was born in Jacksonville, FL where he was raised as a member of St. John the Divine Greek Orthodox Church, the same church he has served as a senior pastor since 2007.

He has two weekly podcasts on Ancient Faith Radio. **Healthy Souls** and **Live with the Louh's**, where he is joined by his wife Dr. Roxanne, a licensed clinical psychologist. Together they have written the book, *Renewing You; A Priest, a Psychologist and a Plan*.

His daily inspirational messages on social media have attracted thousands of followers from all over the world.

Father Louh is a dynamic speaker who will host three sessions on February 9 and 10, 2023. He will discuss how to strengthen our families, our parish and our faith. This is a retreat you don't want to miss.

Want to learn more about Father Louh? Click on the link to his website where you will be directed to Ancient Faith Radio podcasts and a link to subscribe to messages.

<https://thelouhs.com/>

Please see the attached flyer later in the *True Vine* for more information and to make reservations.

ANNUNCIATION ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

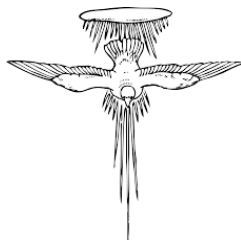
Annunciation Oratorical Festival

This year's oratorical festival will be held on **Saturday, March 2nd**. We encourage parishioners to come and support our students. The Sunday School students have been given information pertaining to the oratorical festival during Sunday school and some have chosen to sign up. An email will be sent out to all who have shown interest with due dates and rules/expectations. Should anyone have any questions or interest, please contact Isidora Margioras for more information at tsonisis@yahoo.com."

CHURCH DOORS FUNDING DRIVE

At the General Assembly last fall, the Building & Maintenance Committee presented a plan for renewing the current doors of the Church for a cost of \$15,000. A generous family in our community has offered matching funds to cover half the expense of this work, so we are now soliciting donations from the rest of the community. We need to raise \$7,500, and our donor will then provide the other \$7,500. Please make your checks or donations payable to the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, and note "Church Doors" in the memo. We thank you all for your generosity! This will free up parish funds for our many other pressing needs.

The [Church Door Restoration Fund](#) is now available through our Church website. You can use the direct link provided above, or go to <https://www.daytonannunciation.org/> and find the Church Door Restoration Fund under the Donate/Make-a-payment tab at the far right of the top menu bar.



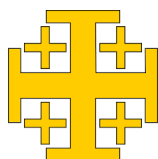
Join us February 4, 2024

Godparent Godchild Sunday

All Godparents and Godchildren are encouraged to be present in church and receive Holy Communion together.

There will be a short prayer service to bless our Godparents and children.

May we allow this day to strengthen our relationship with each other.



MAIDS OF ATHENA PRESENTS

HYGIENE FAIR

FEBRUARY 4TH DURING COFFEE HOUR

Bring toiletries or money to be donated to
Hannah's Treasure Chest

Toiletries can consist of the following:

Shampoo
Conditioner
Body wash
Lotion
Hand wash
Razors
Deodorant
Hand sanitizer
Shaving cream
Toothpaste





A Spiritual Weekend Retreat

*Strengthening
Our Families
Our Parish
Our Faith*

featuring

Rev. Dr. Nicholas G. Louh

Friday, February 9, 6:00 pm

Dinner – Session I

Saturday, February 10, 9:30 am

Coffee/Donuts/Bagels – Session II

Lunch – Session III

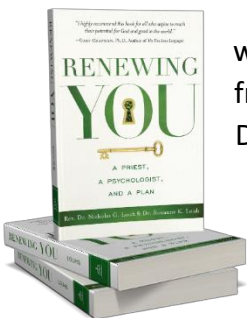
**Dayton Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
500 Belmonte Park North, Dayton, Ohio 45405**

Sponsored by Annunciation Speaker Committee and funded by AIF

Inviting our Dayton Parish Members, as well as Sister Parishes

**To ensure food preparation, please RSVP your interest of each session attending to
Cindy Keilholz, cinlamkeil@gmail.com or cell number 937-974-8841**

No later than February 2, 2023



Father Nick will bring some books for signing. He and his wife, Dr. Roxanne Louh, have written the book, [Renewing You A Priest, a Psychologist and a Plan](#). Half of the proceeds from their books go to the American Cancer Society and half to his church, St. John the Divine GOC in Jacksonville, Florida.

Together, Fr. Nicholas and his wife co-host a weekly radio show on Ancient Faith Radio entitled “Live with the Louhs” on Tuesday at 8 p.m. In addition, they co-author daily inspirational messages through email and social media. You can register to receive these messages by going to their website thelouhs.com/subscribe. Visit and subscribe to their YouTube channel to discover sermons and more www.youtube.com/@TheLouhs



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The Comedian

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*Will be at
The
Annunciation
Greek Orthodox
Church in
Dayton, Ohio*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024

Doors open at 6:30pm
Show begins at 8pm

\$50 Per Person

\$350 For a Table of 8

*Price includes admission, light hors d'oeuvres
and 2 drinks*

Order Tickets at: daytonannunciation.org
(click on Donation/Make a Payment tab)

or call

937-224-0601/office@daytonannunciation.org

Limited Seating



**DAY OF
CARING
365**

Sunday February 25, 2024 is Loukoumades Sunday, one of the parishes favorite events! Sponsored by Philoptochos, Loukoumades Sunday raises money for Dayton's Day of Caring event.

The mission of the Day of Caring, a city wide event, is to increase awareness and involvement toward the national plight of hunger and homelessness. The needs are great for the hungry and the homeless in our community.



You can make a donation that day by purchasing delicious loukoumades during coffee hour. If you are unable to come to church you can mail a donation to Connie Zavakos, CCM Treasurer at 3437 Dahlia Dr, Dayton, OH 45449. Please put Day of Caring in the memo line of your check.

All donations will be distributed to the local community through the local food banks and the Emergency Housing Coalition.

Deadline for donations is February 25th

Venmo:
AHEPA127_chapteraccount



AHEPA GREEK Independence Day Dance

SATURDAY, MARCH 23rd

**Holy Trinity St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
7000 Winton Road, Cincinnati, Ohio**

**Appetizers 5:30pm - Dinner 6:30pm - Dance 8:00pm
*Open Bar***

LIVE MUSIC BY: **Hors d'Oeuvers**

• **GEORGE KARRAS** •

TICKETS: \$50 Adults, \$30 Under 18; Free Under 5

**Dinner Reservations Deadline: March 20th. Contact:
Peter Rodish Tel 859-512-8550 / peter.rodish@gmail.com**

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: _____

SERVICES & EVENTS FOR JANUARY

February 1

Philoptochos Meeting @10am
Orthros and Liturgy for The Presentation of Our
Lord and Savior in the Temple @ 5 / 6 pm

February 9

Speaker Series: Father Nicholas Louh @ 6 pm

February 10

Speaker Series: Father Nicholas Louh @ 9:30 am
GOYA Backpack at Kettering @ 11 am

February 13

AHEPA/DOP meeting @ 6 pm

February 16 – 18

Goya Basketball Tournament

February 20

Parish Council Meeting

February 23

Basile Comedy Show @ 6:30 pm

February 24

HOPE/JOY Acts of Kindness event @ 1pm

February 25

Loukoumades Sunday

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 4

Hosted by: Maids of Athena

Sunday, February 11

Hosted by: Catechism School
Parent Team 4

Sunday, February 18

GOYA Basketball Tournament

Sunday, February 25

Hosted by: Philoptochos

Sunday, March 3

Hosted by: Catechism School
Parent Team 1

Sunday, March 10

Spring General Assembly

Sunday, March 17

AHEPA/Greek School Luncheon

Sunday, March 24

Hosted by: Daughters of
Penelope

Sunday, March 31

Hosted by: Parishioner Group 1