

# THE TRUE VINE

## OUR LORD HAS EXPECTATIONS

*“Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.” Romans 12:6-14*

St. Paul’s epistle to the Orthodox Catholic Church in Rome was a type of behavior guideline for the parishioners there. In this article, I will look at our Lord’s expectations in St. Paul’s epistle and offer a short summarized explanation.

As Christians, we must use the gifts God has given us to their fullest potential in our lives and parish life. This is Christ’s expectation. Anything short of this is missing the mark of our high calling. When we miss the mark, we sin. In sin, we harm ourselves and we harm others. So, we must use all of Christ’s blessings well.

**- How do we use the gift of prophecy?** We know our faith. We live it and teach it. We live our faith through prayer, fasting, and reading. We never stop learning about it. We preserve what we learn and pass it on unadulterated. We know our faith and live our faith in complete loving openness and obedience to the Holy Spirit’s inspiration. This takes dedication on our part.

**- How do we serve?** Just as Jesus did. He is the model we follow. There is no other if we call ourselves Christians. The gospels are full of the many ways in which Jesus served His fellow humans. Our vocation is to emulate His examples. To learn to serve like Jesus, we must read the gospels over and over again. We must pray to Christ to teach us how to serve Him and others.

**- How are we to teach?** We teach and speak the truth with love and without compromise. Truth does not belong to us. Truth is not malleable. Truth is eternal and it comes from God. Giving truth to others is sacred. We must always treasure and protect the truth because the lives of our eternal souls, and other immortal souls, depend on knowing and living according to God’s truth.

**- How do we exhort or appeal to fellow parishioners?** We must do so with genuine love for them. Our exhortation must be faithful to Jesus’ teachings. We don’t appeal to our opinions or subjective beliefs. We appeal to the truth once and forever delivered to the Apostles as written in the Holy Bible and lived in Holy Tradition.



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**- How are we to contribute to our parish?** Just as Christ tells us. Our Lord made this clear. The minimum is 10% of our annual income (Matthew 23:23). This is a tithe. On top of this, Jesus expects us to do offerings. If we are not where Jesus wants us to be in our giving we must acknowledge that our Lord will help us get there if we want to. It's His expectation for us. We are to give sincerely, sacrificially, and lovingly. We give to change our souls regardless of any other factors in the parish. The gospels make clear that Jesus had issues with temple and synagogue leaders. Jesus also had issues with some of their parishioners. He still gave 100%. Our Lord is only asking 10% of us. Our parish is a fortified ark

*"With God, all things are possible."  
Matthew 19:26*

that carries us over the stormy seas of life. Just as we would never be overly concerned who is the captain of a ferry boat, or who the crew on a ferry boat are, or even the people who are on the ferry boat, if we needed to cross the waters, we would get on the ferry boat regardless of those other factors. The same is true of our parish. We love and support it because this is where we have chosen to have Jesus save us.

**- How are we to give aid to others?** With zeal. When we see our fellow parishioners and neighbors suffering, we are to have a natural sense of urgency to action to alleviate their suffering and need. If we don't, we need to repent and work on ourselves. St. Chrysostom says we will never find Christ in Holy Communion if we don't first embrace Him in the needs of others. Jesus says, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40). If we don't help those in need, we fail Jesus.

**- How are we to be merciful?** In cheerfulness. Mercy means we give someone something they don't deserve. Mercy is reserved for the guilty. Justice is for the innocent. Considering we are all sinners and in need of Christ's forgiveness, we extend our Savior's mercy to those who hate us and those who love us. Christ commands us to love everyone (Matthew 5:44 and John 13:44). This is not an option.

**- How are we to love genuinely?** Look how Jesus loved others in the gospels. Christ's love is the example we follow. It's all there for us to read about. His love was selfless, faithful, truthful, empathetic, healing, challenging, and forgiving. If we don't love as Christ loves, we need to make serious changes in our lives to get there. It is Christ's expectation of us.

**- How do we hate what is evil?** As Christians, we must detest all ungodliness and wickedness. Christ publicly taught people to reject the lies of men and live for the truths of God. We must take a stand for the truths of our Lord openly and with courage just as Jesus did. The Light of Christ is to shine through our lives for all to see. Our Lord died for this cause. Jesus is the example we follow.

**- How do we hold fast to what is good?** We sincerely endeavor to keep the commandments of God as best we can. We strive to follow them better and more spiritually as we progress in becoming more Christlike. We replace vice with virtue.

**- How do we love one another with brotherly affection?** We forgive each other as a parish family of Christians. We try to have relationships with each other because this is what Christ wants. We come to church to be with Christ, and each other, united in the bond of the sacred Eucharist. We honor Christ as the head of our family and we take seriously His command that we become one just as He and the Father are one (John 10:30). If we don't come to church regularly, this will never be a reality for us. And if this is not our reality, it needs to be according to Jesus.

**- How do we outdo one another in showing honor to each other?** Humility. Accepting that Christ is the head of our family and He wants us to do this. Our obedience to Christ is founded in the ten commandments. We honor Jesus' expectations. We make our lives more about others and less about ourselves. When we see a fellow brother or sister doing good we praise their righteous deeds.

**- How do we never flag others with zeal?** We should almost always mind our own business. We stop gossiping. We worry about our own salvation and stay in our lane. Spiritually, we see ourselves as the worst sinners while seeing everyone else as more spiritually advanced. We are to be humble, realizing every time we point at someone's faults there are three fingers pointing back at us. Jesus tells us to see the log in our own eye before we point out the speck in a brother or sister's eye (Matthew 7:3). If we have to correct someone, we should generally do it without passion and with genuine concern. First privately, with a few others if necessary, and lastly before the entire assembly as a last resort. This is in the gospel and commanded by Jesus (Matthew 18:15-17).

**- How do we glow with the Spirit?** We live according to the teachings of the Spirit. We pray and read about our faith every day. We make Church a top priority in our lives. We live in faithful synergy with the sacraments. We make room for the Spirit in our minds and hearts to transform us to be more Christlike.

**- How do we serve the Lord?** We fully surrender our lives to His mission on earth in order to acquire the Kingdom of heaven for us and for others.

- **How do we rejoice in our hope?** We realize that Christ has saved us. This is our joy. Jesus loves us and we love Jesus and we love each other. This world is dying but Christ is Risen! We place all our hope in our Lord.

- **How are we patient in tribulation?** We never doubt Christ's love and we accept with absolute faith that everything our Lord does, He does for our salvation. We must believe God loves us. If Christ suffered, we too will suffer. We must accept that we will suffer for Christ and His truth (John 15:18).

- **How are we constant in prayer?** We pray every day and at set times. We live out a rule of prayer. We do this because it is our daily communion with Christ. If we love Jesus, we set aside time for Him every day. To pray to Christ is to be His friend. Prayer is our communication with our Lord.

- **How do we contribute to the needs of the saints?** We give as Christ asks us to the parish and we keep the church open and the sacraments flowing so people's lives can be forever changed. Immortal souls only become saints through living a life for Christ in their parish or monastery.

- **How do we practice hospitality?** We practice it by being gracious hosts when called to do so in the parish and in our homes. We give sacrificially and in thanksgiving from the abundance that we have been given.

- **How do we bless those who persecute us?** We don't curse them. We sincerely pray for them in our daily prayers and ask Jesus to bless them. We light candles for them. We commemorate them in the Eucharist. We offer an artoclasia for them. We do all things in order for our enemies to be saved and to no longer live "rent-free" in our minds.

None of these things are easy, but with God, all things are possible (Matthew 19:23-26)!

- Fr. Joseph

## YOUTH MESSAGE: THE CHURCH CALENDAR & THE VIRGIN MARY

Hello Dayton Annunciation Family,

As those of you who attended Vacation Church School at St. Paul's this summer may remember, the Church calendar is closely tied to the life of the Virgin Mary. Just last month, on the 15th of August we celebrated the Virgin Mary's Dormition or falling asleep. That was the last of the major feasts of the Church calendar.

On September 1st we celebrate the New Year in the Church, and the cycle of feasts begins again. The first major feast of this month and new Church year is the Nativity (or birth) of the Virgin Mary, the Theotokos. This feast is on the 8th of September every year, which means it falls on a Wednesday this year.

The reason we, as Orthodox Christians, honor so deeply the Theotokos is because it was through her Christ God came into the world. Everything that happens in the life of Christ - His being born, His teachings, His healings, and ultimately His Death on the Cross and Resurrection are brought to us through the Virgin Mary. She said "yes" when the Archangel Gabriel announced that she could be the mother of God. This was a very brave thing for her to do.

Look around the church next time you are here for Liturgy. See how many different icons there are in which she appears. Look at the biggest icon in the church, (hint it's right up front), and see who is depicted. Some people (who are not Orthodox Christian) think that we honor the Virgin Mary too much. But, since we know that Jesus is God, and that Mary is the Mother of Jesus, we know that we should celebrate her for all she gave us. We even sing hymns every Sunday saying that she is more glorious than the angels of heaven!

This is why the Orthodox Church has the calendar is so closely tied to Virgin Mary. It is another way of giving her honor, of acknowledging her glory, and reverencing her life. One way you might want to celebrate the Nativity of the Virgin Mary this year is to take a tradition your family does for each other on birthday's and do that for the her. You can sing to her icon, or say a pray to her at a special dinner. However your family celebrates birthdays you can do that for the Theotokos too! We here at Dayton Annunciation are having liturgy on the morning of the 8th and I encourage you all to Honor her by being in attendance.

May the Prayers of Theotokos be with you always!

- Jonathan





# Greek Festival 2021

Spread the word to friends and neighbors and plan on taking out dinner and desserts during the fall Greek Festival drive through! Orders can be placed at [greekfestival.com](http://greekfestival.com) for pick up:

**September 10, Friday 11am-8pm**  
**September 11, Saturday 11am-8pm**  
**September 12, Sunday 12pm-6pm**

## *Volunteers Needed!*

Have some extra time? Please consider volunteering to help out one or more days. There are many different ways to volunteer, see the list below. Thank you!

Festival Co-Chair	Maria Powers	makapo1971@gmail.com	937.562.1094
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Supplies	Libby Stamas	lstamas54@yahoo.com	937.416.0086

## *Baking Volunteers Needed!*

Pasta flora baking will be handled by Mary Caudill, (937) 623-6645. Please contact her to volunteer on:  
**September 8 (9:30-4) and September 9 (9:30-?).**



## PARISH REGISTRY

*Funerals:*  
**August 16**  
+D. Zonars

*Memorials:*  
**September 5**  
+R. Zvakos

**September 19**  
+F. Kordalis  
+A. Zois  
+K. Kordalis  
+P. Zois

*Weddings:*  
**September 18**  
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## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BOOKKEEPER

September. Traditionally school would start sometime close to Labor Day which is celebrated on September 6. Most children these days will have already started their school year in mid to late August. No matter when or how (online or in person) your children start school, be as safe as possible in these uncertain times. September 22, the Fall Equinox, is the official first day of fall. Leaves turning. Life starts to slow down and tuck in for the winter months. For gardeners: Divide perennial flowers such as daylilies, irises, and peony. Begin planting spring blooming bulbs, like daffodil, at the end of the month. Take cuttings of annual flowers to root and overwinter indoors. Begonia, coleus, geranium, impatiens, and lantana can be propagated for growing outdoors next spring. Pick and preserve flowers, seed heads, and pods for dried arrangements. Collect annual and perennial seeds for sowing next year.

Read more at Gardening Know How: Ohio Valley Gardening: What To Do In September Gardens:  
<https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/garden-how-to/garden-by-region/central-ohio-valley/ohio-valley-gardening-in-september.htm>

### Church Directory, Greek Festival Sponsorships, Memorial Flowers, and Other Giving Opportunities

Please remember to write out the reason for your payment in the memo section of your check(s) when sending in any payment or donation. There should be a blank space to type in the reason for general donations when you make a payment or donation online through the church website. Questions? Email me your question or leave me a message and your telephone number with Carol or Erin at the office.

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*“Carefully watch your thoughts, for they become your words. Manage and watch your words, for they will become your actions. Consider and judge your actions, for they become your habits. Acknowledge and watch your habits, for they shall become your values. Understand and embrace your values, for they become your destiny”. - M. Gandhi*

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## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

**Membership meeting:** There is no meeting in September. Greek Fest Express is September 10, 11, 12. Those who are comfortable, please consider volunteering to help. Contact Maria Powers or Andrea Casey to sign up. Our next meeting will be **October 7<sup>th</sup>** at 10am in the Athenagoras room.

### **Welcome new members!**

Nicole Bacas, Elyse McClish and Amanda Haubrock are new members of Philoptochos. Please welcome these very talented women to our chapter.

- **Nicole Bacas** is a lifelong member of our church and one of the younger members of the choir. Nicole is an active member of Daughters of Penelope, currently serving as the District Secretary for the Ohio District Lodge. She is a Management Analyst at Wright Patterson Air Force Base and a huge Star Trek fan. Her mother is Sue Bacas, a longtime member of Philoptochos.

- **Elyse McClish** grew up in a suburb of Chicago attending Saints Peter and Paul in Glenview, IL where Jonathan and she were married. Elyse works as a Recruiter for a consulting firm based in Nashville and has been very fortunate to continue this work virtually through the move from Nashville to Dayton. She enjoys running, reading, and trying new restaurants in the area. “I am so grateful to be a part of this wonderful parish with such a compassionate Philoptochos and look forward to getting to know everyone more.” Elyse’s husband is Jonathan McClish our Lay Pastoral Assistant and Psalti.



- **Amanda Haubrock** is originally from White Bear Lake, Minnesota but over the past 15 years she has had the amazing opportunity to live and build community in Seattle, Boston, Ohio, and Wichita. She is married to Michael Haubrock (whom she met on a blind date eight years ago) and has the best in laws around, Tina and Jim Haubrock. Michael and Amanda recently welcomed a baby boy on August 18. Amanda has been with Cargill for 11 years and is currently the Culinary Innovation Lead which utilizes her culinary degree and masters in food science to create new menu items for foodservice customers such as Sonic, Buffalo Wild Wings, Jack in the Box, and McDonald's. In her free time, Amanda enjoys taking photos, baking, spending time with loved ones, reading, dining out, running, and volunteering with Ronald McDonald House Charities. Amanda is thrilled to be a part of Philoptochos as being an active member in her church and community is an important part of how she seeks to live out her life verse from Philippians 2:3-4, "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others."

**October Community Care Ministry (CCM):** October's CCM is Charity at Home. Please help support this worthwhile organization. All money collected this month goes to help people within our own parish community. Disbursements are confidential between the priest, the Philoptochos president and the Philoptochos treasurer.



**CMF Luncheon:** The National Philoptochos Children's Medical Fund luncheon is **November 6, 2021** at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in Indianapolis. Tickets are \$125/person. We hope to have our chapter well represented at the luncheon. Raffle tickets are also for sale, \$10 a piece or 3/\$25. See Nikki Burns or Evanthia Valassiades for tickets.

**Philoptochos Anniversary:** **Sunday, November 7** will be the celebration of Philoptochos Anniversary and we will host the coffee hour. Baskets for donations for the Patriarchate will be passed. It is also Youth Sunday, therefore, the Youth will pass the baskets for us.

**Baubles & Bags:** This enjoyable fundraiser is scheduled for **February 13, 2022**. Michelle Zois and Stacy Bambakidis are collecting your gently used jewelry and handbags which will be for sale to our parishioners. Funds will be donated to the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. Bring your items to the October meeting or give to Michelle or Stacy.



## DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE NEWS

*We have hit the ground running for our 2021-22 program year!*



- We served coffee hour on August 8. Hard to believe it had been 16 months since we last did it.
- After 18 months, we were finally allowed to return to the Ronald McDonald House on Saturday, August 14 to prepare breakfast and dinner for the families staying there. Breakfast included delicious egg bites, breakfast bread, fruit, juice, and for dinner was a taco bar. Thank you for your continued donations. Please contact Maria McFarland to donate and/or volunteer.



- Once again we gave our church the much TLC she deserved on Friday, August 27.

### Wildfires

Our prayers are with all those affected by the devastating wildfires in Greece. If you or your loved one has personally been affected, please reach out to our Dayton DOP or AHEPA chapter. Donate online at the AHEPA Emergency Fund or send checks made payable to: AHEPA | Earmarked for 2021 Wildfires in Greece, 1909 Q Street, NW, #500, Washington, DC 20009.

### Membership Info

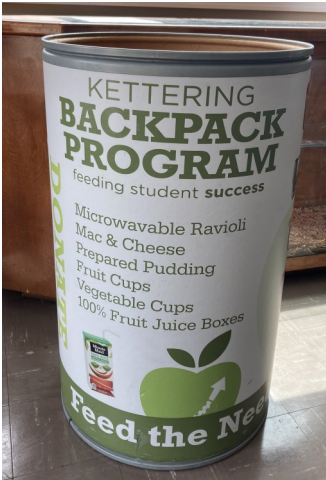
Members, look for more information to come about our September meeting. Please continue to send in your \$35 membership dues to our Treasurer. New members are always welcome! The Mission of the Daughters of Penelope is to promote Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, Hellenism, Family and Individual Excellence.

Alexis Brun, *Chapter President*, DOP Polydama #111

## MISSIONS & OUTREACH

We are called by Christ to “love your neighbor as yourself.” As a community here at Dayton Annunciation we have to ask ourselves: “If I couldn’t feed myself over the weekend, or afford all of the clothes or products needed for my kids, what would I hope people would do for me?”

The Missions and Outreach committee has brought forth to the community ways to live out the Gospel here in Dayton. These are opportunities that do not require much time out of our week but bring us closer to Christ by doing as we are called in His Gospel.



One outreach project is the **Kettering Backpack Program** which strives to feed hungry children in the city of Kettering over the weekend. Children with limited food at home are able to receive breakfast and lunch at school. Over the weekend, they do not have the same availability. The Kettering Backpack Program provides discreet bags of food to children every Friday for consumption over the weekend. There are two ways our Dayton Annunciation parish can help:

1. We are collecting two items: individual oatmeal packets or individual mac and cheese cups (the just add water kind). The next time you are shopping, pick up some mac and cheese cups or a box of oatmeal and then when you come to church on Sunday, drop the items in the bin that will be located in the lobby of the community center. Please donate by Sunday, **September 19th**.
2. On Saturday, **September 25th** we will meet at 11:00 at Christ Methodist Church (3440 Shroyer Rd., Kettering, OH 45429) to help organize and pack the bags.

Another volunteer opportunity will be with **Hannah’s Treasure Chest**, a nonprofit organization that accepts donations which they distribute to the children of our community through a network of partner agencies in Butler, Greene, Montgomery and Warren counties. We will be volunteering on two Thursdays every month from 1:00-3:00 pm at 124 Westpark Rd Centerville 45459. We are looking for 4-5 people who would be willing to help with clerical work, sorting inventory, cleaning, stuffing envelopes, etc. We will begin in October. If you would like to help, contact Maria McFarland at 937.409.9876 or maroudapap80@gmail.com



We cannot encourage you all enough to set some time aside in the coming weeks and to put your neighbor before yourself. Whether you do this by yourself or bring the whole family to instill in the youth a disposition of service to others we hope you take this opportunity to preach the gospel THROUGH ACTIONS with these volunteer opportunities.

*The Missions and Outreach Committee*

## DEAR CHRISTINA...

As we swiftly approach the Greek festival drive through, I have witnessed so much camaraderie. It’s been wonderful seeing everyone and watching our community come together. I have learned so much about our delicious pastries - the to do’s and the NOT to do’s. It’s very impressive to see this well-oiled machine come alive right in front of my eyes. It makes us proud of our heritage and very proud of our parish. I have been taught by some of our older members and it makes me realize that the love for our church is shown through your work for the Lord. To everyone that has supported our festival by volunteering to bake or work, purchasing a sign to help with overhead, and all who have worked in the past, thank you! Please know your commitment to our parish is not unnoticed. The Greek festival is now weeks away, prayers for a successful event. We hope to see all of you there volunteering!





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## UPCOMING GOYA EVENTS



**September 14, 6:30pm**—Book club with Jonathan, place TBD. Please read through chapter 2!

**September 25, 11am**—Service project - helping with the Kettering Backpack Program. We will also be collecting individual packages of oatmeal and single serving cups of mac and cheese. Bins will be set up in the hall for collection and GOYANS will have to help encourage donations after church from **Aug 29 - Sept 19**.

**October 3**—Meeting after church in the GOYA room.

**October 15**—Service project - yard work for someone in the parish/Tom's Corn Maze at 7:30pm.

**November 7** - meeting after church in the GOYA room. Service project (collecting food after church for three weeks and donating to a food bank).

**December 5** - meeting after church in the GOYA room. Service project collecting items for a domestic violence shelter residents

GOYA Christmas party date and location is TBD.

If you have any questions, please contact Tina Day: 937-510-1280 or via email at [steelergoddess@hotmail.com](mailto:steelergoddess@hotmail.com)



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## WE ARE UPDATING OUR CHURCH PICTURE DIRECTORY!

We have exciting news! We have collaborated and decided that it is time for a new, updated picture church directory. We have selected Universal Church Directories to assist with this project and they are widely known for top-quality directories. Our new directory will help us get to know each other again as the pandemic may have made us forget our beautiful church family. It will be a simple, short drive to church and the whole family will be a part of our amazing church's stunning pictorial directory. The whole process takes 45 minutes and each family receives a complimentary 8 X 10 portrait. Additionally, there are photo package options and if you have a session you will receive a complimentary photo directory. There are social distancing options and once your pictures are done you will see electronic proofs immediately. The photographers will be at church in the Athenagoras room on: **September 20** (3pm-8:30pm), **September 21-22** (2pm-8:30pm), **September 23** (2pm-7:30pm).



Signing up for a photography session:

1. We will have sign ups during coffee hour all through August *or*
2. Sign online using the following directions:
  - **Visit:** <https://www.ucdir.com/schedule/login.php>
  - **Enter** the following church code: oh2477 (all lowercase) and the password: photos
  - **Select** the date that best serves you and you will see various time slots and enter your information with your email address.

If you need assistance, or if you can't make it to the scheduled dates or are still uncomfortable due to Covid, please contact Christina Panagouleas-Stephens at (937) 260-2773 or Stavros Ververis at (513) 464-3851.



## THE 2021 AHEPA CHAPTER 113 GOLF OPEN

Join us Monday, **September 27th**, 2021 for the sixth annual AHEPA Open hosted by the Dayton Chapter 113 of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA). You will be guaranteed a day of outdoor fun, laughs and best of all, great memories! The event will be held at The Miami Valley Golf Club, Dayton, Ohio.

This year's format is best ball scramble with a shotgun start at 11:30 AM with registration starting at 10:30 AM. Get your team together and test your skills for chances to win many prizes such as cash or a new driver. Our post round banquet will be one to remember complete our ever popular cigar bar and bourbon tasting. Golfers will receive a special gift just for participating. Visit <https://birdease.com/16536/register> to register.

All proceeds and sponsorships will help our AHEPA chapter support various projects throughout our community and country. This year's beneficiaries include local charitable groups such as the The House of Bread and Good Shepherd Ministries, as well as the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Dayton. Your generous support to this event will also allow us to continue our local philanthropic, educational and social activities and programming. Thank you for all of your support and we look forward to seeing you on September 27th!

## MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- Chris Makaritis wishes to Thank everyone who has been so kind and thoughtful during her health crisis. Your cards, calls and above all your prayers have been a tremendous help, especially your prayers. Looking forward to seeing you all at church!
- Attention parents of college students - Please email the office your college student(s)' address(es). Thanks!

## SEPTEMBER LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, September 1

Divine Liturgy: Ecclesiastical New Year, 9:30am

### Sunday, September 5

Matins, 8:15  
Divine Liturgy, 9:30am  
Coffee Hour

### Wednesday, September 8

Divine Liturgy: Nativity of the Theotokos, 9:30am

### Sunday, September 12

Matins, 8:15  
Divine Liturgy, 9:30am  
NO Coffee Hour

### Tuesday, September 14

Divine Liturgy: Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 9:30am

### Sunday, September 19

Matins, 8:15am  
Divine Liturgy, 9:30am  
Coffee Hour

### Sunday, September 26

Matins, 8:15am  
Divine Liturgy, 9:30am  
Sunday School begins  
Coffee Hour

## ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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# Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church Events Calendar

September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <b>9:30am, Liturgy:</b> Ecclesiastical New Year  <b>7pm, Choir</b> Rehearsal	2	3	4
5 <b>8:15am, Matins</b> <b>9:30am, Liturgy</b> Coffee Hour	6	7 <b>7:30pm, Zoom</b> Prayer Support Group	8 <b>9:30am, Liturgy:</b> Nativity of the Theotoks  <b>9:30am, Pasta</b> flora baking  <b>7pm, Choir</b> Rehearsal	9 <b>9:30am, Pasta</b> flora baking	10 <b>11am-8pm,</b> GREEK FEST Express!	11 <b>11am-8pm,</b> GREEK FEST Express!
12 <b>8:15am, Matins</b> <b>9:30am, Liturgy</b> <b>12pm-6pm,</b> GREEK FEST Express!	13	14 <b>9:30am,</b> Liturgy: Exalta- tion of the Cross  <b>6:30pm, GOYA</b> Book Club  <b>7:30pm, Zoom</b> Prayer Support Group	15 <b>6:30pm, Parish</b> Council Meeting  <b>7pm, Choir</b> Rehearsal	16	17	18
19 <b>8:15am, Matins</b> <b>9:30am, Liturgy</b> Coffee Hour	20 <b>3pm-8:30pm,</b> Photo directory pictures	21 <b>2pm-8:30pm,</b> Photo directory pictures  <b>7:30pm, Zoom</b> Prayer Support Group	22 <b>2pm-8:30pm,</b> Photo directory pictures  <b>7pm, Choir</b> Rehearsal	23 <b>2pm-7:30pm,</b> Photo directory pictures	24	25 <b>11am, GOYA</b> Service Project (Kettering backpacks)
26 <b>8:15am, Matins</b> <b>9:30am, Liturgy</b> Sunday School Coffee Hour	27 <b>5:30pm, Greek</b> School	28 <b>7:30pm, Zoom</b> Prayer Support Group	29 <b>7pm, Choir</b> Rehearsal	30		



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Saturday, September 4, 2021

## Orthros 8am Divine Liturgy 9am

Please RSVP at [zmcclish@hotmail.com](mailto:zmcclish@hotmail.com)