

# THE TRUE VINE

## LENT: THE SCHOOL OF REPENTANCE

The great Orthodox theologian of blessed memory, Fr. Alexander Schmemmann, coined lent “The School of Repentance”. In Christ’s first public teaching he declared, “Repent! The kingdom of God is at hand” (Matthew 4:17). Repentance is not optional because Jesus commands us to do it. The Greek word for repentance is μετάνοια. It means “after/behind one’s mind”. As such, repentance is the choice to think differently after something negative or damaging has occurred. That “something” is the literal turning away of the mind from those things that harm us and others, and then having the mind seek the goodness of God.

Repentance is a return of the mind to the custody of the Holy Spirit. This is a continual process known as penance. Penance is the intention of doing acts that help us change our minds by developing love for God. The greatest act of penance is the Mystery of Holy Confession. Many saints have taught that without going to Confession salvation is impossible. If we have never gone to Confession, do we want to risk the possibility of losing our immortal souls for the pride of the world, lack of humility, or fear (Mark 8:36)? St. Theophan the Recluse asserts, “If you have sinned, acknowledge the sin and repent. God will forgive the sin and once again give you a new heart...and a new spirit (Ez. 36:26). There is no other way: Either do not sin, or repent.”

When we turn away from sin, sin meaning to miss the mark of godliness, we repent or do penance. Repentance is the ability to take the mind from the vain and fleeting pleasures of the world and the gifting of it back to God. Often the word repentance can have a negative connotation. It is easy to conjure up an image of a southern Bible-belt fundamental tent revivalist preacher yelling the word “repent” to a gathered assembly. While this certainly is a call to repentance, the image of it could be pestering for some. As Orthodox Christians, we do not see the call to repentance in this way.

Where the mind goes the heart will follow. Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica taught “our thoughts determine our lives.” St. Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans, “And be not conformed to this world; but be reformed in the newness of your mind, that you may prove what is good, and the acceptable, and the perfect will of God.” If our minds cannot become purified through penance, our hearts will never love God as they should. We will never love anyone as we are called to love them by God if our minds do not delight in God’s law and love. True love is impossible without the renewal of the mind and the purification of the heart through penance.

We have now entered “The School of Repentance” of Great and Holy Lent where we once again reset and direct our lives towards God’s law, love, and forgiveness. It is now the time to make a good Confession and do penance for our sins. It is now the time to come to the weekday services and fervently pray. It is now the time to give to the poor. It is



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now the time to look inwardly and “clean the house” of the soul. It is now the time to forgive.

Let us meditate on the words wisely spoken by St. John Climacus, “To repent is not to look downward at my shortcomings, but upwards at God’s love. It is not to look backward with self-reproach, but forward with trustfulness. It is to see not what I have failed to be, but what by the grace of Christ I might yet become.” Lent is about becoming our best selves through penance to live in the kingdom of God while on earth.

In Penance and Forgiveness, *Fr. Joseph*

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## APRIL PARISH REGISTRY

### *Funerals*

**March 17:**

+Maria Polychronis

### *40 Day Blessing*

**March 28:**

Baby - George Kiriakos  
Kordalis

Parents - Kasey & Karl  
Kordalis

### *Gravesite Memorial*

**April 4:** +Nancy Breen

### *Memorials*

**April 4:** +Constantinos  
Charalambous

**April 11:** +Pete Makaritis

**April 18:**

+Maria Polychronis

**April 25:** +Evangelia S.  
Panson, +Harry M. Pan-  
son, Sr.

### Acknowledgements

Our deepest sympathies  
to the following families:

+Maria Polychronis  
passed away on Wednes-  
day, March 10, 2021 and  
+Nancy Breen who  
passed away in March.  
*Memory eternal!*

## YOUTH MESSAGE: LAZAROS

On the last Saturday of April we remember a very important day in the life of Christ. It is a day that is often overlooked because of how close it is to Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Pascha. It is the Saturday just before Holy Week and it is a day we remember because it showed the disciples and reminds us that Christ Jesus truly is God.

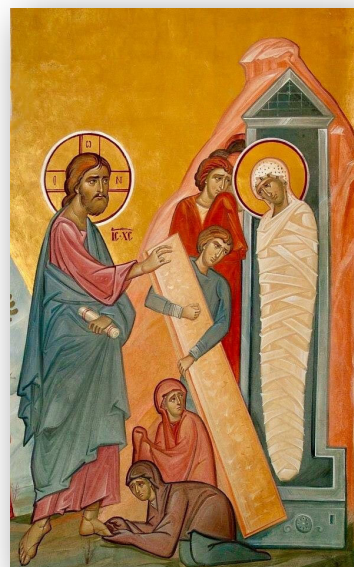
Jesus had received word, earlier in the week that his good friend Lazaros was sick and dying, but Jesus did not go to Lazaros. In fact Jesus waited 2 days to make his way to his friend and in the time Lazaros did indeed die. When Jesus finally arrived, Lazaros’ sister, Martha, said “Lord if you had been here, by brother would not have died.” She said this because she knew that Jesus has the ability to heal all types of sicknesses.

However, Jesus knew what he was doing, in fact he waited on purpose. You may think that sounds mean or wrong, but Jesus need to reveal plainly to the people who He really was. You see, the Jewish understanding of what happens when a person dies is, the soul stays with the body of the deceased for 3 days, then leaves for wherever it is headed. By the time Jesus arrived in Bethany, Lazaros had been dead 4 days. This means that all of Jesus’ followers believed Lazaros’ soul was gone and there was nothing Jesus could do about this.

But Jesus being God, one of the Holy Trinity, called out to Lazaros in the grave and raised him from the dead! This proved to all those watching and even his disciples who may have had a hard time fully understanding who He was, that indeed Christ Jesus is God. Jesus has power over death, and so when, a week later, the disciples would see that He rose from the dead, they would know it was real, because they had seen this before.

And this is important for us to remember, because He will one day raise us from the dead and we need to see that He has the power to do so. Not only does he have the power to do so, but just as with Lazaros, he has the love to do this, so we can be with Him forever in His Heavenly Kingdom.

I pray I see you all in Church on Saturday April 24th for Divine Liturgy where we celebrate Christ raising Lazaros from the dead, to see Christ’s power over death, and to feel the JOY Lazaros’ family felt upon his being raised from the dead, knowing that we too will experience that same joy!



In His Service, *Jonathan McClish*

## FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

We are pleased to announce the following staffing updates. Stephanie Cheek got engaged and then resigned from her position as Parish Administrator to move out of state. We wish Stephanie well and thank her for her service. Erin Caldwell has been hired as a part-time Parish Administrator and will provide support in a wide range of administrative duties. Also, we welcome back Brenda Day as our part-time bookkeeper. Carol will continue in her role as Parish Secretary working 11:30am-2pm Monday-Friday.

Email addresses have been updated. Please update your contact list with the following NEW email addresses:

- Fr. Joseph: [frjoseph@daytonannunciation.org](mailto:frjoseph@daytonannunciation.org)
- Erin Caldwell: [erin.caldwell@daytonannunciation.org](mailto:erin.caldwell@daytonannunciation.org)
- Brenda Day, Bookkeeper: [accountant@daytonannunciation.org](mailto:accountant@daytonannunciation.org)
- Carol McDougal, Church Secretary: [office@daytonannunciation.org](mailto:office@daytonannunciation.org)
- Building Maintenance: [maintenance@daytonannunciation.org](mailto:maintenance@daytonannunciation.org)

- Jim Haubrock

## PHILOPTOCOS NEWS



### **April Membership Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, **April 1**, at 10 a.m. by Zoom.

### **2021 Annual Dues**

Remember to pay your \$30 annual dues to Suzanne Zonars-Hambrick, at 322 Kenderton Trail Beaver-creek, OH 45430. Make your check out to Philoptochos and put "2021 dues" in the memo line on your check.

### **Philoptochos gives back!**

Thank you to all who donated to January and February Community Care Ministries. \$3900 was donated to St. Basil Academy for Vasilopita Sunday in January and \$1140 was donated to the Dayton 365 Day of Caring in February. Thank you to January chairs, Angela Retzios and Christa Bishop and February chair, Harriett Ellis.

### **CCM (Community Care Ministry)**

In April the Community Care Ministry will be collecting donations for [Crayons to Classrooms](#). The mission of this organization is to secure and distribute school supplies at no cost to teachers of students in need. Dayton Crayons of Classrooms (DC2C) is a free store for teachers from under-funded pre-K-12 schools that serve students living in poverty. In partnership with local businesses, individual donors, and community volunteers, DC2C lifts at-risk student's level and love of learning by collecting and distributing donated supplies and surplus products for use in the classroom.

Teachers from eligible schools are invited to shop for what they need in their retail-style free store twice per academic year to acquire school supplies, student incentive, art supplies and other educational materials desperately needed by students in under-funded schools. Within the schools they serve approximately 85% of the students are identified as low-income.

Please send your monetary donations to the CCM Treasurer Michelle Zois at 111 Diamond Drive, Centerville 45458 and write "April CCM" in the memo line of your check.

- Chairs Sharon Liapis and Irene Dow.

### **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Charity Luncheon, Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**

We are so happy that we are able to hold our popular Philoptochos Spring Charity Luncheon this spring on **May 8**. Due to safety precautions, we are offering two different ways to participate:



### **SPRING GREEK MINI-FEST**

Thank you to all who have baked, helped, advertised or placed orders. Orders will be picked up **April 10!**





1. "Shop early and Box Lunch to-go" - Shop our auction from 10:00am to 11:00am and then take a Box Lunch to go! OR
2. For those who prefer to dine-in, arrive at Presidential Banquet Center at 11:15am with 1 hour before lunch to decide what auction items you love! At our socially distanced tables, you will then have lunch with only your chosen guests at a table with a maximum of 8. Please call Michelle Zois or Sandy Alex for any questions.

We are still welcoming sponsors/donors for our luncheon. Your sponsorship will be recognized in our event program. In order to meet our program's printing deadline, we kindly ask for your response by April 8th. All contributions are fully Tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

- Platinum Sponsor \$750+ (2 Luncheon Tickets included)
- Gold Sponsor \$500+ (1 Luncheon Ticket included)
- Silver Sponsor \$250+
- Bronze Sponsor \$100+
- Friends: up to \$100



Checks should be made out to Community Care Philanthropy, P.O. Box 750933, Dayton, OH, 45475.

## BOOKKEEPER'S CORNER

*"It's the beauty within us that makes it possible for us to recognize the beauty around us. The question is not what you look at, but what you see." Henry David Thoreau*

What a year we've had from March 11, 2020 which marks the beginning of the Covid-19 Pandemic to March 11, 2021. From my standpoint, the year both crawled and flew by. But more on that later. Let's get down to business.

### **What's New?**

I was offered and accepted the opportunity to work for the church once again as your bookkeeper. I will be working part time from my home in Wilmington, Ohio for the time being. You will be able to get in touch with me either through leaving a message with Carol McDougale or Erin Caldwell at the church office, or emailing me at my new email address:

[accountant@daytonannunciation.org](mailto:accountant@daytonannunciation.org). Please be patient as we navigate the new set up.

### **Stewardship**

If you pay online please check to make sure you have the correct Stewardship Year set up on your payment(s). We are receiving a number of online stewardship payments earmarked for the 2020 Stewardship Year. The only time a donation is to be made to a prior year is if you still owe on that year. Are you still donating to the 2020 Tier Campaign? That particular campaign is closed and no payments made in 2021 are being put towards that account. If you made a donation in 2021 and marked it 2020 Tier Campaign those funds have been put towards your 2021 Stewardship.

### **Many thanks!**

I am humbled by the outpouring of sympathy and support shown to us after the passing of my dear mother, Stella Day. My husband and I were fortunate to be able to care for her in our home this past year. She came to live with us on March 14, 2020 just as the pandemic was beginning. It was an honor and joy to have her with us. She adored my husband and he adored her. It made me so happy that they had such a warm and loving relationship. I got to hear many stories from her youth and got to know more about her siblings and extended family during this past year. We ended every single day with the words "I love you". Mom passed at my daughter's home with me holding her hand, quietly and in no pain while under the watchful eye of Hospice of Dayton. It was just as she wanted and I am grateful that it was peaceful. She was 97. Our dining room table is full of beautiful cards with messages of love and sympathy. The greatest part of them are from the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church family. Many of you called to talk to me and I am so touched that you reached out to me in this way. We will miss mom every single day. Please know that Charlie and I are comforted by your kind words and thoughtfulness.

Thank you, *Brenda Day and Charlie Earnhart*

## DEAR CHRISTINA...

Last month I didn't think I would be saying this, but I am beginning to feel that there is a light at the end of this Pandemic Tunnel. These last few weeks, I have been seeing several people proudly getting their vaccinations and recently President Biden made promises that all of Americans may be vaccinated before summer. What a positive feeling as we enter into our Lenten Season! I would like to share my personal experience with Lent and how uplifting it can be. As we all know, most have a moment or turning point when you understand and value Lent. When I was in my early 20's, I was fortunate enough to experience a large portion of Lent in my father's village, Proastion. In an effort to please all extensions of family, we attended services with various family members in surrounding villages. It was fascinating to see each church and hear the various hymns. Specifically, I would like to discuss Holy Saturday. We attended the Resurrection Matins services at the church in our village. This is when I was changed and my appreciation for Lent and its importance became greater. The church was standing room only and filled to capacity. Just before midnight, you could hear a pin drop as everyone felt the same sadness as if they were the Mother of Jesus. Moments later, you hear the eruption of fireworks and dynamite in celebration of the Resurrection of Christ. This is the moment everyone had been waiting for and I was in awe. Quite frankly, I was alarmed, as my father had not prepared me for the explosion of celebration. The church shook, a window blew out and no one even flinched. He said it was like no other, but I was shocked. After midnight, most of my family went outside to partake in the festivities and to my surprise the excitement was not over! My father pointed over the mountain and down the mountain all I saw was fireworks, everywhere. Each village was celebrating in the same way, it was loud and it was beautiful...Hearing the fireworks echo in the mountains and hearing each village sing, "Christos Anesti!" I had chills and felt this overwhelming feeling. What a beautiful moment, I felt proud. To look around and see the symbolization and the reference of the Resurrection of our Lord. It makes one understand and value that vegan diet and fasting. As we swiftly approach these celebrations, I hope some of you are vaccinated and able to enjoy Pascha with all of your families. We are all overdue and ready to feel some normalcy. Many prayers to all that are preparing for their vaccinations. We are all in this together.



I would also like to discuss a few more of our senior students. The first is Peter Tsatalis. When speaking with him, I determined he was such a poised, young man, that was well versed and will make something of himself. He is the son of Jim

and Katina Tsatalis and will be graduating from Centerville High School. He holds many titles as he is Vice President of GOYA, President of Sons of Pericles and Captain of altar boys. Peter spoke with such commitment regarding his role as altar boy Captain and I was so impressed! Throughout high school he has run cross country and plans to proceed in a career in the healthcare field. He has Greek danced all of his years and has proudly played GOYA basketball. He expressed such appreciation when we discussed the GOYA basketball tournament. In Peter's words, "I love that the families come together to make the tournaments happen." I also asked him what he will miss the most as he transitions out of high school and he stated, "I will miss seeing all of the families in our community." Peter, you are an amazing young man and your dedication to our church family is not unnoticed.

- Christina



## APRIL 2021 Liturgical Schedule

**Friday, 4/2** - Third Salutations, 7 pm

**Sunday, 4/4** - Divine Liturgy Holy Cross and Youth Sunday, 9:30am

**Wednesday, 4/7** - Presanctified Liturgy, 6:00pm

**Friday, 4/9** - Fourth Salutations, 7:00pm

**Sunday, 4/11** - Divine Liturgy St. John Climacus, 9:30am

**Wednesday, 4/14** - Presanctified Liturgy, 6:00pm

**Thursday, 4/15** - Canon of St. Andrew, 6pm

**Friday, 4/16** - Akathist Hymn, 7pm

**Sunday, 4/18** - Divine Liturgy St. Mary of Egypt, 9:30am

**Saturday, 4/24** - Divine Liturgy Lazarus Saturday, 9:30am

### **Palm Sunday, 4/25**

- Matins/Divine Liturgy Palm Sunday with Blessing of Palms at Matins, 9:30am
- Bridegroom Matins, 7pm

**Holy Monday, 4/26** - Bridegroom Matins, 7pm

**Holy Tuesday, 4/27** - Bridegroom Matins, 7pm

**Holy Wednesday, 4/28** - Holy Unction, 5pm

### **Holy Thursday, 4/29**

- Vespers Liturgy of the Mystical Supper, 8am
- Passion Matins with the 12 Gospels, 7pm

### **Holy Friday, 4/30**

- Royal Hours, 9am
- Great Vespers, 2:30pm
- Lamentations, 7pm

### **Holy Saturday, 5/1**

- Vespers Divine Liturgy, 10am
- Vigil Service, 11:30pm

### **Pascha Sunday, 5/2**

- Agape Vespers, 12pm
- Easter Egg Hunt, 1pm

## AIF SCHOLARSHIP

With Church being shut down for a portion of 2020 and no normal festival or GOYA basketball tournament to earn service and fellowship points for an AIF scholarship, the AIF committee, with the blessing of Father Joseph, has provided the following options for you to gain additional points.



For high school seniors, you can still claim all of the points earned for your junior and seniors years for all events listed in the application. i.e. Catechism attendance, Oratorical Festival, in person Divine Liturgy attendance, etc. Additionally, you have the following options to augment any deficiency:

- Write 12 reflections on sermons from watching our Sunday Divine Liturgy live stream or watch 12 "Be the Bee" videos on YouTube and write reflections on them.
- Complete the high school assignment linked on the website. (read the book *Victory in the Unseen Warfare* by Father Jack N. Sparks and answer all the study questions at the end of each chapter.)
- If you complete either of the writing assignments, ensure you email a copy to Father Joseph (frjoseph@daytonannunciation.org) and Evanthia Valassiades (evalassiades@woh.rr.com) the AIF Chairperson.

For college students, you must complete one of the following:

- A letter from your parish priest verifying your church attendance prior to the church closure will suffice AIF scholarship continuance.
- Participate in OCF with a letter from the OCF chaplain.
- Attended Father Joseph's Zoom seminar that was held in December 2020.
- Read the book *The Orthodox Faith: Volume 3 Church History* by Father Thomas Hopko and answer all the Study Questions listed on the website (college assignment document).

This has been a very tough year for everyone. Our intent is to provide every opportunity for each and every eligible applicant to earn a scholarship. We are proud of our students and wish you well as you go on to further studies with the foundational religious base you learned from your home and Church.

Our parish's AIF Scholarship is based completely on Church related participation by the student. There are three categories where points can be earned: Spiritual, Fellowship, and Service. The application can be found on the church website: [AIF Application 2021-2022](#). Applications must be submitted to the church office by **May 4, 2021**.

- Thank You, *The AIF Committee*



## HOLY 2021 WEEK UPDATES

### Great Friday Myrrh Bearers Update

After great consideration, the Parish Council Executive Council made the decision that there will not be Myrrh Bearers this year. Next year (2022) we will accommodate all girls who missed this special opportunity. Thank you for your understanding.

- Katina Tsatalis

### Signing up for Holy Week Services

April and May sign-ups for church services will be posted on the [church Signup Genius Page](#) the morning of March 29. We are posting this information on our Facebook page as well as sending out emails this week to remind everyone to sign up for church services for April and May.

We have increased the number of parishioners attending church to 75 for each service. Please be respectful and aware that if you sign up and can't attend to please go into signup genius and remove your name so others can attend church.

A couple of notes:

- **Palm Sunday, April 25** - church services will start at our usual time of 9:30 a.m. For those who can not make it to this service, Father will be passing out Palms after church from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. Weather permitting, you can pull up to the front of the church and Father will hand you your Palms. Otherwise, you will enter the church as usual between 11-11:30 a.m.
- **Holy Unction, Wednesday, April 28** - church will start at 5:00 p.m. You may arrive between 4:30 - 5:00 p.m. Anyone that can not make it to this service or can not get in because we are full, Father will remain after church to give Holy Unction from 6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. You must still enter from the same door as we have been using during Sunday services. *Kali Sarakosti! Have a blessed Lent!*

- Parish Vice-President, Harriet Argue

## OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2021

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

### SUNDAYS

### THEMES / GOSPEL READING

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

3rd Sunday of Lent

**APRIL 4th**



#### VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

HALF WAY TO PASCHA!

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 11th**



#### 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 18th**



#### 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 25th**

GREAT WEEK BEGINS



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GREAT AND HOLY WEEK

#### 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

**APRIL 30th**



#### GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR  
ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE

Refrain from TV, Internet &  
Phones to honor Christ's Death.

FEAST OF FEASTS!

**MAY 2nd**

NO FASTING!



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BRIGHT WEEK

#### 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!

## 2021 FLOWER DONORS

*Thank you so much for your donation towards helping to decorate the church for the Lenten services as well as the celebration of Pascha. Your generosity is appreciated by all.*

### **Friday Evening Services (flowers for the Icon of the Theotokos, \$50.00)**

- 3/19/21 - 1<sup>ST</sup> Salutation - Dr. James and Leah Derksen
- 3/26/21- 2<sup>ND</sup> Salutation - Dr. James and Leah Derksen
- 4/2/21 - 3<sup>RD</sup> Salutation - Dr. James and Leah Derksen
- 4/9/21- 4<sup>TH</sup> Salutation - Chris and Deb Pulos
- 4/16/21- Akathist - Chris and Deb Pulos

### **Sunday Services (flowers for the altar, \$75.00)**

- ♦ 3/21/21 - Harriet and George Argue In memory of our parents Anthony and Mary Massalas and Clifford and Xenia Argue.
- ♦ 3/28/21 - Gus and Sharon Liapis
- ♦ 4/4/21 - Chrisoula K. Morris In memory of James W. Morris
- ♦ 4/11/21 - Chris Makaritis
- ♦ 4/28/21 - Anonymous
- ♦ 4/25/21 - Nick and Teddi Xenos

### **Extra flowers:**

- ♦ 3/24/21 - Vespers for the Feast of the Annunciation - David and Andrea Casey
- ♦ 4/4/21 - Daffodils for the Feast of the Holy Cross - Nick Demetre, Anna Mullins in memory of her parents Ray and Cleo Mullins
- ♦ 4/24/21 - Lazarus Saturday - Thomas and Angela Retzios

### **Holy Week Flower donations:**

- 4/25/21 - Palms for Palm Sunday - Mark Bliss, Terry Bliss, Matina Waggoner in memory of Betty Spyridoula "Speed" Bliss
- Rental of 8 palms for Palm Sunday - James and Ruthann Zavakos, Deno and Phyllis Davell In memory of the Davell and Stathes families, Terry Karras and family
- 4/25/21 - Bridegroom Service - Anonymous
- 4/26/21 - Bridegroom Service - Christina Stiakakis
- 4/27/21 - Bridegroom Service - Tina Fote in memory of Mother Cleo Stamas
- 4/29/21 - Flowers for the Icon of the Last Supper - Elias & Kathy Spyrou In memory of parents Apostolos/Angella Spyrou and Themistokle/Helen Stephan
- 4/29/21 -
  - Holy Thursday candelabra flowers - Nick and Michelle Zois, & Dr. Fayez & Maria Abboud
  - Wreath for the head - Nick and Michelle Zois
  - Wreath for the feet - Dr. Fayez & Maria Abboud
  - No-drip candles - Bob and Diane Briggs
- 4/30/21 -
  - Flowers for the kouvouklion: Keith & Maria McFarland, Maria Mavrouleas, Taki & Tina Parker, Terry Karras and family
  - Priest's Large Pascha Candle - Harry & Linda Bouris
  - Priest's Pussy Willow bouquet - Harry & Linda Bouris
  - Flowers for the Iconostasis - Connie Hodson/Gary & Sharon Cunagin, Maria Mavrouleas
- 5/1/21 -
  - Flowers for the Altar Saturday night - Dessine Friconi in memory of husband Albert Friconi
  - Flowers for the icon of the Resurrection - Dr. John & Evanthia Valassiades
  - Flowers for the Resurrection banner - Dr. Fayez & Maria Abboud
  - Red eggs - Terry Karras & family
- 5/2/21 - Potted lilies for Pascha - John and Mary McDonald - 2; Maria Mavrouleas - 2; Mary Caudell - 2; James and Ruthann Zavakos - 5; Deno & Phyllis Davell in memory of Don Hanel - 1; Mike Mokas In memory of wife Joan Mokas and son Evan Mokas - 5; Bob & Diane Briggs - 1; Terry Karras and family - 2





## 2021 STEWARDSHIP LIST

It is with gratitude that we acknowledge the following Stewards who have made their **2021** Stewardship Commitment or contributed to their **2021** Stewardship Commitment as of **March 10, 2021**. We invite you to join with them and support, joyously, the ministries of the Church. You may obtain information and Stewardship Commitment Cards from the Church Office, or you can speak to a Parish Council Member or Fr. Joseph.

Fayez & Maria Abboud  
Christina Abboud  
Kally Adams  
AHEPA Chapter #113  
Sandy Alex  
Lawrence & Susan Andrews  
Paul & Sandy Angelopoulos  
George & Harriet Argue  
Anthony & Jennifer Argue  
Evan & Stacy Bambakidis  
Juanita Bartlett  
Michael & Thomai Bessler  
Eric & Christa Bishop  
Mark & Kristen Bliss  
David & Leah Boosalis  
Wendy Boucuvalas  
Harry & Linda Bouris  
Lou & Tina Bouris  
James & Cynthia Brandenburg  
Michael & Violetta Breed  
Bessie & Jim Brooks  
Katherine Brown  
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Andreas & Panyiota Charalambos  
Terry & Marthea Christ  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<sup>1</sup> <b>10am</b> , Zoom Philoptochos Meeting  <b>7pm</b> , Zoom Adult Catechism Class	<sup>2</sup> <b>7pm</b> , 3rd Salutations	<sup>3</sup>
<sup>4</sup> <b>9:30am</b> , Liturgy - Holy Cross Youth Sunday	<sup>5</sup>	<sup>6</sup> <b>7:30pm</b> , Zoom Prayer Group	<sup>7</sup> <b>6pm</b> , Presanctified Liturgy	<sup>8</sup> <b>6:30pm</b> , Zoom DOP Meeting  <b>7pm</b> , Zoom Adult Catechism Class	<sup>9</sup> <b>7pm</b> , 4th Salutations	<sup>4</sup>
<sup>11</sup> <b>9:30am</b> , Liturgy - St. John Climacus	<sup>12</sup>	<sup>13</sup> <b>7:30pm</b> , Zoom Prayer Group	<sup>14</sup> <b>6pm</b> , Presanctified Liturgy	<sup>15</sup> <b>6pm</b> , Canon of St. Andrew <b>7pm</b> , Zoom Adult Catechism Class	<sup>16</sup> <b>7pm</b> , Akathist Hymn	<sup>17</sup>
<sup>18</sup> <b>9:30am</b> , Liturgy - St. Mary of Egypt	<sup>19</sup>	<sup>20</sup> <b>7:30pm</b> , Zoom Prayer Group	<sup>21</sup>	<sup>22</sup> <b>7pm</b> , Zoom Adult Catechism Class	<sup>23</sup>	<sup>24</sup> <b>9:30am</b> , Divine Liturgy Lazarus Saturday
<sup>25</sup> <b>9:30am</b> , Liturgy - Palm Sunday <b>7pm</b> , Bridegroom Matins	<sup>26</sup> <b>7pm</b> , Bridegroom Matins	<sup>27</sup> <b>7pm</b> , Bridegroom Matins	<sup>28</sup> <b>5pm</b> , Holy Unction	<sup>29</sup> <b>8am</b> , Vesperal Liturgy Mystical Supper <b>7pm</b> , Passion Matins with the 12 Gospels	<sup>30</sup> <b>9am</b> , Royal Hours <b>2:30pm</b> , Great Vespers <b>7pm</b> , Lamentations	May 1 <b>10am</b> , Vesperal Liturgy  <b>11:30pm</b> , Vigil Service
May 2 <b>12pm</b> , Vespers <b>1pm</b> , Easter Egg hunt	May 3 <b>9:30am</b> , Paschal Matins & Liturgy - St. George					



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