



The True Vine

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church • Dayton, Ohio

HOLY GREAT LENT 2021

Holy Great Lent is almost two weeks away. If we have not thought about what we are going to do, now is the time. What are the essentials of Lent? Prayers, almsgiving, and fasting. No Lent is complete without these non-negotiable spiritual practices. During Lent, we are to pray the prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian every weekday:

O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power, and idle talk. But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant. Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions, and not to judge my brother, for blessed art Thou, unto ages of ages. Amen.

Almsgiving means we give to the poor and needy. We care for others. The traditional Lenten fast prescribes that we consume no meat, eggs, dairy products, or fish. Some cannot fast this rigorously due to bodily and mental attachments. Others have legitimate health concerns. In the end, we must attempt some kind of fast that challenges us in saying no to our appetitive desires. Another great form of fasting is to deactivate all social media accounts.

During Lent, and in our spiritual lives, we should never reduce spirituality to a list of “do’s and don’ts”. We will never make it to heaven simply because we followed the rules. There are many people who litigiously follow rules but are as cold as ice. The only way to achieve Paradise is through the transformation of the heart and the renewal of the mind. If the intention of our Lenten asceticism is not this, it is for nothing.

Lent can be fun for children. Once a week, make a true Lenten meal and dessert. Have the children wait until the next day to eat the dessert though. Teach them the power of saying no to certain things now in order for them to be able to say no to stronger desires later. Talk to your children about temptation and why we resist it. Purchase your child a prayer rope and teach them the Jesus Prayer. Pray it daily. Pray with them daily. Talk to them about every Sunday in Lent and what it means. Make a Lenten goal’s poster and decorate it. Get crafty. Perform random acts of kindness through the making of blessing bags. Have children write thank you letters to teachers, clergy, or someone special in their lives. Talk to your children about the importance of the Holy Mystery of Confession and forgiveness. Go on a hike and collect a few of the natural items you see and discuss with your children how God created everything that has life, breath, and existence. Read the life of a saint with them and discuss it. As we approach Pascha, include your children in the sacred meal preparations. In short, pass on and teach our Holy Orthodox Catholic faith to the next generation entrusted to your care and do it in such a way that your heart and their hearts expand. Give your children all the tools needed to become a saint.

As for adults, do the best we can. The following list is a good which comes from the Department of Religious Education from the Orthodox Church in America:

- Turn off the television, radio, and stereo for the entire lenten season, except for news and serious or educational programs.
- Do not visit or engage in outside activities for their own sake. Keep useless talking to a minimum. Do only necessary business, good works, and acts of charity.

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- Examine and measure every aspect of your life—family, work, society, politics, economics, values, and desires—against the model set forth by the life and teaching of Jesus Christ.
- Question yourself in regard to love, truth, honest, purity, humility, peace, forgiveness, justice, mercy, hungering, and thirsting for God, wisdom, and knowledge.
- In the name of Jesus Christ, forgive all who have offended you and seek forgiveness from those whom you have offended. If it will not be embarrassing or misinterpreted as an act of self-righteousness, express yourself as concretely as possible. Visit, make a phone call, and so forth.
- Set aside and give a sizeable portion of your resources to others; the parish, the poor, a social or educational agency. Tell no one what you have done. Ask no gratitude and forgo requesting a receipt. Do not advertise what you are doing.
- Fast strictly at all times. Eat no meat, as the basic minimum. Suit your fast to your work, but avoid luxury. Again, tell no one. Do not advertise or discuss your fasting with anyone and avoid judging others who may not be fasting with you.
- Pray at home at least at one fixed time each day. Choose a brief rule of prayer, but keep it faithfully.
- Read the scriptures in the same brief, yet regular way. You may wish to follow the Church's calendar, read a chapter of a given book on a daily basis, or simply read and reflect upon passages which you happen upon. In addition, meditate upon these: 1 John; Romans 12-14; Matthew 5 - 7, and John 14-17.
- Be faithful to Christ's gospel in every word, action, and thought—even the smallest or most insignificant.
- Participate in all of the weekly lenten services, especially the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, Salutations, and the Sunday Divine Liturgy, confessing seriously and receiving Holy Communion frequently.

If we do these things, not in a spirit of gloomy self-denial or irritated self-pity, we will gain an awareness of genuine peace and joy in communion with God and those around us. This is guaranteed, and, our participation in and celebration of the feast of Our Lord's Resurrection will be cherished in the renewal of minds and the transformation of our hearts.

In Christ's Love,
Fr. Joseph

YOUTH MESSAGE

It is March, which means lent will begin this month. This lent, could be, the most challenging lent any of us have experienced in our lives. We all have spent the year isolated from most people for a year now, and our isolation looks to continue at least for a little while longer. So this poses a particular challenge. Our lives have been quieter and calmer than they have ever been due to quarantines, lockdowns, travel restrictions, and the like. We have been at home; home for work, home for the gym, home for leisure activities, home for just about everything. There is a good chance that our homes, having become all-purpose venues, are not peaceful havens, but chaotic three ring circuses.

Every year, during lent, we focus on what to give up. This year, while I encourage everyone to keep the fast as best they can I challenge you all to see how much you can add to your life. Add reading the scripture to your daily lives to better acquaint yourselves with Christ and His teachings. This will bring peace to your life by reminding yourself all Christ has done and will continue to do for you. Add personal and family prayer time to your day. This will allow your family to have quiet, Christ centered time together. It allows for there to be stillness in the house. This stillness will also bring peace to the home and show the family the importance of quiet time talking to our Creator, our Savior, our God. Add time reading other spiritually illumining books or watching videos like "Be the Bee," and have discussions about them. This will build clear and open lines of communication within your family and a way to have peaceful discourse in the home.

It takes, on average, of 66 days to build a habit. From March 1st to Pascha is 64 days. If we add Christ in these ways to our lives, by the time Pascha arrives, bringing Christ into our lives will be second nature of us. The more we add Christ, His teachings, and His Church to our lives, the more peace we will find in our lives. That is not to say our lives will be easier, but in turbulent times, we will find that God is with us because we have made an active effort to have Him there.

So this lent, I encourage you all to add Christ to your daily lives and bring his "peace that passes understanding" (Phil. 4:7) will be with us and in our homes. Read scripture, pray together, talk with one another about questions you may have about the faith. Invite Christ in, and see all the things He brings with Him.

In His Service,

Jonathan McClish

NEWS and NOTES

Dear Christina...

Hello Parishoners! I am Christina Panagouleas-Stephens and I am starting this column with you in mind. I am new to Parish Council and thought a "Dear Christina" column would be great. Do you have anything you would like to ask, but you don't know who to ask? I am your go to. Please email me at christinapanagouleas@gmail.com. I aim to address it in the column or I will address you individually. My hope is to cover your families, your church, your concerns and your faith. I know everyone is struggling with COVID-19, but my hope is to bring some smiles or light up someone's day with a good read. This month I would like to highlight one of the High School Seniors in our Parish. Allow me to introduce to you, Ageliki "Persphone" Powers. Miss Persphone is highlighted at the top of my list as she is Maids of Athena President and GOYA President. This girl is going places! Persphone is a senior at Bellbrook High School and has played all years of GOYA Basketball. She is the daughter of Todd and Maria Powers and has a personality for days. One thing I noticed about Persphone is her ability to light up a room with laughter and respect. Persphone's plans after High School are to attend Sinclair and establish a trade. I asked Persphone what she loved about church and she stated, "Church feels like a second home!" I also asked her about one of her most exciting moments of High School and she swiftly answered that she enjoyed discovering who she was and standing by the person that she has become. I think what is most interesting about Persphone is her endless commitment to our church as she has extended her hard work, not only by leading these committees, but by dancing and working in all Greek Festivals. She is a great example of our community!



Our amazing place of worship is nearly 100 years old! What amazes me is when I see the church through the eyes of the children. The dome especially takes your breath away and then you look around and see the windows, the chandeliers, and the icons. With this in mind, I thought it would be fun to explore some history that relates to our astonishing church. I discussed this topic with Father Joseph and he immediately told me that there is a cloth that was made by our lovely organist, Linda Parker's, mother. He explained that it was beautifully designed to resemble the Greek Flag. The Altar Cloth was 3 yards on each side and had fine needle work that detailed all of the Greek families that had settled in the Greek Community both living and dead. Additionally, the cloth holds the name of 13 Priests and their wives who served the community. Most importantly, the cloth holds the initials of all the service men who served in World War II and the Korean War. There is also a cross where you will see the servicemen who lost their lives. I also noticed 8 gold stars and these signify the 2 service men from our community, Frank Zavakos and Theodosios Theodose, and for 6 additional young men whose relatives live in Dayton. This cloth took 2 months to make and what an incredible piece of art it is. We are so thankful for the efforts of Julia Anagnoston and Kleonike George. After speaking to Mrs. Parker, she stated that she was stunned by the hand sewing and she couldn't imagine how much tedious effort was put into the Altar Cloth. I can't imagine how hard it was to sew each name and in the most beautifully detailed way. Do you have anything that you know that is 100 years old in relation to our church? Send it to me and I would love to highlight it as we swiftly approach the celebration of our 100 years.



14th Annual Spring Charity Luncheon

Saturday, May 8th is the day of our popular Philoptochos Spring Charity Luncheon which will be held at our *new location*, the Presidential Banquet Center. Invitations will arrive later this month. This year, we are also offering a “**Shop early and Box Lunch to-go**” option. Shop our auction from 10:00 am to 11:00 am and then take a Box Lunch to go! For those who prefer to dine-in, auction doors open at 11:15 am with 1 hour before lunch to decide what auction items you love! If you have not attended in the past, contact Michelle Zois at matinazois@gmail.com to be added to our invitation list.

We are 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. Checks should be made out to **Community Care Philanthropy**, and mailed to CCP/ P.O. Box 750933/ Dayton, OH/ 45475.

Platinum Sponsor \$750+(2 Luncheon Tickets included)
Gold Sponsor \$500+ (1 Luncheon Ticket included)

Silver Sponsor \$250+

Bronze Sponsor \$100+

Friends: up to \$100

**PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS MARCH 2021**

March Membership Meeting : The next meeting is Wednesday, March 3 at 7 p.m. Look for the ZOOM sign in information in the coming weeks.

2021 Membership Dues: We currently have 108 paid members. As a reminder, 2021 membership fees are \$30 payable to Philoptochos and put “fees” on the memo line. Part of the fees go to National and Metropolis commitments. Suzanne Zonars-Hambrick is our Membership chair. Mail your check to Suzanne at 322 Kenderton Trail, Dayton, Ohio 45430.

Thank you to Angela Retzios and Christa Bishop for chairing Vasilopita Sunday to raise money for St. Basil Academy. The final numbers are not in yet but we anticipate sending between \$3000-4000 to the academy.

March CCM : Ronald McDonald House is the March CCM. We would like to thank Amanda Haubrock and Elyse McClish, both new members, for chairing this month’s CCM. The mission of the Ronald McDonald House is to create, find, and support programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children and their families. We are all familiar with the RMH located in Dayton across from Dayton Children’s Hospital. The house provides families with a home away from home while their child is being treated at the hospital. We ask that you give generously to this very important charity. Send your donation to CCM Treasurer Michelle Zois at 111 Diamond Drive, Centerville 45458. Put March CCM in the memo line of your check.

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Children's Medical Fund Luncheon: On Saturday, November 6th our Metropolis Philoptochos will be hosting **The National Philoptochos 18th Biennial Children's Medical Fund Luncheon** in Indianapolis, Indiana. This event raises money for one of the most important programs our National Philoptochos has developed, The Children's Medical Fund. Organizations throughout our Diocese will be given the opportunity to apply for grant money to fund programs that support children's medical care, programs and research. Two of our chapter members, Evanthia Valassiades and Nikki Burns are on the Metropolis Philoptochos Board and are actively working on committees for the luncheon. We hope to have a group from our Chapter attend the luncheon. To learn more about this event: please add the following link or contact Evanthia or Nikki.

<https://www.detroit.goarch.org/philoptochos.html> or email philoptochosdetroit@yahoo.com

LITURGICAL SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2021

Divine Liturgy 9:30 am unless otherwise noted.

MARCH 2021

Saturday	6 th	Divine Liturgy with Soul Saturday Memorial
Sunday	7 th	Divine Liturgy Sunday of the Last Great Judgment and Youth Sunday
Saturday	13 th	Divine Liturgy with Soul Saturday Memorial
Sunday	14 th	Divine Liturgy and Forgiveness Vespers 11:00 AM
Wednesday	17 th	Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 PM
Friday	19 th	First Salutations 7:00 PM
Saturday	20 th	Divine Liturgy with Soul Saturday Memorial
Sunday	21 st	Divine Liturgy Sunday of Orthodoxy
Wednesday	24 th	Vespers – Forefeast of the Annunciation 6:00 PM
Thursday	25 th	Divine Liturgy Feast of the Annunciation & Greek Independence Day
Friday	26 th	Second Salutations 7:00 PM
Sunday	28 th	Divine Liturgy St. Gregory Palamas
Wednesday	31 st	Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 PM

PARISH REGISTRY

40 DAY BLESSING

Tula Guedel and child
February 14, 2021

FUNERALS - May their memory eternal

+ Stephen A. Ellis
February 4, 2021

+James "Jim" Xarhoulacos
February 12, 2021

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT CONGRATULATIONS!

Sophia Rae Grilliot born February 2nd...parents are Allie and Jordan Grilliot, grandparents are Deb and Chris Pulos and Great Yia Yia Becky Pulos.



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comfort and hope to families of seriously ill children**

Every day, the Ronald McDonald House Charities Dayton welcomes worried and exhausted families with open arms. We have the opportunity to help meet their needs as they arise and make them feel at home.

Four ways you can lend a hand:



Monetary donations

can be sent in to the church

Send wishlist items to RMHC Dayton online

Visit the Amazon or Target wishlists links at
<https://rmhcd Dayton.org/donate-items/>



Drop off these wishlist items to the church

Lysol wipes

Fruit snacks

Fruit cups

Paper plates

Juice boxes

Place donations in the community center M-F from 11:30am-2pm
or in the narthex on Sunday mornings before March 31st

**Buy tickets for the virtual
RMHC Dayton Cooking Together event**

lead by Chef Amanda Haubrock on Saturday, April 24th
<https://rmhcd Dayton.org/events/cooking-together/>



Questions can be directed to Amanda Haubrock at
651-792-6476 or Elyse McClish at ekolbaba@gmail.com

PASCHA FLOWERS FOR 2021

As we begin our journey through Great Lent to Holy Week and Pascha, we prepare to celebrate the glorious Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are seeking donations for the following:

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE-flowers for the Icon of the Theotokos-\$50.00

MARCH 19, 2021- 1ST SALUTATION - Dr. James and Leah Derksen

MARCH 26, 2021-2ND SALUTATION - Dr. James and Leah Derksen

APRIL 2, 2021- 3RD SALUTATION - Dr. James and Leah Derksen

APRIL 9, 2021- 4TH SALUTATION – Chris and Deb Pulos

APRIL 16, 2021- AKATHIST HYMN – Chris and Deb Pulos

SUNDAY-Bouquet of FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR-\$75.00

MARCH 21, 2021-SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY - Harriet and George Argue In memory of our parents Anthony and Mary Massalas and Clifford and Xenia Argue.

MARCH 28, 2021- ST GREGORY PALAMAS- Gus and Sharon Liapis

APRIL 4, 2021-SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS – In memory of James W. Morris

APRIL 11, 2021-ST JOHN CLIMACUS – Chris Makaritis

APRIL 18, 2021-ST MARY OF EGYPT Anonymous

APRIL 25, 2021- PALM SUNDAY – Nick and Teddi Xenos

EXTRAS: Flowers for the following

MARCH 24, 2021- WEDNESDAY EVENING-\$75.00

VESPERS FOR THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION – David and Andrea Casey

APRIL 4, 2021- DAFFODILS FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS-\$100.00 Nick Demetre - Anna Mullins In memory of her parents Ray and Cleo Mullins

APRIL 24, 2021-SATURDAY MORNING FLOWERS FOR THE ICON OF LAZARUS – Thomas and Angela Retzios

APRIL 25, 2021 PALMS FOR PALM SUNDAY-\$100.00 Mark Bliss, Terry Bliss, Matina Waggoner In memory of Betty (Spyridoula or "Speed") Bliss

8 PALM TREES-\$50.00 rental of each

Additional Donations Requested:

FLOWERS FOR ICONOSTASIS-Connie Hodson, Gary & Sharon Cunagin, Maria Mavrouleas

APRIL 25, 2021-POTTED LILLIES FOR EASTER- 30 NEEDED-\$20.00 each. John & Mary McDonald - 2, Maria Mavrouleas - 2

HOLY WEEK-FLOWERS FOR THE ICONS AND EXTRAS

APRIL 25,2021-SUNDAY EVENING-BRIDEGROOM COMETH-\$50.00 - Anonymous

APRIL 26, 2021-MONDAY EVENING-BRIDEGROOM COMETH-\$50.00 – Christina Stiakakis

APRIL 27, 2021-TUESDAY EVENING-BRIDEGROOM COMETH-\$50.00 - Tina Fote In memory of Mother Cleo Stamas

APRIL 29- 2021-FLOWERS FOR THE ICON OF THE LAST SUPPER-\$50.00 Elias & Kathy Spyrou In memory of parents

Apostolos/Angella (Spyrou) and Themistokle/Helen (Stephan)

APRIL 29, 2021- HOLY THURSDAY-

2-CANDELABRA'S-\$50.00 each – Nick and Michelle Zois, & Dr. Faye & Maria Abboud

1- WREATH FOR THE HEAD-\$50.00 – Nick and Michelle Zois

1- WREATH FOR THE FOOT-\$50.00 - Dr. Faye & Maria Abboud

20 - No-Drip Candles for Candelabra/Cross-\$30.00 Bob and Diane Briggs

APRIL 30, 2021-FRIDAY -FLOWERS FOR THE KOUVUKLION-donation needed – Keith & Maria McFarland / Maria Mavrouleas

Fr. Joseph Large Pascha Candle- \$50.00 Harry & Linda Bouris

Fr. Joseph Pussy Willow bouquet-\$30.00 – Harry & Linda Bouris













MAY 1, 2021- FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR -SATURDAY NIGHT-\$75.00 Dessine Fricioni In memory of husband Albert Fricioni

FLOWERS FOR THE ICON OF RESURRECTION-\$75.00 – Dr. John & Evanthia Valassiadis

FLOWERS FOR THE RESURECTION BANNER-\$75.00 – Dr. Faye & Maria Abboud

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2021

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week FEBRUARY 21st	 Publican and the Pharisee Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14	Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.
Normal Fast Week FEBRUARY 28th	 The Prodigal Son Returns! Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32	Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare MARCH 7th FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY	 The Last Judgement Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare MARCH 14th FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY	 Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! FORGIVENESS SUNDAY Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1st Sunday of Lent MARCH 21st	 SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent MARCH 28th	 ST GREGORY PALAMAS Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent APRIL 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	 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!	 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!

GREEK SCHOOL NEWS

Please join our Annunciation Dayton Greek School for a virtual
Independence Day celebration on the occasion of the

200th Anniversary of Greece's declaration of The War of Independence from the Ottoman Turks March 25th 1821

Sunday, March 21, 2021

1:00pm

A viewing link will be sent in March



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2021 ORATORICAL FESTIVAL



EXPLORE a deeper knowledge of your Orthodox faith
THINK critically about current issues
SPEAK to a gentle and loving audience

Share Your FAITH

Junior Division for Grades 7-9
 Senior Division for Grades 10-12

AWARDS - The Chrysostom Scholarship for Hellenic College
 The 2021 finalists are eligible to receive a Chrysostom Scholarship to Hellenic College.
 This scholarship provides awards ranging from \$2,500 up to \$30,000 per year.

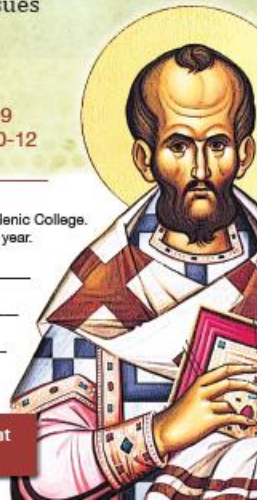
Parish Festival Date Saturday March 27, 2021 via Zoom

Parish Chairperson Jonathan McClish

Contact Information jonathan.mcclish@daytonannunciation.org

The St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival is a Ministry of the Department of Religious Education from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese.

Find the topics, rules, guidelines, and prize information at
www.goarch.org/oratorical





Spring Mini Greek Fest

April 10 11am-7pm

DRIVE THRU

- Gyro: 1) Chicken 2) Traditional 3) Gyro with Fries and Feta 4) Veggie
- Spanakopita & Tiropita: baked in bundles or sold as frozen pan
- Greek Salad: small or large served with lettuce, tomato, feta, Greek olives, Greek dressing/ Chicken option
- Greek Salad Dressing - sold per jar
- Hummus - sold in 1 pound containers with Pita
- Orzo salad - sold in 1 pound containers
- Pastries: Pasta Flora, Karithopita, Diples, Koulourakia, Baklava; Will be sold as Pastry Boxes, 6 pk. of Koulourakia and each pastry can be purchased individually

www.daytongreekfestival.com

Are you interested in baking/helping??
Please contact Maria Powers 937-562-1094 or
by email : makapol971@gmail.com

**Daughters of Penelope
Easter 2021 Tsourekia Sale**

In partnership with

Boosalis
— BAKING & CAFÉ —

\$6.00 EACH (1 lb. loaf)

Deadline for Orders: Friday, April 16th

Pick up dates: Wed, April 21st or Thurs, April 22nd – between 8:00-4:00pm

Pick up at: Boosalis Baking and Café

175 E. Alex Bell Rd #280

Centerville, OH

(In Cross Pointe Center)

Those in need of delivery please contact Melissa

To order please contact: Melissa Smith: (412)512-5242

Or email myguinness14@hotmail.com

Three ways to pay:

Boosalis Baking will not be able to accept payment at the time of pick up

On church website: Please CALL or EMAIL Melissa of your order first

1. Go to <https://www.daytonannunciation.org/stewardship>
2. Click on the blue box "DONATE" at the top of the page
3. Scroll to "Special Donations"
4. Find "General Donations," enter the amount you would like to pay
5. In the box next to "General Donation" type in DOP Tsourekia
6. Scroll to bottom of page and select drop down option next to "Donation Frequency" and select ONE TIME ONLY donation
7. Hit 'Continue' button, follow instructions online to complete your payment transaction

Paypal: myguinness14@hotmail.com

Mail cash or check to: Melissa Smith * 5743 Freeman Rd. * Dayton, OH 45459

AHEPA District 11 BUCKEYE SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Application Submission Process is available via the online application process. The website is: <http://www.bsf.buckeyedistrict11.org/>
The application form is due by March 31, 2021.

Awards are given to the students entering college or in undergraduate school. They must be active members of the AHEPA, Daughters of Penelope, Sons of Pericles, Maids of Athena, or whose parent(s) have been active members of the Senior Orders for three consecutive years (2 years plus the current year).

The Dayton Ahepa Scholarship applications can be obtained by contacting Nick Zois, President of AHEPA #113 Charitable Fund, at nick@zoisfinancial.com or 937-838-1411.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

Daughters of Penelope monthly virtual meeting will begin 6:00pm on Thursday, 3/11. Feel free to log on (link will be emailed) as early as 5:30 to chat with others. We will have our official visit from our DOP District Governor Sue Bacas and the District #11 Lodge.

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The candle in the Orthodox Christian church is a symbol of a worshiper offering oneself to God. It is also a symbol that represents the Light of God or, more specifically, the Light of Christ.

"I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
John 8:12

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2. Click on the Donate button in the upper right corner
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Week 4 July 25 - July 31
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Ages 19-35
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We are moving forward with hope and a mission to gather safely in Rose City for the 2021 camp season, but preparing a backup plan should our circumstances change.

SATURDAY OF SOULS

Saturday, March 6th, 13th, 20th, 2021*"For You are the Resurrection, the Life and the blessed Repose of your servants, O Christ our God"*

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Requested By: _____

Parishioners may return this form for the Saturday of Souls services to Fr. Joseph or the Church Office

March 2021 Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Philoptochos Meeting 7:00PM Online Zoom	4 Online Zoom Adult Catechism Class 7:00PM	5	6 Divine Liturgy 9:30AM w/Soul Saturday Memorial
7 YOUTH SUNDAY Divine Liturgy 9:30am Sunday of the Last Great Judgment	8	9 Prayer Group on Zoom 7:30PM	10 Presanctified Liturgy 6:00PM	11 DOP Meeting 6:00PM Zoom Adult Catechism Class 7:00PM	12	13 Divine Liturgy 9:30AM w/Soul Saturday Memorial
14 Divine Liturgy 9:30AM and Forgiveness Vespers 11:00AM	15	16 Prayer Group on Zoom 7:30PM	17 Presanctified Liturgy 6:00PM	18 Adult Catechism Class 7:00PM	19 First Salutations 7:00PM	20 Divine Liturgy 9:30AM w/Soul Saturday Memorial
21 Divine Liturgy 9:30AM Sunday of Orthodoxy Greek Independence Day Program	22	23 Prayer Group on Zoom 7:30PM	24 Vespers 6:00PM	25 Divine Liturgy Annunciation 9:30am Greek Independence Day Adult Catechism Class 7:00PM	26 Second Salutations 7:00PM	27 St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival 10:30AM
28 Divine Liturgy 9:30AM St. Gregory Palamas GENERAL ASSEMBLY	29	30 Prayer Group on Zoom 7:30PM	31 Presanctified Liturgy 6:00PM			

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