

# THE TRUE VINE

## CONFUSION OR COMMUNION: SEEKING THE PEACE OF PENTECOST

BY AN ANONYMOUS AMERICAN MONK OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH

We live in a modern Babylon. Never mind the towers of glass and steel looming over our cities, which would have been the marvel and envy of Babel's builders. They are only emblematic of a deeper reality, of the impulse that propels our society and likens us spiritually to the architects of Babel—man's arrogant attempt, by his own efforts and ingenuity, to mount the heavenly heights from which he was banished. In the name of progress, freedom, justice, humanity, love, and compassion, we go about relentlessly refashioning the world into a society of self-divinized man-gods, liberated from the constraints of nature, religion, class, and culture, free to choose our own identity, free to be whoever we want to be.

For the same sin as the Babylonians, we receive the same punishment. The more we strive humanly, without God, for a world of peace, harmony, and justice, free from hate, fear, and intolerance, the more confused and divided we become. Is there any shortage today of labels we assign ourselves and others in order to separate ourselves from one another? Left and Right, progressive and conservative, Democrat and Republican, Trumpers and Never Trumpers, maskers and anti-maskers, vaxxers and anti-vaxxers, pro-choicers and pro-lifers, racists and wokesters. Even within the Church, we're not immune to it—Greeks and Russians, Old Calendarist and New Calendarist, traditionalist and modernist, fundamentalist and ecumenist. That's not to say that every difference of opinion is trivial; but such simplistic dichotomies often obscure more nuanced realities. When we divide the world into opposing camps, we imagine that we are on the right side and dismiss others as unworthy of consideration. The temptation may seem negligible, but it gradually hardens our hearts and blinds us to the image of God in our fellow man. Iniquity abounds, and the love of many grows cold.

Of course, disagreements are nothing new. Yet something fundamental has been lost. Our curse is slightly different than the one inflicted on the builders of Babel. We can overcome the divinely imposed barriers of language with Google Translate, and communicate with anyone on the planet. But even when we speak the same language, we fail to understand one another. We talk past one another. Our words mean different things to each of us because we have lost shared values, shared ideals, shared experiences, common life, communion—koinonia, the hallmark of the apostolic Church. Instead, we immerse ourselves in the simulacrum of connection afforded by social media. We are barraged with a constant stream of babble, bombarded with an endless string of baubles. All the vain jangling distracts us, while our families, our neighborhoods, our schools, and our churches disintegrate and descend into confusion.

As we enter the season of Pentecost, the Church presents us with an alternative vision. She gives us the opportunity to experience anew the descent of the Holy Spirit among us. Again we take up the familiar prayer, unsaid since Pascha: "O Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth..." We ask Him



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Who is everywhere present and filling all things to abide in us, to dwell in our midst and make His home in our hearts. We say it so often that we forget what it means. It ought to give us pause, for it tells us that there is only one place where the omnipresent God can be absent—in us.

This would be a calamity not only for us, but for the whole world as well. Christ is risen and ascended. He now dwells bodily in heaven. He is only fully present in the world through His Spirit, which He pours out upon His disciples, uniting them to Himself and one another in one Body. The body of the world is destined for death and dissolution. As St. Justin Popovich says, humanity without Christ is but a string of corpses. The only hope for the world is, and always has been, for Christians to remain faithfully united to Christ, for them to acquire His Spirit. St. Seraphim famously said, “Acquire the Spirit of Peace, and a thousand souls around you will be saved.” If the repentance of one person has such far-reaching spiritual consequences, what would happen if two people acquired the Spirit of Peace? A whole family? An entire parish? A diocese? A nation?

Regardless of the times and circumstances of our lives, our goal as Christians remains unchanging. Neither apocalyptic fears nor utopian fervor will avail us in the current moment. If there is any hope of reversing the social fragmentation of our country, or of overcoming the grievous disunity of Orthodox Christians in this land, it is only through our acquisition of the Spirit of Peace. May our risen Lord richly shed abroad His Spirit in your hearts, and fill them with the peace of Pentecost in these uncertain times. Amen.

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*“Acquire the Spirit of Peace and a thousand souls around you will be saved.” - St. Seraphim of Sarov*

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## YOUTH MESSAGE: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

For Orthodox Christians, **August 6th** is a very important feast. It is the day we remember the Transfiguration of Christ. This is when Christ took Peter, James, and John up the mountain to pray. While there, he Transfigured (or changed) his physical form, to that of his post-resurrected self. This means that Christ Jesus showed himself to some of His Apostles as what he would look like after he resurrected from the dead (we remember that his disciples didn’t always recognize Jesus right away after the resurrection because He looked different).

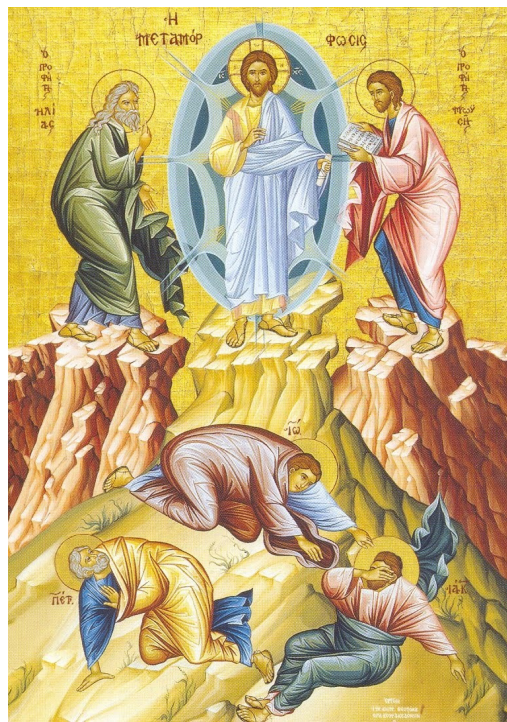
While we are not able to change our physical form the way Christ did, there is an important lesson we can take from this miraculous event. We, as Orthodox Christians, can work each day to make our soul look the way we want it to look when we stand before Christ. We want our souls, our hearts, our minds to be as close to what we know Christ’s to be - we want to continue to transform ourselves.

One way we can do this is to control what it is we do with our spare time, and what we put in our brains during that spare time. Our behaviors are guided by the things we allow to influence our life. If we play mindless games on our phones, we will allow those things to take up more and more of our time. The same is true with social media apps on our phone. How many times do we subconsciously click on the app to open it up even when it’s not what we meant to do. We become almost programmed to continue using these apps. The companies who created these apps created them to be addicting.

Maybe we feel left out if we aren’t “participating” the same way others are on these apps, and so we begin to mimic what we see. We change the way we dress, or do our makeup, or act around members of the opposite sex because we see how “great” it is working for other people on social media. But we aren’t asking ourselves if this behavior is good for us, for our souls, or even for those around us. We seldom stop in the middle of consuming this “content” to ask ourselves “what is this doing for me, what is this doing my soul?”

Do the habits we pick up from allowing media companies to bombard our brains with “content” have a positive effect on our lives and the lives of those around us? Sadly, more often than not, the answer is “no,” and it is up to us to change that. It is our challenge to transform ourselves, to be stronger than this pull, and move away from these influences.

Look to the Transfiguration this month as reminder, as an inspiration, to always be moving towards the good and away from distractions and influences that inhibit our being with Christ for all eternity. Look to always transform yourself to be more like Christ.





## PHILOPTOCOS NEWS

### August Membership Meeting:

*Hooray! We can be*

*together!* The August meeting will be held on **Thursday, August 5 at 6 p.m.** at Figlios in Town & Country Shopping Plaza, 424 E. Stroop Road, Ketter-

ing 45429. There will be a buffet with salads, pizzas, pastas, dessert and non-alcoholic beverages. Cost is \$28/person plus tax and tip paid at the restaurant. Alcoholic beverages extra. There will be social time before the meeting. Please RSVP to Cindy if you plan to attend. There will be no meeting in September due to the Festival.

### Dormition of the Theotokos reception August 15

Following the Divine Liturgy for the Dormition of the Theotokos on Sunday, August 15, a reception will be held in the Community Center. Please consider bringing something to share with others on this special day. Some ideas are:

- mini-meat sandwiches
- fresh fruit
- variety of dips with fresh vegetables or crackers
- cheese and crackers
- Pitas/breakfast rolls
- Desserts

Contact Mary McDonald (937-272-5962

or [mcgree99@aol.com](mailto:mcgree99@aol.com)) on what you are bringing so we can be sure to have a nice variety. We need help to set the hall up for the reception **Friday, August 13** at 10am.

**Children's Medical Fund raffle tickets:** The biennial Children's Medical Fund luncheon is being hosted by the Detroit Metropolis on November 6, 2021 in Indianapolis. Raffle tickets are available for sale by Nikki Burns and Evanthis Valassiades, both Metropolis Philoptochos Board members. Tickets are 3 for \$25 or \$10 each. All money goes towards the funding of grants for children's medical care and research. Raffle items include: a Louis Vuitton pochette metis handbag, David Yurman bracelet with pearls and diamonds, Lagos blue topaz bracelet, \$600 Visa gift card, Shinola women's watch and many more wonderful items. See Nikki or Evanthis for the complete list.

**Spring Charity Luncheon Follow-Up:** We are so thankful for our ladies who attended our luncheon this spring, and are thrilled to report a profit of \$11,334.71! As per our membership vote, 20% will go to Blue Star Mothers, 20% to Miami Valley Meals, & 20% to Homefull. The remainder will go in our Philoptochos treasury.

Our committee did an amazing job with our challenging year and we are also thankful for each of them. Moving the luncheon to the Presidential Banquet Center provided us with a beautiful room, delicious food and a staff who were very accommodating.

Our committee is already planning and shopping for 2022! We are looking for 1-2 additional people to solicit restaurants for donations. Please contact either one of us if you are interested. - Michelle & Sandy

Dear Members of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church,

Under the High Patronage of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, and with the special blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit, the Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos Board is honored to host the Eighteenth Biennial National Philoptochos Children's Medical Fund Luncheon on Saturday, November 6, 2021 at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in Indianapolis, Indiana. This major, most worthy nationwide event will shine a spotlight on our Metropolis and all of our parishes and parishioners.

Established in 1989, The Children's Medical Fund is the largest fundraiser for the National Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, making a significant and positive difference in the lives of children in the United States. The Fund was established as a way to offer medical assistance to critically ill children whose families were unable to afford the necessary treatment. Today, the fund also provides grants for innovative pediatric research programs and hospitals throughout the country.

It is our hope to reach a significant level of giving, offering us the opportunity to grant substantial awards to children's hospitals, research and special programs that benefit children throughout the seven states within the Metropolis of Detroit.

As part of your charitable giving for the year, we are humbly asking you to open your hearts and consider making a donation to the National Children's Medical Fund. Your name will appear in the Commemorative Program Book. Any donation amount is deeply appreciated.

Please make your check payable to National Philoptochos. Write 2021 Children's Medical Fund on the memo line of your check and send it to National Philoptochos, 126 E. 37<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY, 10016 by October 6, 2021 or you can give your check to Evanthis Valassiades or Nikki Burns. Both are Detroit Metropolis Philoptochos Board members. Evanthis is also a National Philoptochos Board member.

With grateful appreciation,

*Evanthis Valassiades*  
Co-Chair  
Eighteenth Biennial National Philoptochos CMFL

*Nikki Burns*  
Co-Chair  
CMF Grant Committee





## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BOOKKEEPER

*"Life is like a camera. Focus on what's important. Capture the good times. Develop from the negatives. And if things don't work out...just take another shot." –Anonymous*

I've never heard of "Social Media Holidays" but apparently they exist. The following #holidays are celebrated this August. I will be first in line on August 15th to celebrate #NationalRelaxationDay. Are you a photographer? Then enjoy #WorldPhotoDay on August 19<sup>th</sup> and share your experiences on your favorite Social Media Site.

1 Sunday, #WorldWideWebDay  
8 Sunday, #InternationalCatDay  
9 Monday, #NationalBookLoversDay  
10 Tuesday, #LazyDay  
15 Sunday, #NationalRelaxationDay  
16 Monday, #NationalTellAJokeDay  
19 Thursday, #WorldPhotoDay  
26 Thursday, #NationalDogDay



### Stewardship News

2021 is more than half over and it's time to make a firm push to make that Stewardship Pledge for 2021. If you have not made your pledge, please do so today. Your Stewardship means you are committed to helping your parish continue to do God's work. It's not about the parish's need to receive but rather about our need as members of the parish to give of ourselves so that we may bless

others with compassion and generosity. You can donate online at the church website [daytonannunciation.org](http://daytonannunciation.org) and click the Donate button OR send in a check or money order to the church marking attention to Bookkeeper/Stewardship."

While a financial commitment is beneficial, don't stop there. Please give of your time and talents to help maintain the many programs and events we hold that benefit the parish and the community around us that are in need. There are many opportunities available. Give us a call or drop us a note and let us know you are interested in volunteering. I'm sure we will find a place and time for you to help! Thank you.

Brenda Day, Bookkeeper  
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## CATECHISM SCHOOL & GREEK SCHOOL UPDATES

*Don't forget to register your children for catechism & Greek school!*

### Catechism School at Annunciation

Our Sunday School program runs from September through May, offering children preschool age through twelfth grade an opportunity to learn and grow in their Orthodox faith. Please visit [daytonannunciation.org/organizations](http://daytonannunciation.org/organizations) and scroll down to find the registration button for the 2021-2022 school year

- Katina Tsatalis, Rebecca James & Melissa Holland

### Greek School at Annunciation

Greek school is our Greek language and culture education program for children of ages four through thirteen. Classes take place in the classrooms of the Community Center of our church on Monday evenings, from the end of September to the end of May. Classes meet from 5:30 to 7:30 pm with a brief recess period. Please visit [daytonannunciation.org/organizations](http://daytonannunciation.org/organizations) and scroll down to find the registration button for the 2021-2022 school year. Registration ends August 15.

- Michelle Zois & Katerina Tsouma

**REGISTER NOW!**

## PARISH REGISTRY

### *Funerals:*

**July 21**

+Mari Farmakis Funeral

### *Memorials:*

**August 1**

+Stephen Ellis

+Tony Ellis

+Nina Ellis

+Mary Ann Ellis

**August 8**

+David Nickell

+David Luke

**August 22**

+Aphrodite Kanistros

+Constantinos Charalambous

### *Baptisms:*

**August 6**

Lucas Smith

**August 7**

Chase Johnson

**August 14**

Sophia Grilliot

### *Weddings:*

**August 21**

White-Panagouleas Wedding

*40 Day Blessing*

**August 22**

Dimitrios J. Solomon

## MISSIONS AND OUTREACH AT ANNUNCIATION

The Missions and Outreach Committee of our parish is looking to do more outreach in our community! We will be updating this section of the True Vine monthly with news and opportunities to help out. Stay tuned.

*Missions & Outreach Committee: Jonathan McClish, Harriet Argue, Awad Halabi, Maria McFarland, Dori Daskalakis, & Chris Pulos.*

One of the outreach projects we are planning is with Dayton Urban Grown. This is a wonder-



ful farm offering fresh produce and training future farmers and we need about 10 adults to participate in their upcoming Wine & Woodchipping event on Tuesday, August 31 from 6pm-8:30pm at 933 Xenia Ave, Dayton OH 45410. Come for a tour of the farm, learn about the methodology they use to grow food and the importance of regenerative agriculture and then help spread wood chips on their paths. Bring your garden gloves! With questions or to let us know you're coming by Linsey Tzanidis at [aspasia.linseysue@gmail.com](mailto:aspasia.linseysue@gmail.com).

### **Outreach: Kettering Backpack Program**

The Kettering Backpack Program 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. From **August 29th - September 19** we will be collecting 2 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 located in the lobby. 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.

### **Hannah's Treasure Chest**

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 can begin Thursday, **August 12** if we get volunteers. To help out, contact Maria McFarland at 937.409.9876 or [maroudapap80@gmail.com](mailto:maroudapap80@gmail.com)



# DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE NEWS

## Membership Meetings

We had what may have been our very last Zoom meeting on June 10, but perhaps we will keep Zoom an option should there be a need. We look forward to resuming our monthly meetings in person in September!

Elections were held and 2021-2022 officers have remained the same:

- Thomai Bessler – Correspondence Secretary
- Tracy Gearon – Treasurer
- Mary Haritos – Recording Secretary
- Maria McFarland – Vice President
- Alexis Brun – President

My gratitude is extended to each of them, to all of our members for the creative ways that they remained engaged over these past 16 months! It is my honor to be president one more year and I am staying positive that it will be a wonderful year!

## Congratulations!

Please join me in congratulating Sister Maria McFarland for being recognized at our District Convention and receiving the District Daughter of the Year Award! Maria and Thomai Bessler, our Maids of Athena Advisors, were also able to share the hard work of our Dayton Maids with the Convention delegates, Grand Lodge officers, including National President, Celia Kachmarski.

We sincerely thank our Sister, Sue Bacas, now Past District Governor, for leading our District for two years and with such perseverance during a pandemic. Thank you to our Sister, Nicole Bacas, for serving as District Treasurer and keeping us all “accounted for” (pun intended) and congratulations for being elected as District Secretary. Sister Charrie Regopoulos, Grand Governor Zone II, is headed to the AHEPA Family Supreme Convention, along with her husband, Nick Regopoulos, Supreme Governor. We thank them and wish them both the very best on their next steps within the AHEPA family.



*Sister Charrie leads with grace and unwavering support and is a beacon of light for our Chapter, our Buckeye District 11, as well as for the entire AHEPA family! We thank her, as well as her husband, Nick Regopoulos, Supreme Governor and PDG, for their continued dedication, leadership and compassion that benefits our whole AHEPA family!*

## Membership Dues

Members 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.

Yours in Theta Pi,

Alexis Brun,  
Chapter President, DOP Polydama #111

## DEAR CHRISTINA...

As many of you know, I recently lost my Mother and it has been very hard. I have been overwhelmed with her loss and all that has come with it. I have been struggling with sleep, keeping up with house chores, fully focusing on my children, and simply feeling like myself. I am only mentioning this because I know we all have times that we feel frustration with each other, but please remember that you never know what is happening in someone else's life. Please be kind and considerate of your neighbors. I hope you know that I have looked upon my church family for support and it has been helpful to hear your stories. Additionally, it has been therapeutic to know how much everyone loved her. I know that others have done or will do the same. Please be supportive of one another and know that we are here for you. Everyone makes mistakes, be the one who lifts each other up and don't kick someone when they are down. Please remember that God loves you and our church loves you.



## GREEK FESTIVAL 2021

The Greek festival committee has decided that we will be doing a drive-thru rather than a full festival. The pandemic has prohibited us from having everything we need to make a full festival successful. It was an extremely tough decision, but we feel it is the best decision for our Parish. With this in mind, we need all the volunteers possible! We need volunteers for the days of the event:

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

*See the list below to volunteer:*

BOOTH	CHAIR	EMAIL	PHONE #
Baking Coordinator	Connie Yorgen	pchefconnie@yahoo.com	937.974.6329
Cheese/Spinach Pies	Harry & Linda Bouris	harryandlinda@earthlink.net	937.903.5571
Condiments	Susie Panagouleas	pvasiliki@aol.com	937.623.8607
Expediting	Connie Yorgen	pchefconnie@yahoo.com	937.974.6329
Grills	Andrew Zieher	aziehler@discoverziehler.com	
Gyro Booth	Persphone Powers	makapo1971@gmail.com	937.562.1094
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Pastries	Sharon Liapis	skliapis@sbcglobal.net	937.269.6054
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PR	Kate Argue-Poeppelman		
Quality Control/Packing	Harriet Argue	hmargue@gmail.com	937.344.5799
Salads	Leah Derksen	ldbamse@aol.com	937.271.9061
Signs	Louis Castleman	c@stleman.com	901.568.8499
Souvlaki Dinner	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>
Supplies	Libby Stamas	lstamas54@yahoo.com	937.416.0086
Festival Co-Chair	Maria Powers	makapo1971@gmail.com	937.562.1094
Festival Co-Chair	Christina Stephens	christinapanagouleas@hotmail.com	937.260.2773
Festival Co-Chair	Andrea Casey	andreacasey6789@gmail.com	937.414.0613
Festival Co-Chair	David Casey	davidcasey@ameritech.net	937.414.0787



### ***Greek Festival Baking Volunteers Needed!***

Kourambietes baking will be handled by Maria Cleary, (937) 620-0495. Please contact her to volunteer on:  
**August 3 & 4 (9am-4pm).**

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-?).**



## ADMINISTRATIVE & SUNDAY UPDATES



### Administrative Updates:

As we continue reopening, we have the following updates:

- **Office hours:** Carol McDougale, church secretary, office hours have changed to Monday-Friday from 2pm-4:30pm. Erin Caldwell, parish administrative assistant, office hours have changed to primarily 9am-1pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. We encourage you to call the church office to confirm someone will be in the office before you stop in.
- We are installing a **mailbox/dropbox** just outside the lobby doors. This will be a locked box and can be used to drop off mail in case the church office is closed.
- Many of you may remember we laid off our wonderful ladies Renda Humphries and Bernie Clair due to the pandemic and they were able to collect the pandemic unemployment. That unemployment expired recently, and unfortunately, we do not have enough hours consistently each week for them. Renda and Bernie have chosen not to return to work here and have other activities in their lives now. We wish them all the best and thank them tremendously for all of their dedication and hard work on behalf of the parish.
- For **cleaning services** and projects, we have hired Citywide Janitorial Services. They have already completed a thorough cleaning of the church and the rooms on the first floor of the hall. Weekly cleanings begin in August. We want to thank John Barber who took on a new role of cleaning during the pandemic and is returning to working with rentals and evening meetings.
- There are two **master calendars** on the church website:
  - One for **liturgical/church events** (Under “Our Parish” —> “Calendar”)
  - One for **building usage & rentals** (Under the “Rental Spaces” tab). You can refer to this calendar to check on availability and rental events scheduled. This will help you determine who is open/available before you call to reserve the church or a meeting room/kitchen, etc.

### Sunday Church Updates:

Matins will resume **August 1** at 8:15am. Church building doors will be open by 8am. Liturgy will begin at the usual 9:30am. Coffee hour following liturgy will also resume on **August 1**.

## SUPPORT YOUR PARISH WHEN YOU SHOP!

Did you know you can support Annunciation any time you shop at Kroger or Amazon? Please take a few minutes to be sure your shopping rewards accounts are connected to our church. Below is information about how to do this:

1. **Kroger Community Rewards** - If you have a Kroger card (we all do!) you can designate Annunciation to receive a percentage of all your purchases.  
Visit: <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards> with your Kroger Plus Card login info and designate “Greek Orthodox Church ‘Annunciation’” as your preferred charity.
2. **Amazon Smile** - If you shop at Amazon (don’t we all?), you can enroll in Amazon Smile and select Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church (check to make sure it’s the one in Dayton, Ohio!) as your preferred charity and Amazon will donate .5% of the proceeds of your eligible purchases to the church. Visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) for instructions and be sure to type [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) in your browser when shopping.





## 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
  - Once you are complete, you should receive a confirmation email.

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.

## AUGUST LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**Sunday, August 1**  
Matins, 8:15am  
Divine Liturgy, 9:30am

**Wednesday, August 4**  
Small Paraclesis, 7pm

**Friday, August 6**  
Divine Liturgy: Transfiguration, 9:30am

**Sunday, August 8**  
Matins, 8:15  
Divine Liturgy, 9:30am

**Wednesday, August 11**  
Small Paraclesis, 7pm

**Sunday, August 15**  
Matins, 8:15am  
Divine Liturgy, 9:30am

**Sunday, August 22**  
Matins, 8:15am  
Divine Liturgy, 9:30am

**Sunday, August 29**  
Matins, 8:15am  
Divine Liturgy, 9:30am

## ANNUCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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# Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church Events Calendar

August 2021

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 <b>8:15am</b> , Matins <b>9:30am</b> , Liturgy Coffee Hour	2	3 <b>9am</b> , Koubiedes baking  <b>7:30pm</b> , Prayer Support Group	4 <b>9am</b> , Koubiedes baking  <b>7pm</b> , Small Paraclesis	5 <b>6pm</b> , Philoptochos Meeting at Figlio	6 <b>9:30am</b> , Liturgy –Transfiguration	7
8 <b>8:15am</b> , Matins <b>9:30am</b> , Liturgy Coffee Hour	9	10 <b>7:30pm</b> , Prayer Support Group	11 <b>7pm</b> , Small Paraclesis	12 <b>6:30pm</b> , Parish Council Meeting	13	14
15 <b>8:15am</b> , Matins <b>9:30am</b> , Liturgy for the Dormition Philoptochos Coffee Hour	16	17 <b>7:30pm</b> , Prayer Support Group	18 <b>7pm</b> , Choir Rehearsal	19	20	21
22 <b>8:15am</b> , Matins <b>9:30am</b> , Liturgy Coffee Hour	23	24 <b>7:30pm</b> , Prayer Support Group	25 <b>7pm</b> , Choir Rehearsal	26	27	28
29 <b>8:15am</b> , Matins <b>9:30am</b> , Liturgy— Beheading of St. John the Baptist Coffee Hour	30	31 <b>7:30pm</b> , Prayer Support Group				



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