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Parish Registry

Funerals

+Christ Angelos Christon
Private Funeral Service

+Berdi Ann Kakas
December 28, 2018

+Irene Pangos
January 12, 2019

+George Gianopoulos
January 14, 2019

Memorials in February

February 3
+Lazaros Thomas Retzios
+Irene Valen
+Andre` Sabty
+Aida Shamma

February 10
+Irene Pangos

Christ the Only High Priest

There is only one true priest of the Church and that is our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ. St. Paul asserts that Christ is, "holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners and made higher than the heavens" (Hebrews 7:26). Christ is the only high priest of the Church precisely because he is God incarnate before all time. It is Christ himself who created the heavens and the earth. Before creation there was Christ, and Christ, unlike men, is without sin. Sin doesn't exist in the realm of the uncreated Godhead as it is only an attribute attached to that which is created and possesses will. Hence, the fallen angels are created immaterially and possess self-determination, and humans are created materially and possess self-determination, as such we are the only creatures capable of sin. Plants and other animals cannot sin, but they certainly suffer the consequences of fallen angelic and human sinfulness in that they must live in a world destroyed by those who possess will. Since Christ as God has will or self-determination, he is the only Person as the incarnate God-Man who naturally has a perfect will. This is why Christ is the only true high priest.

In the old testament priesthood, the high priest(s) would "offer sacrifices daily...for his own sins and then for the sins of the people...Instead, he (Christ) did this once for all, when he (Christ) offered himself up" (Hebrews 7:27). Only the true high priest can offer a perfect sacrifice unto the Father. Christ, as the second person of the Trinity, and existing before all time, came down to earth from the eternal realm of the communion of the Godhead. The old testament high priests could sacrifice a 1,000,000 animals in blood atonement for their sins and the sins of the faithful, but it is only Christ who is the "lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" perfectly (John 1:29). Man is in no way the savior of himself as this would be idolatry. It is only the sacrifice of Christ the high priest who voluntarily offers himself unto his Father on behalf of the created realm that reverses the wages of sin that are death.

In the new testament priesthood, all men as deacons, priests, and bishops are sinners just like the old testament priests. The Church appoints men to these priestly offices who have weaknesses like all others. The difference between the old testaments priestly sacrifices and the new testament sacrifice is that today in the Church the priestly offices offer the sacrifice of the perfected high priest Jesus Christ. As Church, we all gather and through the priesthood offer up to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit the bread and wine that becomes the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Christ. To offer animal sacrifice after the sacrifice of Christ is an abomination because "... we have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty on high, a servant of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord has set up, and not man" (Hebrews 8: 1-2). It is only the sacrifice of the Lord that saves. And as such, he is our only high priest.

Love in Christ,
Priest Joseph

Liturgical Schedule for February

Matins 8:15 am, Divine Liturgy 9:30 am, unless otherwise noted.

Sat., Feb. 2	Divine Liturgy Presentation of the Lord
Sun., Feb. 3	Matins/Divine Liturgy Godparent Sunday and Youth Sunday
Sun., Feb. 10	Matins/Divine Liturgy
Sun., Feb. 17	Matins/Divine Liturgy Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee
Sun., Feb. 24	Matins/Divine Liturgy Sunday of the Prodigal Son

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Philoptochos:

Cynthia Barron

Young at Heart:

Becky Heddings
Mary McDonald
Toni Moraites

News and Notes In Appreciation

From Bill Pangos and family, thank you to everyone for your kindness during the passing of my wife, our mom, yiaia, and loved one, Irene Pangos. Thank you all for your cards, calls, thoughts and prayers and every expression of sympathy. Your love and kindness will always be remembered.

Thank you to my Annunciation family and to The Ladies of Philoptochos for the beautiful poinsettia that you gave me during the Christmas holiday season. Your kindness was truly appreciated. God Bless you all, Katherine Xidas

Expressions of Sympathy

+Christ Angelos Christon passed away December 2, 2018. May his memory be eternal.

+Berdi Ann Kakas passed away December 24, 2018. May her memory be eternal.

+Irene Pangos passed away January 3, 2019. May her memory be eternal.

+George Gianopulos passed away January 6, 2019. May his memory be eternal.

+William James Hutchison passed away January 16, 2019. May his memory be eternal.

We extend our sympathy to Harriet Gounaris on the passing of her sister +Irene Kallas on December 27, 2018 in Dearborn, Michigan. May her memory be eternal.

50th Anniversary Announcement



Mike and Steve Polites proudly announce the celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of their parents, John and Margie. They met via their mothers who were friends, Bessie Polites (d. 2005) and Athena Kossoudji (d. 2008), and married at our beautiful church on February 2nd, 1969. They resided in Dayton until just recently when they moved to Sarasota, Florida. John worked in sales for Ecolab for nearly 30 years while playing in The Greek Tycoons, and Margie completed her college degree later in life making us all very proud. As some of you know, Margie has been battling Dementia for several years now with John as her constant companion. If you'd like to send an anniversary card, we know they would love to hear from you as they cherish their time growing up in the church, working and playing at the Greek Festival, and serving as leaders in the

Dayton community. You may send it to: 7762 Palm Trace Drive, Sarasota, FL 34243.

A public Facebook group has also been created called "John and Margie's 50th Anniversary" for you to upload a congratulatory video or leave some comments.

Parish Council

Parish Council elections for 2019 were held on January 18, and the following were elected to office:

President:	Toni Moraites
Vice-President:	Dessine Ziehler
Treasurer:	Mary Haritos
Secretary:	Nick Regopoulos

Ministries and Organizations

Catechism School

Youth Sundays

Youth Sunday is the first Sunday of each month (September-May). We encourage all youth to participate. To sign up, go to daytonannunciation.org/organizations/catechism-school

Upcoming Events

Oratorical Festival: March 3

Catechism School & OPA's 2nd Annual Blessing Bag Lenten Service Project

We encourage all students and families to participate!!
Follow the Sign-up Genius link:
<https://bit.ly/2Ut3s77>

Donations are due March 17



First Confession, date TBD

GOYA

There will not be a GOYA meeting in February. The next meeting will be March 3.



Maids of Athena

Maids of Athena will be sponsoring a baby shower to benefit Hannah's Treasure Chest on Sunday, February 24 during coffee hour.

Top Five Priority Needs

Infant clothing, 0-3 M
Potty chairs
Diapers, sz NB, 4, 5, 6
Sturdy gym shoes and sandals,
esp. boys' size 13-youth 2.5
Batteries, esp. C, AA



Infants

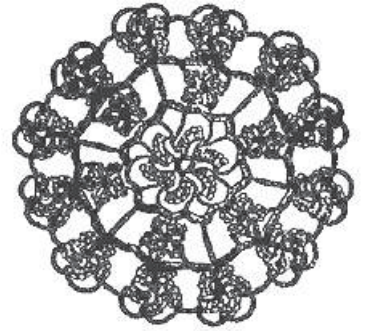
Infant outfits & PJs, esp 0-3M
Infant socks
Baby wellness kits – thermometer, aspiration bulb, nail clippers, etc.)
Lovey blankets & WubbaNub lovey toys
Teething rings & rattles
Diapers, size NB, 1, 4, 5, 6
Diaper bags
Pull-Ups, size 3T, 4T
Open packs of diapers and Pull-Ups are always welcome!

Monetary donations are also appreciated.

Twisted Stitchers

Introduction to Tatting Class

with Evonna Hurst will be held immediately after the Philoptochos meeting coffee social (approx. 11:30) on February 7.



Tatting is a technique for handcrafting a particularly durable lace from a series of knots and loops. It can be used to make lace edgings for clothes or household items, such as dollies, collars and accessories such as earrings and necklaces.

Please be sure to bring the following items:

Two Tatting Shuttles: These can be found at any local craft store, typically two to a package for \$5-6.

Crochet Thread: The thicker the thread, the easier for beginners. (size 3-5) Size 10 is a little finer

Crochet Hook: Medium size (g or h) will work best with the crochet thread.

YOUNG AT HEART

There will not be a February Young at Heart luncheon.

The next Young at Heart luncheon will be Thur., March 21, 11:30 am, with the Greeks Got Talent Show

Greeks Got Talent: Luncheon and Talent Show

Get your act together! March 21, 11:30 am

Entertain our group with your hidden talent of song, dance, poetry reading, or music as a solo, or in a group. Serious or silly, all for fun with no judges and no TV cameras!

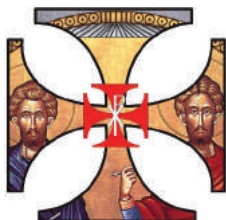
Please notify Mary McDonald or Becky Heddings no later than March 15 if you wish to perform. Also, if you don't want to share your talent, but still want to help, contact us to donate centerpieces or food for the luncheon.



Save the Date Palm Sunday Luncheon April 21

Bring the entire family!

Chairpersons: Katina Tsatalis & Irene Zalants



Philoptochos: Faith in Action

February Membership Meeting

Thursday, February 7 at 10:00 AM in the Athenagoras Room.

Become a Member of Philoptochos!

We are looking for all ladies (18 and older) wanting to make a difference in the Dayton community and beyond.

Our mission is to lessen human suffering and minister to those impoverished financially, emotionally, and spiritually.

Even if you work full time, or are busy with family, there are many ways you can be active and help those in need. We communicate by email, so you can still be informed and get involved while not attending meetings.

Membership dues are only \$30.00. Make your check out to Philoptochos and mail to: Suzanne Zonars-Hambrick, 322 Kenderton Trail, Beavercreek, Ohio 45430, or put it in the dedicated Dues Box in the lobby.

You can give a gift of a 2019 membership to someone at our church. Please let Suzanne know and we will send a note to the recipient on your behalf. It's a great way to introduce a younger church member to our great organization!

Louloumades Sunday: Day of Caring



Sun., Feb. 24 is Loukoumades Sunday! Once again the Philoptochos women (with the help of several wonderful men) will make delicious honey puffs to sell in the Community Center following the Divine Liturgy. The money goes to local Dayton charities.

Established in 1991, the Day of Caring is an area wide event held by churches and organizations throughout the Miami Valley. The mission is to increase personal awareness and involvement toward confronting the ever-increasing national plight of hunger and homelessness. Bring your family and plan to purchase yummy loukoumades for everyone!

A Legacy of Service



Photo by Linda Bouris

The 2019 Vasilopita Luncheon, supporting St. Basil's Academy, was very successful and enjoyed by many adults and children. Angela Retzios, Nadine Shamma, and Christa Bishop did an excellent job chairing the event and we appreciate all their hard work. A thank you goes out to Harriett Ellis for baking the community Vasilopita, Chris Makaritis for coordinating the baking, and all those who contributed by baking, setting up, and cleaning up. Michael Jannides and his kitchen crew once again provided the delicious lunch and we also thank Matt Boosalis, who provided the Vasilopitas.

Do you have Furniture to Donate?

Homefull is now accepting gently used furniture with free pick-up, especially beds at this time. Please email Braden at Homefull: bradenc@homefull.org and send him a photo of the furniture. Thank you for your support!



Did you know that Philoptochos...

- Supports the Autism Assistance Fund and Saint Photios Shrine through the National Ministry of our Philoptochos Society?
- Donated money to support the start-up needs of the Dayton Gem City Market benefiting the people in and around the Grafton Hill neighborhood?

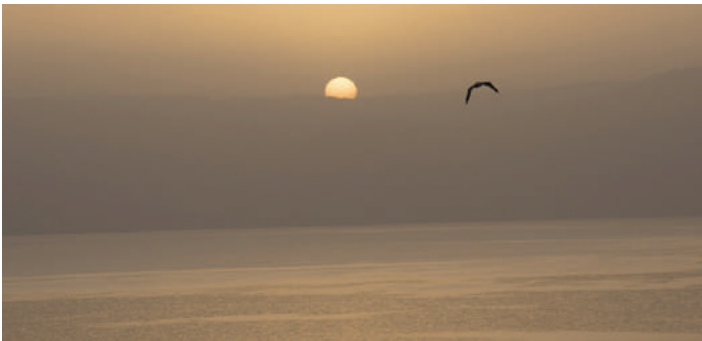


Holy Land Trip



From Fr. Joseph:

Holy Land Trip. I'm considering planning a trip to the Holy Land June 15-June 25, 2020. The cost with airfare, hotels, and two meals a day would be around \$3,500 a person. I'm in the process of calling travel companies that have come recommended to me by other priests. If interested, please come and see me. In order to make this work, we would need at least 24 people. A deposit would be required for all reservations. There are flyers in the community center that describe some of what we would do, and where we would visit.



All are welcome to join us for an opportunity for spiritual renewal as we rediscover the roots of our faith. Make the scriptures come alive by experiencing the mystical and sublime beauty of the holy sites. These pilgrimages will be a life-changing and spiritually uplifting experience for all. Once-in-a-lifetime opportunities like these will reawaken your faith.

What to expect...

A Group Leader Who Knows Israel

Attention to Detail

Daily Activities that are Meaningful and Enjoyable

Attractions...

Walking the Via Delarosa and the way to Golgotha

The Holy Sepulcher and the route to the Crucifixion

Bethlehem

The Garden of Gethsemane

The Tomb of the Virgin Mary

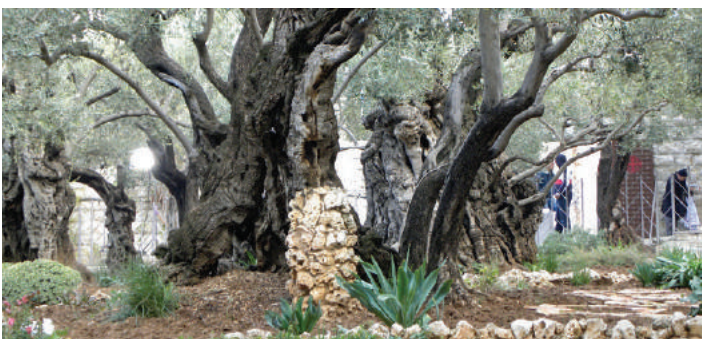
St. Savvas Monastery in the Judean desert

The Western Wall and the Temple Mount

Tiberius and Capernaum (sailing across the Sea of Galilee)

Galilee, The Jordan River, Mount Tabor, Cana

And many more spiritually uplifting sites



2019 Stewardship Program



List of Stewards

This list of Stewards reflects those who have made their 2019 Stewardship Commitment or contributed to their 2019 Stewardship Commitment as of January 10. We thank them for their generosity and loving support. 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.

Please find the Stewardship Pledge Card at: daytonannunciation.org/stewardship

Dr. Fayez & Maria Abboud
Kally Adams
Drs. Abdulla & Malak Adib
Sandy Alex
Nick & Adrienne Alimonos
Elias Andebrhan
Lawrence & Susan Andrews
Paul & Sandra Angelopoulos
Elayne Anton
Ted & Helen Anton
Evan & Stacy Bambakidis
Harry & Linda Bouris
Michael & Violetta Breed
Nancy Breen
James & Bessie Brooks
Kay Brown
Stamatis & Karyl Bulugaris
Doyle & Nicole Burke
Annika Burns & Bob Feldmann
Stephan Calondis
Maria Caras
David & Andrea Casey
Mary Caudell
Dimitri & Kay Chagares
Steven & Constance Clarke
William & Nicki Cochran
Larry & Christine Couchot
Adrienne Crawford
Dr. Damian & Irene Danopoulos
Tom G & Dori Daskalakis
Deno & Phyllis Davell
Helen Deeter
Nick Demetre
George & Georgina
Demosthenous
Dr. James & Leah Derksen
James & Harriett Ellis
Thomas & Lisa Federle

Alex & Photini Fote
Dessine Fricioni
Dr. Arthur Gardikes
Alexandra Ghazal
Fr. Josphe Gingrich
Harriet Gounaris
Tuhfeh Habash
Dr. Mary Haritos
James & Matina Ann Haubrock
Michael Haubrock
Connie Hodson
Evonna Hurst
William Hutchison
Jerry & Carolyn Hypes
Demetri & Dena Inempolidis
Mike & Anna Jackson
Alan & Rebecca James
Betty Jonson
Matt & Jackie Kaiser
Christine Kambas
Pia Kanistros
Rosalee Kanistros
Kevin & Christine Karaba
Helen Alex Karkadoulis
Lula Karras
Mark & Cindy Keilholz
Pefronia Konomos
Constantine Kontonickas &
Diane Margioras
Gerasimos & Constantia Kyrou
Harry & Marcia Joan Lake
Gus & Sharon Liapis
Elizabeth Limber & Robert
Golden
David & Paula Luke
Col & Mrs. John Lusa
Pete & Chris Makaritis
George & Maureen Malacos

Tom Manavis
Nicholas & Mary Karaba
Marcum
Maria Mavrouleas
Chris & Beth McAlpine
Jay & Kathy McAlpine
Matt & Laura McAlpine
Dr. Nicholas & Allison McDonald
Keith & Maria McFarland
Gregory & Nancy Milstead
Mike & Joan Mokas
John & Barbara Moraites
Mary Moraites
Chrisoula K. Morris
Stella Moulas
John & Ellen Mueller
Renee Nicholas
John Nickolas
Dennis & Vickie Pacilio
William & Irene Pangos
George & Sherry Panson
Chris & Christina Papakirk
Jim Parker & Linda Anagnoston
Taki & Christina Parker
Dr. Chris Pavlakos
John & Margie Polites
Maria Polychronis
Alan & Vasso Price
Nicholas Protos
Hippocrates & Judith Psihountas
Chris & Debra Pulos
Nicholas & Charrie Regopoulos
Anneta Reis
Dr. Thomas & Angela Retzios
Jim Richards
Dr. Lori Vavul-Roediger
Nelson & Theona Russell
Joe & Heather Saloom

Col. Nicholas & Estelle
Scambilis
Charles & Kate Scott
Nick & Sophie Shissias
Jamil & Maha Shteiwi
Kenya & Melissa Smith
Gregory & Jane Speros
Elias & Kathy Spyrou
Jim & Libby Stamas
Nick C & Emily Stamas
Steve & Debbie Stamas
Alex Stathopoulos
Kyle & Christina
Panagonleas-Stephens
Christina Stiakakis
Roger & Fofy Sylvester
Gilbert Thurman
John & Irene Torges
Dr. James & Catherine Tsatalis
John Urse III & Debbie Urse
Dr. John & Evanthia Valassiades
Nick Ververis
Steve & Christine Vogel
Stephanie Waszczak
Evangelia Williams
Adam Winters
Dr. Antonia S. Winters
Justin Winters
Philip & Xiulian Winters
Anthony & Penny Xidas
Costa & Marina Zagaris
Lynne Zaharako
Jim & Ruthann Zavakos
Robert Zavakos
Nick & Michelle Zois

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9:30 am Div. Liturgy Presentation of the Lord
3 8:15am Matins 9:30am Div. Liturgy Godparent Sunday Youth Sunday	4 5:30 pm Greek School Com. Ctr. 6:30 pm Community Sandwich Making Kitchen	5	6 3:00 pm Marian Prayer 4:00 & 6:30 pm Choir	7 10:00 am Philoptochos Community Ctr. 11:30aprx. Twisted Stitchers Tatting Class Athenagoras Room	8	9
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17 8:15 am Matins 9:30 am Div. Liturgy Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee GOYA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT	18 Presidents' Day Office Closed No Greek School	19 1:00 pm GAPA Athenagoras Rm.	20 3:00 pm Marian Prayer 4:00 & 6:30 pm Choir	21 6:30 pm Parish Council Athenagoras Room	22 6:30 pm OPA Athenagoras Room & Nursery	23
24 8:15 am Matins 9:30 am Div. Liturgy Sunday of the Prodigal Son MOA Baby Shower Loukoumades Sunday	25 5:30 pm Greek School Com. Ctr.	26	27 3:00 pm Marian Prayer 4:00 & 6:30 pm Choir	28		

Saturdays of Souls — ΨΥΧΟΣΑΒΒΑΤΑ

“Among the Saints give rest, O Lord, to the souls of your servants in a place where there is no pain or sorrow or suffering, but Life Everlasting.”

Saturday, March 2, 9, 16 at 9:30 am

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Requested by _____

Parishioners wishing to have the names of their departed love ones read during the Saturdays of the Souls are asked to fill out the above form and return it to Father Joseph or the church office.