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## **Parish Registry**

#### 40 Day Blessing

Katerina Miller and daughter Sophia Nectaria November 3

#### **Baptisms**

Theodore Hoad Parents: Demitria Hoad and Jonathan Hoad Sponsor: Catherine Dikaiou November 2

Christopher Anthony Papadopoulos Parents: Emanuel and Laurel Papadopoulos Sponsor: Stavros Papadopoulos November 3

### **Memorials**

Dec. 15
+Helen Dimitroula
+George Dimitroula
Dec. 22
+Evan Mokas
Dec. 29
+Irene Pangos

# The True Vine

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## Advent 2019

Advent is a Latin word that means "arrival." In the ancient Church, Advent was also called Phillip's Fast because it begins the day after his feast day on November 14. Just like Holy Great Lent, the fasting period of Advent lasts 40 days. This signifies that just as we prepare for the Lord's Pascha, we are to prepare for his Nativity. Advent is a time of preparation for the arrival of the Second Person of the Trinity. At Christmas, we behold "...the Word was made flesh, and came to dwell among us; and we had sight of his glory, glory such as belongs to the Father's only begotten Son, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).

If prayer during Advent was to be summed up in one word it would be "come." St. John writes in his Book of the Apocalypse or Revelation that Jesus tells us "...I am coming soon." To which St. John replies, "Be it so, then; come, Lord Jesus" (Apocalypse 22:20). As such, Advent is a time where we not only prepare and memorialize the incarnation of the transcendent God at Christmas, but we also look to the Advent or arrival of Christ our God as Παντοκράτωρ who judges all mankind.

Just as Advent has a connection to Pascha as a time of preparation for an arrival, Advent also has a connection to the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time as another Advent. Advent and the entirety of our spiritual lives are to be a time of preparation for the reception and putting on of Christ. St Paul writes in his letter to the Orthodox Catholic Church in Galatia, "All you who have been baptized in Christ's name have put on the person of Christ; no more Jew or Greek, no more slave and freeman, no more male and female; you are all one person in Jesus Christ" (Galatians 3:27 to 28).

In the ancient Church, Christmas and Epiphany were celebrated as one service in many places of the Eastern Roman Empire. This was done because the Advent of Jesus' public ministry began with his baptism, which some early Christians believe occurred on his 30th birthday. Thus it was held that Jesus was baptized on Christmas. Epiphany or ἐπιφάνεια means a manifestation or appearance. At the baptism of the Lord, we behold the manifestation of the divinity of Christ as the Second Person of the Trinity. St. Luke tells us in his gospel, "It was while all the people were being baptized that Jesus was baptized too, and stood there praying. Suddenly heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit came down upon him in bodily form, like a dove, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son, in thee I am well pleased" (Luke 3:21 to 22).

So, just as Christ's Nativity, Baptism, Resurrection, and Second Coming are Advents, all of our life is also a preparation to actualize these moments and "put on Christ" through them. As Christians, we first "put on Christ" at our baptisms. And each week is a preparation to encounter Christ at his Advent in our Sunday Eucharist. The entire spiritual life is to be one of continuous preparation to live out and more profoundly actualize how our souls have received Christ and will continue to receive Christ, through his Advent in the Mysteries or Sacraments of our lives. Life itself is even a divine Mystery or Sacrament because we know from the Church's Trisagion prayers that "God is everywhere present and fills all things." The Trisagion prayer is taken from St. Paul's letter to the Orthodox Catholic Church in Ephesus where he writes, "He (Christ) has put everything under his dominion, and made him the head to which the whole Church is joined, so that the Church is his body, the completion of him who everywhere and in all things is complete" (Ephesians 1:22 to 23).

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Young at Heart: **Becky Heddings** Mary McDonald Toni Moraites

Christ, as God's Word in the Old Testament, spoke and creation came into being. And now he who is the Creator is preparing to come and embrace what he has created at Christmas. Jesus, who is God before all time, puts on mankind at his Nativity so we might be able to "put on Christ." While every day of our lives is to be an unveiling within ourselves of this great Mystery, the preparation period of Advent is a special time where we are given great grace to discover Christ more in ourselves, others, and even in creation itself. This is done primarily through increased prayer, acts of self-denial, fasting, abstinence, and almsgiving. By willfully and happily performing these ascetical acts, we make more room for Christ to reveal himself to us. We decrease so Christ can increase. Advent is to be a time, as St. Paul wrote to the Orthodox Catholic Church in Galatia, where we individually discover that "...with Christ I hang upon the cross, and yet I am alive; or rather, not I; it is Christ who lives in me" (Galatians 2:19 to 20).

Far too many people today make no room for Christ in their hearts, minds, or souls during Advent. We know this because secular 'Advent' begins right after Halloween and before Thanksgiving with all of its gross commercialism. Western civilization has forgotten that the God-Man comes to us on Christmas in complete poverty where he is wrapped only in swaddling cloths and laid in a manger. Secular 'Advent' offers the world absolutely nothing. It doesn't even gift us a lump of coal. It is an 'Advent' and 'Christmas Day' devoid of Christ, devoid of St's. Mary and Joseph, devoid of angelic worship, devoid of gift-bearing wise men, devoid of creaturely adoration and devoid of the star of wonder. It's an atheistic and materialistic corruption of God's incarnate love for man. Secular 'Advent' is a truly thankless, gift-less, soul-crushing, spiritually cold and frigid time that culminates on a day on a calendar that might as well be an early Super Bowl Sunday for many Americans. Secular 'Advent' and secular 'Christmas' possess no majesty and mystery. Those who celebrate secular 'Advent' and secular 'Christmas' take all that is beautiful and simply put lipstick on a pig. The 'celebration' of secular 'Advent' and secular 'Christmas' is the willed eating of the bitter fruit that leads to spiritual death. It is the so-called 'celebration' of the most ancient lie where Satan tells Adam and Eve in Paradise that they can become godlike without the gift of God's grace and Advent in their lives. It is attempting to have Christmas without Christ. Over 2,000 years ago there was no room for Christ in the inn, and there is still sadly no room for Christ anymore in the lives and homes of many Americans today. Yet still, Christ will come this Christmas no matter the personal cost to his majesty and dignity as God, because he loves us. Let us embrace this time of preparation so that we can rightly receive the greatest gift ever on Christmas day.

God Bless. Fr. Joseph

Thur., Dec. 5

## Liturgical Schedule

All non-Sunday Divine Liturgies begin at 9:30 a.m., unless otherwise noted. If Matins/ Orthros is not listed before Divine Liturgy it isn't being served that day.

Sun., Dec. 1 Matins/Divine Liturgy Youth Sunday no Catechism School

Great Vespers for St. Nicholas in Cincinnati time TBD, no ushers Fri., Dec. 6 Divine Liturgy St. Nicholas

Sun., Dec. 8 Matins/Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy St's. Spyridon and Peter the Protomartyr of America Thur., Dec. 12

Sun., Dec. 15 Matins/Divine Liturgy Catechism School and Christmas Pageant

Sun., Dec. 22 Matins/Divine Liturgy no Catechism School

Vesperal Divine Liturgy Christmas Eve, 6:00 pm Tues., Dec. 24

Wed., Dec. 25 Divine Liturgy Christmas Day, 9:30 am

Matins/Divine Liturgy no Catechism School Sun., Dec. 29

Vesperal Divine Liturgy for the Circumcision of the Lord and feast of Tues., Dec. 31

**St. Basil** 6:00 pm

# youth Message

## **Christ is Born! Glorify Him!**

It is December,
Thanksgiving season is
over and we reminded
everywhere we go, and in
everything that we do that
Christmas is just around
the corner! Commercials
bombard us through TV,
radio, and the Internet.
Music is all about jingle
bells, Christmas trees,
and being "jolly."
It is as if a spirit of joy is
being manufactured,
produced just for us.



But at church we get to hear about the real joy of this time of year – the thing for which we should be most excited! The Birth of Christ! How often do we talk about the birth of Christ around this time of year? I know it isn't likely that it is discussed at school, but do we talk about it with our friends or family? What does the birth of Christ mean to you?

The birth of Christ is the amazing event of God, who became human in the womb of Mary, being born on Earth. Christmas is the beginning of Christ Jesus' Earthly mission to save our souls! You see, God made us to be with Him for all eternity (for ever and ever). But, when Adam and Eve sinned, when man fell away from obeying God, we fell away from that possibility, we couldn't be with Him. But Christ becomes a human (which we celebrate on Christmas) to bring us back to Himself, to bridge the gap that we created with sin, so we can be together with him again when our time on earth comes to an end.

John 3:16 tells us "That God so loved the world, that He gave His Only Begotten Son so that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." If we hold this in our hearts, if we remember how much God loves us, the REAL joy of this Holiday season will lift our hearts! And if we sing along with the Christmas Katavasias (a type of hymn sung during the Matins service.)

"Christ is born; glorify Him! Christ is come from heaven; go and meet Him. Christ is on earth; arise to Him. Sing to the Lord, all you who dwell on earth; and in merry spirits, O you peoples, praise His birth. For He is Glorified."

We will not lose that joy once the gifts have been opened and parties have ended. Christ's birth and the purpose of it keep us feeling full long past the secular (non-Church) season and festivities!

In His Service, Jonathan McClish

## News and Notes

## **Appreciation**

Thank you for all your donations, food, visits, calls, cards, thoughts and prayers,

They were greatly appreciated and very, very helpful in our time of need.

It really shows that our community has a very tight-knit bond even though we have been absent.

We appreciate all your love and support. We thank each of you from the bottom of our hearts.

ove,

Nicole Fischer and Shelby Mills families

## Ministries and Organizations



## **Daughters of Penelope**

Daughters will have their annual Christmas dinner at the Presidential Banquet Center on Thur., Dec. 5, at 6 pm.

Family outing to Woodland Lights

Fri., Dec. 6, at 6:30 pm.

Next Membership meeting Thur., Jan. 9, 2020, at church.

#### **Christmas Tsoureki Orders**

In partnership with Boosalis Baking and Café.

\$6.00 each (1 lb. loaf)



Pick up your orders at the Community Center Sat., Dec. 14 and Sun., Dec. 15, 11 am – 1 pm.

# **To place your order before Dec 9, contact:** Melissa DeBernardi–Smith 412-512-5242 • myguiness14@hotmail.com

### **GAPA**

Christmas Luncheon Dec. 10 at 11:30 at the Fly Boys Deli party room located at the Fairfield Mall (the old Elder Beerman/Parisian location). Bring a \$10 donation for the local food bank. Will hold board elections. No meeting in January.

## Young at Heart

Philoptochos will be sponsoring our Christmas luncheon on Thur., Dec. 12 at 11:30. We hope you will join us for this enjoyable time sharing food, friendship, and Christmas caroling.





## Philoptochos

## Καλά Χριστούγεννα

There will be no December meeting. Our annual Christmas luncheon will be held Thur., Dec. 5, at 11:30, at Moraine Country Club. Please

remember to bring PJs and books for the children at Schneider House of Hope and/or monetary donations for same. Schneider House of Hope is a non-profit organization committed to provide shelter, meals and assistance to homeless families.

## **December Community Care Ministry**

December's ministry sponsors Dayton Children's Care and Comfort program, a pediatric home care program for children with life-threatening illnesses. Your generous donation provides personalized, family-centered care to meet the physical, psychosocial, emotional and spiritual needs of children and their families. Comprehensive services make it possible for families to care for their seriously ill child at home. If you have any questions, please **contact** 

Diane Leakas, 298-6858 Renee Nicholas, 898-9095 Kathy Spyrou 435-4223

## **Philoptochos Anniversary Sunday**

On Nov. 3, baskets were passed and, thanks to your generosity, we were able to send \$900 to the Patariarchate. The collection on the Feast Day of Saints Cosmas and Damianos benefits the philanthropic programs and charities of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

### **December Trivia Question**

In March of 1965, a need for bridge tables for card parties and other social functions at the church was fulfilled by donations of trading stamps by the Philoptochos ladies. Twenty-four tables were obtained in exchange for over 100 books of what type of trading stamps? Answer in the January issue.

#### **November Trivia Answer:**

Which current Philoptochos member had the most relatives in Philoptochos since 1932?

Answer: Evanthia Valassiades

### **Cell Phones for Soldiers**

We are resuming our collection of old used cell phones to provide phone calling cards to servicemen and women. There is a wire collection basket in the entry in the Community Center. You can place your phones there or in the collection bin at Skyline Chili Restaurant behind the Dayton Mall (8906 Kingsridge Dr., Centerville, OH 45458).

So far over 300 million minutes have been provided through 5 million calling cards to servicemen & women. This has allowed the recycling of more than 15 million cell phones and kept them from becoming toxic waste in the environment. Cell Phones for Soldiers also benefits a program that provides one time grants for emergency assistance to veterans for short term hardships.

For questions or more information contact: Pia Kanistros

## **Philoptochos Membership**

2020 membership fees are \$30 with part going to National and Metropolis for Commitments. You can give your money to **Suzanne Zonars-Hambrick** or put it in the membership box in the main lobby.

From our Membership Chair, Suzanne Zonars-Hambrick: We are looking for all ladies (18 & older) willing 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, if you can't attend the meetings, you can still be informed and get involved. Philoptochos is a group of like-minded women who participate in worthwhile efforts to help others in need. We see the benefit of what we do by raising awareness of a different charity each month through hands on work, financial support and spiritual involvement. We welcome you to join our membership."

## Did you know:

We donate to Homefull each month? Homefull's vision is to end homelessness.

We only have seven daytime meetings and two evening meetings per year.

Meetings last about one hour. Those who would like to stay, can enjoy refreshments and socialize afterwards.

We donate about 60 books and PJs every December to Schneider House of Hope

Community Care Ministry raises awareness of a different charity each month and collects money or material goods to support it?

Membership is only \$30, make checks out to Philoptochos and mail to Suzanne Zonars-Hambrick 322 Kenderton Trail, Beavercreek, OH 45430, or drop your check in the blue box in the church.

We invite you to join us today!

## From the Office of the Bookkeeper

**Hello everyone!** What a glorious fall season we are having. My husband and I are avid hikers and we've been enjoying the cool air and stunning colors of the trees surrounding us. Hiking grounds me, calms me and reminds me to be grateful for the bounties in my life.

Allow me to say how happy I am to be the bookkeeper here at The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church. In the time I've been here I have met many wonderful people and everyone has been so kind to me that it's humbling indeed. I thank you. If I haven't met you I hope to do so in the near future.

#### What's new...

On the Church website donations page we have added **Adult Greek School.** If you are paying for your Adult Greek School fees, simply pay there. If you are paying for someone else, please add their name in the "notes" section.

## How you can help...

If you donate with check or cash, indicate a specific designation of where you would like your donation applied. For example: 2019 Stewardship, 2020 Stewardship, Memorial Donation (with the name of the individual), Legacy Fund Donation, Altar or Memorial Flowers, Etc. Every payment should have a designation. That way the guesswork is eliminated and your wishes are followed.

Is your contact information current? Sometimes the check received has a different address than the address in our computer system. Make sure if your address is not correct on your check that you cross it out and put in the most current address. Do we have your current email, home phone and cell phone numbers? We like to keep in touch!

Review your quarterly statements and let me if you see anything amiss. Have you paid your 2019 Stewardship Commitment? Now is the time to do so, and thank you! Your stewardship commitment and payments are vital to your parish.

## Did you know?

**The new Requisition Form** is available online through the church website under **Forms.** Blank copies are available in the Church Office. Make sure:

- · The entire form is completed
- It has been approved
- · Original receipts are attached

If you made a purchase online, a copy of the online receipt is sufficient. An individual cannot approve their own reimbursements. Making sure that all of these requests are followed will ensure proper and quick response to your request. Otherwise there will be a delay in your payment.

The Requisition Form is a Fillable Form! You can open up the form, type in your information, save it to your computer and then print a copy. You still need to have it approved before submitting it to the bookkeeper's office for payment.

The church website Donations Page lists different reasons for donating have a blank box to the right of the designation. You can put special notes in that box!

My regular office hours are 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Feel free to stop in to say hello or in the event I'm not at the office leave a voice mail and I will call you back as soon as possible.

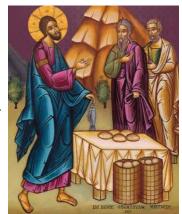
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It's the beauty within us that makes it possible for us to recognize the beauty around us. The question is not what you look at but what you see. ~ Henry David Thoreau

## 2019 Stewardship

This list of Stewards reflects those who have made their 2019 Stewardship Commitment or contributed to their 2019 Stewardship Commitment as of November 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.

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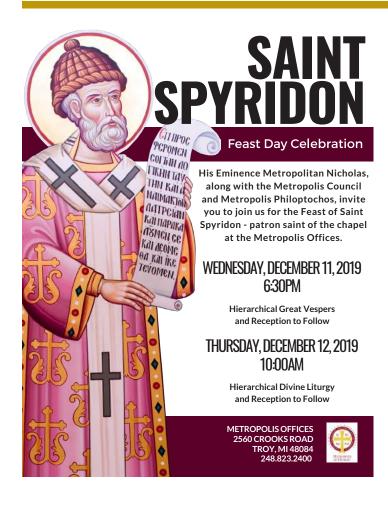
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## December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:15 am Matins 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Youth Sunday GOYA Mtg.	2 5:30 pm Greek School 6:00 pm Adult Greek School 6:30 pm Sandwich Making	3 6:30 pm Orthodoxy in Documentary	4 3:00 pm Marian Prayer 6:30 pm Adult Catechism 6:30 pm Choir	5 11:00 am Philoptochos Luncheon Moraine CC Great Vespers for St. Nicholas in Cincinnati 6:00 pm DOP Christmas Dinner No Byzantine Chant	9:30 am Divine Liturgy St. Nicholas 6:30 pm Woodland Lights	7
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Save the Date

## Vasilopita Luncheon

Sunday, January 12, 2020

Hosted by the Ladies Philoptochos Society

Benefiting St. Basil's Academy, the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese home



for children in need. The Vasilopita commitment provides funding for the Academy's operating expenses. You can make your reservations after church.

Luncheon, Silent Auction, and the popular Children's Bidding.

\$14 for adults \$7 for children

Last day for reservations is Sunday, December 29.

Christa Bishop 513-304-9125 Angela Retzios 513-594-5485