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Parish Registry

Baptism

March 9
Neophyte: Grace Shteiwi
Parents: Amer Salman
and Iman Shteiwi
Godparents: Loubna
Khoury and Jordan
Shteiwi

Funeral

March 8 +Gregory Speros March 13 +Bob Cade

Memorials in April

April 7

+Athena M. Simopoulos +Nick Kirbabas

April 14 +Elli Bambakidis

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Changes from the Patriarchate:

METROPOLITAN NICHOLAS

We may often feel that things never change — especially in the Church. As Orthodox Christians we take a certain measure of pride in the idea that we are the original church, and that we continue to follow the teachings that our Lord gave to the Apostles and handed down to us.

But in truth, regardless of what we think, some things do change in the Church. Recently the Ecumenical Patriarchate made a decision to allow the second marriage of clergy under certain circumstances. This decision was made with specific reference to clergy who have lost their wives either to death or desertion of the household.

While we are used to a different general practice in our Church, this decision has great merit in a time when the world around us is rapidly changing, often in unusual ways. Hundreds of years ago, it was less common for a clergy family to move away from their immediate family. One of the benefits of this was that there were always people from the family able to help each other - because no one lived more than a few houses away, or perhaps just in the next village.

But today, families are smaller, distances are greater, and the clergy assignments are in a wider geographic framework. In those cases where a young clergyman did not have the intent to live a single life but it was his prayer to raise a family in the faith, without his wife at home he might not be able to fulfill his basic parish obligations.

In addition to that situation, in our world today we find that it is not unusual for people to be drawn away from the pureness of life in the Church for the "good time" of life outside of God. When a spouse would determine to leave the household for the purported joy of the world, the clergyman is left alone and abandoned. Likewise, there are also cases where a marriage is entered into because it serves a different purpose — financial, immigration, confusion, etc. In these cases, a person agrees to marry the clergyman because it seems like the best answer for now...but the marriage has no long-term expectation. This self-serving use of marriage is also a problem.

By means of this decision, the Patriarchate has opened the doors to a brighter future for those clergymen who fall within these guidelines. While it was always the intent that the clergyman should have a strong marriage, it was never the intent that a married clergyman (especially with children) should be left alone in the world without the support of his wife.

While it is true that not all cases will fall under these guidelines, this decision of our Ecumenical Patriarchate will bring hope and joy to some of our clergymen who are living in difficult times right now.

If you know of a priest who is currently in this position — please don't make this a topic of local gossip and speculation. Just pray that God will grant him strength and guide him to the right path.

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Liturgical Schedule for April

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

Wed. April 3 Presanctified Liturgy **6:00 pm**

Fri. April 5 Salutations **7:00 pm**

Sun. April 7 Matins/Divine Liturgy **St. John Climacus** and **Youth Sunday**

Wed. April 10 Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 pm

Thur. April 11 Great Canon of Repentance 6:00 pm

Fri. April 12 Akathist 7:00 pm

Sun. April 14 Matins/Divine Liturgy St. Mary of Egypt

Sat. April 20 Divine Liturgy Lazarus Saturday

Sun. April 21 Matins/Divine Liturgy Palm Sunday with blessing of palms at

Matins and Bridegroom Matins 7:00 pm

Mon. April 22 Bridegroom Matins 7:00 pm Tues. April 23 Bridegroom Matins 7:00 pm Wed. April 24 Holy Unction 5:00 pm

Thur. April 25 Vesperal Divine Liturgy of the Mystical Supper 8:00 AM and

Passion Matins with the 12 Gospels 7:00 pm

Fri. April 26 Royal Hours 9:00 am, Great Vespers 2:30 pm, Lamentations 7:00 pm

Sat. April 27 Vesperal Divine Liturgy **10:00 am**, Vigil service **11:30 pm**Sun. April 28 Matins/Divine Liturgy **12:00 am**, Agape Vespers **12:00 pm**

News and Notes

Expressions of Sympathy

Jane Speros and family on the passing +Gregory Speros on Thursday, February 28, 2019.

Family of +Bob Cade who passed on Wednesday, March 6, 2019.

Thank you

To our Annunciation parish family. My late husband, Gregory, and I would like to thank you for your prayers on behalf of our daughter, Cynthia Speros Yonts, in her battle with breast cancer. Her oncologist in Annapolis, Maryland, has declared her CANCER FREE. We are grateful for your prayers and we thank God for his help with Cynthia. God bless each and every one of you. —Jane Speros

Thank you to Deno & Phyllis Davell, Morrey & Tina Prayzer, Ernie & Connie Stathes and all the organizations and parishioners and friends of this parish who helped me have a most memorable and very Happy 90th Birthday Celebration. Every card, every gift, every wish and expression of goodwill for me to have a Happy Birthday was very much appreciated. Thank you again. May God bless each of you. — Don Hanel

On behalf of John, Michael and Steven Polites and their families—we'd like to thank everyone who sent us over 100 cards and letters congratulating us for our 50th Anniversary on February 2 in Sarasota, FL. We were touched by your thoughtfulness. Many people from Dayton flew here to be with us as we celebrated this special day. We'll always remember and cherish the 70 plus years we spent at our beautiful "hometown" Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church where Margie and I both were Christened in the 1940's and married in 1969. We both attended Sunday and Greek school together in the late 40's and early 50's. Annunciation Dayton will live in our hearts forever.

My family and I wish to thank the Annunciation family and Father Joseph for your continuing prayers and support. The road ahead may still be long but with God's blessings and your love, we will get there. —George Demetriades

Our New Bookkeeper

Please welcome our new Bookkeeper, Brenda Day. For 28 years, she was the comptroller for a manufacturing firm in Xenia. Brenda is married, has a daughter, and loves the Great Smokey Mountains. She will be in the office Tuesdays through Thursdays.

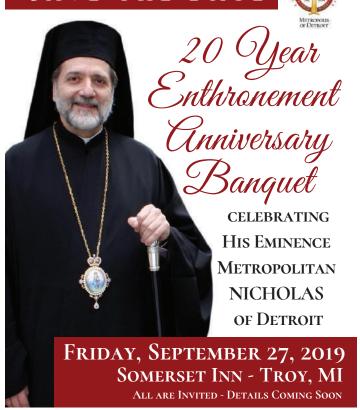
We wish Brandee the best as she spends more time with her family.

Dayton Dragon's Game



SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, June 1, 2019 Parish Event—Dayton Dragon's Game—Details to follow.

SAVE THE DATE



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Ministries and Organizations

Annunciation Investment Fund Scholarship

Scholarship applications and information are available for the 2018-2019 academic year. High school seniors and continuing college students may pick up an application in the parish center lobby. **Deadline for applications is April 27.** For any questions, please contact the church.



Daughters of Penelope

We had an enjoyable Recognition Dinner on March 30 at The Presidential Banquet Center. The past and current District Governors for AHEPA, Daughters of Penelope, and Maids of Athena were recognized for their dedication

to their Orders/AHEPA family. We thank each of them and all District Lodge Officers for their service. We are honored to currently have members from Dayton serving in all three Family Orders:

Andrea Tsatalis, MOA District Governor
Sophia Blessing, MOA Lt. Governor
Sue Bacas, DOP DL Treasurer
Toni Moraites, DOP DL Maids of Athena Advisor
Nicole Bacas, DOP DL Marshal
Charrie Regopoulos, National Grand Advisor to the MOA
Nick Regopoulos, AHEPA District Governor



Daughters of Penelope Easter Tsoureki in partnership with Boosalis Baking and Café

\$6.00 each (1 lb. loaf)

Orders may be picked up at the Community Center Sat., Apr. 20 or Sun. Apr. 21 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Deadline for orders is Mon., Apr. 15

To place an order, please contact
Melissa DeBernardi-Smith
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Young at Heart

Join us for good food and fellowship on Thur., April 18 at **11:30** am. The lunch is being sponsored by Daughters of Penelope and AHEPA.

VICTORIOUS 2019 Dayton Partnership Banquet





Brad Stine, Comedian

Brad Stine is one of America's most popular Christian comedians and has made his faith and conservatism the focus of his act. He tours the country performing regularly at churches, fundraising events, and entertainment venues. Brad's work has also been featured on NBC Nightly News, HBO, Showtime, MTV, and Comedy Central. Stine has been described as "a clean Denis Leary" and his act targets "liberals, humanists, political correctness and judgmental Christians." Brad has five DVDs as well as two books which feature his humorous material. His keynote address at our partnership banquet this year is sure to make you laugh!

Register: at www.ElizabethNewLife.org or call Lori Ernest at: 937.226.7414 ext. 430 \$25 per person

When:

April 11 & 12, 2019

5:30 p.m. - Registration 6:15 p.m. - Dinner & Program

pocation:

Mandalay Banquet Center 2700 E. River Rd. Moraine, OH 45439





Philoptochos: Faith in Action

April Membership Meeting

Thursday, April 4 at 10:00 am in the Athenagoras Room

2019 Annual Dues

Membership dues are \$30.00.

Suzanne Zonars-Hambrick, Membership Chair, will accept your payment. Since we are in the middle of our membership drive, this is a great time to bring in someone new to Philoptochos. Would you like to give a membership as a gift? Please let Suzanne know and we will send a note to the recipient on your behalf.

Make out your check to Philoptochos and mail to Suzanne Zonars-Hambrick, 322 Kenderton Trail, Beavercreek, Ohio 45430, or put in the dedicated Dues Box in the lobby of the Community Center.



April Community Care Ministry – Elizabeth New Life Center

The Elizabeth New Life Center (ENLC) began in 1989 as a volunteer ministry to meet the needs of women contemplating abortion. ENLC has grown to include a network of services, including free pregnancy tests and utltrasounds at locations in Dayton, Kettering, Lebanon, Sharonville, and Sidney. It also offers educational classes and mentoring, material assistance, youth development and marriage enrichment programs. Please help support this important ministry.

Chairperson: Becky Heddings, rheddings@yahoo.com

SAVE THE DATE!

13th Annual Spring Charity Luncheon

Saturday, May 11 is the day of our popular Philoptochos Spring Charity Luncheon held at the Dayton Country Club. Ladies of all ages enjoy this special day with a delicious lunch, over 100 auction items and most of all-fun and fellowship. Doors open at 11:00 am with one hour before lunch to decide what auction items you love! Monetary or auction item donations are always appreciated.

Contact

Michelle Zois, matinazois@gmail.com, or Sandy Alex, sandyalex@gmail.com for any questions or donations.

If you have not attended in the past, email Michelle to be added to our invitation list.

We are welcoming sponsors/donors for our luncheon.

We are gratefully accepting monetary donations, both personal and corporate sponsorships. We are also collecting auction items. 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 30. All contributions are fully tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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

Silver Sponsor: \$250+ Bronze Sponsor: \$100+ Friends: up to \$100

Checks should be made out to Community Care Philanthropy, and sent c/o Michelle Zois, 111 Diamond

Drive, Centerville, Ohio 45458.

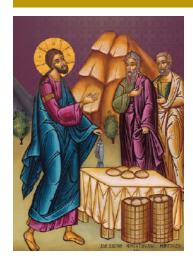
Thank you for your support.

2019 Stewardship

This list of Stewards reflects those who have made their 2019 Stewardship Commitment or contributed to their 2019 Stewardship Commitment as of March 10, 2019. 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.

Dr. Fayez & Maria Abboud Fr. Christopher & Alice Abell Kally Adams Drs. Abdulla & Malak Adib Maxine Alex Sandy Alex Nick & Adrianne Alimonos Matt & Alexis Almond Elias Andebrhan Lawrence & Susan Andrews Paul & Sandra Angelopoulos Elayne Anton Ted & Helen Anton Anthony & Jennifer Argue George & Harriet Argue Nicole Bacas Sue Bacas Evan & Stacy Bambakidis John & Cynthia Barron Mark & Kristin Bliss Evelyn Boosalis Gloria Borod Harry & Linda Bouris Lou & Tina Bouris Helen Bourne James & Cynthia Brandenburg Michael & Violetta Breed Nancy Breen
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April

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| | 1 5:30 pm Greek School Com. Ctr. 6:30 pm Community Sandwich Making Kitchen Dr. Niki Karavasilis Speaker RSVP due | 2 | 3 3:00 pm Marian Prayer 6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy 4:00 & 6:30 pm Choir | 4 10:00 am Philoptochos 11:30 am Twisted Stitchers | 5 7:00 pm Salutations GOYA Reception | 6 10:00 am Dr. Niki Karavasilis Speaker at Cincinnati Holy Trinity St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church |
| 7 8:15 am Matins Divine Liturgy 9:30 am St. John Climacus and Youth Sunday GOYA Mtg. OPA/Catechism School Blessing Bag Assembly | 8 5:30 pm Greek School Com. Ctr. | 9 6:30 pm DOP/ AHEPA Mtg. | 3:00 pm Marian Prayer 4:00 & 6:30 pm Choir | 6:00 pm Great Canon of Repentance | Akathist 7:00 pm AHEPA Reception | 13 |
| 8:15 am Matins 9:30 am Divine Liturgy St. Mary of Egypt Deadline for Palm Sunday Luncheon Pre- paid reservations | 5:30 pm Greek School Com. Ctr. Deadline for Tsoureki Orders | 16 11:30 am GAPA Mtg. Dublin Pub | 3:00 pm Marian Prayer 4:00 & 6:30 pm Choir | 18 11:30 am Young at Heart 6:30p Parish Council | 7:00 pm Salutations Philoptochos Reception | 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Lazarus Saturday Pancake Breakfast/ Making of Palm Crosses 11:00 am Tsoureki Pickup |
| Matins 8:15 am 9:30 am Divine Liturgy PALM SUNDAY w/ blessing of palms at Matins and Bridegroom Tsoureki Pickup Palm Sunday Luncheon 7:00 pm Matins | Holy Monday 7:00 pm Bridegroom Matins No Greek School | Holy Tuesday 7:00 pm Bridegroom Matins | Holy Wednesday 3:00p Marian Prayer Holy Unction 5:00p 4:00 & 6:30 pm Choir | Holy Thursday 8:00 am Vesperal Divine Liturgy of the Mystical Supper 7:00 pm Passion Matins w/the 12 Gospels | 26 Holy Friday 9:00 am Royal Hours 2:30 pm Great Vespers 7:00 pm Lamentations | Holy Saturday 10:00 am Vesperal Divine Liturgy 11:30 am Vigil Service AIF Scholarship applications due |
| 28 Great and Holy Pascha 12:00 am Matins /Divine Liturgy 12:00 pm Agape Vespers No Catechism School | 29 No Greek School | 30 | | | | |

Palm Sunday Luncheon:

Sunday, April 21

Mark your calendars! Bring the entire family to this wonderful luncheon which benefits Holy Cross/Hellenic College Theological Seminary. Reservations will be taken on Sundays after church starting in March.

Second Annual Holy Week Reserved Parking Spot Raffle \$5

Bid on our creative Easter Baskets!

Tickets will be sold every Sunday after Church starting March 24. Deadline for pre-paid reservations is April 14. There will not be any ticket sales the day of the event.

Reserve a table and bring the entire family.

Adults: \$12.00 Children: \$6.00

Saturday of Lazarus, April 20

Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Followed by the youth of our parish community serving pancakes. Palm Cross making after breakfast.



Menu

baked cod fillet with lemon sauce, Greekstyle green beans, Greek roasted potatoes, petite dinner roll, assorted mini

cookies, brownies and dessert bars

Children's Menu

Fish sticks, French fries, applesauce coffee, lemonade, iced tea and milk

Salad-mesculin mix with cabernet dressing,

Vegetarian Menu

Upon request at ticket purchase Garlic pasta with flame roasted vegetables

Chairpersons for the Palm Sunday Luncheon:

Tina Fote 937-239-7788 Katina Tsatalis 937-291-1748 Irene Zalants 513-594-5481

