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Parish Registry

Funerals and Bereavements

+Alexander J. Gounaris
December 13, 2019

+Effie Economou

Memorials

Jan. 5
+Chris J. Christy
+John Andrew Jannides
+Spiros Jannides
+Helen Johnson
+Michael Johnson
+Gust Kookootsedes
+Mary Fote Kookootsedes
+John Kookootsedes
+Penelope Kookootsedes
+Louis Koukios
+Aglaiia Rubekas
+Andrew Rubekas
+Helen Rubekas
+Zoe Rubekas

Jan 19
+Alexander Gounaris

Giving up Maliciously Gossiping About and Judging Others as a New Year's Resolution

When speaking on malicious gossiping and judging others the great monastic Abba Dorotheos of Gaza said, "Malicious gossip is to talk about your neighbor's sins and mistakes, for example, to say someone lied or became angry or committed fornication... Saying any of this is denigration, that is to say, speaking maliciously against somebody, talking maliciously about his sin... And passing judgment is when you condemn the actual person, saying he is a liar, or that he is bad-tempered, or a fornicator. For in saying this, we are condemning the entire disposition of his soul and drawing a conclusion about his whole life, saying that he is like this and condemning him accordingly."

All gossip is malicious because it harms the person being gossiped about. The judgment of others naturally follows the gossiping about them because once we reveal another person's sin, we condemn him by saying he is a liar, bad-tempered, or a fornicator. The word malicious is related to the word malevolence. Malevolence means to wish or produce evil and harm to others. Since all gossip and passing judgment on others is malicious and malevolent, these actions by their very nature are inspired in us by the devil. St. John of the Ladder concerning this said, "The demons push us into sin. Or if they fail to do this, they get us to pass judgment on those who are sinning... For malicious gossip is the offspring of hatred, a subtle yet coarse disease, a leech lurching unfelt, wasting and draining the blood of charity. It is the simulation of love, the patron of a heavy and unclean heart, the ruin of chastity."

If something simulates love it merely imitates or fakes it. As such, it is a perversion or lie. St Paul writes about fakirs in his letter to the Orthodox Catholic Church in Rome. He said people such as these are those "Who changed the truth of God into a lie; and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen" (Romans 1:25). When we maliciously gossip and judge others, we become self-idolators in that we place ourselves as the judge of all. Judgment belongs to God alone. By maliciously exposing the sins of others and condemning them as sinners we steal what rightly only the Lord possess'. St. John of the Ladder concerning this said that "To judge others is a shameless arrogation of the Divine prerogative; to condemn is the ruin of one's soul." Yes, judgment is the exclusive right of God alone. When we try to be God through maliciously exposing the sins of others and by judging them we condemn our souls to experiencing God's glory as caustic fire and not love and light.

What is lamentable in this is that quite often the self-righteous person who commits these diabolical acts is often unaware of their own hypocrisy. Our Lord plainly tells us in Matthew's gospel, "Judge not, that you may not be judged. For with what judgment you judge, you shall be judged: and with what measure you mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why seest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye; and seest not the beam that is in thy own eye? Or how sayest thou to thy brother: Let me cast the mote out of thy eye, and behold a beam is in thy own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thy own eye, and then shalt thou see to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye" (Matthew 7:1-5). Christ precisely uses the word hypocrite to describe those who judge others because they try to vindicate their own sinfulness through the condemnation of others. This is classic scapegoating.

Concerning this St. Chrysostom writes, "This type of judgment does not arise out of concern but from misanthropy. He who engages in ill-intentioned criticism wears the mask of philanthropy while carrying out a work of the utmost malevolence: he heaps accusations and

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insults upon his fellows and sets himself up as a teacher though unworthy of being a student. This is precisely why Christ called him a hypocrite. Indeed, you who are so strict about the behavior of others, and can discern even the smallest mistakes, how can you show so little concern for your own actions that even big mistakes are ignored?" Those who maliciously expose the sins of others and stand in judgment of them exhibit psychopathic (diseased soul) behavior towards their victims while not realizing that it is their very own soul which is riddled with the spiritual disease of hypocrisy.

When we maliciously gossip about others and when we stand in judgment of them, we are taking the summation of all their actions and judging them based on one act or a few actions. This is foolish because only God knows all the actions they have committed and why they have committed them. Many a person has fallen openly or secretly into grave sin, but they have done many other virtuous deeds that are known only to God. Often the goodness of their many actions outweighs the sinfulness of a few. To maliciously gossip and stand in judgment of others is a sin against justice in that only God can ever judge another because only He can see a man as he truly is.

St. Paul writing to the Orthodox Catholic Church in Rome says, "For all have sinned and do need the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Yes, all of us are sinners and in need of God's glory. Glory, in the classical understanding, is to belong to anyone on account of his known excellence. In this case, St. Paul is saying that we are in need of experiencing the excellence or glory of God because He is excellent by virtue of His Divine nature. God is excellent because He is goodness itself. And since God created us, we belong to Him and His glory and His goodness. St. Peter writes in his second epistle to the Orthodox Catholic Church, "By whom he hath given us most great and precious promises: that by these you may be made partakers of the divine nature: fleeing the corruption of that concupiscence which is in the world" (2 Peter 1:4).

We are to become partakers of God's Divine nature through submitting to His glory. Yielding and synergizing our will, desire, and intellect to His Divine glory precisely because we are all sinners. And as sinners, we are all spiritually sick. Living in God's glory and partaking of His Divine nature is to be our therapeutic healing. Let us not pour salt and alcohol into the sins that wound others, but like Christ the Good Samaritan, let us pour wine and oil into their spiritual diseases. Vices such as gluttony, intoxication, fornication, and other such sins are more readily forgivable because they are the corruption of our God given innate desire and natural appetite to seek pleasure. Malicious gossip and the judgment of others are far more deadly in that they are the premeditated destruction and condemnation of another person we have no right to expose the sin of or to judge. Doing so is the theft of what belongs to God alone. Those who maliciously gossip about another's sin and judge them attempt to be "partakers of the divine nature" as self-idolaters and not as penitents. We should do unto others as we would want to be done to us. For when we maliciously gossip and pass judgment on others, we collude with the devil and expose our own hypocritical souls to God's glory as caustic fire according to Christ and the Church Fathers. We throw stones in our own glasshouses, and when the shards come crashing down, they cut our souls to shreds.

God Bless,
Fr. Joseph

Youth Message

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Happy New Year and a Blessed Theophany to all!

What is Theophany? It is the feast day of the Church which takes place on the 6th of January, and you may have heard it called Epiphany.

Epiphany is what Christians, who are not Orthodox, celebrate on the same day. But Epiphany refers to the magi (commonly referred to as the three wise men) visiting Christ and coming to understand (they have an epiphany) that this is truly The Son of God in front of them, and their star worshiping ways were incorrect.

We Orthodox, however, celebrate Theophany, which means a revelation, or appearance of God. This takes place when Jesus comes to the river Jordan to be baptized by John (the Baptist). You may be asking yourself: "If Christ was born on Christmas, why do we say that Theophany is the revelation of God?"

We read in scripture:

"When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." - Matthew 3:16-17.

God is revealed to us, clearly, as a Trinity. We have, at one time and place God the Father, whose voice is heard, we have Christ Jesus, the Son of God who is in the river being baptized, and we have the Holy Spirit coming down from heaven to Christ in the form of a dove. This does NOT mean that we believe in three gods, but that THE ONE GOD has three hypostases or "persons" and one ousia or "essence." Understanding God as a Trinity is central to our Orthodox Christian faith and correct worship.



We also, on this day, have a great blessing of the waters, where Fr. Joseph will pray over water and walk around the church blessing all who are there with it by sprinkling it on our heads. We are then invited up for each individual to be blessed with the water and perhaps take some to drink! We do this to commemorate Christ blessing the waters by His allowing himself to be baptized in the Jordan. It is during this time of year that the priest blesses homes (of those who request their home to be blessed) with the Holy Water of Theophany.

I hope all of you will come to church on January 5 for the Great Vespers service and blessing of the waters and also January 6 to celebrate the Feast of Theophany.

In His Service,
Jonathan McClish

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. All services are subject to change.

Sun. Jan. 5	Matins/Divine Liturgy Youth Sunday with Vespersal Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm w/blessing of the waters for Theophany
Mon. Jan. 6	Divine Liturgy Theophany
Sun. Jan. 12	Matins/Divine Liturgy
Sun. Jan. 19	Matins/Divine Liturgy
Sun. Jan. 26	Matins/Divine Liturgy

News and Notes

Expressions of Sympathy

Our sympathies to the family of +Alexander J. Gounaris who passed away Saturday, December 7. May his memory be eternal.

Our sympathies to the family of +Effie Economou who passed away Thursday, December 16. May her memory be eternal.

Appreciation

The family of Alexander Gounaris wish to thank everyone who prayed for Alex, who came to condole with us, who sent flowers, baked for the mercy meal, visited him, and expressed your love and concern. We are very grateful.

—Joan Gounaris

2020 Parish Calendars Now Available



The 2020 Annunciation Parish calendar is now available for pick-up. This valuable resource contains the Feasts and Fasts of the Church, Daily Scripture Readings, and much more. This year's Parish Calendar has been provided by Marker and Heller Funeral Home. We express our sincere appreciation for their generosity.

Ministries and Organizations

Baubles and Bags

Our Philoptochos has scheduled another popular Baubles and Bags Event to take place on Sunday, October 11.



As you are organizing your closets during the upcoming months, please consider saving and donating your "gently" used jewelry and purses to Philoptochos for this fall fundraiser.

For more information or to donate, please contact the co-chairs,

Stacy Bambakidis at smathios@aol.com (571) 277-3802

Michelle Zois at matinazois@gmail.com. (937) 838-1412

Hope/Joy Rescheduled

Father Joseph talk on Jesus baptism followed by swim party at Goldfish Swim School scheduled for January 24 is **rescheduled** for Saturday, February 1 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

Young at Heart

Young at Heart will not meet in January or February. Our next luncheon will be Thursday, March 19, at 11:30 am. We wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Daughters of Penelope and AHEPA



DOP/AHEPA meeting will be January 9 at 6:30 pm in the Athenagoras Room.



SAVE THE DATE

The Daughter's of Penelope are hosting a
Take & Bake Cooking Class

Saturday April 4, 10 am – 2 pm

Open to the public – seating is limited to 50 people.

You're Invited to the 5th Annual Cheers and Beers Tasting (Wine and Craft Beer)

Hosted by Daughters of
Penelope

Join us January 24 at 7:00 pm
in the Community Center

Featuring an arrangement of
three craft beers and three
wines paired with an abundant
menu.



Also featuring Greek desserts

Music provided by George Karras

Drinks provided by the Market

50/50 Raffle and Door Prizes

\$35.00 a person

Advance purchase comes with an entry to win a gift
basket.



Been dancing forever? New to dancing?

New to the Community?

Everyone is invited to dance

Join us on Sunday, March 1

During and after coffee hour by the stage in the Communi-
ty Center.

Meet the instructors, enjoy Greek music, have some
snacks and receive the practice schedule for 2020.

Evzonakia ages 5-9

Levendopeda ages 10-13 (Middle School)

Nisiotes ages 14-18 (high school)

Aegeans ages 18-25 (college/grad school)

Ellas ages 25 and over

We would like all dancers, new and seasoned, to attend!

More information: contact Maria: 937.409.9876



Philoptochos

Ευτυχισμένο το νέο έτος

Happy New Year everyone. We hope your Holidays were blessed with the beauty and love of Christ's birth and the enjoyment of family and friends.

Membership Meeting

The first meeting of the year is January 9 at 10 am in the Athenagoras room. We will be setting up the Community Center hall for Vasilopita Sunday immediately following the meeting. Please plan to stay and help. Many hands make the work go much faster.

2020 Annual Dues

January is Membership month so remember to pay your \$30 dues to Suzanne Zonars-Hambrick. You can also make your Community Care Ministry donation to Michelle Zois. Many members give one check in January to cover their donations for the entire year. There are 10 CCM charity events in 2020.

Christmas Luncheon

Many thanks to Maria Castleman for chairing the annual Christmas Luncheon at the Moraine Country Club. It was a lovely event enjoyed by all who came. We enjoyed having Father Joseph and Jonathan McClish as our guests. Thank you to all who donated to the Schneider House of Hope. Thank you to Theona Russell who delivered 67 pairs of pajamas, 67 books and a monetary donation of \$400 to the Schneider House of Hope. The staff were overwhelmed and grateful for the generous donation.

Edison School CCM

Many thanks to all who decorated the Christmas tree with hats, mittens and scarves to keep the children at Edison School warm during the cold winter months. A monetary donation was also made to the school to help purchase uniforms throughout the school year. Thank you to Katina Tsatalis and Nadine Shamma for chairing.

Young at Heart

Philoptochos sponsored the December Young at Heart luncheon. Thank you to Sophie Shissias, Stella Moulas and Becky Pulos for chairing this annual festive fun filled lunch.

Cell Phones for Soldiers

Did you get a new phone for Christmas? Remember to donate your old phone by placing it in the wire basket located in the Community Center lobby. For questions contact Pia Kanistros.

December Trivia Question answer: In 1964, what type of trading stamps were used to purchase 24 bridge tables to use for social functions? Answer: Top Value Stamps. We can all remember licking those stamps!

January Trivia Question: How many Charter members were in the Dayton Philoptochos chapter formed August 12, 1932?

From the Office of the Bookkeeper

Brrrr! Winter is here and winter months can be challenging. Be safe while driving — slow down and take road conditions into account. Keep your car maintenance up to date. Be prepared in case you must stay in your car for an extended period of time — carry a first aid kit, ice scraper, blanket, extra pair of gloves and hat. Make sure your cell phone is charged before you set out on the road. Seat belts on and Arrive Alive.

2020 Stewardship

Our 2020 Stewardship Campaign is in full swing. As a quick reminder please make sure to fill out your Stewardship Card completely – front and back, or the single page in this *True Vine* issue, or online, and turn it in as soon as possible. It's important that we have the most up to date information on you and your family.

Requisition Forms

All requisition forms turned into the Bookkeeper's Office must be approved. Approvals come from the Chairperson of each Committee or Fundraiser. **Chairpersons** – please have the President or Treasurer of Parish Council approve your reimbursements. For reimbursements from the Annunciation Investment Fund (AIF) please have the President of AIF approve your reimbursements. Remember – an individual cannot approve their own requests for reimbursements.

Online Donations and Other Payments

Did you know that when you make a payment to the church using the online option through the church website and use your credit card that there is a fee associated with that transaction? However, if you make your payment through that same option and use a checking or savings account there is no fee. When a payment is made by credit card the parishioner gets credit for the full payment. The church pays the fees associated with that payment. You can help. Please consider adding a small amount under "Help Offset Processing Fees" when paying through the church website if you are paying by credit card.

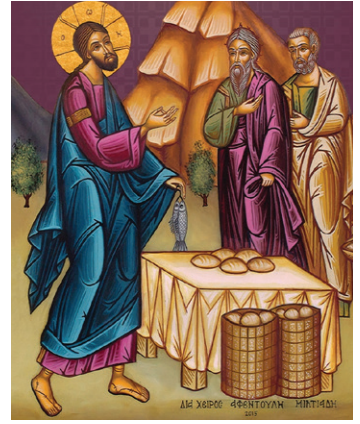
My regular office hours are 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday or you may leave me a voice mail at 937-224-0601 and I will return your call as soon as possible.

Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul alike. – The Yosemite, John Muir (1912)

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2019 Stewardship

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



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- Nicholaos Limberopoulos &
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Gus & Kelly Valen
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Epiphany — House Blessings — January 2019

The Season of Epiphany is highlighted by the service of the blessing of the waters, and the visitation and sprinkling of the holy water in our homes by our priest and spiritual father. In continuing this beautiful Orthodox tradition, listed below are the dates and times Father Joseph will be in your area to bless homes. Please complete the form and return it to the church office no later than Wed., Jan. 2. Forms may be returned in Fr. Joseph's mailbox across from the office. You should be available for the time period selected. Due to the number of blessings, specific time requests may not be possible. Those who can be home during the day, please schedule morning hours.

Centerville - Bellbrook - Waynesville

Monday, January 7 11:00 am - 9:00 pm
Tuesday, January 8 11:00 am - 9:00 pm

Kettering - Oakwood

Wednesday, January 9 11:00 am - 9:00 pm
Thursday, January 10 11:00 am - 9:00 pm

Dayton - Clayton - Englewood - Vandalia

Monday, January 14 11:00 am - 9:00 pm

Tipp City - Troy - Piqua - Sidney

Tuesday, January 15 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Fairborn - Beavercreek - Xenia - Huber Heights

Wednesday, January 16 12:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Miamisburg - West Carrollton - Springboro

Thursday, January 17 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Richmond, IN

Monday, January 21 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Mason - West Chester - Middletown - Cincinnati

Tuesday, January 22 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

If you are unable to be home for Father's visit because of a scheduling conflict, or an illness, please contact the church office.

Fr. Joseph keeps a timely schedule and generally cannot wait if you are running late. Please be home at the scheduled time.

Lastly, per His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas' request, a male parishioner, or parish council member will be present with Fr. Joseph at house blessings.

Note:

Outside the areas listed, please call the office to arrange a time for your home to be blessed.

How to prepare your home and family for the house blessing:

- Have as many family members there as possible.
- Set a place either in the dining room or kitchen with the following items:
- An Icon
- A medium sized bowl with water filled halfway
- A white dishtowel
- Candle
- Incense (optional)
- Print first names in English only, of all LIVING family members who live in the home on a sheet of paper

Please remember that since Fr. Joseph will be making many visitations, a social visit may not always be possible at this time.

Please leave an outside light on to easily identify your home.

If possible, choose earlier hours in the day and talk to your church friends in your area to coordinate the time Fr. Joseph can visit your neighborhood.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Best Contact) _____ Email _____

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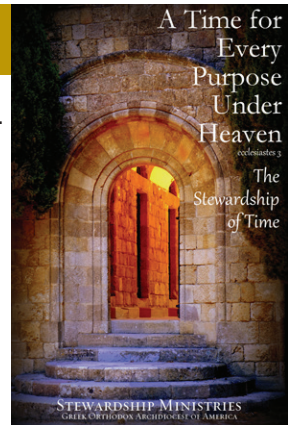
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Signature _____ Date _____

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Give time and talent: Please check and write the name of the family member next to areas of interest:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible study _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Choir _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking/Baking _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Computers _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Festivals/Booths _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance/Accounting _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical/Plumbing _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office work _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching Sunday/Greek School _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visiting Elderly/Sick _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth work _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

Please fill out the following information for our records

	Orthodox Christian?	Date of birth:	Email:	Cell phone:
Name:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Spouse:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Child:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Church Office Closed	2	3	4
5 8:15 am Matins 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Youth Sunday w/blessing of the waters for Theophany GOYA mtg. Catechism Resumes	6 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Theophany 5:30 pm Greek School 6:00 pm Adult Greek School 6:30 pm Community Sandwich Making	7 House Blessing Centerville Bellbrook Waynesville	8 House Blessing Centerville Bellbrook Waynesville 3:00 pm Marian Prayer 6:30 pm Adult Catechism 6:30 pm Choir	9 House Blessing Kettering Oakwood 10:00a Philoptochos Meeting 5:30 pm Byzantine Chant 6:30 pm DOP/AHEPA	10	11
12 8:15 am Matins 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Vasilapita Luncheon	13 House Blessing Kettering Oakwood 5:30 pm Greek School 6:00 pm Adult Greek School	14 House Blessing Dayton Clayton Englewood Vandalia	15 House Blessing Tipp City Troy Piqua Sidney 3:00 pm Marian Prayer 6:30 pm Adult Catechism 6:30 pm Choir	16 House Blessing Fairborn Beavercreek Xenia Huber Heights 5:30 pm Byzantine Chant 6:30 pm Parish Council	17	18
19 8:15 am Matins 9:30 am Divine Liturgy	20 House Blessing Miamisburg West Carrollton Springboro Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Office Closed	21 House Blessing Richmond, IN	22 House Blessing Mason West Chester Middletown Cincinnati 3:00 pm Marian Prayer 6:30 pm Adult Catechism 6:30 pm Choir	23 5:30 pm Byzantine Chant	24 7:00 pm Cheers & Beers Tasting: Wine & Craft Beer	25
26 8:15 am Matins 9:30 am Divine Liturgy	27 5:30 pm Greek School 6:00 pm Adult Greek School	28	29 3:00 pm Marian Prayer 6:30 pm Adult Catechism 6:30 pm Choir	30 5:30 pm Byzantine Chant	31	

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