

GOOD NEWS

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From the Desk of
Rev. Fr. Angelo Maggos

Parish Registry, Progress Report
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From Fr. Angelo:

Journey through Lent

The services of Great Lent are characterized by an atmosphere of a penitential character. In most Orthodox Churches, the royal gates to the altar area remain closed to remind us of Man's separation through sin from the Kingdom of God. The church is decorated in somber colors, usually purple. The daily hymns are also of an intercessory character, entreating God through His saints to have mercy on us sinners. Although most Orthodox are familiar with some of the services of Holy Week, few know the entire collection of services that make up the entire Lenten season. Every Orthodox Christian should take full advantage of the beauty offered by the Orthodox Church to properly and fully prepare themselves for the greatest event of

Christianity - the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, which is why I want to take time to review the entire schedule of services.



The Lenten season is prefaced by the Triodion (Τριώδιον) period, which means "three odes" and covers the preparatory weeks leading up to Holy Week. This period extends from the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee to Sunday of the Prodigal Son and Sunday of Last Judgment with the theme of introspection, repentance and humility.

The following week is called Meatfare Sunday (*Apókreō*-literally: the "away from meat"). Meatfare Sunday marks the change of diet to the fasting practice of Lent, as meat is no longer eaten after this day. Following Meatfare, Cheesefare Sunday (*Tyrinë*, - literally: "Cheese Sunday") is the Sunday just before Clean Monday, (Καθαρά Δευτέρα) when the fasting practice eliminates meat and other dairy products.

In the Saturday of Souls (Ψυχοσαββατο) liturgies, of which there are three, (two before Clean Monday and one after) we pray universally for all of the departed. The faithful offer koliva, and names of their departed are all read during the Memorial portion of the service. The Scripture readings refer to the dead and their hope of salvation through Christ who has "trampled down death by death".

The Forty Days of Great Lent (Μεγάλη Σαρρακοστή), begin on Clean Monday and increases the fast to exclude meat, dairy products and oil, although on two specific feasts during Lent (the Annunciation and Palm Sunday), fish is allowed. The fast lasts until Pascha.

In most Greek Orthodox parishes, two services dominate the Forty Days of Lent: the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (Προηγιασμενη Λειτουργια) each Wednesday and the Akathistos on Fridays. Some parishes include a Great Compline service (Αποδειπνο) on Mondays.

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts was first documented by St. Gregory the Dialogist (AD 540-604), who was the papal legate to Constantinople. The Presanctified Liturgy is a beautifully solemn evening service combining elements of Vespers with the administration of Holy Communion added to it. There is no consecration of the Eucharist during the service as the Lamb (Body of Christ) has been *pre-sanctified* (consecrated) at the previous Sunday's liturgy. It comes after a day of spiritual preparation and offers the faithful who are unable to make the effort of total fasting because of age or work. Normally a light lenten meal is eaten in the morning or early afternoon. This service was initiated by the early Church to offer strength to the faithful during this time of increased struggle.

The prayer of St. Ephraim of Syria that is recited at the end of the service clearly displays the repentance nature of this service:

O Lord and Master of my life: take from me the spirit of sloth, faint-heartedness, lust of power and idle talk.

But grant rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love to Thy servant.

Lord and King, grant me to see my own errors and not to judge my brother, for blessed art Thou unto ages of ages. Amen.

On Fridays of Lent the Χαίρετισμοί (Salutations to the Theotokos) are conducted in place of the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy that is typically performed in the Antiochian and

Slavic traditions. The hymn was composed in Constantinople by St. Romanos the Melodist in the year 556 AD. The hymn consists of 24 stanzas with each short stanza (kontakion) ending with the singing of "Alleluia." Each longer stanza ends with the refrain: "Rejoice, O Bride Unwedded." The majority of the hymn is made up of praises directed to the Mother of God, always beginning with the salutation (hence the name) of the Archangel Gabriel: "Rejoice."



Each of these stanzas refer to the role of the Theotokos in bringing salvation to Mankind through our Lord's incarnation. The last of the Salutation services is the *Akathistos* which in Greek literally means

"not sitting." In this service, all of the "Rejoice" stanzas of the first 4 Salutation services are read.

Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday immediately precede our entrance into Holy Week and celebrate two significant events in the earthly life of our Lord: His resurrecting His friend Lazarus, and His glorious entrance into the city of Jerusalem.

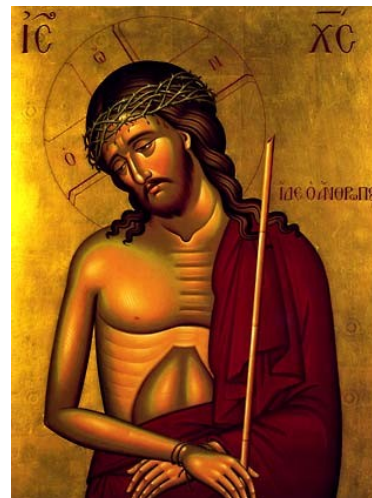
On Sunday evening in anticipation of the next day, the Matins of the Bridegroom service is celebrated where the long *Alleluia* replaces the psalm: **God is the Lord.**

Scripture readings from Genesis and Proverbs are added to Vespers, and the Prophecy of Isaiah to the Sixth Hour. Each of these books is read nearly in its entirety during the Lenten period. The remainder of Holy Week carries us ever deeper in to the darkness of Christ's betrayal, arrest, torture, trial, and finally crucifixion until we all celebrate the event of His glorious Resurrection.

Εισαγωγή στη Μεγάλη Τεσσαρακοστή

Όταν κάποιος ξεκινά για ένα ταξίδι, πρέπει να ξέρει πού πηγαίνει. Το ίδιο ισχύει και με τη Σαρακοστή. Η Σαρακοστή είναι ένα πνευματικό ταξίδι και προορισμός του είναι το Πάσχα, “η εορτή των εορτών”. Είναι η προετοιμασία για την “εκπλήρωση του Πάσχα, την αληθινή Αποκάλυψη”. Για να ξεκινήσουμε, επομένως, πρέπει να προσπαθήσουμε να καταλάβουμε αυτή τη σύνδεση μεταξύ Σαρακοστής και Πάσχα, επειδή αποκαλύπτει κάτι πολύ ουσιαστικό, ύψιστης σημασίας για τη χριστιανική μας πίστη και ζωή.

Χρειάζεται να εξηγήσουμε ότι το Πάσχα είναι πολλά περισσότερα από μια ακόμη γιορτή, από μια ανάμνηση ενός περασμένου γεγονότος. Με το Πάσχα γιορτάζουμε την Ανάσταση του Χριστού ως κάτι που συνέβη και συνεχίζει να συμβαίνει σε μας. Επειδή ο καθένας μας έλαβε το δώρο αυτής της νέας ζωής και τη δύναμη να την αποδεχτεί και να τη ζήσει. Είναι ένα δώρο που αλλάζει ριζικά τη στάση μας απέναντι σε όλα τα στοιχεία αυτού του κόσμου, ακόμη και το θάνατο. Μας δίνει τη δυνατότητα να βεβαιώνουμε με χαρά: “Θάνατος δεν υπάρχει πια!” Όμως, ο θάνατος είναι ακόμα εδώ αναμφίβολα, και κάποια μέρα θα έρθει και θα μας πάρει. Αλλά είναι ολόκληρη η πίστη μας ότι με το θάνατό Του ο Χριστός άλλαξε την ίδια τη φύση του θανάτου, την έκανε μια μετάβαση, ένα “πέραςμα”, ένα “Πάσχα” – προς τη Βασιλεία του Θεού και μεταμόρφωσε τη μεγαλύτερη τραγωδία στον απόλυτη νίκη.



Ωστόσο, μήπως δεν είναι καθημερινή μας διαπίστωση ότι αυτή η πίστη μάς ανήκει πολύ σπάνια, ότι συνεχώς χάνουμε και προδίδουμε τη “νέα ζωή” που λάβαμε ως δώρο, και ότι στην πραγματικότητα ζούμε σαν ο Χριστός να μην είχε αναστηθεί από τους νεκρούς, σαν αυτό το μοναδικό γεγονός να μην είχε καμιά σημασία για μας; Απλά τα ξεχνάμε όλα αυτά – τόσο πολυάσχολοι είμαστε με τις καθημερινές μας ανησυχίες – και επειδή τα ξεχνάμε, Και μέσα αυτή την κατάσταση η ζωή μας γίνεται πάλι “παλιά” και σκοτεινή, ένα άσκοπο ταξίδι προς ένα άσκοπο τέλος. Μεσα την Σαρακοστή μπορούμε να παύουμε και αναγνωρίζουμε και να εξομολογούμαστε τις διάφορες “αμαρτίες” μας, να αντιστοιχίζουμε τη ζωή μας πάλι προς εκείνη τη νέα ζωή που μας έδωσε ο Χριστός.



η κυρά Σαρακοστή

Ένα ταξίδι, ένα προσκύνημα! Όμως, καθώς το ξεκινάμε, καθώς κάνουμε το πρώτο βήμα στο “χαροποιόν πένθος.” Η Σαρακοστή βλέπουμε μακριά, πολύ μακριά – τον προορισμό. Είναι χαρά του Πάσχα, είναι η είσοδος στη δόξα της Βασιλείας. Και είναι αυτή η όραση, η πρόγευση του Πάσχα, που κάνει το πένθος της Σαρακοστής χαροποιόν, το σαρακοστιανό μας αγώνα μια «πνευματική άνοιξη».



PARISH REGISTRY

40-Days Blessing:

Child of God: Stefanos Tretyak – Parents Yaroslav Tretyak & Rodi Keisidis

Baptisms:

Adrianna Daniella Reitano – Parents Joshua & Panagiota Reitano

Christiano Donald Reitano – Parents Joshua & Panagiota Reitano

Elena Angelina Reitano – Parents Joshua Reitano & Panagiota Reitano

Memorials:

Antonios Katsetos – Interred February 9, 2021



Church Services:

- Refer to page 5 for Great Lent and Holy Week Services
- Pre-Sanctified Liturgy - each Wednesday at 6:00 pm starting 17 March.
- Salutations to the Theotokos - each Friday at 6:00 pm starting 19 March

Events:

- 1 March - PC Meeting, Zoom, 7:00 PM
- 2 March – Adult Education, Zoom, 7:00 PM
- 4 March – Orthodoxy Questions & Answers, Zoom, 7:00 PM
- 7 March – Philoptochos General Meeting in church, 12:00 PM
- 9 March – Adult Education, Zoom, 7:00 PM
- 11 March – Orthodoxy Questions & Answers, Zoom, 7:00 PM
- 14 March – Day Light Savings Time
- 15 March - Clean Monday - Start of Great Lent
- 15 March - Good News Submission Deadline
- 16 March – Adult Education, Zoom, 7:00 PM
- 17 March – St. Patrick’s Day
- 18 March – Orthodoxy Questions & Answers, Zoom, 7:00 PM
- 24 March - Great Vespers of the Annunciation, 6:00 PM
- 25 March - Divine Liturgy of the Annunciation, 10:00 AM
- 28 March - Teaching Liturgy 10:00 AM

ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
2021 SERVICES FOR GREAT LENT AND HOLY WEEK

Saturday, 3/6	1st Saturday of Souls	10:00 am
Saturday, 3/13	2nd Saturday of Souls	10:00 am
LENT BEGINS MONDAY 3/15		
Saturday, 3/20	3rd Saturday of Souls	10:00 am
Saturday, 4/24	Raising of Lazarus Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
Sunday, 4/25	Palm Sunday (Luncheon TBD)	10:00 am
	Bridegroom Matins	6:00 pm
Holy Monday, 4/26	Nymphios (Bridegroom) Service	6:00 pm
Holy Tuesday, 4/27	Nymphios (Bridegroom) Service	6:00 pm
	Hymn of Kassiane	
Holy Wednesday, 4/28	Great and Holy Wednesday	
	Holy Unction (2 services available)	4:00 pm
		7:00 pm
Holy Thursday, 4/29	Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil	10:00 am
	Office of Holy Passion (Twelve Gospels)	6:00 pm
Holy Friday, 4/30	The Royal Hours	10:00 am
	Vespers of Apokathelosis	4:00 pm
	(The Descent from the Cross)	
	Office of Lamentations (Epitaphio)	8:00 pm
Holy Saturday, 5/1	Great and Holy Saturday - St. Basil	10:00 am
	HOLY PASCHA RESURRECTION	11:00 pm
Holy Pascha, 5/2	Agape Service	11:00 am
	Sunday of Love Service	

**Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death
And to those in the tombs, He has granted life!**

Η ΕΥΑΝΓΕΛΙΣΤΗΣ ΤΗΣ ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ
2020 ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΕΣ ΤΗΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΗΣ ΚΑΙ ΑΓΙΑΣ ΕΒΔΟΜΑΔΟΣ

Σαββατο, 4/24	Θεία Λειτουργία - Ανάσταση του Λάζαρου Πρόγευμα μετά την Θεία Λειτουργία	10:00 πμ
Κυρακη 4/25	Θεία Λειτουργία - Των Βαϊών Ακολουθία του Νυμφιου	10:00 πμ 6:00 μμ
Μεγαλη Δευτερα 4/26	Ακολουθία του Νυμφιου Το τροπάριο της Κασσιανής	6:00 μμ
Μεγαλη Τριτη 4/27	Ακολουθία του Νυμφιου	6:00 μμ
Μεγαλη Τεταρτη 4/28	Μυστήριο του Αγίου Ευχέλαιου	4:00 πμ 7:00 μμ
Μεγαλη Περμπτη 4/29	Θεία Λειτουργία του Μεγάλου Βασιλλείου Τα Πάθη του Χριστου (Δώδεκα Ευαγγέλια)	10:00 πμ 6:00 μμ
Μεγαλη Πρασκευη 4/30	Ακολουδία των Βασιλικών Ώρων Η Αποκαθήλωσις Ο Επιτάφιος Θρήνος (Τα Εγκώμια)	10:00 πμ 4:00 μμ 8:00 μμ
Μεγαλο Σαββατο 5/1	Θεία Λειτουργία του Μεγάλου Βασιλλείου Αγία και Μεγαλή Κυριακή του Πάσχα (Θεία Λειτουργία της Αναστάσεως)	10:00 πμ 11:00 μμ
Κυριακη του Πασχα 5/2	Ακολουδία της Αγάπης	11:00 πμ

*Χριστός Ανέστη εκ νεκρών, θανάτω, θάνατον πατήσας
και τοίς εν τοίς μν'νμασι ζωήν χαρισάμενος.*

Dear Annunciation Parishioners

As we did in the previous years, we will be celebrating each of the Πουχοσαββατα (Saturday of Souls) Divine Liturgies. The dates are:

- 1st Sat of Souls March 6 - 10 am
- 2nd Sat of Souls March 13 - 10 am
- 3rd Sat of Souls March 20 - 10 am

Well, Great Lent is rapidly approaching and as we have done in previous years there are two options available for koliva.

1. You can make your own koliva and bring it on the dates of your choosing. Be sure to bring your names of those who have departed with your koliva.
2. Despina G. will prepare a large koliva (see picture) for those that are not able to prepare a koliva. There will be a donation to the church of \$25. Please call the church to let us know that you would like to do this and also to provide the names of the departed for me to read, either by email or mail to the church.

After the Liturgy, we will prepare individual koliva cups to distribute to each person who attends the Liturgy.

Fr Angelo



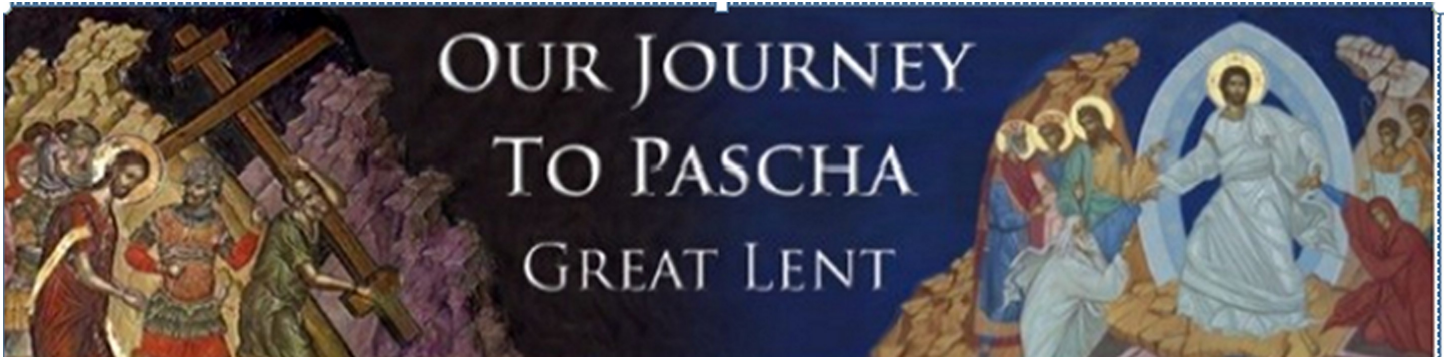


ΨΥΧΟΣΑΒΒΑΤΟΝ
SATURDAY OF THE SOULS

Please PRINT CLEARLY

“Why do we pray for the dead? It is true that the dead are judged by how they lived. Generally, the Church teaches our future in eternity is based on our faith, life, deed, virtues, love, compassion, goodness, (or their absence) in this life, before our death. Yet, since we are never fully sure of the place of each soul before God, and because God Himself is merciful and loving, we pray for any help which might come to the soul of the deceased.”

Fr. Stanley S. Harakas from *The Orthodox Church: 455 Questions and Answers*



FLOWERS FOR LENTEN AND EASTER SERVICES

The following list of items are those used to decorate during Great Lent and Holy Week Services, to include the Tomb of Christ “Epitaphio”. It is a time for each of us to reflect and participate in this labor of love. We have arranged to have a variety of pricing so as to encourage everyone to donate one or more of the items listed.

YOU CAN DONATE BY:

- Calling the church office
- Mailing your donation to the Church

THERE IS NO INCREASE IN PRICE DUE TO COVID

FLOWERS FOR ICONS

1st Salutations-Fri, March 19	\$120.00
3rd Salutations-Fri, April 2	\$120.00
Akathist Hymn - Fri, April 16	\$120.00
Sunday of Orthodoxy - Sun, Mar 21	\$120.00
Annunciation - Tues., March 25	\$120.00
Sunday of the Holy Cross, April 4	\$120.00
Saturday of Lazarus, April 24	\$120.00
Palm Sunday, April 25	\$120.00
Nymphios Icon (April 26-28)	\$120.00
Nymphios Procession Icon (April 25)	\$140.00
Crucifixion of Christ (April 29)	\$120.00
The Un-nailing of Christ	\$120.00
Empty Tomb (Holy Sat. Morning)	\$120.00
Resurrection Icon	\$120.00

GREAT LENT & HOLY WEEK ITEMS

Rose Water for Epitaphio	\$25.00
12 Gospels Candles	\$120.00
Candles for the Crucifix	\$50.00
Priest Resurrection Candle	\$150.00
Eggs for Resurrection Service	120 Dozen
Daffodils - Sun of Holy Cross	\$60.00
Crown of Thorns (Holy Thurs)	\$65.00
Palms for the Crosses	\$150.00
Garland for Nymphios	\$50.00
Holy Unction Oil	\$25.00
Epitaphio Flowers	\$1600.00
Rose Petals	\$150.00
Bay Leaves	\$75.00
Potted Easter Lilies	\$125.00

LENTEN
Friday Night

FISH FRY
 & GREEK DESSERTS

FEBRUARY 26
MARCH 5, 12, 19, 26
APRIL 2, 9
4:30 - 7 p.m.
 (585) 244-3377

QTY.	MENU	TOTAL
<input type="checkbox"/>	Breaded Fried Haddock Fish with French Fries & Coleslaw _____ \$13	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Baked Haddock Fish with tomato, onion, pepper sauce with French Fries & Coleslaw _____ \$13	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fried Shrimp Basket with French Fries & Coleslaw _____ \$13	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Baklava (small container) _____ \$3	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rice Pudding _____ \$3	_____
TOTAL _____		

Orders can be placed starting at 3 p.m. each Friday by calling (585) 244-3377 with your credit card
Curbside Pickup at back door of church on University side - Please Call Upon Arrival

Name: _____ Date: _____
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ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
 962 EAST AVENUE, ROCHESTER, NY 14607

PHILOPTOCHOS

Dear Annunciation Family,

Hope you all are doing well and your families.

As we all are aware, this past year has been quite difficult and different for all of us. I'm hoping that 2021 will be one of more normalcy.

Therefore, Philoptochos will be holding a General Philoptochos Meeting on Sunday March 7th, 2021 after Liturgy and we will be meeting in the church. This is a General Meeting open to all. All CDC rules and church guidelines will be followed.

We will be discussing how to move forward within this pandemic for 2021.

Also, for those of you that are planning on running for and would like to be voted on the Philoptochos Board for 2021-2023 or if you already are on the board and want to continue please attend this meeting. You must be in good standing. Maria Economides will be collecting dues.

Please be aware that you will need to contact Mrs. Stephanie Stefanou-Templeton if you are interested in running on the Philoptochos board.

Please e-mail Mrs. Stephanie Stefanou-Templeton at stephaniet2u@gmail.com or please call Mrs. Stefanou-Templeton at the following number. (585) 734-4904
Deadline is Wednesday March 31, 2021.

Finally, elections will be held on Sunday May 16, 2021 right after Liturgy in the church. As stated above you will need to attend in person. All CDC rules and church guidelines will be followed.

Sincerely,
Fr. Angelo and Philoptochos Executive Board



FLORENCE G. STEFANOY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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AND
THE METROPOLIS OF DETROIT PHILOPTOCHOS BOARD

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATIONS PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL
PHILOPTOCHOS CHAPTER OR THE METROPOLIS OF
DETROIT PHILOPTOCHOS PAGE OF THE METROPOLIS
OF DETROIT WEBSITE

Applicants must be related to a Philoptochos member



When you support the Friends of the Metropolis campaign, you are part of a greater outreach that proclaims with one universal voice that God is truly our hope and our rock of salvation. Because of your devotion to the Friends program, ministries and programs are implemented on a Metropolis-wide basis which strengthen and enhance our faith and our joint ministry of service. I would like to invite you to join forces with the faithful throughout the Metropolis of Detroit in support of the ministries which are part of the Office of the Metropolitan.

Thanking you for your kind and generous response, I remain, with paternal blessings and prayers,

+NICHOLAS
Metropolitan of Detroit

MORE INFO AT:
WWW.DETROIT.GOARCH.ORG/FRIENDS

GENERAL SUPPORT

Fully fund the general expenses of the Metropolis office, including programs and travels.

OUTREACH/MISSIONS

Create opportunities to introduce our faith to society. Participate in inter-Christian and interfaith activities. Provide quick responses to national and international disasters.

EDUCATION

Enhance various scholarship opportunities, adult education programs, and support Metropolis students at Hellenic College/Holy Cross.

HELLENISM

Develop programs for Hellenic Cultural Outreach, including language, history, and arts.

CLERGY/PARISH SUPPORT

Develop and provide instructional seminars and services for clergy and parishes.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Support the youth & young adult ministries, including our summer camps, as well as the activities of a full-time Metropolis Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries.

LEADERSHIP

Organize Clergy-Laity Conferences, Oratorical Festivals, Youth Worker and Religious Education Training, and Adult Education Seminars.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Continued website development, hospitality to visiting dignitaries, charity and philanthropy.

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CHURCH OPERATION PROCEDURES DURING COVID – FACT SHEET

The following represent a set of guidelines for us to following to reopen our church and maintain conformance to current State and Metropolis guidelines. This Fact Sheet highlights the most critical aspects of church operation while COVID precautions remain in place. **FOR COMPLETE DETAILS ON OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES PLEASE REFER TO THE FULL CHURCH OPERATIONAL POLICY THAT IS POSTED ON OUR CHURCH WEBSTIE at annunciationrochester.org.**

All requirements presented here are considered mandatory for each parishioner working, visiting or worshipping here at Annunciation.

1. GENERAL CHURCH ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

- State and Metropolis guidelines require us to record the names and phone numbers of each attendee at every service in the event that a subsequent infection requires tracing.
- Currently we are maintaining a 25% occupancy rate which for our church is 125 persons. This is currently the Metropolis mandate. As church attendance increases, we will adapt some type of reservation process to ensure we maintain this occupancy rate.
- All on-site Religious Education (Sunday School) and Greek School are suspended until further notice.

2. POLICY DURING ANY SERVICES

- Before entering church, the temperature of each person will be taken by a designated person. If the temperature is above 100.4°, they will politely be asked to return to their home.
- All monetary offers for donations will only be accepted at the Narthex in the tray.
- Please restrict your movement during the time services are being conducted and masks are required any time you are not seated.

3. DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

- Communicants must line up row by row to be released by a Narthex attendant. You must remain six feet apart as designated by social distancing X's that have been placed in the church.
- Masks may only be removed **momentarily** to receive Holy Communion.
- The red communion cloths will not be used. In its place, a napkin will be handed to the parishioner for their personal use, which will be discarded after receiving Holy Communion in a provided receptacle.
- The communion spoon will be sanitized in boiling water after EACH use by the communicant.
- Antidoron will be distributed in plastic bags at the end of the service.

4. AFTER SERVICES

- Clergy will wear a mask during distribution of Holy Communion and mask and gloves when distributing antidoron and will not offer their hands for reverence.
- There will be no shaking of hands or hugs.
- Sunday Coffee Fellowship hours are suspended until further notice.

CHURCH SANCTUARY, ALTAR AND NARTHEX AREAS WILL BE CLEANED AND SANITIZED BETWEEN EACH SERVICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CDC GUIDELINES, ESPECIALLY OBJECTS THAT ARE ROUTINELY TOUCHED, LIKE DOOR HANDLES OR PEWS.

Annunciation Policies

MEMORIAL FUNDS DISTRIBUTION POLICY

All monies received during a funeral or memorial service that are made out to the church, that is, checks marked with “Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church” or cash with the envelope marked with “Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church” will be used for purposes in support of church operation.

These could include support of recognized church ministries, sacramental articles purchased for the church proper or for ongoing campaigns such as Hall Renovation or other capita improvements.

If it is desired that these monies are to be used for other wishes that the family may have the family must ensure that they announce that these checks or cash be designated as such.

All monies received for funerals are tracked, and family members will receive a listing of those who donated and a total amount of the donation, typically within 40-60 days following the date of the funeral. In addition, for all monies received designated “*Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church*,” donors will receive a letter thanking them for their donation to the church in memory of the deceased.

POLICY FOR DOCUMENT PREPARATION:

There is a required processing charge of \$40 per document. This charge covers research, preparation and routing of documents such as Certificate of Residency, Certificate of Freedom to Marry, Reissued Marriage Certificate, Reissued Baptism Certificate and Certificate of Death. Additional documents are \$20.00 per document.

WEDDINGS:

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BAPTISMS:

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1. Contact the Parish Secretary to arrange scheduling for Coffee Hour that day. The Secretary will contact the Philoptochos President.
2. Arrange for or pay for Coffee Hour food items that are in excess of the standard menu (coffee, drinks, and simple snacks).
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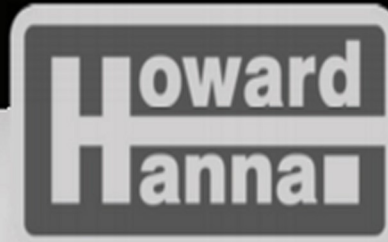
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