

GOOD NEWS

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August-September 2021

From the Desk of
Rev. Fr. Angelo Maggos

Parish Registry, Progress Report
Upcoming Church Services and Events

Youth Ministry and Organizations News

From Fr. Angelo

We hope everyone is having a refreshing summer and that most of you have been able to celebrate summer activities without masks! It has been a long road to get on the other side of COVID, but we have arrived, and I am very excited to be starting Religious Education (i.e.; Sunday School) for our youth in person beginning in September. Many of our teachers are also excited to get back in the classroom and continue to lend their dedication and expertise to the education of our youth.

I want to thank both Sarah Ann and Sultana for their time as Sunday School Directors but due to particular family demands they are not able to continue in this position. However, God always provides, and Lauren Gashlin and Karina Onderdonk have agreed to take over this position. I also want to thank Demos for all his hard work in providing high-quality educational Sunday School videos during the Pandemic which were crucial to me to maintain a presence with our kids during the Pandemic.

In preparation for a return to in-person Sunday School, Lauren, Karina, Demos and I met to discuss strategic planning for our return to in-person learning and ways in which we can continue to incorporate technology to improve the Sunday School experience, and to have available a way to keep those kids that are not able to attend Sunday service connected to the Sunday School and all the youth activities we are planning.

In addition we also discussed the processes involved in returning safely to Sunday School and are developing a plan that will meet the requirements given by our Metropolis of Detroit office.

On Monday, August 23rd, we will be meeting with all the teachers to discuss the Lesson Plan curriculum for the 2021-2022 School Year. Similarly to what we did before COVID, we will be putting together a schedule of what the Religious Education lesson will be for each Sunday, what are the planned youth activities, and what services (outside of Sunday) we feel are important for parents and their children to attend. Also, we will provide the final plan for the guidelines of returning to the classroom safely.

Also, if you haven't already done so, please respond to our short on-line survey which can be accessed by your smart phone using this QR Code. We would like to hear your input and ideas.



We are planning to resume Sunday School starting Sunday, September 12th in the same manner as previous, that is that our kids would go to Sunday School immediately following Holy Communion for approximately 45 minutes. On Sunday, September 12th, the Sunday School Directors and I will meet with the parents to register students and provide the Religious Education 2021-2022 Curriculum, which will also be available on the education tab of our church website.

On Saturday, August 28th, we are inviting teachers, parents and kids from both Sunday School and Greek School for a clean-up day at the church to make sure our classrooms and downstairs chapel are ready to go. We'll send out a reminder email about this as we get closer.

This Clean-Up Day would also be a great time to talk with our Sunday School and Greek School teachers, about opportunities to help out such as teacher, guest speaker, or organizing/participating in a Religious or Cultural Education Activity.

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For more information or questions, please contact Lauren Gashlin (lauren.gashlin@gmail.com), Karina Onderdonk (Karinaonderdonk@gmail.com) or me.

Looking forward to seeing all our kids smiling faces in September!

Fr Angelo



PARISH REGISTRY



40 Days Blessings:

Child of God: Marko Dennis Stevenson Parents: Jeffrey & Marina Stevenson

Baptisms:

Child of God: Noah Alexander Lewter Parents: Bret Lewter and Jacqueline Mihalitsas

Child of God: Theodore Joseph Neenan Parents: Tyler and Melina Neenan

Memoriam: May their memory be eternal

Vera Bellows – Interred on June 28, 2021

Christos “Kitso” Marou – Interred on July 8, 2021

Louise Jovan – Interred on July 17, 2021

Eugenia Tonas – Interred on July 26, 2021

Steve Kent – Interred on July 27, 2021

Sotirios “Sam” Strembenis – Interred on July 29, 2021

Weddings:

19 June - Matthew Schwartz and Elpiniki Nassis

17 July – Damianos Theodorou and Diana Tavelaris

31 July – Constantinos Lianos and Alexandra Danielle Cokinos



.EVENTS AND CHURCH SERVICES:

2 August – PC Meeting, Zoom, 7:00 PM

+4 August - Paraklesis, at Annunciation, 6:00 pm

5 August – Orthodox Questions and Answers, YouTube, 7:00 PM

+6 August – Divine Liturgy – Transfiguration of our Lord, 10:00 AM

+11 August - Paraklesis, at Annunciation, 6:00 pm

12 August – Orthodox Questions and Answers, YouTube, 7:00 PM

+13 August - Paraklesis, at Annunciation 6:00 pm

+14 August - Vespers of the Assumption of the Theotokos, 6:00 PM

+15 August - Divine Liturgy, Assumption of the Theotokos, 10:00 AM

15 August – Good News Submission Deadline

19 August – Orthodox Questions and Answers, YouTube, 7:00 PM

23 August – Teachers’ Meeting, Church hall, 6:00 PM

26 August – Orthodox Questions and Answers, You Tube, 7:00 PM

+29 August – Divine Liturgy - Beheading of St. John the Baptist, 10:00 AM

30 August – Golf Tournament, Cobblestone Creek Country Club. See Website for further details.

2 September – Orthodox Questions and Answers, YouTube, 7:00 PM

6 September – Labor Day – Office closed

7 September – Adult Education, Zoom, 7:00 PM

+8 September – Divine Liturgy – Nativity of Theotokos, 10:00 AM

9 September – Orthodox Questions and Answers, You Tube, 7:00 PM

12 September – First Day of Sunday School and Parent-Teachers meeting after the Divine Liturgy in the Hall

+14 September – Divine Liturgy of Holy Cross, PanOrthodox at Holy Trinity Romanian Orthodox Church, Victor, NY, Time: TBD

14 September – Adult Education, Zoom, 7:00 PM

15 September – Good News Submission Deadline

16 September – Orthodox Questions and Answers, YouTube, 7:00 PM

18 September – Community Mini-Greek Festival, Annunciation Hall, 2:00 PM until ?

Please refer to our Annunciation website home page for the latest guidance on COVID protocols.

HELP WANTED

Wanted: Woman needed to assist family in homecare of homebound elderly parent. Homecare experience preferred, and Greek language skill is required. This position requires overnight care. To apply, please call Prothromos Kostantinou at 585-509-3829

Annunciation Only Mini Greek Festival – September 18, 2021

I am sure that many of you have already read my email of June 19th regarding the prospects for our annual Greek festival. At our Spring General Assembly, we discussed the possibilities, challenges and financial risks of moving forward in the still uncertain and changing requirements under Covid. We, the Parish Council and I wanted to include the contents of that email in our Good News publication for those without access to our website or email.

At our June PC meeting, we focused on four key points to make our decision regarding the Greek Festival for this year.

1. Current financial position and outlook for the remainder of the year. As a result of fairly strong Fair Share contributions, some very generous and unexpected one-time donations, a Federal PPP loan and our annual golf tournament, we feel comfortable with our financial position. Thank you for your continuing support of your Fair Share (Stewardship) pledges.
2. Availability of resources. It was felt that we would not be able to ensure sufficient resources to make everything work properly and maintain the high standards that the Rochester community has come to expect from our festival. Many of our own business owners are struggling to find the help they need let alone donate lots of hours to the festival. Add to this the added difficulty of finding hired help which we have used in previous years and the number of parishioners planning to travel this summer.
3. Monroe County Covid related mandatory guidelines. Although restrictions may change, we could only consider what is currently in place. According to Monroe County a 100% capacity festival requires our guarantee that ONLY vaccinated people attend. This means we would have to check EVERY-ONE's vaccination card and personal identification. If unvaccinated people would be in attendance it would require setting up and maintaining a separate section at all times. The PC thus agreed that the potential enforcement difficulties and issues resulting from this type of setup would not create the type of environment we would desire to sponsor.
4. Viability of a Take-out Festival. We also considered conducting a take-out only Festival similar to what we did with the Lenten Fish Fry. It was decided that the larger scale of this take-out would require a more significant expenditure of funds. With our Fish Fry, we had all the food products donated and did not pay for any advertising. With a festival take-out, we would expect to incur these expenses.

For these reasons, the 2021 Festival has been officially canceled. And here's a toast to 2022!

However we recognize that as things are returning to normal at our parish (just look at the attendance at our coffee hours) and for a bit of fun after a very difficult 18 months, we all deserve a little fun and celebration. ***Therefore, we are organizing a smaller one-day, Annunciation congregation ONLY, social event to be held on Saturday September 18.*** We are hopeful that you will appreciate this decision and our desire to give our parish the chance to gather together. PLEASE REMEMBER, WE WILL STILL NEED VOLUNTEER HELP AND YOU WILL NEED TO BE VACCINATED. If you would like to help out, please let any PC member, myself or just call the church office.

Fr Angelo

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Invites you to:

Annual Golf Tournament

at

COBBLESTONE CREEK COUNTRY CLUB

MONDAY, August 30, 2021

10:00 a.m. Shotgun start with Lunch at the turn. Dinner immediately following the tournament.



COST: \$ 175/person includes: Registration, tee gifts, greens fees, cart, lunch, beverages on the course and dinner afterwards.

Sponsorships Available:

Beverage (5)	\$ 500
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CONTESTS THROUGHOUT THE TOURNAMENT

For directions to Cobblestone go to <http://www.cobblestonecreekcc.com>

PREPAYMENT is required.

TOURNAMENT IS LIMITED TO 152 GOLFERS! WE EXPECT A FULL FIELD SO PLEASE, REGISTER EARLY!!!

Deadline for Registration is August 23, 2021
No Cancellations or Refunds After this date.

For Questions/Registration

Contact Valerie Lapp
 Email: vlapp@ajayglass.com
 (585) 393-0082
 (585) 393-0105 fax

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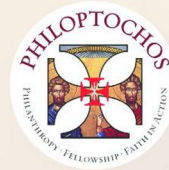
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*If you have any questions regarding your membership,
please contact Maria at 671-4034*

We appreciate your continued support of our philanthropic programs

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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, 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:

We have wedding candles in the office for purchase which is required at the time of the ceremony. The donation for the plain one is \$30.00. \$100 would be for the decorated ones. Lena has them in the office. Also, available are four sets of Stefanos while they last. The donation for each of these is \$100 a pair.

BAPTISMS:

We also have baptismal candles, \$30 for the large plain candle and \$7 each for the two (2) smaller plain candles. If you are interested in purchasing decorated candles, the larger one is \$50, the two (2) smaller ones are \$25 for the set.

MEMORIALS:

Coffee Hour scheduling for family memorials is the responsibility of the Philoptochos unless other arrangements have been made by the family sponsoring the Memorial. The family which is sponsoring the Memorial is asked to :

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).
3. Coordinate the preparation and delivery of Koliva (if used). The Philoptochos or Church office can provide information on persons who can prepare Koliva. The standard rate for the preparation of koliva is \$150 .

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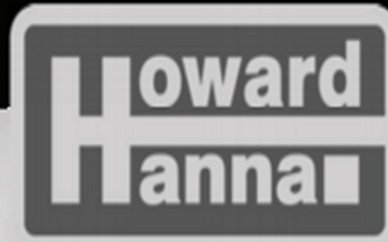
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