

# GOOD NEWS

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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

In my October Good News article I spoke of the need for a sound strategic (long term) plan for our church and community. This month I'd like to talk about sound strategic (long term) plan for you personally.

And specifically, I'm speaking about our long-term strategy for retirement...and I'm not talking about a financial plan. This is about how we plan on using our time and talent. Oftentimes retirement is viewed as something to be feared since the vision of retirement is that classic scene of endless hours without meaning or purpose or some ambiguous idea of "doing what we've always dreamed of."

In the past, life expectancy was shorter and most people passed away while working or shortly after retiring so there really wasn't any reason to plan out their retirement years. Today with better healthcare and people living healthier we can expect to be around much longer so that more years in retirement is very possible.

In fact, retirement is even Biblical. In the Old Testament, the Levites were instructed to step down from regular service at the age of 50.

*Men twenty-five years old or more shall come to take part in the work at the tent of meeting, but at the age of fifty, they must retire from their regular service and work no longer.*  
(Numbers 8:25-26)

So, what does this really mean for us as Christians who are, or are entering into retirement? Well, hopefully, that we come to a point in life when we realize that we may no longer be able to or don't desire to continue in our career and that we don't want to just "fade away."

Most of us, during our career(s), have acquired unique skills and experiences and Christ calls us to continue to use our "talents." But when you look up ideas for retirement on the internet you mostly find ideas focused on the individual such as travel, take a cruise, improve your golf game, or my personal favorite, *celebrate yourself*.

Now I'm not saying those things are bad (except maybe for the last one) but as Christians we should prayerfully consider two important uses of our God-given talents as we transition into retirement.

1. Recognize that our talents are God-given and our responsibility to mentor the next generation.
2. Recall the salvific importance of Christ's words to "*Love one another ...*"

## Recognizing and Passing along Our Talents

As Christians we know that what made us successful in our careers was not due only to our skill and dedication but are also granted to us by God. There's the old saying that your 20's are when you are finding yourself, the 30's is when you establish yourself, in your 40's and 50's you make your mark, and in your 60's and 70's you mentor. In that same passage in Numbers, we are told about the importance of mentoring.

[Those older than 50] may *assist their younger brother Levites* in performing their duties at the tent of meeting, but they themselves must not do the work.

In other words, we who have spent our life gaining wisdom, in whatever career we have chosen, should pass on that knowledge to those who are younger. Mentoring is the secular term for the Christian concept of the

continued proper use of the “talents” that God has given each of us. And while Christ rewards proper use saying, *“For whoever has will be given more, they will have an abundance”*, He also provides a stern warning that from *“everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded...”*

What Christ is demanding of us is that in retirement our focus shift from being the one *doing* the work to the one who *mentors* the next generation, offering them, patiently, the wisdom of the experiences we have gained over a lifetime, both good and bad. We can mentor in either one or both of areas of experience such as

- a) Specific skills and knowledge gained by a career in restaurant, glass making, carpentry or other skilled trades or business.
- b) The many ministries of our church that we, throughout the years, have been involved with such as acolyte, Sunday School or Greek School teacher, Greek Festival chairperson, or Parish Council member.

### **Love One Another**

When we are working full-time and focused on our careers oftentimes in an overzealous devotion to our work, we neglect the needs of those around us. When reminded of this we counter with *“Don’t you realize that I am working to make our lives better”* forgetting that the Christian life is first and foremost family and God centered.

I have had the unfortunate experience, both in my secular and priestly career of encountering those who have worked very hard for 30 or more years only to find that their strategy of “work hard and then retire” came to naught when they died before retirement or lost their family to divorce.

Christ’s command to “love one another” begins with our family, extends to our church community and then to those in need in the extended community. Certainly, we must make time for our family before we retire, but retirement offers us more time to offer our skills, experience, or just our labor in service to our church and/or to the many humanitarian organizations available both locally and nationally.

Rather than let our hard-earned skills atrophy while we fade away, let us learn from Christ’s Parable of the Talents where He rewards the servant who multiplied the talents given to him saying,

*“Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.”*

And let us not be the servant who did not spread the talent he was given so that the Master cast him into the outer darkness saying,

*“You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? You should have invested my money...”*

Returning to my original theme of personal strategy for retirement, let us take time to consider what we want retirement to look like. And begin to build a plan for how we can not only enjoy rest from a lifetime of hard work but equally consider how we can best use those talents that God has graced us with and that we have worked so hard to perfect.





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OF DETROIT**

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## WHY OUR FRIENDS MATTER?

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. The devoted stewards of the Friends program become coworkers in Christ's vineyard - assisting in the development of ministries and initiatives which strengthen our faith and our joint ministry of service.

If you are not already a Friend of the Metropolis, I invite you to join us in supporting the ongoing ministries of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit.

Thank you for your kind and generous response.  
With paternal blessings and prayers, I remain,

+NICHOLAS  
Metropolitan of Detroit

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PARISH REGISTRY



**40-Day Blessing:**

**Child of God:** Aurianna Floretta Testa      **Parents:** Robert & Jordan Testa

**Child of God:** Mackinley Odysseus Tigernach Collins      **Parents:** Bradley & Maria Collins

**Child of God:** Jayden Michael Economidis      **Parents:** John Economidis and Jannie Pierlioni

**Baptisms:**

**Child of God:** Mateo Mario Bournazakis      **Parents:** Michael & Elizabeth Bournazakis

**Child of God:** Efthia Erato Hristodoulou      **Parents:** Athanasios & Diana Hristodoulou

**Child of God:** Stella Stavroula Trieste      **Parents:** Jimmy and Domna Trieste

**Chrismation:**

**Servant of God:** Matthew Aaron Schwartz

**Funeral:**

Alexandra “Sana” Vangellow – Interred on October 13, 2022

Αιωνία η Μνήμη May her memory be eternal



**EVENTS AND CHURCH SERVICES:****+1 November - Divine Liturgy, Cosmas & Damianos, 10:00 AM**

1 November - Office Closed.

6 November - Daylight Savings Time

6 November - Philoptochos Artoclasia and Memorial for departed sisters.

7-11 November - Father away

11 November - Veterans Day

13 November - Fall General Assembly meeting 12:00 Noon

14 November – Alternate date for General Assembly meeting, 6:00 PM

**+15 November - Nativity Fast Begins**

15 November – Good News Submission Deadline

20 November – Philoptochos Bake Goods sale, 12:00 Noon

20 November - Omonia Flambouro Greek Dance, Church Hall, 5:00 PM. \$40.00 adults, kids free, Buffet dinner and cash bar. Refer to ad for details.

**+21 November - Entrance of the Theotokos in the Temple, 10:00 AM**

24 November – Thanksgiving Day – office closed

25 November – Office closed

26 November – Greek School, no class

27 November – Sunday School, no class

30 November – Joint Paraklisis at Annunciation, 6:00 PM

4 December – Drosopighi Society Christmas Party, 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

11 December – Agia Paraskevi Christmas Party, 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM

15 December – Good News Submission Deadline

**+15 December - Divine Liturgy St. Eleftherios, 10:00 AM****Please Join the Choir in “Singing Praises to the Lord”.**

Contact Julie Eveleigh 585-747-4728 or Zoi Varahidis 585-414-5886 .

**Sunday School** every Sunday after Holy Communion unless noted differently in the bulletin**On-going adult Orthodox study programs:**

- **Bible Study every Tuesday**, Zoom, 7:00 PM
- **Orthodox Questions and Answers every Thursday**, YouTube, 7:00 PM
- On-Line Orthodox Catechism on our website under the **EDUCATION tab**

**Greek School** every Saturday, 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM unless noted differently in the bulletin

## AGENDA – FALL General Assembly 2022

On Sunday, November 13, 2022, following the Divine Liturgy service we will be having the Fall General Assembly meeting. As in previous years, the GA will be held in church and also livestreamed. We will be able to take questions via chat from the livestream. If a quorum is not met at this meeting, the alternate General Assembly date will be Monday, November 14 at 6:00 PM.

Please see the Agenda below and we look forward to seeing you there and ask that you encourage your friends and family to attend.

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| 1. Call to Order                                 | PC President  |
| 2. Opening Prayer                                | Fr. Angelo  |
| 3. Approval of previous General Assembly Minutes | Meeting Chairperson   |
| 4. Treasurer Report and Stewardship              | Eric Vangellow  |
| 5. Update of Strategic Plan                      |   |
| 6. Ministry and Organization Reports             |   |
| a. Fund Raising Events                           | Jim Stathopoulos/Eric Vangellow   |
| • Greek Festival                                 |   |
| • Golf Outing                                    |   |
| b. Communications Ministry                       |   |
| c. Religious Education                           |   |
| d. Philoptochos                                  | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p>In the interest of time and to allow ample time for a full and open discussion, all ministry updates will be provided on our church website in advance of the General Assembly meeting.</p> </div> |
| e. Choir/Chant                                   |   |
| f. GOYA  |   |
| g. Greek School                                  |   |
| h. Seniors Group                                 |   |
| i. Cultural Groups                               |   |
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| 7. Call for Questions                            |   |
| 8. General Maintenance and Upkeep                |   |
| 9. Old Business                                  |   |
| i. Youth Director Update                         |   |
| ii. Hall Manager Update                          |   |
| 10. New Business                                 |   |
| i. Board of Election Nominations                 |   |
| ii. Financial Audit                              |   |
| 11. Call for Adjournment                         | GA Chairman   |
| 12. Closing Prayer                               | Fr. Angelo  |

# BLESSING OF THE VEHICLES

## October 23, 2022





## Philoptochos Upcoming Events

**Sunday November 6**

Cosmas & Damianos

Artoclasia and Memorial for Departed Sisters,

Pass Tray in Church

*\*Bring Dish to Pass for Coffee Hour\**

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**Sunday November 20**

Philoptochos Bake sale

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## PHILOPTOCHOS WELCOME BACK LUNCHEON

October 8, 2022







# PHILOTOCHOS BAKE SALE NOVEMBER 20

Proceeds Will Be Donated to Help Veterans and Families In Need



## Pre-Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM	PRICE	#TOTAL	\$TOTAL
<b>Whole Pie Pita</b> (Spanakopita, Tyropita or Prassopita - Approximately 30 pieces)	<b>\$40.00</b>	_____	_____
<b>1/4 Pita</b> (spanakopita, Tyropita or Prassopita)	<b>\$12.00</b>	_____	_____
<b>Baklava</b> (Greek Dessert Pastry - 8 pieces)	<b>\$17.00</b>	_____	_____
<b>Koulourakia</b> (Greek Butter Cookies - 10 pieces)	<b>\$10.00</b>	_____	_____
<b>Tsoureki</b> (Greek Sweet Easter Bread)	<b>\$15.00</b>	_____	_____
<b>Kourabiedes</b> (Greek Cookies with Sugar - 10 Pieces)	<b>\$12.00</b>	_____	_____
<b>TOTALS</b>		_____	_____

### Orders due Wednesday, November 16

Drop off forms at Church Office or Coffee Hour  
Cash and/or Checks **Made Out To: Philoptochos**  
Pre-orders to be picked up in the Church Hall the Sunday Before  
Thanksgiving - November 20, 10 am to 1 pm



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Dear Parishioners,

We have had a wonderful two months of Sunday School so far this year! We have a total of 35 children registered, a 30% increase from last year! This year we are continuing our study of the Old Testament. The children presented the Battle of Jericho to the parish which was a lot of fun! We also had a Trunk or Treat gathering to celebrate fall as a community.

We are giving a big shout out to our perfect attendance students for the months of September! See their names below. We know it can be difficult to get to Sunday School every week, but for those who did we are really proud of you!

### September:

Prek	George Demkos, Evangeline Gashlin
Kindergarten	James Jackson , John Jackson, Stefanos Tzogas
1st	Anthony Gashlin
3rd	Katerina Koupas
4th	Alex Chinchilla, Damianos Tzogas
6th	Antonio Chinchilla, Athanasia Tzogas
8th	Vasilios Koupas

Looking ahead to November, we will complete a service project benefiting our local veterans!

We are also looking forward to the Christmas Season. The children are working on the play that will be presented on December 18th after Divine Liturgy! If you want your child/children to participate in the pageant please have them attend Sunday School! There is a mandatory attendance for all four Sundays prior to the play. We will also be announcing Sunday School attendance winners and Bingo winners on December 4th!

We are always happy to welcome new students to our classes! Please register online at the church website if you would like to join our Sunday School family. We hope you have a wonderful holiday season with your families!

### Save the Dates:

Veterans Day Service Project: TBD  
 Play Practice: 11/13, 11/20, 12/4, 12/11  
 No Sunday School: 11/27  
 Attendance and Bingo Winners: 12/4  
 Saturday Play Practice: 12/17  
 Christmas Pageant: 12/18

With Love in Christ,  
 Karina and Lauren  
 Sunday School Directors

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PRESENTATION 10/30/2022

## JOSHUA FOUGHT THE BATTLE OF JERICHO!

Joshua 6:1–27



## GREEK SCHOOL

Dear Parishioners and Greek School Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 Year! We are so happy to see our classrooms full and students excited to learn Greek!

Our enrollment has significantly grown from the past few years, and we are excited to share that we have 49 students joining us to learn and grow their Greek language skills.

We wanted to take a moment and give a great thanks to our teachers, who come prepared with their learning lessons, teach our children, and create an environment of curiosity, learning and growing. Our teachers this school year are:

Kindergarten: Nia Pike

First Grade: Diana Hristodoulou & Stefani Nassis

Second Grade: Danielle Marou

Third Grade: Georgia Katsetos

Fourth Grade: Kostas Matakos

Fifth & Sixth Grade: Walter Buble

Seventh Grade: Katina Sekella

We are also excited to share that we will be reviewing our current Greek School program structure, in an effort to evaluate what we can do different in the near future, so that we can create more language and cultural enrichment for our students.

With that said, we would like to hear from our parish, parents, teachers, and anyone who would like to provide feedback for our current Greek School program. A survey is in the process of being designed and will be shared with all of you soon; however, if you would like to reach out through email, you can provide your thoughts and feedback at [agreeschool@gmail.com](mailto:agreeschool@gmail.com). Once we have completed our program evaluation, a formal 5-year strategy will be created and presented to the parish, with opportunities to ask questions and offer support.

As a reminder, our school day begins at 9:30 am and ends at 12 pm each Saturday. Please arrive and pick-up your children on time. For safety reasons, we do not allow children to exit the building without an adult. As always, feel free to contact us with any questions. We look forward to seeing your children's smiley faces each Saturday!

Ευχαριστούμε,

Maria Dembeyotis & Elina Kokorotsis

Greek School Directors

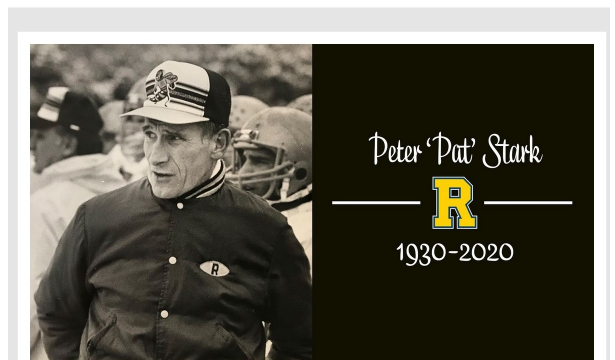
## DROSOPIGI SOCIETY

Men's Party held on Saturday, October 15, 2022



## STARK MEETING ROOM

Located on the University of Rochester Campus named in memory of a member of our community Peter "Pat" Stark



**OMONIA FLAMBOURO PRESENTS**

# GREEK DANCE

**MUSIC BY THE AEGEANS  
(FULL BAND) WITH  
KLARINO**

**BUFFET DINNER  
INCLUDED WITH ENTRY**

**\*CASH BAR\***

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER  
20TH 2022, 5PM**

**CHURCH HALL  
962 EAST AVE.**



**ADULTS \$40 - KIDS UNDER 12 FREE**



## 2022 ADVERTISING/SPONSORSHIP DIRECTORY

To increase awareness among our community of the broad range of experience and services available from our parishioners, we are encouraging both parishioners and any vendors to our church to advertise their business and/or family name in our monthly newsletter.

In order to help defray the costs of printing and mailing, this will be a Sponsorship Directory listing only. Advertising images will no longer be used in order to reduce the overall printing cost of the Newsletter. The Newsletter is printed each month during the year, except for one or two months that would be combined.

If you are interested in adding your business or family name to our Sponsorship Directory, the annual Sponsorship Fee is \$150.

Business or Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## GOOD NEWS SPONSORS

### RESTAURANTS

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### MEMORIALS, FAMILIES & INDIVIDUALS

In Memory of Jennefer & Perry Noun  
 Mary Manou  
 Nassis Family





## Hall Rental Policy for 962 East.

We are excited and eager to finally be able to safely reopen our beautifully renovated church Hall to our community. However, the new renovations, along with the intent to lease the Hall to non-parishioners also, requires us to establish a higher degree of formality regarding rental of the new Hall. To assist in this transition, we have secured a dedicated Hall Manager, Sara Tone, who will be responsible for maintaining the Hall Lease calendar, process booking for both parishioner and non-parishioner, showing of the Hall and coordinating contract requirements and signatures. Our church secretary is no longer responsible for Hall scheduling or coordinating any Hall lease activities. With this in mind, we are establishing the following set of guidelines when leasing our Hall.

Attached is a pricing schedule and usage guide for both parishioners and non-parishioners. The fee to rent the Hall for a Parishioner in Good Standing is \$500 total. A signed Rental Agreement and payment of lease fee are required to reserve a date. All guests are expected to respect all Hall rules laid out in the Hall Lease Agreement. All trash and food stuffs must be disposed of properly at the end of your event. See the Hall Lease Agreement for specific information on the use of decorations.

To qualify for the parishioner rate, the person leasing the Hall must be a member in Good Standing for the current year. *Member in Good Standing* status requires a stewardship card on file for the current year and a reasonable payment amount made towards the current year's stewardship pledge.

To begin the Hall Lease process please go to the homepage of our Annunciation Church website. At the bottom of the home page, you will see a button labeled "**Hall Rental**." Click there to fill out the request form and you will then be contacted by our Hall Manager.

**Note that use of the Hall for recognized church organizations or ministries is at no cost, however they are still required to complete the [Hall reservation form](#),<sup>1</sup> to ensure their dates are blocked from use by the Hall manager.** This form can be accessed at the bottom of the home page of our church website.

Generally speaking, Hall rental *includes* the following. (Please see the HALL Contract for the full details)

- a) Six (6) hours of rental time
- b) Tables and chairs setup according to a previously agreed upon floor plan\*
- c) Limited kitchen access (warming and cold storage privileges only)
- d) Hall cleaned prior to event
- e) Trash bins and bags

The six (6) hours of rental time does not count against setup time and the timing for this should be arranged with the Hall Manager. This rental *does not include* the following.

- a) Linens for tables, glassware, flatware, and china
- b) Food service utensils and dishes

Full kitchen privileges requires a \$350 kitchen usage fee if the food will be prepared using the Hall kitchen(s). If the lessee plans on using a catering service that cater, if they are not on the Approved Cater List, must be approved by the Hall Manager prior to use of the Hall kitchen(s).

\* Set-up of the hall does not include taking down or removing any tables due to lack of personnel to do this. Parishioners are free to take down tables but must reset them after the event. Taking tables down could be done through the set-up fee. For non-parishioners events set-up fees are added to the lease price.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we transition to this new policy which we believe will serve to benefit us both from a financial and community perspective.

*Angelo E. Maggos*  
Fr Angelo E. Maggos  
Priest, Annunciation GOC

*Jim Stathopoulos*  
Jim Stathopoulos  
President, Annunciation GOC

<sup>1</sup>**Note:** The link to the *Hall reservation form* is available on our website. The form is also available in the Church Office.

## HALL Rates, Access and Requirements

	Recognized Church Organization	Parishioner in Good Standing	Non-Parishioner
<b>Hall Lease Fee</b>	No Charge	\$500	Starting @ \$1000. Final price dependent on type of package selected.
<b>Hall Lease Deposit</b>	N/A, however, the Church Organization MUST complete the <a href="#">Hall Registration<sup>1</sup></a> form to secure the date/time.	Full amount required at time of reservation.  Completion of the <a href="#">Hall Registration<sup>1</sup></a> form to secure the date/time.	\$500 deposit at time of reservation.  Completion of the <a href="#">Hall Registration<sup>1</sup></a> form to secure the date/time.
<b>Hall Balance</b>	N/A	N/A	Balance due two (2) weeks before event takes place.
<b>Hall Lease Time</b>	No later than 10pm	No later than 10pm 6-hour event time. Setup time does not affect this time. Additional time is \$100/hour	No later than 10pm 6-hour event time. Setup time does not affect this time. Additional time is \$100/hour
<b>Kitchen Privileges</b>	Full privileges	Full privileges but requires a \$350 usage fee	None
<b>Cancellation Policy</b>	N/A, however Church Organization MUST notify the Hall Manager 2 weeks prior to the event if their event is cancelled.	Hall lease fee recoverable if Hall Manager is notified no later than two (2) weeks prior to event.	Hall lease fee recoverable if Hall Manager is notified no later than two (2) weeks prior to event.
<b>Use of Caterers</b>	At discretion of the Organization but must be approved by PC.	At discretion of the organization but must be approved by PC.	Must be selected from church approved catering list.
<b>Setup and Cleanup</b>	Responsibility of the church ministry or organization that is leasing the Hall.	If the Lessee is not providing the setup, then setup fee is \$100.  Setup plan required no later than 2 weeks prior to the event.	Setup is included in Hall leasing fee.  Setup plan required no later than 2 weeks prior to the event.

<sup>1</sup>Note: The link to the *Hall reservation form* is available on our website. The form is also available in the Church Office.

# 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, 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. The Stefanos are sold out - Lena does have catalogs for Stefanos in the Office if anyone is interested in shopping on-line.

## 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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