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

Updating the Liturgy

One of the more hotly debated topics in the Orthodox Church over the last 20 or so years has been the need for reform of the Orthodox Divine Liturgy, with voices on both sides. When considering the idea of liturgical reform in our Church, I can't help but think of the movie *O Brother Where Art Thou* (with George Clooney). Pappy O Daniel was the incumbent candidate in the Shreveport Louisiana mayoral election and at lunch he was asking for advice from his election committee. Their <u>response</u> was very similar to what we hear from many Orthodox today, "*People like that reform, maybe we should get us some.*"

And this statement nicely summarizes our modern approach to the issue of Liturgical Reform. Rather than basing liturgical reform on what would improve the purpose and intent of worship for today's Orthodox Christian, we look for what changes the people want thus leading to subjective and haphazard changes.

The two most monumental works on the need for and suggested path towards Orthodox Liturgical Reform is *Introduction to Liturgical Theology* by Fr Alexander Schmemann and *The Liturgy in Dialogue, Exploring & Renewing the Tradition* by Fr Alkiviades Calivas.

In the preface of his book, Fr Calivas begins by defining the purpose of Liturgy saying.

Orthodox Christians experience the Church primarily as a worshipping community through the sacred rites and services of the Church-the Liturgy. Orthodox Christians abide in the Church, which is the eschatological community that is being continuously transformed into the Body of Christ by the Holy Spirit...The liturgy nourishes, informs, and sustains people's faith. It brings them into a right relationship with God, with one another, with the world, and with themselves.

He then goes on to state the need for Liturgical Reform.

Because the liturgy is so central to the actualization of the life of faith, its renewal must be a constant concern of the Church. While the liturgy is constant and traditional, it is also living and dynamic. [Therefore] every generation is obliged to test the depths, analyze, interpret, and evaluate the various components of [these] sacred rites...so that the vitality of worship may be sustained appropriately...

Notice in this last statement the measured approach suggested before any change is formalized; test, analyze, interpret and evaluate. Thus, liturgical reform is not just rearranging the liturgical text, abbreviating certain parts, or eliminating repetition since this haphazard approach has the dangerous potential to stifle the transformative power of the liturgy.

Nor is the answer that liturgical reform is heresy promulgated by a fanatical and Pharisaical adherence to liturgical formalism who shroud themselves in false piety for a world long past. Pius XII summed this up best when he said,

Ancient usage must not be esteemed more suitable and proper, either in its own right or in its significance for later times and new situations, on the simple ground that it carries the savor or aroma of antiquity.

While both Frs. Schmemann and Calivas refer to the current state as a "liturgical crisis" and agree that liturgical reform is appropriate, they also both advocate for a more measured and deliberate approach to avoid the issues and challenges encountered by the Roman Catholic Church following the reforms of Vatican II. Schmemann and Calivas see among the laity a growing lack of understanding towards the Liturgy in terms of its function and place in the Church. And this is not just a simple misunderstanding of the texts and language of the services but reflects our whole approach to worship and its experience.

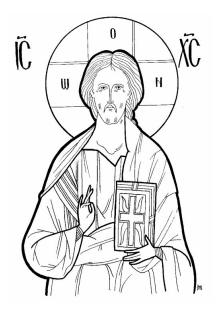
On one hand there is the worshipper who is in love with the ceremony, the intricate system of symbols, iconography and the whole atmosphere of the church. Their understanding of the Liturgy is restricted to reciting each portion of the Liturgy as symbolic depictions of the life of Christ, but are unable to explain how the Divine Liturgy is an expression of life in the Church.

On the other hand, there is the worshipper who, upon entering the church, no longer feels that he is an active participant and joyful co-celebrant in the act of worship. And oftentimes it is the clergy who robs the liturgy of its mystical dimension through an abuse of the liturgy offering spiritless services, uninspiring preaching, incomprehensible language and liturgical actions which lack the grace and beauty of ancient times. (Calivas, pg. 15)

Interestingly Fr. Calivas also points out that these lackluster actions have caused the Liturgy to "cease to be dangerous." Quoting David Batchelder he says, "So much of what is offered in our churches is worship carrying enough of cultural [society's] toxins that it is no longer capable of disclosing the perils of the individualistic and narcissistic self." When the need and desire for meaningful worship diminishes, faith can slowly fade away as God becomes less and less relevant. For Orthodox, faith and worship are inseparable and the Liturgy, through the hymns and the readings, sustains our faith by restoring, educating, and yes, reminding us of the dangers, both earthly and eternal, of a life lived outside the Body of Christ.

So yes, a balanced Orthodox approach acknowledges that renewal must be a constant concern of the Church. And this concern for renewal is part of our Orthodox history and tradition for St. Basil reformed the Divine Liturgy of St. James and St. John Chrysostom reformed the Liturgy of St. Basil. However, before we hasten to act on those voices urging us to "catch up to modern society" by changing our liturgical practice and worship to keep in step with the modern world, we need to first be sure that we are not the problem and that we ensure that we, the laity and clergy, conduct worship that is transformative, dangerous and properly reverent to those before us who have shaped our liturgical services.

For more information on the state of <u>Orthodox Liturgical Renewal</u> see the 1998 report by the World Council of Churches at https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/documents/orthodox-liturgical-renewal





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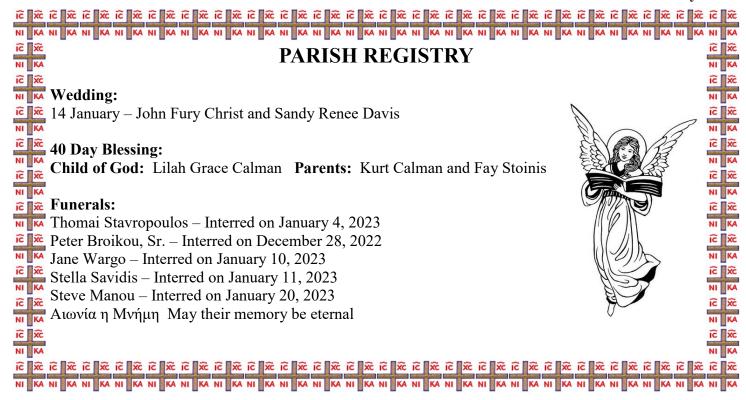


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EVENTS AND CHURCH SERVICES:

- 1 February Transformative Christianity Webinar Series, Session 11 of the series. Refer to website for details.
- +2 February Orthros (9:00 AM) and Divine Liturgy (10:00 AM), Presentation of Our Lord
- 4 February Philoptochos Valentine Brunch, 11:00 AM
- +5 February Godparent Sunday
- 5 February Teaching Liturgy, Part 1
- 7-8 February Father attending Clergy Syndesmos
- 12 February Teaching Liturgy, Part 2
- 15 February Good News Submission Deadline
- +18 February 1st Saturday of Souls, Divine Liturgy, 10:00 AM
- 18 February Aghia Paraskevi Progi making event
- +22 February Joint Paraklisis at Holy Spirit, 6:00 PM
- 23 February Seniors' Meeting, 11:00 AM
- +25 February 2nd Saturday of Souls, Divine Liturgy, 10:00 AM
- 25 February Apokriatiko Dance, 5:00 PM. Refer to flier on page 10 for details.
- +27 February GREAT LENT BEGINS
- +1 March Presanctified Liturgy, 5:00 PM
- +3 March Salutations to the Theotokos, 5:00 PM
- +4 March 3rd Saturday of Souls, Divine Liturgy, 10:00 AM

GREAT LENT SCHEDULE - Refer to Pages 10 and 11

GOYA SKI TRIP

Hitting the slopes (and enjoying some delicious sandwiches) for our Ski Trip

Bristol Mountain

January 29, 2023





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



ANNUNCIATION YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT January 22, 2023 Cases for Children in Foster Care





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Dear Parishioners.

We had a wonderful and busy month of January! Juan taught about baptism in our chapel in the first couple of weeks of January. We celebrated Jesus's birthday and baptism! The children did a wonderful job making cards for Jesus. Come check out the bulletin board in Sunday School to see the wonderful cards displayed! We also had a fun competitive game day in January to test out our bible and church knowledge! We also put together our "sweet cases" for children in the foster care system. Thank you to all of those who helped support this effort.

We had Godparent Sunday in the beginning of February. Godparents and children made Valentines cards for our parishioners residing in assisted living communities. Moving into February and March we are preparing for Lent and the Oratorical Festival. We are excited to see our children participate in the annual Oratorical Festival. Please keep working on your child's bingo board at home. We will be announcing more attendance awards in late March as well!

We had so many kids get perfect attendance in December!! Congratulations to all the kids below. Keep up the good work everyone!

reschool	George Demkos, Cristiano Zimmerman, Evangline Gashlin, Zoe Onderdonk,	$\stackrel{\bigstar}{\sim}$		
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💢 6th Grade	Antonio Chinchilla, Athanasia Tzogas	☆		
🕇 8th Grade	Vasilios Koupas	☆		
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Important Dates:

Feb 19th and 26th: Sunday School will occur during February break. We understand many people are gone this week, but we hope to see as many people as possible!

Feb 27th: Lent begins -coin drive during Lent
March 5th: Procession of Icons- Children bring icon to church
March 12th: Oratorical Festival after the Divine Liturgy
March 19th: 3rd Chapel Lesson on Divine Liturgy
March 26th: Attendance Announcements for December through February

We have many Sunday School videos. Be sure to check them out if you missed a week with your child! Please see "Bringing the Church Home Resources" section on the next page for more information!

With Love in Christ, Karina and Lauren Religious Education Directors

Bringing the Church Home - Resources

St. John Chrysostom famously taught that our homes are to be a "little church" and we hope that this new section will help our Annunciation families to make Christ and His Church a part of our homes and everyday lives. Suggestions are welcomed!

Virtual Sunday School Videos: Available on Annunciation YouTube Channel, Annunciation website or QR code below!



Let Us Attend: Good for the drive to church or for anywhere that you happen to be driving! This is a great way to help prepare your children (and yourself) for the Gospel reading of the day.

Prepare your heart, and the hearts of your children, by listening to this Sunday's Gospel. The Gospel is paraphrased for younger children and read for older children, followed by engaging questions to help us think about what we've heard

This is a feature of the Antiochian Orthodox Department of Christian Education and Ancient Faith Radio and is available on Apple Podcasts or Ancient Faith App:



Children's Word Sunday Bulletin: For both kids and grown-ups! Available in print each Sunday next to the regular bulletin and at the link below:





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"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

ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH 2023 SERVICES FOR GREAT LENT AND HOLY WEEK

Saturday, 2/18	1st Saturday of Souls	10:00 am			
Saturday, 2/25	2nd Saturday of Souls	10:00 am			
LENT BEGINS MONDAY, February 27					
Saturday, 3/4	3rd Saturday of Souls	10:00 am			
Saturday, 4/8	Raising of Lazarus, Divine Liturgy	11:30 am			
Sunday, 4/9	PALM SUNDAY	10:00 am			
	Bridegroom Matins	6:00 pm			
Monday,4/10	HOLY MONDAY				
	Nymphios (Bridegroom) Service	6:00 pm			
Tuesday, 4/11	HOLY TUESDAY				
	Nymphios (Bridegroom) Service	6:00 pm			
Wednesday, 4/12	HOLY WEDNESDAY				
	Holy Unction (2 services available)	4:00 pm & 7:00 pm			
Thursday, 4/13	HOLY THURSDAY				
	Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil	10:00 am			
	Office of Holy Passion (Twelve Gospels)	6:00 pm			
Friday, 4/14	HOLY FRIDAY				
	The Royal Hours (Decorating Epitaphio)	10:00 am			
	Vespers of Apokathelosis (Descent from the Cross)	4:00 pm			
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	Office of Lamentations (Epitaphio)	8:00 pm			
Saturday, 4/15	GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY	8:00 pm			
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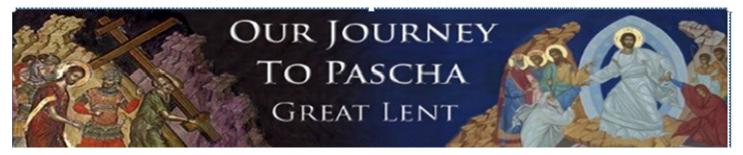
<u>Please note</u> that all the services of the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy will be alternated between Annunciation and Holy Spirit. Salutations to the Theotokos will begin at 5pm.

Η ΕΥΑΝΓΕΛΑΙΣΤΗΣ ΤΗΣ ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΕΣ ΤΗΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΗΣ ΚΑΙ ΑΓΙΑΣ ΕΒΔΟΜΑΔΟΣ

Σαββατο, 4/8	Θεία Λειτουργία - Ανάσταση του Λάζαρου Πρόγευμα μετά την Θεία Λειτουργία (Ναός του Αγίο Γεργίου)	11:30 πμ
Κυρακη 4/9	Θεία Λειτουργία - Των Βαϊων Ακολουθια του Νυμφιου (Ναός του Αγίο Γεργίου)	10:00 πμ 6:00 μμ
Μεγαλη Δευτερα 4/10	Ακολουθια του Νυμφιου Το τροπάριο της Κασσιανής	6:00 µµ
Μεγαλη Τριτη 4/11	Ακολουθία του Νυμφιου	6:00 μμ
Μεγαλη Τεταρτη 4/12	Μυστήριον του Αγίου Ευχέλαιου	4:00 πμ 7:00 μμ
Μεγαλη Πεμπτη 4/13	Θεία Λειτουργία του Μεγάλου Βασιλλείου Τα Πάθη του Χρίστου (Δώδεκα Ευαγγέλια)	10:00 πμ 6:00 μμ
Μεγαλη Πρασκευη 4/14	Ακολουδία των Βασιλικών Ώρων Η Αποκαθήλωσις Ο Επιτάφιος Θρήνος (Τα Εγκώμια)	10:00 πμ 4:00 μμ 8:00 μμ
Μεγαλο Σαββατο 4/15	Θεία Λειτουργία του Μεγάλου Βασιλλείου Αγία και Μεγαλή Κυριακή του Πάσχα (Θεία Λειτουργία της Αναστάσεως)	10:00 πμ 11:00 μμ
Κυριακη του Πασχα 4/16	Ακολουδία της Αγάπης	11:00 πμ

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

Παρακαλούμε να σημειώσετε ότι ολες τες ακολουθίες, Λειτουργία των Προηγιασμένων και Χαιρετισμούς της Θεοτόκου, θα γίνεται στης 5μμ.



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:

- Placing your donation in the "Easter Flower" envelope located in the church pews
- Calling the Church Office or stop by the Church during business hours (10 am 3 pm M-F)
- Mailing your donation to the Church

FLOWERS FOR ICONS

GREAT LENT & HOLY WEEK ITEMS

1 st Salutations	\$120.00	Rose Water for Epitaphio	\$25.00
2 nd Salutations	\$120.00	12 Gospels Candles	\$120.00
3 rd Salutations	\$120.00	Candles for the Crucifix	\$ 50.00
4 th Salutations	\$120.00	Priest Resurrection Candle	\$150.00
Akathist Hymn	\$120.00	Eggs for Resurrection Service	120 Dozen
Sunday of Orthodoxy	\$ 75.00	Daffodils - Sun of Holy Cross	\$ 60.00
Annunciation Feast Day	\$120.00	Crown of Thorns (Holy Thurs)	\$ 65.00
Sunday of the Holy Cross	\$120.00	Palms for the Crosses	\$150.00
Saturday of Lazarus	\$120.00	Garland for Nymphios	\$ 50.00
Palm Sunday	\$100.00	Holy Unction Oil	\$ 25.00
Nymphios Icon (Sun-Tues)	\$120.00	Epitaphio Flowers	\$1600.00
Nymphios Procession Icon (Sun)	\$140.00	Rose Petals	\$150.00
Crucifixion of Christ (Thurs).	\$120.00	Bay Leaves	\$ 75.00
The Un-nailing of Christ	\$120.00	Potted Easter Lilies	\$125.00
Empty Tomb (Holy Sat. Morning)	\$120.00		
Resurrection Icon	\$120.00		





Saturday, February 25th 5:00pm in the church hall

Jmusic by DJ ETJ

Tickets @ the door Adults \$25 Under 18 \$10 call/text Danielle 507-1646 or Maria 233-8861 to reserve a table

Everyone is welcome!

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SCAN TO REGISTER:



PRACTICES WILL BEGIN THE FIRST WEEK IN FEBRUARY. BE SURE TO REGISTER BY 1/31 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON PRACTICE TIMES!



2023 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.

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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 <u>Hall reservation form</u>, 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
- 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.

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

Jim Stathopoulos

President, Annunciation GOC

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

¹Note: 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 Stefanas are sold out - Lena does have catalogs for Stefanas 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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