

# 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

### Let Pascha Become Our Way of Life

While there have been countless articles written about the joy of Christ's Resurrection as our promise of salvation it bears repeating so that we understand why this event, our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection is so significant for not only us as Orthodox but for all of Christianity. Of course, our Christian faith can no more be expressed in the content of a single article as could the works of our savior Jesus Christ. "*If every one of them were written down, not even the whole world would have room for the books that would be written.*" (John 21:25). However, that shouldn't stop us from being able to express some of the central themes that gives evidence to the claim that we as Orthodox are a light unto the whole world. So, in light of Christ's glorious Resurrection let's outline what Orthodoxy asks from her faithful.

- Belief in a Trinitarian God
- Living in freedom
- A liturgical and communal experience
- An eschatological understanding of our faith
- A way of life

Orthodoxy understands itself as **Trinitarian** in its essence. The influence of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is reflected in all aspects of Her being. The Orthodox Divine Liturgy begins with the words *Blessed is the Kingdom, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit*, reminding us that everything begins from above, from God's very Essence experienced in His Energies, **and does not begin** from man, as is proclaimed in many New Age philosophies. Oftentimes in Western Christianity this Trinitarian expression seems unbalanced where the focus is only on Christ while downplaying the ever-communal operation (in Greek περιχώρησις) of all three Persons (Υπόστασεις) of the Holy Trinity.

God the Father, descending to His creation and our ascending to the Father is ever-present in the personhood of Jesus Christ and the comfort and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Characteristic for Orthodoxy is **freedom**. When observed through a Western lens, this seems to be a paradox. In Western thought, freedom is understood as individualistic, as a personal right enshrined in our American Constitution protecting each individual from infringing upon either our religious or secular lives. Each individual operates autonomously. In the West Christianity this can manifest itself as a radical devotion to one's personal relationship with Christ while severely downplaying the importance of the church community as essential to salvation.

In Orthodoxy, a faithful person is found living a **liturgical and communal experience**. That means life with-in the religious community, and the religious community works together for the salvation of that person. In this light the Church is not just an authoritarian overlord burdening the person with laws, but a grace-filled unity of love from which true freedom abounds; a freedom from sin and life's burdens. Authentic freedom of

religious conscience, freedom of the spirit, is made evident not in an isolated autonomous life, lived in individualism, but in a personal conscious in unity within the Body of Christ, i.e. the Church.

Orthodoxy is **eschatological**. From the beginnings of the Ancient Church, the anticipation of Christ's second appearance and the coming of the Resurrection was a central hope and expectation. (see 2 Thessalonians chapters 1 and 2) Orthodoxy patiently and watchfully awaits His second Coming and ceaselessly strives to instill in each of us a lesser attachment to the world and earthly life and a greater turning towards the Kingdom of God. This theme is evident throughout the hymns of Holy Week.

*Behold, the Bridegroom is coming in the middle of the night; and blessed is the servant He shall find awake and watching; unworthy is the other He shall find being lazy. So beware, O soul of mine, be not overcome by sleep, so that you are not handed over to death and be shut out from the Kingdom. Come to your senses and cry aloud: Holy, holy, holy are You, our God.*

Troparion, Matins of Holy Monday

*Why are you lazy, my pitiful soul? Why are you thinking about transient things at such a time? Why are you busy with things that pass away? The final hour is at hand and we shall soon be parted from all that is here. While you still have time, get sober and cry out.*

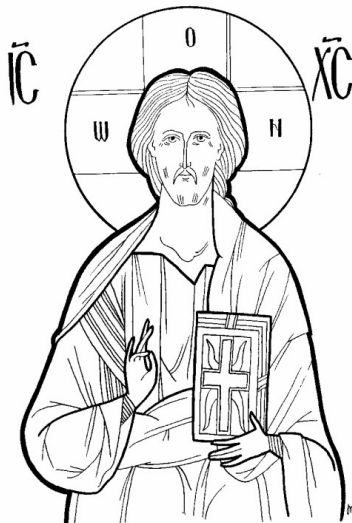
Oikos, Matins of Holy Monday

Finally, Orthodoxy is more than just observance of laws and indoctrination but an ongoing **way of life**. For while there are Orthodox dogmas and doctrines, developed and proclaimed through Ecumenical Councils, Orthodoxy, in its fullness cannot be experienced through philosophical reasoning. Rather, it is experiential, a norm of behavior, where both the body and mind are essential. A spiritual life following a distinct path established by Christ Himself and passed on through apostles, bishops and priests. This Orthodox spirituality is manifested in many ways, each individual person, guiding their daily actions, and through communal worship and community involvement a building up of the Body of Christ.

This guarantee of hope is the mystery of the RESURRECTION, which is why the central feast in the life of the Orthodox Church is the feast of Pascha, Christ's Glorious Resurrection. The shining rays of the Resurrection permeates the Orthodox world. Let us therefore hold fast throughout the year the immeasurable significance of the great Paschal hymn.

*Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι ζωὴν χαρισάμενος.*

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





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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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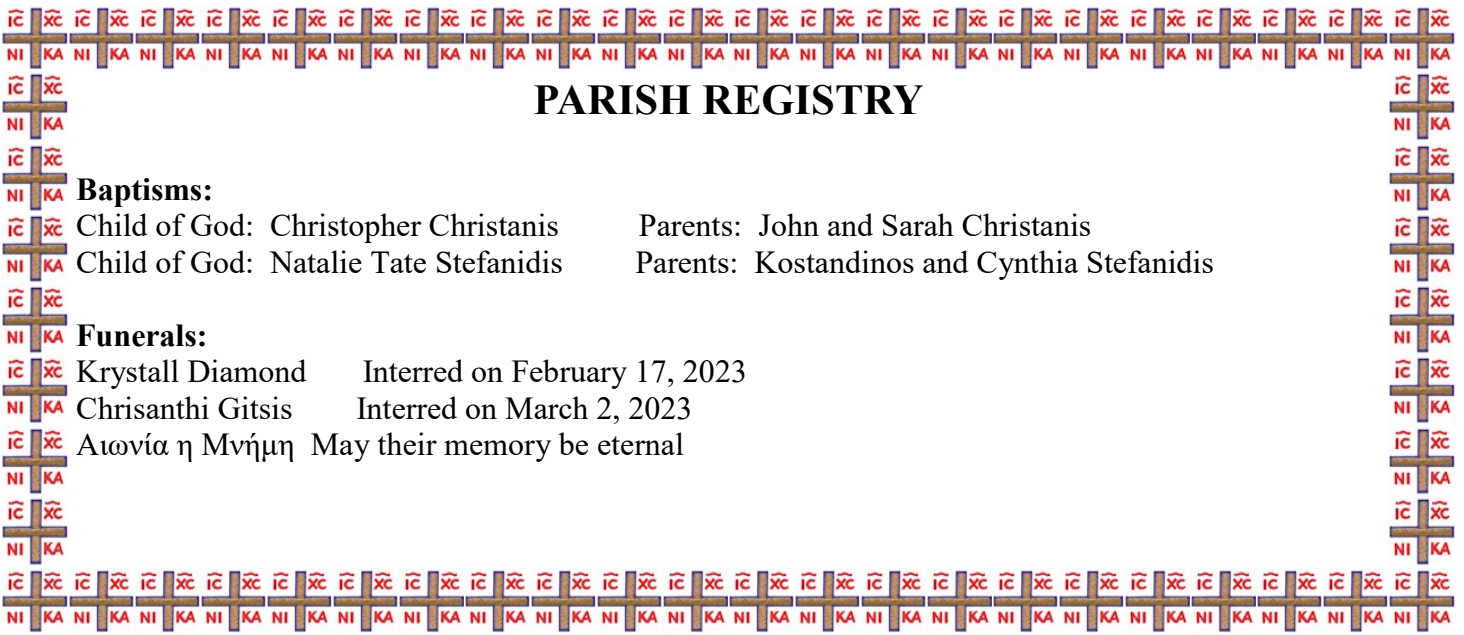
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# PARISH REGISTRY

## Baptisms:

Child of God: Christopher Christanis

Parents: John and Sarah Christanis

Child of God: Natalie Tate Stefanidis

Parents: Kostandinos and Cynthia Stefanidis

## Funerals:

Krystall Diamond Interred on February 17, 2023

Chrisanthi Gitsis Interred on March 2, 2023

Αιωνία η Μνήμη May their memory be eternal





## CALENDAR OF CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS:

2 April – Greek School Dance Practice, 5:00 PM

3 April – Office closed

3 April – PC meeting, 6:00 PM

**+5 April – Presanctified Liturgy at Holy Spirit, 6:00 PM**

6 April – Greek School Dance Practice, 6:00 PM

**+8 April – Divine Liturgy Raising of Lazarus, 10:00 AM followed by Palm Cross Making.**

**+9 April - Palm Sunday, Orthos 9:00 AM, Divine Liturgy, 10:00 AM**

**Palm Sunday Luncheon immediately following**

**+9 April - Nymphios (Bridegroom) Matins, 6:00 PM**

**+10 April - HOLY MONDAY, Nymphios (Bridegroom), 6:00 PM**

**+11 April - HOLY TUESDAY, Nymphios (Bridegroom), Hymn of Kassiane, 6:00 PM**

**+12 April - HOLY WEDNESDAY, Holy Unction (2 services available), 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM**

**+13 April - HOLY THURSDAY,**

**+Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil, 10:00 AM**

**+Office of Holy Passion (Twelve Gospels) 6:00 PM**

**+14 April - HOLY FRIDAY**

**+The Royal Hours (Decorating Epitaphio), 10:00 AM**

**\*Sunday School Lenten Retreat 11:15 AM**

**+Vespers of Apokathelosis (Descent from the Cross), 2:00 PM**

**+Office of Lamentations (Epitaphio), 7:00 PM**

**+15 April - GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY**

**+Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil, 10:00 AM**

**+HOLY PASCHA RESURRECTION SERVICE, 11:00 PM**

15 April - Good News Submission Deadline

15 April – No Greek School

**+16 April - HOLY PASCHA AGAPE SERVICE (Sunday of Love), 11:00 AM**



**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 GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

*Please Join Us for Our*

# PALM SUNDAY



# FISH



# LUNCHEON

**SUNDAY,  
APRIL 9, 2023**

**FOLLOWING  
THE DIVINE LITURGY**

**Price: DONATION**

962 EAST AVE, ROCHESTER, NY 14607

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

Saturday, 4/8	Raising of Lazarus, Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
Sunday, 4/9	PALM SUNDAY Palm Sunday Luncheon immediate following the Divine Liturgy	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 - Hymn of Kassiane	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 Office of Holy Passion (Twelve Gospels)	10:00 am 6:00 pm
Friday, 4/14	HOLY FRIDAY The Royal Hours (Decorating Epitaphio) Vespers of Apokathelosis (Descent from the Cross) Office of Lamentations (Epitaphio)	10:00 am 2:00 pm 7:00 pm
Saturday, 4/15	GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil HOLY PASCHA RESURRECTION SERVICE	10:00 am 11:00 pm
Sunday, 4/16	HOLY PASCHA AGAPE SERVICE (Sunday of Love)	11:00 am

**Please note 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.**

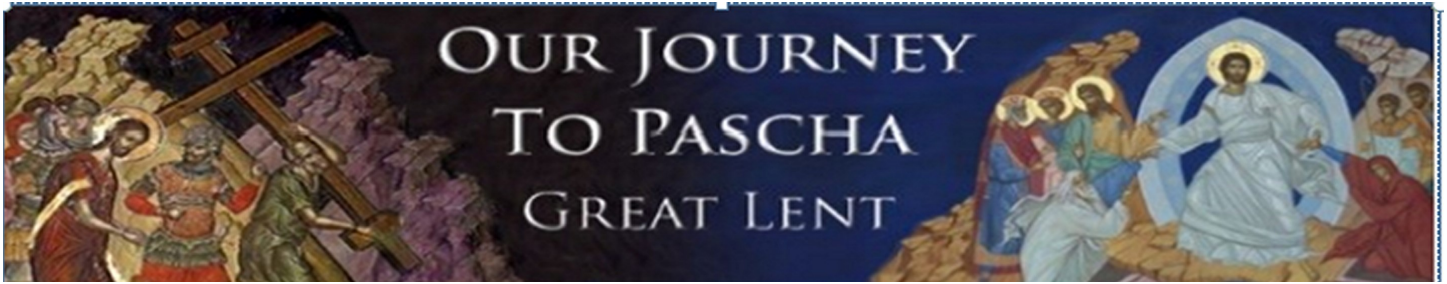
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ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΕΣ ΤΗΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΗΣ ΚΑΙ ΑΓΙΑΣ ΕΒΔΟΜΑΔΟΣ**

Σάββατο, 4/8	Θεία Λειτουργία - Ανάσταση του Λάζαρου	10:00 πμ
Κυριακή 4/9	Θεία Λειτουργία - Των Βαΐων Πρόγευμα μετά την Θεία Λειτουργία Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου	10:00 πμ 6:00 μμ
Μεγάλη Δευτέρα 4/10	Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου	6:00 μμ
Μεγάλη Τρίτη 4/11	Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου Το τροπάριο της Κασσιανής	6:00 μμ
Μεγάλη Τετάρτη 4/12	Μυστήριο του Αγίου Ευχέλαιου	4:00 πμ 7:00 μμ
Μεγάλη Πέμπτη 4/13	Θεία Λειτουργία του Μεγάλου Βασιλείου Τα Πάθη του Χρίστου (Δώδεκα Ευαγγέλια)	10:00 πμ 6:00 μμ
Μεγάλη Πρασκευή 4/14	Ακολουθία των Βασιλικών Ωρων Η Αποκαθήλωσις Ο Επιτάφιος Θρήνος (Τα Εγκώμια)	10:00 πμ 2:00 μμ 7:00 μμ
Μεγάλο Σάββατο 4/15	Θεία Λειτουργία του Μεγάλου Βασιλείου Αγία και Μεγάλη Κυριακή του Πάσχα (Θεία Λειτουργία της Αναστάσεως)	10:00 πμ 11:00 μμ
<b>Κυριακή του Πάσχα 4/16</b>	Ακολουθία της Αγάπης	11:00 πμ

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

Παρακαλούμε να σημειώσετε ότι όλες τις ακολουθίες, Λειτουργία των Προηγιασμένων και Χαιρετισμούς της Θεοτόκου, θα γίνεται στις 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

1 <sup>st</sup> Salutations	\$120.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Salutations	\$120.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Salutations	\$120.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Salutations	\$120.00
Akathist Hymn	\$120.00
Sunday of Orthodoxy	\$ 75.00
Annunciation Feast Day	\$120.00
Sunday of the Holy Cross	\$120.00
Saturday of Lazarus	\$120.00
Palm Sunday	\$100.00
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Crucifixion of Christ (Thurs).	\$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

## SENIORS' LUNCHEON March 4, 2023



## SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY March 5, 2023





## ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

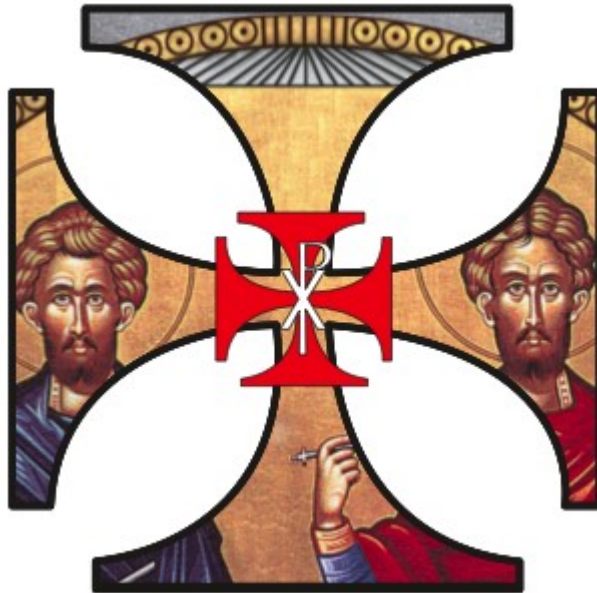
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# Scholarships

**2023-2024 Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarships Available**

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## **FLORENCE G. STEFANOU MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

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PHILOPTOCHOS CHAPTER OR VISIT THE METROPOLIS  
OF DETROIT PHILOPTOCHOS WEBSITE

Applicants must be related to a Philoptochos member





## **PhiloTochos Upcoming Events**

**Saturday April 8 – Saturday of Lazarus 10:00 am service**

Breakfast & Palm Making to follow downstairs

**Sunday April 9 – Palm Sunday Luncheon**

9:00 am set up Church Hall

**Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup> – Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil 10 am service**

Dying & Wrapping Eggs to follow in the Church Hall

Please bring a Lenten Dish to Pass

**Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup> – Resurrection Reception**

Please bring Dish to Pass

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Dear Parishioners,

March was a full month in Religious Education! The kids did a beautiful job during the procession on the Sunday of Orthodoxy and Father conducted sessions on the Sacrament of Confession. Congratulations to Vasilios Koupas on advancing to the district-level Oratorical Festival. We are so proud of Vasilios and all the children who presented speeches at our parish festival. It is such a joy to watch our young children present their Orthodox Christian knowledge to all of us!

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey that was sent out March 3rd on Vacation Church School. We would like the parish's feedback on volunteers, ideas, and times that work for people to be able to participate. If you haven't given us feedback yet, it is not too late!

### Important Dates:

**Sunday April 2nd:** Attendance Announcements for December through February

**Sunday April 9th:** Coin collection due

**Good Friday April 14th:** Lenten Retreat for all children

**Pascha April 16th:** No Sunday School

**Sunday April 23rd:** Chapel Lesson on the Divine Liturgy (first half) and Bingo Boards due

**Sunday May 7th:** Chapel Lesson on the Divine Liturgy (second half)

**Sunday May 21st:** Last day of Sunday School: Ice Cream Social and Attendance Awards!

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!

### Perfect Attendance in February:

Congratulations to all of the kids that made it every day to Sunday School in February!

<b>Preschool</b>	George Demkos and Evangline Gashlin
<b>Kindergarten</b>	James Jackson John Jackson and Stefanos Tzogas
<b>1st</b>	Anthony Gashlin and Thanos Matakos
<b>2nd</b>	Daniel Collins
<b>3rd</b>	Brennan Collins
<b>4th</b>	Damianos Tzogas
<b>6th</b>	Athanasia Tzogas

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:





Dear Parishioners,

We are looking to run a Vacation Church School this summer for our youth, and we are looking for some input from all of you!

We would greatly appreciate your time in filling out our survey. Just scan the QR Code below.

We are interested to hear from parents, potential volunteers, and parish members in general to see what suggestions and ideas our community has for this program.

We look forward to hearing from you and starting the planning process!

With Love in Christ,

Religious Education Team





**ST. TIMOTHY'S CAMP 2023**  
**JUNE 26 - JULY 1** [sttimothycamp.org](http://sttimothycamp.org)



## GREEK SCHOOL

Dear Greek School Families and Parishioners,

In an effort to improve our current Greek School program, we would like to evaluate what we can do differently in the near future, so that we can create more language and cultural enrichment for our students. This survey is your opportunity to provide us with your honest feedback and creative ideas on how we can improve our current program, curriculum, instruction and structure. This is an anonymous survey, unless you choose to disclose your name or children's name in your response. The survey will remain open until March 31st.

We would like to hear from our parish, parents, teachers, and anyone who would like to provide their honest assessment for our current Greek School program. Once we have collected your responses, you will also have the opportunity to participate in an in-person meeting to ask questions and/or offer support.

Please take 5-10 min to submit your thoughts and feedback through the QR code or the link below:  
<https://forms.gle/zxGUbMK9meBLUgkT9>

Any questions about this survey can be directed at [agreekschool@gmail.com](mailto:agreekschool@gmail.com)  
Thank you for your open and honest responses!

Ευχαριστούμε,  
Maria Dembeyiotis & Elina Kokorotsis  
Greek School Directors





## 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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### ANNUNCIATION FAMILIES

*Have a wonderful fellowship*

Jennefer & Perry Noun, Bill Noun

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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 [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

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<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.

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# 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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