

GOOD NEWS

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July-August 2023

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

The 2023-24 Liturgical New Year Begins – Is There a Strategy?

After a very successful Greek Festival, I know that many of you are spending the summer traveling to Greece, England, Europe, or of course, Scotland (or just enjoying a “staycation”) without masks! September begins a new liturgical year and there are some very exciting programs that have been organized by our Youth Director Demos, together with our Religious Education and Greek School teams. (See our Youth director’s message in this issue of the Good News).

To kick off this year’s religious education program Karina and Lauren (our Sunday School directors) have organized the Dormition of the Virgin Mary Summer Retreat on the Feast Day of the Assumption, August 15th. (see details in this issue). This is a great opportunity for our kids (and adults) to celebrate *together* this most important feast day of the Orthodox Church.

However the church community is more than just Sunday school and Greek School, so in this new Liturgical year, the Parish Council and I want to continue working towards accomplishing the broader Strategic Vision we presented at the Spring 2022 General Assembly; ***Learn the Faith, Live the Faith, and Share the Faith.***

This simple vision statement embodies what we desire not only for us as a community and also serves as an expression of what we want to do as part of the Rochester community in which we all live and work. As you recall from the video presented at the Spring GA this vision will be accomplished through four objectives or “pillars.” (See this video again by going to our website (annunciationrochester.org) and clicking on ABOUT, then OUR PARISH, and then scroll to the bottom of the page.)

The first of these pillars is INREACH and deals with **a)** how we reconnect members from within our community’s extended families, **b)** how we fully communicate and connect our parishioners and their families with the multitude of ministries and activities we offer, and **c)** how we work to revitalize existing ministries and creating new ministries to meet the interests of all parishioners young and old.

The groundwork for INREACH began shortly after the 2022 Spring GA where we asked each of the active ministries to provide us a 1, 5, and 10 year strategy plan that outlines what they plan to accomplish and what resources they will need. (Please take time out to view these at the same location as the Parish Strategy video). In addition, each ministry has been working to implement each of the INREACH objectives. Our role as the senior leadership of our church and community, a major part of this strategic equip each ministry with the responsibility *and* authority to set their own goals and methods for achieving success in each of the four strategic pillars. To that end the Parish Council and I are requiring each ministry to provide a semi-annual update on their progress towards achieving their objectives and more importantly we are committed to providing the resources they need to succeed.

Here’s a brief overview of the progress made thus far.

a) Reconnecting members. The increased receipt of stewardship cards over the last several years is a clear indicator that many families which became disconnected are returning once again. One of the key factors for this is the outreach of our parishioners to simply invite them to see what’s going on here at the Annunciation. In this way peer pressure operates in a good way since people who have been absent for a time love prefer to attend with someone they know rather than just show up alone. This INREACH is being done by both older

and younger parishioners through invitations to young adult events and senior events. Here our choir and the chant leaders have been working hard to bring back former members and encouraging new voices.

b) **Communicate and connect parishioners to ongoing ministries and activities.** I am very proud that a large part of this effort to communicate and connect is occurring through our younger members who have grown up in this parish. The formation of our newest ministry ENA (young adults in their 20's and 30's, both married and single) is actively inviting both new members and those who have lapsed, to join them at church as well as to events such as the Greek Festival, Young Adult gatherings, and to their homes for an evening of hospitality. Some have become sponsors and Godparents to these new members to Rochester creating a bond of friendship so vital to those new to Rochester. Another great example of INREACH was the baking class offered by the ladies of St. Parskevi with more than 40 people attending to learn how to bake Greek!

Our use of technologies like Zoom, YouTube, email, and Facebook have been a big part in helping to keep all members of our community connected with what's going on. My parish email list has grown to over 600 subscribers and I encourage everyone to submit their emails to Lena (our church secretary) as this is my primary means of communicating quickly with all of you.

c) **Revitalizing existing ministries and creating new ones.** This is one of the more exciting areas of progress. In a continuing effort to not only rebuild but improve our focus on all areas of youth ministry, I have tasked Demos to work on a more connected schedule of events for all our youth ministries. This master schedule will include all of the planned events and projects of Sunday School (HOPE/JOY), Greek School, and GOYA. While we already have had a yearly schedule for religious education, this updated schedule will allow parents to view all youth related events for the entire year. While there will most likely be changes and adjustments moving forward, this comprehensive schedule will allow everyone to more easily plan in advance for upcoming activities.

Both Philoptochos and the Seniors Group continue to build on the great work that has been accomplished in the previous years and is looking to put together events of interest to our not-so-young crowd. This will include trips to a Orthodox Women's monastery as well as to St Nektarios Orthodox Monastery in Roscoe NY. I am also working with Philoptochos to plan a trip to the Holy Land which many parishioners have been asking about.

While this is not an all-inclusive list of what's being done, it hopefully shows that our parish, young and old is active. However random and disjointed activity doesn't last. Lasting membership comes when people can see and understand an organized over-arching strategy that connects each of our ministries. In this way they will want to work together to help us achieve our vision of *Learning the Faith, Living the Faith, and Sharing the Faith*.



Sunday School every Sunday after Holy Communion, 10 September through May.

On-going adult Orthodox study programs:

- **Bible Study every Tuesday, Zoom, 7:00 PM**
NOTE: 5 July – Last Zoom Bible Study until 19 September.
- **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 September through May



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PARISH REGISTRY

Baptisms:

Child of God: Mackinley Collins

Parents: Bradley & Maria Collins

Child of God: Liam Dimitri Lewter

Parents: Brett & Jackie Lewter

Child of God: Alexander Nicholas Bakolas

Parents: Nicholas and Ameilia Bakolas

Funerals:

Savas Hetelekides Interred on June 22, 2023

Spyridon Ioannis Legakis Interred on June 23, 2023

May their memory be eternal



EVENTS AND CHURCH SERVICES

NOTE: Summer Office Hours:

31 July through 11 September Tuesday through Friday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

7 August - PC Meeting, 6:00 PM

+14 August – Assumption Vespers, 5:00 PM - NOTE time change.

14 August - Philoptochos Party, 6:00 PM

15 August - Children's Retreat, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM - Refer to Page 5 for details..

+15 August – Domition of the Theotokos, 11:00 AM - NOTE time change.

15 August – Good News Submission Deadline

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

AT HOLY SPIRIT

4 September - PC meeting, 6:00 PM

8 September - Tentative overnight retreat at St.Nektarios Monastery, Roscoe New York
Watch for details

10 September - Sunday School Begins

11 September - Annunciation Golf Tournament

+13 September – Vespers of the Holy Cross, 6:00 PM

+14 September – Divine Liturgy Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 10:00 AM

15 September – Good News Submission deadline

17 September – Sunday School & Youth Ministry Blessing of the Vehicles, 12:00 PM

20-23 September – Father away for a Metropolis Clergy-Laity Conference

28 September – Seniors Meeting, 11:00 AM

30 September – GOYA & Youth Ministry Eternal Flame Falls Adventure Hike, 10:00 AM

2 October – PC Meeting, 6:00 PM

7 October – GOYA Young Adult & Youth Ministry , Out of Darkness Rochester, NY 10:00 AM

VACATION CHURCH YOUTH RETREAT

Geared to incoming K - 6th Grade
All are Welcome!

***DORMITION OF THE HOLY THEOTOKOS
AUGUST 15TH, 2023
ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH***

Schedule

- 9:00-9:30 Check in and light breakfast provided
- 9:30-11:00 Dormition crafts and lesson
- 11:-12:15 Liturgy and Dormition (*Kimisis*) eulogy service
- 12:15-12:45 Lunch
- 12:45-2:00 Outdoor games and activities
- 2:00-3:00 Station Activities and Snack in the church
- 3:00-3:15 Pick up

Register Below!



GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Invites you to:

Annual Golf Tournament

at

COBBLESTONE CREEK COUNTRY CLUB

MONDAY, September 11, 2023

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

Shotgun begins at 10:30 a.m. with Lunch at the turn.

Two (2) complementary drinks.

Awards and dinner following golf.



COST: \$ 185/person includes: Registration, tee gifts, greens fees, cart, lunch, and beverages on the course.

Sponsorships Available:

Beverage (5)	\$ 750
Lunch (5)	\$ 1000
Golf Ball Sponsor (2)	\$ 1500
Tee signs (unlimited)	\$ 150
Golf Hole (18)	\$ 1000

All Sponsors Receive:

Advertisement at Tournament
 Hole Sponsors get signs on course
 Golf Ball Sp. – Logo on Golf Balls
 Raffle held while on course
 results will be posted at end.

Each hole sponsor will have a custom flag at their hole which will be framed and sent to you after completion of the tournament with your company name.

1st Door Prize: Blackstone Pizza Oven
 Donated by Ajay Glass & Mirror Co.

Contact Valerie Lapp or Julie Marshall for all Sponsorships.

All proceeds to benefit the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation
 Donated Door Prizes are encouraged.

CONTESTS THROUGHOUT THE TOURNAMENT

PREPAYMENT is required.

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

Deadline for Registration is August 18, 2023

No Cancellations or Refunds After this date.

For Questions/Registration

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

Make Checks payable to:
 Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church

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 101 North Street
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SIGN ME UP: Name: _____

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COST OF EVENT, \$ 185 per person, (Check or Credit Card accepted): Check # _____
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Dues: \$30.00 (\$25.00 for Seniors)

Thank you for your continued support

From the Desk of the Annunciation Youth Director

We have a lot to be excited about for our upcoming 2023-24 Youth Ministry season! Our ministries have put in a lot of effort to prepare a season full of activity and surprises including daring outdoor adventures, high speed races, and community building for people (and even animals!) in need.

To begin, we've updated our website to more directly highlight each of our education, youth, and young adult ministries with each hosting their own dedicated pages and upcoming event listings. One of our focuses has been to more readily inform parents and youth of our schedule of events as far ahead as possible to accomplish two major goals: 1.) create a more straightforward line of communication and preparedness for parents and, 2.) to create buzz and excitement for our youth. We have a lot planned and we want everyone to know!

Additionally, our new Youth Ministry homepage will provide a broad overlook of news and events across all our ministries and charity fundraising to enable as much cross-demographic appeal amongst all our groups. We aspire that this will help encourage role model opportunities from our oldest to youngest.

GOYA FALL PREVIEW

Our Fall 2023 season officially kicks off on August 15th with the return of our *Vacation Church Youth Retreat* hosted by our Sunday School directors. From here, we will be hosting one major GOYA event every month! Thanks to the support of our Parish, all the major GOYA events below will be priced at \$25 per participant.

SEPTEMBER 30TH - ETERNAL FLAME FALLS ADVENTURE HIKE

Join Father Angelo, myself, and our sister Church in Buffalo as we lead a hike to one of the most unique visions on Earth – a naturally fueled live fire behind a waterfall! Our hike will be followed by lunch at the Annunciation Family Life Center.



Other September events include our annual **Annunciation Golf Tournament** (9/11) and the **Blessing of the Vehicles** (9/17) featuring classic cars, motorcycles, police vehicles, and more!

OCTOBER 20TH – ESCAPE FROM ROCHESTER! ESCAPE ROOM NIGHT

Solve riddles and puzzles in a desperate attempt to make your escape at The Great Escape Room in Rochester!



Other October events include: the **AFSP Out of Darkness Rochester NY Walk** (10/7) to support the battle against suicide; the **Blessing of the Animals** (10/14) featuring a cavalcade of our parish's pets and other surprises; and the return of Sunday School's **Trunk or Treat** (10/29)!

NOVEMBER 17TH - LASERTRON AND PIZZA PARTY

Do you have what it takes to take on Father Angelo and our Youth Director in an all-out laser battle royale? Join us for LASERTRON night complete with a private party room, pizza, and unlimited (non-alcoholic) drinks for all!



Other November events include the **East Avenue Grocery Run** (11/4) to benefit Rochester food pantries. Every year, many churches along East Ave participate in this wonderful event, having raised \$57,000 last year. Let's see if we can help them exceed expectations!

From the Desk of the Annunciation Youth Director, continued

DECEMBER 8TH – INDYKART RACEWAY GO-KARTING NIGHT

The return of our GoKart racing challenge! Each participant will compete in three high-speed races to see who the fastest Greek in Rochester is!

Other December events include our annual **Christmas Toy Drive for Golisano Children's Hospital** and our ever-memorable Sunday School **Christmas Pageant**.

For more information on all our upcoming events, please take the time to visit our new ministry and education pages on the website and keep a look-out for our GOYA Spring Preview in December!



St. Timothy Summer Camp 2023



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Dear Parishioners,

We hope you have had an enjoyable summer. We are looking forward to another wonderful Sunday School year! We plan to continue our education through the Bible. We have had two years of Old Testament lessons and this year we will be starting the New Testament. Many of these stories are ones we all know and love. We are excited to journey through Jesus's life on earth and all of the miracles and teachings that Jesus brought to us.

We will have our Vacation Church Retreat on August 15th this year. We're looking forward to a day of fellowship, learning and fun. We are grateful to all our volunteers!

Curriculum and lessons planning with our teachers will begin in August. **We are looking for six more people who are interested in serving our youth as Sunday School teachers.** We cannot successfully run a program without the help of the people in our community. Our goal is to have two teachers in each classroom, so they can support each other throughout the year. Experience is not necessary, just love for the Lord and our kids!

We also would love to have some committed substitute teachers, so instruction is not interrupted for our children. We had some great substitutes last year that really helped make our year a success for all the children. If you are interested or know someone who would be, please reach out soon, so we can include you in the kickoff meetings! This is a great way to get started in Sunday School, we're happy to answer any questions you may have.

Important Dates:

Sunday 8/27 - Sunday School/Greek School Clean Up Crew. Immediately following the Divine Liturgy
Sunday 9/10 - First Day of Sunday School! Student registration will also be completed on September 10th and a parent meeting will take place in the chapel.

Please check our parish website for upcoming events and the school calendar.

The start of a new school year is a wonderful time to reset and start anew. We are excited to get started with this year. We hope to see all of our children's smiling faces at the start of the year, and throughout the calendar year.

As always, please reach out with any questions, ideas, or suggestions to Lauren or Karina at agocrec@gmail.com

With love in Christ,
Karina and Lauren
Religious Education Directors

GREEK SCHOOL

Dear Greek School Families and Parishioners,

We hope you are all having a great summer!

Since our very engaging discussion with the parents earlier this May, teachers and directors have been working throughout the summer and continue revamping our Greek School program and bringing more resources to our curriculum!

As we have shared in prior communications, our focus for the rest of 2023 and 2024 will be in the following areas: (1) Curriculum Redesign, (2) Baseline Metrics for each class, (3) Teacher Professional Development, (4) Designing Activities for more Parent Involvement, (5) Hiring 2 additional teachers, and (5) Focus on activities to increase enrollment for the fall.

A LOOK AHEAD & SAVE THESE DATES:

Parent Orientation Day: Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 9:30 -11:00 AM.

We encourage all parents to attend this day, so that you can receive important information for the Greek School year ahead, ask any questions you may have, and also connect with your children's teacher.

First Full Day of Classes: Saturday, September 23, 2023 from 9:30 AM -1:00 PM.

Classes will start promptly at 9:30 am and will end at 1 pm. We are extending the time, based on what we did before Covid and based on parent feedback from the survey.

New **Greek School Website** will be going live in August! Check it out here:
<https://annunciationrochester.org/greek-school/>

Online Registration is Open: As of August 1st, 2023 our Greek School Tuition will be \$450 for one child, \$800 for two children, and \$1100 for three children, similar to our Buffalo and Syracuse parishes. We haven't raised our tuition in 15 years, and we appreciate your support as we continue making improvements towards enriching our program. We believe this is a reasonable increase after 15 years of no tuition changes; however, if you need tuition assistance, please reach out to Maria and Elina in confidence and we will work with you and your family.

To register, follow the instructions on this link:

<https://forms.gle/evJ2UAdE2FkrMiTG6>

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

As always, feel free to reach out with your questions at agreekschool@gmail.com

Ευχαριστούμε,

Maria Dembeyiotis & Elina Kokorotsis

Greek School Directors



SCAN TO REGISTER!

2023 Festival Highlights





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.

Business or Family Name: _____

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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](#),¹ 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

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 Organization	Parishioner in Good Standing	Non-Parishioner
Hall Lease Fee	No Charge	\$500	Starting @ \$1000. Final price dependent on type of package selected.
Hall Lease Deposit	N/A, however, the Church Organization MUST complete the Hall Registration¹ form to secure the date/time.	Full amount required at time of reservation. Completion of the Hall Registration¹ form to secure the date/time.	\$500 deposit at time of reservation. Completion of the Hall Registration¹ form to 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 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
Kitchen Privileges	Full privileges	Full privileges but requires a \$350 usage fee	None
Cancellation Policy	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.
Use of Caterers	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.
Setup and Cleanup	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.

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 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 .



GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH of the ANNUNCIATION

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