

# GOOD NEWS

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From the Desk of  
Rev. Fr. Angelo Maggos

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## From Fr. Angelo

### Environment and the Church

While not at the top of the list of concerns for voters in the US, climate change (CC) and the related impacts to the environment do hold significant importance. (2022 Gallup poll indicates CC ranks as number 7).



While most would agree that, as the photo to the left indicates, the impact of CC manifests itself in a number of ways and thus most discussion centers around the root cause of CC. Is it man-made, part of a natural environmental process, or a combination of both.

This discussion leads to many suggestions about the solution to the issue of CC. Most of these solutions center around technological solutions such as greater energy efficiency, increased use of renewable energy, sustainable transportation and agriculture, and improved conservation methods. While these solutions are certainly viable in the short-term they lack the critical, and long-term, spiritual (some say theological) aspect of the solution.

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These technological solutions reflect that the “rationality of Man” is necessary to not only realize the devastating truth of CC but also that this rationality is only the path to uncover the solution. This is clearly demonstrated in the numerous Climate Symposiums and Conferences over the last 20 years, many of which our Patriarch Bartholomew has participated in. However our modern age, which is steeped in the separation of Church and State, when asked for solutions outside the technological realm the answer is; *What do religion and theology have to do with such a problem in the first place?*

To those who provide this answer Bishop John Zizioulas, of blessed memory, and one of Orthodoxy’s most gifted modern-day theologians, in his book *Priest of Creation*, offers a surprising answer saying that

Theology caused the ecological problem; so it must contribute to its resolution. The ecological problem is essentially a spiritual problem. Historically, the responsibility for the present ecological crisis lies with Judeo-Christian theology, as developed and interpreted mainly within the Western Church until modern times, when, chiefly in Protestant circles, God’s blessing to the first humans, that they “be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it” (Gen. 1:28), was interpreted as a prerogative accorded to man to establish himself as the master of the earth.

[This theology of] Man’s Fall and sin, which in fact is none other than that he assumes himself to be the ultimate reference point of all existence is of course tantamount to man declaring himself God. This self-divinization of man implies that all creatures exist to fulfill his desires and the physical world is simply raw material for man to produce goods, gain profit, and achieve economic growth. Individualism and prosperity are thus the fundamental causes of the ecological crisis and without coming to grips with these problems, the ecological problem cannot be resolved.

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Bishop Zizioulas believes that this “*rational*” approach is a result of the combination of influences from Gnostic beliefs, Greek Platonic philosophy, St. Augustine’s writings and the anthropocentric (human centered) ideals of the Enlightenment which have caused us to lose sight of our true relationship and responsibility to Creation.

It must be understood that Bishop Zizioulas is certainly not saying that technology and rational thought are incapable of solving the issues surrounding CC. In fact, he acknowledges that “*scientists and theologians alike recognize that the natural environment is harmed by the dominion of misplaced human intelligence over material nature.*”

Instead he argues that the solution is not merely an ethical or moral problem but that ethics, lacking a foundation in truth—is unacceptable from a theological perspective. Thus the matter is not whether man acts rightly or wrongly—in terms of his ethical response—but whether he acts in harmony with the truth of his being and his relationship to Creation.

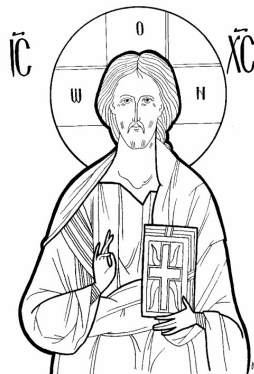
The Patristic tradition has always seen the place of the human being in creation, and this is why they stressed the indissoluble and ontological bond between Man’s body and the natural environment. Bishop Zizioulas sees the incarnation of God, i.e. the Person of Jesus Christ as a way of demonstrating this relationship.

It is not accidental that, in order to save man, the Son and Logos of God, became “flesh”—that is, took upon Himself the element of man that links him to his natural environment. If the truth of man were to be found in his soul, then He would only assume a human soul. By taking a human body, then, He demonstrated that man is inconceivable without his body and that He did not come only to save man but all of creation. There can be no greater requirement for our concern for the protection of the natural environment.

And we hear this link between Man and Creation in Jesus’ words when He says, “*For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world (κόσμος), but that the world (κόσμος) might be saved through him.*” (John 3:17)

Our failure, as human beings, to not recognize and acknowledge our physical relationship to creation causes us to think of ourselves, as Bishop Zizioulas would say, as *having* a body and not being a body. In this way we see rationality (intelligence) and spirit as the source of our nature which can function independent of the body.

The salvation of Creation, which without God is finite as are we, comes from a) realizing that all of Creation is good as it was created by God and b) that we once again recognize that being made in the image and likeness of God we *are a “microcosm” of the whole material creation and are responsible to reunite Creation with God. Consequently, we should be able to say that human beings were created in order to unite in their person the material world with God and thus enable them to live forever.*





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# PARISH REGISTRY

## BAPTISMS:

**Child of God:** Lilah Grace.

**Child of God:** Anastasia Francesca

**Child of God:** Isabella Rose

**Parents:** Kurt and Fay Calman

**Parents:** Minas Theodorou and Nicole Smith

**Parents:** Nicholas and Christina Lana

## WEDDINGS:

Eric Terhaar and Antigone Christianis

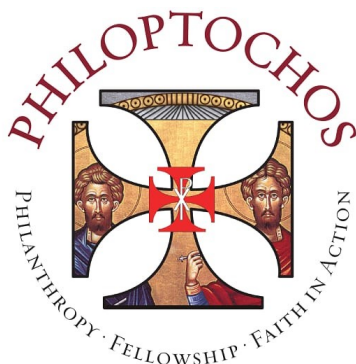
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## FUNERALS:

Anastasios Mitriouisis

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May their memory be eternal



## PHILOPTOCHOS EVENTS

**October 15th - Philoptochos Meeting after Liturgy**

**November 5th - Cosmas & Damianos**

**Join us as we celebrate our Philoptochos Patron Saints, the Health of our Philoptochos Members, and the memory of Departed Philoptochos Members**

**November 19th - Philoptochos Bake Sale**

## EVENTS AND CHURCH SERVICES

1 October - Church Musicians Sunday

2 October – PC Meeting, 6:00 PM

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

8 October – GOYA & Youth Ministry Escape from Rochester Escape Room Night, 6:00 PM

9 October – Columbus Day

15 October - Good News submission deadline

15 October - Philoptochos meeting after the Liturgy, 11:30 AM

21 October – Sunday School & Youth, Blessing of the Animals, 2:00 PM

26 October – Seniors Meeting, 11:00 AM

28 October - Oxi Day Dance sponsored by ENA, 6:00 PM

29 October - Sunday School & Youth Ministry Trunk or Treat, 4:00 PM

30 October – 2 November – Father away for a Clergy Retreat

4 November – GOYA, Greek School, Young Adult Youth Ministry East Avenue Grocery Run, 8:30 AM

5 November – Philoptochos celebrates Sts. Cosmas & Damianos

6 November – PC meeting, 6:00 PM

12 November - General Assembly Meeting, 12:00 PM



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

**On-going adult Orthodox study programs:**

- **Bible Study every Tuesday, Zoom, 7pm starting 26 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 1:00 PM, 23 September through May

## AGENDA – Fall General Assembly 2023

On Sunday, November 12, 2023 following the Divine Liturgy service we will be having the *Spring 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.*

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              | D. Kolokouris/Eric Vangellow   |
| 5. Ministry and Organization Reports             |  |
| a. <b>Fund Raising Events</b>                    | Eric Vangellow   |
| • Greek Festival                                 |  |
| • Golf Outing                                    |  |
| • Hall rental                                    |  |
| b. Youth Director Report                         |  |
| c. Communications Ministry                       |  |
| d. Religious Education                           |  |
| e. Philoptochos                                  | <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="font-size: 4em; margin-right: 10px;">}</div> <div style="text-align: left;"> <p>In the interest of time and to allow ample time for a full and open discussion all ministry updates will be provided at the General Assembly meeting.</p> </div> </div> |
| f. Choir/Chant                                   |  |
| g. GOYA  |  |
| h. Greek School                                  |  |
| i. Seniors Group                                 |  |
| j. Cultural Groups                               |  |
| 6. Call for Questions                            |  |
| 7. General Maintenance and Upkeep                |  |
| 8. Old Business                                  |  |
| i. Community and Youth Center Formal Proposal    |  |
| i. Board of Election Nominations                 |  |
| ii. Financial Audit                              |  |
| 9. New Business                                  |  |
| 10. Call for Adjournment                         | GA Chairman  |
| 11. Closing Prayer                               | Fr. Angelo   |

## Annunciation Strategic Overview Summary

This is a progress update to our Annunciation Strategic Vision Plan that was presented at last year's General Assembly. As a reminder, our Vision Statement is very succinct.

### *Learn the Faith, Live the Faith, and Share the Faith*

As you, hopefully, recall from our presentation, the Parish Council and I have established Four Pillars to Realize our Vision. (The entire presentation is available on our church website under ABOUT/OUR PARISH).

**INREACH** Involves how we attract active members from within our community's extended family, and how we effectively communicate and connect our parishioners and their families with the multitude of ministries and activities we offer.

Also includes how we work to create new ministries to meet the interests of all parishioners, young and old. This is an essential first step before working on OUTREACH.

**OUTREACH** Involves what our church offers to the Rochester community. This includes our involvement with other local churches in programs of community assistance and social issues.

Outreach also involves how we reach out to those who wish to join our church and community and how we intelligently and actively communicate the richness of our Orthodox faith to those whom we meet.

**RESOURCES** Today, people who come to our church represent a broad range of ethnicity, age, gender, life stage and spiritual maturity. RESOURCES involves the effort needed to ensure that we effectively capture the passion that each person can bring to our church and community.

This includes recognizing and developing the leadership potential of our parishioners in terms of their strengths, gifts and capabilities.

**LEADERSHIP** The success of each of the previous categories depends on church leadership, which occurs at two levels: Ministry and Parish Council.

### **The Role of the Ministry Leaders**

The directors of each Ministry are responsible for developing methods and promoting involvement in those things which energize and deeply move our people in those particular ministries.

Ministry leaders put in place those resources necessary to achieve, *at their level*, the words of our vision statement. Ministry leaders are responsible to provide ongoing opportunities for the professional development of their staff with regards to the latest skills and technologies.

### **The Role of the Parish Council**

The Parish Council has *oversight* responsibility of each ministry to ensure they remain current with emerging societal trends and maintain a financial progression path to achieve the objectives necessary to meet our church's vision.

To this end, the Parish Council requests from each of the parish ministry leaders a recurring report of their progress and what resources are needed to address any challenges to their success.

The Parish Council will use this information to create a more realistic parish budget that reflects actual resource requirements, and to communicate to the parish the accomplishments of each ministry, which in turn we are certain will enhance parish participation.

## *From the Desk of the Annunciation Youth Director*

### **The Evolving Youth Ministry**

As we kickstart our new iteration of the Annunciation Youth Ministry, much of the initial focus has been on the Teen Ministry / GOYA. Of course, Sunday School and Greek School have both been doing a terrific job with our younger children and pre-teens with a particular noted success being August's Vacation Bible Retreat. Additionally, we have many upcoming all age events scheduled such as the Blessing of the Animals and Trunk or Treat in October and our annual Christmas Pageant. Nonetheless, this serves as only the beginning of what we hope to accomplish.

In the past, we have had specific pre-GOYA offerings for the younger members of our parish such as Hope and Joy focusing on children between pre-school and sixth grade. These programs focused on a variety of activities that solidified the sense of God and community at an early age whilst also providing a space for parents and families to bond.

Starting this Spring, we hope to jumpstart a new iteration of these programs, first by expanding some of our Teen Ministry events into all age events where applicable. For example, some of our early plans involve a bowling night at Radio Social (which can be divided into lanes for the teens and lanes for the youth), a behind-the-scenes tour of the Wild Wings Bird of Prey Facility and Nature Center at the Mendon Ponds Park Nature Center, and a Strong Museum of Play day (where the teens can enjoy the arcades while our youth enjoy the Museum's other offerings). Once established, we plan to evolve to a stand-alone Pre-Teen Ministry in the Fall of 2024 (with its own dedicated page in the Youth Ministries section of the website).

Naturally, given the young ages, this will take a community effort to be effective and safe. I plan to be available most Sundays after the livestream in the Sunday School area to meet with parents and gauge interest/availability and to brainstorm ideas to fulfill the best interests of the youth. I look forward to meeting you all and assembling a collection of families and volunteers that can help more strongly build the future of the parish. See you all there!

### **Upcoming October Events**

October 7<sup>th</sup> - AFSP Out of the Darkness Rochester NY Walk (all ages – register on our website to join)

October 8<sup>h</sup> - Escape From Rochester! Escape Room Night (ages 12-18 Teen Ministry / GOYA event)

October 21<sup>st</sup> - Blessing of the Animals (all ages)

October 28<sup>th</sup> - Oxi Day Dance sponsored by ENA (all ages)

October 29<sup>th</sup> - Trunk or Treat 2023 (all ages)



## **Blessing of the Vehicles September 17, 2023**





## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Dear Parishioners,

September was a great month for Sunday School. We are showing amazing growth from last year with over 40 children registered so far! We are happy to see our program growing and our classes full. The children are beginning this year learning about Jesus' life throughout the New Testament. They also learned the church's hymn with the help of our wonderful choir. Thank you Laurie for helping out with this!

We want to remind everyone that there is a children's bulletin for our youth to take each Sunday when you enter the narthex. There are readings that relate to age appropriate topics and are connected to the gospel lesson for that week. There are also some games and a coloring page of an icon as well. Please take advantage of this bulletin to engage your child in the church service!

We have a lot of fall events coming up in our Parish. These are events for all youth to participate in (not just Sunday School)! Age requirements are listed as well.

### Events for the Fall:

#### October:

10/7	AFSP Out of the Darkness Rochester NY Walk- Join Annunciation team to register	All ages (if under 18 must be accompanied by an adult)
10/20	Escape From Rochester! Escape Room Night	12 to 18
10/21	Blessing of the Animals	All ages
10/29	Trunk or Treat from 4:00pm -6:00pm in church parking lot	All ages

#### November:

11/4	East Avenue Grocery Run	All ages (if under 18 must be accompanied by an adult)
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We are always looking for more help in our Sunday School program. You don't have to be a parent or have teaching experience to get involved. We are looking for substitutes for our Sunday School classes and volunteers for different events. If you are interested please contact us!

As always please reach out to us with any questions or comments at [recagocny@gmail.com](mailto:recagocny@gmail.com).

With love in Christ,  
Karina and Lauren

## GREEK SCHOOL

Dear Parishioners and Greek School Families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 Year! We are so happy to see our classrooms full and students excited to learn Greek!

We are excited to share that we have 53 students joining us to learn and grow their Greek language skills, which is a great increase from last year's enrollment!

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 growth. Our teachers this school year are:

<u>Kindergarten:</u>	Nia Pike
<u>First Grade:</u>	Diana Hristodoulou & Stefani Nassis
<u>Second Grade:</u>	Danielle Marou
<u>Third Grade:</u>	Kristi Motra
<u>Fourth Grade:</u>	Kostas Matakos
<u>Fifth Grade:</u>	Walter Bubie
<u>Sixth &amp; Seventh Grade:</u>	Niki Ioannidis

We are also excited to share that we have reviewed our current Greek School program structure, and we are bringing in some updates in our curriculum and our available resources for our children.

The most exciting resource that we are rolling out is [www.ellinopoula.com](http://www.ellinopoula.com), which is an engaging online platform that allows students to enhance their Greek language learning by playing games, watching videos, and completing fun activities. Teachers can also use it to create individual learning paths based on the student's level and assign homework based on their class content. Each student has received their individual login to the platform and teachers have been trained in how to use the system effectively. We thank our Parish Council for their support in bringing this engaging technology to our Greek School program!

As a reminder, our school day begins at 9:30 am and ends at 1 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 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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*Have a wonderful fellowship*  
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:

The family which is sponsoring the Memorial is asked to:

1. Contact the Parish Secretary to arrange scheduling the memorial for that day.
2. Coordinate the preparation and delivery of Koliva (if used). The Church Office can provide information on persons who can prepare Koliva. The standard rate for the preparation of Koliva is \$150.
3. Provide Coffee Hour food items.



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