

# 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*

### **Epikranthi (It is vexed)?!**

Once again, during the Saturday night Paschal service, we will hear the beautiful Easter sermon by St. John Chrysostom. You know the one, where we all respond Epikranthi! (which means “it is vexed” or “embittered”). But, have you ever paused to consider what is vexed? Well, at the end of his sermon, St John tells us.

*“Let no one grieve over his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed; let no one weep over his sins, for pardon has shone from the grave; let no one fear death, for the death of our Savior has set us free: He has destroyed it by enduring it, He has despoiled Hades by going down into its kingdom.”*

The linchpin of our Christian faith is at the center of Christ’s redemptive action in conquering this death. Christ, as the God-Man, took on humanity, lived among His creation, died and resurrected in His glorified body. St. Paul tells us the connection of this to death when he says

*just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, so also death was passed on to all men, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.*

Romans 5:11-12

The Truth of Christ’s resurrection for our salvation (freedom from eternal death) is the bedrock of our faith that allows us to see through the myriad of “new revelations” of our modern age that only hold empty promises. And Jesus’ own words give us this confidence.

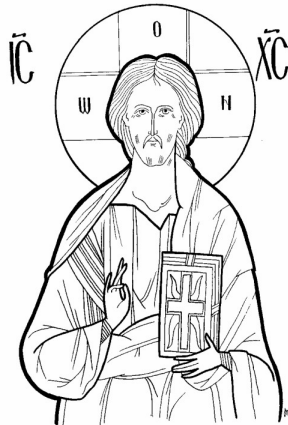
*“I am the resurrection. Anyone who believes in Me, even though that person dies, will live.”*  
John 10:30 and 11:25

Through the witness of the Apostles (i.e. Scripture) we are assured not only of God’s infinite power in conquering death, but also His endless mercy and perfect love. The Father’s willingness to offer His only begotten Son and Christ’s obedience to His Father’s Will assure us of His infinite mercy and concern for His creation. This is proof that we as Christians do not worship a transcendent God separate from His creation. God’s condescension as Man brought Him directly into Man’s history as a real and personal encounter, both during His life and after His resurrection. (Mark 16:9)

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But it is not only belief in Christ's resurrection which is critical to the Christian faith, but Christ's ***bodily*** resurrection which distinguishes us from other faiths. Many religions have professed resurrection after death: Dionysos for the Ancient Greeks and Assur (Osiris) for the Egyptians. However, in each of these religions is the Platonic ideas that a) the body is an unnecessary prison holding our spiritual self captive and b) that the importance of death is the release of the soul from its bodily prison. In none of these religions do we find the fully developed reality that, through Christ's death and bodily resurrection, death has been conquered. And it is this total and complete victory over death and the power of Hades that we celebrate every Pascha when we joyously and loudly proclaim,

*Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by His death, and to those in the tombs bestowing life!*



**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

## REGISTRY

**Wedding: Andrew Manou and Morgan Levitt**

**Baptisms:**

Child of God: Isabelle Rose Jacobson

Parents: Aaron & Catherine Jacobson

Child of God: Elizabeth Anna Onderdonk

Parents: Benjamin & Karina Onderdonk

Child of God: Niko Christos Vasiliou

Parents: Nektarios & Suzanne Vasiliou

Child of God: Nicholas John Labrosa-Manou

Parents: George and Alexandra Manou

**Chrismation:**

Child of God: Sarah Marie Collins

Parents: Hervin & Claudette Hutchinson

**Funerals:**

Agapi Theodorou – February 26, 2024

Ekaterini Petalas – March 9, 2024

Panagiotis “Peter” Konstantinidis – March 10, 2024



## EVENTS AND CHURCH SERVICES

1 April – PC meeting, 6:00 PM  
 1 April – Greek Festival Meeting, 6:00 PM  
**+3 April – Presanctified Liturgy, 5:00 PM, at Holy Spirit**  
**+10 April – Presanctified Liturgy, 5:00 PM, at Annunciation**  
 13 April – Dr. Jeanne Constantinou Lecture, at the Museum Auditorium  
 15 April – Good News submission deadline  
**+17 April Presanctified Liturgy, 5:00 PM, at Holy Spirit**  
 20 April – NY Metropolis Oratorical Festival  
 25 April – Sunshine Club, 11:00 AM  
 27 April – Palms to be made, 8:00 AM  
**+27 April – Lazarus Saturday, Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM**  
**+28 April – Palm Sunday**  
 29 April – Holy Week Begins  
 12 May – Mother's Day  
 13 May – PC Meeting, 6:00 PM  
 15 May – Good News submission deadline



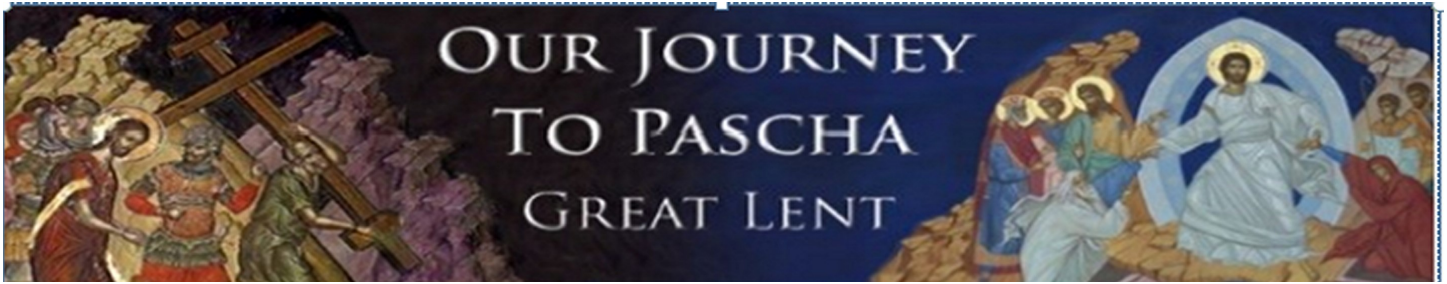
**To everyone who supported the  
 Apokriatiko Dance through  
 attendance and donations. We had an  
 amazing turn out and a wonderful  
 evening was had by all!**

### Special Thanks to:

**\*The Aegean Duo** for beautiful live music!  
**\*Julie & Rik Bausch** for a delicious Greek buffet!  
**\*All parent volunteers!**  
*As they say...It takes a χωριό.*

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*~The Greek School Program*



## 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	\$140.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Salutations	\$140.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Salutations	\$140.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Salutations	\$140.00
Akathist Hymn	\$140.00
Sunday of Orthodoxy	\$ 75.00
Annunciation Feast Day	\$140.00
Sunday of the Holy Cross	\$120.00
Saturday of Lazarus	\$120.00
Palm Sunday	\$100.00
Nymphios Icon (Sun-Tues)	\$120.00
Nymphios Procession Icon (Sun)	\$140.00
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

## ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

### 2024 SERVICES FOR GREAT LENT AND HOLY WEEK

Saturday, 4/27	Raising of Lazarus, Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
	Breakfast and making of Palm Crosses immediately following	
Sunday, 4/28	PALM SUNDAY	10:00 am
	Palm Sunday Luncheon immediate following the Divine Liturgy	
	Bridegroom Matins	6:00 pm
Monday, 4/29	HOLY MONDAY	
	Nymphios (Bridegroom) Service	6:00 pm
Tuesday, 4/30	HOLY TUESDAY	
	Nymphios (Bridegroom) Service - Hymn of Kassiane	6:00 pm
Wednesday, 5/1	HOLY WEDNESDAY	
	Holy Unction (2 services available)	4:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Thursday, 5/2	HOLY THURSDAY	
	Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil	10:00 am
	Office of Holy Passion (Twelve Gospels)	6:00 pm
Friday, 5/3	HOLY FRIDAY	
	Kids Holy Week Retreat	9:00 am to 2:00 pm
	The Royal Hours (Decorating Epitaphio)	10:00 am
	Vespers of Apokathelosis (Descent from the Cross)	1:00 pm
	Office of Lamentations (Epitaphio)	7:00 pm
Saturday, 5/4	GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY	
	Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil	10:00 am
	HOLY PASCHA RESURRECTION SERVICE	11:00 pm
Sunday, 5/5	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.**

**Η ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΣΤΗΣ ΤΗΣ ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ  
ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΕΣ ΤΗΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΗΣ ΚΑΙ ΑΓΙΑΣ ΕΒΔΟΜΑΔΟΣ**

Σάββατο, 4/27	Θεία Λειτουργία - Ανάσταση του Λάζαρου Πρόγευμα μετά την Θεία Λειτουργία Κατασκευή σταυρών φοίνικα	10:00 πμ
Κυριακή 4/28	Θεία Λειτουργία - Των Βαΐων Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου	10:00 πμ 6:00 μμ
Μεγάλη Δευτέρα 4/29	Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου Το τροπάριο της Κασσιανής	6:00 μμ
Μεγάλη Τρίτη 4/30	Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου	6:00 μμ
Μεγάλη Τετάρτη 5/1	Μυστήριον του Αγίου Ευχέλαιου	4:00 πμ 7:00 μμ
Μεγάλη Πέμπτη 5/2	Θεία Λειτουργία του Μεγάλου Βασιλλείου Τα Πάθη του Χρίστου (Δώδεκα Ευαγγέλια)	10:00 πμ 6:00 μμ
Μεγάλη Πρασκευή 5/3	Σαρακοστιανή κατασκηνώση του παιδικού κατηχητικού Ακολουδία των Βασιλικών Ώρων Η Αποκαθήλωσης Ο Επιτάφιος Θρήνος (Τα Εγκώμια)	9:00 πμ - 2:00 μμ 10:00 πμ 1:00 μμ 7:00 μμ
Μεγάλο Σάββατο 5/4	Θεία Λειτουργία του Μεγάλου Βασιλλείου Αγία και Μεγαλή Κυριακή του Πάσχα (Θεία Λειτουργία της Αναστάσεως)	10:00 πμ 11:00 μμ
Κυριακή του Πάσχα 5/5	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 όλες τες ακολουθίες, Λειτουργία των Προηγιασμένων και Χαιρετισμούς της Θεοτόκου, θα γίνεται στις 5μμ.



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

Hello everyone!

We're headed into our busy period with Great Lent, Holy Week, and, of course, Greek Festival preparation! Coming off the heels of March, we continued our efforts to bring activity and fun for our youth and young adults – and we did a lot! Our Young Adult Swillburger meetup was a big success and we also held our first teen/GOYA meetup featuring a Pre-Lent pizza party. Additionally, we held our annual Apokriatiko Dance, Greek Independence Day Celebration, and our youth made us proud at our Parish-level Oratorical Festival.

In April, we will be hosting the District-level Oratorical Festival with churches from around New York state visiting us for fellowship and competition. We are planning something special for our teens this month with a trivia game show competition featuring snacks and prizes! Plus, we will be continuing our Young Adult and All Ages events with bowling and arcades respectively as we prepare for Holy Week at the end of the month.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Apr. 13<sup>th</sup> (tentative) – All Ages Event - Dave & Buster's

Apr. 20<sup>th</sup> – District-level Oratorical Festival

Apr. 21<sup>st</sup> – Teen/GOYA Meetup: Game Night (ages 12-18)

Apr. 24<sup>th</sup> – Young Adult Meetup: Bowling Night (18+)

### **2024 PARISH ORATORICAL FESTIVAL, 10 March, 2024**

Congratulations to our 2024 Parish Oratorical Festival winners Athanasia Tzogas and Antonio Chinchilla. Both Athanasia and Antonio will be representing our parish in the New York District Finals on 20 April here at our Annunciation Church.

It was incredible to see all of our kids give their speeches. They spoke very well about our Orthodox faith and we look forward to all of them competing as future contestants.

Also many thanks to the Sunday School teachers, staff, and parents whose tireless support made this Oratorical festival a success.





## ***Religious Education***

Dear Annunciation family,

Our Sunday School has been buzzing with activity lately and we are delighted to share these updates and resources with you.

In February, we invited Godparents to attend Liturgy with their Godchildren and completed a service project together. Together, we prepared and shipped 48 bags of school supplies to the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) for distribution around the world!

In March, our Sunday School children of all ages prepared speeches on their faith and our middle schoolers participated in our parish-level Oratorical Festival. They are an inspiration to all of us to “speak the truth in love” as the Apostle Paul wrote in his letter to the Ephesians.

We also completed a parish-wide service project. In partnership with our Greek School and Philoptochos, we collected diapers and wipes for the ROC City Diaper Bank to support local families in need! A big thank you to all who contributed.

One of the many beautiful parts of our Orthodox Christian faith is how our observation of Great Lent calls us to turn our whole lives to Christ: from our food choices, attendance at extra services, increased generosity, to committing more of our time/attention to prayer. We can relate to how challenging it is to do in the rhythm of family life and want to encourage everyone with some Lenten resources below. We don’t need to do it all to do something wonderful, please join us in starting this journey! If you have favorite Lenten resources or recipes to share, please let us know.

### **Save the Date!**

**April 20th:** District Level Oratorical Festival

**May 3rd:** Holy Friday Youth Retreat

We are always looking for 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).

Blessed Lent!

Karina and Lauren

### **Lenten Resources for Families**

- 1) Preparing for Orthodox Lent - guide for families — Ascetic life of motherhood
- 2) All These Things: [https://hannahevazquez.substack.com/s/2024-lenten-series?utm\\_source=substack&utm\\_medium=email](https://hannahevazquez.substack.com/s/2024-lenten-series?utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email)
- 3) Podcast: Tending the Garden of Our Hearts: Meditations and Resources for Orthodox Families <https://www.tending-the-garden.com>

Dear Greek School Families and Parishioners,

The children did such a wonderful job with their poems and dances during our March 25th celebration! Congratulations to all! Here is a beautiful picture captured by Spyro Kapatos!



From the bottom of our hearts, we want to thank the following individuals who made this event possible, and contributed to our rich program!

Diana Hristodoulou for co-leading the coordination of our celebration.

The setup team led by Kostas Kapatos: Vasilis Pinopoulos, Nikos Savvidis, Reza Pouria, and Vango Yannas.

Christina Velez for the beautiful decorations!

Our parent volunteers helping with the food:  
Evie Mitrousis, Thalia Perikleous, Vicki Pease and  
Zoe Tzogas (Theodorakakos).

Our amazing Greek School Teachers: Nia Pike, Diana Hristodoulou, Danielle Marou, Kristi Motra, Kostas Mitrakos, Walter Bubie, and Nikki Ioannidis.

Our Music Director- Zoi Varahidis

Our Keyboards Support - Maria Mixelitsas

Our Dance teacher- Julie Bausch

Sound by Demos Euclid

Video Recording by Vasilis Antoniou  
of Vasilis World Video

Photography by Spyros Kapatos  
of Forever Fotografia

### **Reminder about our Conversational Greek Classes:**

**Conversational Greek Classes via Zoom** have been going well! These classes are providing a wonderful opportunity for your child to explore the richness of the Greek language and culture in a fun and engaging way. The classes are optional, but participation is highly recommended, so that your children can gain more practice speaking in the Greek language.

#### **Zoom Class Details:**

- 4th Grade: Every Tuesday from 5:30 pm to 6:15 pm w/ Mrs. Stacy Stamoulacatos & Mrs. ZoeTzogas
- 5th, 6th, and 7th: Every Wednesday from 5:30 pm to 6:15 pm with Mrs. Eleni Chitou
- Zoom links have been communicated to parents.

### **A look ahead:**

**April 6:** No Class for April break

**April 27:** Palm Cross making. Families are welcomed to stay and make crosses with their kids.

**May 18:** Last day of class. Italian Ice will be served as a treat during the break!

**May 19:** Graduation and Promotion immediately following Divine Liturgy.

**June 8:** Seabreeze Picnic. If you haven't ordered a t-shirt yet, email us and let us know asap!

As always, feel free to reach out with your questions at [agreekschool@gmail.com](mailto:agreekschool@gmail.com)

Ευχαριστούμε,

Elina Kokorotsis & Maria Dembeyiotis,

Greek School Directors



## 2024 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please make your checks payable to “Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church”.***

## GOOD NEWS SPONSORS

### RESTAURANTS

Atlantic Family Restaurant  
Arbor at the Port  
Arbor Loft  
Bay Front Restaurant  
Bill's Long Pond Diner  
Blue Ridge Grill  
Dog Town  
Eastridge Diner Steakhouse  
Highland Market Bakery & Deli  
Highland Park Diner  
Jays Diner  
Johnny D's Restaurant  
Konstantinou's Restaurant  
Log Cabin Restaurant & Catering  
Mels Diner  
Olympia Restaurant & Lounge  
Parkside Diner and Miniature Golf  
Riki Family Restaurant  
The Distillery  
The Nutcracker Family Restaurant  
The Original Steve's Diner - 4 Locations  
The Peppermill Restaurant  
Town and Country Family Restaurant  
Uncle Danny's Family Restaurant  
Union Street Coffee House  
Voula's Sweets  
Yia Yia's Ice Cream Shoppe  
Yianni's

### PRODUCTS

AG Foodservice  
Ajay Glass Co.  
Alpha Ironworks  
Goodman Glass and Mirror  
Konstantinou's Liquor  
Rain or Shine Tent Rental  
Regional Distributors Inc  
Rhino Trunk and Case  
Ridge Coin & Jewelry  
Rochester Auto Glass  
Rochester Meat  
Walworth Wine & Spirits

### SERVICES

Akropolis Agency  
Averdi  
Better Relationships Counseling  
Delta Advisory Group, Dimitrios Manou, CPA  
EMS  
First POS  
Metropolitan Window Cleaning  
Mike Yar Photo Productions  
Ontario Family Dentistry, Dr. Elias Konstantinou  
Philoptochos  
ReMax Plus  
Roxanne Stavropoulos Realtor  
Howard Hanna Real Estate Services  
Vay-Schleich & Meeson, Funeral and Cremation  
Chapels

### ANNUNCIATION FAMILIES

Frank and Patty Cost  
Jennefer & Perry Noun, Bill Noun  
*Have a wonderful fellowship*  
Mary Manou  
Nassis Family

#### In Loving Memory



**Edna Helen Collins Ferris**

**October 6, 2023**

Edna lived her life with unsurpassed kindness, wisdom and selflessness who, by her example, led others to strive to be better people.

Sweet Edna we hold you in our hearts as our hero and protector until we meet again in Heaven.

**Memory Eternal**



## 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 theses 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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