

GOOD NEWS

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From Fr. Angelo

The 2025-26 Liturgical New Year Begins – Our Strategy Continues

After a very successful Greek Festival, I know that many of you will be returning in September after an enjoyable summer in Greece, Cyprus, Europe, or Montana. September begins the new liturgical year and the resumption of exciting programs organized by our Philoptochos, Choir and Chant, Religious Education, Greek School, Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Sunshine Club, etc.

This new liturgical year, the Parish Council and I want to continue working towards accomplishing the Strategic Vision we presented in 2022; ***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 but also serves as an expression of what we want to do as part of the Rochester community in which we all live and work. Recall that this vision is being 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 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. The Parish Council’s role, as the senior leadership, has been to 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.

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)** continued use of technology to connect our members to church events.

a) Reconnecting members.

Stewardship (i.e church membership) over the last several years has seen many families that became disconnected returning once again. This success is due mainly to many of you who have been extending a personal invitation to see what’s going on here at the Annunciation. Also the Greek Festival has been instrumental in bringing back lapsed members through the vitality of our young chairmen, Mike Nassis and John Vangellow. I’ve witnessed the impact of this INREACH by the increased attendance of both older and younger parishioners to our many events throughout the year.

Our choir and chant ministries have been working hard to recruit new members and encourage new voices. Their efforts have resulted in a significant increase in membership to both choir and chant. The addition of a professional choir director from the Eastman School of Music has not only helped our choir progress musically but he is also training our up-and-coming choir director Katie Stathe.

b) Communicate and connect parishioners to ongoing ministries and activities.

To kick off this year’s religious education program, Karina and Lauren (our Sunday School directors) have been hosting an event each Sunday in August for kids to get them back into the groove of Sunday School. Additionally, they, together with some of our Religious Education teachers, have been meeting to discuss the

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rollout of an updated program to address the specific needs of our preteens and teens. Greek School is already accepting on-line applications for the 2025/26 school year on our Annunciation website.

Our Young Adult ministry, headed up by Demos Euclid (directed to those in their 20's, 30's, and 40's both married and single) is actively inviting both new members and those who have lapsed, to rejoin the church as well as other events. A huge advantage to the Young Adult ministry is that it's become a great way for all of our newest young members to make friends in a relaxing and enjoyable atmosphere. This has resulted in our existing members becoming sponsors and Godparents to these new members, creating a bond of friendship so vital to those new to our parish. Demos has planned several regular outings for Young Adults that have been popular such as dining out at local restaurants, Miniature Golf, and Wine Tasting.

Philoptochos, over the summer, has met with some of the local East Ave churches, such as Asbury, to organize opportunities for our parish to work together. Philoptochos gained several new and young members who, under the mentorship of our more senior members, are excited about expanding this aspect of Philoptochos.

Both Philoptochos and the Seniors Group continue to build on events organized in the previous years such as a parish trip to Agia Skepi, an Orthodox Women's monastery. This October we'll be traveling to St Nektarios Orthodox Monastery in Roscoe NY. Our Sunshine Club (Seniors) will be hosting several events such as guest speaker forums on important topics from a variety of subjects such as health, retirement, community service, and of course spiritual.

And the biggest news is our planned trip to Egypt in October 2026. See our church website for all the details.

Another great example of INREACH was the Greek baking class offered by the ladies of St. Parskevi. The wonderful attendance (more than 40 people) has energized the ladies to organize another baking event!

c) Continued use of technologies.

We continue to reach out in our community with our live stream of our church services through Zoom, YouTube, email, and Facebook. These technologies play a big part in helping to keep all members of our community, especially the homebound and those in nursing homes, connected with what's going on. Our YouTube channel has grown to over 28,000 subscribers and is THE primary source of bringing new members into our parish community. My parish email list has grown to over 600 subscribers and serves as a quick and regular way to keep our parishioners up to date on all upcoming events and activities. If you're not signed up to receive my weekly event emails, please contact the church office to submit your emails as this is my primary means of communicating quickly with all of you.

While this is not an all-inclusive list of what's been done, (or what's planned) it hopefully shows that our parish, young and old is active. I'm confident that lasting membership comes when people can see and understand an organized over-arching vision that connects people to each of our ministries. In this way returning members and new members will want to work together to help us achieve our vision of *Learning the Faith, Living the Faith, and Sharing the Faith*.



REGISTRY



40-DAY BLESSING:

Child of God: Adriano Battle

Parents: Christopher & Evana Battle

Child of God: Athanasios Nassis

Parents: Mike & Stefani Nassis

Child of God: Georgia Sue Terhaar

Parents: Andie & Eric Terhaar

Child of God: Yianni Padulo

Parents: John & Erica Padulo

Children of God: Sienna Virginia & Nico Cooper Testa

Parents: Robert & Jordan Testa



BAPTISMS:

Child of God: Alessia Styliadis-Nuzzarello

Parents: Alessandro Nuzzarello & Agapi Styliadis

Child of God: Demetria Maria Buono

Parents: Michael & Dina Buono

Child of God: Ophelia Pateras

Parents: George Pateras & Courtney Sprague

Children of God: Sofia & Eliana Neenan

Parents: Tyler & Simela (Melina) Neenan

Child of God: Athanasios Patrick O'Neal

Parents: Ryan O'Neal & Corinna Eleni Doris

Child of God: Elio Thomas Manou

Parents: Patrick & Alyssa Manou

Child of God: Violeta Niki Gavin

Parents: Jacob & Vasiliki Gavin

Child of God: Dimitri Antoniou

Parents: Christos & Daisy Antoniou



Servant of God: Alexander Lindsay

Servant of God: Alexander Jordan Ralph



CHRISMATIONS:

Handmaiden of God: Sarah Nicole Bartz

Servant of God: Edward Zachary Graham



WEDDINGS:

Savas Hetelekides & Courtney Schratz – May 10, 2025

James Robert Owen & Maria Sofia Panitsidis – June 14, 2025

Lukas Andrew Amalfi & Bianca Marie Bozzelli – June 28, 2025

Nathan Ray Houge & Adriana Marie DeLella – July 19, 2025



FUNERALS:

Penelope (Penni) Smith - April 11, 2025

Demetrios (Jim) Vamvakitis - April 17, 2025

Sofia Varahidis - May 4, 2025

Peter Frisiras - May 9, 2025

Argyrios Gitsis – July 9, 2025

Athena Babasidis – July 16, 2025

Taxiarhis Kostopanagiotou – July 28, 2025

John Zaromitidis – August 7, 2025

May their memory be eternal.



CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS:

- +29 Aug** **Divine Liturgy - Beheading of John the Baptist - Joint Service at Holy Spirit: Orthros at 9:00 am; Liturgy at 10:00 am**
- 31 Aug 2nd Annual "Greek Night at the Church". 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm.
The return of our community only event will feature a fully stocked bar with \$5 FIX beer, live music from The Aegeans (Stergios & Nick), dancing, plus the popular "Eat Greek" Food Truck. There will also be an after party at La Luna (60 Browns Race, Rochester 14614) starting at 10:30 pm with music by DJ ET.
- 1 Sept. Labor Day - Office Closed
- +8 Sept.** **Divine Liturgy - Nativity of the Theotokos: Orthros at 9:00 am; Liturgy at 10:00 am**
- +13 Sept.** **Vespers - Elevation of the Holy Cross, 6:00 PM**
- +14 Sept.** **Divine Liturgy - Elevation of the Holy Cross: Orthros at 9:00 am; Liturgy at 10:00 am**
- 15 Sept. Annual Annunciation Golf Tournament. Cobblestone Creek Country Club. Sign up on the Church's website.
- 25 Sept. Sunshine (Seniors") Club Meeting. 11:00 am - 2:00 pm - Lunch at 11:00 am and some exercise with our fitness coach, Jessica, from JCC.
- 26 Sept. All Age Mini Golf Night, Parkside Diner/Whispering Pines, 4353 Culver Rd Irondequoit, NY 14622 COST: Free!, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. For any Young Adults interested, we will be visiting Shamrock Jack's Irish Pub nearby after the event.

FUTURE PLANNING for 2026

October 19 to 31 - Annunciation Egypt Trip. 13 days, 12 nights, 4-day Nile cruise.

Reserve your place with your \$150 deposit either:

1. ON-LINE at our website. Go to the home page under "ABOUT/OUR STEWARDSHIP" then scroll to the bottom and click on PARISH GIVING/FAIRSHARE. Then select "onetime" donation under subfund "Walk Thru History in Egypt 2026"
2. Pay in person at church on Sunday or during the week at the church office.

Sunday School will resume on September 7

Greek School Classes (4th-7th) will resume on September 20

On-going adult Orthodox study programs:

- Bible Study will resume in Tuesday, September 16
- Orthodox Questions and Answers every Thursday, YouTube, 7:00 PM.
- On-Line Orthodox Catechism on our website under the EDUCATION tab.



GREEK FESTIVAL FINANCIAL RECAP: A CELEBRATION OF FAITH, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

Thanks to the dedication of our talented leadership team and the incredible efforts of our volunteers, this year's Greek Festival was another resounding success — even with a few weather challenges along the way!

The weekend was filled with camaraderie, fellowship, delicious food, and lively dancing. And beyond the joy and community spirit, we're proud to share that the Festival was a financial success as well. Including post-Festival food sales and generous sponsorship support, we generated approximately **\$563,000 in total revenue**.

We're also pleased to report that **\$18,000 was donated to local charities**, and **\$201,000 was raised to benefit our Church**. (Please note that final numbers may vary slightly as we complete the accounting process.)

Planning for the **2026 Festival** will begin later this year. If you're interested in getting involved, we'd love to have you—please contact the Church office to learn more.

ANNUNCIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT - SIGN UP ON OUR WEBSITE!

We invite you to join our 2025 Annual Golf Tournament at Cobblestone Creek Country Club!

To register, download our sign up sheet on the Church's website and follow the instructions. If you have any questions, please contact Valerie Lapp (vlapp@ajayglass.com), Julie Marshall (jmarshall@ajavglass.com), or Ajay Glass office (585-393-0082).

Ticket cost includes: registration, tee gifts, greens fees, cart, breakfast, lunch, reception and beverages on the course. Cash bar all day (ATM on site). Awards and dinner will follow the tournament.

REGISTRATION DUE BY SEPTEMBER 8th, 2025!

Date: Monday, September 15, 2025

Time: Breakfast & Registration begins at 8:00 am

Where: Cobblestone Creek Country Club

Cost: \$225 per person.



2025 Parish Council

Eric Vangellow, President
 Karen Balta, Vice President
 Demitrios Kolokouris, Treasurer
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 Zachary Graham
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PHILOPTOCHOS

New Liturgical Year, New Philoptochos Events



Summer flew by, and the new liturgical year is in full swing! Our church calendar is filling up fast — the choir is back, Religious Education has started, Greek school is in session and Philoptochos has many events for our parish to look forward to. Join us in the church hall on Sunday, September 7 after Divine Liturgy for our annual “Mimosas, Mezedes and Membership” event. Bring a dish, enjoy a mimosa and learn about how you can get involved in Philoptochos.

Father Angelo has always emphasized that Orthodoxy is a faith of action, and the beginning of a new liturgical year is the perfect time to engage in philanthropy, fellowship and outreach.

Want to help but not sure how? Signing up for Coffee Hour is a great place to start! It’s an opportunity to meet new people, learn new skills and practice hospitality, a core spiritual discipline of our Orthodox faith that’s deeply rooted in scripture and tradition. It’s also an important aspect of Greek culture. Talk to Ethel DiGiugno to learn more and sign up. And stay tuned for more upcoming Philoptochos events

CHOIR

Dear parishioners,

The choir begins this Liturgical year as a new era of sorts. We said goodbye to our talented organist of four years, Mei Li. Mei was always ready to learn, ready to teach, and ready for anything homemade and Greek! We will miss her. Mei kept careful notes for our next organist, who is someone we think you will be especially excited to meet.

Apostolis Konstandakis is an award-winning pianist from the island of Rhodes who begins his studies at the Eastman School of Music this fall. He attended Bowling Green State University and served as organist for Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Toledo, Ohio. We feel very blessed to have him as our new organist!

We said goodbye to another talented ESM student, Jiabao Guo. Jiabao assisted in directing and singing, modeling memorable choir lessons and providing professional conducting instruction for our third director, Katherine Stathis. Katie begins her 11th year with the choir, and will continue to assist Julie and Zoi as they pass the invisible baton.

We also have a new tradition. The East Avenue Music Festival, which debuted in June, brought visitors to all five churches between Meigs and Berkeley Streets, in succession, to hear music from each. Our pews were filled with people hearing hymns for the first time -- from the choir loft, from the chant stand, and even from the children's choir! Father Angelo presented context and translations, and members of Philoptochos, the Parish Council, and the general congregation provided the warmest of air-conditioned hospitality. Mark your calendar for the next one: June 14, 2026.

The choir now resumes the regular Sunday schedule, with the last Sunday of each month reserved for psaltis. Please join us! Rehearsal begins one hour before Liturgy (9:00am) in the choir room, located in the basement of the parish hall.

Thank you,
Katie & Julie (Zoi is still in Greece!)



2025 ORATORICAL FESTIVAL



HOLY WEEK 2025



HOLY WEEK 2025 2025 MYRRH BEARERS



GRADUATION 2025



FROM THE DESK OF THE ANNUNCIATION YOUTH DIRECTOR

As we look forward to beginning the new Liturgical Year, we've been excited to bring you some fun offerings and events geared towards Youth and Young Adults for Fall 2025. Below is just a sampling of scheduled events with a few surprises to be announced as the year progresses! More to come!

UPCOMING YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT EVENTS AUGUST 2025 – DECEMBER 2025

August 2025

Sunday, 8/24 – Kid's Back to School Event (Youth)
Sunday, 8/31 – **2nd Annual Greek Night (All-Age)**

September 2025

Sunday, 9/7 – First Day of Sunday School (Youth, Teens)
Monday, 9/15 – Annunciation Golf Tournament 2025 (Young Adults+)
Saturday, 9/20 – First Day of Greek School (Youth, Teens)
Friday, 9/26 – **Mini Golf Night 2025 (All-Age)**

October 2025

Saturday, 10/11 – **Pixar Movie Night: Coco (Youth, Teens)**
Wednesday, 10/15 – Young Adult Meet-Up: Iron Smoke Distillery (Young Adults)
TBD – Trunk or Treat 2025
TBD – Blessing of the Animals

November 2025

Saturday, 11/8 – **Disney Movie Night: The Nightmare Before Christmas (All-Age)**
Wednesday, 11/12 – Young Adult Meet-Up: TBA (Young Adults)
TBD – Seneca Park ZooMobile (Youth, Teens)

December 2025

Friday, 12/12 – **Christmas Movie Night Celebration (All-Age)**
Wednesday, 12/17 – Young Adult Meet-Up: Whiskey & Eggnog Night (Young Adults)

Please visit our website for more information including times, details, and updates! (Dates subject to change.)

Keep a look-out for more upcoming events to be announced!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Dear Parishioners,

We hope you have had an enjoyable summer. We had some fun Sundays this summer that many of our families participated in. We had crafts, a children's sermon, filling backpacks for our underserved youth, and lots of food of course! I know my daughter enjoyed these events and I hope your children did as well!

We are looking forward to another wonderful Sunday School year! We are now in our fifth year of a five year rotating curriculum schedule. We have done two years of Old Testament and two years of New Testament lessons. For our last year we will be focusing on the early church with readings from the epistles, the 12 great feasts of the church, sacraments, and saints! We are excited for a year full of learning and enriching events to help our children grow in their faith and love for God.

As always we welcome anyone who feels called to help in our ministry of teaching our youth. We are currently seeking help in preschool. We also are always looking for subs and teaching assistants in all grades. Experience is not necessary, just love for the Lord and our kids! If you are interested or know someone who would be, please reach out to us. This is a great way to get started in Sunday School, we're happy to answer any questions you may have.

Important Dates:

Sunday 8/24 - Sunday School Clean Up Crew. Immediately following the Divine Liturgy
Sunday 9/7 - First Day of Sunday School! Student registration can be completed that day or beforehand. Our curriculum and registration is on the parish website under Education (Sunday School tab).

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 recagoc-ny@gmail.com

With love in Christ,
Karina and Lauren
Religious Education Directors



GREEK SCHOOL



Dear Greek School Families and Parishioners,

We hope you had a wonderful time this summer and you got the chance to relax!

Friendly reminder to register for Greek School 2025-2026:

Please register ASAP and you can help us order our books early! We are excited to see your children again this year and teach them our language, culture and heritage.

To register, follow the instructions on this link and complete your registration:

<https://forms.gle/C8RZo1RQWAbh1g7bA>

A Look Ahead:

Parent Orientation Day: Saturday, September 13, 2025 from 9:30 -11:00 AM.

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

First Full Day of Classes: Saturday, September 20, 2025 from 9:30 AM -1:00 PM. Classes will start every Saturday promptly at 9:30 am and will end at 1 pm.

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

Ευχαριστώ,

Elina Kokorotsis

Greek School Director

2025 FESTIVAL



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2025 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”.

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Have a wonderful fellowship

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

Eric Vangellow

Eric Vangellow
President, Annunciation GOC

¹**Note:** The link to the *Hall reservation form* is available on our website. The form is also available in the Church Office.

Hall Rental Rates + Info

To book please email 962eastevents@gmail.com or fill out form on 962east.com

NOTE: All booking included access to tables, chairs, and ivory linens

	Church Organization	Church Parishioner	Non Parishioner
Hall Lease Fee	No Charge	\$500	Starting at \$1,600
Hall Lease Deposit	N/A	Full amount required at booking	\$500 Deposit
Hall Balance	N/A	N/A	Due 2 weeks prior to event
Hall Lease Time	Must end by 10:30pm	Must end by 10:30pm	Packages start at 8 hours, all events must end by 10pm
Kitchen Privledges	Full Privledges	Warming + Storage privledges, \$350 fee for full use	None, \$350 fee for full use
Cancellation Policy	Please notify at least 2 weeks in advance if possible	Please notify 2 weeks in advance in order to receive fee back	Please notify 2 weeks in advance in order to receive deposit back
Use Of Caterers	At discretion of organization	At discretion of parishioner, please let hall manager know 2 weeks prior to event	Must be an insured vendor + with proof of insurance provided 2 weeks prior to event
Set/Clean Up	Responsibility of the church organization	Responsibility of the parishioner	Responsible of the leasee or set up can be added for a fee

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. A decorated candle is \$50.00.

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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