

GOOD NEWS

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From Fr. Angelo

THE LENTEN PRAYER OF ST EPHREM THE SYRIAN (excerpts from Fr. Schmemmann's book *Great Lent – Journey to Pascha*)

Of all the Lenten hymns and prayers, one short prayer can be termed the Lenten Prayer. Tradition ascribes it to one of the great teachers of spiritual life - St. Ephrem the Syrian.

O Lord and Master of my life! Take from me the spirit of sloth, faint-heartedness, lust of power, and idle talk.

But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant. Yea, O Lord and King!

Grant me to see my own errors and not to judge my brother; For Thou art blessed unto ages of ages. Amen

This prayer is read at the conclusion of the Pre-Sanctified Liturgies during Lent with a prostration following each petition. This short and simple prayer presents the "negative" (vices) and "positive" (virtues) of repentance and constitutes, so to speak, a "check list" for our individual Lenten effort. The aim of the prayer is to recognize the spiritual diseases which overtake us as busy schedules and worldly distractions move us further away from the brightness of the previous year's Pascha.

While St. Ephraim's prayer references sloth, faint-heartedness, lust of power, and idle talk I'll focus this article on idle talk better known to us as gossip.

The Holy Fathers recognized that of all created beings, Man alone has been endowed with the gift of speech, the very "seal" of the Divine Image is in Man because God Himself is revealed as Word (John, 1:1). They spoke of the human voice used in its fullness for praising God and communicating priceless treasures of knowledge or used in a sinful manner displaying the poverty of ignorance and disrespect.

In the Old Testament (specifically the Torah) God Himself prohibited the Jews from idle speech and **Leviticus 19** condemns gossip outright, "*Do not go about spreading slander among your people. Do not do anything that endangers your neighbor's life. I am the Lord.*" Also, **Exodus 23** commanded that the people "must not carry false rumors; you shall not join hands with the guilty to act as a malicious witness."

The prophets Jeremiah and Ezekiel and Proverbs warned about the dangers of talebearers (Jewish term for gossipers). In Judaism it is believed that gossip and idle talk was the slander of Jews by Jews that brought about the destruction of the Second Temple.

In the New Testament Jesus warns about gossip, "*I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.* (Matt. 12:36). And James, in his Epistle says, "*Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasts great things. It is a fire, a world of iniquity... that defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; the fire of hell* (James 3:6).

- The Holy Fathers (and in the Prayer of St. Ephraim) used the Greek word ἀργολογία (argologia) where "argo" means idle or lazy and "logia" is words. They warned that just as speech is the highest gift it can also be the highest danger. In fact Solomon states that "Death and life are in the power of the tongue" (Proverbs 18:21).

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For these reasons the Holy Fathers and the saints of the Church viewed gossip as a sin and that those who engage in idle talk as lazy and jealous, slothful and faint hearted. **St. Basil the Great** cautioned that “every word that does not benefit spiritually and fails to build up the faith is idle talk.” St. John of the Ladder similarly warned “Gag the mind and restrain the tongue, treating it as a ‘tyrant’ to be fought seventy times seven times a day.”

And for Orthodoxy just as in Judaism it is not only the one who gossips, but the one who listens to the gossip and endorses what they have heard, share in the sin with the gossip. So, what makes up idle talk?

EVIL TALK - The most common, and perhaps the most serious, it refers to any statement that is derogatory or potentially harmful to others. This includes slander or spreading lies.

HURTFUL WORDS which cause emotional pain, embarrassment or anxiety.

DECEPTIVE TALK - This is the intent to knowingly mislead others often through flattery or boasting. also referred to as the “white lie.”

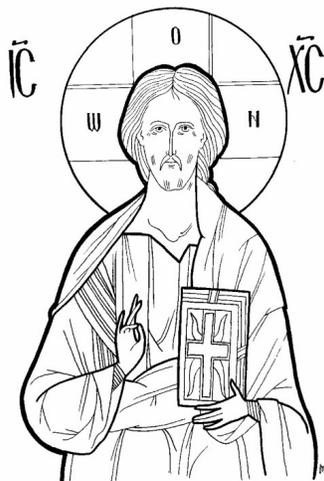
IDLE TALK - Idle chatter also falls into the category of impure speech. Oftentimes we talk for the sake of talking, simply because we have nothing better to say often resulting in our inadvertently speaking without discerning what we are saying and the impact that has on those listening.

The positive counterpart to the sin of idle talk and gossip according to the Prayer is σωφροσύνη (sophrosyni) and was considered among the ancient Greek philosophers one of the four classic virtues of **wisdom** (Sophia), **justice** (dikosyni), **courage** (andreia), and **moderation** (sophrosyne). Unfortunately, this is often translated as charity which to our modern senses has only sexual connotations.

The more exact translation is sagacity, which is defined as an soundness of mind, self-control and mental discernment. Allowing ourselves to engage in idle talk severely dulls our ability to discern our brokenness and sinful behavior towards one another causing us to lose sight of the image and likeness of God in those we gossip about.

By exercising self-control of our tongue and by mental discerning the impact of our thoughts we can arrest the danger before we give our thoughts the power of speech. St Basil advised that our voice and our behavior “should be modulated; no one ought to answer another, or do anything, roughly or contemptuously, but in all things moderation and respect should be shown to everyone. No wily glances of the eye are to be allowed, nor any behavior or gestures which grieve a brother and show contempt.”

This Lent let us, as we hear during the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, “*Set a guard over my mouth and a door to my lips*”.





REGISTRY



40 DAY BLESSINGS:



Child of God: John Hazoglou
Child of God: Samuel Edward Calman

Parents: Michael & Victoria Hazoglou
Parents: Kurt & Fay Calman



BAPTISMS/ CHRISMATIONS:



Child of God: Yianni Padulo
Child of God: Lucas Zachary Wojciechowski

Parents: Jon & Erika Padulo
Parents: Zachary & Kelly Wojciechowski



Handmaiden of God: Enxhi Panariti
Handmaiden of God: Anxhelina Panariti



CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS:

- 1 March** Sunshine Club Bake Sale, 11:00 AM
- +1 March** Sunday of Orthodoxy Joint Vespers at St. John Baptist, OCA, Goodman St, 6:00 PM
- 3 March First Zoom Meeting – Lenten Group Reading of “The Brothers Karamazov”, 7:00pm
- +4 March** Presanctified Liturgy, 6:00 PM. Pot Luck Lenten reception after the Liturgy. Please bring Lenten dish to pass.
- +6 March** 2nd Salutations to the Theotokos, 5:00 PM
- 7 March Youth Movie Night, David 2025, 6:00 PM
- +11 March** Presanctified Liturgy, 6:00 PM. Pot Luck Lenten reception after the Liturgy. Please bring Lenten dish to pass.
- 11 March Greek Festival Cooking/Baking begins EVENINGS –5:00 PM. Refer to schedule below
- +13 March** 3rd Salutations to the Theotokos, 5:00 PM
- 13 March Agathen Merida (Women’s Group) following the Salutations service at 6:15 PM
- 14 March Horizons Fun FX Skating Youth an Team meetup, 3:00 PM
- 17 March Agia Paraskevi Bingo Night, 7:00 PM, Church Hall.
- +18 March** Presanctified Liturgy, 6:00 PM. Pot Luck Lenten reception after the Liturgy. Please bring Lenten dish to pass
- 18 March Young Adult Meet-up: Trivia Night 2026
- +20 March** 4th Salutations to the Theotokos, 5:00 PM
- 22 March Greek Independence Celebration Program following Liturgy
- +24 March** Joint Service and reception with Annunciation Buffalo at Annunciation Rochester. Vespers at 5:00, Reception at 6:00.
- +25 March** Annunciation of the Theotokos, Orthros 9:00 AM, Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
- +27 March** Akathist to the Theotokos, 5:00 PM
- +4 April** Lazarus Saturday, Orthros 9:00 AM; Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Breakfast after Liturgy and the making of the Palm Crosses

+Note: All of the Salutation to the Theotokos services will be held at our church.

+4 - 12 April HOLY WEEK - Refer to pages 5 and 6 for schedule of services.



GREEK FESTIVAL COOKING/BAKING SCHEDULE

Mornings Schedule:

Thursdays and Saturdays starting on 2/19/26 at 9am

Excluding: 4/4, 4/9, 4/11; End date to be determined

Contact Despina Georgantopoulos AM BAKING questions : (585) 966-9055

Evening Schedule:

PLEASE text Maria Hagen (585) 233-8861 if you will be attending

Evening Dates

starting @ 5pm

Wednesday 3/11/26	Tuesday 4/21/26
Monday 3/16/26	Wednesday 4/29/26
Tuesday 3/31/26	Wednesday 5/6/26
Wednesday 4/15/26	Tuesday 5/12/2026

More evenings to be determined as needed

On-going Adult Orthodox study programs:

- Orthodox Christian Club every Monday 5:30 to 7:00 PM
- Lenten (Zoom) Book Study - Brothers Karamazov every Tuesday at 7:00 PM
- Orthodox Questions and Answers every Thursday, YouTube, 7:00 PM.
- Online Orthodox Catechism on our website under the EDUCATION tab.
- Greek Language program every Saturday 1:30-3:00 PM through May 16
- Greek Dance practice every Sunday, 4:00 PM until the Greek Festival.

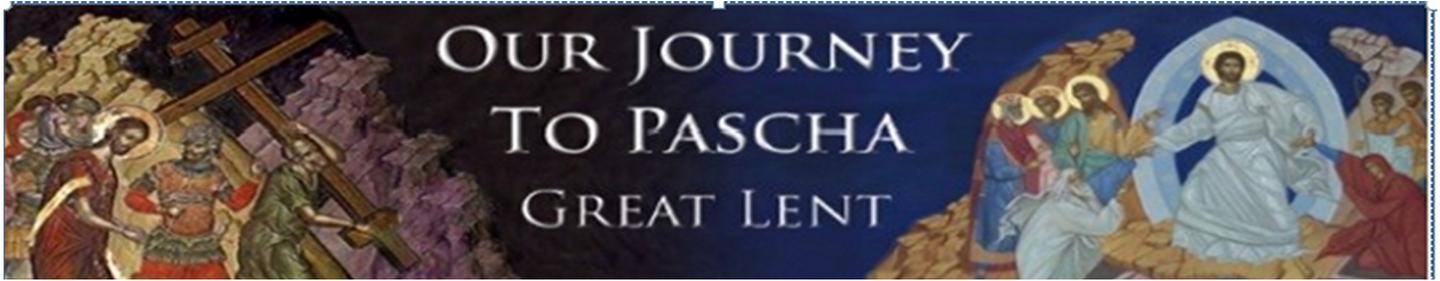
ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
2026 SERVICES FOR GREAT LENT AND HOLY WEEK

Saturday, 4/4	Raising of Lazarus, Divine Liturgy Breakfast and making of the Palm Crosses after the Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
Sunday, 4/5	PALM SUNDAY Palm Sunday Luncheon after the Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
Monday, 4/6	Bridegroom Matins HOLY MONDAY Nymphios (Bridegroom) Service	6:00 pm 6:00 pm
Tuesday, 4/7	HOLY TUESDAY Nymphios (Bridegroom) Service - Hymn of Kassiane	6:00 pm
Wednesday, 4/8	HOLY WEDNESDAY Holy Unction (2 services available)	4:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Thursday, 4/9	HOLY THURSDAY Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil Office of Holy Passion (Twelve Gospels)	8:00 am 6:00 pm
Friday, 4/10	HOLY FRIDAY Kids Holy Week Retreat The Royal Hours (Decorating Epitaphio) Vespers of Apokathelosis (Descent from the Cross) Office of Lamentations (Epitaphio)	9:00 am to 3:00 pm 10:00 am 2:00 pm 7:00 pm
Saturday, 4/11	GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil HOLY PASCHA RESURRECTION SERVICE	10:00 am 11:00 pm
Sunday, 4/12	HOLY PASCHA AGAPE SERVICE (Sunday of Love)	11:00 am

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

Σάββατο, 4/4	Θεία Λειτουργία - Ανάσταση του Λάζαρου Πρόγευμα μετά την Θεία Λειτουργία	10:00 πμ
Κυριακή 4/5	Θεία Λειτουργία - Των Βαΐων Γεύμα μετά την Θεία Λειτουργία Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου	10:00 πμ 6:00 μμ
Μεγάλη Δευτέρα 4/6	Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου	6:00 μμ
Μεγάλη Τρίτη 4/7	Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου Το τροπάριο της Κασσιανής	6:00 μμ
Μεγάλη Τετάρτη 4/8	Μυστήριο του Αγίου Ευχέλαιου	4:00 πμ 7:00 μμ
Μεγάλη Πέμπτη 4/9	Θεία Λειτουργία του Μεγάλου Βασιλλείου Τα Πάθη του Χρίστου (Δώδεκα Ευαγγέλια)	8:00 πμ 6:00 μμ
Μεγάλη Παρασκευή 4/10	Σαρακοστιανή κατασκηνώση του παιδικού κατηχητικού Ακολουδία των Βασιλικών Ώρων Η Αποκαθήλωσις Ο Επιτάφιος Θρήνος (Τα Εγκώμια)	9:00 πμ - 3:00 μμ 10:00 πμ 2:00 μμ 7:00 μμ
Μεγάλο Σάββατο 4/11	Θεία Λειτουργία του Μεγάλου Βασιλλείου Αγία και Μεγάλη Κυριακή του Πάσχα (Θεία Λειτουργία της Αναστάσεως)	10:00 πμ 11:00 μμ
Κυριακή του Πάσχα 4/12	Ακολουδία της Αγάπης	11:00 πμ

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



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 st Salutations	\$140.00
2 nd Salutations	\$140.00
3 rd Salutations	\$140.00
4 th 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

SENIORS VASILOPITA



Ταίς πρεσβειαις της Θεοτοκου Σω
τερ Σωσον ημασ

BYZANTINE CHANT WORKSHOP 7 February, 2026



GODPARENT SUNDAY

1 February 2026



GOYA

Pizza Making Event - 31 January 2026



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Dear Parents and Parishioners,

Blessed Lent to all! Please find below upcoming events and ideas for living our faith with our children at home!

With Love and prayers,
Karina and Lauren

Upcoming Events

March 1st: Sunday of Orthodoxy - Bring icons from home for icon procession (we also have plenty to spare if a family prefers or forgets)

March 8th: Local Oratorical Festival for grades K-5

March 15th: Parish Oratorical Festival for grades 6 - 12

Learning Our Faith

In March, our kids will present the speeches they have been working on. Elementary grades K-6 are for local presentation only while grades 7 - 12 can participate in the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival. We are defending national champions after Helen Broikos was awarded 1st place in the Senior Division in last year's festival! Thank you to all our families for your support of this important way we encourage our kids to learn their faith.

Kids stumping you with hard questions about our faith? Father Angelo has offered to answer the kids' questions the last Sunday of each month! A box for written questions is located in the Sunday School hallway. Questions can also be emailed to Father directly.

Living Our Faith

In February, we begin Great Lent! See the image on the next page for a journey through Lent calendar to count down to Easter (Pascha)! We encourage everyone to prayerfully consider small, sustainable ways to grow closer to Christ and each other this Lent!

2026 ST. TIMOTHY SUMMER CAMP





REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



sttimothycamp.org

THE DETAILS

When: August 9th - 16th, 2026

Where: Camp Oswegatchie - Croghan, NY

Who: 8 years old - High Schoolers

Earlybird Discount: Available until Feb 28th

Need-based Scholarships Available

QUESTIONS?

youth@detroit.goarch.org

OUR JOURNEY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
TRIDUUM BEGINS SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN & THE PHARISEE	FAST FREE					
SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON	CASING INTO LEHT: OUR LAST WEEK TO EAT MEAT UNTIL PASCHA					
THE LAST JUDGMENT <i>Heavenly Sunday</i>	CASING INTO LEHT: OUR LAST WEEK TO EAT DAIRY UNTIL PASCHA					
FORGIVENESS SUNDAY <i>Cheese Day Sunday</i>	<small>Clear Monday: STRICT FAST BEGINS</small>					
SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY: BRING YOUR JOINS						
SUNDAY OF SAINT GREGORY PALMS						
VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS						
SUNDAY OF THE LADDER OF DIVINE ASCENT						
SUNDAY OF SAINT MARY OF EGYPT						LAZARUS SATURDAY
PALM SUNDAY	HOLY MONDAY	HOLY TUESDAY	HOLY WEDNESDAY	HOLY THURSDAY	HOLY FRIDAY	HOLY SATURDAY

TO PASCHA



GREEK DANCING

FOR GREEK FESTIVAL 2026

SCAN TO REGISTER:



PRACTICES WILL BEGIN
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

THE DEADLINE FOR
REGISTRATION IS
JANUARY 18TH.



* IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE,
DANCERS MUST BE CURRENTLY
ENROLLED IN KINDERGARTEN,
UP TO 12TH GRADE.



EFXINOS PONTOS SOCIETY OF ROCHESTER IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

First day of Greek Dance Practice

2-3 pm: Ages 4-8; Ages 9-15

3-4 pm: Ages 16 + up

Annunciation Church Hall

*Dance Practice will be from
02/15-05/24, with **NO PRACTICE**
on 04/05 + 04/12*

SUNDAY, MARCH 01, 2026

Board Elections

3 pm

Annunciation Church Hall



2026 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

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Arbor Loft
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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
Park Place Restaurant
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

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SERVICES

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Ontario Family Dentistry, Dr. Elias Konstantinou
Philoptochos
ReMax Plus
Roxanne Stavropoulos Realtor
Howard Hanna Real Estate Services
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Chapels

ANNUNCIATION FAMILIES

Frank and Patty Cost
Mary Manou
Clayton, George and Dr. Joan Laura Nardone
Nassis Family
Jennefer & Perry Noun, Bill Noun
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.



GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH of the ANNUNCIATION

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