



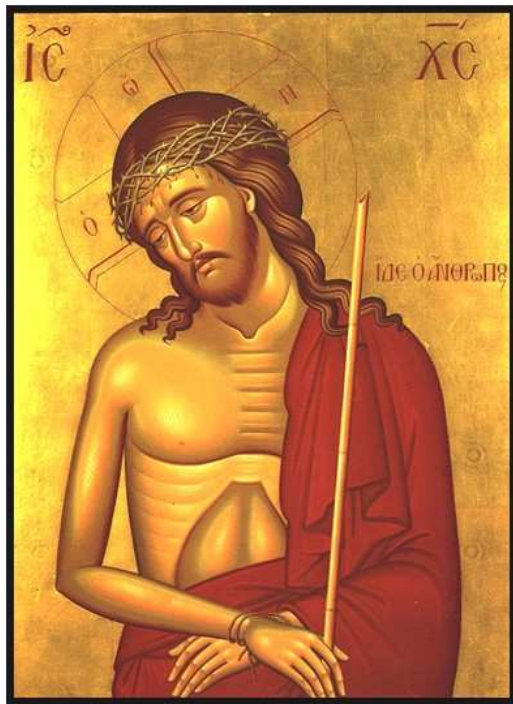
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HOLY WEEK: AN EXPLANATION



Great Lent and Holy Week are two separate fasts, and two separate celebrations. Great Lent ends on Friday of the fifth week (the day before Lazarus Saturday). Holy Week begins immediately thereafter. Let's explore the meaning of each of the solemn days of Passion Week.

Lazarus Saturday: Lazarus Saturday is the day which begins Holy Week. It commemorates the raising of our Lord's friend Lazarus, who had been in the tomb four days. This act confirmed the universal resurrection from the dead that all of us will experience at our Lord's Second Coming. This miracle led many to faith, but it also led to the chief priest's and Pharisees' decision to kill Jesus (John 11:47-57).

Palm Sunday (The Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem): Our Lord enters Jerusalem and is proclaimed king - but in an earthly sense, as many people of His time were seeking a political Messiah. Our Lord is King, of course, but of a different type - the eternal King prophesied by Zechariah the Prophet. We use palms on this day to show that we too accept Jesus as the true King and Messiah of the Jews, Who we are willing to follow - even to the Cross.

Holy Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: The first thing that must be said about these services, and most of the other services of Holy Week, is that they are "sung" in anticipation. Each service is rotated ahead twelve hours. The evening service, therefore, is actually the service of the next morning, while the morning services of Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday are actually the services of the coming evening.

Understanding that, let's turn to the Services of Holy Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (celebrated Palm Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evening). The services of these days are known as the Bridegroom or Nymphios (Orthros) Services. At the first service of Palm Sunday evening, the priest carries the icon of Christ the Bridegroom in procession, and we sing the "Hymn of the Bridegroom." We behold Christ as the Bridegroom of the Church, bearing the marks of His suffering, yet preparing a marriage Feast for us in God's Kingdom.

Each of the Bridegroom services has a particular theme. On Holy Monday, the Blessed Joseph, the son of Jacob the Patriarch, is commemorated. Joseph is often seen as a Type of Christ. Joseph was betrayed by his brothers, thrown into a pit, and sold into slavery by them. In the same way, our Lord was rejected, betrayed by His own, and sold into the slavery of death. The Gospel reading for the day is about the barren fig tree, which Christ cursed and withered because it bore no fruit. The fig tree is a parable of those who have heard God's word, but who fail to bear the fruit of obedience. Originally the withering of the fig tree was a testimony against those Jews who rejected God's word and His Messiah. How-

ever, it is also a warning to all people, in all times, of the importance of not only hearing the God's word, but putting it into action.

The Parable of the Ten Virgins is read on Holy Tuesday. It tells the story of the five virgins who filled their lamps in preparation for receiving the bridegroom while the other five allowed their lamps to go out, and hence were shut out of the marriage feast. This parable is a warning that we must always be prepared to receive our Lord when He comes again. The theme of the day is reinforced by the exostelarion hymn we sing: "I see Thy Bridal Chamber adorned, O my Savior, but have no wedding garment that I may enter. O Giver of Light, enlighten the vesture of my soul, and save me." The theme of Holy Wednesday is repentance and forgiveness. We remember the sinful woman who anointed our Lord in anticipation of His death. Her repentance and love of Christ is the theme of the wonderful "Hymn of Kassiane" which is chanted on this night, reminding us one more time, before "it is too late," that we too may be forgiven if we repent.

Holy Unction: The Mystery or Sacrament of Holy Unction is celebrated on Holy Wednesday evening. Actually this service can be celebrated any time during the year, especially when one is ill. However, because of our need for forgiveness and spiritual healing, we offer this service during Holy Week for the remission of our sins. We should prepare for this service in a prayerful way, as we do for Holy Communion.

Great and Holy Thursday: On Holy Thursday we turn to the last events of our Lord and His Passion. Thursday morning begins with a Vesperal Divine Liturgy commemorating the Mystical Supper. As previously mentioned, this is actually Holy Thursday evening's service celebrated in the morning in anticipation. Everyone who is able should make an effort to receive Holy Communion at this service as it was at the Mystical Supper that our Lord instituted the Holy Eucharist. At this Liturgy a second Amnos (Host) is consecrated and kept in the Tabernacle which rests on the holy Altar Table. It is from this Amnos that Holy Communion is distributed to the shut-ins and the sick throughout the coming year.

Thursday evening actually begins the services of Great and Holy Friday. The service of the Twelve Passion Gospels commemorates the solemn time of our Lord's Crucifixion. After the reading of the fifth Gospel, the holy Cross is carried around the church in procession, and Christ's body which is nailed to the Cross is placed in the center of the Church.

Great and Holy Friday: This is a day of strict fast and observance. As little as possible should be eaten on this day. It is the only day in the entire year that no Divine Liturgy of any kind can be celebrated. In the morning we celebrate the Royal Hours. These solemn hours are observed as we read the various accounts and hymns concerning the crucifixion of the Lord. In the afternoon we celebrate the Great Vespers service of the taking down of Christ's body from the Cross. During the Gospel reading, our Lord's body is taken off the Cross and wrapped in a new, white linen sheet. This act commemorates the removal of Christ's body from the Cross by Joseph of Arimathea (John 19:38-42). Later in the Vespers, the Epitaphios, or winding-sheet, with an image of Christ's body on it is carried in procession and placed in the recently decorated tomb. In the evening the Lamentations service is sung. This service begins in a solemn manner, but by the end of the service we are already anticipating the Resurrection of our Lord. Remember again, that the Holy Friday evening Orthros is actually the first service of Holy Saturday, the day in which we commemorate our Lord's body resting in the tomb while His all-pure soul descends into Hades to free the faithful of the Old Covenant.

Great and Holy Saturday: This day is a day of hope and waiting. In the morning we celebrate a Vesperal Divine Liturgy which commemorates Christ's victory over death. Bright vestments are worn by the Clergy as we anticipate Christ's Resurrection. Laurel leaves are strewn throughout the Church during the service, because in the ancient world laurel leaves were a sign of victory. As the leaves are strewn, the choir chants "Arise O God and Judge the earth, for to Thee belong all the nations." The Old Testament story of Jonah in the belly of the whale is read at this service because Jonah is seen in the Church as a Type of Christ. As Jonah was three days in the belly of the great fish, and was then safely deposited back onto land, so our Lord was three days in the tomb before His glorious Resurrection. The Vesperal Divine Liturgy of Holy Saturday concludes the services of Holy Week, and brings us to the eve of Great and Holy Pascha.

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Fellowship Sunday (Name Tag Day)

By: Peter Rodish Stewardship Committee/Parish Council

Since returning back to the Church numerous years ago, I found myself not really knowing a lot of people. My Aunt Helen always instilled in me attending church, the power of icons and my Greek heritage. But she was in Buffalo. Here, George and Fran Kavouras were my conduit back by working at the Panegyri. As I got to know more people, I felt more at home and part of a community. Working in the Gyro booth I thought this was great. The more people I met and knew the more I wanted to do and, of course, the rest is history.

When I was elected to Parish Council I had always wanted to do a name tag day. People would get to know more people and feel more of a community and have a sense of belonging. So finally, we as a Parish Council and Stewardship Committee said “let’s do this”. The result was overwhelming and energizing. From Mina, Angie, Wallace, Gus and many more we had fun and made new friends. Lew, Ike, Eleni, Jim, Alex and others would come up and proudly fill out their name tag and even include their organization affiliation. What I noticed that day were smiles and people wearing their tags proudly. What made us really grin were the kids rushing to the table and taking time to fill out tags with different colors.

Getting to know each other will help us to grow closer as a community. We hope you enjoyed that day and we look forward to doing it again soon. God, of course, would want us to know each other better as he depends on us to build the future for our Parish. Any suggestions or comments, please contact myself or anyone on Parish Council.

Love in Christ

Transitions

BAPTISMS:

The New Christian: Gerald Alexander (Anargyros)
 Parents: Theodore and Katie (Minix) Cassis
 Sponsor: Calliope V. Capra
 Date: February 28, 2016

The New Christian: Chrysanthi
 Parents: Gregory and Eleni (Tassopoulos) Wehner
 Sponsor: Maria Weitfle
 Date: March 13, 2016

ADULT BAPTISM:

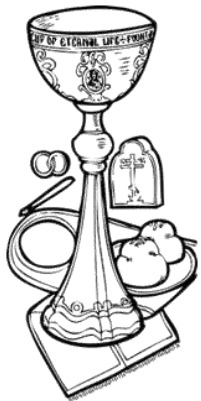
Ashley Williams was welcomed into the Orthodox Faith by the Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation on March 6, 2016. She was given the name Athena. Her Sponsor is Andreas Koyfis.

WEDDING:

The Newlyweds: Paul Misali and Christina Swift
 Sponsor: Michael Misali
 Date: March 12, 2016

FUNERALS:

Efterpe Papadis, age 78, on March 10, 2016.
 Kostas Krondilou, age 90, on March 14, 2016.
 Sofia A. Vidas, age 95, on March 18, 2016.
 Emmanuel Papadis, age 84, on March 18, 2016.



CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

OVER FIFTY CLUB...Ann Jonson

We had a wonderful turnout for our February luncheon, which included three new members of the 63 that attended. They are Vasso Apostolides, Sophia Evangelou and Eva NAKOS. Welcome! We had a lasagna luncheon with salad, breadsticks and fruit salad. A delicious cake brought by Jim and Thelma Jonson in honor of their 62nd anniversary was our dessert. Father Bill and Father Redmon both attended. It is always nice to have them with us. There were a few that stayed to watch "The Journey", but we had trouble with the DVD. We may try showing it again at a later date. As of this luncheon, we have 97 paid members.

Our dear friend and past Vice President, Jinny Balli, passed away on February 14. Some personal thoughts - She never wanted to be called Vice President. She was a great help to me, always taking everything back to the closet without me asking her to. Koula, Jinny and I were a great team. We would go and set up on Friday, then go for lunch and sit and talk for quite a while. Jinny always had some good stories to tell. I remember Jinny and Chris, when we went on a trip, they would sit and talk and talk and talk. I never understood how they had so much to talk about. Our sympathy to her husband, Jim and to her children, Sophia, Charles, Bill and John and their families. May her memory be eternal. We lit a candle in her memory.

Also, just a few days later, we lost another member. Alexandra Sarros passed away on February 18. She leaves her husband, George and daughters, Kathy Leon and Diane Paxinos and their families. I had a very nice conversation with George at the luncheon following the funeral. Alex was always so sweet. We missed having them come to the Over Fifty Club. Koula and I went to visit with them last year. They were so happy to see us. Rest in peace Alex. May your memory be eternal. We lit a candle in her memory.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE...Vera Manolakas

In March, we returned to our regularly scheduled meetings on the first Tuesday of the month.

We had an informative presentation on Sjogren's Syndrome which has been supported, at both the National and District levels by Daughters for the last three years. In addition, we helped our brother AHEPANS with the annual Greek Independence Day Dance. The Daughters were responsible for

the desserts and table decorations.

As we prepare for April, please remember to order your tsourekia from Cindy Nicholas at (513)761-0643. There will also be a table after Church. The cost is still only \$6 a loaf. Please remember to pick up your order on Palm Sunday, April 24.

Lastly, we will again be offering the Mothers' Day Memorial and Artoklasia for \$5 a name. Chairman for the event is Helen Nicholas. You may stop by our table during April for a form or call Helen at (513)697-0583.

We wish everyone a good Lent.

AHEPA...Peter Rodish

You may not know this but AHEPA has a strong chapter in Cincinnati. We are very proud to invite you to look further to us for more information. I have taken a few items off the website for your consideration. What makes AHEPA unique from other organizations is the creation of the AHEPA Family. Together with three affiliated organizations, the AHEPA Family works as a unit toward the fulfillment of a common mission. Combined, the four organizations have contributed well over a billion dollars to national projects throughout their history.

The **Daughters of Penelope** was established November 16, 1929 as the Women's Affiliate of AHEPA. It is the first Greek-American women's organization in the United States. One of its crowning achievements is Penelope House, a shelter for battered women in Mobile, Alabama. It is the first shelter for battered women and their children in the United States.

Junior Auxiliaries: The **Sons of Pericles** was established February 3, 1926, and was officially recognized as the Junior Order of AHEPA in 1928. Finally, the **Maids of Athena** was founded July 5, 1930 as the Junior Women's Auxiliary of AHEPA. The two youth groups have combined to contribute to such worthy causes as: Muscular Dystrophy, Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation, the Special Olympics, St. Basil Academy and Cooley's Anemia research.

Currently there is not a chapter for the Maids and Sons in Cincinnati. However, with a strong AHEPA and DOP the possibilities are very real. Now is the time to get involved. Call me at 859-512-8550 or any member of AHEPA or DOP for more information. Also visit AHEPA.org

PHILOPTOCHOS...Georgianne Gaz

The Philoptochos April monthly meeting will take place on Sunday, April 10, after the Divine Liturgy in the small hall.

Philoptochos is hosting a Lenten Retreat on Saturday, April 2nd. Our guest speaker is Fr. Mark Emroll from Dayton. Our topics will be: The Sundays of Lent/Services of Lent. We invite everyone in the community to come, participate and learn. The hours will be 9:30am to 2:30pm. There will be coffee and bagels served from 9:30 to 10am and a Lenten luncheon will be included, serving salad, bean soup or vegetable soup and Lenten cake. The cost is \$20. Please RSVP by calling Eleni Zaferes at (513) 891-0218 or the Church at (513) 591-0030.

On Tuesday, April 12, Philoptochos will be preparing and serving dinner at City Gospel Mission. If you are able to help us prepare and serve dinner to the folks at City Gospel Mission, please call Diane Kevin at (513) 231-9998.

In April, the Philoptochos members will be selling raffle tickets for "Gifts Galore", our fantastic raffle that will take place

at our Palm Sunday Luncheon. Be sure to check out the fabulous prizes that have been donated by members of our Parish. The proceeds of this raffle will benefit the Philoptochos charities.

Godparents – please make reservations for yourselves and your Godchildren for the Palm Sunday Luncheon. Members of Mothers Club will be assisting Philoptochos in taking reservations for the Palm Sunday Luncheon on Sunday, April 24, after the Divine Liturgy. Philoptochos and Mothers Club will be teaming up and serving baked cod, macaroni & cheese, Greek green beans, Greek salad and a variety of desserts. Cost will be \$12 for adults and \$5 for children. The profits of the luncheon will benefit both organizations. Be reminded that the Palm Sunday Luncheon will be PREPAID RESERVATIONS ONLY. We do this so that we know how much food to prepare in order that there will be enough to feed everyone. Make your reservations with Philoptochos members after the Divine Liturgy in the Big Hall.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

By: Father William Redmon

Greetings in Christ!

Our April GOYA meeting will be held at our annual GOYA Lenten Retreat on Saturday, **April 2nd**. At this meeting, we will begin the process of nominations for the 2016-2017 GOYA officers. Our February HOPE/JOY meeting will be held on Thursday, **April 7th**, at 6:30 p.m.

On **April 2nd**, at 9:30 a.m., our GOYA youth are invited to our annual Lenten Retreat at the Church. The theme will be *Seeking Understanding: Following Christ in a Secular World*. On **April 9th-10th**, the Metropolis of Detroit will be hosting the Fall Creek Falls Lenten retreat at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, in Nashville, TN. If you are interested in attending, please contact Fr. William. Those of us who attended the January retreat in Lexington had a great time, and met other Orthodox Christians from around the Metropolis of Detroit.

It is time to think about planning to attend the St. Nicholas Summer Camp, which will run from **July 24th-30th**. There will be a bus departing from Cincinnati to help ease the burden of travel on our Parish families. Camp is a time for the youth of our Parish to meet and develop friendships with their Orthodox peers, as well as to enjoy a variety of fun activities, and a deeper encounter with their faith. Please plan to attend!

At the March HOPE/JOY meeting, we discussed the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats. The youth learned what we are called to do to live out our vocation as servants of Christ in the world. The adult lesson consisted of an explanation of the Icon of the Last Judgement.

May God bless and keep you and yours, and may He continue to bless our Parish family.

-Fr. William

HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA 2016



SATURDAY, APRIL 23. THE SATURDAY OF LAZARUS. *On this day, the Saturday before Palm Sunday, we celebrate the fourth-day raising from the dead of Lazarus, the righteous friend of the Lord.*

8:30 a.m. Matins and Divine Liturgy.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24. PALM SUNDAY. *On this day, Palm Sunday, we celebrate the bright and glorious Feast of the Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem.*

8:30 a.m. Matins.

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy and Blessing of the Palms.

7:00 p.m. The Bridegroom Service.

MONDAY, APRIL 25. HOLY AND GREAT MONDAY. *On this day we commemorate the blessed Joseph the All-comely and the withering of the fig tree by the Lord.*

7:00 p.m. The Bridegroom Service.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26. HOLY AND GREAT TUESDAY. *On this day we commemorate the parable of the ten virgins, because the Lord related this parable to His disciples as He was going toward Jerusalem to His holy Passion.*

7:00 p.m. The Bridegroom Service.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27. HOLY AND GREAT WEDNESDAY. *On this day the divine Fathers ordained a commemoration to be kept of the woman who was a harlot and anointed the Lord with precious ointment, inasmuch as this took place a short time before the saving Passion.*

8:30 a.m. Pre-sanctified Divine Liturgy.

3:00 p.m. Holy Unction. *(An abbreviated Service for children and the elderly).*

7:00 p.m. Holy Unction *(The complete Service will be sung).*

THURSDAY, APRIL 28. HOLY AND GREAT THURSDAY. *On this day, according to the order which our holy Fathers inherited from the Holy Apostles and the Holy Gospels, we celebrate four events: the washing of the feet of the Disciples; the Last Supper which is the institution of the Holy Mystery of the Eucharist; the Lord's Agony in the Garden; and His Betrayal.*

6:00 a.m. Vespertal Divine Liturgy.

7:00 p.m. The Holy Passion *(The Reading of the Twelve Gospels).*

FRIDAY, APRIL 29. HOLY AND GREAT FRIDAY. *On this day we celebrate the dread, holy and saving Passion of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ: the spitting, the blows with the hand, the buffetings, the mockery, the reviling, the wearing of the purple robe, the reed, the sponge, the vinegar, the nailing, the lance, and above all, the Crucifixion and Death which He condescended to endure willingly for our sake—and also the confession unto salvation of the good Thief.*

8:30 a.m. The Royal Hours.

3:00 p.m. The Descent from the Cross.

7:00 p.m. The Lamentations.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30. HOLY AND GREAT SATURDAY. *On this day we celebrate the burial of the divine Body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and His descent into Hades, through which mankind was recalled from corruption to be lifted up again to eternal life.*

8:30 a.m. Vespers Divine Liturgy (The First Proclamation of the Resurrection).

11:00 p.m. The Vigil.

SUNDAY, MAY 1. HOLY AND GREAT PASCHA. *On this day we celebrate the Life-giving Resurrection of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ, which is called Pascha, which translated from the Hebrew means Passover.*

12:00 a.m. The Resurrection; Matins, and Divine Liturgy of Pascha.

12:00 p.m. Agape Vespers (Great Vespers of Pascha).

1:00 p.m. Agape Luncheon



ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday of Lazarus - Σάββατο του Λαζάρου
April 23, 2016 (The day before Palm Sunday)

9:30 am. - 2:30 pm. Appointments available every 15 minutes can be scheduled with Jim and Maria Raptis at (513) 754-8436. Walk-ins welcome. Will you bring one person with you? A platelet donation machine will be available. If you have questions about medications and travel, contact Hoxworth Blood Center at (513) 558-1304.



Parish Council President's Message by Nick L. Sarakatsannis

Spring has sprung, and the weather is changing.

I have learned the one thing in life that is constant is **Change**, as it is in the life of our Church. Father Bill has recently announced that he will be retiring at the end of this year and his Eminence Metropolitan **NICHOLAS** has blessed his decision, which results in ultimately the changing of the guard. We also recently celebrated Father's 40th anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood.

We recently kicked off our fundraising program for the wonderful Building Renovation Project, which is a welcoming change for the face of our community center. As a member of the Building Renovation Committee, I firmly believe this is a valuable project that will greatly enhance the area of our Church's family room. Every Sunday we meet in the community center for coffee and fellowship and it is time to repair and upgrade. Thanking everyone in advance for your generous contributions!

I would like to close by thanking those who attended our Spring General Assembly meeting. The GA meetings are very important to the life of our community. These meetings govern the future of our Church, changing the direction in which we move as an Orthodox family. Please consider getting involved and have a voice in Change. By the way, we also provided lunch and this time, it was donated by Spiros Sarakatsannis of Dixie Chili in honor of his father's (my Papou) 100th anniversary of coming to America when he was 16 years old on March 22, 1916. May his memory be eternal.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Church.

Nick



COME RECEIVE THE LIGHT- OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

A SPIRITUAL DAY OF LEARNING

SATURDAY APRIL 2, 2016 - 9:30 am to 2:00 pm

GUEST SPEAKER: Fr. Mark Emroll

Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas Church, Cincinnati, OH

Donation \$20

Lunch Included

RSVP: Eleni Zaferes

513-891-0218 or eleniz@cinci.rr.com

513-591-0030 (Church Office)

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st. nicholas summer camp

July 24-30, 2016

www.stnicholascamp.org



REGISTER BY MAY 31ST = \$375 (AFTER MAY 31ST = \$425)

Thanks to Leadership 100 and the Friends of the Metropolis, financial assistance available.
Please inquire with your parish priest for more information.

A charter bus has been reserved to transport campers to/from camp.
Pick Up/Drop Off Locations in Cincinnati and Louisville. \$50/person
Email snc@detroit.goarch.org for more information and to reserve seats by June 15th.

Renovation Capital Campaign Reaches Its 1st Goal



The Capital Campaign has started off great. We have raised the necessary pledges to authorize the contractor to begin work. A letter of intent has been sent, and we hope to keep everything on schedule for a July 1st, 2016 start. Many thanks to all of you who made the pledge commitment when needed.

The next stage of the campaign is to raise all of the donations necessary to fully fund this project. Although the Parish Council has been authorized to borrow up to \$350,000, we want to raise all of the funds and avoid the mortgage. This goal is well within our reach. At the time of the writing of this article, we have raised over \$164,000 from 100 families. That is an average pledge of \$1,640. With 100% participation from our Parishioners, we would exceed the needs for this project and begin to build our Capital Improvement Fund for any future projects that may arise.

This is an exciting time for our Parish. Look for construction updates from us this summer as the work progresses. Again, thank you for all of the support and enthusiasm for this project!

Name _____ **My Sponsorship Level**

Address _____ \$500 \$1,000 \$2,500 \$5,000

Phone No. _____ \$10,000 \$25,000 \$50,000 \$100,000

I will fulfill my pledge: Other _____

Pay entire pledge in 2016. Pay quarterly over 2 years. Pay annually over 3 years. Pay annually over 5 years.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

Maria Elena Mirkos, daughter of John and Tina Mirkos, was baptized on March 5, 2016 at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Warren, Ohio. The godparents are **Steve Mirkos** and **Terry Karageorges**. The grandparents are **Michael and Maria Ashiolas** from Warren, Ohio and **John and Lela Mirkos**.

The Daughters of Penelope will again offer Memorial and Artoklasia services on Mother's Day, May 8, 2016. These services will be in memory and in honor of the important women in our lives. Requested donation is \$5 per name. If you would like to have your loved one's name included in the prayers, please complete the form below and return it with your check to: Daughters of Penelope, 7000 Winton Road, Cincinnati, OH, 45224. The deadline for submission is Monday, May 1. Contact Helen Nicholas at 513-697-0583, if you have any questions. Thank you for your support.

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STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

By Lew Assaley



Pete Rodish asked me to share my thoughts on Stewardship in a note for this month's Voice. I looked to the GOARCH website for a little help:

An Orthodox Christian Steward is an active participant in the life of the Church. The parish encourages all who accept the Orthodox Faith to become practicing Stewards. Each year the Steward is expected to carefully review his or her personal circumstances and make a commitment of time, talent, and treasure to support the Parish and her Ministries, which in turn support the National Ministries of our Archdiocese, Metropolises, and institutions.

Is the 90 minutes we spend in Church on Sunday enough to satisfy the commitment of time?

Is sitting in a pew, humming along while the Choir and Chanters sing praises to God giving of our talent?

Is giving a dollar when the Parish Council passes the tray a sufficient commitment of our treasure?

Here are some of my ideas:

- **Time** – Have you ever taught? Volunteer to teach. Do you have children? Help with GOYA, HOPE/JOY. Do you like summer? Volunteer for the Panegyri.
- **Talent** – Did you sing in your school choir? We could use your voice in our Choir.
- **Treasure** – Donate 2% of your annual income to our Church during the financial stewardship pledge drive. The average income for a family of four in Cincinnati in 2014 was \$55,700. That means \$21.15 a week is 2%.
 - A Starbucks Grande skinny latte is \$4.15.
 - Two cheese coney's are \$3.90.
 - A Filet of Fish is \$3.49.
 - A Big Mac is \$3.99.
 - A Bob Evans Sunrise breakfast is \$5.99.

These items equal \$21.52.

I'm sure that you have some better ideas to reach your 2%.

We know that our Community has the resources to fully fund our operations from our Stewards. The money is in our pockets. It is up to you.

2016 STEWARDSHIP LIST THROUGH 3-20-16

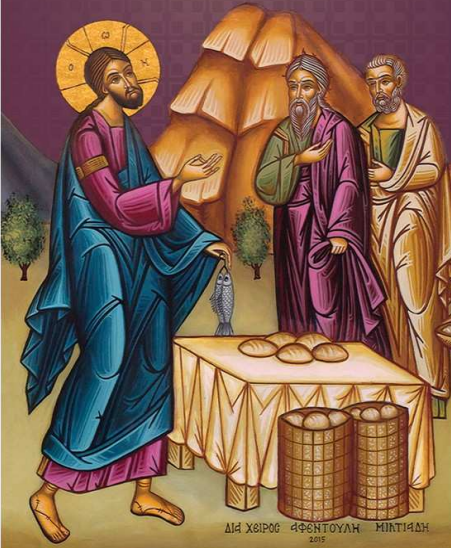
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April 2016

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7:00 p.m. 3 rd Salutations to the Theotokos	2 9:30 a.m. Come Receive The Light - Lenten Retreat 9:30 a.m. GOYA Lenten Retreat
3 Sunday of the Holy Cross 8:15 a.m. Matins 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Church Scholarship Deadline	4 6:00 p.m. Orthodox Reading Group 7:00 p.m. Grand Compline	5 7:00 p.m. DOP Mtg.	6 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	7 6:30 p.m. JOY/HOPE Mtg.	8 7:00 p.m. 4 th Salutations to the Theotokos	9
10 Sunday of St. John The Ladder 8:15 a.m. Matins 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Philoptochos Mtg.	11 6:00 p.m. Orthodox Reading Group 7:00 p.m. Grand Compline	12 6:30 p.m. AHEPA Mtg.	13 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	14	15 7:00 p.m. The Akathist Hymn	16 12:00 p.m. Over Fifty Lunch
17 Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt 8:15 a.m. Matins 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy	18 6:00 p.m. Orthodox Reading Group 7:00 p.m. Grand Compline	19	20 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	21 6:00 p.m. Parish Council Dinner & Mtg.	22	23 Saturday of Lazarus 8:30 a.m. Matins and Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m. Annual Blood Drive
24 PALM SUNDAY 8:00 a.m. Matins 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Godparent-Godchild Sunday Palm Sunday Luncheon MC Easter Egg Hunt 7:00 p.m. Bridegroom Service	25 HOLY MONDAY 7:00 p.m. Bridegroom Service	26 HOLY TUESDAY 7:00 p.m. Bridegroom Service	27 HOLY WEDNESDAY 8:30 a.m. Pre-sanctified Divine Liturgy 3:00 p.m. Holy Unction (Abbreviated Service) 7:00 p.m. Holy Unction	28 HOLY THURSDAY 6:00 a.m. Vesperal Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m. The Holy Passion	29 GOOD FRIDAY 8:30 a.m. The Royal Hours 3:00 p.m. Descent from the Cross 7:00 p.m. Lamentations	30 HOLY SATURDAY 8:30 a.m. Vesperal Divine Liturgy 11:00 p.m. The Vigil

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 Worship Schedule: Matins, 8:15 a.m.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.
 Other Services as scheduled.



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THE VOICE is the official monthly newsletter of Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. Our Parish was founded in 1907 and serves Orthodox Christians throughout the tri-state area. Our mission is to reach out to all members of the Community by providing relevant information on the religious, spiritual and cultural life of the Parish; news on the accomplishments of Parish members and organizations, and editorial points of view.

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Agape Luncheon
May 1, 2016

Fr. Bill, Fr. William, President Nick L. Sarakatsannis and the members of the Parish Council invite you to attend our annual Community Agape Luncheon, celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Date & Time: Pascha Sunday at one o'clock in the afternoon, following the Agape Service.

Meal catered by Montgomery Inn: Lamb or chicken, roasted red potatoes, green beans, salad and dessert. Soft drinks, coffee, wine & beer will be provided.

Children's meal available: Chicken fingers, mac'n'cheese and apple sauce.

Activities: Music & dancing by The Michael Mavridoglou Group. Games and prizes for children and the young at heart. Bring your Easter baskets to be blessed by the Priest.

Cost: Adults (13 and over) \$25, Children (3-12 yrs) \$10.00, Children (2 and under) Free

Reservations are required, call the Parish Office at 591-0030 or reserve online at <http://www.holytrinity.oh.goarch.org/agape-reservations> by **MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2016**.

PAYMENT FOR ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY FRIDAY, APRIL 29th.