

# The Voice



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**2024  
SEPTEMBER 9**

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### OUTREACH

## GOOD SAMARITANS

PREP - DISTRIBUTION - TABLE

**Tuesday**  
September 10, 5pm  
**Monthly  
PREP**

**Wednesday**  
September 11, 7:30am  
**Monthly  
DISTRIBUTION**

**Thursday** **TABLE** **Tuesday**  
September 12 September 24  
**Meal PREP AND SERVE**  **Meal PREP AND SERVE**  
3-6:30pm 3-6:30pm

**September 24:** Groceries & Clothes Available

# PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - July 9, 2024

The minutes in The Voice are edited for length.  
Minutes in full are available on the table outside of FRDK's office or thru the church office.

**Present:** Fr Dean, Fr Nick, Barry, Bollas, Maria Detorakis, Dickos, Jumbert, Manousos, Matheos, Morris, O'Connor, Salem, Stavrakis, Tsemelis, Economou-Zwisler.

**Absent:** Mike Detorakis, Bill Farmakidis, Karen Horattas,

**Priest Report:** Christine Salem, Jim Salem, Elizabeth Bartz, and Fr. Dean represented our parish at the Archdiocese Clergy-Laity Congress in San Diego. Book Club is continuing in August. Ministries are in full swing.

**President Report:** We had a successful church fire drill. Capital Improvement include: 1] Lighting issues; 2] Parking lot looking to be resealed; 3] Railings being added to the entrances; and 4] Painting is done in the nave and is being finished in the hall.

**Capital Improvement:** \$343,000/\$553,000 pledged from 42 families pledged

**Treasurer Report:** Penny Dickos

	June 2024 Actual	Budget
Income	\$391,000	\$416,000
Expenses	\$463,000	\$438,000
Profit/Loss	\$(72,000)	\$(22,000)
<b>Account Balances:</b>		
General Operating:		\$48,000
General Savings:		\$51,000
Payroll:		\$5,000

Motion to accept the checks by John Matheos, Seconded by Denis Van Doros. Motion Carries.

**New Business:** Salem - Clergy Laity Notes:

- Need to look at revitalizing parishes for those who are coming in
- Enormous amount of people flocking to the Orthodox Christian faith
- 25-30 people per year at mission parishes
- Need to remove barriers to those who want to come to the church/faith
- Make people feel welcome
- Most of the new interested people are here early (8:15-8:30 a.m.)

**Stewardship:** 2024 – 340 Pledges: ~\$680,000 [Average \$2,000]

**Financials:** Van Doros - Trust Fund – \$867,000, Building - \$136,000

**Security and Ushering:** Barry/Zwisler/VanDoros - Officer coverage is taken care of for the festival. Need to find someone who can sub for you if you cannot make it to usher.

**Building and Grounds:** Detorakis/Salem - Parking lot will be done in August

**Coffee Hour:** Barry/O'Connor/ Van Doros: Thank you to Karen Horattas for making the signs to clean up tables. Help is needed for cleaning up still.

**Youth:** Fr Nick/Manousos - JOY social this week at the Stricklers

**Good of the Community:**

Salem - Thank you to Mary O'Connor for the coffee hour donuts. Matheos - Thank you to Christina Barry for her commitment to the parish and parish council. She will be back for the festival. O'Connor - Shoutout to the Philoptochos who won the Agape award from the Metropolis. Jumbert - Would DoorDash or Uber Eats work for the festival?

**Benediction:** Fr. Dean

## ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN WOMEN [OCW]

<p><b>Orthodox Christian Women [OCW]</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ANNUAL WELCOME AND FELLOWSHIP TEA</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, October 13, 2pm St George Church 3204 Ridgewood Road, Fairlawn</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Christianity in China by Fr Dcn. James Gresh He will discuss his experience with mission work in China.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Information:</i> Sandy Menhorn - 330.354.7792 Nancy Studebaker - 330.655.9638</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OCW: Fall Book Study</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>JOURNEY TO REALITY:</b> Sacramental Life in a Secular Age by: Zachary Porcu</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesdays - 10am-12pm October 8 - October 29 - November 12</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Daytime In Person at St. Thomas Easter Orthodox Church &amp; on Zoom with Fr. Vladimir Bakurdzhiev <a href="http://us06web.zoom.us/j/82089786521">http://us06web.zoom.us/j/82089786521</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Information: Annie Fry - 330.714.9844</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OCW: Fall Book Study</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Special Evening Presentation for working people. Pre-registration required.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>JOURNEY TO REALITY:</b> Sacramental Life in a Secular Age by: Zachary Porcu</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesdays - 7pm-8:30pm October 8 - October 29 - November 12</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Zoom with Fr. James Waltenberger <a href="http://us06web.zoom.us/j/81149455841">http://us06web.zoom.us/j/81149455841</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Information: Annie Fry - 330.714.9844</i></p>
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## ANNUNCIATION SUNDAY SCHOOL NICOLE PAPAS & ELYSE DECKARD, CO DIRECTORS

### **Hello, Sunday School Families!**

This month we are excited to welcome everyone back to our classrooms on September 8th, and invite all parishioners to join us for a special ice cream treat!

This year we have changed some class groupings, so please note your child's classroom and teachers in the table below. The 2 and 3 year old class will be for students with birthdays from 9/2/20 through 9/1/22.

We will be sending an email to families with the calendar for the school year. We look forward to another great year learning about our faith!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Teacher	Grade	Classroom
Eleni Koundourakis, Heather Nicolozakes, Maria Fortseras, Sofia Manousos, & Chryse Brown	2 and 3 Yr Olds	103
Pres. Gabrielle Kokanos & Deb Gynn	Pre-K/Kindergarten	108
Maria Detorakis & Melina Melik	1st/2nd	107
Ginny Dickos & Tanya Kefalas	3rd/4th	106
Christina Manousos & Mary O'Connor	5th/6th	104
Christina Tharp & Maria Markakis	7th/8th	105
Joe May, Christine Salem, & Jim Salem	High School	OLC
Elyssa Koutrodimos	Middle School Helper	
Dulci Avouris, Cami Brausch, Jason Papas, Vicki Tsesmelis	Substitutes	
Elyse Deckard & Nicole Papas	Co-Directors	202 (office)
Betsy Manos & Vicki Tsesmelis	Office Staff	202 (office)

## SAVE THE DATE!

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

***First day of Sunday School  
& ice cream for all!***



***Please join us for an  
ice cream treat after class  
with the  
Pav's Ice Cream Truck!***

# SEPTEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
820am Matins 930am Liturgy Mary Zervos 40 Day Memorial Daisy Salem 5 Year Memorial Norman Salem 20 Year Memorial	<b>LABOR DAY</b> Office Closed	<b>House Blessings</b> 11am Rotary Club 7pm OCF	<b>House Blessings</b> 8am Gyro Prep 630pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>House Blessings</b> 11am-2pm Gyro Luncheon	<b>House Blessings</b> 7am Festival Workshop LAMB SHANKS	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
820am Matins 930am Liturgy Nativity Theotokos 11am Dance Practice First Day Sunday School/ Ice Cream Truck	9am Festival Baking- FINIKIA 5pm Loads of Love	9am Festival Baking 11am Rotary Club 5pm Good Samaritans PREP 530pm Parish Council	<b>House Blessings</b> 730am Good Samaritans Distribution 8am Gyro Prep 630pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>House Blessings</b> 11am-2pm Gyro Luncheon 3pm Good Samaritans TABLE	9am Festival Baking 6pm JOY Night	830am Matins 930am Liturgy The Elevation of the Holy Cross
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
820am Matins 930am Liturgy Art Paleudis 10 Year Memorial Joanne Murphy 1 Year Memorial 11am Dance Practice 11am Festival Cupping 430pm GOYA Fireside Chat	630pm COCA St Nicholas <div style="text-align: center; background-color: #f4a460; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"><b>VOICE ARTICLES DUE</b></div>	830am Matins 930am Liturgy Feast of Saint Sophia - Faith, Hope, and Love 7pm OCF	8am Gyro Prep 630pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>AKRON FESTIVAL</b> ALL AGES - ALL HANDS NEEDED		FAMILY Camp
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
820am Matins 930am Liturgy FAMILY Camp	830am Matins 930am Liturgy	3pm Good Samaritans TABLE	8am Gyro Prep 530pm GREEK School 630pm Choir Rehearsal	830am Matins 930am Liturgy Falling Asleep of St. John the Theologian 11am-2pm Gyro Luncheon		METROPOLIS Clergy-Laity Holy Cross, Pgh
29	30	<div style="background-color: #f4a460; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILIES</b> </div> <b>FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> <b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH</b> <b>WITH PAV'S ICE CREAM TRUCK.</b>				
820am Matins 930am Liturgy	No Men's BBall				<b>FESTIVAL WORKSHOPS</b>	



### SAVE THESE DATES

#### OCTOBER 8

Luncheon Meeting  
11:00am

El Fogon Mexican Grill  
1080 Interstate Parkway, Akron  
[off of South Arlington in Green]

#### NOVEMBER 12

Thanksgiving Luncheon  
with Entertainment  
11:00am

Annunciation Community Center  
129 South Union Street, Akron

## AKRON GREEK SCHOOL

### COME LEARN ABOUT OUR GREEK HERITAGE



We would love to welcome you and your family to our school. We have an exciting program planned for the 2024 – 2025 year. Below is the curriculum for our Greek Orthodox children coming from both Greek and non-Greek speaking homes. Our focus is on Greek language and culture.

**Speaking/Oral Conversation** (Preparatory Level)

**Reading and Writing** (Elementary Level)

**Application/Usage in Church** (Intermediate Level)

All who are interested in this program, please contact Anna Lea Tiliakos & Eleni Koundourakis, Directors at **(330) 414-2158** or [greekschool@annunciationakron.org](mailto:greekschool@annunciationakron.org)

<https://www.annunciationakron.org/gls>

## AKRON ANNUNCIATION Y O U T H

**September 13 - 6pm**  
**JOY Night**  
at Annunciation Church

**September 15**  
**4:30pm - 6:30pm**

**GOYA Fireside Chat**  
at the Markakis Home

# AXIOS!

A parishioner recently shared a nearly thirty-year-old obituary with us. Although the name and circumstances are not relevant, the following words should resonate with many of us today:

*“For all eternity, America is indebted to the immigrant mother, whether she was Italian, Jewish, Polish, Austrian, Hungarian, Saxon, German, Russian, English, Slavic, Greek, Syrian, Bulgarian, Czech, Irish, Slovenian, or Ukrainian. She is the unsung heroine and pioneer of America. No statue can be built high enough, no marble is precious enough with which to sculpt a fitting memorial to the immigrant mother- she who nurtured us, raised us, with her ideals inspired us, with her devotion saved us, and then, on the altar of love, laid out her worn, spent body; and from her place in heaven, she sends down her blessings to America for what this country has offered her children.”*

Having read these moving words that describe so many of our mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who have departed our parish after leaving it a better place for us and future generations, let us all say a prayer for their beautiful souls and join in saying AXIOS!

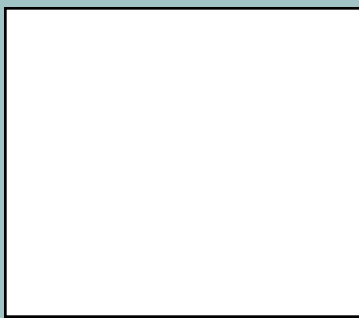




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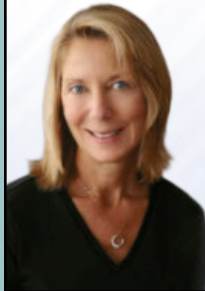
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