

# The Voice



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Dear Parish Family,

When I was a kid, my parents told me, “don’t do that, it will become a habit.” Habits like overeating or staying up too late can be bad for our health and safety, so we have to be mindful of not letting them form. On the other hand habits such as regular exercise or healthy eating can benefit us greatly. Good or bad, a new habit takes time and repetition. Motivational speakers often cite studies explaining that this process takes 21 days.

In the month of August, the Church offers us an opportunity to form new habits, or strengthen existing ones, concerning our prayer life and service attendance. In the first 15 days of the month, we will gather at the Church almost daily to pray the Paraklesis Service. We will ask the Mother of God for Her intercessions, both for ourselves and our loved ones. This is in addition to the celebration of the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord, and our usual Sunday worship!

If we were to attend each of these 15 services, we would be two-thirds of the way to a new or strengthened habit of daily prayer. Attending half would put us one-third of the way there. With so many unhealthy temptations in the world, why not take this opportunity to make prayer a new, or stronger, habit?

This month, let’s commit as a family in Christ to prioritize prayer and attendance. Let’s build a habit together that our parents wouldn’t want us to stop!

Please mark your calendar, and Come to Church!

Fr. Dean 

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Please turn in any donations for the Festival Silent Auction Room. Ideas include: a basket of items, gift certificates, sports tickets, or items to be added to another basket. All offerings are appreciated. Bring your items to the church office or give them to John and Paige Nicholas: 330-819-3177.

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### OUTREACH

## GOOD SAMARITANS

PACKAGING - DISTRIBUTION - TABLE

**Saturday**  
August 10, 9am

**Monthly  
PREP**

**Wednesday**  
August 14, 7:30am

**Monthly  
DISTRIBUTION**

**Thursday**  
August 8

**Meal PREP  
AND SERVE**  
3-6:30pm

## TABLE



**Tuesday**  
August 22

**Meal PREP  
AND SERVE**  
3-6:30pm

**August 27:** Groceries & Clothes Available

# PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - June 11, 2024

As always, the minutes in The Voice are edited for length.  
Minutes in full are available.

**Priest Report:** FRDK Good job ushering during Holy Week. Summer programs underway.

**President Report:** Good Job during Holy Week. Need a Church Fire Drill. Need to help Chad with Churchwide cleaning.

**Treasurer Report:** Penny Dickos

- Behind on two things
- \$22,606.03 short for the year so far
- Maggie new employee of the church
- Review and Approval of checks:
  - Christina Barry and Denis Van Doros

**New Business:**

**FRDK:** Shelter Care recognition. Summer Book Club has begun. July 21 Sunday Summer School.

**Stewardship:** 1] 18% increase from June 2023 to June 2024; 2] November 10, 2024 – Stewardship Sunday

**Financials:** 1] Meryl Lynch: See report: we increased almost \$20,000 in value 2] Building fund: See report

**Security and Ushering:**

- More seasoned officers starting this Sunday
- Akron FD will do a fire plan for the narthex and church
- We seek volunteers and money to update our outdated first aid kits
- October will be our safety month
  - Fire drill for parishioners; - ALICE training - CPR training

**Building and Grounds:** Mike Detorakis and Frank Dickos completed list of church projects.

**Social Media/Communications:** Gained digital media followers. Easter had largest Live Stream

**Coffee Hour:** Kitsa and Georgia improving coffee hour; request PC assist with clean up coffee hour; laminate cards

**Youth:** Cedar Point. Volleyball Tournament; GOYA and JOY events

**Outreach:** Mitzvah Day and Mission Walk

**Good of the Community:** *Mary O'Connor, Chris & Shelly Partis, Larry Poulos, Kitsa Fuciu*

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## AKRON ANNUNCIATION GREEK SCHOOL

**PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING UP FOR GREEK SCHOOL.  
LET'S TEACH OUR CHILDREN ABOUT OUR NATIONALITY.**

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, Greek School Co-Directors  
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- Menu
- Website, Indoor TV's

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- Menu
- Website, Indoor TV's

### Bronze \$100

Name on:

- Sign in hall
- Menu
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### Friend \$25

Name on:

- Sign in hall
- Website, Indoor TV's

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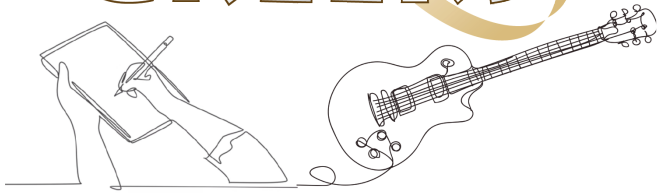
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# AUGUST 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div style="background-color: #0072bc; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILIES</b></p> <p><b>FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL</b></p> <p><b>WILL BE</b></p> <p><b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH.</b></p> </div>				1	2	3
				11am-2pm Gyro Luncheon  6pm Paraklesis	9am Festival Workshop TIROPITA  6pm Paraklesis	9am Festival Workshop
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
820am Matins 930am Liturgy  1115am Book Club  11am Dance Practice   GOYA Regional Paraklesis St. Nicholas, Lorain	6pm Great Vespers	9am Liturgy Transfiguration  11am Rotary Club  No Paraklesis	8am Gyro Prep  6pm Paraklesis  630pm Choir Rehearsal	11am-2pm Gyro Luncheon  <div style="background-color: #0072bc; color: white; padding: 2px;">                         3pm Good Samaritans TABLE                     </div>  5pm Backpack Giveaway & Meal  No Paraklesis	Noon VCS Zoo Outing  6pm Paraklesis	<div style="background-color: #0072bc; color: white; padding: 2px;">                         9am Good Samaritans Prep                     </div>
VCS 2024						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
820am Matins 930am Liturgy  11am Dance Practice  1145 Sunday School Teacher Orientation	9am Festival Baking KOULOURAKIA  5pm Loads of Love  6pm Paraklesis	9am Festival Baking KOULOURAKIA  11am Rotary Club  6pm Paraklesis	<div style="background-color: #0072bc; color: white; padding: 2px;">                         730am Good Samaritans Distribution                     </div> 9am Festival Baking  8am Gyro Prep 530pm Feast of the Dormition Matins, Vespers, and Liturgy 630pm Choir Rehearsal	11am-2pm Gyro Luncheon  11am Akron Retired Secretaries   <div style="background-color: #e67e22; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">                         VOICE ARTICLES DUE                     </div>	9am Festival Baking          	11am Greek Orthodox Metropolis PALOOZA - Warren   1pm Golden Greeks Trip to GOMOPALOOZA
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
820am Matins 930am Liturgy  11am Dance Practice  11am James Bartz 40 Day Memorial Madeline Bartz 3 Year Memorial Theone Panis 40 Years George Panis 80 Year Memorial  1145am HUMS	9am Festival Baking          	9am Festival Baking  11am Rotary Club  530pm Parish Council	8am Gyro Prep  630pm Choir Rehearsal	11am-2pm Gyro Luncheon	9am Festival Baking KOURAMBIETHES          	9am Festival Baking KOURAMBIETHES
ATTIC TREASURES FUNDRAISER						
25	26	27 PAPA GYRO DAY	28	29	30	31
820am Matins 930am Liturgy  11am Jim Boyazis -1 year Memorial  11am Dance Practice	9am Festival Baking BAKLAVA  No Men's BBall	9am Festival Baking BAKLAVA  11am Rotary Club  5pm Free Dinner  <div style="background-color: #0072bc; color: white; padding: 2px;">                         3pm prep Good Samaritans TABLE                     </div>	8am Gyro Prep 530pm Greek School 630pm Choir Rehearsal	820am Matins 930am Liturgy Beheading of St. John the Baptist  11am-2pm Gyro Luncheon	9am Festival Baking	
<b>FESTIVAL WORKSHOPS</b>						



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We hear about our parish's free hot meals and groceries through the VOICE, our weekly Bulletin, and One Calls, but do we really know what this **Hot Meal** program is all about?

This month AXIOS is recognizing the group of parish volunteers who came together to organize and volunteer their time for the Hot Meal program, which provides a free nutritious hot meal to anyone who comes through our Church doors on the designated Hot Meal days. The second Thursday of each month features hot meals and a free clothes pantry, while the last Tuesday of each month provides hot meals, the clothes pantry, and free groceries.

The program organizers/main volunteers are: John and Jen Matheos, Shannon Pangas, Myron and Kim Vernis, Ginny Dickos, and Karen Horattas. These dedicated folks are joined by a myriad of parishioners twice a month to help prepare and serve over three hundred of our less-fortunate fellow citizens each month. The high point of the



program is the annual Thanksgiving meal, during which we serve over a thousand dinners.

The program, an integral part of our Good Samaritans Outreach Ministry, is entirely funded through an outreach line item in our church budget and the generosity of our fellow parishioners who donate to the Good Samaritan collection at church on the third Sunday of the month.

So we say "AXIOS" to this dedicated group of parishioners, with Father Dean adding "more helpers are always welcome!"

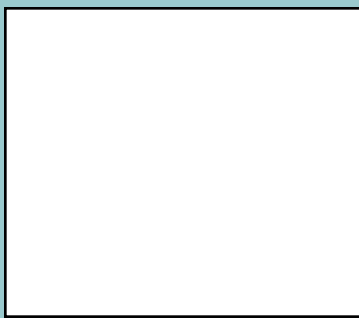




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