

The Voice



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Dear Parish Family,
CHRIST IS RISEN!

By the time this letter reaches you we will be more than half way to the leave-taking of Pascha and the Ascension of our Lord. These feasts remind us that the Paschal season is coming to an end.

The conclusion of this joyous time tends to coincide with the beginning of summer. Somehow it is easy to convince ourselves that everything can slow down as the weather heats up. But those of us who have been around young children know that summer does not slow down at all. And neither should our life in Christ.

Throughout the month of June, much of our usual cycle of ministries and gatherings will continue. Our outreach ministry will continue to serve the least of our neighbors multiple times a month. All of our youth groups will continue to gather. Preparations will begin for our Greek Festival. Most of all, we will continue to meet for the Divine Liturgy. Church doesn't stop for the summer. It scarcely slows down. It's the perfect time to deepen our involvement in the Church. From outreach to preparing for Greek Fest, there are lots of opportunities to do so.

Pick something, and Come to Church!

SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILIES

We want to express immense gratitude to our Sunday School teachers and staff for making this school year so successful. THANK YOU!

GRADE	TEACHERS
2 Yr Olds	Heather Nicolozakes, Christina Manousos, Sofia Manousos
Pre-K/K	Pres. Gabrielle Kokanos, Vicki Tsesmelis
1st/2nd	Maria Detorakis, Melina Melik, Alex Salem
3rd-5th	Ginny Dickos, Tanya Kefalas
6th-8th	Maria Markakis, Maria Fortseras
High School	Rob McClish, Mary O'Connor
Office Staff	Amanda Strickler, Betsy Manos, Tanya Kefalas
Substitutes	Dulci Avouris, Jason Papas

Please don't forget that our learning will continue this summer with one special lesson on Sunday, July 21. We welcome all Sunday School students to join us to learn about various saints whose feast days we celebrate during the summer. We will also enjoy snow cones from the Kona Ice Truck on this day!

SAVE THE DATE!

We will begin the **2024-2025 Sunday School** year on Sunday, September 8th.

In Christ,
Nicole Papas & Elyse Deckard
Sunday School Co-Directors

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Presiding Priest

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OUTREACH

GOOD SAMARITANS

PACKAGING - DISTRIBUTION - TABLE

Saturday
June 8, 9am

Monthly PACKAGING

Wednesday
June 12, 7:30am

Monthly DISTRIBUTION

Thursday
June 13

Meal PREP AND SERVE
3-6:30pm

TABLE



Tuesday
June 25

Meal PREP AND SERVE
3-6:30pm

June 25: Groceries & Clothes Available

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - April, 2024

As always, the minutes in The Voice are edited for length. Minutes in full are available on the table outside of FRDK's office.

Present: FRDK, Barry, M. Detorakis, Dickos, Van Doros, Horattas, Manousos, Matheos, Morris, O'Connor, Salem, Stavrakis, Tsemelis.

Absent: Bollas, Mike Detorakis, Jumbert, Economou-Zwisler

Priest Report: Thank you for being here. Lent is in full swing. Church 5 days a week not including Sunday. Parish Council members should prioritize being at Church. Special thanks to Connecting and Appreciating team for Friday night coffee hours.

President Report: Ushering schedule being made for Holy Week. Capital campaign is under way.

Treasurer Report:
Penny Dickos

	March 2024 Actual	Budget
Income	\$217,900	\$223,600
Expenses	\$234,900	\$214,600
Profit/Loss	\$(17,000)	\$9,000
Account Balances:		
General Operating:		\$80,000
General Savings:		\$76,000
Payroll:		\$5,000

Motion to accept the checks by Mary O'Connor, Seconded by Maria Detorakis.

New Business:

VanDoros proposal and motion to buy third credit card machine. \$675.00. Seconded by Barry. Passed

Stewardship:

2024 – 333 Pledges: ~\$673,000

Financials: Van Doros Trust Fund – \$955,000, Building - \$162,000.



Security and Ushering:

Barry: Medicine collection at Senior Luncheon on May 13. Discussing officer times and drills.

Building and Grounds:

Mike Detorakis: Updated earlier with the Capital Improvement Project, Akron U fixed the overhang where the wall was coming down along the side of the parking lot. Akron owns the wall, not the church, supposedly, they will be replacing the wall

Social Media/Communications:

Maria Detorakis/Susan Papas: Followers Facebook 2.1K, Insta 422, YouTube 389.

Coffee Hour:

Barry/O'Connor/ Van Doros: Kitsa F. is doing a great job.

Personnel:

Matheos: Everything is "fine and dandy." Maggie Johnson is doing great as our new PT Custodian.

Youth:

All proceeding according to plan.

Outreach:

All ministries going as planned. Involvement in "Mitzvah Day."



Philoptochos Society Melissa
welcomed
Akron Mayor Shammias Malik



YOUTH

June 14 - 6pm
JOY Night
at Annunciation Church

June 3 - Cedar Point
June 16 - 4:30-6:30pm
GOYA Fireside Chat
at the Fox Home

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AUGUST 12

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2024 GRADUATES DINNER
SUNDAY, JUNE 9

Attention Graduates (and families)!

Our annual Annunciation/AHEPA Graduates Dinner is taking place this year on Sunday, June 9 after church at 11 a.m. in the church hall. We will be recognizing our parish graduates from high school, college, and graduate school as well as awarding scholarships from our church, AHEPA, and a number of family scholarships.

Tickets for the Graduates Dinner will be available after church during coffee hour on June 2. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under 12.

Sponsorships for the Graduates Dinner are available at several sponsorship levels and are available where tickets are sold. Sponsorships help support the cost of graduates' dinners and graduate gifts.

Please join us as we honor the achievements of these young members of our parish.

TURN IN YOUR
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLEDGE.
Forms are available online
or in the church office.
We need all of you to give.

JUNE 2024

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
FESTIVAL WORKSHOPS <p>Spanakopita Workshop Monday, July 8 and Tuesday, July 9</p> <p>Galaktoboureko Workshop Monday, July 15 and Tuesday, July 16</p> <p>Lamb Shanks Monday, July 29</p> <p>Tiropita Workshop Friday, Aug 2</p>		DO YOU NEED SOMETHING PUT ON THE CHURCH CALENDAR? You need to submit your info to Fr Dean or Paula to put it on the calendar. They also need to know if your function has any changes. Be attentive to make sure the calendar has correct information.					1
					GOYA BEACH VOLLEYBALL		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
820am Matins 930am Liturgy 10 yr Memorial Diamone Powers 11:30am Teacher Appreciation Lunch	9am Galaktoboureko Workshop 7pm Men's BBall GOYA Trip to Cedar Point	11am Rotary Club 8pm HUMS Book Club	8am Gyro Prep	11am-2pm Gyro Luncheon		9am Good Samaritans Packing Festival Workshop Pastitsio Mitzvah Weekend	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
820am Matins 930am Liturgy 1 yr Memorial Presvytera Zafera Bartz 11am Graduates Dinner Mitzvah Weekend	9AM Golden Greeks AMISH Country 5pm Loads of Love 7pm Men's BBall	9am Baklava Workshop 11am Rotary Club 530pm Parish Council	730am Good Samaritans 8am Gyro Prep 5:30pm Matins 6:30pm Liturgy Holy Ascension	11am-2pm Gyro Luncheon 5pm Free Dinner 3pm prep Good Samaritans TABLE	6-7:30pm JOY Night	4:30pm YAL Vespers & Social VOICE ARTICLES DUE	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
820am Matins 930am Liturgy 4:30-6:30pm Fireside Chat - FOX	9am Food Workshop 6:30pm COCA Annunciation 7pm Men's BBall	9am Food Workshop 11am Rotary Club	8am Gyro Prep	11am-2pm Gyro Luncheon		9am Cemetery Blessings	
Summer Camp Week - JOY Camp							
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
820am Matins 930am Liturgy PENTECOST	820am Matins 930am Liturgy Nativity of St. John the Baptist No Men's BBall	9am-3pm PAPA GYRO DAY Golden Greeks Museum Africa & Byzantium - Clev Museum of Art 11am Rotary Club 3pm prep Good Samaritans TABLE	8am Gyro Prep	11am-2pm Gyro Luncheon	630pm Matins 730pm Liturgy Vigil Ss Peter and Paul		
Summer Camp Week 2 - JOY Camp							
30	JULY 1	JULY 2	JULY 3	JULY 4	JULY 5	JULY 6	
Summer Camp Week 3 - GOYA							



Happy Summer! Please note the following dates for events sponsored by HUMS. All are invited to participate and we encourage medical professionals to join the Holy Unmercenaries Medical Society at Annunciation Akron. Even with busy schedules, having a group of like-minded professionals who occasionally gather and actually “get” you is a wonderful, fulfilling thing. See you at church!

Events/Worship:

- July 27** Saturday Divine Liturgy, venerate a relic of St. Panteleimon and brunch
- October 13** Blessing of the Hands
- November 2** Annual Retreat and general membership meeting with elections

Service Parish Lectures quarterly at 1145 after adult Sunday School

- August 18** Dr. John Bober and Dr. Georgette Constantinou speaking on youth mental health
- Nov/Dec** TBD

Blood Pressure checks quarterly for Good Samaritans Table last Tuesday of the month:

June 25	September 24	November 26
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**Golden
Greeks**

**Bus trip to
Amish Country**

We will be shopping, having lunch, and sight seeing



Monday, June 10 @ 9:00am
\$40 for members, \$65 for non members

AXIOS

We’ve completed our Lenten journey, participated in the solemn services of Holy Week, and experienced the glory of our Lord’s Resurrection.

This month’s **AXIOS!** goes out to our entire parish as we made this momentous spiritual journey for yet another year.

- AXIOS!** To Father Dean, Father Nick, and Deacon Mark for their spiritual guidance through this season
- AXIOS!** To all the many Acolytes who served faithfully in the altar
- AXIOS!** To our growing group of Cantors who brought life to the Byzantine hymns
- AXIOS!** To our choir who sang the traditional Lenten and Paschal hymns so beautifully
- AXIOS!** To the sweet Myrrh Bearers who honored the entombed Christ
- AXIOS!** To the Men’s Chorus for their stirring rendition of the Hymn of Kassiani
- AXIOS!** To George and Leslie Georgiadis for their traditional Holy Saturday readings in church
- AXIOS!** To the Parish Council for serving in a myriad of critical roles
- AXIOS!** To the ushers who faithfully tended to the Narthex and Church candle stands
- AXIOS!** To the women who decorated the beautiful Epitaphion
- AXIOS!** To the women of Philoptochos who prepared the traditional red Easter eggs

- AXIOS!** To those parishioners who worked so hard to prepare and serve the magyritsa and Paschal meal
- AXIOS!** To Chad who always made sure everything was as it should be and was always there to help
- AXIOS!** To all those parishioners whose hard work behind the scenes made everything function smoothly
- AXIOS!** to Paula for keeping the church office functioning efficiently through some difficult times

And most importantly, the biggest **AXIOS!** goes out to our Annunciation parish who all gathered together through this Holy Season to worship and be part of this most holy celebration of our Orthodox Church!

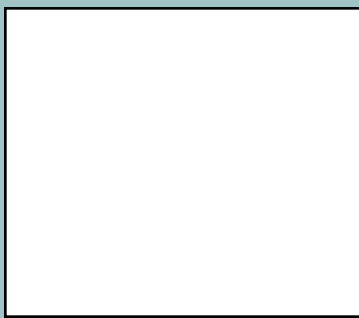




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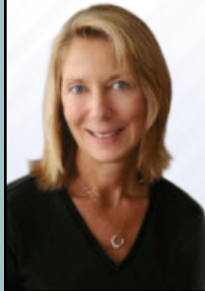
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