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**Church School Sack Lunch Sundays**



We continue to provide lunches for the Open Shelter twice a month. If you would like to volunteer or donate, please contact Helen Rankin or Diane Chakalis.



**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK our many contributors for the interesting and informative articles and photos that were submitted in a timely manner. Thank you so much. You make the Charioteer a valuable tool to make the parishioners aware of all of the many Divine Liturgies, events and activities available to them. May God bless you and your families always.**

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# Announcements

## 40-Day Blessings

Date: November 5, 2023  
Child: Nicholas Pete Holly  
Father: Michael Holly  
Mother: Kathleen Holly

Date: December 3, 2023  
Child: Panagiotis Grieb  
Father: Matthew Grieb  
Mother: Maria Grieb

Date: December 3, 2023  
Child: Athena Rose  
Father: Brian Sweeney  
Mother: Ariana Sweeney

Date: December 22, 2023  
Child: Anna Louise Pazarentzos  
Father: Demetri Pazarentzos  
Mother: Amy Pazarentzos

Date: December 31, 2023  
Child: Stefano Shak  
Father: Greg Shak  
Mother: Rena Shak

Date: December 31, 2023  
Child: Perseus Kididis  
Father: Philip Kididis  
Mother: Kristy Kididis

Date: December 31, 2023  
Child: Howard DeVoe  
Father: Daniel DeVoe  
Mother: Christine (Sim) DeVoe

## Baptisms

Date: October 19, 2023  
Name: Joshua James Kennedy  
Father: Roger Nathan Kennedy  
Mother: Jolene Kennedy  
Sponsor: Louis Castleman  
Name Given: John

Date: October 21, 2023  
Name: Judah Daniel Chatham  
Father: Jeffrey Chatman  
Mother: Nicole Chatman  
Sponsor: Presvytera Lorena Lentz  
Name Given: Jude

Date: October 18, 2023  
Name: Olivia Nawal Haber  
Father: Derrick Deeb Haber  
Mother: Rachel (Spiker) Haber  
Sponsor: Deeb Haber  
Name Given: Olivia

## Baptisms (cont'd)

Date: November 11, 2023  
Name: Ella Alessandra Antel  
Father: Rodu Antel  
Mother: Cristina Alina Oroian  
Sponsor: Eni Vngureanu  
Name Given: Alessandra

Date: November 25, 2023  
Name: Demetra Victoria Wendorff  
Father: Todd Wendorff  
Mother: Catherine (Kent) Wendorff  
Sponsor: Caroline Victoria Hurley  
Name Given: Demetra

Date: December 3, 2023  
Name: Georgios Vasilios Lafogiannis  
Father: Vasilios Lafogiannis  
Mother: Niki (Sourvanos) Lafogiannis  
Sponsor: Georgia Destounis & Maria Destounis  
Name Given: Georgios Vasilios

Date: December 9, 2023  
Name: Adonis Levi Butler  
Father: Antonio Butler  
Mother: Angeliki Demetriade  
Sponsor: George Demetriades  
Name Given: Adonis

Date: December 16, 2023  
Name: Jonathan Ross Reed  
Father: Richard Allen Reed  
Mother: Theresa Marie DePalma  
Sponsor: Noula Contakis  
Name Given: John

## Chrismations

Date: October 2, 2023  
Name: Adelaide M. Moore  
Sponsor: Argeri Lagos  
Name Given: Regina

Date: October 2, 2023  
Name: Allison M. Moore  
Sponsor: Argeri Lagos  
Name Given: Maria

Date: October 2, 2023  
Name: Callum J. Moore  
Sponsor: Argeri Lagos  
Name Given: John

Date: October 2, 2023  
Name: Zachery J. Moore  
Sponsor: Argeri Lagos  
Name Given: Gregory

## Chrismations (cont'd)

Date: November 18, 2023  
Name: Jeannine Marie Crum Gregoriades  
Sponsor: Fay Tzemos  
Name Given: Genevieve

## Marriages

Date: October 28, 2023  
Bride: Christina Zachariadou  
Groom: Scott Vincent Blubaugh  
Sponsor: Maria Fraskov

Date: November 4, 2023  
Bride: Anxhela (Angela) Bifsha  
Groom: Dane Thomas Pierro  
Sponsor: Kristina Ranieri

Date: November 11, 2023  
Bride: Dimitra Athanasiou Kontomerkos  
Groom: Derek Ray Pack  
Sponsor: George Kontomerkos

Date: November 18, 2023  
Bride: Sophia Marguerite Karageorge  
Groom: Seth Wayne McGovney Morton  
Sponsor: Angela Consin & James Karageorge

## Deaths

09/01/2023 James Davakis, D.D.S.  
09/11/2023 Joanne Murphy  
10/24/2023 Vasiliki Lafogiannis  
11/01/2023 Joanne G. Stamatakos  
12/11/2023 Peter George Margaritis  
12/23/2023 Demetrios M. Michelakis



*Although we make every attempt to provide accurate information utilizing the Cathedral's records, we sometimes miss an announcement. Please feel free to call the church office should you notice information is missing and we will publish anything that may have been erroneously overlooked in the next issue. Thank you for understanding.*

# Rev. Father Demetrios Gardikes



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A Blessed, Happy and Healthy New Year!

I wish everyone a blessed New Year with prayer and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ who sustains and guides us in fulfilling the Gospel vision.

Our Creator gives us life and is the giver of life. He gives us unique, special gifts and abilities that go beyond what other creatures of the earth have received. This includes to offer back to God in thanksgiving.

The gift of our beautiful cathedral is from the blessings, abilities, and talents we have received from God. Through our hard-work and efforts, these gifts received are offered back to God in thankfulness. No other creature has this ability like humanity.

Since the beginning of time, humanity has offered back to God. The scriptures refer to ten percent. We read in the first couple chapters of Genesis all the things God has given us before He even created humanity. He first created light so we would not live in darkness, the waters, the dry land, and God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit; cattle and creeping things. All these things God created, then He created man. After he created, He gave man dominion over all these things. What a beautiful communion! We are so blessed.

God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing (s) (Genesis 1:26, slightly modified RSV).

Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; ... "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed; every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. He has given us..., everything that has the breath of life (Gen 1:28-30 modified RSV).

In the story of Cain and Abel (Genesis 4), we read both brothers oversaw the very food that God has given to sustain them for the continuance of life. Abel oversaw sheep and Cain tilled the ground. Abel gave of his first fruits. He did not know how much he was going to yield every year. Yet, He offered back to God and dedicated the first portion of his production to God. His offering is a dedication and a self-offering of himself to God in thankfulness because he did not know the future. His offering of first fruits demonstrates his total reliance on God and an understanding that it is God who sustains and offers the gifts and abilities that we have received in the first place. God gave us the breath of life, desires to commune with us and wants us to desire this same communion.

It is not the cattle that God was pleased with; it is Abel's desire to commune with God in thanksgiving by the offering of self. This is why God is pleased with Abel. In this same spirit, this is what we are doing at every Divine Liturgy as well as how we approach our stewardship to the church.

Abel understood his offering in terms of stewardship, not possessor. He was put in charge of the cattle. He was a steward of them, not possessor. It is God who created all these things before He even created humanity.

Cain could not understand why God was not as pleased with his offering compared to Abel's offering. Because of his self-preservation first, then God second, He understood his communion with God differently. Cain waited, made logical decisions, then offered to God. His communion with God is not like Abel who demonstrated total reliance on God who is the giver of life.

As a result of Cain's sin, he was moved to murder Abel by his spiritual blindness, which became jealousy. His sin multiplied and he took the breath of life from his brother Abel.

Before Cain murdered Abel, God tried to help Cain.

<sup>6</sup> The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen? <sup>7</sup> If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it."

God spoke to Cain as a spiritual father to help him master his sin. We can learn from this story. God wants and desires Cain's love and our love as much as Abel loved God.

There will be a time when we will not live with evil and death because Christ destroyed death and He will come again. God wants communion with each of us. The Divine Liturgy is an image of the divine reality as well as a memorial of what Christ has done for us. He has already sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Our God offered His complete and perfect love for us. Therefore, the priest exclaims during Divine Liturgy, "Thine own of Thine own we offer to You, on behalf of all and for all."

Divine Liturgy, by definition, is the work of the people, all of us. We offer our prayers together in the cathedral, but His sanctifying Grace extends beyond the cathedral walls when we are outside of it. The abilities and gifts received from God help us to build good homes. These same abilities and gifts are meant to be offered, "Thine own of Thine own," to God in prayer through His Church. This is the ultimate expression of thanksgiving and our total reliance on Him. The point: Stewardship is a spiritual matter, not a financial one. We are all in process of mastering it.

May the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ grant His Eternal Blessings to each and every one of us and help us express our faith through actions and example towards our love of Christ and our neighbor this year 2024.

With Love in Christ,

Fr Demetrios Gardikes



# President's Corner—Harry Ruska



## Hello 2024

Another year has passed, and it is time to spend just a little bit reflecting on the highlights and accomplishments of our community thanks to the gifts that God has given us.

- We are continually **expanding our outreach activities** to help those in need.  
This past fall we all used our time and skills to create 29,000 food packs, as part of Rise Against Hunger program. In addition, we renewed our support to those in need by assembling hygiene kits. Also, we earmarked \$20,000 from Festival proceeds, doubling 2022 contributions, to help Columbus based organizations provide support to a wide range of groups – from Veterans to local food banks. All these activities support our Mission Statement and Core Values.
- Our **Stewardship contributions nearly eclipsed 2022 levels**.  
Our Parishioners continued to support the Parish, despite challenging economic conditions.
- Our Festival enjoyed four consecutive days of great weather contributing to a **successful weekend** while we celebrated our **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**  
Our success was due to all of the efforts and contributions of our Parishioners and the overwhelming support from the Columbus community.
- We hired Pasquale (Lee) Santarelli as our **new Director of Youth Ministries**.  
In just a short period he “hit the ground running” and expanded our youth programs, with the support of Fr. Demetri, Helen Rankin and Jimmy Schooley. We are blessed that he has made incredible progress since the summer. Thanks to all for welcoming Lee to our community. We are very encouraged that he will continue to exceed our expectations by putting much-needed emphasis and full-time support towards our youth ministries.
- Followed up the success from 2022 by having **two Vacation Bible School** events this past Summer for our youngest members.
- We held three major community events last year – **Panagyri, Appreciation Luncheon and a New Year's Eve Dinner/Dance**.  
All provided the opportunity to gather as a Parish family. They were made possible through the leadership of the Parish Council Events Committee and many volunteers to make the events memorable.

**These accomplishments would not be possible without the Stewardship support from our Parishioners.** Your Stewardship commitments/gifts provide funding to operate the church – from paying salaries to utility bills. Most importantly, our Stewardship gifts funded the re-establishment of the Youth Ministries program led by our new Director of Youth Ministries. Our Outreach programs, to help those in need, are directly funded by Stewardship donations.

As our new year begins, we ask all to **please complete your 2024 Stewardship pledge**. We ask that you consider increasing your gift to offset inflation and give us the opportunity to increase the efforts underway. We have made it very easy by giving you an opportunity to do so on our website or use the pledge cards provided by mail. Feel free to contact the office if you need a pledge card mailed to you.

I wish all a happy and healthy New Year.

Yours in Christ,

Harry Ruska  
Parish Council President



# Cathedral Financial Summary

## 2023 Financial Stewardship & Financial Status as of 11/30/23

### YTD 2023 Financial Status

	YTD Balance	YTD Change
<b>Total Assets *</b>	<b>\$ 14,262,904</b>	<b>\$ (525,598)</b>
* This includes physical and monetary assets		
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 461,952</b>	<b>\$ (879,212)</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 13,800,952</b>	<b>\$ 353,615</b>

<b>Mortgage Balance</b>	<b>\$ 363,333.47</b>
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### Mortgage Update

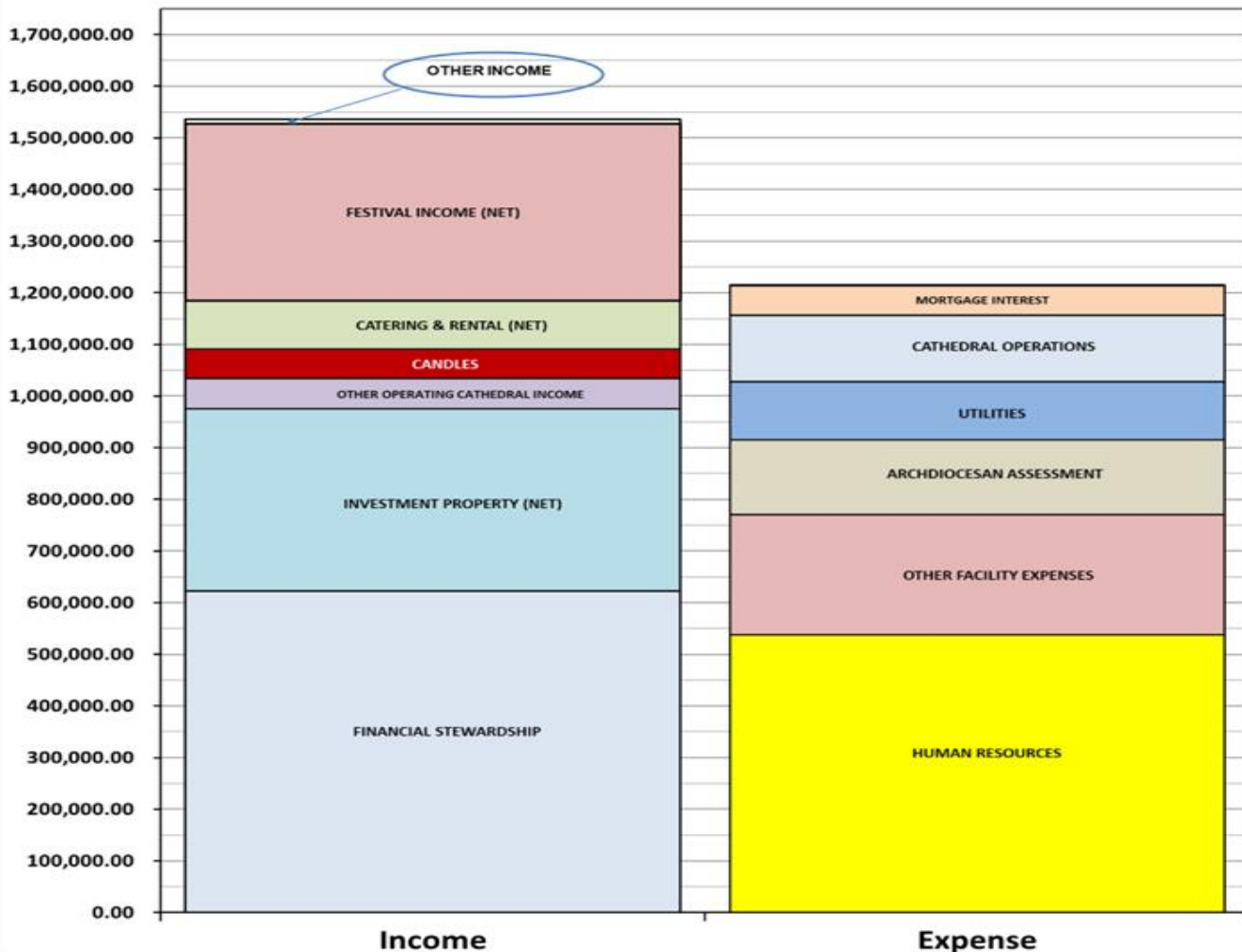
From January 1, 2023 through November 30, 2023, we paid \$879,068.40 towards the mortgage principal. The payment toward the principal will save us over \$60K on interest expense. The rise of the interest rates required an effective response from us to limit our interest expenses.

### 2023 Signed Pledge cards status

Through 11/30/23, we have received 345 pledge cards for \$481,460 in pledges. The amount pledged corresponds to 86.21% of the amount pledged during the same period in 2022. Thank you to all who have already signed a pledge card for this year; please make sure you are current with your stewardship pledge. **For those who have not done so yet, please submit your pledge via pledge card or online.**

The table below shows our income and expenses for 2023 YTD (November 30<sup>th</sup>). Please keep in mind, your contributions enhance the financial strength of our community. Only with your support we can be better prepared to address current and future challenges. Thank you!

**2023 Income and Expenses  
YTD as of 11/30/2023**



# Stewardship

## 2024 Stewardship - Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant

It's a New Year and time to renew your commitment to Christ's church. Here are three simple steps:

If you are unsure your stewardship pledge for last year is complete, simply email [bookkeeper@greekcathedral.com](mailto:bookkeeper@greekcathedral.com) to find out.

Prayerfully consider and complete your 2024 commitment card - mailed to your home in December or visit <http://www.AnnunciationColumbus.com>. Consider increasing the offering of your *first fruits* to God.

Bring or mail your completed pledge card to the Cathedral and offer thanks to God for His endless blessings on us, our families and our parish.

Your support of more than 30 ministries is deeply appreciated. We can never thank you enough.

Thank you!

Helen Rankin & Stacey Stathulis  
Stewardship Committee Co-Chairs

“I don’t get anything out of Church.”



How many times have you heard people say, “I don’t get anything out of liturgy”? The truth is that we don’t come to church to *get* something, but to *give* ourselves – our whole being --- to God. We have to give ourselves as an offering to God and what we get in return is the presence of Jesus Christ within us. As we come to know Jesus this way, we are drawn into the communion of the Church.



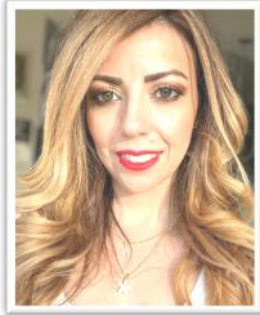




# Greek Language School

## ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ

### Greek Language School News



Nadia Yokarini-Kotsonis – Principal



The Greek School students sang beautifully in fluent Greek three traditional Christmas songs and they recited a Christmas poem. It was wonderful seeing the partitioners singing along with them. The children's angelic voices filled our social hall. I'm very proud of them and their hard work!

Nadia Kotsonis  
Greek School Principal



# Celebrating God's Creation

## Celebrate Creation Care

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, says that "creation care is the vocation of every Orthodox Christian."

*People around the world demand from their political leaders to tackle the urgent matter of climate change! We are reminded that this is a moral crisis and a moral challenge. The solution cannot be just technological, but demands a radical change of mindset, of values, and ethos.*

**--His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros**



### Find Orthodox on-line resources



#### **An Ecumenical Imperative**

<https://www.goarch.org/-/climate-change-an-ecumenical-imperative>



#### **Climate Crisis and Creation Care**

<https://publicorthodoxy.org/2021/11/16/climate-crisis-creation-care/>



#### **Orthodox Perspectives**

<https://www.goarch.org/society/greening-the-parish/orthodox-perspectives>

### **A Charitable Heart**

What is a charitable heart? It is a heart which is burning with a loving charity for the whole of creation, for men, for the birds, for the beasts, for the demons — for all creatures. He who has such a heart cannot see or call to mind a creature without his eyes being filled with tears by reason of the immense compassion which seizes his heart; a heart which is so softened and can no longer bear to hear or learn from others of any suffering, even the smallest pain, being inflicted upon any creature. This is why such a man never ceases to pray also for the animals, for the enemies of truth, and for those who do him evil, that they may be preserved and purified. He will pray even for the lizards and reptiles, moved by the infinite pity which reigns in the hearts of those who are becoming united with God.

*St. Isaac the Syrian*

## THE FOUNDATION CORNER

### **"PLANNING YOUR HEALTHCARE"**

Happy New Year! Are you making resolutions to improve your health? Exercising more? Eating more fruits and vegetables? What about looking over your estate plan for your health and medical care? Advanced directives might be something you've been putting off, but are beneficial to ensuring your wishes and wellbeing at any age.

Advanced directives include a living will and health care power of attorney. Although these documents are commonly confused, they are quite different. A living will outlines your specific wishes for health and medical care, while a health care power of attorney allows a designated friend or family member to act as your agent and make your health care decisions for you if you do not have the capacity to do so.

In the spirit of the New Year, consider drawing up your advance directives to protect your wellbeing and your wishes. For more help, reach out to a local attorney or visit the Franklin County Recorder website for directive templates. Additionally, the Everlasting Giving Ministry can provide resources on advance directives and a living will that align with Orthodox teachings and beliefs. For more information, E-mail [everlastinggiving@greekcathedral.com](mailto:everlastinggiving@greekcathedral.com).



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# Outreach Ministry

Dear Parish Family,

**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward them for what they have done. Proverbs 19:17**

Our commitment and support to our neighbors in Columbus and around the world continues and grows each year.

Our festival continues to be a source of support for our Columbus community. We were able to return our blessings to the following organizations: local food banks-WARM, NNEMAP, Hilliard Resource Pantry, Worthington Resource Pantry and Reynoldsburg Pantry. We also made donations to Kindway, VCAS, Sanctuary Night, Joseph's Coat, and Huckleberry House. These organizations serve a varied marginalized and needy population, from veterans, survivors of human trafficking, homeless youth, and of course those facing hunger.

Your stewardship provided the following:

**IOCC** Syrian Campaign (see their website for information) and we assembled 300 hygiene kits, 50 clean-up buckets and 75 backpacks.

Forty newborn welcome packages for **Maryhaven and Y-Cares** program.

Supported our veterans with a donation to **Stand Down** and assembled hygiene kits.

Donated to **Hilliard Adopt-A-House**, to help a family achieve the American Dream of home ownership.

Contributed to hygiene kits for distribution to human trafficking survivors through the street ministry of **The Shining Starz** organization.

Provided financial support to **Hilliard Resource Pantry** as they continue to meet the needs of the community, despite a devastating fire.

Provided coats for various organizations assisting the homeless.

A donation to **Dig Deep**, a national organization that brings clean water to depressed and underserved areas. They have worked in the Navajo Reservation in New Mexico and are currently serving our neighbors in West Virginia.

Funded our annual **Rise Against Hunger** event – where we achieved a record 29,844 meals.

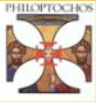
We look forward to a new year of outreach. With your prayers, blessings, and support we will go out and continue to clothe, feed and renew the spirit of others.

May you all have a blessed 2024.

In Christ's Service,  
Presvytera Evangeline Baron



# Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society



## Philoptochos



### Vasilopita Celebration



Please join us for a  
Reception and Cutting  
of the Vasilopita  
Sunday, January 7th  
Following Divine Liturgy  
In the Church Social Hall



Ring in the New Year helping the  
children of St. Basil Academy

Help us be fairy goodmothers to central Ohio girls needing a prom dress for their special night.

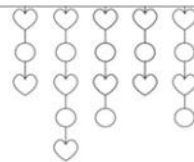
We will be collecting new or gently used formal dresses of all sizes, wraps, costume jewelry and purses.

**Sunday, January 7th thru Sunday, January 21st**

WE ARE EXCITED TO PARTNER WITH THE GOYANS OF THE METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH ON THIS PROJECT



SAVE THE DATE



**MONDAY  
FEB.5th**

General Meeting  
6:00 p.m.  
Details TBA

*Timeless Treasures*  
**RUMMAGE SALE**

This year's rummage sale will be held on Saturday, June 1st. Please keep our rummage sale in mind while packing away the holidays and moving into spring cleaning and save any nice household or decorative items you may be ready to part with for our sale! Call or email Deborah Pries for more info 614-832-7659 [deborah.pries@gmail.com](mailto:deborah.pries@gmail.com)

*Do you see yourself as somebody who cares about others?  
Philoptochos is the face of love and compassion.*

The ministries of Philoptochos will not happen without YOU! We kindly ask that current members renew their membership and we encourage every woman of our parish to join our sisterhood. It is also important that every member fill out the following contact information so that we may successfully create and share a chapter directory.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a new member \_\_\_\_\_ I am renewing my membership

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_ please circle main / cell ?

PHILOPTOCHOS



\*Please include your membership dues of \$30.00. These dues are distributed to your National, Metropolis and Local Chapters to aid them in carrying out their charitable works. Checks can please be made out to Philoptochos, writing "dues" in the memo field. Mail checks to the church office, 555 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43215

# Annunciation Cathedral Choir



THE ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL CHOIR IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD SINGERS, MEN AND WOMEN!

- Please stop by a Saturday Rehearsal, 10:00-12:00 Noon, held most Saturdays, September through May. (Note: When preceded by a Saturday Divine Liturgy, Rehearsal begins at approximately 10:30 AM.)
- Experience the joy of singing our hymns in English and Greek (with excellent Greek phonetics).
- Be a part of our music ministry and fellowship! You'll meet members who have dedicated their lives to singing His praises, and others who have just begun. *Glory Be to God!*
- Rehearsals are never mandatory but suggested particularly when learning new music.
- Singing for Sunday Divine Liturgies is always appreciated but not a weekly requirement.

## Choir Rehearsal Dates and Times for 2024

JANUARY	13TH, 20TH, 27TH	10:00 AM
FEBRUARY	3RD	10:00 AM
FEBRUARY	10TH	10:30 AM
FEBRUARY	17TH, 24TH	10:00 AM
MARCH	2ND	10:00 AM
MARCH	9TH, 16TH, 23RD	10:30 AM
MARCH	30TH	10:00 AM
APRIL	6TH, 13TH, 20TH	10:00 AM
APRIL	27TH	10:30 AM
<b><u>(UNLESS WE CANNOT REHEARSE DUE TO THE CAP CITY MARATHON)</u></b>		
MAY	4TH	NO REHEARSAL
MAY	11TH, 18TH	10:00 AM
<b><u>(UNLESS WE CANNOT REHEARSE DUE TO THE MARATHON FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS)</u></b>		
MAY	25TH	NO REHEARSAL
JUNE	1ST, 8TH, 15TH, 22ND	10:00 AM

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Make a Joyful Noise  
Join Your Choir

Practice Saturdays 10 am-12 pm  
No experience needed  
Snacks Included!

Contact  
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or  
Valerie Baker: [vcbakera@gmail.com](mailto:vcbakera@gmail.com)

(Rehearsal times are listed in the Sunday Bulletin and on the Cathedral website [www.greekcathedral.com](http://www.greekcathedral.com), see Parish Calendar.)



## NAMES FOR SATURDAY OF SOULS

First Names Only—Please Print Clearly!

Departed Orthodox Christians “For the repose of the servants of God...”


During memorial services, we commemorate the souls of all Orthodox Christians who have gone before us into eternal rest. In praying for those who have “fallen asleep in the Lord,” we continue to ask that God may have mercy on them in His divine judgment so they may gain the inheritance of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The names offered here will be commemorated during the “Saturday of Souls” services at the beginning of the Lenten season and at Proskemedi before Sunday Divine Liturgies. Please submit your names only once: they will be used for all the Saturday of Souls during this season.

Please remember your loved ones by not only submitting their names, but by attending the holy services to offer your own prayers for their eternal rest. Anyone wishing to do so may also bring a dish of memorial wheat (Koliva) for use during the service.

### **DATES FOR SATURDAY OF SOULS**

**Saturday, March 9, March 16, and March 23, 2024**

**Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.**

**Followed by the Memorial Service**



# Youth Ministry



**Pasquale "Lee" Santarelli**  
Youth Ministries Coordinator

Hello everyone,

It has been a wonderful five months since beginning my new role as the Youth Ministries Coordinator! Since I have arrived, I have had the great blessing to be with our kids on so many different occasions. From our GOYA kick-off party, our first Trunk-or-Treat, and the revival of Young Adult League (formerly Young Professionals) in November, we have certainly been rather busy! I am especially grateful for the great turnout of our GOYAnS at Rise Against Hunger in October and our GOYAn group which I traveled with to Camp Nazareth for the GOYA Fall Retreat the weekend before Thanksgiving. By God's grace, we already have much to look forward to in the new year! First and foremost, we will be hosting the first GOYA basketball tournament of the season only two weeks after we ring in 2024. This will be a wonderful opportunity for not just our GOYAnS and their families to come together, but also our entire community as we welcome seven of our sister parishes in our holy Metropolis of Pittsburgh to our home here at the Cathedral. As I reflect on the time I have spent here so far and what we have already accomplished in organizing our youth ministries, I see so much potential for continued growth. It is my hope and prayer that 2024 is a year growth, fellowship, and, most importantly, faith for our youth, their families, and all of our amazing youth leaders we are so blessed to have in this community.

Until next time, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I pray 2024 is a year of joy and health for all of us here at the Cathedral. May God bless us - everyone!

Faithfully, Pasquale "Lee" Santarelli



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# Tentative Master Calendar

Monday, January 1, 2024

**Happy New Year!!**

**Circumcision of Our Lord and St. Basil**

Orthros

8:30am—9:30am

Divine Liturgy

9:30am—11:00am

Tuesday, January 2

GOYA Boys' Basketball Practice—Gym

6:30pm—8:00pm

Thursday, January 4

GOYA Girls' Basketball Practice—Gym

6:30pm—8:00pm

Philoptochos Board Meeting—Bookstore

6:30pm—7:30pm

Friday, January 5

**Vespers Divine Liturgy (St. Basil's) with Blessing of Waters**

8:00am—11:00am

Saturday, January 6

**Theophany of Our Lord and St. John's Divine Liturgy followed by Blessing of Waters**

Orthros

8:30am—9:30am

Divine Liturgy

9:30am—12:00pm

Greek Language School—Vasilopita Celebration

10:00am—12:00pm

Sunday, January 7

**St. John the Baptist the Forerunner**

Matins

8:00am—9:30am

Divine Liturgy

9:30am—11:30am

Blessing of Stewardship

11:00am—12:00pm

Sunday Church School—Preschool Only

after Holy Communion

Vasilopita—Cutting of the Vasilopita in the Cathedral

11:00am—12:00pm

Vasilopita Reception hosted by Philoptochos

12:00pm—1:30pm

Tuesday, January 9

GOYA Boys' Basketball Practice—Gym

6:30pm—8:00pm

Parish Council Meeting

6:30pm—8:30pm

Thursday, January 11

GOYA Girls' Basketball Practice—Gym

6:30pm—8:00pm

Friday, January 12

Annunciation Host GOYA Basketball Tournament

5:00pm—11:00pm

Saturday, January 13

Annunciation Host GOYA Basketball Tournament

All Day

Greek Language School

10:00am—12:00pm

Choir Rehearsal

10:00am—12:00pm

Annunciation Host GOYA Dance Basketball Tournament

5:00pm—11:00pm

Sunday, January 14

**Sunday After Theophany**

Matins

8:00am—9:30am

Divine Liturgy

9:30am—11:30am

NO Sunday Church School

Annunciation GOYA Basketball Tournament—Gym

12:00pm—5:00pm

Tuesday, January 16

GOYA Boys' Basketball Practice—Gym

6:30pm—8:00pm

Wednesday, January 17

**St. Anthony—Chapel**

Orthros

8:30am—9:30am

Divine Liturgy

9:30am—11:30am

Thursday, January 18

**Sts. Athanasios / Cyril—Chapel**

Divine Liturgy

9:30am—11:30am

GOYA Girls' Basketball Practice—Gym

6:30pm—8:00pm

Saturday, January 20

Greek Language School—Kitchen

9:00am—1:00pm

Greek Language School

10:00am—12:00pm

Choir Rehearsal

10:00am—12:00pm

Sunday, January 21

**12th Sunday of Luke—Youth Sunday**

Matins

8:00am—9:30am

Divine Liturgy

9:30am—11:30am

Sunday Church School & Surprise

after Holy Communion

Family Sunday at COSI—All Youth

11:30am—3:30pm

Tuesday, January 23

GOYA Boys' Basketball Practice—Gym

6:30pm—8:00pm

# Tentative Master Calendar

Wednesday, January 24	CHOICES—Kitchen	10:00am—3:00pm
Thursday, January 25	<b>St. Gregory the Theologian—Chapel</b> Orthros Divine Liturgy GOYA Girls' Basketball Practice—Gym	8:30am—9:30am 9:30am—11:00am 6:30pm—8:00pm
Saturday, January 27	Greek Language School Choir Rehearsal	10:00am—12:00pm 10:00am—12:00pm
Sunday, January 28	<b>15th Sunday of Luke</b> Matins Divine Liturgy Sunday Church School Altar Boy Meeting and Pizza after Divine Liturgy	8:00am—9:30am 9:30am—11:30am after Holy Communion 11:30am—12:30pm
Tuesday, January 30	<b>Three Hierarchs—Chapel</b> Orthros Divine Liturgy GOYA Boys' Basketball Practice—Gym	8:30am—9:30am 9:30am—11:30am 6:30pm—8:00pm
Thursday, February 1	Great Vespers for the Presentation of Our Lord GOYA Girls' Basketball Practice—Gym	5:00pm—6:00pm 6:30pm—8:00pm
<b>GOYA Basketball Tournament away at St. Paul Friday, February 2, through Sunday, February 4</b>		
Friday, February 2	<b>Presentation of Our Lord—Cathedral</b> Orthros Divine Liturgy	8:30am—9:30am 9:30am—11:00am
Saturday, February 3	Greek Language School Choir Rehearsal	10:00am—12:00pm 10:00am—12:00pm
Sunday, February 4	<b>15th Sunday of Matthew</b> Matins Divine Liturgy Sunday Church School	8:00am—9:30am 9:30am—11:00am after Holy Communion
Tuesday, February 6	<b>St. Photios, Patriarch of Constantinople—Chapel</b> Orthros Divine Liturgy GOYA Boys' Basketball Practice—Gym	8:30am—9:30am 9:30am—11:30am 6:30pm—8:00pm
Thursday, February 8	GOYA Girls' Basketball Practice—Gym	6:30pm—8:00pm
Saturday, February 10	<b>Saint Haralambos the Hiermartyr</b> Orthros Divine Liturgy Greek Language School—Kitchen Greek Language School Choir Rehearsal	8:30am—9:30am 9:30am—11:00am 9:00am—1:00pm 10:00am—12:00pm 10:30am—12:30pm
Sunday, February 11	<b>16th Sunday of Matthew</b> Matins Divine Liturgy Sunday Church School Junior and ZOEE Dance Practice—Gym	8:00am—9:30am 9:30am—11:00am after Holy Communion 12:00pm—1:30pm
Tuesday, February 13	GOYA Boys' Basketball Practice—Gym Parish Council Meeting	6:30pm—8:00pm 6:30pm—8:30pm
Thursday, February 15	GOYA Girls' Basketball Practice—Gym	6:30pm—8:00pm
<b>GOYA Basketball Tournament away Friday, February 16, through Sunday, February 18</b>		
Saturday, February 17	Greek Language School—Kitchen Greek Language School Choir Rehearsal	9:00am—1:00pm 10:00am—12:00pm 10:00am—12:00pm

# Tentative Master Calendar

Sunday, February 18	<b>Sunday of the Canaanite</b> Matins Divine Liturgy Sunday Church School	8:00am—9:30am 9:30am—11:00am after Holy Communion
Tuesday, February 20	GOYA Boys' Basketball Practice—Gym	6:30pm—8:00pm
Thursday, February 22	GOYA Girls' Basketball Practice—Gym	6:30pm—8:00pm
Saturday, February 24	Greek Language School—Kitchen Greek Language School Choir Rehearsal	9:00am—1:00pm 10:00am—12:00pm 10:00am—12:00pm
Sunday, February 25	<b>Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee</b> Triodon Begins Matins Divine Liturgy Sunday Church School	8:00am—9:30am 9:30am—11:30am after Holy Communion
Tuesday, February 27	GOYA Boys' Basketball Practice—Gym	6:30pm—8:00pm
Wednesday, February 28	CHOICES—Kitchen	10:00am—3:00pm
Thursday, February 29	GOYA Girls' Basketball Practice—Gym	6:30pm—8:00pm
Saturday, March 2	Greek Language School—Drop off kids <b>ONLY</b> due to Arnold Parking Choir Rehearsal	10:00am—12:00pm 10:00am—12:00pm
Sunday, March 3	<b>Sunday of the Prodigal Son</b> Matins Divine Liturgy Sunday Church School	8:00am—9:30am 9:30am—11:30am after Holy Communion
Tuesday, March 5	GOYA Boys' Basketball Practice—Gym	6:30pm—8:00pm
Thursday, March 7	GOYA Girls' Basketball Practice—Gym Philoptochos Board Meeting—Bookstore	6:30pm—8:00pm 6:30pm—7:30pm
Saturday, March 9	<b>Saturday of the Souls 1 / Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebastia</b> Divine Liturgy—Chapel Choir Rehearsal	9:00am—10:30am 10:30am—12:30pm
Sunday, March 10	<b>Judgment Sunday / Meatfare Sunday</b> Matins Divine Liturgy Sunday Church School	8:00am—9:30am 9:30am—11:30am after Holy Communion
Tuesday, March 12	GOYA Boys' Basketball Practice—Gym Parish Council Meeting	6:30pm—8:00pm 6:30pm—8:30pm
Thursday, March 14	GOYA Girls' Basketball Practice—Gym	6:30pm—8:00pm
Saturday, March 16	<b>Saturday of the Souls 2</b> Divine Liturgy—Chapel Greek Language School Choir Rehearsal Philoptochos / Youth Event—MASH Meal	9:00am—10:30am 10:00am—12:00pm 10:30am—12:30pm 12:00pm—8:00pm
Sunday, March 17	<b>Forgiveness Sunday / Cheesefare Sunday</b> Matins Divine Liturgy Sunday Church School Junior and ZOEE Dance Practice—Gym	8:00am—9:30am 9:30am—11:30am after Holy Communion 12:00pm—1:30pm
Monday, March 18	<b>Beginning of the Great Fast</b> <b>Great Compline with the Canon of St. Andrew</b>	5:30pm—7:00pm



# Tentative Master Calendar

Tuesday, March 19	<b>Great Compline with the Canon of St. Andrew</b> GOYA Boys' Basketball Practice—Gym	5:30pm—7:00pm 6:30pm—8:00pm
Wednesday, March 20	<b>Great Compline with the Canon of St. Andrew</b>	5:30pm—7:00pm
Thursday, March 21	<b>Great Compline with the Canon of St. Andrew</b> GOYA Girls' Basketball Practice—Gym	5:30pm—7:00pm 6:30pm—8:00pm
Friday, March 22	<b>1st Salutations to the Theotokos</b>	6:00pm—7:00pm
Saturday, March 23	<b>Saturday of Souls 3</b> Divine Liturgy Greek Language School / March 25 Celebration / Capital Visit Choir Rehearsal	9:00am—10:30am 10:00am—12:00pm 10:30am—12:30pm
Sunday, March 24	<b>Sunday of Orthodoxy / Youth Sunday</b> Matins Divine Liturgy Procession of the Icons Sunday Church School—Procession <b>Annunciation Vespers</b>	8:00am—9:30am 9:30am—11:30am 11:00am—12:00pm after Holy Communion 3:00pm—4:30pm
Monday, March 25	<b>Annunciation</b> Orthros Divine Liturgy	8:30am—9:30am 9:30am—11:30am
Tuesday, March 26	GOYA Boys' Basketball Practice—Gym	6:30pm—8:00 pm
Wednesday, March 27	CHOICES—Kitchen <b>Presanctified Liturgy</b>	10:00am—3:00pm 6:00pm—7:00pm
Thursday, March 28	GOYA Girls' Basketball Practice—Gym	6:30pm—8:00pm
Friday, March 29	JOY Retreat <b>2nd Salutations to the Theotokos</b> GOYA Retreat	9:00am—12:00pm 6:00pm—7:00pm 7:00pm—10:00pm
Saturday, March 30	Greek Language School Choir Rehearsal	10:00am—12:00pm 10:00am—12:00pm
Sunday, March 31	<b>Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas</b> Matins Divine Liturgy Sunday Church School	8:00am—9:30am 9:30am—11:30am after Holy Communion
Monday, April 1	<b>Great Compline</b> Pre-Marital Counseling Session 1	5:30pm—6:30pm 7:00pm—8:00pm
Tuesday, April 2	GOYA Boys' Basketball Practice—Gym	6:30pm—8:00pm
Wednesday, April 3	Presanctified Liturgy	6:00pm—7:00pm
Thursday, April 4	GOYA Girls' Basketball Practice—Gym	6:30pm—8:00pm
Friday, April 5	<b>3rd Salutations to the Theotokos</b>	6:00pm—7:00pm
Saturday, April 6	Greek Language School Choir Rehearsal	10:00am—12:00pm 10:00am—12:00pm
Sunday, April 7	<b>Sunday of Holy Cross</b> Matins Divine Liturgy No Sunday Church School	8:00am—9:30am 9:30am—11:30am

# Tales From the Archives



## Tales from the Archives

A significant photo that has been stored in our archives is this image of three men at the location of an event. It shows the moment of the groundbreaking for the creation of our beloved Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral on Front Street in Columbus. We believe the year was 1920. The men are: L to R. Anthony Zanetos (Building Committee Chairman), James Psoras (Stonemason), and Louis Mandros. The girl on the porch above is unknown.

Note: The church archives has gathered a large number of early photos that were photographed through the decades. These pictures that include a large number of people are being preserved a few at a time. They are fragile and great care is made to have them framed under glass.

~Diana Synadinos  
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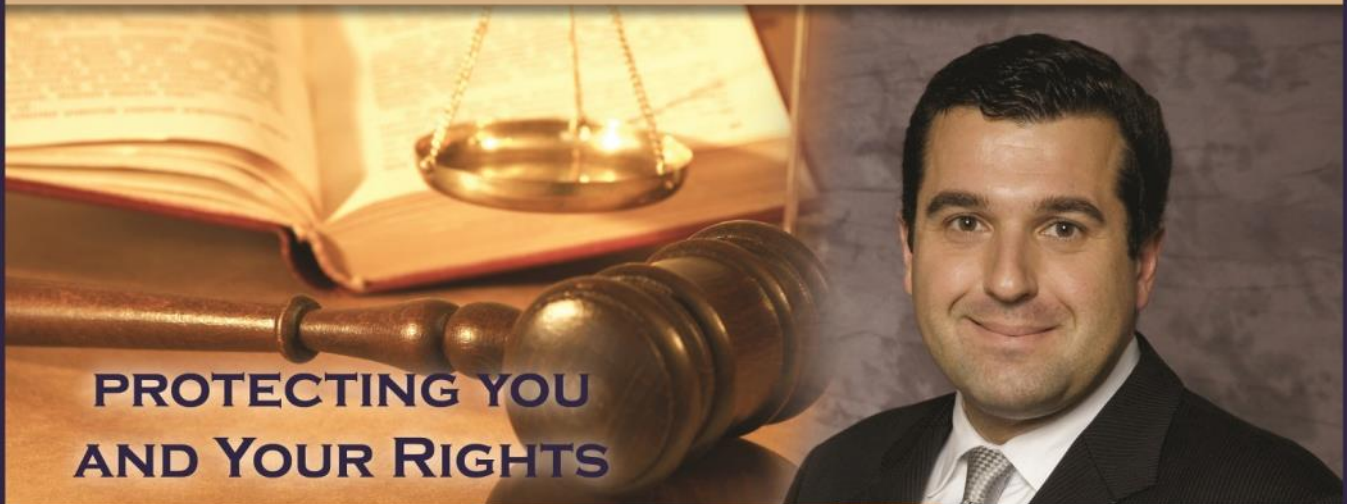
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We create an environment where we respect our collective cultural identities while celebrating our Hellenic traditions, history, language and heritage.