## **ORTHODOXIA**

## ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH 319 SOUTH 20TH ST EASTON PA 18042

#### **FEBRUARY SERVICES**

Sunday 4 15th Sunday of Matthew

Sunday 11 16th Sunday of Matthew

Sunday 18 Sunday of the Canaanite; [Godparent's Sunday]

Sunday 25 Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee: Triodion Begins Today

Sunday School students will attend the Divine Liturgy at 10:00am,

receive Holy Communion and proceed to their classes.

ΦΕΒΡΟΥΑΡΙΟΣ - ΙΕΡΕΣ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΕΣ

Κυριακή 4 ΙΕ΄ Ματθαῖου (τοῦ Νομικού)

Κυριακή 11 ΙΣΤ΄ Ματθαῖου (τῶν Ταλάντων)

Κυριακή 18 ΙΖ΄ Ματθαῖου (τῆς Χαναναίας) (Κυριακή των Νονών]

Κυριακή 25 ΙΣΤ΄ Λουκᾶ (Τελώνου καί Φαρισαίου)

Κυριακή – Όρθρος - ώρα 8:45 πμ & Θεία Λειτουργία - ώρα 10:00πμ |

Οι μαθητές Κατηχητικού θα έρθουν πρώτα στην Θεία Λειτουργία ώρα 10:00πμ, μετά την Θεία Κοινωνία στις τάξεις τους.

#### Philoptochos

Monthly socials & philanthropic work.

#### Mission Statement:

Meaning, "friend of the poor," the Ladies Philoptochos Society is a vibrant source of fellowship and philanthropic service in our community. Their focus is to voluntarily aid the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the widowed, and to offer assistance to anyone who may need the help of the Church through special funds. The ladies are proud of the role of being the right arm and the charitable arm of our church. The ladies meet monthly to discuss business, fundraising projects, and prayer.

Contact: Penelope Alestas 610-248-4623

# FEB 18 PARISH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### **ARTICLE 31**

**Section 1:** A Parish Assembly may be convened for matters other than those involving canonical and dogmatic issues. The Parish Assembly is the general meeting of the Parishioners in good standing of the Parish and is the general policymaking and appropriating body of the Parish.

**Section 2:** Notice of a Parish Assembly shall be mailed to all Parishioners in good standing at least ten (10) days prior to the Assembly and shall include the agenda. The agenda shall be prepared by the Priest and the Parish Council and shall include all items to be discussed at the Assembly

**Section 3:** A Parish Assembly consists of parishioners in good standing of the

Parish who have met their stewardship obligations to the Parish in accordance with the Bylaws.

Parish Bylaws. A person whose name appears on the Stewardship rolls but who is in arrears in the payment of his/her stewardship obligations may take part in the Parish Assembly by meeting such stewardship obligations on or before the date of the meeting. If a Parishioner is delinquent for more than the current calendar year, he or she may vote at the Parish Assembly only after that parishioner has met the unfulfilled stewardship financial obligations at least thirty (30) days before the Parish Assembly

#### AGENDA:

- (1) PRAYER
- (2) ELECTION OF ASSEMBLY CHAIRPERSON
- (3) ELECTION OF SECRETARY Responsible for taking minutes
- (4) ACTUAL 2023 FIGURES
- (5) NEW BUSINESS

**CLOSING PRAYER** 

All members are reminded that financial obligations must be fulfilled 2023 in order to participate.

#### ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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#### PARISH PRIEST: FR. CONSTANTINE PAPADOPOULOS

Priest Home Phone 610-814-3449 Cell # 610-248-5775

## Saturday

Great Vespers

5pm



### 2024-2026 PARISH COUNCIL

Costas Alestas (610) 972-2964

Nicholas Alestas (484) 523-0161

Filippos Floros (484) 591-8390

Lambros Galanos (484) 767-1192

Dennis Gouskos (610) 217-0587

John Kariofillis (610) 905-3321

Spiros Tatakis (484) 747-5474

Greg Theodoropoulos (908) 619-4508

Kyriakos Torounidis (484) 542-0897

#### **GREEK LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS**

#### **SOCIETY OF EASTON PA**

**President:** Penelope Alestas

**2nd President:** Maria Fotopoulos

Vice President: Maria Georgalas

**2nd Vice President:** Maria Hatges

**Recording Secretary:** Bessie Moustakas

Treasurer: Niki Austin

## Sunday

Divine

Liturgy

10am

Parish

Organizations:
Please submit
your articles,
photos and information by the
15th of each
month for inclusion in the next
month's bulletin.
Thank you!

#### **PARISH ORGANIZATIONS**

Chantors: Sotiris Mikroudis Kostas Zalalas

**Sunday School Director:** 

Presvytera Evangelia Papadopoulos

**Greek Language School** 

Kelly Karaminas Maria Grigoras

JOY Advisors:

Presvytera Papadopoulos Kelly Fenu

GOYA Advisors: Presvytera. Evangelia Papadopoulos and

**Kelly Karaminas** 

**GREEK DANCING:** 

Kelly Karaminas

# FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION CHURCH SECRETARY

Church Stewardship/Membership

Sofia Malatos

Home (908) 500-0581

#### MONTHLY BULLETIN ORTHODOXIA

Church Email: annunciationpa@hotmail.com.

To receive via email send us an email.

The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church reserves the right to edit, alter or reject any content.

WEBSITE:

www. annunciation greek orthodox church of east on pa.org



## **SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11**

# **GYROS \$8.00**

## **SUPERBOWL SUNDAY (February 11)**

Greek School Students will be selling Gyros All profits will go towards our trip to Philadelphia for the Independence Day Parade

> \$8.00 each.....sold directly after Liturgy Order ahead for faster service Contact : Kelly Karaminas or Kelly Fenu





# **SAVE THE DATE**



## Philadelphia's Greek Independence Day Parade April 7, 2024

Please join us as our church marches in the parade
Bus leaves at 11:00am from church

For more information or to reserve your seat on the bus, please contact:

Kosta Karaminas......Kelly Karaminas.....Kelly Fenu.....Irene Kochman......Maria Grigoras



Parade will begin at  $22^{\rm nd}$  & Ben Franklin Parkway marching towards City Hall

## We would like to thank the following Annunciation parishioners for their

## **Stewardship Contributions** (as of 1/14/2024)

Anonymous Members 2024

Eric & Jennifer Adams 2024

Stavros & Doris Agapakis 2023

Costas & Bobbie Alestas 2023

Nicholas & Penelope Alestas 2023

Yiannis & Preeya Alestas 2023

Mr. & Mrs. Gus Anenoglou 2023

Angeliki Angelinas 2023

John & Zoe Apostolou 2024

Stephanie Apostolou & Giovani Russo 2022

Scott & Nicoletta Austin 2022

Austin Alexandria 2023

Catherine Bednar 2024

Stephen Bednar 2023

William & Jonette Bennett 2023

Panagiotis & Victoriya Billis 2023

Theodore & Betty Biniaris 2023

Dimitra Bonakis 2023

Frank & Xenia Bounoutas 2023

Georgia Bounoutas 2023

Michael & Kristine Boussios 2023

John & Roba Bozakis 2021

Panagiota Calendar 2022

Ioannis & Evdoxia Chalkias 2023

Richie & Christina Capitano 2023

Panagiotis & Stella Diafas 2021

**Dimitrios Diafas 2023** 

Aristothea Draklellis 2024

Elias & Patricia Ekonomidis 2022

Zoe Ekonomidis 2022

Argiris & Myria Eleththeriou 2023

Kelly Fenu 2024

Filippos Floros 2023

George Fotopoulos 2023

Maria Fotopoulos 2023

Theodora Fotopoulos 2023

Ellie Fouflias 2023

Anthony & Eleni Gabriel 2021

Yiannis & Evonne Gabrilis 2023

Lambros & Kathy Galanos 2022

Paraskevi & Dave Gelormo 2022

Annie Gentis 2023

Eleftherios & Maria Georgalas 2023

Anastaseos & Heather Giacoumopoulos 2022

Nicholas & Susan Giacoumopoulos 2024

Peter & Anastasia Giacoumopoulos 2023

Dennis & Eve Gouskos 2023

Aspasia Grigoras 2023

Maria Hatges 2022

Emmanuel & Paraskevi Hatzakis 2022

Anastasios & Carmelina Hatzakos 2023

George & Evonne Hatzakos 2023

Joanna Hatzis 2024

Vasso Hatzis 2024

George & Jamila Hortis 2022

Bill & Tammy Hronis 2023

Mr. & Mrs. Dimitrios Hronis 2023

Jeanne. Psitos. Joseph 2023

Dimitris & Mikaela Kalenderoglou 2022

Hellen.V. Kana 2022

Gus & Jean Karaliotis 2023

Avgoustis Karaminas 2022

Evangelos & Maria Karaminas 2023

Kostas & Kelly Karaminas 2023

Pavlos Karanikas 2023

John & Kathy Kariofillis 2023

Konstantinos Kariofillis 2023

Stavros Kariofillis 2023

Maria Kastrinakis/Marc Devlin 2022

Victoria Kastrinakis 2024

Eleni Kiniropoulos 2023

Stelios & Eleni Kiniropoulos 2023

Savvas & Rachel Kiprislis 2023

John & Irene Kochman 2023

Spiro Kounoupis 2023

Theodora Kounoupis 2023

Konstantinos Kouros 2023

Le Truong/Marilyn Ekonomidis 2022

Maria Loukeris 2023

Christina Xenakis Lousos 2023

Nikolaos & Sofia Malatos 2023

John & Anastasia Mandilas 2023

Aristides & Eleni Manolas 2023

Christos & Deana Manolas 2023

Fotis & Jaclyn Manolas 2023

Nicholas Manolas 2023

James Maroldi 2023

Chrisanthi Mechalakos 2023

Dennis & Martha Mihalopoulos 2023

Efstathia Mihalopoulos 2023

## **2023 Stewardship Contributions** (as of 1/14/2024)

Argie Mikroudis 2024

Sotiris & Kaliope Mikroudis 2024

Bessie Moustakas 2024

Georgia Nehme 2023

Nicolaos & Kaliope Nicolaou 2023

Jeff & Voula Ostermiller 2023

Christos & Nina Papadopoulos 2023

Nektaria Papadopoulos 2023

Panagiota Papadopoulos 2023

Dimitris & Maria Papageorgiou 2023

Emmanouil & Paraskevoula Papageorgiou 2022

Ekaterina Papoutsidakis 2023

Christos & Efstathia Parashos 2022

**Demetrios Parashos 2023** 

Nicholas & Megan Parashos 2023

Hariton & Roula Parashos 2023

Yiannis & Alexis Pavlis 2021

Mr. & Mrs. Costas Pirlis 2023

Marianthy Prodes 2023

Nicholas & Aspasia Prodes 2024

Thomas Prodes 2024

Athanasios Psitos 2024

George & Jaclynn Psitos 2023

Theodore & Vaso Psitos 2023

Rosenthal Irene 2023

George & Dana Samouhos 2023

Eleni Savvidou 2023

George Sitaras 2023

Nicholas & Angeliki Sitaras 2024

Miltiades & Maria Sumelides 2023

Vasiliki Sumelides 2022

Dean & Magda Tantaros 2024

Spiros & Maria Tatakis 2024

Gregory & Sofia Theodoropoulos 2022

John & Sophia Theodoropoulos 2024

Nicholas & Catherine Theodorou 2023

Anastasios & Brittney Torounidis 2022

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Kyriakos & Christina Torounidis 2024

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Savvas & Maria Torunidis 2023

George & Panagiota Triantafyllos 2023

Konstantinos & Loukia Tsiamalos 2022

Nicholas Tsiounis 2023

Anna K Velesaris 2023

Anne Jim Melitsa Velesaris 2022

Richard & Anastasia Williams 2024

Anthony & Kerasia Xenakis 2023

Angela Xenakis 2023

Brandon & Sylvia Youngkin 2023

Costa & Eleni Zambas 2023

Efstathios & Maria Zambas 2023

Myrofora.C Zambas 2023

Kathy Vayda Zavitsanos 2023

Ghiorghita Zebelean 2023

Alex Zikas 2024

Nikandra Zikas 2024

Invoices being sent out in the mail

For Church Membership, Greek School

### **PAY PAL**

You can now use your credit card to make donations to the Church and help support its works and ministries. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Need more info send a text or call Sofia for more info: 908-500-0581

The QR Code below you have the option of making the following:

- -Stewardship
- -Festival
- -Greek School
- -Memorial
- -Donation

#### **SCAN QR CODE**



## ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH EASTON PA

319 SOUTH 20TH STREET EASTON, PA 18042

## STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARD 2024

"I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit."  $-J_{\text{ohn}}$  15:16

Information			Treasure			
NAME	19.36	2.2	In gratitude for God's blessings, I/We commit to Christ and His Church the following amount:			
NAME OF SPOUSE (IF MARRIED)		K STEEL	(Please pick one that best suits your giving			
STREET ADDRESS			schedule. All pledges are calculated annually by the business office.)			
CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE		2.	\$YEARLY			
HOME PHONE		43	\$ MONTHLY			
MOBILE PHONE	A STATE		\$ WEEKLY			
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information you would like excluded:	Stewardship (Envelope)	#	May we add you to our parish email list?			
	Entered in System:		□ yes □ no			
TIME & TALENT  Individual stewards should indicate areas of interest with an X. Families should mark "H" for husband, "W" for wife or "C" for children						
LITURGICAL	Seniors VIP Ministry	EDUCATION	BUILDING & GROUNDS			
Sanctuary & Altar Care	Greek Festival	Bible Study	Garden & Landscape			
_Altar boys / AcolytesPhiloptochos		Intro to Orthodoxy	Plumbing			
_	AHEPA	Speakers	Electrical			
_Choir	Daughters of Penelope	Bookstore	Clean-up			
_	Golf Tournament	Greek School	Interior Repairs			
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	Fiscal Mgt/Review	Sunday School Adminis				
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	Data Entry	Greek Dance Groups				
Grief Bereavement Group	Data Entry	Mom's Group	<del></del>			
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GODPARENTS' SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 18TH Please join us as we celebrate and pray for this special relationship and ask for God's blessing on godparents and godchildren everywhere.

A Day for Godparents, Godchildren, Family and Friends to Worship God Together.

Following the Divine Liturgy please join us for fellowship and refreshments in the Social Hall.

# ent Sunday Celebration By Eleni Kallaur

Alleluia."

The role of the Godparent in the Orthodox Churchis an important one. Along with the parents, the Godparent is charged with the responsibility of assisting in the spiritual development of the child.

In some cultures the Godparent is addressed by a special name ( an example is nouno/nouna in Greek.) Whether a blood relative or not, the

Godparent is now embraced as part of the "spiritual family" of that child.

Although great care and many prayers are put forth by the parents in choosing the Godparent for their child, sometimes after Godchild. Send a letter at the beginning of a church the baptism the relationship does not grow. Other than the occasional birthday and Christmas gifts, some Godchildren and Godparents rarely see or talk to each other. As with any relationship, this spiritual one needs to be fostered and cared for in order for it to develop.

The best way for this relationship to grow is through prayer. Pray for your Godchild and his or her parents, and the parents should encourage their child to pray for the Godparents. By doing this

you are encouraging a relationship and giving it the spiritual basis on which to mature.

Other practical ideas for maintaining a relationship with your Godchild are to celebrate the anniversary of the baptism with a the development of the relationship. It is the card or a telephone call.

Along with learning about the child's patron saint, learn about the saint whose feast day is celebrated on the date of his or her baptism and share the story of that saint's life with your Godchild.

Model your faith through your actions. Understand the sacra- vary according to local custom. ments as well as the teachings of the church so that you will be able to answer questions that your Godchild may have.

Encourage the faith life through the types of gifts that you give your Godchild. Some examples of gifts are a bible, prayer book, books on the lives of saints, prayer rope, etc.

Honoring the Role of Godparent In Your Parish With a Godpar- By doing this you are giving tools to help your Godchild grow in the faith, and

"Those who have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ... are helping him/her to start a personal library of Orthodox teachings.

> If you live in close proximity to your Godchild make yourself available to spend time with him or her. Find out when school activities and sports events are scheduled and try to go to a few. Plan a special time, whether for lunch or a trip to the zoo, to be with your Godchild. These times together will only help to make your relationship closer.

If you live far away, call, write, or email your season (Advent, Lent, etc.) to let him or her know that you will be praying for him. If possible, plan visits to see your Godchild.

#### Godparent/Godchild Sunday Feb 18 2024

One way that your church can play a significant role in honoring and fostering this relationship is by hosting a Godparent/Godchild Sunday. By doing this, the church as a community calls to mind the importance of this bond in Christ, and encourages customary practice in the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese to celebrate Godparent Sunday on the Sunday after the Feast of the Presentation of Christ. However, the time and celebration of this event may

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Every Sunday after Divine Liturgy

We all come to enjoy our Fellowship and get together we are in need of sponsors for each Sunday.

Sign up form is in the Social Hall or you may Contact

Panagiota Triantafyllos.