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**Thomas Sunday – April 27, 2025**



**Χριστὸς Ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς Ἀνέστη!**  
**Christ is Risen! Truly He has Risen!**



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**TODAY WE COMMEMORATE...**

Thomas Sunday, Martyrs Emmanuel, Theodore, George, Michael and the other George of Samothrace, The Holy Hieromartyr Symeon, Kinsman of the Lord, Eulogios the Innkeeper of Constantinople

**COFFEE HOUR...**

*All visitors and guests are encouraged to come to Coffee Hour so we may welcome you!*

Coffee Hour today is hosted by Philoptochos – Easter Reception.



**MAY THE LORD REMEMBER...**

**Trisagions and Memorials for NEXT Sunday, May 4, 2025**

40-Day Trisagion for Peter Margaritis  
2-Year Memorial for Nick Avradopoulos  
May their memory be eternal!



**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS**

*Please pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ at today's Divine Liturgy and throughout the week.*

Anastasia Arvanetes – Avondale Woods Dublin  
Vicky Constantinidis-Gardikes – Recovering at home  
Theo Epitropoulos – Recovering at home  
Helen Gardikes – Willow Brook Christian Home Lazelle Rd.  
Minnie Kargiotis – Recovering at home  
Shirley Karageorge – Recovering at home

Dr. John Passias – New Albany Care Center  
Nicoletta Potter – (granddaughter of Karen Kontras) At home.  
Rev. Fr. John Stavropoulos – Recovering at home  
Helen Tornik – Mayfair Village – Columbus  
Mother Theadelphi

*If you would like the priest to visit a friend or family member, or if you would like your name (or the name of a loved one) added to this list, please contact the Cathedral Office.*

## **WELCOME TO THE ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL!**

We are so happy that you are worshipping with us today! If you are visiting, please fill out a "Visitor Information Card," located in the Narthex, and give it to a Parish Council member at the candle stand in the Narthex. If you are an Orthodox Christian new to the Columbus area, or if you would like to know more about becoming an Orthodox Christian, please introduce yourself to one of the priests who would be most happy to meet with you and discuss membership in our Cathedral. It is our desire that you make the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral your spiritual home! May God richly bless you and your family!

## **FOR THE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

We welcome all Christians not fully united with us. It is a consequence of the sad divisions of Christianity that we cannot extend to all a general invitation to receive Holy Communion. Orthodox Christians believe that the Eucharist is an action of the celebrating community signifying a oneness in faith, life, and worship. Reception of the Eucharist by Christians not fully united with us would imply a oneness which does not yet exist and for which we must all pray.

## **DIVINE LITURGY BOOK**

There are additions that are used in a monastery, but not necessarily in a parish church. Please refer to the following instructions:

- The variable Small Entrance hymns (next page) are sung on Page 13.
- After the Gospel reading on Page 19, go to Page 29.
- On Page 51-53, skip the petitions that are in red.
- After Page 57, skip to Page 61 (60-61). Note the word change and addition to the pre-communion prayer.

Thanksgiving prayers start on Page 73.

## **\*\*\*IMPORTANT – HOLY COMMUNION INFORMATION\*\*\***

### **Release of the Pews for Holy Communion**

As you know quite a few people receive Holy Communion on Sunday morning (glory to God). Do not be in a rush. There is plenty for everyone. It takes a while, but we can shorten the time with the following instructions. Please approach in the following order as instructed by the parish council member on duty. If you have a special need or circumstance, they will let you in the line as appropriate:

### **Order to Receive Holy Communion**

1. Newly Baptized and Christmated Orthodox Christians as well as young families with children approach the altar first.
2. Persons with special needs.
3. Any child and teacher attending church school - Let the parish council person know when you approach the aisle for Holy Communion and they will guide you to get in line.
4. Parish council would then release pew by pew starting with the front pew and work our way back.
5. When the choir is singing - The choir and people coming down from the choir loft with the choir should approach down the middle aisle. Two members of the parish council who will be releasing the pews will instruct the choir to feed into the existing line. Once the choir and persons from the loft have fed through the line, the PC will continue to let the rows of pews out through the middle aisle.
6. When the choir is not singing - PC will release pew by pew. People in the loft should wait with others in the narthex until the PC releases you to come down the middle aisle.
7. Parish Council is trying to help - Two members of the parish council will release the pews and two members of the PC will be up front by the first pews to keep the line moving by pointing the communicants to get in line towards a chalice. Many times people are waiting in the middle aisle by the front pew until a chalice is open. Please keep the flow moving and get in line towards the intended chalice immediately. (If you have a special need or circumstance, please let a PC member know when you approach the middle aisle and they will guide you to get in line. Otherwise, we thank you for your patience and prayers.).

### **How do I receive Holy Communion?**

Approach in silence and prayer. You can do a prostration before you approach or the sign of the Cross.

Important - please put the cloth under your chin so nothing falls. Come close to the chalice. Look up and open your mouth wide. Do not look down. Do not move your head or back it away. Do not move your mouth. We do not want anything to fall. Either close your mouth when you receive it immediately or keep it wide open and it will be dropped into your mouth. After receiving, dab your lips with the cloth and move away from the chalice slowly so you do not hit it. As you walk away, do the sign of the Cross, and give glory to God.

## Hymns for This Morning

### **Resurrectional Apolytikion, Mode pl. 1**

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ  
θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς  
μνήμασι, ζωὴν χαρισάμενος.

Christ is risen from the dead, by death  
trampling down upon death, and to those in  
the tombs He has granted life.

### **Entrance Hymn, Mode 2**

Ἐν ἐκκλησίαις εὐλογεῖτε τὸν Θεόν,  
Κύριον ἐκ πηγῶν Ἰσραήλ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς  
Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν,  
ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Bless God in the churches, the Lord from  
the fountains of Israel. Save us, O Son of  
God, risen from the dead, We sing to You,  
Alleluia.

### **Apolytikion, Grave Mode**

Ἐσφραγισμένου τοῦ μνήματος, ἡ Ζωὴ  
ἐκ τάφου ἀνέτειλας Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, καὶ  
τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων, τοῖς  
Μαθηταῖς ἐπέστης, ἡ πάντων  
ἀνάστασις· Πνεῦμα εὐθὲς δι' αὐτῶν  
ἐγκαινίζων ἡμῖν, κατὰ τὸ μέγα σου  
ἔλεος.

O Life, You rose from the sepulcher, even  
though the tomb was secured with a seal, O  
Christ God. Then, although the doors were  
shut, You came to Your Disciples, O  
Resurrection of all. Through them You  
renew a right spirit in us, according to Your  
great mercy.

### **Kontakion, Mode pl. 4**

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες Ἀθάνατε,  
ἀλλὰ τοῦ ᾄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν·  
καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστὲ ὁ  
Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις  
φθεγξάμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς  
Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ  
τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

Though You went down into the tomb, O  
Immortal One, yet You brought down the  
dominion of Hades; and You rose as the  
victor, O Christ our God; and You called out  
"Rejoice" to the Myrrh-bearing women, and  
gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to  
the fallen grant resurrection.



## THE EPISTLE READING

### ΠΡΟΚΕΙΜΕΝΟΝ

ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 146.5;134.3

Μέγας ὁ Κύριος ἡμῶν, καὶ μεγάλη ἡ ἰσχὺς  
αὐτοῦ.

Στίχ. Αἰνεῖτε τὸν Κύριον, ὅτι ἀγαθός.

Πράξεις Ἀποστόλων 5:12-20

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκείναις, διὰ δὲ τῶν χειρῶν  
τῶν ἀποστόλων ἐγένετο σημεῖα καὶ τέρατα ἐν  
τῷ λαῷ πολλά· καὶ ἦσαν ὁμοθυμαδὸν ἅπαντες  
ἐν τῇ στοᾷ Σολομῶντος. Τῶν δὲ λοιπῶν οὐδεὶς  
ἐτόλμα κολλᾶσθαι αὐτοῖς, ἀλλ' ἐμεγάλυνεν  
αὐτοὺς ὁ λαός· μᾶλλον δὲ προσετίθεντο  
πιστεύοντες τῷ κυρίῳ, πλήθη ἀνδρῶν τε καὶ  
γυναικῶν· ὥστε κατὰ τὰς πλατείας ἐκφέρειν  
τοὺς ἀσθενεῖς, καὶ τιθέναι ἐπὶ κλινῶν καὶ  
κραββάτων, ἵνα ἐρχομένου Πέτρου κἂν ἡ σκιά  
ἐπισκιάσῃ τινὶ αὐτῶν. Συνήρχετο δὲ καὶ τὸ  
πλῆθος τῶν πέριξ πόλεων εἰς Ἱερουσαλὴμ,  
φέροντες ἀσθενεῖς καὶ ὀχλουμένους ὑπὸ  
πνευμάτων ἀκαθάρτων, οἵτινες ἐθεραπεύοντο  
ἅπαντες. Ἀναστὰς δὲ ὁ ἀρχιερεὺς καὶ πάντες οἱ  
σὺν αὐτῷ - ἡ οὖσα αἵρεσις τῶν Σαδδουκαίων -  
ἐπλήσθησαν ζήλου, καὶ ἐπέβαλον τὰς χεῖρας  
αὐτῶν ἐπὶ τοὺς ἀποστόλους, καὶ ἔθεντο αὐτοὺς  
ἐν τηρήσει δημοσίᾳ. Ἄγγελος δὲ κυρίου διὰ τῆς  
νυκτὸς ἤνοιξεν τὰς θύρας τῆς φυλακῆς,  
ἐξαγαγὼν τε αὐτοὺς εἶπεν, Πορεύεσθε, καὶ  
σταθέντες λαλεῖτε ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ τῷ λαῷ πάντα τὰ  
ῥήματα τῆς ζωῆς ταύτης.

### PROKEIMENON

Psalm 146.5;134.3

Great is our Lord, and great is his power.  
Verse: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

Acts of the Apostles 5:12-20

In those days, many signs and wonders were done  
among the people by the hands of the apostles. And  
they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of  
the rest dared join them, but the people held them in  
high honor. And more than ever believers were added  
to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so  
that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and  
laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at  
least his shadow might fall on some of them. The  
people also gathered from the towns around  
Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with  
unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high  
priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the  
party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they  
arrested the apostles and put them in the common  
prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the  
prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and  
stand in the temple and speak to the people all the  
words of this Life."



## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

### The Gospel According to John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe." Eight days later, His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and My God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, you may have life in His name.

### Κατὰ Ἰωάννην 20:19-31

Οὔσης ὀψίας τῇ ἡμέρᾳ ἐκείνῃ τῇ μιᾷ τῶν σαββάτων, καὶ τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων ὅπου ἦσαν οἱ μαθηταὶ συνηγμένοι διὰ τὸν φόβον τῶν Ἰουδαίων, ἦλθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς καὶ ἔστη εἰς τὸ μέσον, καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· Εἰρήνῃ ὑμῖν. Καὶ τοῦτο εἰπὼν ἔδειξεν αὐτοῖς τὰς χεῖρας καὶ τὴν πλευρὰν αὐτοῦ· ἐχάρησαν οὖν οἱ μαθηταὶ ἰδόντες τὸν Κύριον. Εἶπεν οὖν αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς πάλιν· Εἰρήνῃ ὑμῖν, καθὼς ἀπέσταλκέ με ὁ πατήρ, καὶ γὰρ πέμπω ὑμᾶς. Καὶ τοῦτο εἰπὼν ἐνεφύσησε καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· Λάβετε Πνεῦμα Ἅγιον. Ἄν τινων ἀφῆτε τὰς ἁμαρτίας, ἀφίενται αὐτοῖς, ἂν τινων κρατῆτε, κεκράτηνται. Θωμᾶς δέ, εἷς ἐκ τῶν δώδεκα, ὁ λεγόμενος Δίδυμος, οὐκ ἦν μετ' αὐτῶν ὅτε ἦλθεν Ἰησοῦς· ἔλεγον οὖν αὐτῷ οἱ ἄλλοι μαθηταί· Ἐωράκαμεν τὸν Κύριον. Ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· Ἐὰν μὴ ἴδω ἐν ταῖς χερσὶν αὐτοῦ τὸν τύπον τῶν ἥλων, καὶ βάλῃ τὸν δάκτυλόν μου εἰς τὸν τύπον τῶν ἥλων, καὶ βάλῃ τὴν χεῖρά μου εἰς τὴν πλευρὰν αὐτοῦ, οὐ μὴ πιστεύσω. Καὶ μεθ' ἡμέρας ὁκτώ πάλιν ἦσαν ἔσω οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ, καὶ Θωμᾶς μετ' αὐτῶν. Ἐρχεται ὁ Ἰησοῦς τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων, καὶ ἔστη εἰς τὸ μέσον καὶ εἶπεν· Εἰρήνῃ ὑμῖν. Εἶτα λέγει τῷ Θωμᾷ· φέρε τὸν δάκτυλόν σου ᾧδε, καὶ ἴδε τὰς χεῖράς μου. καὶ φέρε τὴν χεῖρά σου καὶ βάλε εἰς τὴν πλευρὰν μου, καὶ μὴ γίνου ἄπιστος ἀλλὰ πιστός. Καὶ ἀπεκρίθη ὁ Θωμᾶς, καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· Ὁ Κύριός μου καὶ ὁ Θεός μου. Λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· Ὅτι ἑώρακάς με πεπίστευκας, μακάριοι οἱ μὴ ἰδόντες, καὶ πιστεύσαντες. Πολλὰ μὲν οὖν καὶ ἄλλα σημεῖα ἐποίησεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐνώπιον τῶν μαθητῶν αὐτοῦ, ἃ οὐκ ἔστιν γεγραμμένα ἐν τῷ βιβλίῳ τούτῳ· ταῦτα δὲ γέγραπται ἵνα πιστεύσητε ὅτι ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐστὶν ὁ Χριστὸς ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, καὶ ἵνα πιστεύοντες, ζωὴν ἔχητε ἐν τῷ ὀνόματι αὐτοῦ.

# ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Thomas Sunday	April 27, 2025	<b>Thomas Sunday</b> <b>Name Tag Sunday</b> Matins 8:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Little Lamb, JOY, and Greek School Easter Egg Hunt – 11:20 a.m. <b>**Middle &amp; High School Church School class is to proceed to the hall after Communion to assist Eugenia Lagos and Christina Metsika Doray with hiding the eggs for the egg hunt.**</b> Philoptochos Reception and Easter Egg Hunt – 11:20 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday	April 30, 2025	Little Lambs – Rooms 111 & 113 – 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Men's Church Basketball – Gym – 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday	May 3, 2025	Choir Rehearsal – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Greek School – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Sunday of the Myrrh-bearers	May 4, 2025	<b>Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers</b> Matins 8:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. 40-Day Trisagion for Peter Margaritis 2-Year Memorial for Nick Avradopoulos Dance Practice – Gym – 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

<https://www.greekcathedral.com/live-video/>

## IMPORTANT DATES, REMINDERS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NAME TAG SUNDAY

We are having Name Tag Sunday today to help Fr Savvas, Presvytera Sarah and the many new members of our parish family, attach names to faces. Please wear a name tag and consider introducing yourself to someone new during today's coffee hour reception.

### BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Any items that you wish to appear in the Weekly Bulletin must be submitted to the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral Office (secretary@greekcathedral.com) by **Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.** Please note that announcements may be altered to comply with style, formatting, and space constraints. We appreciate your thoughtful cooperation.

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. All members of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral in-good-standing are welcome to attend all parish council meetings.



### SPRING PARISH GENERAL ASSEMBLY – MAY 18, 2025

The Spring Parish General Assembly meeting for the members-in-good-standing will be held Sunday, May 18, 2025, immediately after Divine Liturgy. According to the Uniform Parish Regulations *only* members-in-good-standing of the Columbus, Ohio Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral are allowed to participate and vote in Parish Assemblies. All members *must* sign the attendance roster at the door. The Agenda will be mailed out soon, or you can pick one up at the candle stand on May 18th.

Per Article 31 (Parish Assembly) of the Archdiocesan Regulations Uniform Parish Regulations (December 2017):

“...if a quorum cannot be achieved, no vote can be taken. If a quorum is not present, the Parish Assembly shall be called a second time within twenty-one (21) days. At such time, decisions may be taken by the number of parishioners in good standing present, with the exception of matters pertaining to the purchase, sale or encumbering of Parish property, in which case a quorum of parishioners in good standing shall be required.”

### ATTENTION GREEK DANCERS: PLEASE RETURN YOUR OLD COSTUMES

Hello Greek Dancers! As we look ahead to this year's festival, we want to make sure everyone has a costume that fits them. If you've grown out of your costume, are not planning on dancing this year, or have moved up to the next group, please return your old costume. We're especially in need of more ZOEE girls' costumes, so if you have one you are not using, please bring it in. Our next practice is after church on Sunday, May 4 - costumes can be brought to the gym then. Thanks so much! OPA OPA!

## Weekly Announcements

PHILOPTOCHOS



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*Please read through the many ways you can help our church prepare for and celebrate the joy of Christ's Resurrection.*

### **ST. THOMAS SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR RECEPTION HOSTED BY PHILOPTOCHOS**

*Sunday, April 27th following Divine Liturgy - join us in the social hall for a light reception in celebration of our Lord's Glorious Resurrection*

*Easter Egg Hunt for the children.*

### **HELP DELIVER PASCHAL MEALS TO OUR PARISH FAMILY MEMBERS ON OUR VISITATION LIST**

*Tuesday, April 29th*

*2:00PM - packaging of meals - church kitchen*

*3:00PM - 5:00PM - deliver meals*

For more information, contact: [deborah.pries@gmail.com](mailto:deborah.pries@gmail.com)

### **SAVE THE DATE !!!!**

### **SUNDAY, MAY 4TH - PHILOPTOCHOS LUNCHEON AND ELECTIONS**

*12:30 PM Bravo Italian Kitchen Lennox, 1803 Olentangy River Rd*

*Menu: Freshly-baked Focaccia Bread, Insalata Della Casa, Herb Linguine, Chicken Parmesan and Petite Dessert*

*Guest Speaker: Ken Vitellas with EnergizeCare to present on respite program for caregivers of loved ones with early onset Alzheimer's disease and volunteer opportunities*

*RSVP by Wednesday, April 30th \$40.00 per person*

## Easter Baskets for CHOICES



Thanks to everyone who donated Easter baskets for the children at CHOICES. We are blessed to have so many caring people in our community. AND, we are thrilled that we met our goal and a little beyond! A total of 36 baskets and multiple bags of candy were donated this year. This is just one of the many Philoptochos projects that make a difference in a someone's life. Thank you again!

*~Philoptochos*



# **The Ionian Village Summer Camp Experience**

## **What Are You Waiting For? Come and Join Us!**



Ionian Village is like nothing you have ever experienced. Our campers and Staff come not only to understand their Orthodox Faith and Hellenic Culture in a more realistic and tangible way but also to meet and interact with other young people just like them from all over the country. Through this interaction, their eyes are opened as to what the reality of being an Orthodox Christian in this world truly should be; to be people who live Christ-centered lives, to be people of love.

Ionian Village offers two fun-filled sessions. Each session is identical in daily schedule and travel locations, so your camper may choose the session that best fits their summer plans and school schedule. Both sessions are open to campers who are currently in 9th grade through those who will complete the 12th grade in the spring of 2025.

### **2025 Summer Camp**

- Session One: June 22 – July 11, 2025
- Session Two: July 20 – August 8, 2025

The cost of a summer camp session is \$6,000. Registration for summer 2025 opened February 1, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. EST. Don't miss your chance to experience this incredible adventure! Registration fills up quickly! If you have any questions, you can contact Sharon Black at [sharonk.black3@gmail.com](mailto:sharonk.black3@gmail.com).

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### **SEVENTH ANNUAL IONIAN VILLAGE SCHOLARSHIPS \*\*\*\*DEADLINE IS MAY 16, 2025\*\*\*\***

A generous Annunciation parishioner has initiated a program to award two full-paid scholarships to attend Ionian Village in the summer of 2025. The Scholarship covers airfare to and from New York City as well as camp fees. In addition, awardees will receive a stipend of \$500 to cover incidental expenses. The Ionian Village is a ministry hosted by the Archdiocese. The mission of Ionian Village is to enrich the lives of its participants by bringing campers and staff into close contact with their Orthodox faith and Hellenic heritage. Ionian Village provides the opportunity for young people of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America to Greece to foster a life-long appreciation and love of Greece, Orthodoxy, and Hellenism.

This Scholarship will be awarded to two candidates from our Annunciation Cathedral demonstrating the desire to enrich their lives by learning more about the Orthodox Faith and the Hellenic Culture. The application process will include an essay, letters of recommendation, and a potential interview with the selection committee. All personal information will be held in strict confidence. Candidates must be Greek Orthodox and from a family considered a steward of our community. Candidates must be in high school grades 9-12. There are two sessions:

### **2025 Ionian Summer Camp**

- Session One: June 22 – July 11, 2025
- Session Two: July 20 – August 8, 2025

Application deadline is Friday, May 16, 2025. Details of Ionian Village are available at <https://www.ionianvillage.org/summer-camp>. Application materials will be available soon by emailing Sharon Black at [sharonk.black3@gmail.com](mailto:sharonk.black3@gmail.com).

**TO SIGN UP TO ATTEND, YOU MUST REGISTER.**

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## CATHEDRAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The application forms for the Cathedral Scholarship are available in the main entrance of the church, or by calling the church office. They must be completed and returned to the Cathedral office by **Monday, June 30, 2025 – NO EXCEPTIONS**. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Black at [sharonk.black3@gmail.com](mailto:sharonk.black3@gmail.com)

## K.N. STRAVELAKIS SCHOLARSHIP

The K.N. Stravelakis Scholarship for graduate or professional studies is being offered again this year. Grants in the amount of \$500 to \$1,500 are awarded annually to a limited number of qualified applicants. Application forms are available by calling the church office or you may contact Ria Genoozis Harvey at [williamharvey6147@att.net](mailto:williamharvey6147@att.net). Applications for the 2025-2026 academic year are **due by Monday, June 30, 2025 – NO EXCEPTIONS**.



Applicants must be graduating high school seniors enrolling in a 4-year accredited U.S. university this fall and a member of a Greek Orthodox parish. Application and eligibility details are available at [thefaithendowment.org/scholarships](http://thefaithendowment.org/scholarships). Application deadline is June 24, 2025. This scholarship program aims to support the best and brightest graduating high-school seniors in the Hellenic-American Greek Orthodox community. Scholarships are awarded on a merit basis with applicants given the option to be considered for additional financial need-based allocations. For any questions or inquiries, please don't hesitate to call us (212) 803-9363 or email us at [info@thefaithendowment.org](mailto:info@thefaithendowment.org). Flyers are located in the Narthex and the main entrance of the church.



## SUMMER CAMP UPDATES!

**We are blessed to have 344 campers registered so far!**

**Week 1: 28 spots remain**

**Week 2: 45 spots remain**

**Week 3: Join the Waitlist**

**Week 4: 18 spots remain**

***Early Registration closes in TWO WEEKS  
on Thursday, May 8th at 11:59 pm!***

**Metropolis of Pittsburgh Camp**

Week 1: June 15-21  
2nd-4th Grade

Week 2: June 22-28  
5th-7th Grade

Week 3: June 29-July 5  
7th-9th Grade

Week 4: July 6-12  
10th-12th Grade

**Early Registration:** April 8th at 7:00 pm - May 8th at 11:59 pm  
**Regular Registration:** May 9th at 12:00 am - June 1st at 11:59 pm  
**More information:** [y2am.pittsburgh.goarch.org/summercamp](http://y2am.pittsburgh.goarch.org/summercamp)

We are so grateful for the generous funding of the Archbishop Elpidophoros Camp Fund, Leadership 100, and the Damon Halkias Fund who are providing financial assistance to anyone who is in need. We highly encourage you to apply!

Applications can be found [here](#)!

**Applications are due Thursday, May 1st!**

We humbly ask for your prayers as we begin the journey of an incredible summer with our campers. Please feel free to let us know if you have any questions about our program, or visit:

**[y2am.pittsburgh.goarch.org/summercamp](http://y2am.pittsburgh.goarch.org/summercamp)**



Thank you for your continued support of Star House through your generous donation of new items. Please place **NEW** items in the Star House container in the main coat room. **Star House seasonal and general priority needs include:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Winter coats</li><li>• Large, insulated gloves</li><li>• Large wool socks</li><li>• Winter hats</li><li>• Hand warmers</li><li>• New underwear for men and women (boxer/boxer briefs preferred for men)</li><li>• Sweatpants</li><li>• Women's jeans of all sizes, especially large</li><li>• Leggings</li><li>• Solid color T-shirts</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Boots and Shoes (comfortable for walking long distances)</li><li>• Bikes</li><li>• Tents</li><li>• Backpacks</li><li>• Blankets</li><li>• African American haircare products (oils and gels)</li><li>• Sleeping bags</li><li>• Large towels</li><li>• Other men's and women's clothing (all kinds)</li></ul> |
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Contact Helen Rankin, Diane Chakalis, or Nancy Paparodis if you have questions.

## BABY DIAPER & WIPES DRIVE IS NOW AN ONGOING MINISTRY



We heard that babies and toddlers in Columbus needed diapers and we responded. We had no idea that each time we arrived with a new load of diapers, they would be received with such exuberance and gratitude. Packages were literally opened on the spot and donated immediately. Realizing that there is such a tremendous need, we feel called to continue to collect diapers and wipes as an ongoing ministry. Your overwhelming support and donations have been greatly appreciated by both agencies where we made deliveries. They were able to disperse over 2,000 diapers on our behalf. This ministry would not be possible without your generous support and love for the tiniest people in our communities. May God bless all the little babies and families undergoing financial hardship in the Greater Columbus area.



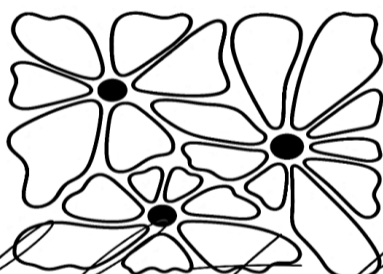
- We are collecting size 4 and up baby diapers, pull-ups, swimmers and baby wipes.
- Donations will benefit the *Columbus Diaper Coalition* and the *Worthington Resource Pantry* (serving North Columbus, Westerville, Worthington and Galena).
- Diapers are not covered under public assistance programs that help with other basic needs facing families.
- Fresh, clean diapers will help us provide a basic necessity for the health and happiness of families and babies.



**Donations can be placed in the plastic bin marked "Baby Diaper & Wipes Drive" in the main coat room. Thank you for your generosity.**

# PHILOPTOCHOS

Join us for  
**LUNCHEON & ELECTIONS**



**SUNDAY, MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**12:30 pm**

Bravo Italian Kitchen  
1803 Olentangy River Rd.

*Menu*

freshly-baked focaccia bread, insalata della casa, herb linguine,  
chicken parmesan, and petite dessert  
**\$40**

*Guest Speaker*

Ken Vitellas with EnergizeCare to present on a respite program for caregivers of loved ones with early onset Alzheimer's disease and volunteer opportunities



Kindly RSVP to Deborah Pries by Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

## **Juniors and ZOE DANCERS along with the Adult (ALUMNI) Group DANCE PRACTICE SCHEDULE 2025**

### **SUNDAYS**

May 4 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup>	June 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup>
June – 1 <sup>st</sup>	July – 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup>
** June - 8 <sup>th</sup> **	August – 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup>

**\*\*NOTE TIME CHANGE FOR June 8th**  
**PENTECOST: (12:30PM – 2:00PM)**

When Catechetical School is in session times are:  
(12:00 noon - 1:30pm)

When Catechetical School is NOT in session times are:  
(11:30am – 1:00pm)

If you need to reach me, please call my cell # 614.778.3219. May God continue to bless all of you!!!

With Love In Christ, Vicky Constantinidis – Gardikes, Dance Director  
OPA!!! OPA!!! OPA!!!



# Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral | Columbus, OH



Vacation Bible School Session #1: The Ascension of Christ  
May 28-30, 2025: 9 AM - 12 PM

Divine Liturgy for Ascension on May 29<sup>th</sup> begins at 9 AM

RSVP to [youth@greekcathedral.com](mailto:youth@greekcathedral.com) by May 23rd