Sunday, August 16th  10th Sunday of Matthew
8:15 AM  Orthros  
9:30 AM  Divine Liturgy  
12:00 PM  Adult Baptism/Chrismation/Wedding

TUESDAY, August 18th
7:30 PM  Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 19th
6:00 PM  Live Stream Book Study  
w/ Fr. Hector
7:00 PM  Paraklesis during a Pandemic

Thursday, August 20th
10:00 AM  Women’s Virtual Orthodox Book Study

Friday, August 21st
9:00 AM  Paraklesis to The Theotokos
5:00 PM  Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, August 22nd
3:00 PM  Wedding
7:00 PM  Vespers

Sunday August 23rd
4:00 PM  GOYA Summer Meeting & Elections  
Amos Herr Park, Landisville

OCMC Coin Boxes
Please remember to bring your filled Coin Boxes to Church or drop them off in the Church Office.  
The money is used to help missionaries share the Church or drop them off in the Church Office.  
Please remember to bring your filled Coin Boxes to Sunday, August 23rd.

Liturgical Reminders

Sunday Worship Attire
Please remember that during the warm weather months, entering the sanctuary is still a sacred experience which our attire should reflect.

Wearing Masks during Services
Out of humble obedience and love for your neighbor, please wear your mask during the services since we are many people singing in an enclosed space.

We ask that you do not congregate in the Narthex at the dismissal of the services.

Fr. Hector’s New Vestments
The new green set of vestments being worn by Fr. Hector at today’s Liturgy have been donated by his parents, Christos and Andriana Fioglanis, in memory of Andriana’s grandparents, Fr. Ioannis and Presv. Andriana Hazangeles, who served at the Annunciation Church in the village of Asfendiou in Kos, Greece.  
May their memory be eternal!

Church Library Books
We are updating our church library and need your help! Check our library wish list posted on the library door. We are accepting donated books and financial donations for purchases.

BEREAVEMENT
For the family of parishioner Vasa Simpson, (99) who reposed in the Lord August 11, 2020.

Stewardship
During these uncertain months, please remember to send your offering. Your offerings enable the Church to fulfill its financial responsibilities and continue its multifaceted philanthropic ministry. Thank you for your faithful stewardship.

ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, LANCASTER, PA
SUNDAY, August 16, 2020 — 10th Sunday of Matthew
Orthros Mode: First  
Orthros Gospel: John 21: 1-14
Liturgy Epistle: I Corinthians 4: 9-16  
Liturgy Gospel: Matthew 17: 14-23

78th Letter of Monastic Wisdom — St. Joseph the Hesychast

Without struggling very hard you can quickly reach great heights.

I rejoiced greatly, my child, because of your health and the many good deeds you do for our Christian brothers. This is the truth: the more a person runs to help his neighbor, the more the Lord’s grace abounds in him, for love is the first and greatest commandment of God: “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy soul and heart.” And the second is like unto it: “And thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” (cf. Mt.22:37-40)

So the more one thirsts for the salvation of his brother, the more his soul overflows with the love of God. And without struggling very hard, you can quickly reach great heights. For love has a share in everything. “It vauntseth not itself; it does not behave itself unseemly; it seeketh not her own; it is not easily provoked; it thinketh no evil,” (1 Cor. 13:4-5) and so forth. Do you see that it has a share in everything and quickly leads to dispensation those who attend to it? Our Lord’s beloved disciple did well to say, “God is love; he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God is in him.” (1 Jn. 4:16) Do you see, my beloved child, that the Lord is always with you when you keep his commandments, and that a fragrant angel counsels your steps and all your actions? Read the Old Testament devoutly and you will extract the divine nectar of faith and love. In it God spoke directly to men, and the angels guided them.

God is everywhere. There is no place where God is not. The more you pay attention to Him, the more He pays attention to you. You cry out to Him, “Where art Thou, my God?” And He answers, “I am present, my child! I am always beside you.” Both inside and outside, above and below, wherever you turn, everything shouts, “God!” In Him we live and move. (Acts 17:28) We breathe God, we eat God, we clothe ourselves with God. Everything praises and glorifies the Creator. Let every breath praise the Lord! (Ps. 150:5)

Always have the Holy Gospel in your pocket, and when you find a brief opportunity, read an excerpt. Thus Christ gives you light and guides you towards His commandments. He completes your love and guides you to Him. Cry out to His dear Mother constantly, read the Salutations, and she will protect you. She will always guard you from every evil. Acquire copies of the book The Way of a Pilgrim and distribute them to our Christian brothers so that they may benefit spiritually.

Always have an icon of the Panagia in your shirt, and venerate it when you go to sleep. The more you love her, the more she will love you. And whenever you cry out to her in difficult times, you will feel her help and consolation appreciably.

We welcome our non-Orthodox friends and neighbors at all the liturgical services with a reminder that Holy Communion may be received only by prepared Orthodox Christians. Please sign the Visitor’s Registry in the Narthex if you wish to be contacted by the priest.

Father Hector Fioglanis, Pastor
Father Theodosios Paolis, Assistant Pastor; Father Alexander Veronis, Pastor Emeritus

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The Epistle 1 Cor. 4:9-16
Brethren, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ’s sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countess guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

The Gospel Mt. 17:14-23
At that time, a man came up to Him and kneeling before Him said, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Your disciples, and the disciples could not heal him.” And Jesus answered, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to dwell among you? For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move instantly.’ Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” He said to them, “Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move instantly.’ Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” He said to them, “Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move instantly.’ Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” He said to them, “Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move instantly.’ Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” He said to them, “Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move instantly.’ Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” He said to them, “Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move instantly.’ Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” He said to them, “Because of your little faith.

2. FOR THE HOLY NAPKIN (Second Mode)
We venerate Your immaculate icon, O good Lord, and entreat You to forgive our offences. O Christ our God. By Your own choice you were pleased to ascend the Cross, to deliver us, whom You created, from slavery to the foe. Therefore we cry to You with gratitude: You have filled all things with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world.

3. APOLOGIKION OF THE DORMITION (First Mode)
You gave birth yet preserved your virginity. You fell asleep in death yet did not desert the world, O Theotokos. Thus you were pleased to ascend the Cross our offences, O Christ our God. By Your own choice you were pleased to ascend the Cross, to deliver us, whom You created, from slavery to the foe. Therefore we cry to You with gratitude: You have filled all things with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world.

4. METAMORPHISMOI OF THE DOMINION (Mode pl. 2. Automelon)
The Theoktos is undying in intercession. Immovable is our hope in her for protection. Neither death nor burial prevails over her. As she is Mother of life, she was removed to life by Him, the Lord who lived in her ever-virgin womb.