Sunday, February 14th   Sunday of the Canaanite
8:15 AM  Orthros
9:30 AM  Divine Liturgy
10:35 AM  Sunday School

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH
President’s Day - Office Closed
10AM-12PM Youth & Parish Outdoor Ice Skating
Heritage Hills Resort
2810 East Prospect Road
York, Pennsylvania 17402

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH
7:30 PM  Parish Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH
6:00 PM  Evening Bible Study with Fr. Hector
7:00 PM  Paraklesis to St. Paisios

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH
9:30–11:00 AM  Food Box Distribution & Delivery
Donated by Tasia Argires in memory of Dr. James Argires.
10:00 AM  Women’s virtual Book Study

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH
9:00 AM  Paraklesis to The Theotokos

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH
7:00 PM  Vespers

A note of remembrance.

Wednesday Evening Book Study with Fr. Hector

St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival 2021
Tuesday evening March 30th, 6pm
DEADLINE to sign up is February 15th
Contact Fr. Theodosios Palis if you are interested to participate: theodosiospalis@gmail.com

OUTDOOR ICE SKATING EVENT
For our Youth Groups and All Parishioners
At Heritage Hills Resort
2810 East Prospect Road
York, Pennsylvania 17402

Monday, February 15th 2021 (Presidents Day)
10 AM–12 PM

Our parishioners will have exclusive use of the rink.
The rink rental is covered by our youth account.

• FREE Ice skate rental
• FREE Pizza

Email Fr. Theodosios at theodosiospalis@gmail.com or call church office to reserve spots for your family.

A reminder that masks must be worn in the church before, during, and after the services; and please do not congregate in the Narthex.

Collection for the Dimopoulos Family
Our church will be having a special collection to support the Dimopoulos family while Peter remains hospitalized long-term due to COVID-19 complications. This fund will support the family during this difficult time as we pray for Peter’s full recovery.

Checks may be made payable to “Annunciation Church” with “Dimopoulos Family” on memo line.

DONORS NEEDED
Altar Candles/Flowers & Candelabras
Sunday, March 14, 21 & 28,
Sunday, April 11 & 18.
Thursday, March 25
Flowers for Border of Annunciation Iconostasis Icon …3 donors/$200 each
Annunciation Icon Wreath…$125.

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GOYA Basketball Open Gym
Starts Friday, February 26th 7-9PM
Contact Father Theodosios for details

Community Aid
As a partner with Community Aid, our parish benefits from your clothing item donations. The credit that we receive, goes towards the purchase of our Food Box distribution. We have a clothing collection bin by the breezeway for your donations.
You can also donate your clothing to the Community Aid Thrift Store and Donation Center. Please let them know that you are a member of Annunciation Greek Orthodox church or give them our partner number: 40106

BEREAVEMENT
John Treires, 64 (Maryland) brother of parishioner Diane Georgelis, reposed in the Lord.
Harry Lascarides, 55 (New York) brother of parishioner Chis Lascarides.

The Children’s Bread
The woman asks from Christ, like so many other people in the Gospel, for mercy—not for herself but for her daughter. Jesus appears to either mock her by comparing her to a little puppy that follows its master around hoping to get some crumbs of food dropped by the master, or Jesus out and out is comparing her and her daughter to nothing more than dogs.

In the desert fathers, there is a very interesting comment about this Gospel lesson. Abba Poemen reminds us that such unwanted nuisances such as the Canaanite woman are actually our brothers and sisters who we are commanded to care for. The Canaanites were no friends of the Jews and often were hostile to them. The Jews forbade intermarriage with the Canaanites. Whatever the Canaanites represented, even as a religious threat to each Israelite, the Lord Jesus responds favorably to her, seeing in her something the Twelve Disciples cannot see.

‘Abba Poeman said: “We are in such trouble because we are not taking care of our brother who the Scripture stipulated we are to take in. Or do we not see the Canaanite woman who followed the Savior, crying and beseeching for her daughter to be healed—and that the Savior looked with favor on her and healed [her daughter]?”

Today, many Syrian, Mideastern and Muslim refugees are very much like the Canaanite woman to us. But it is not only them, pray many of us have a distrust and dislike for any migrants, any poor, any people of different culture or color. We want them to go away, or maybe we, like the apostles, hope God will make them go away. But He might, instead, mercifully answer their prayers. And He might expect us, His servants, to do the same.

Fr. Ted Bobash
https://frted.wordpress.com/2016/02/06/the-canaanite-woman-is-my-sister/

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS
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 Fiorglinis, Pastor
Father Theodosios Palis, Assistant Pastor; Father Alexander Veronis, Pastor Emeritus

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ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, LANCASTER, PA
SUNDAY, February 14th, 2021 — Sunday of the Canaanite
Auxentius of the Mountain;
Cyril, Enlightener of the Slavs; Theodore the Tyro
Orthros Mode: Third
Orthros Gospel:
Liturgy Epistle: II Corinthians 6:16-18,7:1
Liturgy Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28
Enter the Sheep of the House of Israel. But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.”

And he answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.” Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Epistle 2 Cor. 6:16-18

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate to me, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.” Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

The Gospel Mt. 15:21-28

At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon.” But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”


Entrance Hymn

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, who are risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

1. RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTICON (THIRD MODE)

Let the heaven rejoice, and let things on earth be glad, for the Lord has worked powers with His arm He has trampled upon death by death; He has become the first born of the dead. From the bowels of Hades has He delivered us, and has granted great mercy to the world.

2. FOR THE DEVOUT MAN (FIRST MODE)

As a citizen of the desert and an angel incarnate and a wonder-worker you shone forth, O Afxentios, our God-bearing father. Since you received the spiritual gifts by fasting and vigilance and prayer, you can cure those who are ailing and heal the souls of those who run to you with faith. Glory to Him who gave His might to you; glory to Him who placed a crown on you; glory to Him who operates through you, providing cures and prayer, you can cure those who are ailing and heal the souls of those who run to you with faith.>