Sunday, February 21st  Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee
8:15 AM  Orthros
9:30 AM  Divine Liturgy
10:35 AM  Sunday School

Tuesday, February 23rd
7:00 PM  Gyrofest Planning Meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, February 24th
6:00 PM  Evening Bible Study with Fr. Hector
7:00 PM  Paraklesis to St. Nikiforos the Leper

Thursday, February 25th
9:30 AM  Food Distribution & Delivery  (Snow make-up)
10:00 AM  Women’s virtual Book Study

Friday, February 26th
9:00 AM  Paraklesis to The Theotokos
7:00 PM  T.G.I.F. Goya Basketball and Bible Study

Saturday, February 27th
9:00 AM  Off the Streets
7:00 PM  Vespers

Classroom Renovations
Renovations of classrooms 1 through 8, the hallways, and bathrooms on the office side of the church building will begin in March. If you are interested in sponsoring the renovation of a classroom in memory of a loved one, please contact Dr. Spencer Phillips (drspillips@mdvip.com), Fr. Hector (frhector@agochurch.com), or the church office.

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 21 & 28,
Sunday, April 11 & 18.

Thursday, March 25
Flowers for Border of Annunciation Iconostasis Icon ...
3 donors/$200 each
Annunciation Icon Wreath…$125.

SAVE THE DATE
Daughters of Penelope Fasolada Sale
SUNDAY, March 14th
All sales must be preordered and prepaid.
Pickup Only after church.

Altar Coverings — Thank You
All the colors for the altar coverings have been donated: gold, red, blue, purple, white/gold, and green. Thank you to all the parishioners who have made donations in memory of loved ones.

T.G.I.F.
THANK GOYA IT’S FRIDAY!
GOYA Friday Night Open Gym
Begins Friday, February 26th
7:00 to 9:00 PM
Basketball, Ping-Pong, Bible Study
Sixth Graders Welcome.
Please wear a mask.

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

ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, LANCASTER, PA
SUNDAY, February 21st, 2021 — Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee
Timothy the Righteous
John III, Patriarch of Constantinople

Lent is Approaching
Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

Are you familiar with the structure of Lent? The ten week period of the Triodion begins with the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee and ends with the Saturday of Holy Week. Thus, in addition to the forty days of Lent (six weeks), it includes three pre-Lenten weeks and Holy Week up to Saturday. The four pre-Lenten Sundays are known as: (1) The Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee; (2) The Sunday of the Prodigal Son; (3) The Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meatfare), and (4) The Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheesefare).

Fasting, that is “eating spARINGLY and abstaining from certain foods,” begins gradually during the pre-Lenten season. The week after the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee is fast free. During the week after the Sunday of the Prodigal Son only regular fasting on Wednesday and Friday is prescribed. Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meatfare) is the last day on which meat is permitted. Then fish, eggs, and milk products may be eaten through the next Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheesefare). On the next day, Clean Monday (Kathara Deftera), Lent begins, a period of strict fasting.

However, physical fasting from food is only one aspect of Lent. It should not excessively dominate our thinking. It is worthless without spiritual fasting from evil. Spiritual fasting is the breaking with sin through repentance and the practice of positive disciplines such as prayer, daily reading of the Bible, regular worship, and frequent Holy Communion — leading to spiritual renewal.


Community Aid
As a partner with Community Aid, our parish benefits from your clothing donation. 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

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 Firoglanis, Pastor
Father Theodosios Pallas, Assistant Pastor; Father Alexander Veronis, Pastor Emeritus
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will be exalted."

The Epistle 2 Tim. 3:10-15

Timothy, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceiving.

2. HYMN OF OUR CHURCH (FOURTH MODE)

Today is the beginning of our salvation, and the revelation of the mystery of ages. The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin and Gabriel proclaims this gift from God. Together with him we cry out to You, O Theotokos: "Hail thou full of grace, the Lord is with you."