

CALENDAR OF WEEKLY EVENTS

Today's Coffee Fellowship is offered in loving memory of Kenneth C. Myers by his wife Suzanne and family.

Sunday, March 8th Sunday of Orthodoxy

8:15 AM Orthros
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
10:35 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Plugged-In Study Group/Library
11:30 AM Study of Ancient Church Fathers/Rm 11

Monday, March 9th

7:00 PM Great Compline
8:15 PM OCF & Young Adult Meeting at SMC @ MU

Tuesday, March 10th

10:00 AM Women's Bible Study w/ Presvytera Pearl
6:30 PM Philoptochos Business meeting
Clergy Retreat at Antiochian Village

Wednesday, March 11th

6:00 PM Greek School
Clergy Retreat at Antiochian Village

Thursday, March 12th

10:00 AM Women's Orthodox Book Study
Clergy Retreat at Antiochian Village

Friday, March 13th

9:00 AM Presanctified Liturgy
7:00 PM 2nd Salutations to The Theotokos
8:10 PM Goya Discussion w/ Fr. Hector (Rm. 4/5)

Saturday, March 14th

11:00 AM JOY Retreat @ Annunciation York
7:00 PM Vespers

Preschool Open House: Wednesday & Thursday, March 18 & 19 from 10:30 AM to 11:45 AM.

Parish Lenten Retreat with Dn. Stephen Muse, PhD.

Friday, March 27 at 7pm and Saturday, March 28 from 9am—4pm. Exploring suffering from an Orthodox Christian Perspective. Call church office to sign up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOYA Fundraiser "Koulouria", **Sunday, March 15** in Philoptochos Hall following the Divine Liturgy. Cost \$3.00. For pre-orders call Luke or Elena Bartlett 717-341-7199.

Three Heirarchs Greek School March 25th Celebration

Sunday, March 29, 2019 @ 5:30 pm in Philoptochos Hall. Goodwill Offering! More Details to follow.

Philoptochos Pascha Bread Sale \$7 per loaf. Pick up dates: April 11, (Saturday of Lazarus) from 11:30am-1:00pm, & April 12, (Palm Sunday) following the Divine Liturgy. All Pascha bread must be pre-ordered & paid in advance. Please Call Marge Enoch @ 717-898-0051 to place your order.

JOY Lenten Retreat at Annunciation York

Saturday, March 14, 9am—1pm; ages 8-12; Theme: "The Icons of Holy Week;" Lenten Lunch to be served; Sign up with Fr. Theodosios; Church van to depart at 8:30am.

Scholarship Forms Available for those who are eligible from AHEPA, Daughters of Penelope, & Pan Coan Society. Contact the Church office: 717-394-1735 or office@agochurch.com. Scholarships also available at: www.goarch.org/-/scholarships.

Gyrofest Saturday, May 9, 11:00 am – 7:00 pm
Tickets will be distributed in the Breezeway, **Sunday, March 22nd & 29th**. Volunteers needed! Please contact George Soukas: gcsoukas@yahoo.com or Manny Firoglanis: manny75@comcast.net if you can help!

2020 Stewardship: If you have not made your Church Stewardship Commitment for 2020, please make it today by completing a form in the Narthex and placing it in the Stewardship Box on the table. Thank you.

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 Palis, Assistant Pastor
Father Alexander Veronis, Pastor Emeritus



ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
LANCASTER, PA



SUNDAY, March 8, 2020

Theophylaktos, Bp. Nicomedeae; Hermas of the 70

Orthros: Plagal First

Gospel: Luke 24: 12-35

Epistle: Hebrews 11: 24-26, 32-40

Page: 984 (Pew Bibles)

Gospel: John 1: 43-51

Page: 1042 (Pew Bibles)

Sunday of the Triumph of Orthodoxy

The name of this Sunday reflects the great significance which icons possess for the Orthodox Church. They are not optional devotional extras, but an integral part of Orthodox faith and devotion. They are held to be a necessary consequence of Christian faith in the incarnation of the Word of God, the Second Person of the Trinity, in Jesus Christ. They have a sacramental character, making present to the believer the person or event depicted on them. So the interior of Orthodox churches is often covered with icons painted on walls and domed roofs, and there is always an icon screen, or iconostasis, separating the sanctuary from the nave, often with several rows of icons. No Orthodox home is complete without an icon corner (iconostasion), where the family prays.

Icons are venerated by burning lamps and candles in front of them, by the use of incense and by kissing. But there is a clear doctrinal distinction between the veneration paid to icons and the worship due to God. The former is not only relative, it is in fact paid to the person represented by the icon. This distinction safeguards the veneration of icons from any charge of idolatry.

The theme of the victory of the icons, by its emphasis on the incarnation, points us to the basic Christian truth that the one whose death and resurrection we celebrate at Easter was none other than the Word of God who became human in Jesus Christ.

Hymn from Vespers

"The grace of truth has shone out, the things once foreshadowed now are revealed in perfection. See, the Church is decked with the embodied image of Christ, as with beauty not of this world, fulfilling the tent of witness, holding fast the Orthodox faith. For if we cling to the icon of him whom we worship, we shall not go astray. May those who do not so believe be covered with shame. For the image of him who became human is our glory: we venerate it, but do not worship it as God. Kissing it, we who believe cry out: O God, save your people, and bless your heritage."

<https://www.goarch.org/sunday-of-orthodoxy>

**1. APOLYTIKION OF 1st SUNDAY OF LENT
Sunday of Orthodoxy (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 in the flesh, to deliver us, whom You created, from our 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.

**2. RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION
(Plagal First Mode)**

Let us worship the Word Who is unoriginate with the Father and the Spirit, and from a virgin was born for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. For in His goodness He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, and to raise up those who had died, by His glorious Resurrection.

3. 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."

4. KONTAKION (Eighth Mode)

To our Protectress, to our Leader victorious, we as a people, give thanks to you, our liberator. To you, O Theotokos, we ascribe victory. And as you possess power invincible, from ev'ry kind of danger do set us free, To cry out to you: "Hail, O Bride unwedded!"

1. ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΟΝ 1ης Κυριακής Νηστειών (Ηχ. β)

Τὴν ἄχραντον Εἰκόνα σου προσκυνοῦμεν Ἀγαθέ, αἰτούμενοι συγχώρησιν τῶν πταισμάτων ἡμῶν, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός· βουλήσει γὰρ ἠυδόκησας σαρκὶ ἀνελεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, ἵνα ῥύση οὖς ἔπλασας ἐκ τῆς δουλείας τοῦ ἐχθροῦ· ὅθεν εὐχαρίστως βοῶμέν σοι· Χαράς ἐπλήρωσας τὰ πάντα, ὁ Σωτὴρ ἡμῶν, παραγενόμενος εἰς τὸ σῶσαι τὸν Κόσμον.

2. ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΙΜΟ ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΟΝ (Ηχ. ΠΛ. α)

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν, ὅτι ἠυδόκησε σαρκὶ, ἀνελεῖν ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγείραι τοὺς τεθνεώτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

3. ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΟΝ ΤΟΥ ΝΑΟΥ (Ηχ. δ')

Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τό Κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνος Μυστηρίου ἡ φανέρωσις· ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε Κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

4. KONTAKION (Ηχ. ΠΛ. δ)

Τῇ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια, ἀναγράφω σοι ἡ πόλις σου, Θεοτόκε· ἀλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, ἐκ παντοίων με κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, ἵνα κράζω σοί· Χαῖρε Νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.



ΑΝΑΚΟΙΝΩΣΕΙΣ – ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 8 Μαρτίου, 2020
Ο καφές σήμερα προσφέρεται εἰς μνήμη τοῦ Κένεθ Μαιερς ἀπο τὴν συζήγγο τοῦ Σουζάν και οἰκογένεια.

Κυριακή, 8 Μαρτίου Κυριακή τῆς Ὁρθοδοξίας

8:15 πμ Ὁρθρος
9:30 πμ Θεία Λειτουργία
10:35 πμ Κατηχητικό Σχολεῖο

Δευτέρα, 9 Μαρτίου

7:00 μμ Μέγα Απόδειπνο

Τρίτη, 10 Μαρτίου

10:00 πμ Μελέτη Ἁγίας Γραφῆς Γυναικῶν με τὴν Πρεσβυτέππα Παναγιώτα
6:30 μμ Συνεδρίαση Φιλοπτώχου
Ρητρήτ τῆς Μητροπόλεως

Τετάρτη, 11 Μαρτίου

6:00 μμ Ἑλληνικό Σχολεῖο
Ρητρήτ τῆς Μητροπόλεως

Πεμπτη, 12 Μαρτίου

10:00 πμ Κύκλος Πνευματικῆς Μελέτης Γυναικῶν
Ρητρήτ τῆς Μητροπόλεως

Παρασκευή, 13 Μαρτίου

9:00 πμ Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία
7:00 μμ Β' Χαιρετισμοί

Σαββάτο, 14 Μαρτίου

11:00 πμ JOY Ρητρήτ, Ευαγγελισμοῦ, York, PA
7:00 μμ Ἑσπερινός,

ΓΟΥΑ τα παιδιὰ θα πουλάνε Κουλούρια, Κυριακή, **15 Μαρτίου**, μετὰ τὴν Θεία Λειτουργία σὴν Αἴθουσα τῆς Φιλοπτώχου. Ἡ τιμὴ - \$3.00. Για προ-παραγγελίες, καλέστε τὸν Λουκά ἡ τὴν Ἐλενα Μπάρλετ - 717-341-7199.

Γιορτὴ Ἑλληνικοῦ Σχολεῖου: Κυριακή, **29 Μαρτίου**, @ 5:30 μμ, σὴν Αἴθουσα Φιλοπτώχου. Δωρεάν Προσφορά! Περισσότερες πληροφορίες θα ακολουθήσουν.

Πασχαλινὸ ψωμὶ Φιλοπτώχου

Μόνο προπαραγγελίες - Τιμὴ: \$7.00 τὸ ἓνα
Τα ψωμιά θα διανεμηθοῦν τὸ Σάββατο τοῦ Λαζάρου, 11 Ἀπριλίου, ἀπὸ τὶς 11:00πμ – 1:00μμ και τὴν Κυριακή τῶν Βαίων, 12 Ἀπριλίου, μετὰ τὴ Θεία Λειτουργία.

Υπόσχεση 2020

Ἄν δὲν ἔχετε κάνει τὴν υπόσχεση σας για τὸ 2020, παρακαλοῦμε να τὸ κάνετε σήμερα συμπληρώνοντας ἓνα ἐντυπο σὸ Ναρθηκα και τοποθετώντας τὸ σὸ Κουτὶ διαχειριστῶν σὸ τραπέζι.