2021 Stewardship Pledges
If you have not made your 2021 Church Stewardship Commitment, please make it today by completing a form in the Narthex and placing it in the Stewardship Box on the table. You may also call or email the church office, or fill out an online pledge at: https://www.annunciationorthodox.org/online-giving/
make-a-pledge

Annual Community Christmas Card & Decorations
If you would like to be included in the Annual Community Christmas Card or to make a contribution to purchase Christmas Poinsettias & Decorations please complete the form found in November’s Annunciation and return it to the church office by December 4th. A $15 minimum donation per family is greatly appreciated. All donations support the various ministries of the Annunciation Church.

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

CENTENNIAL SPIRITWEAR
There are 35 extra Centennial Aprons available for sale. $20 each
Please contact Tina Georges if you are interested in purchasing one at 717-314-4678 or email at tineli79@gmail.com

Thanksgiving Appeal
Please mail in your Monetary Thanksgiving Donation in the Thanksgiving envelope found in the November Annunciation.
All the donations from this year’s Thanksgiving Appeal will go directly towards the Annunciation Church Food Box Ministry, which provides 125 food boxes to neighbors in need of food every other Thursday.

ANNUNCIATION APPAREL
The online store to purchase Annunciation Apparel is now open! This GOYA fundraiser makes a perfect gift for the Holidays.
The store is open now through November 27th
Use the link: sppartners.tuosystems.com/stores/sppartners-oc128-145043

Donors needed for:
Altar Flowers, Altar Candles, & Candelabra Candles for November 29; December 20, 25 & 29.
Please call the Church Office 717-394-1735 to make your donation.

Sponsor a Renovated Classroom!
If you are interested in sponsoring the renovation of a classroom in memory of a loved one, please contact our Parish Council President, Dr. Spencer Phillips (drsphillips@mdvp.com), Fr. Hector Firoglanis (frhector@agochurch.com), or call the church office (717-394-1735). By God’s grace and your generosity it is our prayer that we will renovate all the classrooms of our church building during our 2021 Centennial Year!

ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, LANCASTER, PA
SUNDAY, November 22nd, 2020 — 9th Sunday of Luke
Philemon of the 70
Cecilia and Companions
Orthros Mode: Grave
Liturgy Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22

Thanksgiving

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 Thes. 5:16-18).

After a harsh winter during which half of them died, the Pilgrims welcomed the opportunity of a new year to clear land, plan seed and cultivate their crops. When fall arrived they were blessed with a good harvest. Unlike the rich fool in today’s gospel reading, the Pilgrims did not become engrossed with the thought of bigger barns. Rather they gratefully turned their hearts and minds to God. Together with their new friends, native Americans whom they had invited, not without some risk, to the celebration, they held the first feast of Thanksgiving, a feast which Arch-bishop Iakovos described as “the birthday of America’s soul.”

Gratitude is the capacity to say “thank you.” Gratitude expresses appreciation not only for blessings received but also for personal relationships built on giving and sharing. Gratitude means acceptance, affirmation and new growth in relationships among people and between people and God.

“The thanksgiving of the recipient incites the giver to give gifts greater than the first” (St. Isaac the Syrian)


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 Patlis, Assistant Pastor; Father Alexander Veronis, Pastor Emeritus
www.annunciationorthodox.org
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 APOLYTIKION (Grave Mode)**

By Your Cross You abolished death; to the thief You opened Paradise; You transformed the myrrh bearers’ lamentation, and commanded Your Apostles to preach that You are risen, O Christ our Lord, bestowing great mercy upon the world.

**2. APOLYTIKION OF THE FEAST (Fourth Mode)**

Today is the foundation 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."

**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 (Fourth Mode)**

The Savior's most pure and immaculate temple, the very precious bridal chamber and Virgin, who is the sacred treasure of the glory of God, on this day is introduced into the House of the Lord, and with herself she brings the grace of the angelic God. A heavenly tabernacle is she.

**α) ΓΟΝΟΤΟΜΙΑ (ἩΧΟΣ ΑΥΤΟΥ)**

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**b) ΤΟ ΝΑΟΥ (Ηχ. ΙΗ)**

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**c) ΤΟ ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΟΝ (Ηχος Μεγαλοφώνου)**

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**d) ΜΝΗΜΟΝΙΑ (Ηχος Μεγαλοφώνου)**

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."

**Εισοδικόν**

Deôte proskynēsmevein kai prospáthevein Chrísti. Sisam hēm. Ypí Theō, ó anástasi ék nekròn, plánnítos sāi, Allhēlouía.