Sunday, November 8th  Synaxis of the Archangels
8:15 AM  Orthros
9:30 AM  Divine Liturgy
11:00 AM - 6:00 PM  Greek Bazaar
Drive-Thru Only

Monday, November 9th  St. Nektarios
8:30 AM  Orthros
9:30 AM  Liturgy

Tuesday, November 10th
7:00PM  OCF & Yo Pro Dinner

Wednesday, November 11th
6:00 PM  Live Stream Book Study w/ Fr. Hector
7:00 PM  Vespers to St. John the Almsgiver

Thursday, November 12th
10:00 AM  Women’s Virtual Book Study

Friday, November 13th  St. John Chrysostom
8:30 AM  Orthros
9:30 AM  Liturgy

*GOYA VIRTUAL FALL RETREAT
Saturday, November 14th  St. Gregory Palamas
8:30 AM  Orthros
9:30 AM  Liturgy
7:00 PM  Vespers

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VIRUTAL GOYA FALL RETREAT
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13 - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
"Be still and know that I am God" Psalm 64:10
The longest journey is from your head, to your heart
Father Nicholas Manuel, of Akron Annunciation, will be delivering our keynote as he explores the journey from your head to your heart, diving into authenticity, and how to find your authentic self in Christ throughstillness.
This retreat is free to attend! Register now at:
https://y2am.pittsburgh.goarch.org/en/retrats

Thanksgiving Appeal
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. Our Lord Jesus Christ tells us, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35), and we as a church are in that blessed position to give and to help alleviate the burden of families in our neighborhood struggling with food insecurity. This is how we can all work together to do God’s work: We are seeking parishioners to sponsor:
- One distribution for $75
- One month, 2 distributions for $175
- Or as many boxes as you wish. Any amount will be accepted. A child may wish to save $7 or any amount they can from their allowance to sponsor one or more food boxes. You may make donations anonymously, for the glory of God, or in memory of a loved one who has passed away — for the benefit and repose of their soul.

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 Announcer 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.

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 (drspphillips@mdvip.com), Fr. Hector Firoglanis (frhector@agochurch.com), or call the church office (717-394-1735). By God’s grace and your generiosity 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 8th, 2020 — 7th Sunday of Luke
Orthros Mode: Plagal First
Liturgy Epistle: Hebrews 2:2-10
Liturgy Gospel: John 21:15-25

THE HOLY ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND ALL THE BODILESS POWERS OF HEAVEN
The angels of God were celebrated by men from earliest times but this celebration was often turned into the divinization of angels (II Kings 23:5). The heretics wove all sorts of fables concerning the angels. Some of them looked upon angels as gods; others, although they did not consider them gods, called them the creators of the whole visible world. The local Council of Laodicea (four or five years before the First Ecumenical Council) rejected the worship of angels as gods and established the proper veneration of angels in its Thirty-fifth Canon. In the fourth century, during the time of Sylvester, Pope of Rome, and Alexander, Patriarch of Alexandria, the present Feast of Archangel Michael and all the other heavenly powers was instituted for celebration in the month of November. Why precisely in November? Because November is the ninth month after March, and March is considered to be the month in which the world was created. Also, as the ninth month after March, November was chosen for the nine orders of angels who were created first. St. Dionysius the Areopagite, a disciple of the Apostle Paul (who was taken up into the third heaven), described these nine orders of angels in his book, On the Celestial Hierarchies, as follows: six-winged Seraphim, many-eyed Cherubim, God-bearing Thrones, Dominions, Powers, Virtues, Principalities, Archangels, and Angels. The leader of all the angelic hosts is the Archangel Michael. When Satan, Lucifer, fell away from God and drew a part of the angels with him to destruction, then Michael stood up and cried out before the faithful angels: “Let us attend! Let us stand aright! Let us stand with fear!” and all of the faithful angelic heavenly hosts cried out: “Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God of Sabaoth! Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory!” Concerning the Archangel Michael, see Joshua 5:13-15 and Jude 1:9. Among the angels there reign perfect oneness of mind, oneness of soul, and love. The lower orders also show complete obedience to the higher orders, and all of them together to the holy will of God. Every nation has its guardian angel, as does every Christian. We must always remember that whatever we do, in open or in secret, we do in the presence of our guardian angel. On the day of the Dread Judgment, the multitude of the hosts of the holy angels of heaven will gather around the throne of Christ, and the deeds, words, and thoughts of every man will be revealed before all. May God have mercy on us and save us by the prayers of the Archangel Michael and all the bodiless heavenly powers. Amen.

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 Palias, 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 APOLYTICON (Plagal First)

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.

2. FOR THE ANGELS (FOURTH MODE)

O Chief Commanders of the heavenly armies, we the unworthy now entreat you in earnest, to fortify us with your supplications to the Lord, and shelter us beneath the wings of your spiritual glory, guarding us who run to you and fervently entreat you: As the Commanders of the hosts on high, rescue us faithfully from dangers of every kind.

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 and4 proclaiming this gift from God. Together with them 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 in the divine Spirit. She is extolled by the Angels of God. A heavenly tabernacle is she.