Dear Fellow Parishioners,

As we approach the end of the summer season, I want to share some important updates and events.

**Lancaster County Project for the Needy**

We are partnering with the Lancaster County Project for the Needy (LCPN) to package and deliver food boxes to families in need. Each box will contain a frozen turkey, potatoes, and other goods so that families in Lancaster experiencing economic hardship can celebrate Christmas with a full table of God's blessings.

- **On December 19, 2020**, our Annunciation Church will be partnering with the Lancaster County Project for the Needy (LCPN) to package and deliver 1,200 food boxes to families in need.

- Each box will contain a frozen turkey, potatoes, and other goods so that families in Lancaster experiencing economic hardship can celebrate Christmas with a full table of God's blessings.

**Saturday, September 26th**

- **11:00 AM** Baptism
- **7:00 PM** Vespers
- **Metropolis Clergy Laity Virtual Conference**

- **Sunday, September 20th**
  - **8:15 AM** Orthros
  - **9:30 AM** Divine Liturgy

- **Monday, September 21st**
  - **First Day of Preschool**
  - **7:00 PM** OCF/YA meeting

- **Wednesday, September 23rd**
  - **6:00 PM** Live Stream Book Study w/ Fr. Hector
  - **7:00 PM** Paraklesis to St. Paisios

- **Thursday, September 24th**
  - **9:30 - 11:30 AM** Crisis Relief Box Distribution & Delivery

- **Friday, September 25th**
  - **9:00 AM** Paraklesis to The Theotokos
  - **7:30 PM** GOYA Flashlight Corn Maze

- **“GOYA Corn Maze at Oregon Dairy”**
  - **Friday, September 25th**
  - **6:30 PM** Meet & Eat
  - **7:30 PM** Flashlight Maze
  - Email sign up has been sent, please contact Father Theodosi with any questions

**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**
- **www.annunciationorthodox.org**

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**ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, LANCASTER, PA**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 — SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS**

**Forefeast of Elevation of Cross; Memorial of founding Holy Resurrection of Christ Church**

Orthros Mode: Plagal Second


Liturgy Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20

Liturgy Gospel: Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

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**On the Holy Cross**

“When, then, you make the sign of the cross on the forehead, arm yourself with a saintly boldness, and reinstall your soul in its old liberty; for you are not ignorant that the cross is a prize beyond all price. Consider what is the price given for your ransom, and you will never more be slave to any man on earth. This reward and ransom is the cross. You should not then, carelessly make the sign on the forehead, but you should impress it on your heart with the love of a fervent faith. Nothing impure will dare to molest you on seeing the weapon, which overcometh all things.”  

*St. John Chrysostom*

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“Do not do anything without signing yourself with the sign of the Cross! When you depart on a journey, when you begin your work, when you go to study, when you are alone, and when you are with other people, seal yourself with the Holy Cross on your forehead, your body, your chest, your heart, your lips, your eyes, your ears. All of you should be sealed with the sign of Christ’s victory over hell. Then you will no longer be afraid of charms, evil spirits, or sorcery, because these are dissolved by the power of the Cross like wax before fire and like dust before the wind.”  

+Elder Cleopa

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“The Most High planted in the middle of Paradise The thrice blessed wood, the gift of life for us. In Paradise the Most High planted the thrice blessed wood, the gift of life for us. In order that, in Paradise, God was not afraid of charms, evil spirits, or sorcery, because these are dissolved by the power of the Cross like wax before fire and like dust before the wind.”  

+ St. Romanos the Melodist, On the Adoration at the Cross

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http://www.orthodoxchurchquotes.com/page/3/?s=cross

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**Visit the website to learn more about the work of the LCPN at www.lcpn.org. After distributing boxes from the Clipper Stadium for many years, our Annunciation Church is partnering with LCPN and will serve as the new delivery site.**

*Please volunteer and offer a helping hand!*
The Epistle Gal. 2:16-20

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavours to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin?

1. RESURRECTION APOLLYTIKION (Second Mode)

When the angelic powers were at your tomb, then they that guarded You became as dead. And Mary stood beside the grave seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades and were not tried by it. You met the Virgin and granted life to us. O Lord, who are risen from the dead, glory to You.

2. APOLLYTIKION FOR THE CROSS (First Mode)

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful over the enemy, and by Your Cross protecting Your commonwealth.

3. APOLLYTIKION FOR THE SAINTS (Fourth Mode)

Your Martyrs, O Lord, were worthily awarded by You the crowns of incorruption, in that they contested for You our immortal God. Since they possessed Your power, they defeated the tyrants, dashing the demons’ powerless displays of defiance. O Christ God, at their fervent entreaties, save our souls.

4. 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.”

5. KONTAKION (Fourth Mode)

You who were lifted on the cross voluntarily, O Christ our God, bestow Your tender compassions on Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be justified upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be justified upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be justified upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be justified upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be justified upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be justified upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be justified upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be justified upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be justified upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be justified upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be justified upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be justified upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be justified upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be justified upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be justified upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be justified upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be justified upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be justified upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be justified upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be justified upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be justified upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be justified upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be justified upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be justified upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be justified upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be justified upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be justified upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be justified upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be justified upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be justified upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be justified upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be justified upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be justified upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be justified upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be justified upon Your new community to which You gave Your name.

1. APOLLYTIKION (Hy. Pl. B)

O Ανάστασιμος Απολλυτίκιον (H. P. B)

Αγγελικα δυνάμεις επὶ τὸ μνήμα σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες, ἀπεκνώθησαν καὶ ἱστάτηται Μαρία εἰς τὸ τάφῳ, ζητούσα τὸ ὄρασθαν σου σύμων. Εἰς κατάλυσιν τὸν ἄθροι, μη περιποθεῖτε ὑπ’ αὐτοῦ, ὑπηρέτητος της παρθένης, διαμεμερισμένης τὴν ζημίαν. ὁ ἀναστάτος εἰς τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.