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From the Desk of
Rev. Fr. Angelo Maggos

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From the Desk of Fr. Angelo

As of 1 July, I will have been here at Annunciation for one year and during that time you have heard me countless times preach about the importance of education, both secular and religious. Our Orthodox Church, like our sister Catholic Church, has a long history of establishing Her doctrines and canons (Church law) and has never shrunk from the task of explaining the reasons for these doctrines and canons. Now some may not like the answer but that in no way implies that the Church does not have a practical and well thought out reason for the discipline She puts in place. In my short time here, I have encountered (just as I did at my previous parish) those who have left our Orthodox Faith. When asked “why”, the reason in most cases was a lack of understanding of what the Orthodox Church teaches. This is chiefly due to the answer received when a question is asked about our faith which is; *“because we have always done it this way.”* For those under 60, this is no longer an acceptable reason. While there are times when people will encounter the Holy Trinity better in other expressions (Catholic or Protestant) we must be sure that they are making this decision from true facts and not a false explanation based on folklore. This is the reason why I am taking the time out to film the educational videos that appear on the “Voice” section of our church website. These reflect questions that people here, both parishioners and seekers, have been asking and deserve solid and logical answers. We will continue to post these questions both on our website and in the Good News, but let’s begin this month’s article with a few high level questions and the Church’s position.

Is it inappropriate to discuss sensitive or controversial subjects in the Church?

The Church throughout Her history has been represented as the Ark of Salvation, with Christ at the Rudder. The Holy Canons of the Orthodox Church, which we refer to as the “mind of the Church” are contained in a book titled the Pedalion (πηδάλιον is the word in Greek for rudder). The Orthodox Church has used this Pedalion throughout Her history to deal with all types of issues, including controversial ones. When an issue arises, there has always been an open discussion as to what genuinely expresses the teaching of the Church. This process has often lead to the formulation of an official Church teaching. A classical example from the early period of the Church is the formulation of the Church doctrines about the Person of Jesus Christ, which was fiercely debated in the 1st and 7th Ecumenical Councils. Currently, until the Orthodox Church reunites with the Holy Roman Catholic Church there can be no dogmatic statements of faith or positions binding upon all people of the One Church.

In Matthew 7:1 Christ says “Judge not, that ye be not judged.” So how can we, as Christians, judge others?

Most people stop right there, and conclude, "Jesus said don't judge." But we've got to read on to see this in context, so that we can understand what He was really saying. In Matthew 7:2 Christ goes on to say:
For with what judgment you judge, you also shall be judged: and with the measure which you measure, it shall be measured

to you also... first cast out the beam out of thy own eye; and then shall you see clearly to cast out the log out of your brother's eye.

Jesus wasn't saying, "Don't judge." He was saying, "Don't judge your brother without examining yourself so that you can see clearly before speaking against your fellow Man. Part of the problem we have with judging is that we associate that word with condemning. But judging means much more than that. "To judge" means "to make a distinction." We make judgments every day, in every aspect of life. We, as Christians, have a responsibility to the welfare of our fellow man by presenting them, compassionately, with the teaching of Truth. When we judge, we must not judge by Man's standard, which is flawed to begin with, but by God's standard. St. Paul evens provides us with a formula for dealing with those who are judged to be in nonconformance to Church teaching;

If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses. If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church...
 Matthew 18:15-17

I heard it said gays are not welcome in our church and should worship elsewhere. Is this true?

The Orthodox Church begins all discussions from a basis of love and compassion. All are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the worship of the Holy Trinity, for each, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, offers us love, strength and compassion in our struggle to live a life that glorifies God. According to Orthodox Church Tradition, all Christians, each of us, are redeemed sinners who have been baptized into Christ, sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit and are saved from death through Grace given freely by Christ. We witness to our faith by regular participation in liturgical worship and the Eucharist, accompanied by confession, repentance and the steadfast struggle against every form of sin, voluntary and involuntary, which attempts to destroy our lives. Homosexual Christians are no different in the eyes of the Church, but they are called to a particularly rigorous battle. Their struggle is especially difficult and is not made any easier by the mindless ignorance and intolerance of those lacking Christian sympathy and compassion. Their ability to participate sacramentally in the Church is limited by the same factors which would limit any of us; however, worship is never denied to anyone who seeks the love and mercy of God.

Can the Church tell me how to live my life?

The American ideal has always been one of fierce independence and a willingness to die to protect that freedom. However, that freedom which was preserved in our nation's constitution protects the right of each of us to glorify God according to our faith traditions. This is clearly evident in the quotes of our well educated and pious founding fathers:

"the Almighty Being rules over the universe" — George Washington

"I believe in one God, creator of the universe. That He governs it by his Providence and that He ought to be worshipped. —Benjamin Franklin

"It is impossible for the man of pious reflection not to perceive in the Constitution a finger of the Almighty hand." James Madison

We, as Orthodox Christians, believe that the One Holy Church guides our lives and our actions, so for us separation of Church and State is not an Orthodox ideal—the Orthodox ideal is that all of our actions should work to the glory of God. For us as Orthodox, we see true freedom as our never-ending struggle to submit our will to align with God's Will. Our Constitution protects and preserves our right, as Orthodox Christians, to live our lives according to this Tradition.

Well, the Orthodox Church at least needs to change with the times.

It has become popular for people to establish their own moral code and standard for right and wrong based on feelings as opposed to logic and discipline offered by the Church through Her long history of debate and questioning and finally an agreed position. This dependence on feelings presents many difficulties, from which has emerged the modern definition of spiritualism often expressed as follows:

"In terms of my self-expression I am guided by my feeling and my heart. The Church's tradition is only a guide for me in the process of self-discovery and finding myself."

Morality and ideas of right and wrong which are based on individual's feeling without purposeful guidance has many times led to oppression and intolerance. In Orthodox Tradition humility in one's heart and surrender of self-will to God has guided Christians from the beginning. The Holy Spirit has always been and continues to be active in the life of the Church, so that change in Church doctrine comes through careful consideration and prayer that seeks the ever-present illumination of the Holy Spirit. In this way, Holy Tradition remains the anchor of Truth which forms a solid foundation to guide the course of our daily lives.

I hope this article and the videos will continue to spark questions and discussions that ultimately open for us all the beauty and depth of our Orthodox Faith. The more we discuss openly among one another how our Orthodox Faith responds to these important modern issues the better prepared we will be to intelligently and logically engage with our neighbors, whether Catholic, Protestant or other faiths.

Please check in regularly to the VOICE section of our church website for more videos. In addition to posting video of the many events we have here at the Annunciation, we also film informational videos. These are filmed in two formats, the first being called *Greek Orthodoxy 101* in which I answer specific questions which have been posed to either me personally or as a request from viewers. The second is a more interactive interview style called *Greek Orthodoxy: Fact or Fiction* where one of our parishioners asks me a question which often leads to follow on questions. So, don't be surprised if I ask you to be one of the next interviewers.

Finally be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel so you can be alerted when we post new video.

Thank you everyone for your support of the 2019 Rochester Greek Festival. We have had an amazing turnout this year and that is all thanks to our sponsors, our volunteers, our Annunciation Greek Community and our Rochester Community. This hard work resulted in our having one of our most successful festivals and in fact Festival Sunday broke all previous records. The preliminary numbers for the festival are as follows:

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| Cash Sales | \$265K |
| Credit Card | 72K |
| Sponsorships | 21K |
| Total | \$358K |



Although not all the receipts and expenses have been finalized, we are confident that we will net a little over \$100K. This is after our Festival donating \$20K to area charities!

We wanted to give a special thanks to all those who have made the festival weekend a reality.

Thank you to all the individual booth Chairs:

Despina Georgantopoulos and Mary Manou, and all the ladies who baked for multiple weeks before the festival, as well as for supporting our kitchen staff during the festival

Pete Kokorotsis at the Food & behind the scenes food planning

Sarah Ann Panitsidis for managing all the Volunteering processes, from sign-up to follow up and placement

Demetri Kolokouris for chairing the Bar operations

Tasos Kolokouris for set-up and tear-down

Jim and Dean Stathopoulos, and team, for setting up the stage

Peggy Votsis for Philanthropy Planning and coordination of charity selection

Juan Linares and his family at the Mezes tent

Angela and Zoe Dedes, and all the ladies of Aghia Paraskevi at the Loukoumades

Voula Bitsas and family at the salads

Linda Kokorotsis at the Pastries

Helen Eisenberg & Litsa Gonzales at the cashier's tent

Antonis Georgiou and Pan-Hellenic at the Kafenio

Emily Haas at the Boutique

Maria Hagen and family at the Bakaliko

Julie Everleigh, Katie Stathis, and Presvytera Teri at the Religious Booth

Maria Dembeyiotis and all the dance teachers and dance groups

Fr. Angelo for hosting 12 Church Tours with 263 participants!

Eric Vangellow and Alan Makovsky, and the Treasury team

Thank you to all the vendors that made our festival more fun:

The Aegeans for their beautiful music and entertainment

Alexandros from Kosmima Jewelry

Alexandros Hatzigiannides from Gods and Gladiators

Hellenic Cultural Society

Tony Kasandrinos for the Olive Oils and Vinegars
Rita from Rita Tik Tak Jewlery from Greece
Paul & Chris Theodorou at EMS for all the electrical work
All the security and police officers keeping our grounds safe

Thank you also to our Creative Team:

John Loury for chairing year after year the Marketing Campaign and promoting our festival in very diverse ways, and for planning the Philanthropy Event!

Thanasi Hristodoulou for the poster artwork

Alexia Georgiou for website updates and poster design

Agathi Georgiou for submitting all the permits

Alexandra Hristodoulou for Social Media Marketing

Spiros Peter Kapatos and Demos Euclid for photography and video

Thank you to all our sponsors for helping promote the festival. You can find a list of our sponsors here: <https://rochestergreekfestival.com/sponsors>

Lastly, thank you to all the volunteers who participated in the various booths! This wouldn't happen without you coming together and helping our church and Greek community!

It has been a pleasure to be in the festival planning committee and working for several months with so many talented people, who are willing to give their time and talents for this great cause. Looking forward to another great festival next year! Opa!

Elina Kokorotsis & Van Zissis
2019 Greek Festival Chairs





SAVE THE DATE

*PHILOPTOCHOS FASHION SHOW
AND LUNCHEON*



FEATURING FASHIONS FOR MEN AND WOMEN

SUNDAY, OCT. 6, 2019

12:30 P.M. AT THE ARBOR AT THE PORT

(AND CELEBRATE A SPECIAL PERSON'S BIRTHDAY!)

NOTES FROM OUR CHOIR

The choir has recently completed another year of singing together in the music ministry of our church.

We wish to acknowledge our members and thank you all for your commitment to the choir. This was a transitional year for us as we worked for the first time with Father Angelo and we are grateful for his support and guidance of the music ministry. We also experienced transitions with several new organist candidates and we hope that next year will bring more continuity.

We welcome new members and hope to grow our choir in the year to come. Please consider joining us ! We will begin singing again on September 8th.

For more information on joining the choir, contact:

Zoi Varahidis zozovara@gmail.com

- or -

Julie Eveleigh jseveleigh@frontiernet.net





PARISH REGISTRY

Baptisms:

- 4 May: Wesley Robert Liodis Parents: Michael and Renee Liodis
- 4 May: Grace Cerene Lioudis Parents: Michael and Renee Lioudis
- 4 May: Lucian Michael Economidis Parents: Christos & Tera Economidis
- 5 May: Anna Marie Bausch Parents: Richard & Julie Bausch
- 11 May: Thespina Lucinana Smelt Parents: Thomas Smelt & Konstantina Bardes
- 9 June: Aiden Mitrousis Parents: Theodore & Jennifer Mitrousis
- 29 June: Cristiano Stavro Zimmerman Parents Donald & Stephanie Zimmerman

Weddings:

- 25 May: Kevin Thomas Mydosh & Alexis Enia Vangellow
- 25 May: Michael George Nassis & Stefani Hetelekides
- 11 June: Jeffrey Hantes & Margaret Danijela Hantes

Memoriam: May their memory be eternal

- Nick G. Anastas Interred May 3, 2019
- Anthoula Kapsalis Interred May 13, 2019



ANNUNCIATION SUNDAY SCHOOL MAY 2019 GRADUATES



Congratulations to Ana Eveleigh for successfully completing her time in the Annunciation Sunday School program. May the teachings of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ guide you on your path as you begin your new phase in life.

Ana has been actively involved in the life of our church.

Ana served as Secretary and Vice President of GOYA and volunteered regularly at Greek festival and the Goya church clean up committee. She also participated in Greek Dance groups.

Ana also volunteered for 3 summers as a counselor at Vacation Bible school.

Ana sang in the youth choir for many years and also taught hymnology to the youth of Sunday school for two years. During high school she sang with the choir as a soloist .

Ana also participated in the Oratorical Festival for multiple years . She advanced to the Metropolis level representing our church four times at that level.

Ana also was accepted into the CrossRoad program at Hellenic College during the summer of her junior year and it was a formative experience continuing her education of our Orthodox faith. She also gained a network of supportive and caring people she met there.

Ana is the Valedictorian of her class at Bloomfield High School. She is class president and president of the National Honor Society as well as Student Council. She is the drum major for the school marching band and the lead trumpet player in the band and jazz band . Ana has also held leading roles in the high school musicals.

Ana has gone on service trips to the Dominican Republic and Peru to help with development of schools, housing and water infrastructure projects to improve the lives of the local population.

Ana is attending Barnard College of Columbia University in NYC this fall. She plans to study international relations, women's studies and theater.

Sunday School College Scholarship Awards

On Sunday June 16th the Sunday School College Scholarships were awarded to Ana Eveleigh and Ana Dobrot. The Sunday School Scholarships were developed to promote student participation in the Annunciation Sunday school program and in the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival in order to encourage and strengthen their knowledge of their Orthodox Faith.

Ana Eveleigh received the Senior Division scholarship in the amount of \$2,000. Ana has participated five times in the Oratorical Festival, no other student from our Parish has competed this many times. Ana's commitment and desire to participate has been quite remarkable. Four out of the five times Ana competed she made it to the Metropolis level. This year the Metropolis level competition was held the day after Ana's Senior Ball. Ana woke up at 4:00 am the morning after her Senior Ball in order to catch a flight that would get her to Detroit Michigan in time to participate in the competition!

Ana Dobrot received the Junior Division scholarship in the amount of \$500. Ana could not wait to get started so she made the decision to participate three times in the Elementary Division, this level is an entry level which does not get judged. For two years now Ana has been eligible to compete at the Junior level and each of those times Ana moved on to the Metropolis level!

On behalf of the Annunciation Sunday School we want to thank both of you and tell you how proud we are to have been represented by you at the Metropolis level of the Oratorical Festival in Detroit Michigan!



Ana Eveleigh



Ana Dobrot

HALL RENOVATION PLEDGE

As most of you know, at the Fall General Assembly we introduced some conceptual ideas for renovating our hall so it can become a focal point for community gatherings. Based on the positive feedback we received we established a Renovation Committee to formally investigate the details of the Hall renovation. Each of the members of this Committee bring a specific expertise to building construction and renovation. During the time between the Fall and Spring General Assembly this team worked to pull together the details of this project and at the recent Spring General Assembly presented a formal plan with a budget and several prospective architects who would bid on this project. The decision made at this General Assembly was to authorization to proceed with a budget of not to exceed \$425,000. Most everyone we have spoken with is very excited to see us move ahead with this project. Our church is without a doubt one of the most beautiful expressions of Greek Orthodox tradition vividly displayed in magnificent mosaic art reflected in the comments I continuously receive from those who tour our church. The excitement generated by the Hall Project reflects the desire to have a hall that will parallel the beauty of our church. The hall will once again be the center point of community gatherings such as Baptismal receptions, Wedding Rehearsals, Makarias, Memorial Luncheons and the host of dances and celebrations our parish has during the year.

The energy that this project has sparked has resulted in several parishioners donating very generously to see that this project becomes a reality. In addition to this there have been bequeathed to the church funds in support of this effort. All total thus far these efforts have resulted in our collecting approximately \$350,000 which puts us well within reach of the proposed budget of \$425,000.

Since the Parish Council and I feel very strongly that everyone must have the opportunity to be part of this important project, we are encouraging everyone to donate whatever they can. If this is to truly be a community hall let us demonstrate this in whatever way we can whether that be \$20 or \$20,000. We have provided a pledge form below which can be mailed or dropped off to the church with your donation.

Be assured that as we move forward we will be providing updates on our progress, through our website, the Good News, and church announcements. We currently project that this will be completed in December of this year in time for our annual Christmas parties.

Thank you and may God continue to bless our endeavors.

Annunciation Parish Council and Fr Angelo

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2019 Philoptochos Board

Dear Annunciation Family,

It's hard to believe that we have entered the summer season. I'm sure you are relieved that school has ended for your younger children and those in college are hopefully working in some type of summer job. Others of you are planning graduation parties and getting those first year freshman ready to leave the nest in mid August to colleges and universities. Philoptochos congratulates all of our Annunciation children. Normally, I would say that summer is quite quiet but for some reason our church is still in a state of "hustle and bustle".

Yes, festival is over but I have to say summer attendance is still going strong. With that said, the ladies of Philoptochos continue on their mission of providing "coffee hour", fellowship, making sure that there is plenty of Artos and Artoclasia made etc. As I have mentioned in previous Good News I hope that our Annunciation "neighborhood" continues to grow and prosper. Well the neighborhood has certainly done so this past year.



Our philanthropic endeavors have reached many parts of the Rochester community. From the Bethany House, House of Mercy, Ronald McDonald House, our local Rochester Veterans Outreach programs, American Legion Post 468 Auxiliary, and the CP Rochester School for children with special needs, just to mention a few. This isn't just monetary donations but "hands on". Many of you throughout this year have had the opportunity to hear many amazing speakers on the solea.

Though we are in the summer season Philoptochos will continue to resume its duties both on the National and Metropolis level. Recently in the month of May 2019 we had our elections. Thus, please allow me to mention the following board members and officers: 2019-2021.:

Despina Georgakopoulos (vice-president), Helen Eisenberg (treasurer), Maria LoVerde (recording secretary), Effie Kapatos (corresponding secretary), Maria Economides (membership coordinator), Presvytera Teri Maggos, Akrivi Bitsas, Dina Theodorakakos, Mary Manou, Dina Marou, Olga Nassis, and Demetra Korovessis. I'm honored and grateful to be serving the Annunciation family as Philoptochos president.

Quote: Nelson Mandela- "It always seems impossible until it's done."

The Annunciation neighborhood is getting it done. Thank you Fr. Angelo and Presvytera Teri as we the Annunciation Family mark your one year anniversary with us.

God Bless America and the Annunciation on East Avenue.

Niki Chamberlain- president

Pastoral Message at the Enthronement of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America

Devout and Reverend Clergy and Presvyteres of this Holy Archdiocese of America, and Beloved brothers and sisters, my dear children in the Lord,

Today, I stand before all of you, humbled and grateful, declaring with the Holy Prophet and Psalmist David: Ἐτοίμη ἡ καρδία μου ὁ Θεός. Ἐτοίμη ἡ καρδία μου! Ready is my heart is O God. Ready is my heart!



Indeed, my heart, soul, and mind are ready and eager to embark on this great challenge and charge that our Thrice-Holy God has granted to me by His grace, with my election, at the recommendation of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, by the most reverend members of the Holy and Sacred Synod, in order that I might serve you, the beloved faithful of America, as your spiritual father and pastor, the seventh Archbishop of the Holy Archdiocese of America. The fact that this sacred commission took place on May 11th—coinciding with the feast of Saints Cyril and Methodios, peers of the apostles and illuminators of the Slavs—reminds me of the principal conviction and commitment of the First Throne of Constantinople to an ecumenical worldview and mission. This sign further inspires me to stir and sustain the grace that flows from God to the Mother and Daughter Church-

es of Constantinople as well as to our Archdiocese here in America—and to increase this gift, in the words of the Gospel of John, “from grace to grace” (John 1:16)...

Moreover, I recognize those who have preceded me in this glorious and blessed archdiocese, all those who have shaped and defined this exceptional church. These include first His Eminence Demetrios, who has honored me with his presence today in order to transmit to me the church that he so faithfully and attentively ministered for two decades. But also Archbishop Iakovos, who boldly walked beside Martin Luther King Junior against the cultural tide of the time and even against the advice of his peers. And above all, the inspired pioneer Athenagoras, who recognized the importance of breaking down barriers with other church confessions and faith communities. My aspiration is to plant and multiply their diverse gifts in the fertile soil of this church and land as I reach out in a dialogue of love and truth to our ecumenical and interfaith brothers and sisters.

As Orthodox Christians, of course—to adopt the words of the Nicæan-Constantinopolitan Creed, our symbol of faith—we are truly “catholic and apostolic” only when we remember and realize that we are also “one and holy.” And so my heart is ready and steadfast in the sensitive and critical matter of Orthodox unity. I sincerely pledge to devote myself—with all my heart, soul and mind—to the reaffirmation and reinvigoration of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in order that we may collaborate with greater unity, while witnessing with greater conviction and credibility to the broader American society. Our teaching is one in the sacraments and one in the life of the church; therefore, our preaching should also reflect the same unanimity and consensus in the culturally diverse and pluralistic world that we inhabit and share. In this way, we shall be ready and steadfast at all times “to preach good news to the poor . . . to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to declare the acceptable year of the Lord. (Luke 4:18–19) And we shall “always be prepared to make a defense to any one who calls us to account for the hope that lies in us, and to do so with gentleness and reverence.” (1 Peter 3:15)

My heart is especially ready and steadfast to serve this Archdiocese and nation, both of which I have long admired since childhood and from my ministry at the Phanar. [As] your new Archbishop [I want] to listen to you, to dialogue with you, and to work with you. My prayerful aspiration is to stand before you and beside you, to lead by example and exhortation, and to minister through service and sacrifice. Let us advance together as the Body of Christ and body of believers, as a united Archdiocese and Church, and as a cherished Eparchy of our venerable Ecumenical Patriarchate.

...Of the many areas that I hope to address with a sense of pastoral urgency, I would highlight the loving ministry to our beloved youth, the reinforcement of our theological education, as well as the completion of the shrine at Ground Zero.



There is a precious lesson and enduring vision about leadership as service transmitted to me by His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch—and that is the importance of building bridges, of creating relationships... There can only be genuine progression in the church if there is also an unbroken apostolic continuity. We must never forget our forefathers and fathers, patriarchs and prophets, apostles and preachers, saints and martyrs, confessors and ascetics—all those men and women, known and unknown, who have laid the foundations for the church and paved the way for us to belong to the Body of Christ. But how shall we prepare for and respond to this calling?

First, if we are to be true to our evangelical roots and spiritual traditions, we must be a Church that embraces our young people, that embraces the strangers in our midst, that embraces all members of our community and our country. Our young people face an ever-growing deluge of information and access to knowledge that is unprecedented. The Church—which means all of us—must be ready to meet our youth where they live and where they learn: in our communities, on college campuses, with all of the range and resources of social media at our disposal. We cannot lose any time, and we cannot wait for them to reach out to us. We must offer them a taste of the sacramental life, of the living Body of Christ. We should welcome and embrace them, meeting them—just as the Lord Jesus Himself did with His disciples—on their own terms, in their own hearts, and with their own resources.

Second, our ministry to our youth and our message to our world must be grounded in the development and expansion of our Theological School, the heart of education of clergy and formation of leaders for our Archdiocese but also beyond. I will never forget the extraordinary semester I spent teaching at Holy Cross School of Theology in the spring of 2004. You see, my dear brothers and sisters: the challenges of church management are not merely secular, mundane concerns for the Church. They touch on the very heart of our response to celebrating and communicating the gifts that we have received from God. In a very real sense, we are all deacons! We are all accountable stewards of the resources of the faithful. And if we face our challenges and hurdles humbly and collectively, then I have every confidence that we shall overcome them. If the Lord is our strength and our salvation—our consolation and our illumination—then our brightest days are surely ahead of us.

Third, as I stand on this throne—beholding all of you in this splendid cathedral and addressing so many more of you by means of modern communications—I also behold the sacred image and relics of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker. Precisely because we believe in miracles; precisely because St. Nicholas works wonders... It is this victory and miracle that the Saint Nicholas National Shrine at the World Trade Center represents and symbolizes—not only for our Archdiocese, but for the City of New York, and in fact for the entire American nation. It is our duty and our responsibility as Orthodox Christians—but also our obligation and commitment to God and His people—to complete and open the doors of the Saint Nicholas National Shrine as a witness and vision of what is best and what is beautiful in all people of faith and religious conviction. I assure you that my heart is ready and steadfast in this task as well.



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Annunciation Policies

MEMORIAL FUNDS DISTRIBUTION POLICY

All monies received during a funeral or memorial service that are made out to the church, that is, checks marked with “Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church” or cash with the envelope marked with “Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church” will be used for purposes in support of church operation.

These could include support of recognized church ministries, sacramental articles purchased for the church proper or for ongoing campaigns such as Hall Renovation or other capital improvements.

If it is desired that these monies are to be used for other wishes that the family may have the family must ensure that they announce that these checks or cash be designated as such.

All monies received for funerals are tracked, and family members will receive a listing of those who donated and a total amount of the donation, typically within 40-60 days following the date of the funeral. In addition, for all monies received designated “*Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church,*” donors will receive a letter thanking them for their donation to the church in memory of the deceased.

POLICY FOR DOCUMENT PREPARATION:

There is a required processing charge of \$40 per document. This charge covers research, preparation and routing of documents such as Certificate of Residency, Certificate of Freedom to Marry, Reissued Marriage Certificate, Reissued Baptism Certificate and Certificate of Death. Additional documents are \$20.00 per document.

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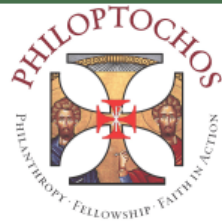


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