

GOOD NEWS

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September-October 2019

From the Desk of
Rev. Fr. Angelo Maggos

Parish Registry, Progress Report
Upcoming Church Services and Events

Youth Ministry and Organizations News

From the Desk of Fr. Angelo

As we begin the new church year or formally called the Liturgical year, I thought it would be a good time to review how the church year is organized and discuss the various services the Church offers us. So, let's start with an overview of the entire range of services:

Liturgical	Sacramental	Devotional	Special
Vespers	Eucharist (Holy Communion)	Paraklisis	Holy Week Services
Orthros (Matins)	Baptism	Salutations	Blessing of Waters
Divine Liturgy	Chrismation	Akathist	Artoklasia
Hours	Marriage	Compline	Memorials
Vigils	Ordination		40 Day Blessing
	Holy Unction		Private Prayer
	Confession		

Background of Worship Services

In Orthodox theology, the first divine service was offered by Adam and Eve together in the Garden of Eden. In Paradise, divine worship consisted of freely glorifying God, which came naturally to them as a result of their unimpeded vision of God in his Divine Energies.

After the Fall, this "vision" became clouded, and worship required effort on the part of Man. Now divine service was accomplished in the form of sacrificial offerings, penance and prayer.

These services were later formalized, or codified, in the Law of Moses (Torah) and specific liturgical days and feasts were instituted, such as Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Hanukkah, and Passover.

After the Resurrection of Jesus and Pentecost, the Early Church continued to participate in the rites of the Jewish Temple (Acts 2, 3, and 5). After the 2nd Destruction of the Temple by the Romans in 70 AD, Christians began to develop their own distinct forms of worship but did retain some elements of Old Testament worship (chanting of the Psalms, use of incense, etc.) and specific times for worship.

Liturgical services

Vespers – this is the first service of the day since in following the Jewish custom that the liturgical day begins at sunset. The hymns of Vespers introduce the themes of the upcoming day. There are three forms of Vespers: Great Vespers, Daily Vespers and Small Vespers. Great Vespers is the form served on Sundays and major feast days. It is in the Vesper service that we

have the reading of the Old Testament as opposed to the Catholic tradition that has both Old and New Testament readings on Sunday.

Orthros or Matins - this is the last of the four night offices and occurs just prior to Divine Liturgy. The term Orthros is Greek meaning daybreak while the term Matins is from the Latin matutinum meaning “of the morning”. Matins is the longest and most complex of the daily cycle of services and was originally meant to serve as also as an educational service in that the hymns and are instructional regarding the saint or the feast of the day and the synaxarion recalls the saints and martyrs of the Church for that day.

Divine Liturgy – also referred to as Eucharist and in Catholic and Protestant traditions as Mass. This is the only service where the sacrament of Eucharist or Holy Communion is distributed publicly. There are four categories of Liturgies performed which are:

- a. St John Chrysostom – standard liturgy performed on most Sundays
- b. St Basil – performed on Christmas, Theophany, Holy Thursday and Saturday and on St Basil’s nameday, January 1st
- c. St James, Brother of our Lord – on St James's nameday, October 23rd.
- d. Pre-Sanctified – each Wednesday and Friday of Great Lent. In the Catholic tradition the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy is only performed once per year on Holy Thursday.

Sacramental Services

Sacraments are where Christians perceive God's presence and actions. The Holy Fathers of the Church spoke of a sacrament as “an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace.” Since the work of the Holy Spirit in a person’s soul remains a hidden reality covered with a mystery which is beyond our understanding, the Sacraments have been known as (Μυστήρια) Mysteries in the Orthodox Church. The Church carries on Christ’s work of salvation through Her priests, invested by the power of the Holy Spirit, given to them by the laying on of hands from the bishop thus, the sacrament of Holy Orders provides the Church with stewards of the mysteries of God” (1 Cor 4:1), leading the people of God toward salvation.

The strict list of seven has never had the significance in Orthodox teaching, as it has in the Catholic Church. The early Church Fathers tended to see the whole of creation as a mystery but has adopted the list of seven primarily as a convenience in teaching. In any case, it is not to be inferred that all sacraments stand on an equal footing; for there exists a definite ‘hierarchy’ among them, with Baptism and Eucharist occupying a primary position.

The Sacraments of the Orthodox Church are composed of prayers, hymns, scripture lessons, gestures and processions. Many parts of the sacramental services date back to the time of the Apostles. Also, important is the use (in most) sacraments of a portion of the material of creation, such as water, oil, bread and wine, as an outward and visible sign of God's revelation.

Devotional – Paraklisis, Akathistos, and Compline

The Paraklisis is a Greek term (παράκλησις) which mean to calling to one's aid, for encouragement and comfort; a holy urging. Although the hymns and prayers are addressed and directed toward the Virgin Mary and the saints, they are intercessory prayers to the Lord. Com-

posed by the Monk Theosterictus in the 9th Century, the Paraklisis is sung in times of danger, tragedy, sickness, temptation, or depression to ask our Lord for salvation, deliverance, protection, guidance, and healing. The Paraklisis is typically performed on Wednesdays and Fridays during the Feast of the Assumption of the Theotokos, however, it can be requested by anyone at any time of need, even by the faithful alone.

Akathistos and Salutations (Ακάθιστος and Χαιρετισμοί)

From the Greek Ακάθιστος literally means “not seated” while Χαιρετισμοί is “the rejoicing.” The Salutations are similar in structure to the Paraklisis and are sung on the first four Friday evenings of Great Lent. The Akathistos is a compilation of all the Salutation services and is sung on the 5th Friday of Great Lent. The Salutations and the Akathistos are sung primarily in the Greek Orthodox tradition in remembrance of when the great Byzantine capital, Constantinople, was attacked in the 7th century by the Persians and and Scythians but saved through the intervention of the Most Holy Theotokos.

Compline

The ancient office of Compline is a private prayer or service and derives its name from a Latin word meaning completion’ (completorium) and in Greek the term is αποδειπνο or after supper as the prayer is typically a bedtime service. There are two versions of compline - Great and Small compline and this service is also present in the Church of England. Great compline is a church service commemorating such occasions as the Eve of the Nativity of Christ or providing a structure to pray the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete during the Nativity Lent. Small compline is the private, bedtime prayer office. It is above all a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day. It is most effective when the ending is indeed an ending, without additions or conversation. If there is further business to be done, it should come first before the compline is performed. If the service is in church, those present depart in silence and if at home go quietly to bed.

Next month we’ll discuss the special services.

RESTRUCTURING OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Religious Education Team has been busy planning for the upcoming Sunday School year, and we would like to convey some of our new initiatives and structure to you.

a) On the following 2 pages you'll note we have clarified the formal organization for religious education in our parish. The first organization chart shows everything which is part of Parish Level Religious Education. The second organization chart shows how religious education is being organized for youth. (Youth defined as Prek-K through High School). Each of these positions will have a description of duties and responsibilities so that new volunteers in the program will have a clear understanding of the objectives and expectations.

b) The RE team aligned the Sunday School curriculum with the Archdiocese and OCEC curriculum for all grade levels. We have developed monthly teaching themes. All grade levels will have the same overarching lesson taught in a manner appropriate for the age group. This will also allow Fr. Angelo to gear his sermon to the theme for the month.

c) Beginning this year Sunday School registration will be done online. We ask that you complete a registration form for each of your children before the start of the Sunday School year. The form can be found at annunciationrochester.org under the "Education" tab.

d) The following grade levels have been combined to best optimize the current teaching staff:

PreK 3&4- Lauren Gashlin, Beverly Hageman, Zoe Stamatis, Mary Provenzano (same room)

Kindergarten & 1st - Julie & John Sidou (Kindergarten room)

2nd & 3rd - Christina Chinchilla (former 1st grade room)

4th & 5th - Demitra Bouquin (former 3rd & 4th grade room)

6,7,8th - Juan Linares (same room) Teen Class (9,10,11,12) - Teri Strembinis & guest speakers

*Note: Teen Teach will be held in the GOYA room across from the Choir practice room immediately following Holy Communion. If you are interested in being a Teen Teach guest speaker, organizing/participating in a Religious Education activity or have any questions please contact Fr. Angelo or Rhonda Stamatis.

Sincerely, The Religious Education Team

Religious Education Updates and Information

As the fall season and new school year are now in full swing, we hope that parish families have found their rhythm for the year ahead, just as we are finding our rhythm as the new Sunday School Administrators. Years ago we were students in these classrooms, and now our own children are starting their religious education journeys as well! It is amazing how quickly the time passes. We are happy to offer our time and service to help organize and ensure the successful future of our Sunday School program here at the Annunciation as we understand just how important this program is for our youth. We just hope we are granted a bit of grace and patience as we learn to navigate the duties of our new role! A big thanks to Father Angelo and Rhonda Stamatis for their guidance thus far.

If you have a child you would still like to enroll in Sunday School, please take a moment to register the student online via our church website (<https://annunciationrochester.org>) by clicking "Sunday School Registration" under the "Education" tab. It is not too late to make Religious Education part of your routine!

Once again, this year we are requesting that families supply the snacks for Sunday School, please drop them off in the Sunday School office. Remember NO snacks that contain peanuts!

To ensure a successful start to the Sunday School year we strongly encourage parents to attend the first, of three parent informational meetings which will be held throughout the year, the first of which was held on Sunday, September 29th. The other two are on the RE Program Schedule in the center of this newsletter. We will review curriculum, talk about technology additions to classrooms and discuss philanthropy opportunities for students and parents during the upcoming year. This meeting will take place in Church immediately following the Divine Liturgy.

As mentioned in past publications, the new Religious Education curriculum has been organized in way that will cover a new "theme" each month. Our hope is that by doing this, parents will have a guideline to help them continue discussions beyond the classroom about what is being taught in Sunday School. The month of October will focus on the following: The Divine Liturgy, The Physical Church, Church Events and Apostles & Saints. Each grade level will have a different, age appropriate lesson plan, but all lessons will have a focus on the same common theme. We encourage you to ask questions of your child!

This month has a few other events to make note of, so please mark your calendars:

Blessing of the Animals: Monday October 7th at Noon

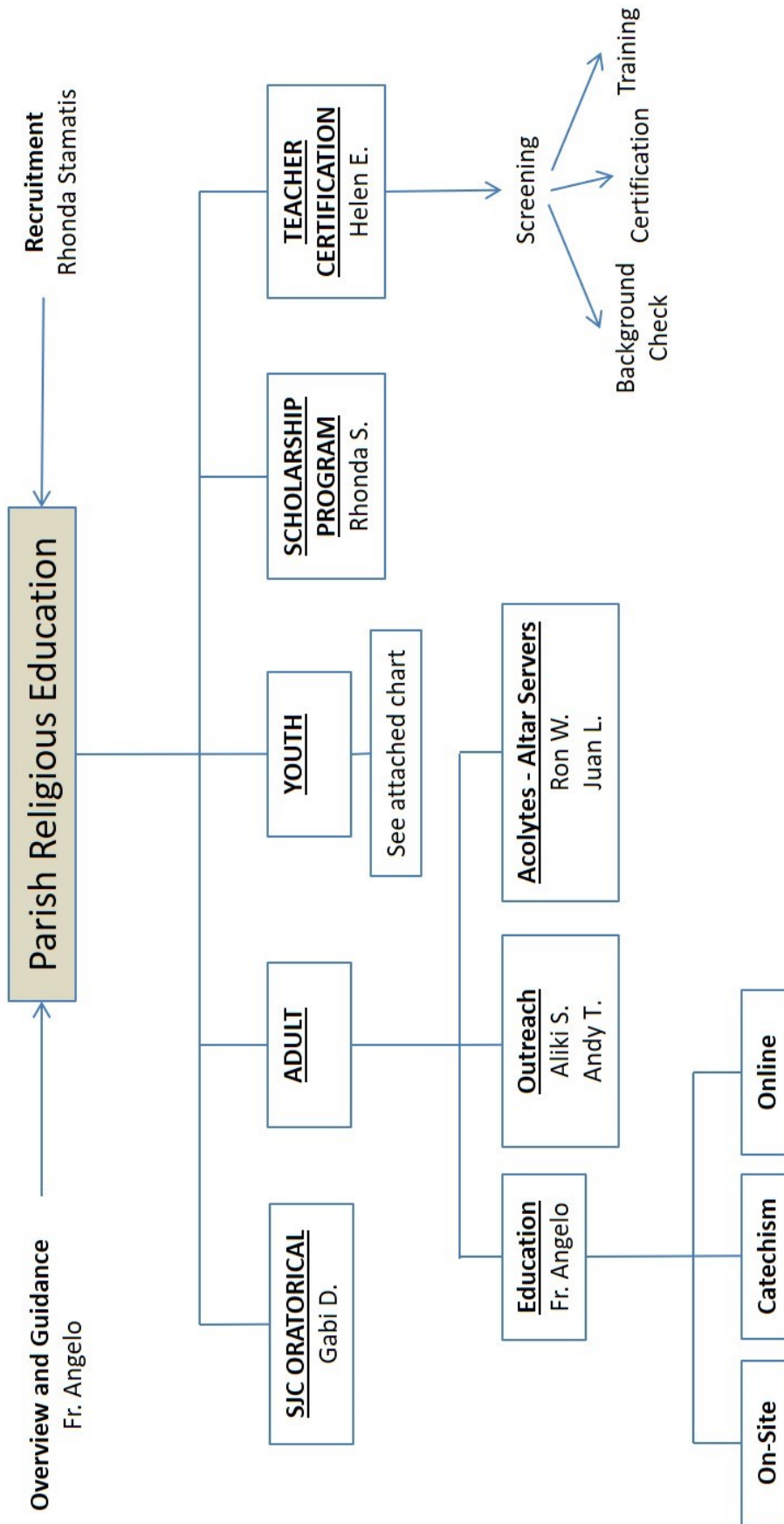
Kirkin' of the Tartans: Sunday October 13th immediately following Liturgy

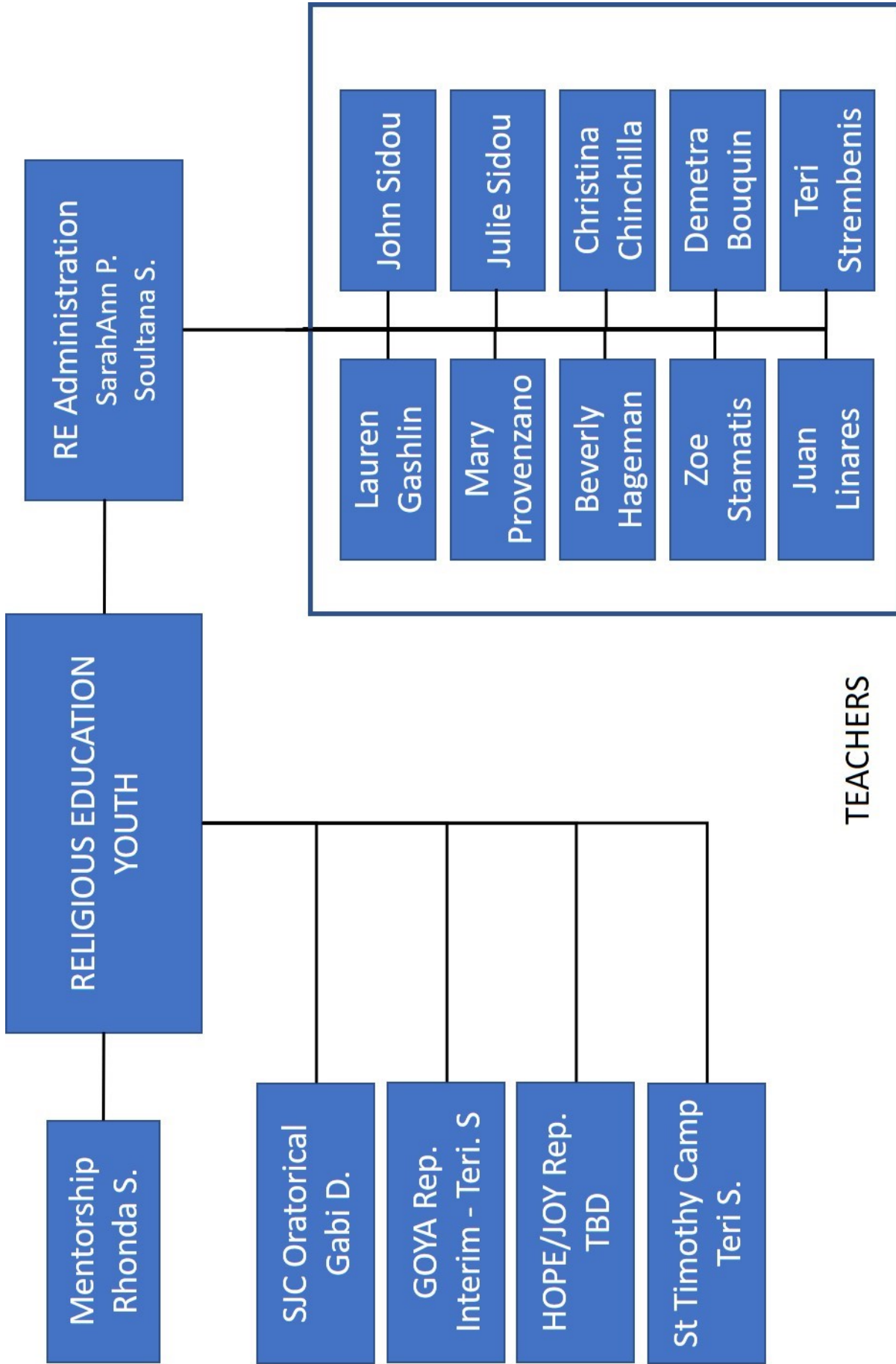
Harvest Party: Saturday October 26th from 11:00am-3:00pm

Blessing of the Vehicles: Sunday October 27th immediately following Liturgy

GOYA members are also Making Strides Against Breast Cancer by participating in the Rochester walk taking place on October 20th; a wonderful community event in support of a great cause!

We hope to see you all at these upcoming events and we look forward to working together with the parish community to continue the success of our Sunday School program.







PARISH REGISTRY



Baptisms:



25 August, Sunday, Eleni Mercedes Votsis - Parents Paul Votsis & Claudia Julia Neyra Pereyra



Weddings:



1 September Peter James Goodyear and Alexa Nichols Hill



21 September Christos Gogos and Flora Haltses



Memoriam: May their memory be eternal



Irene Jebeles Joglus Interred August 16, 2019



Stanley Carafos Interred August 17, 2019



Katherine Stathopoulos Interred August 19, 2019



Upcoming Events:

- 8 September, Sunday, Philoptochos General Meeting, After liturgy
- 9 September, Monday, PC Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 15 September, Sunday, Good News Submission Deadline
- 22 September, Sunday, Philoptochos General Meeting after the Divine Liturgy
- 29 September, Sunday, Flu Shot Clinic , tentative, after Liturgy
- 6 October, Sunday, Philoptochos Fashion Show and Luncheon. Men and Women fashions 12:30 pm at the Port. \$45.00 pp. cash and/or check made payable to Philoptochos. Get your ticket in Community Center.
- 14 October, Monday, Blessing of the animals - St. Modestus - Patron St. of Animals 12:00 Noon.

Church Events:

- 14 September, Saturday, Holy Cross Divine Liturgy
- 15 September, Sunday, RE class Blessing of the classrooms – 1st class
- 22 September, Sunday, RE class
- 25-28 September, Metropolis Clergy-Laitly & Philoptochos Conference, Troy, MI
- 26 September, Thursday, Senior Meeting, 11:00 AM
- 29 September, Sunday, RE class, Parent orientation
- 13 October, Sunday, Kirkin o' the Tartan.
- 27 October, Sunday, Blessing of the vehicles

AGENDA – FALL General Assembly 2019

On Sunday, November 3, 2019, immediately following the Divine Liturgy service we will be having the *Fall General Assembly meeting.*

Please see the Agenda below and we look forward to seeing you there and ask that you encourage as many of your family and friends to attend.

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| 1. Call to Order | PC President |
| 2. Opening Prayer | Fr. Angelo |
| 3. Election of General Assembly Chairman and Secretary | |
| 4. Approval of previous General Assembly Minutes | Meeting Chairperson |
| 5. Treasurer Report | Eric Vangellow |
| 6. Nominations for Audit Committee | Eric Vangellow |
| 7. PC Nominations and Election Process | Vickie Makovsky |
| 8. Ministry and Organization Reports | |
| a. Fund Raising Events | |
| • Greek Festival | Elina K. and Van Z. |
| • Holiday Bazaar | Sevi S. |
| b. Stewardship | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content;"> <p>In the interest of time and to allow ample time for a full and open discussion all ministry updates will be provided as a hard copy at the General Assembly meeting from which questions can then be asked.</p> </div> |
| c. Religious Education | |
| d. Philoptochos | |
| e. Choir/Chant | |
| f. GOYA | |
| g. Greek School | |
| h. Seniors Group | |
| i. Cultural Groups | |
| 9. Call for Questions | |
| 10. General Maintenance and Upkeep | |
| a. Parking Lot Improvement | |
| b. Church improvements | |
| c. Hall Renovation | |
| 11. Old Business | |
| 12. New Business | |
| 13. Call for Adjournment | GA Chairman |
| 14. Closing Prayer | Fr. Angelo |

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION GUIDELINES

Dear Parishioners,

Below is the information about this year's **PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS**.

Please make note and mark your calendars of the following dates and times.

DATE: Sunday, November 3, 2019

TIME: Immediately following the Divine Liturgy until 1:30 pm.

NOMINATIONS: There are **3** openings, each for a three (3) year term. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the Fall General Assembly meeting to be held on Sunday, November **3**, 2019 and will remain open until Sunday, November **10**, 2019. In order to be eligible for election, nominees must a) be in good standing as indicated below and b) consent their candidacy in writing at least fifteen (15) days prior to the elections and no later than Friday, November **22**, 2019. When consent is given, all candidates will be required to attend a seminar with Father Angelo, outlining the duties and responsibilities of a Parish Council member, as required by the Parish By-Laws, Article 25, Section 4:A.

Eligible parishioners are encouraged to run for Parish Council positions. This is a wonderful opportunity for the members of our church to offer your time and talents to the service of God and to our parish.

ELIGIBILITY: Parishioners in good standing are eligible to run for Parish Council, participate at the General Assembly on Sunday, November **3**, 2019 and vote on Sunday, December **8**, 2019. Parishioners are considered to be in good standing if they have paid their Stewardship in full for the year 2018 and submitted a pledge card and made payment for towards 2019. If you have any questions about eligibility, please contact the Church Office.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS: Parishioners may request an absentee ballot by completing an Application form. Application forms can be obtained from Board of Elections member Angie LaLoggia at 585-545-0753 or email at alaloggia@aol.com. The last day to request Absentee Ballots is Monday, November **25**, 2019. To be valid, the absentee ballot must be mailed back in the envelopes provided, to the Board of Elections by Friday, December **6**, 2019.

Sincerely,

Board of Elections Committee,

Angie LaLoggia (585-545-0753)

Patricia Linares (585-789-0176)

Nitsa Hristodoulou (585-309-1893)

Vickie Makovsky (585-967-8931)

2019 FLU IMMUNIZATION CLINIC



ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Flu season is right around the corner!

The best way to protect yourself and your family against the flu is to get a flu vaccine every year.

Get your flu shot!

Sunday, September 29, 2019

11:30am~12:30pm

All vaccinations will be administered by a Registered Nurse.

Bring your insurance card!

- Most insurance plans accepted as payment (Aetna, BC/BS, Cigna, Excellus, IHA, Medicare, MVP, United Healthcare and Univera)
- For those without insurance, the cost will be \$30.00



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At the invitation of the Scottish Heritage Society of Rochester, our church will be hosting this year's Kirkin o' the Tartan.

Kirkin' o' the Tartan roughly translates to "Churching of the Tartan." Kirk is the Scottish word for church, and in Scotland the word is synonymous with the Presbyterian Church. During the time of English occupation of Scotland when, similar to the Ottoman occupation of Greece, the Scottish culture and tradition was outlawed and had to be done in secret. Part of the tradition at this time was for Scottish families to take a piece of fabric from their family pattern or tartan to the church where it would be blessed by the minister.

Though the Kirkin' draws on Scotland's cultural and religious traditions, the service is an American tradition first held on April 27, 1941 in Washington, D.C. Here in the Rochester area the tradition of the Kirkin o' The Tartan is upheld by the Scottish Heritage Society, which includes music, readings and ceremonial parade of the tartans.

As we have quite a few parishioners of Scottish decent (including Presvytera) please join us for this celebration of this unique cultural tradition.

Τα Νέα του Ελληνικού Σχολείου

I would like to welcome all new and returning students to the new school year. Greek School began on September 14th. New interested families, if you have missed the registration date, please contact Maria Dembeyiotis at agreekschool@gmail.com for information.

I would like to wish all the students and teachers a wonderful year! I would like to thank the teachers for their dedication and commitment and the parents and community for their continued support of the Greek School program. Greek School not only instills the love of the Greek language and culture but builds lifelong friendships.

I would also like to congratulate all the students for their efforts last school year and our graduates for their achievements with the New York State Comprehensive Examination. All the students spend their Saturday mornings from pre-k to middle school to learn the Greek language and culture. The graduating students in 2019 were: Nikos Antoniou, Ana Bitsas, Sophia Claire, Katerina Dembeyiotis, Sophia Dilieu, Nadia Dimperis, Dimitris Hantes, Litza Kakourovski, Maria Karipidis, George Karvounidis, Dimitris Kyriazis, Eva Mihalitsas, Melina Papaioanou, and Damianos Strembenis. Each of these students worked hard for their achievements and we wish them the best.

Το Ελληνικό σχολείο ξεκίνησε στις 14 Σεπτεμβρίου. Αν έχετε χάσει την ημερομηνία εγγραφής, επικοινωνήστε στη διεύθυνση agreekschool@gmail.com.

Θα ήθελα να ευχηθώ σε όλους τους μαθητές και τους δασκάλους καλή χρονιά, και να ευχαριστήσω τους δασκάλους, γονείς, και την κοινότητα για τη συνεχή υποστήριξή τους στο Ελληνικό σχολείο.

Θα ήθελα να συγχαρώ τους μαθητες που πήραν φετος το απολυτήριο από το Ελληνικό σχολείο και να τους ευχηθώ τα καλύτερα για το μέλλον.

Maria Dembeyiotis
Greek School Director

PHILOPTOCHOS

Dear Annunciation Family,

We are hoping you are continuing to enjoy your summer. Many of course are off to the "Homeland ", Greece and we wish them safe travels. As for the rest of us we are vacationing within the continental U.S. or staying in the Rochester community. Nonetheless, business continues for Philoptochos. Please take a moment and view our calendar. As always we will do our best to keep you all updated. All meetings are held after Liturgy in the Community Center.

- Sunday October 6th, 2019 Fashion Show. All are welcome. After Liturgy @ The Port.
- Sunday October 13th, 2019 Philoptochos Hosts- Membership, Mezethes, and Mimosas. After Liturgy. Welcome New Members.
- Sunday October 20th, 2019 Philoptochos General Meeting. All are welcome. After Liturgy.
- Sunday November 3rd, 2019 Philoptochos General Meeting. All are welcome. After Liturgy.
- Sunday November 10th, 2019 Philoptochos Sunday: Patron Sts. Comas & Damian. There will be Tray Passing, Artoclasia, and Philoptochos Hosts Fellowship.
- Saturday November 16th, 2019 Philoptochos Ladies are baking. 8 am. @ Church.
- Sunday November 17, 2019. Philoptochos Ladies are baking. 8am. @ Church.
- Sunday November 24, 2019 Philoptochos Famous Bake Sale. After Liturgy.
- Sunday December 1st, 2019. Philoptochos General Meeting. All are welcome. After Liturgy.
- Sunday December 8th, 2019 Philoptochos Christmas Party. After Liturgy @ LaLuna. All are welcome.

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



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

DONATION PLEDGE FORM FOR HALL RENOVATION

Contact Information (Please print all information clearly)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Donation Amount \$ _____

Pledge Amount \$ _____ Payment to be made _____ Monthly _____ Quarterly

Payment form (Circle one): Check VISA/Mastercard/American Express

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date _____ CVV Code _____

Name as it appears on the card: _____

Signature: _____

This Donation/Pledge is made in honor/memory of: _____

Please send notification of my gift to: _____

Address: _____

HALL RENOVATION PLEDGE DONARS TO DATE

Nicholas and Catherine Sfikas

Margaret Kitz

Jeanette and Michael Lazary

Fr. Angelo and Presvytera Teri Maggos

Maria Vasho

Jim and Dori Stathopoulos

Helen Eisenberg

Niki Chamberlain

Eric Vangellow

Ronald and Christine Kerxhalli Wiegand

Drosopigi Society

Elias and Maria Sarganis

Mary Critikos - In Memory of Irene Joglus

Marie Sakellariou

Ana Dobrot

Vera Bellows

Vicky Stathe-Smith – In memory of her parents, Van and Anastasia Stathe

Vasila Augustinos

Dimitrios and Maria Karras

St. Paraskevi Society

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.

2019 ADVERTISING/SPONSORSHIP COMMITMENT FORM

In order to help defray costs of printing and mailing and to increase awareness among our community of the broad range of experience and services available from our parishioners, we are inviting both parishioners and any vendors to our church to consider advertising in our monthly newsletter. Just complete the form below and mail, email or drop off to the church office. For email use office@agocroc.org



Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Contact _____ Email _____

<p>ADVERTISING OPTIONS:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Full Page.....\$500/yr</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Half Page.....\$300/yr</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Business Card\$150/yr</p>	<p>NOTES:</p> <p>Newsletter is printed 11 months per year as June/July is a combined newsletter</p> <p>For best quality, artwork should be high resolution jpeg files or similar</p> <p>Emailed ads must be 600 dpi or greater PDF</p> <p>Please include or email artwork</p>
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FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS

When you support the Friends of the Metropolis campaign, you are part of a greater outreach that proclaims with one universal voice that God is truly our hope and our rock of salvation. Because of your devotion to the Friends program, ministries and programs are implemented on a Metropolis-wide basis which strengthen and enhance our faith and our joint ministry of service. I would like to invite you to join forces with the faithful throughout the Metropolis of Detroit in support of the ministries which are part of the Office of the Metropolitan.

Thanking you for your kind and generous response, I remain, with paternal blessings and prayers,

+NICHOLAS
Metropolitan of Detroit

MORE INFO AT:
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GENERAL SUPPORT

Fully fund the general expenses of the Metropolis office, including programs and travels.

OUTREACH/MISSIONS

Create opportunities to introduce our faith to society. Participate in inter-Christian and interfaith activities. Provide quick responses to national and international disasters.

EDUCATION

Enhance various scholarship opportunities, adult education programs, and support Metropolis students at Hellenic College/Holy Cross.

HELLENISM

Develop programs for Hellenic Cultural Outreach, including language, history, and arts.

CLERGY/PARISH SUPPORT

Develop and provide instructional seminars and services for clergy and parishes.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Support the youth & young adult ministries, including our summer camps, as well as the activities of a full-time Metropolis Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries.

LEADERSHIP

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