

# GOOD NEWS

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From the Desk of  
Rev. Fr. Angelo Maggos

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## From the Desk of Fr. Angelo

### The Road Ahead

Unfortunately, this year has begun with sadness in light of the loss of several parishioners in December and January. This suffering, while real and personal, is a reminder of the tragic sufferings of the early Christian communities. In St. Paul's letters, you quickly grasp the difficulties of the situation that he, and his bishops, faced as most Christian communities struggled with their faith and paid with their lives in tragic and horrible suffering. Often times, they were unsure of whether to continue their beliefs in the pagan gods of Olympus or Rome or continue to believe in this Christ of whom St. Paul was preaching about. Their faith was being tested through doubt, mockings, verbal and physical sufferings. In his advice to the Corinthians, St. Paul speaks about these difficulties and where God is in the midst of our suffering:

*"Every trial that you have experienced is the kind that normally comes to people. But God keeps His promise, and He will not allow you to be tried beyond your power to remain firm: at the time of your trial He will give you the strength to endure it, and so provide you with a way out." (1 Cor 10:13)*

As you have heard me say many times in my sermons: We will all experience suffering in our lives, and that suffering will take on a different form for each person. However, we must always be vigilant to remember that it is God who is in control and He does not allow us to be tested beyond our means – even though we may feel overwhelmed by the events of the time. In the sadness of knowing that suffering, both spiritual and physical, is inevitable, the good news is that God will give us the strength to endure it.

*"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ." (2 Cor 3-5)*

While we all feel despair in these difficult times, it is here when we are most vulnerable and must be vigilant to the attacks of Satan and his forces. The Hebrew Scriptures is replete with the sufferings of God's people: The lives of Job, King David and Hosea give us an example of hope in hopeless times – of firmness in faith at a time when God seemed far away. Job cried out to God showing us that there is no shame in feeling hurt, pain or suffering...but the story is also one of hope in that we see God answer Job and restore to him all that he had lost. Adversity and suffering was a pattern in David's life, yet he trusted in God:

*"Before I was afflicted [suffered] I went astray: but now have I kept Your word"  
(Psalm 119:67).*

In the same way the Book of Hosea offers the same message. This is a wonderful love story from a mortal

sense (Hosea and Gomer) and a divine sense (God and Israel) and demonstrates the long-suffering love (Numbers 14:18) God has for His people.

St. Paul, in his 2nd letter to the Corinthians, tells us that even though we suffer and struggle, as did the prophets, we have our hope and help in the Holy Trinity. The source of everything is God the Father, proceeding through God the Son, and perfected in God the Holy Spirit. God, who became man, the Christ was perfect man and knows personally the agony of suffering and torment. Knowing this, St. Paul tells us to take comfort that as God's own beloved creation we always have His Grace.

*But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed...For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that His life may be revealed in our mortal body.*

(2 Cor 4:7)

In the coming year, we will continue to face significant challenges: financial, spiritual, personal and with those challenges will come suffering, however, we the people of the One True God, protected by His love and wisdom, have been granted the Grace of the Holy Spirit (the Comforter) to strengthen us to endure the hardships we will face (John 14:25).

Through Christ, I am confident that our Annunciation family will continue to meet these challenges in a manner befitting the legacy and determination of our forebearers. This year I pray that each of you consider the awesome responsibility of this legacy of love and reach out to those who have suffered or are experiencing suffering and in grace and love offer them a word or act of comfort.

My favorite priest-professor at Holy Cross Seminary would say that the only thing we have that we can truly give to God is our suffering so let us allow ourselves to be at peace and permit His Grace to flow into your heart.

*My comfort in my suffering is this, Your promise preserves my life...I have sought your face with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise. (Psalm 119:50, 58)*



## **ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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### **2020 Lenten Series & Discussion Schedule**

As an accompaniment to our weekly Wednesday Pre-sanctified Liturgies, we are offering a series of Lenten topics to deepen our understanding of some of the very important aspects of the Christian faith that are emphasized during Great Lent in preparation for the joyful resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

As with the Bible Reading Challenge, we have invited clergy from the local area to present different expressions on the topics of Forgiveness, Prayer, Confession and Eucharist.

**The Lenten Series Discussion Schedule is as follows:**

| <b>Date</b>                  | <b>Lenten Topic</b>               | <b>Speaker</b>            |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>March 4<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Forgiveness</b>                | <b>Fr Bob Werth</b>       |
| <b>March 11<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Prayer</b>                     | <b>Rabbi Peter Stein</b>  |
| <b>April 1<sup>st</sup></b>  | <b>Eucharist (Holy Communion)</b> | <b>Pastor Mike Mullin</b> |
| <b>April 8<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Confession</b>                 | <b>Fr Angelo Maggos</b>   |

Each of these discussions will take place after the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy in our hall. The Pre-Sanctified Liturgy services run from 6:00pm until 7:15pm after which we will all enjoy a pot-luck post service dinner at which time our guest speakers will present for between 20-30 minutes. This will allow time for questions and discussion for another 30 minutes or so. Our guest speakers for this Lenten Lecture Series are:

- Fr. Bob Werth, Priest of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Catholic Church in Rochester
- Rabbi Peter W. Stein, senior rabbi of Temple B'rith Kodesh in Rochester
- Pastor Mike Mullin, Youth Pastor at Asbury First Methodist, Rochester

Please make time to join us as I am very excited to be the host church for this important series and look forward to spirited and lively discussion as we break bread with our fellow congregations and learn from each other.

Fr Angelo Maggos  
 Priest  
 Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church  
 Rochester, NY



## THE LAST WEEK OF CHRIST'S LIFE:

WHAT HAPPENED | WHY IT HAPPENED | WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN FOR US?

*Presented by John Fotopoulos, Ph.D.*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2020**

Annunciation Family Life Center | 5992 Genesee St., Lancaster, NY 14086

### SCHEDULE

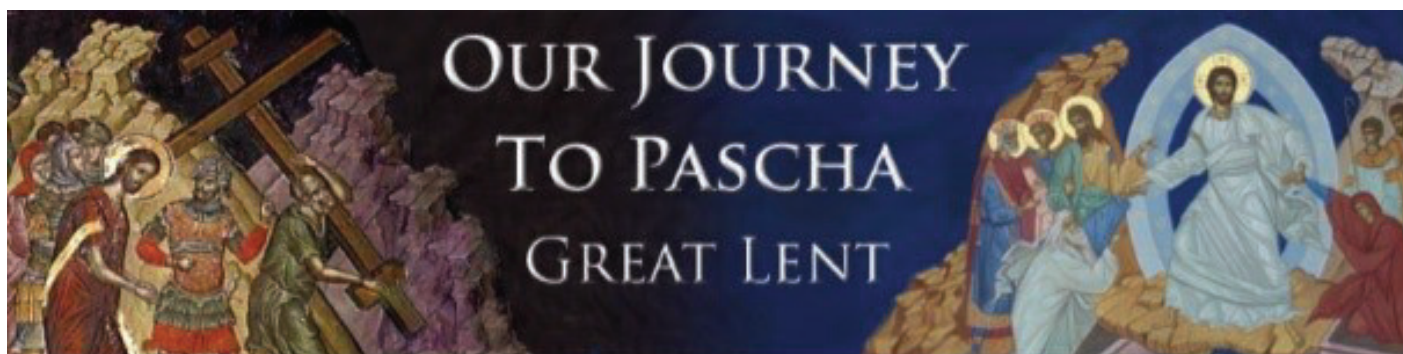
- 10:30 AM-12:00 Noon – The Road to the Cross and the Empty Tomb
- 12:00 PM-12:30 PM – Lunch
- 12:30 PM-2:00 PM – St. John Chrysostom on the Betrayal of Judas
- 2:00 PM-2:30 PM – Questions and Answers

**ALL ARE WELCOME - RETREAT IS FREE**



*Dr. John Fotopoulos is an Associate Professor in the Department of Religious Studies at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana where he has served on the faculty since 2001. He graduated as valedictorian with a B.A. in Pre-Theology from Hellenic College and again as valedictorian with a M.Div. from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. Fotopoulos received his Ph.D. from Loyola University Chicago. His area of specialization is the New Testament and Early Christian Literature within the context of Greco-Roman society and culture, focusing on the Letters of St. Paul the Apostle. Fotopoulos also does scholarly work on the historical Jesus and on St. John Chrysostom. Fotopoulos is a member of the prestigious Colloquium Oecumenicum Paulinum which is a select group of international New Testament scholars that meets biennially in Rome to discuss aspects of St. Paul's letters. Dr. Fotopoulos has published four academic books, numerous articles in academic journals and reference works. He also is an Archon of the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle and was honored with*

*the officiation ("office") Διδάσκαλος τοῦ Εὐαγγελίου ("Teacher of the Gospel") by His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople. Fotopoulos is married to Dr. Eleni Makris and they have two children.*



**FLOWERS FOR LENTEN AND EASTER SERVICES**

THE FOLLOWING LIST OF ITEMS ARE THOSE USED TO DECORATE DURING GREAT LENT AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES, TO INCLUDE THE TOMB OF CHRIST "EPITAPHIO". IT IS A TIME FOR EACH OF US TO REFLECT AND PARTICIPATE IN THIS LABOR OF LOVE. WE HAVE ARRANGED TO HAVE A VARIETY OF PRICING SO AS TO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO DONATE ONE OR MORE OF THE ITEMS LISTED.

YOU CAN DONATE BY:

- Placing your donation in the "EASTER FLOWER" envelope located in the church pews
- Calling the church office or stop by the church during business hours (10am-3pm M-F)
- Mailing your donation to the church

**FLOWERS FOR ICONS**

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| 1 <sup>ST</sup> Salutations – Fri, March 15 | \$120.00 |
| 3 <sup>RD</sup> Salutations – Fri, March 29 | \$120.00 |
| Akathist Hymn – Fri, April 12               | \$120.00 |
| Sunday of Orthodoxy – Sun, April 17         | \$75.00  |
| Annunciation – Tues, March 25               | \$120.00 |
| Sunday of the Holy Cross, March 31          | \$120.00 |
| Saturday of Lazarus, March 31               | \$120.00 |
| Palm Sunday, April 21                       | \$100.00 |
| Nymphios Icon (Sun-Tues)                    | \$120.00 |
| Nymphios Procession Icon (Sun)              | \$140.00 |
| Crucifixion of Christ (Thurs)               | \$120.00 |
| The Un-nailing of Christ                    | \$120.00 |
| Empty Tomb (Holy Sat Morning)               | \$120.00 |
| Resurrection Icon                           | \$120.00 |

**GREAT LENT & HOLY WEEK ITEMS**

|                               |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Rose Water for Epitaphio      | \$25.00   |
| 12 Gospels Candles            | \$120.00  |
| Candles for the Crucifix      | \$50.00   |
| Priest Resurrection Candle    | \$100.00  |
| Eggs for Resurrection Service | 120 Dozen |
| Daffodils - Sun of Holy Cross | \$ 60.00  |
| Crown of Thorns (Holy Thurs)  | \$ 65.00  |
| Palms for the Crosses         | \$150.00  |
| Garland for Nymphios          | \$ 50.00  |
| Holy Unction Oil              | \$ 25.00  |
| Epitaphio Flowers             | \$1600.00 |
| Rose Petals                   | \$150.00  |
| Bay Leaves                    | \$ 75.00  |
| Potted Easter Lilies          | \$125.00  |



### PARISH REGISTRY



#### 40-Day Blessing

- 29 December -Ted Flading - Parents, Jake and Vasiliki Flading
- 5 January - Efthimios Dragos – Parents, Sam & Christina Dragos
- 26 January - Anthony Mondeschein - Parents Kevin & Christina Mondeschein

#### Baptisms:

- 11 January – Lincoln Fabian – Parents, Trevor and Christina Fabian
- 11 January – Rayna Newcomb – Parents, Matthew & Stephanie Newcomb

#### Memoriam:

- Eugene Howard Interred November 18, 2019
- Peter Jovan Interred December 3, 2019
- Norman Vaughn Interred December 23, 2019
- Dimitrios Aselas Interred December 28, 2019
- Fanny Klifounis Interred January 7, 2020
- Peter Stamatis Interred January 11, 2020



### UPCOMING SATURDAY OF SOULS: 2/22, 2/29, 3/7

The church is offering their families the opportunity of participating in a Community Koliva to honor the memory of your loved ones during the three (3) Saturday of Souls Liturgies on 2/22, 2/29, and 3/7.

To help offset the cost of supplies for these kolivas we are asking for a donation of \$25.00 payable to the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church.

If your family has the tradition of making their own Koliva for the Saturday of Souls, you are welcomed to do so.





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On the Feast of the Holy Three Hierarchs on January 30<sup>th</sup>, The Archdiocese celebrated the Greek Letters at the **Student Awards Ceremony** organized by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan District Office of Education.

The **Student Awards Ceremony** was held under the auspices of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America on Saturday, February 1, 2020, 10:00 a.m., at the Holy Trinity Cathedral in Manhattan (319 East 74<sup>th</sup> Street). Archbishop Elpidophoros presented the **Three Hierarchs Award of Excellence** to the students who excelled in the *2019 comprehensive Examination in Modern Greek*.

Among this year's honorees, are two students from our own Annunciation Greek-American School. They are Adamantia Dimperis and Maria Karipidis.

This celebration of Greek Letters is an honor for all – the students, their families, and our parish.

Dear Philoptochos sisters,

The National Philoptochos Department of Social Services is starting a "Telephone Caregiver Support Group" beginning the end of February specifically for Orthodox Christians who are caring for a loved one who is elderly, or suffers from a chronic or life threatening illness, or who is disabled. We are fully cognizant that many organizations sponsor caregiver support groups, however, ours is faith-based and thus unique.

For seven consecutive Thursday evenings from **February 27th to April 9th, 8:00 PM EST, we will meet over the telephone**, thus allowing caregivers throughout the Archdiocese to participate.

**I respectfully ask that you help publicize the program within your chapters and other appropriate ministries. The attached flyer has been developed to invite participants and has other detailed information. Place post in your cultural centers, have flyers available during coffee hour, and email to all your chapter members and community.**

Thank you for all that you do in serving others.

In His Service,

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## TELEPHONE CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP FOR ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS



*Are you caring for a loved one who is elderly, has a chronic or life-threatening health condition or who is disabled? Do you wish you could talk to others who are facing the same challenges as you? Do you wish you had someone with whom to share your thoughts, concerns and questions and who understands our faith, our culture and community? Are you so overwhelmed you're not even sure what or who could help?*

If you answered yes to some or all and would like more information, please join the  
**PHILOPTOCHOS TELEPHONE CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**

Facilitated by professionals knowledgeable in caregiving and aging services, the support group will "meet" over the telephone on seven consecutive Thursday evenings. Access will be available to Orthodox Christians throughout the Archdiocese.

In a **confidential and safe environment**, we will discuss best practices to help you manage the physical needs of your loved one; dealing with stress, guilt and exhaustion; the importance of self-care; financial concerns; family dynamics and decision-making; resources to help you cope; long-distance caregiving; preparing for the future; spiritual resources to help you find strength and build resilience; and more.

Seven consecutive Thursday evenings:

Dates: **FEBRUARY 27<sup>th</sup> to APRIL 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm • Eastern Standard Time

**Pre-registration Required**

Call-In phone number will be provided upon registration

For more information and to pre-register, email [supportgroup@philoptochos.org](mailto:supportgroup@philoptochos.org)

**SPACE IS LIMITED – PLEASE DON'T HESITATE! EMAIL US TODAY.**

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## FLORENCE G. STEFANOU MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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FOR MORE INFORMATION AND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS PLEASE VISIT OUR ANNUNCIATION WEBSITE UNDER "*EDUCATION*" then "*SCHOLARSHIPS*" TO DOWNLOAD AN APPLICATION

THIS INFORMATION IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE METROPOLIS OF DETROIT PHILOPTOCHOS PAGE OF THE METROPOLIS OF DETROIT WEBSITE

Applicants must be related to a Philoptochos member

Applications are also available in the church office and after Liturgy in the Community Center.

# ΑΠΟΚΡΙΑΤΙΚΟ

COMMUNITY DINNER DANCE

Sponsored by Greek School

February 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Σας προσκαλούμε στο Αποκριάτικο πάρτι της Εκκλησίας μας. Μια γιορτή για την νεολαία μας!

MUSIC BY DJ STAMOS & O MASTORAS



\$25 Adults

\$10 Under 18

Dinner will be served from 7-9pm

### HALL RENOVATION CHALLENGE PLEDGE

Hall Donor Pledges are continuing, and we are very appreciative of everyone’s support for this project.

Our long-time parishioners and supporters of this community, Nick and Katherine Sfikas, have already graciously donated \$150,000 towards the Hall Renovation Project. As with all of you, they have been keeping up with our progress and have seen that the Hall Pledge Donations to date have not yet reached the goal established at the last General Assembly.

With this in mind, Nick and Katherine Sfikas, have offered a matching pledge program of up to an additional \$50,000 to help us achieve our goal. We are, therefore, encouraging everyone to take up this challenge in whatever way they can. So as to not let this carry on for too long, we have set the deadline for collecting these funds to the end of March, 2020.

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 are confident that we can meet this challenge that Nick and Katherine have presented to us, so let’s get it done!

Annunciation Parish Council and Fr Angelo

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Contact Information (please print all information clearly)

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**HALL RENOVATION PLEDGE DONORS TO DATE**

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| Nicholas and Katherine Sfikas                | James and Mary Cerniglia in memory of     |
| Margaret Kitz                                | Joanne Colgan                             |
| Jeanette and Michael Lazary                  | Agia Paraskevi                            |
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| Maria Vasho                                  | Antonakis & Victoria Georgiou             |
| Jim and Dori Stathopoulos                    | John & Elaine Vangellow In memory of      |
| Niki Chamberlain                             | Jennie Mickles                            |
| Eric Vangellow                               | Angeline George                           |
| Ronald and Christine Kerxhalli Wiegand       | Dimitrios (Jim) Manou.                    |
| Elias and Maria Sarganis                     | Aphrodite Stathis                         |
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| Van and Anastasia Stathe                     | John and Irene Gregoriou                  |
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| Zoe Stamatis                                 | Soultana Strembenis                       |
| Jeffrey & Lauren Gashlin                     | Stravoula Neamonitakis                    |
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| Katheryn Balta in memory of Theodore Balta   | Eugene & Connie Howard                    |
| Dimitrios and Maria Karras                   | Maria Gines in memory of George Gines     |
| Philip Broikos In memory of Natalie Vasho    | Susan & Norman Vaugh in memory of         |
| Aleksandra Velo                              | Norman E. Vaughn                          |
| Maria Vasho (Anthony) Memory Natalie         | Vasilios & Fanny Elias                    |
| Dr. Elias and Anna Konstantinou              | Marie Sakellaniou in memory of            |
| Alpha Iron Works, LLC                        | Michael and Anthi Tauntas                 |
| Stephen & Beverly Hageman                    | Alan & Vickie Makovsky                    |
| Vasilios and Carol Tegas                     | Angela Lapple in memory of Peter Stamatis |
| Angie Weaver in memory of Donald John Weaver | Katheryn Balta                            |

## HALL RENOVATION PLEDGE DONORS TO DATE, Continued

Vicky Stathe-Smith

Dafni & John Antonakakis

AGOC Seniors Club

Christos A. Elias

Anastasia & Ioannis Keisidis

Petsios Family in memory of Dimitrios Petsios

Jeanette Lazary in memory of Peter Stamatis

Angela Lapple in memory of Peter Stamatis

Angie George in memory of Peter Stamatis

Jim & Mary Cerniglia in memory of Peter Stamatis

Katheryn Balta in memory of Gus Lazary

Panayiotis & theopisti Hatzipapas

Olympia Stathe in memory of Harry S. Stathe

Chrissie Copoulos in memory of Charles Capoulos

Mary L. Lopoulos in memory of Charles Capoulos

Helen Lazary in memory of Gus Lazary

Ann Bantuvanias in memory of Peter Stamatis

Kasiani Aselas & Family in memory of

Dimitrios Aselas

Despina Stathopoulos

Pavlos & Eleni Panisidis

Jim & Greg Papas & Family in memory of

Jerry & Karin Papas & Pando Brutovski

Kleonike Hassos

## OUR BEAUTIFULLY REMODELED CHURCH HALL!



# 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 capita 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.

## ADDITIONAL:

We have wedding candles in the office for purchase which is required at the time of the ceremony. The donation for them are \$30.00.

We also have baptismal candles, \$30 for the large candles and \$7 each for the two (2) smaller candles which are also required at the time of the baptism.

## MEMORIALS:

Coffee Hour scheduling for family memorials is the responsibility of the Philoptochos unless other arrangements have been made by the family sponsoring the Memorial. The family which is sponsoring the Memorial is asked to :

1. Contact the Parish Secretary to arrange scheduling for Coffee Hour that day. The Secretary will contact the Philoptochos President.
2. Arrange for or pay for Coffee Hour food items that are in excess of the standard menu (coffee, drinks, and simple snacks).
3. Coordinate the preparation and delivery of Koliva (if used). The Philoptochos or Church office can provide information on persons who can prepare Koliva. The standard rate for the preparation of koliva is \$150 .

## 2020 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](mailto:office@agocroc.org)**

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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:  
[WWW.DETROIT.GOARCH.ORG/FRIENDS](http://WWW.DETROIT.GOARCH.ORG/FRIENDS)

**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**  
Organize Clergy-Laity Conferences, Oratorical Festivals, Youth Worker and Religious Education Training, and Adult Education Seminars.

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS**  
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### **2020 Lenten Series & Discussion Schedule**

As an accompaniment to our weekly Wednesday Pre-sanctified Liturgies, we are offering a series of Lenten topics to deepen our understanding of some of the very important aspects of the Christian faith that are emphasized during Great Lent in preparation for the joyful resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

As with the Bible Reading Challenge, we have invited clergy from the local area to present different expressions on the topics of Forgiveness, Prayer, Confession and Eucharist.

**The Lenten Series Discussion Schedule is as follows:**

| <b>Date</b>                  | <b>Lenten Topic</b>               | <b>Speaker</b>            |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>March 4<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Forgiveness</b>                | <b>Fr Bob Werth</b>       |
| <b>March 11<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Prayer</b>                     | <b>Rabbi Peter Stein</b>  |
| <b>April 1<sup>st</sup></b>  | <b>Eucharist (Holy Communion)</b> | <b>Pastor Mike Mullin</b> |
| <b>April 8<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Confession</b>                 | <b>Fr Angelo Maggos</b>   |

Each of these discussions will take place after the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy in our hall. The Pre-Sanctified Liturgy services run from 6:00pm until 7:15pm after which we will all enjoy a pot-luck post service dinner at which time our guest speakers will present for between 20-30 minutes. This will allow time for questions and discussion for another 30 minutes or so. Our guest speakers for this Lenten Lecture Series are:

- Fr. Bob Werth, Priest of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Catholic Church in Rochester
- Rabbi Peter W. Stein, senior rabbi of Temple B'rith Kodesh in Rochester
- Pastor Mike Mullin, Youth Pastor at Asbury First Methodist, Rochester

Please make time to join us as I am very excited to be the host church for this important series and look forward to spirited and lively discussion as we break bread with our fellow congregations and learn from each other.

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