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Great Lent and Its Opportunities

By Monk Moses the Athonite

The period before Pascha which we are going through gives birth, or should give birth, to a special feeling within us. The most beautiful and solemn hymnography of this period, the many liturgical occasions, and the lenten fast are calling us to assemble ourselves. To stoop within us, to figure out our problems, to self-evaluate towards a sincere repentance.

Many people do not want to acknowledge the meaning of these days, continuing along in their monotonous life. Although they say life is tiring them, they do not take one step towards an essential change.

They do strict diets, but they don't fast.

They go to psychologists, and sit in front of the television for hours, but they don't go to a confessor nor to church.

People today do not want to give, but only to get, without toil or personal sacrifice. We are afraid to look ourselves in the eyes. We systematically avoid this, causing anxiety within ourselves.

Great Lent works like an X-Ray machine, like a photographic camera, like a mirror. Somehow we consider it repulsive, because it reveals our hidden reality.

Today's spirit of consumerism, comfort and pride leaves man a prisoner of the many unnecessary things that have filled his life. Great Lent is a halt to this routine and a transfiguration. A prayer said in the divine services during this entire period hundreds of times, written by Ephraim the Syrian, urges us to abandon sloth, curiosity, love of power and idle talk and gain wisdom, humility, patience and love. This beautiful and meaningful prayer ends by asking God: "Grant me to see my own faults and not to judge my brother." That is, to abandon gossip, over-analyzing, and the strict and continuous judgement of others, and to turn within ourselves, correcting our own mistakes.

Great Lent wants us to focus on ourselves and contribute to the healing of our spiritual diseases, which darken our minds and make our lives difficult and bitter.

If we reach this self-knowledge and repentance, then Great Lent will not be a gloomy and barren time for us, or a simple time to fulfill our "moral duties", but an opportunity to soften our hardened hearts, which will lead us to the love for people and the love for God.

Excessive rationalizing of the difficult times we live in, strives to keep us away from everything mystical, hesychastic, sacred, mysterious, supra-logical and supernatural. The result of this state has come to light. Everywhere there is melancholy and despair reigns, afflicting many. It is time to see from the depth of our hearts that we have become estranged, and the time is ripe to return to the cradle of Crucified Love.



Often during the time of Great Lent we encounter temptations, trials, tribulations and failures. These are to mature us, to help us acquire balance and a child-like nature. Let us not forget that the life of the Christian is one of the Cross. Without crucifixion there will come no resurrection.

Great Lent is a beautiful and good time for preparation, a semi-darkened corridor leading us to a chamber full of light. The foundation of this preparatory time are prayer and fasting. But prayer and fasting without humility and love bares no fruit. Fasting and prayer aim to temper our selfishness.

Let us not lose this opportunity offered once again by the Great Fast, as we are approaching its end. In the Church, our problems find their solution. The cold winter is followed by spring. The Triodion is followed by the Pentecostarion. The clouds are never permanent, but afterwards the sunshine is much better. And now, as a wonderful troparion says, it is the "time of repentance and the hour for prayer."

GREAT AND HOLY LENT BEGINS ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH



Pastoral Post - Its

How to make the Lenten Season more meaningful

The Season of Lent is at hand. What are some of the things you can do to experience this God-given time more fully? Here are a few ideas to incorporate into your Lenten journey:

* Attend Lenten Services- Come and participate in the beautiful services that our Holy Orthodox Church prescribes for these days. The services of Great Compline, Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, and Salutations are conducted on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays during Lent. These are sacred opportunities to intensify our relationship with God, thanking Him for the grace and mercy He so richly pours out upon us. We are encouraged to devote time in prayer and song to our loving Father.

* Participate in the Sacrament of Confession- The Sacrament of Confession offers the opportunity for us to repent of our sins and to reconcile ourselves to God and each other. During the Lenten Season, the Church encourages her faithful to be reconciled, restored and spiritually renewed.

* Practice the disciplines of Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving- These spiritual disciplines provide the energy to sustain our walk through Lent. Make a sincere effort to pray daily and fast as directed by your priest or spiritual father. Donate your time, talent and treasure to the Church and those in need.

* Read the Scriptures and Spiritual Writings- Follow the Lenten Scriptural guide. The Season of Lent highlights the Books of Genesis, Proverbs and Isaiah. Ask your priest or spiritual father about spiritually edifying books.

May God bless our Holy Trinity – St. Nicholas Parish Family with a blessed, spiritually uplifting Season of Lent!

Καλή Τεσσαρακοστή!

GODPARENTS/GODCHILDREN SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 4, 2018

On this special day, we encourage Godparents and Godchildren to worship together at the Divine Liturgy. We will offer prayers of re-dedication during the Divine Liturgy. Sunday Church School classes will not meet that day.

The St. Sophia Mothers Club will host a reception following the Divine Services.

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Prepare for Great Lent and Pascha

As our journey through Great Lent to Holy Week and Pascha begins on February 19th, we prepare to celebrate the glorious Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (April 8th). An important part of Great Lent is the need for flowers and other items at the many services conducted in Church. The following list includes items and flowers needed for the Divine Services of Great Lent, Holy Week and Pascha. Please consider sponsoring any of the items and contact Eugene Nicholas, Parish Administrator, at 513.591.0030 or office@htsnchurch.org.

Thank you for your generosity!

- † Flowers for the Salutations (Xairetismoï). \$75 each. 2-23, 3/20, 3/9, 3/16, & 3/23
- † Garland of flowers for the Icon of the Annunciation. \$175 for 3/25
- † Daffodils for the Veneration of the Holy Cross. \$500 for 3/11
- † Garland of Flowers for the Icon of Palm Sunday. \$175 for 4/1
- † Garland of flowers for the Icon of the Bridegroom. \$200 each 4/1, 4/2, & 4/3
- † Items needed for Holy Unction. \$100 for 4/4
- † Flowers for the Resurrection Banner (Lavaron). \$250.00 for 4/8
- † Floral arrangements for the Icon Screen (4 vases). \$100 each for 4/8
- † Floral arrangements for the Altar Table (2 vases). \$150 each for 4-8
- † Candles for the Crucifix (3) and for the Epitaphios (10), \$25 each for 4-5 & 4-6



Transitions

Baptisms:

Neophyte: **Demi Leigh (Vasiliki)**
 Father: **Arthur E. Vollhardt III**
 Mother: **AnnaMarie (Herrmann) Vollhardt**
 Sponsor: **Melissa Scarvelli**
December 23, 2017

Adult Baptisms:

Neophyte: **Jessica Lynn Windham**
 Sponsor: **Kathy Axiotes**
December 23, 2017

Neophyte: **Nicholas R. Davis**
 Sponsor: **Angelo Vasiliou**
January 17, 2018

Wedding:

Groom: **John Zaffer**
 Bride: **Alexis Kidd**
 Sponsor: **Gilbert Garcia**
January 20, 2018

Funeral:

†Becky “Vasiliki” Spanorigas, age 80, December 27, 2017
 †John H. Sarros, age 92, January 20, 2018



Parish Council President's Message by Nektarios Papasavvas

Sisters and Brothers,

Happy New Year!!

Six years ago, when I first walked into the premises of our Holy Church, I never thought that one day I will become so connected with you all, so fulfilled by our Church, and eventually a President of your Parish Council. I am so humbled and honored to be given such a unique opportunity to take on this sacred responsibility to serve you. For that, I would like to say a big Thank You for all your stewardship, kindness, hospitality, friendship, and camaraderie!

I am so proud of all your accomplishments in the past year; a very successful Panegyri, a beautifully renovated Community Center, Pastry Sales, Holiday Outreach, all the Luncheons, Family Events, and many more. All these would have not been made possible if it wasn't for your generosity, engagement and volunteerism from each one of you and every one of our own Church organizations and Ministries. So, if you have not done yet, please pause and take a moment to congratulate, and thank each other for a job well done!

Here we are now; a fresh start, a new year, with new opportunities waiting for us to conquer and move our Parish forward. We will do that by, first and foremost, living a life in Christ. Without our Lord and Savior, we are pretty much powerless. Under the guidance of our Lord, we will then adopt these three basic principles as our central theme for the year:

Accountability – The future of our Parish is everybody's job. We all have the ability and talent to contribute and influence our future state. There are plenty of opportunities to do so. Let's go for it and let's own it.

Transparency – Communication, communication, communication ... oh and one more thing communication! Everybody needs to be crystal clear on what is going on, with facts and data.

Execution – We must all be aware by now that the Strategic Planning Committee has been very busy the past year working on clarifying our Mission, Vision and formulating our Strategy going forward. Now we need to get involved and execute; a perfect opportunity to influence and shape our future. There are a wide variety of opportunities, ranging from leadership roles to just helping at the Narthex occasionally.

Once again, I am so excited working with each one of you to execute our Strategy and take control of our journey to the future.

God Bless and Thank you for all you do!

Nektarios

Spring General Assembly - Sunday, February 11, 2018

A Spring General Assembly will be convened on Sunday, February 11, 2018 following the Divine Liturgy. Parishioners should have received the agenda through the mail. The minutes from the 2017 Fall General Assembly have been posted on the bulletin board and on our website at <http://www.holytrinity.oh.goarch.org/>.

Our Parish By-Laws require the following for eligibility to participate and vote at this meeting:

For the Spring General Assembly, a person whose name appears on the membership rolls but who is in arrears in the payment of his/her stewardship financial obligation for the previous year may participate in the Parish Assembly by paying his/her stewardship financial obligation for the previous year. A parishioner who has paid his/her stewardship financial obligation for the previous year maintains his/her standing through June 30th of the current year. (P3, C3, Art. 31, Section 3).

If you have any questions about eligibility to participate in the General Assembly, please contact the Church Office at 513-591-0030.

The Faith for the Family

The Role and Responsibility of an Orthodox Godparent

IN THE BEGINNING

The early Church undertook the task of educating those who wished to enter into the Faith before their baptism, the majority being pagans. The systematic instruction in preparing for baptism was called "catechism". One who desired to enter the Faith, had to be introduced by one of the faithful, called "anadochos", to ensure that clear spiritual motives led them to enter the Faith. The "anadochos", which means 'one who receives', was responsible for the candidate and played a vital role during the instructional process and subsequent to the candidate's baptism.

Over time, the Church placed an even greater emphasis on the role of the Godparent. They would become known as "Sponsor", a spiritual parent or parent in the faith. As a sponsor, they would guide the child within the Faith and would be a dynamic Orthodox Christian role model, living an Orthodox Christian lifestyle.

THE FAITH OF THE GODPARENT

A Godparent must be a faithful, committed, practicing Orthodox Christian. When the Godparent accepts the invitation, the spiritual dimension of the relationship between Godparent and child is bonded and all the responsibilities are now realized with Christ guiding both lives. The Sponsor must be an active Orthodox Christian who realizes that they must keep in touch with their Godchild and help them grow in the Faith, especially by their own good example. The Sponsor, who confesses Christ as their Lord, cannot ignore and violate their Faith in their words and actions. The Godparent can never be lukewarm toward the Church.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GODPARENT

The Godparent must be a person who will emphasize the spiritual dimensions of our Orthodox Faith. The multifaceted responsibility toward their Godchild must always lead to living a Christ-filled life and demonstrating that faith as a light-bearer, devoted to receiving salvation for themselves and their Godchild. The Godparent must make a faithful commitment of love, working together with the parents and guided by the Church, to bring the child carefully and prayerfully along the difficult road to heaven.

A Prayer for Godparents

Lord Jesus Christ Our God, we thank You for all good things that You have shown upon us from above, blessings seen and unseen and for the sacred task that You have placed before us as Godparents of our spiritual children. Recalling Your words to let the little children come unto You and that it is not the will of our heavenly Father that one of these little ones should perish, we beg You to look upon our spiritual children and have mercy on them. Grant them the grace to know You and the desire to serve You. Inscribe their names in Your book of life. Let no evil thought find a place in their hearts and become a passion that brings destruction. Rather surround our Godchildren with Your heavenly angels. Having been baptized with the Holy Spirit and fire, guide them toward Your blessed commandments and burn up the weeds of all their offenses. Forgive us, also, Lord, for all of the ways in which we have neglected, in thought, word or deed, to set an example of repentance and devotion for our spiritual children to follow. Enlighten our hearts and minds with the will and knowledge, from this moment forward, to fulfill our holy calling as the sponsors of their birth on high. Amen



Annual Blood Drive
Saturday of Lazarus - **Σάββατο του Λαζάρου**
March 31, 2018 (The day before Palm Sunday)

Donors, it is time to prepare now for our Saturday of Lazarus blood drive. We are in need of new donors to make this outreach of our local community. For previous donors, the last day to donate whole blood is February 2 in order to participate in the March 31st drive. Red Cell donors please wait for our drive if possible. We can accept 4 donors every 15 minutes. Donating blood takes about 1 hour. Snacks and drink will be offered to you before giving blood. Lets make it a family day with Divine Liturgy and palm cross making. Questions about travel or medications? Call Hoxworth Blood Center (513) 451-0910.

Parish Ministries and Organizations

OVER FIFTY CLUB...Ann Jonson

We had a fun time at our Christmas luncheon. We had a delicious lunch prepared by Alex Jonson. We had door prizes which consisted of candy, pretzels, peanuts, and cookies, besides split the pot. Thank you to Georgia Gelis for donating the cake.

I would like to ask if anyone would be willing to take over The Over Fifty Club. I will be glad to help. I have been President since 2006. I believe it's time for someone else to take over. I truly have enjoyed all of the members of the club. They are helpful and they enjoy coming to the luncheons. Please call me and we can discuss what I can help you with and what duties you would have as President.

I went ahead and made arrangements for the luncheon in February, as I promised this group I would.

The next luncheon will be on February 17 at church. We are having The Martinaires, a singing group, which George Kalomeres is part of. This will be a free lunch for those that have paid for 2018.

PHILOPTOCHOS...Carrie Petrou

It may be cold outside but be assured we have been planning some warm indoor activities for all to take part in.

Our Vasilopita Luncheon was a pleasure to prepare and serve in thanks to all who continue to support our Philoptochos endeavors. All proceeds from our luncheon were sent to St. Basil's Academy.

In recognition of Heart Health Month in February, Philoptochos will have a guest speaker at our monthly meeting on Sunday, February 4, in the small hall immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Sue Paul, Registered Pharmacist, will discuss recognizing heart medications used today. She will also review the importance of having a thorough understanding of all of your medications and how they work, recognizing signs of possible side effects, complications, or need for intervention. Everyone is invited to join us for this interesting and informative presentation, followed with refreshments.

We will conduct our "Crayons to Computer Collection" on Sundays, 2/25, 3/4 and 3/11 which gives all the opportunity to bring in those school supplies needed for the 2nd half of the school year for students.

Save March 10th on your calendar for our Lenten Program. More details will be revealed in the weeks to come – but I promise...it will be an event you won't want to miss.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE...Vera Manolakas

This year, the Daughters were blessed with one of the two coins at the cutting of the Vasilopita! We are hopeful that this is a sign that it will be a good year for our organization.

The sisters met at Zorba's in Lawrenceburg, Indiana for our January meeting. Since Epiphany fell on our regularly scheduled January date, we moved our meeting to the 13th of the month. We had an enjoyable lunch prior to our brief business meeting.

We can't believe it, but it is time to begin thinking of Pascha and tsourekia. Cindy Nicholas has again graciously agreed to host our tsourekia fundraiser once more. We will have a table after liturgy beginning in early March. Look for more detailed information in next month's article.

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL...Peter Aamodt

The Religious Education Team is pleased to announce two upcoming events:

Orthodox Christian Mission Presentation. Juliana Patselas, UC student and 3rd Grade Teacher, will talk about her experiences while serving on an Orthodox mission trip to Albania. This presentation, which will take the place of regular classes for 5th-12th Grade SCS students, will be held in the Small Hall on Sunday, February 11th, during regular SCS class time (post-Communion till 11:45), and refreshments will be offered. A note to parents: students in these grades will be dismissed from the Small Hall. If your student for any reason needs to leave early that day, please arrange so with minimum disruption to our Speaker.

St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival. Our annual Parish Festival will be held in Church after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, March 4th. This is an opportunity for our youth in Grades 4-12 to learn more deeply about their faith by researching, writing and speaking on faith topics. The event typically runs an hour, and a reception will be held afterwards for all in attendance. Please be sure to put this spiritually enriching program on your calendar now. Also, if you're the parent of a 4th-12th Grader, please speak to your student and encourage active participation in this event.

Stewardship Message

By Matthew Neuendorf

Each family is made up of individuals, every one different but all united by bonds of blood and affection. When one member of a family falls, the others are there to pick him up again. When one is joyful, the others are there to share in his celebrations. When one is hurting, the others are there to offer comfort.

In the same way, each parish is a family. When a member of our parish falls on hard times, we ought to be there to help. When a member has a wedding, a baptism, or just a really good day, we should be there to join in the festivities. When a member needs help, we should be there to offer it.

You might ask yourself, what does the Church do for its family members? What does it offer, other than the Sacred Mysteries and liturgical services? Those things are vital to the health of the soul, and they are rightly among the chief purposes of the Church, but they are not everything.

In times past, there were bishops famous for giving bread to the poor and the hungry from the very steps of their cathedrals. There is the example of Saint Nicholas, our very own patron, who went a step further and helped to support a family that had no hope of seeing their daughters married, and by extension no hope of seeing them have a financial future once the father died. His actions brought hope to those three daughters and relief to their father.

Today, our own parish has many offerings for our family. We have a food pantry, by which we carry on the tradition of feeding the hungry of our community. We host our Panegyri, in which we invite that community into our home. Our Proistamenos, Fr. Mark, is available to offer counseling for those in need and visitation for those home-bound or in the hospital. Each organization of the parish acts as part of a wider family, giving of itself in its own way. Some offer scholarships, others volunteer in the community, and some provide fellowship and love. We have a new Large Hall so that our times of joy can be shared with our entire parish, rather than having to go elsewhere to celebrate our good times. We have a Sunday Church School and several youth organizations, HOPE, JOY, and GOYA, for the education and edification of our children, as well as a Greek School to help pass down the language and traditions of our ethnic forebears.

Yet there is one question underlying all these things. How are we able to offer them to our parish family? What enables us to provide these offerings to one another? After God, the most important enabler is the gift of time. Whether it is helping to prepare and distribute packages of food, spending time every Sunday morning helping our children to learn about what they believe, cooking meals and decorating our spaces to honor achievements and celebrate joyful times, or simply being there to talk with somebody who looks lonely during coffee hour after the conclusion of liturgy, all gifts of time are gifts of the self, the most precious thing that we have to offer.

Stewardship is the act of caring for something. We are called to be stewards of our world, our community, our parish, our family and friends, and each individual around us. Cain asked, "Am I my brother's keeper?" We are called to be exactly that, to be a true neighbor of the kind that the Samaritan exemplified. He took the time to save the life of the robbed man, he took the time to see to that man's needs, to carry him to a place of safety. He even promised to take the time to return and check on his recovery. That is true stewardship, taking responsibility for the care of another.

I encourage you to consider the ways in which you can give your time to the church. How can you help to take care of your fellow parishioners? What ways can you give of your time on behalf of the community around you? What can you offer in support of your parish family? Is there an opportunity in your life to be the Good Samaritan to somebody in need? Consider these things prayerfully, and keep yourself open to the opportunities that God places in front of you.

AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope would like for you to "SAVE THE DATE"

Please Join us in Celebration of Greek Independence Day

When: **Saturday March 24, 2018 6:00 PM**

Where: HTSNGOC Community Center

Fantastic Fine Dinning and Awesome Live Greek Music

Children Welcome

2018 Stewardship List Through 1-21-18

Aamodt, Peter & Karen	Georgiton, Nick & Kristy	Meyer, Andrew & Maria
Adinamis, George & Robyn	Georgostathis, Gus & Connie	Mirkos, Steve & Edyta
Alexandrou, Eirene	Georgoulakis, Athanasios & Sofia	Misali, A. J. "Ike"
Anastasiou, Demetra	Glaser, Brian & Stella	Misali, Mary Jean
Andreadis, Paul	Greene, David	Mohler, David & Angel
Andreadis, Sophie S.	Hadzivrettas, George M. & Soultana	Morgan, Paul & Mary
Andrews, Evan & Terry	Haralamos, George & Eleni	Morris, John
Apostolides, Vasso A.	Hill, Charles	Mortensen, Danny & Cheryl
Arvanetes, Gregory & Sandra	Himonidis, Chris & Ruth	Moyer, Gabe & Maria
Assaley, Lewis & Patricia	Hodges, Nick & Millie	Muennich, Sam & Melissa
Bates, Justin	Hodson, Thomas	Murray-Nikias, Stella P.
Belitsos, George P. & Peter Q. Wolfe	Iatrides, Steve & Christina Kutsubu	Naser, Jacoub & Dina
Bender, Christina E.	Johnson, John & Antigone	Neuendorf, David & Patricia
Bender, Robert & Kathy	Jonson, Chris C. & Loy	Neuendorf, Matthew
Bertok, Christina	Jonson, George N. & Sophia	Nicholas, Eugene & Cindy
Bikas, Michael & Anna	Jonson, Luke & Lauren	Nicholas, Nick & Helen
Bilionis, Angela	Jones, James A. & Jo Ann	Nicholas, Zachary & Nikolia
Borcoman, Tate & Nicole	Kahle, John & Nickie	Nichols, Ron & Philanthy
Boumis, Peter & Kimberly	Kalemanis, George & Nikki	Nitsis, Dimitrius & Leisa
Brown, Bryan & Nickie	Kambelos, Dr. Peter J.	O'Neill, Brian & Stephanie
Brown, William	Kanaris, Christos	Orphanos, Peter & Angela
Burton, Matthew D. & Kathy	Kanaris, Kostantinos & Katy	Pagdadis, Sotiris & Stephanie
Caddell, Chris & Eleni	Kanelopoulos, Bill	Palassis, Nick & Maria
Calamari, Andrea & Mitchell White	Kappas, James P.	Pandilidis, Peter & Elsie
Caneris, Adonis & Ana Maria	Karakatsani, Marianthi	Pantel, Nicholas J.
Caneris, Anthony & Antoinette	Karampas, George & Diane	Papaioannou, Thomas & Mary
Caneris, Dr. Onassis A.	Karas, Bill J. & Lynn	Paparodis, Bess
Caneris, Thomas & Joanna	Karas, Ted & Dixie	Papasavvas, Nektarios & Sally
Carumpalos, Constantine	Karras, Giorgio & Erene	Papathanas, Harry & Joyce
Chachoff, Nada	Kehayes, Peggy	Pappas, Steven & Jolene
Chryssovergis, Chris & Cara	Kehayes, William & Melissa	Parsenios, Lewis G.
Cimarosti, Helen	Kellaris, Dr. James & Janice	Parthenakis, Dr. Nicholas & Angie
Claffie, Sean & Angela	Kelley, Michael & Pauline	Pascal, James
Colyer, Jeff & Laura	Kladakis, John & Teddi	Pavliakis, George & Suzanne
Colyer, Keith & Diane	Kladakis, William	Perdikakis, Gus G. & Jo Ann
Condorodis, Anestis J. & Janeen D.	Kontopos, Pete & Katerina	Perdikakis, Lynn
Cook, Barbara	Kontopos, Vagelis & Amanda	Peters, Claire
Cook, Karen	Koros, Kostas & Dina	Petrillo, Brandon
Demetrion, Jim J. & Carole	Korvessis, Anthony & Georgia Lydia	Phillips, Joshua & Katherine
Denas, George & Eugenia	Kostopoulos, Dina	Pohlmann, Elliot & Nicoletta
Denas, Haralambos & Athoniseea	Kougios, Michael & Alice	Poneris, Constantinos & Tara
Diaz, Chris & Stephanie	Kranias, Stratos & Amanda	Ponticos, George D.
Economacos, Tom & Jennifer	Kunkemoeller, Thomas & Janice	Prasinos, Jim & Nicki
Edgington, Paul & Mary Lou	Kyrios, Tassos & Maria	Psihountas, Christina
Elias, Nick	Lambrinides, Ted & Kim	Psihountas, Mary
Emroll, Fr. Mark & Presvytera Ginny	Landers, Lauren	Quill, Kevin & Mary
Fawcett, Tracy & Jessica	Lazares, Gus J.	Riber, Sam & Filio
Fekkos, Haralambos & Loella Ann	Lazares, John K. & Patricia	Rodish, Pete & Sue
Fillios, Alexandra	LesChander, Scott & Alexandra	Rogozinski, Athena & Wayne
Fillios, Elias & Mary	Leslie, Wayne & Peggy	Romanos, Michael & Carla
Fillios, Nicholas & Amy	Levenderis, Bill & Jill	Rombes, Tom & Angie
Fillios, Philip & Sherry	Liston, Robert & Eleni	Saba, Youhana
Francis, Dean & Kathy	Loukoumidis, George & Stacey	Sampson, Tony & Mary Ann
Francis, Matthew	Lustig, Elaine & Lowell	Sansalone, Anthony & Angeleke
Frangowlakis, Thomas	Lysko, Bob & Stacy	Sansone, Craig & Susanna
Frankenstein, George & Christine	Maleas, Pete C. & Pearl	Sarakatsannis, George & Marie
Furkas, Lisa	Manolakas, Alexander & Vera	Sarakatsannis, Nicholas J. & Vicki
Gaier, Dean	Masella, Ron & Christine	Sarakatsannis, Nicholas L. & Carla
Galanes, George	Mavridoglou, Konstantinos	Sarakatsannis, Panny
Gaskins, Mark & Kristin	Mavridoglou, Michael & Laura	Savas, Dionysia & Martin Wilz
Gelis, James & Kathy	Mavridoglou, Nicholas & Jessica	Schlimm, Joshua & Katina
Georges, Pete & Anna	McNulty, Robin & Melanie	Schmitz, Thomas & Cathy
Georgeton, John C. & Ann	Megois, Lee S. & Stephanie	Schoemaker, Nicole & Mukhammed Masharipov
Georgeton, Peter T. & Nancy	Merianos, Andy & Lesley	Schooley, Barbara
Georgiou, Dean	Merianos, Ted	

Schuler, Bill & Julie
 Schultz, James & Sarah
 Schutter, Michael & Lynne
 Semertzides, Manos & Elizabeth
 Sideris, Mina
 Sideris, Nick & Jane
 Siegel, August C.
 Simos, Mary
 Singleton, Steven & Sandra
 Snider, Luke & Dacia
 Snyder, Milan & Elaine
 Spanorigas, Nicholas & Becky
 Stanifer, Randy & Eleni
 Stathis, Angelos & Aspasia
 Stathis, Lee & Evie
 Stefanopoulos, Andrew & Carol
 Stenger, Lauren & Doug

Stephan, Charles M.
 Stephan, Melinda
 Stephan, Michael
 Stergiopoulos, Janis
 Strike, Louis
 Stringas, Emanuel
 Suhar, Sylvia
 Takacs, Daniel & Evie
 Thomakos, Artemis
 Thomakos-Cantrell, Katerina
 Thomakos, Stan & Michelle
 Trester, Ron & Maria
 Triantafilou, Alex & Jennifer
 Tsolometes, Anastasia
 Turner, Kent & Carolyn
 Tzetzis, Mr. Nick & Ivey
 Valcarcel, John & JoAnne

Varnell, Charles & Krista
 Vidas, Cynthia
 Vidas, Ethel
 Vidas, Olga
 Vidas, Ted & Zoe
 Vlahopoulos, Helen
 Walls, Jason & Chrissy
 Watson, Akriki & Doug
 Weis, Daniel & Anastasia
 Weisenborn, Cary & Maria
 Williams, Jay
 Wilson, Wallace & Michelle
 Zaferes, Eleni
 Zaferes, Patricia P.
 Zaharopoulos, Dimitra
 Zigoris, Mark & Irene

Youth Ministries

Hope your 2018 is off to a fantastic start! Our youth ministry programs have all hit the ground running, and we're looking forward to a year full of growth in faith and love. Here's what we've been up to and what's coming next:

Our **HOPE & JOY** had their annual event this month right after the start of the new year on January 4th. We had a handful of new faces, and we took time to talk about our theme of the month, *kindness*, as well as the feast of Theophany that was coming up. We are looking to expand our volunteer base, and we have some new roles that we need filled. To get involved, email Mr. Nick at assistant@htsnchurch.org. Our next monthly event is February 1 and the theme is *goodness*.

After a December filled with activities, **GOYA** kept the momentum going with our first, annual GOYA Game Night hosted by the Richardson family. Very special thanks to our GOYA president, Lilly Richardson, for putting together a great little

competition with some minute-to-win-it games as well as a boys-vs-girls game of Celebrity. After a slow start, the boys caught up for a bit, but the girls ultimately held them at bay.

Looking ahead, our GOYA will be collecting canned food for our Good Shepherd Food Pantry through Soup-er Bowl Sunday, we'll have a Super Bowl party here at the church starting at 5:30 pm on Sunday, February 4th, and our boys & girls basketball teams will be going up to Dayton for the annual basketball tournament from February 16-18. There are also service project opportunities on February 13th, April 10th & June 12th at the City Gospel Mission, and our GOYA will be going to Matthew 25 as part of our annual Lenten Retreat on March 3rd.

Stay connected:

Of course, the best way to keep in touch these days with all of our programs is to make sure you're getting our digital communications.

Our website: htsnchurch.org

Email Fr. Mark: frmark@htsnchurch.org

Email Mr. Nick: assistant@htsnchurch.org

Email Eugene: office@htsnchurch.org

Get on our HOPE & JOY and GOYA email lists by emailing Mr. Nick.

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February 2018

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:30 pm JOY/HOPE Activity	2 Presentation of the Lord into the Temple 8:30 am Matins & Divine Liturgy	3 9:30 am Marriage Preparation Seminar
4 Godparents/ Godchild Sunday 8:15 am Matins 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Philoptochos Mtg. 5:30 pm GOYA Super Bowl Party	5	6	7 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	8	9	10 1 st Saturday of the Souls 8:30 am Divine Liturgy and Memorials
11 Meatfare Sunday 8:15 am Matins 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Spring General Assembly	12	13 6:30 pm AHEPA Mtg. 6:30 pm GOYA at City Gospel Mission	14 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	15 6:00 pm Parish Council Dinner & Mtg.	16 Dayton GOYA Basketball Tournament	17 2 nd Saturday of the Souls 9:30 am Divine Liturgy and Memorials Dayton GOYA Basketball Tournament 12:00 pm Over Fifty Lunch
18 Cheesefare Sunday 8:15 am Matins 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Dayton GOYA Basketball Tournament	19 Great Lent Begins Church Office Closed 7:00 pm Great Compline	20	21 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Divine Liturgy Pot - Luck Lenten Lessons 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	22	23 7:00 p.m. 1 st Salutations to the Theotokos	24 3 rd Saturday of the Souls 9:30 am Divine Liturgy and Memorials
25 8:15 am Matins 9:30 am Divine Liturgy	26	27	28 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Divine Liturgy Pot - Luck Lenten Lessons 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal			

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Clergy

Presiding Priest: Rev. Father Mark Emroll

Staff

Pastoral Assistant: Mr. Nick Tzetzis

Parish Administrator: Eugene Nicholas

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Parish Ministries and Organizations

Philoptochos Society: **Carrie Petrou, President**

Parish Choir: **Janice Kellaris, Director**

Cantors: **James Raptis, Philanthy Nichols**

Altar Boys: **Father Mark Emroll, Mr. Nick Tzetzis**

Sunday Church School: **Religious Education Team, Peter Aamodt, Chairman**

Greek School: **Alexandros Laftsidis, Director**

GOYA, HOPE and JOY : **Father Mark Emroll, Mr. Nick Tzetzis,**

Youth Ministry Teams

College Students, OCF: **Presvytera Ginny Emroll, Mr. Nick Tzetzis**

St. Sophia Mothers Club: **Sally Papasavvas, President**

AHEPA: **Nicholas L. Sarakatsannis, President**

Daughters of Penelope: **Patricia Neuendorf, President**

Over 50s Club: **Ann Jonson, President**

Adult Religious Education: **Father Mark Emroll, Mr. Nick Tzetzis**

Outreach/Samaritan Fund: **Father Mark Emroll, Mr. Nick Tzetzis,**

Eugene Nicholas

The Good Shepherd Food Pantry: **Stephanie Diaz, Maria Freeman,**

Mary Morgan, Elaine Snyder, Matina Trivett

Agios Demetrios Society: **Jim Grammas, Maria Panagis**

Panegyri: **Eugene Nicholas, Peter Zaferes, Leadership Team**

Parish Bookstore: **Christina Polychroniou**

Office Hours: Weekdays 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Worship Schedule: Matins, 8:15 am; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am

Other Services as scheduled.



Our Mission

THE VOICE is the official monthly newsletter of Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. Our Parish was founded in 1907 and serves Orthodox Christians throughout the tri-state area. Our mission is to reach out to all members of the Community by providing relevant information on the religious, spiritual and cultural life of the Parish; news on the accomplishments of Parish members and organizations, and editorial points of view.

The next deadline for submitting news to the "Voice" is

February 4, 2018

Submissions can be dropped off or mailed to the Church Office or e-mailed to

office@htsnchurch.org

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***“For Thou, O Christ our God, art the Resurrection, the Life, and the blessed
Repose of all those who have fallen asleep in the Faith and unto Thee do we offer up glory, to the Father, the
Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen”.***

February 10, 17, & 24, 2018

Let us pray for the eternal memory and blessed repose of:

Requested by: _____