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WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK our many contributors for the interesting and informative articles and photos that were submitted in a timely manner. Thank you so much. You make the Charioteer a valuable tool to make the parishioners aware of all of the many Divine Liturgies, events and activities available to them. May God bless you and your families always.

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Announcements

Births

Date: January 4, 2024
 Child: Nikos Andoni Varveris
 Father: Anthony Varveris
 Mother: Janelle Varveris



Date: February 8, 2024
 Child: Alex Bittar
 Father: Jan Bittar
 Mother: Nour Bittar

40-Day Blessings

Date: February 11, 2024
 Child: Nikos Andoni Varveris
 Father: Anthony Varveris
 Mother: Janelle Varveris

Date: February 11, 2024
 Child: Chrisanthi Stavroula (Stella)
 Father: Chris
 Mother: Diamanto Bergados

Date: March 17, 2024
 Child: Alexei Kreatsoulas
 Father: Dan Kreatsoulas
 Mother: Amythest Kreatsoulas

Date: March 24, 2024
 Child: Alex Bittar
 Father: Jan Bittar
 Mother: Nour Bittar

Date: March 31, 2024
 Child: Zoe Meek
 Father: Austin Meek
 Mother: Terri Meek

Baptisms

Date: January 8, 2024
 Name: Sosuna Sabela
 Father: Tsehaye Negash Eyassu
 Mother: Lia Tesfagaber
 Sponsor: Senait Abraha
 Name Given: Miriam

Date: January 20, 2024
 Name: Shannon Lee Storey
 Father: Thomas Alexander Storey
 Mother: Jane Browning
 Sponsor: Kathy Maria Petris
 Name Given: Maria

Date: January 21, 2024
 Name: Reese Madeline Williard
 Father: Trevor Williard
 Mother: Cassady Ann Killilea
 Sponsor: Debora Pries
 Name Given: Tatiana

Date: January 27, 2024
 Name: Eva Victoria Shaut
 Father: Lucaus Shaut
 Mother: Jill Ann Zettler
 Sponsor: Nicholaus Shaut & Mercina Shaut
 Name Given: (Eva) Victoria



Baptisms (Cont'd)

Date: January 27, 2024
 Name: Massimo Nicholas Shaut
 Father: Nicholaus Brett Shaut
 Mother: Marisa Leigh Camden
 Sponsor: Lucaus Brett Shaut & Mercina Shaut
 Name Given: Massimo

Date: February 11, 2024
 Name: Blakelynn Marie Gaier
 Father: Dean Jeffrey Gaier
 Mother: Whitney Lynn (Fullen) Gaier
 Sponsor: George & Maria Schooley
 Name Given: Maria



Date: February 18, 2024
 Name: Nicholas Pete Holly
 Father: Michael Holly
 Mother: Kathleen (Smerles) Holly
 Sponsor: Stephanie Fowler & George Fowler
 Name Given: Pete

Date: February 25, 2024
 Name: Loukas Hribar Panos
 Father: Polykarpos Edward Panos
 Mother: Christa Hribar
 Sponsor: Allee Asimakis
 Name Given: Loukas

Chrismations

Date: March 3, 2024
 Name: John Martin Kallas
 Sponsor: Frank Pamgas
 Name Given: John

Date: February 16, 2024
 Name: Michael Warren Koob
 Sponsor: Peter Gardikes
 Name Given: Michael

Deaths

January 8, 2024 Kiki Maisenbacher
 March 7, 2024 Panayota "Pitsa" Grammatikakis
 March 9, 2024 Nick (Niko) Constantinides
 March 12, 2024 Urania Tsitouris
 March 12, 2024 Sofia (Manouras) Hondroulis



Although we make every attempt to provide accurate information utilizing the Cathedral's records, we sometimes miss an announcement. Please feel free to call the church office should you notice information is missing and we will publish anything that may have been erroneously overlooked in the next issue. Thank you for understanding.

Rev. Father Demetrios Gardikes



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On March 18th, we began a great journey of faith we call the “Great Fast.” This journey is much different from what one would expect. We do not need to pack our bags. We are not physically leaving one city and arriving to another. However, if one makes the effort, this journey takes us places.

The “Great Fast” journey is one of mind, body, and soul. We observe the words of Scripture with greater intensity to ‘watch, pray, and fast’. With a desire to come closer to God, we try to clear the mind and feed the soul instead of the body through fasting and lift our minds in prayer. On the first week of lent, we offered St. Andrew’s Canon inserted in the Great Compline Services. This penitential canon draws from the typological scripture of the Old Testament. On Fridays, we ask for the intercessions of the Mother of God during the Salutations services.

In subsequent weeks, we have been and will continue to offer the Great Compline, PreSanctified and Akathist Services. As a community, we try to do all the appropriate things in the process or the season of self-examination. Many will prepare to receive the sacrament of Holy Confession.

So, where are we going? Ultimately, the Church takes us to the foot of the Cross. Yes, we remember the Roman soldiers who divided His garments. We will hear hymns and Gospel readings that recall those leaders who charged, He who was sinless, and sentenced Him to a criminal’s death by hanging our Lord on the Cross. Through the hymns and readings, we witness salvation history. On that ninth hour, 3pm, He breathed His Last Breath and went to the depth of hades. On that glorious day early in the morning, May 5, we will glorify His Holy Resurrection and rejoice with the Angels singing together, “Christ is Risen!”

The Holy Orthodox Church invites everyone to come on this journey. In fact, the Church desires for everyone to participate for the good of their salvation. St. Paul writes in his first letter to the Corinthians (1:18), “The Word of the Cross is folly to those who are perishing but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” From the last moments of our Lord’s life to death to Life, the Cross became a symbolic expression of God’s glory.

Signs and wonders were given to the Romans, Hebrews, and our Lord’s followers. From the sixth hour until the ninth hour as Jesus hung on the Cross by nails that pierced his hands and feet, darkness covered over the whole earth. When Jesus breathed his last breath, the earth shook, rocks split, and the temple curtain tore from top to bottom. As a result of His Glorious Resurrection, we experience God’s power through the Grace of the Holy Spirit as we take up the journey to the Cross.

From the words of St. Isaac the Syrian (Ascetical Homilies)~ *“If you would be victorious, taste the suffering of Christ in your person, that you may be chosen to taste his glory. For if we suffer with him, we shall also be glorified with him. The intellect cannot be glorified with Jesus, if the body does not suffer for Jesus. Blessed are you if you suffer for righteousness’ sake. Behold, for years and generations the way of God has been made smooth through the Cross and by death. The way of God is a daily Cross. The Cross is the gate of mysteries.”*

May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ grant His Eternal Blessings to each of us this Paschal season. Christ is Risen!

With Love in our Risen Lord,

Fr. Demetrios Gardikes

President's Corner—Harry Ruska



Engage!

Recently, I was in Divine Liturgy on a Sunday reflecting four years ago when we were in the thick of fighting the COVID-19 pandemic and how times have changed since. In the second half of 2020 we were unable to attend Divine Liturgy due to concerns with spreading the disease that afflicted many. In fact, there was a time when the number of on-site participants on Sundays were to not exceed five, in total, including the clergy. Four years later, our pews are almost full, and we are all reengaging with our faith together. While our primary focus is being together in our Cathedral, there are many opportunities to reengage with our parish family.

Perhaps some of these types of events are opportunities for you to reconnect and reengage:

- Following the Presanctified Liturgy service on April 17th participants were invited to a Potluck dinner with other Orthodox Christians in the Columbus area and we were treated to a screening of a beautiful film celebrating the life of Amphilochios, Saint of Patmos. We were treated to a live call with the Director and Dr. Tim Patitsas, Dean of Hellenic College. His life was an inspiration to all those in attendance.
- We have now held four “Rise Against Hunger” events – each one surpassing the previous. At the last session we all joined together to prepare more than thirty thousand meals for those that are without food. In addition to the number of meals provided, participation has grown. Everyone participating leaves with a sense of accomplishment. This is the embodiment of our responsibility as “Stewards” as we devote our “Time and Talents” towards the benefit of others.
- On March 9th, over 200 parishioners joined together to attend the Apokries Pre Lenten Celebration. The Apokries was a “family event” with many of our youth enthusiastically participating with their parents and friends.
- The Greek Language School sponsored a Tavli Tournament on March 30th. Over thirty adults participated in this informal event where there were opportunities to make new friends and enjoy a lighthearted competition. I can personally vouch that I had the pleasure of meeting many people that I had not known before that I now greet every Sunday.
- The Greek Language School, in coordination with the Greek Olympic Society, celebrated Greek Independence Day with the raising of the Greek flag at the State Capitol. The GOS provided a Lenten lunch while the Greek Language School presented a program for this historic event.
- The Philoptochos continues to tirelessly coordinate food, clothing and personal item drives to support those in need. Their dedication is unwavering and exemplary – our weekly bulletin continuously announces new initiatives that the group is involved with.

This is a short list of the wide range of programs, events, and promotions underway at any given time in our community. If you have not done so, take the opportunity to get involved with something that interests you. I am confident you will be fulfilled.

It's time to engage!

Yours in Christ,
Harry Ruska



Cathedral Financial Summary

2024 Financial Stewardship & Financial Status as of 02/29/24

YTD 2024 Financial Status

	YTD Balance	YTD Change
Total Assets *	\$ 14,494,082	\$ 96,851
* This includes physical and monetary assets		
Total Liabilities	\$ 441,326	\$ (19,109)
Net Assets	\$ 14,052,756	\$ 115,960

Mortgage Balance	\$ 353,333.48
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Mortgage Update

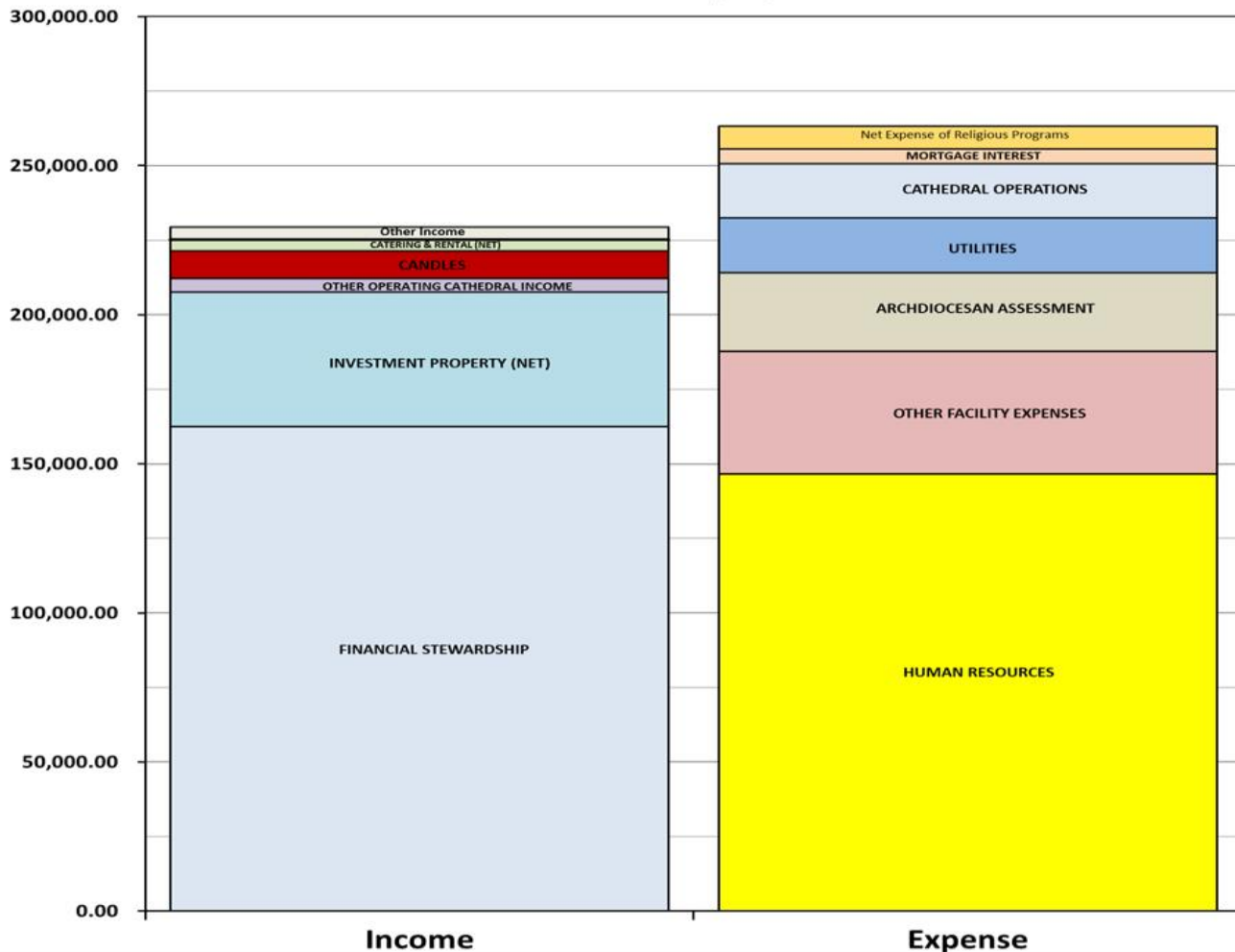
This year we plan to paydown \$160,000 towards the mortgage principal. The rise of the interest rates has facilitated an expedited paydown of our mortgage. Current interest rates over 7% require an effective response from us to limit our interest expenses. Thank you for your support.

2024 Signed Pledge cards status

Through 02/29/24, we have received 234 pledge cards for \$351,854 in pledges. The amount pledged corresponds to approximately 90% of the amount pledged during the same period in 2023. Thank you to all who have already signed a pledge card for this year; please make sure you are current with your stewardship pledge. **For those who have not done so yet, please submit your pledge via pledge card or online.**

The table below shows our income and expenses for 2024 YTD (February 29th). Please keep in mind, your contributions enhance the financial strength of our community. Only with your support we can be better prepared to address current and future challenges. Financial strength allows us to be resilient and able to overcome future challenges. Thank you!

2024 Income and Expenses
YTD as of 02/29/2024



Stewardship



We are stewards of the Gospel and the stewards of our parish. We see our church, not as it is, but as it could be. We offer our treasure and ourselves sacrificially, so that, as members of the Body of Christ, we may reach our full potential in Him.



Helen Rankin,
Superintendent

Sunday Church School



Christmas Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School Session #1: "Animals in the Church"

June 3-5, 2024
9AM - 12PM

RSVP by email to youth@greekcathedral.com or use QR code

Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School Session #2: "Being Transfigured in Christ"

August 5-7, 2024
August 5 & 7, 9 AM-12 PM
August 6, Liturgy at 9 AM followed by VBS 11 AM - 1 PM

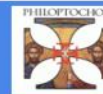


RSVP by email to youth@greekcathedral.com or scan QR code





Philoptochos Events



Mark your calendar! We are holding General Meetings and events on different days and at different times so that everyone has an opportunity to be a part of something. Please consider attending and/or helping for the following events:

APRIL

Mon. April 1st - Begin accepting donations for Timeless Treasures Rummage Sale

Tues. April 9th - Prosforo Baking Class & General Meeting w/ Lenten Potluck Lunch and Recipe Swap - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Kitchen/Social Hall - Meeting @Noon

Tues. April 9th - Coffee and Conversation with Veteran Heroes 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Social Hall

Sun. April 14th - Sack Lunches For Open Shelter after DL in Kitchen

Sat. April 20th - Ukrainian Pysanka Workshop 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Youth Room, second floor, Room #205

Sun. April 21st - Sack Lunches For Open Shelter after DL in Kitchen

Sun. April 21st - Birthday Blessing Bags - Philoptochos + All Youth in the Parish

Wed. April 24th - Meal for Choices 10:00 a.m. - Kitchen

MAY

Thurs. May 2nd - Dyeing of Red Eggs for Pascha 10:00 a.m. - Kitchen/Social Hall

Fri. May 3rd - Decoration of the Kouvouklion 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Social Hall

Wed. May 8th - Prep and Delivery of Paschal Meals for Philly Visitation List Friends 3:00 p.m - Kitchen - meal prep w/ delivery immediately following

Thurs. May 9th - Board Meeting - Offsite Location TBD

Sun. May 12th - Host Coffee Hour for St. Thomas Sunday, Mother's Day, Egg Hunt

Sun. May 12th - Sack Lunches For Open Shelter after DL

Tues. May 14th - Coffee and Conversation with Veteran Heroes 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Social Hall

Sun. May 19th - Sack Lunches For Open Shelter after DL in Kitchen

Wed. May 22nd - Meal for Choices 10:00 a.m. - Kitchen

Sun. May 26th - Sack Lunches For Open Shelter after DL in Kitchen

Saturday JUN 1st

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year! Please mark your calendars to help. We will need cashiers, runners and people to oversee table stations and help shoppers. 9 a.m - 2 p.m.

We will also need people to help organize and price donations Thurs. May 30th and Fri. May 31st.

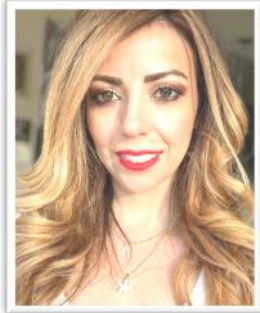
Our sale will be a part of the Annual Short North Yard Sale and will be included on their digital map of sale locations throughout the neighborhood!



Call or text Jeannie Dieker with questions or if you would like to help or donate (614)795-5444

Greek Language School

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ Greek Language School News



Nadia Yokarini-Kotsonis - Principal



Our Greek school students enjoyed cooking classes with Mrs. Fouras. They made traditional Greek dishes like keftedakia, tiropitakia & spanakopita.



Greek Language School



Celebrating God's Creation

DO YOU HAVE A BFG?

Bee Friendly Gardening (BFG) plays a role in the health of pollinators and the planet.

June 17-23, 2024



Did you know?

Research has shown that local native pollinators prefer local native plants.



Did you know?

Birds, bats, butterflies, moths, flies, beetles, wasps, small mammals, and most importantly, bees are pollinators.

Did you know?

Pollinators need areas that are free from harmful pesticides.



Did you know?

Pollinator populations are changing. Many pollinator populations are in decline and this decline is attributed most severely to a loss in feeding and nesting habitats. Pollution, the misuse of chemicals, disease, and changes in climatic patterns are all contributing to shrinking and shifting pollinator populations.



Did you know?

Dandelions are the first food for bees emerging in the spring. Leave them in your yard and feed the bees!



Did you know?

Pollinators need areas that are free from harmful pesticides.



National Pollinator Week is an annual event celebrated all over the world. The event brings awareness about pollinator health. Around 40% of invertebrate pollinators, especially bees and butterflies, face the danger of extinction. Rising temperatures, habitat loss, and increased human activities threaten their existence. Did you know that a queen bee can live up to 5 years! And, bees have existed for 30 million years?

Need guidance on creating a BFG? Go to:

www.Pollinator.org

<https://www.usda.gov/peoples-garden/pollinators>

THE FOUNDATION CORNER

“DISCUSSING YOUR ESTATE WITH FAMILY”

Approaching your family with your end of life plans can be difficult. Although no one likes to think of these times, it is best to prepare your loved ones in order to ensure a smooth transition for your family.

WHO? Consider approaching only those included in your estate. Depending on family dynamics, you may feel it is helpful to speak to everyone all at once or to each child or heir individually.

WHAT? You may not feel comfortable divulging the exact amount of assets included in your estate. Do not feel you must disclose everything, but be aware of key items, such as: real estate, both in and out of the state or country; the family business; etc. It is also important to tell your children and heirs who your lawyer, financial advisor, banker, and other advisors are, as well as where to find your important financial information and documents.

WHEN? Set aside time when nothing else is happening and no large events are coming up, like a major surgery, family holiday, or international trip. By selecting a separate time to discuss the matter, your family won't feel rushed or emotional. Also, look for natural opportunities to touch base. Having a friend or family member who is dealing with an estate can help to open the door to this discussion.

FINALLY, keep in mind that making your estate plans known can sometimes be helpful, but in the end, what you choose to disclose is purely a matter of personal choice.



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Holy Friday

LUMINARIAS

+ In Loving Memory +



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| 2. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 12. _____ |

Your Name _____

Phone# or email _____

Donation: \$5.00 per name

Luminarias will be lit and placed
before the Lamentation Service on Holy Friday Evening

Monies from this project will support His Eminence Metropolitan Savas' Benevolence Fund and the Annunciation
Sts. Cyril and Methodius
Religious Education and Missions Fund.

Please make checks payable to "Greek Orthodox Cathedral"
Return to :

Fr. Demetrios, Helen Rankin, Deborah Pries or the Church Office. Thank You!

*Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion,
kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." Colossians 3:12*

All girls in grades 2-6 are invited to be
Holy Week Myrrhbearers (Μυροφόροι).

The myrrhbearers will participate in the Palm Sunday, Holy Friday Evening
and Holy Saturday Midnight Resurrection services.

Myrrhbearers will need to wear a white dress.
There are white dresses that have been donated and are available on a first come basis.

For more information, please sign up via email by Friday, April 19th:
deborah.pries@gmail.com or call 614-832-7659



Past Myrrhbearing Girls are welcome to sign up to be helpers!

Dear Faithful,

We have entered into one of our most holy periods of the year. The Church calls us to prepare for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. She calls us to intensify our prayer to God, to prepare our mind and soul for His Eternal Kingdom, and to taste of the newness of life-“receive the Body of Christ, taste of the spring of immortality.” We sing the “Alleluia” hymns to “Christ is Risen.” We prepare our self mentally and physically. The physical Church building, as we all witness, undergoes changes during this time too. The Orthodox Church calls us to pray with all our senses: taste, sight, smell, touch and hearing. We beautify our Church as an offering of spiritual fragrance and ask God to receive our offering at His Celestial Altar and send down upon us the Grace of His Holy and Life-Giving Spirit.

Please contemplate offering a donation towards one of the items on the attached list. The amounts are suggested donations and do not necessarily reflect the actual cost of any one item. When making your offering, remember this is a time not only to offer ourselves, but to also offer each other to God. Pray for one another by including a list of names of living and departed loved ones. Your offering and list of names can be submitted together. The names will be prayed for at every Divine Liturgy until Bright Week.

A Blessed Great Fast,

+Fr Demetrios Gardikes

+LIVING

+ETERNAL MEMORY

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Name _____

Item(s)Wishing to
Donate _____

Gift Enclosed \$ _____ (Please write in notes field “Flower Offering”)

LENTEN & HOLY WEEK FLOWER DONATIONS

OFFERING	GIFT
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SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

Sunday of Orthodoxy Icon	45.00
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FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Feast of the Annunciation Icon	45.00
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SUNDAY OF THE ELEVATION OF THE CROSS

Elevation of Cross Icon (3rd Sunday of Lent)	45.00
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Procession Cross	45.00
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SALUTATIONS (five Fridays)

Salutation Icon 1st Friday	50.00
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Salutation Icon 2nd Friday	50.00
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Salutation Icon 3rd Friday	50.00
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Salutation Icon 4th Friday	50.00
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Salutation Icon 5th Friday	50.00
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LAZARUS SATURDAY

Lazarus Saturday Icon	45.00
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PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday Icon	45.00
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Palms	35.00
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Bridegroom Icon- (Palm Sun. thru Holy Wed.)	150.00
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HOLY WEDNESDAY

Oil for Holy Unction Service	20.00
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Flour	20.00
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*(used for Holy Thurs., Sat. and Pascha Prosforo)

*anyone interested in baking Prosforo for any of the Holy Week, Pascha or Divine Services throughout the year may ask for some flour after Holy Wednesday's Unction Service

Last Supper Icon	45.00
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HOLY THURSDAY

Crucifixion Wreath for Christ "Stefani"	50.00
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Candles for Cross	
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Crucifix Candle 1	10.00
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Crucifix Candle 2	10.00
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Crucifix Candle 3	10.00
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12 Gospel Candles	
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Candle 1	10.00
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Candle 11	10.00
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Candle 12	10.00
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Icon of Christ on the Cross	45.00
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OFFERING	GIFT
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HOLY FRIDAY

Christ's Burial Sheet	20.00
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Icon of Christ in the Tomb	45.00
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Rose Petals for Priest & Myrofores	65.00
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Epitaphios Candles (4)	45.00
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Epitaphios Rose Water	20.00
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Processional Candles	10.00
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6 White Azalea Plants	
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Azalea Plant 1	20.00
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Azalea Plant 2	20.00
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Azalea Plant 3	20.00
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Azalea Plant 4	20.00
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Epitaphios Flowers	
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HOLY SATURDAY/PASCHA

Morning Flower Petal Assortment	75.00
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Resurrection Icon	60.00
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Easter Lilies for Solea	
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Lily Plants (2)	40.00
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God Bless You!



K.N. Stravelakis Family Scholarship Fund for Graduate / Professional School



Information for Applicants

Scholarships of \$500 to \$1,500 may be awarded each year.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Scholarship award(s) may be made to individual(s) on the active roll, or whose parents are active members, of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Columbus, Ohio who intend to pursue graduate or professional studies on a part-time or full-time basis in the year of the award.
2. The educational institution in which the applicant is enrolled must be a public or private nonprofit educational institution.
3. The scholarship is not renewable, but recipients may reapply.

Selection Criteria:

Recipients will be chosen on the basis of:

- financial need
- academic potential
- character

Application Process:

1. Obtain an application form from the Cathedral office *or* from Ria Genoozis Harvey at williamharvey6147@att.net.
2. Email the application form with all supporting documents and a recent photograph to williamharvey6147@att.net

Applications and supporting documents must be postmarked or received no later than Sunday, June 30, 2024. Late applications will not be considered. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all supporting documents have been received by the deadline. All awards are paid directly to the educational institution.

**GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
THE ANNUNCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Rev. Demetrios Gardikes, Economos—
Dean of the Cathedral

Scholarship Committee: Sharon Black, Chairperson;
Presvytera Evangeline Baron, John Koutras, D.D.S.,
Nick Haritos, George Proicou, and Jimmy Schooley,
D.D.S.



**Guidelines for the Cathedral scholarships to be
awarded are as follows:**

1. Seniors in high school who will be entering college this fall are eligible.
2. Transcript of grades for the current and previous year; higher grade points will be viewed favorably. Submit a current photo.
3. E-mail address and cell phone number. If necessary, the committee has the option to have a personal interview with the applicant, or request other supplemental information.
4. The student or student's parents must be a member-in-good-standing of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral with an annual pledge on file for the current and previous year.
5. Involvement in Annunciation Church Activities. Please see list ("Church Involvement"—next column).
6. An essay of 150 to 200 words on how this scholarship will help you achieve your educational and career goals. Possible financial needs listed for family. A second essay of 350 to 400 words describing an experience that brought you closer to the faith and ideas to keep youth and young adults involved in the church in the future.
7. The scholarships vary in number and value, dependent on available funding and overall strength of an application.

Complete this application form, enclose your essays, transcripts, and photo. **Return by June 30, 2024.** Forms will also be available in the church office.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

E-mail to:
Sharon Black at: sharonk.black3@gmail.com

Mail to: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
555 NORTH HIGH STREET
COLUMBUS OH 43215

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- Greek Language School
- GOYA
- Greek Festival
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- Vacation Bible School
- Dancing
- Other Church Ministries
(ex. Rise Against Hunger, St. Matrona)

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Scholarship Program**

Please contact the Scholarship Committee if you are interested in donating to this program. Funds will be applied directly to the scholarship program and donors' names will be listed in the next issue of the Charioteer.

FESTIVAL FOOD PREPARATION

We need your help in preparing some of the food during the month of June. Please set some time aside and join us at the Cathedral to help make our Pastries, Tyropitas, Spanakopitas, and Dolmades. Bring your children, grandchildren, and friends!!!! No prior experience necessary—on site training will be available.

Times are 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday—Friday

Food Preparation Schedule

Week of June 3	Pastries
Week of July 10	Tyropita
Week of July 17	Spanakopita
Week of July 24	Dolmades

Thank you!



PHILOPTOCHOS' MAKARIA

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted” Matt.5:4

Please allow our lady members of Philoptochos to help you celebrate the life of your loved one with a Makaria in the Social Hall at the Cathedral.

We will set up, serve, and clean up for a Makaria up to 50 guests. The food will be provided by the Red Brick restaurant in German Village (Mario Fitros). You may bring your own desserts, wine and or soda.

Menu: Baked fish, rice, salad, and rolls. Coffee and water provided.
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(Donation to Philoptochos appreciated)

Call Terry Morgan at 614-668-8341 or Helen Rankin at 614-530-4771.
Please call Carol Harr at the Church 614-224-9020, to check availability of the hall.

Timeless Treasures



Annunciation Philoptochos "Timeless Treasures" Rummage Sale - Saturday, June 1st

Clean out your clutter and donate your good quality used items to help fund our ministries!

Items we will accept:

- Books/ DVD's/ CD's/ Teaching supplies
- Small electronics
- Office supplies
- Kitchenware -Small appliances, baking and cookware, kitchen tools, decor, tablecloths, cloth napkins, dishes, flatware, cups, mugs, serving pieces
- Linens (no bedding, please)
- Bathroom - beauty tools ie hairdryer, curling iron; decor, shelving, organization
- Clothing, shoes, belts, purses, scarves
- Decorative items
- Jewelry
- Gardening items, Outdoor decor items
- Tools - Hand tools, Small power tools
- Holiday items- Spring and Summer holidays
- Children's toys
- Vintage/ antique items/ collectibles
- Small exercise equipment

Items that you should call / text to confirm:

- furniture
- art
- bicycle

Items we cannot accept:

- Large appliances
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- Bedding of any kind
- Upholstered furniture
- Stuffed animals
- Cribs/ Playpens
- Car Seats
- Helmets, safety equipment
- Pool tables
- Entertainment centers
- Bulky furniture
- TV's over 32 inches
- CRT TV's or monitors

Donations will be collected Sunday, April 7th thru Sunday, May 26th.

Please place donations on the left side of the coatroom by the Rummage Sale sign after church on Sundays, or let us know if you will be dropping off another day of the week.

We ask that all donations be in good condition and any linens/ clothing be laundered and clean.

Thank you! We can not do this without your generous donations!

Call or text Jeannie Dieker with questions or if you would like to help or donate (614) 795-5444



Tentative Master Calendar

Monday, April 1, 2024	Great Compline Premarital Counseling Session 1—ZOOM	5:30pm—6:30pm 7:00pm—8:00pm
Wednesday, April 3	Presanctified Liturgy with Potluck at St. Barnabas	6:00pm—8:30pm
Friday, April 5	3rd Salutations to the Theotokos	6:00pm—7:00pm
Saturday, April 6	Greek Language School Choir Rehearsal	10:00am—12:00pm 10:00am—12:00pm
Sunday, April 7	Sunday of Holy Cross Matins Divine Liturgy Procession of the Cross Parish Oratorical with St. John Chrysostom Arts Festival No Sunday Church School	8:00am—9:30am 9:30am—11:30am 11:15am—11:45am 11:30am—12:30pm
Monday, April 8	Great Compline Premarital Counseling Session 2—ZOOM	5:30pm—6:30pm 7:00pm—8:00pm
Tuesday, April 9	Philoptochos—Prosforo Baking Class w/Lenten Potluck Lunch Kitchen and Social Hall GOYA Volleyball Practice—Gym Parish Council Meeting	10:00am—2:00pm 6:30pm—8:00pm 6:30pm—8:30pm
Wednesday, April 10	Little Lambs Playgroup—Rooms 111 & 113 Little Lambs Greek School—Rooms 111 & 113 Presanctified Liturgy with Potluck at Holy Cross Mission 330 E. Wilson Bridge Road, Worthington, OH 43085	3:30pm—4:30pm 4:30pm—5:30pm 6:00pm—8:30pm
Thursday, April 11	50 Plus - Banquet Hall	3:00pm—8:00pm
Friday, April 12	50 Plus Bread Baking—Kitchen & Social Hall 4th Salutations to the Theotokos	8:00am—5:00pm 6:00pm—7:00pm
Saturday, April 13	Competition—Banquet Hall Greek Language School—Lazarus Saturday Making Crosses Choir Rehearsal	8:00am—4:00pm 10:00am—12:00pm 10:00am—12:00pm
Sunday, April 14	Sunday of St. John Climacus Matins Divine Liturgy Sunday Church School	8:00am—9:30am 9:30am—11:30am after Holy Communion
Monday, April 15	Great Compline	5:30pm—6:30pm
Tuesday, April 16	GOYA Volleyball Practice—Gym	6:30pm—8:00pm
Wednesday, April 17	Little Lambs Greek School—Rooms 111 & 113 Presanctified Liturgy with Potluck at the Annunciation Cathedral	4:30pm—5:30pm 6:00pm—8:30pm
Friday, April 19	Akathist to the Theotokos	6:00pm—7:30pm
Saturday, April 20	Ukrainian Pysanka Workshop—Youth Room 205, 2nd Floor	10:00am—1:00pm
Sunday, April 21	Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt Matins Divine Liturgy Sunday Church School	8:00am—9:30am 9:30am—11:30am after Holy Communion
Monday, April 22	Great Compline	5:30pm—6:30pm
Tuesday, April 23	College Outreach—Kitchen & Social Hall GOYA Basketball Practice—Gym	9:00am—4:00pm 6:30pm—8:00pm

Tentative Master Calendar

Wednesday, April 24	CHOICES—Kitchen Little Lambs Greek School—Rooms 111 & 113 Presanctified Liturgy with Potluck at St. Gregory of Nyssa 2219 Summit Street, Columbus, OH 43201	10:00am—3:00pm 4:30pm—5:30pm 6:00pm—8:00pm
Saturday, April 27	Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy Greek Language School—Cross Making Choir Rehearsal Community Cross Making after Divine Liturgy—Gym Myrofores Meeting	9:00am—10:30am 10:00am—12:00pm 10:30am—12:30pm 10:30am—12:30pm 11:00am—12:00pm
Sunday, April 28	Palm Sunday Youth Sunday Matins Divine Liturgy Sunday Church School Bridegroom Matins	8:00am—9:30am 9:30am—11:30am after Holy Communion 5:30pm—6:30pm
Monday, April 29	Bridegroom Matins	5:30pm—6:30pm
Tuesday, April 30	50 Plus Lenten Potluck—Social Hall Bridegroom Matins	4:00pm—6:00pm 5:30pm—6:30pm
Wednesday, May 1	Holy Unction Last Supper Matins	3:30pm—5:30pm 6:00pm—7:00pm
Thursday, May 2	Vesperal Divine Liturgy Philoptochos—Dyeing eggs—Social Hall Matins of the 12 Gospels & Procession of the Cross with Crucified Christ	6:30am—8:00am 10:00am—1:00pm 6:00pm—7:30pm
Friday, May 3	Royal Hours Decoration of the Kouvouklion (Philoptochos) - Social Hall Vespers of Unnailing Lamentations Orthros with Procession	8:00am—9:30am 9:00am—12:30pm 1:00pm—2:00pm 6:00pm—8:30pm
Saturday, May 4	Vesperal Divine Liturgy Greek Language School Prepare Cathedral for Pascha Services Resurrection Orthros	9:00am—10:30am 10:00am—12:00pm 10:30am—12:30pm 11:00pm—12:00am
Sunday, May 5	Resurrection Divine Liturgy Agape Vespers—Christ is Risen!	1:00am—2:00am 10:00am—11:30am
Monday, May 6	Bright Monday—St. George the Great Martyr Divine Liturgy	9:00am—10:30am
Wednesday, May 8	Bright Wednesday—St. John the Theologian Divine Liturgy Philoptochos Meal Prep for Home Bound—Kitchen Little Lambs Greek School—Rooms 111 & 113	9:00am—10:30am 3:00pm—5:00pm 4:30pm—5:30pm
Thursday, May 9	Philoptochos Board Meeting—Bookstore	6:30pm—7:30pm
Saturday, May 11	Choir Rehearsal Greek Language School	10:00am—12:00pm 10:00am—12:00pm
Sunday, May 12	Thomas Sunday Matins Divine Liturgy Sunday Church School Mother's Day—GOYA to hand out flowers Philoptochos Reception and Easter Egg Hunt—Social Hall	8:00am—9:30am 9:30am—11:30am after Holy Communion 10:30am—11:30am 11:30am—1:00pm
Tuesday, May 14	GOYA Volleyball Practice—Gym Parish Council Meeting	6:30pm—8:00pm 6:30pm—8:30pm

Tentative Master Calendar

Wednesday, May 15	Little Lambs Playgroup—Rooms 111 & 113 Little Lambs Greek School—Rooms 111 & 113	3:30pm—4:30pm 4:30pm—5:30pm
Saturday, May 18	Greek Language School—Last Day of School Celebration— Gym Choir Rehearsal	10:00am—12:00pm 10:00am—12:00pm
Sunday, May 19	Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women Matins Divine Liturgy Parish Spring General Assembly Greek School Graduation	8:00am—9:30am 9:30am—11:30am 11:30am—1:00pm 12:00pm—1:00pm
Tuesday, May 21	Sts. Constantine & Helen Orthros Divine Liturgy GOYA Volleyball Practice—Gym	8:30am—9:30am 9:30am—11:30am 6:30pm—8:00pm
Wednesday, May 22	CHOICES—Kitchen	10:00am—3:00pm
Sunday, May 26	Sunday of the Paralytic Youth Sunday Matins Divine Liturgy	8:00am—9:30am 9:30am—11:30am
Monday, May 27	Memorial Day	
Tuesday, May 28	GOYA Volleyball Practice—Gym	6:30pm—8:00pm
Saturday, June 1	Choir Rehearsal	10:00am—12:00pm
Sunday, June 2	Sunday of the Samaritan Woman Matins Divine Liturgy Dance Practice—Gym	8:00am—9:30am 9:30am—11:30am 11:30am—1:00pm
Monday, June 3	Vacation Bible School Session #1	9:00am—12:00pm
Tuesday, June 4	Vacation Bible School Session #1	9:00am—12:00pm
Wednesday, June 5	Vacation Bible School Session #1 (Offsite—day at the ZOO)	9:00am—12:00pm
Saturday, June 8	Choir Rehearsal	10:00am—12:00pm
Sunday, June 9	Sunday of the Blind Man Matins Divine Liturgy Dance Practice—Gym	8:00am—9:30am 9:30am—11:30am 11:30am—1:00pm
Tuesday, June 11	Parish Council Meeting	6:30pm—8:30pm
Thursday, June 13	Ascension Orthros Divine Liturgy	8:30am—9:30am 9:30am—11:00am
Saturday, June 15	Choir Rehearsal	10:00am—12:00pm
Sunday, June 16	Fathers of the 1st Council Father's Day Matins Divine Liturgy	8:00am—9:30am 9:30am—11:30am
Saturday, June 22	Saturday of Souls Divine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal	9:00am—10:30am 10:30am—12:30pm

Tentative Master Calendar

Sunday, June 23	Pentecost Youth Sunday Matins Divine Liturgy Pentecost Kneeling Vespers Dance Practice—Gym	8:00am—9:30am 9:30am—11:30am 11:00am—12:00pm 12:30pm—2:00pm
Monday, June 24	Nativity of St. John the Forerunner Orthros Divine Liturgy	8:30am—9:30am 9:30am—11:30am
Wednesday, June 26	CHOICES—Kitchen	10:00am—3:00pm
Saturday, June 29	Sts. Peter and Paul The Holy Apostles Orthros Divine Liturgy	8:30am—9:30am 9:30am—11:30am
Sunday, June 30	Synaxis of the Holy Apostles Matins Divine Liturgy Dance Practice—Gym	8:00am—9:30am 9:30am—11:30am 11:30pm—1:00pm
Tuesday, July 2	St. John Maximovitch, Archbishop of Shanghai & San Francisco Divine Liturgy	9:00am—10:30am
Thursday, July 4	St. Andrew of Crete Divine Liturgy Church Office is Closed	9:30am—11:30am

Church School Sack Lunch Sundays



We continue to provide lunches for the Open Shelter twice a month. If you would like to volunteer or donate, please contact Helen Rankin or Diane Chakalis.

JUNIOR AND ZOE DANCE PRACTICE SCHEDULE - 2024

JUNE 2, 9, 23, 30**
JULY 14, 21, 28
AUGUST 4, 11, 18, 25

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IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT VICKY CONSTANTINIDIS-GARDIKES AT 614.778-3219.

**** NOTE: TIME CHANGE FOR JUNE 23RD PENTECOST IS
 (12:30 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.)****

Youth Ministry



A Message from the Youth Director

These last few months have certainly been incredibly busy for our youth ministries here at the Cathedral!

Pasquale "Lee" Santarelli
Youth Director

I would be remiss to not first thank EVERYONE in our community for your contributions and support for our GOYA as we hosted the first Metropolis GOYA Basketball Tournament of the year between January 12th-14th – by God's grace we had an incredibly successful tournament! I am happy to report that our guests from around the Metropolis felt warmly welcomed and greatly enjoyed their weekend in Columbus. I am especially grateful to all our GOYAnS and their families for their time and talents putting our tournament together – our tournament would not have been possible without them!

Following our tournament, we traveled to St. Paul in North Royalton, Ohio and All Saints in Canonsburg, PA for the other two basketball tournaments. Not only was a good time had by all, but myself, our GOYA parents, and observers from other parishes all bore witness to the comradery our GOYAnS developed and their superb sportsmanship. On the latter point, I am extremely proud of our GOYAnS for winning the Sportsmanship Award at the final tournament of the year!

Once again, thank you to all our coaches, chaperones, drivers, and everyone who made this GOYA Basketball season possible! Although basketball has ended, it does not mean GOYA has (remember, GOYA is much more than just basketball)! We are looking forward to a variety of different events coming up in the months ahead.

In addition to GOYA, I am happy to further report a wonderful JOY gathering between our Church School and Greek School students at our first Christmas Vacation Bible School back in December! Thank you especially to Helen Rankin and Nadia Kotsonis for their help in putting the event together – it is one I would like to make an annual tradition! In the coming months, please be on the lookout for more opportunities for our JOY kids.

Our Young Adult League has also been making its comeback in recent months! Our first Orthodoxy on Tap in February saw 35 of our young adults gather for food, fellowship, and discussion with Fr. Isaac. I also want to thank Dr. Jimmy and Kyriaki Schooley for hosting our equally successful Christmas party back in December.

With the approach of Lent, I encourage all our families with children to be present not only for the Divine Services but also for Church School. Our dedicated teachers are ready to provide spiritual nourishment in the classroom during this blessed time – may this Lent be a time of communal growth together as journey towards Christ's Resurrection on Pascha!

I thank you all once again for your support of our youth – I humbly ask for your prayers for my ministry here and for all the youth of our Cathedral family!

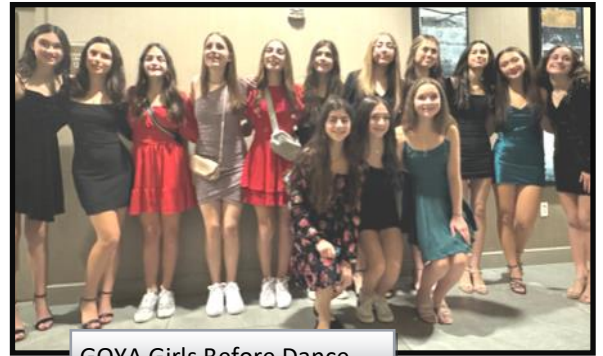
Faithfully,

Pasquale (Lee) Santarelli

Special Events—Youth & Young Adult Ministry



All Saints Sportsmanship Group Award



GOYA Girls Before Dance



All Saints GOYA Dance



GOYA Presidents: Don Flaherty and Maria Regules receiving their senior icons



GOYA—Wildlights at the Columbus ZOO



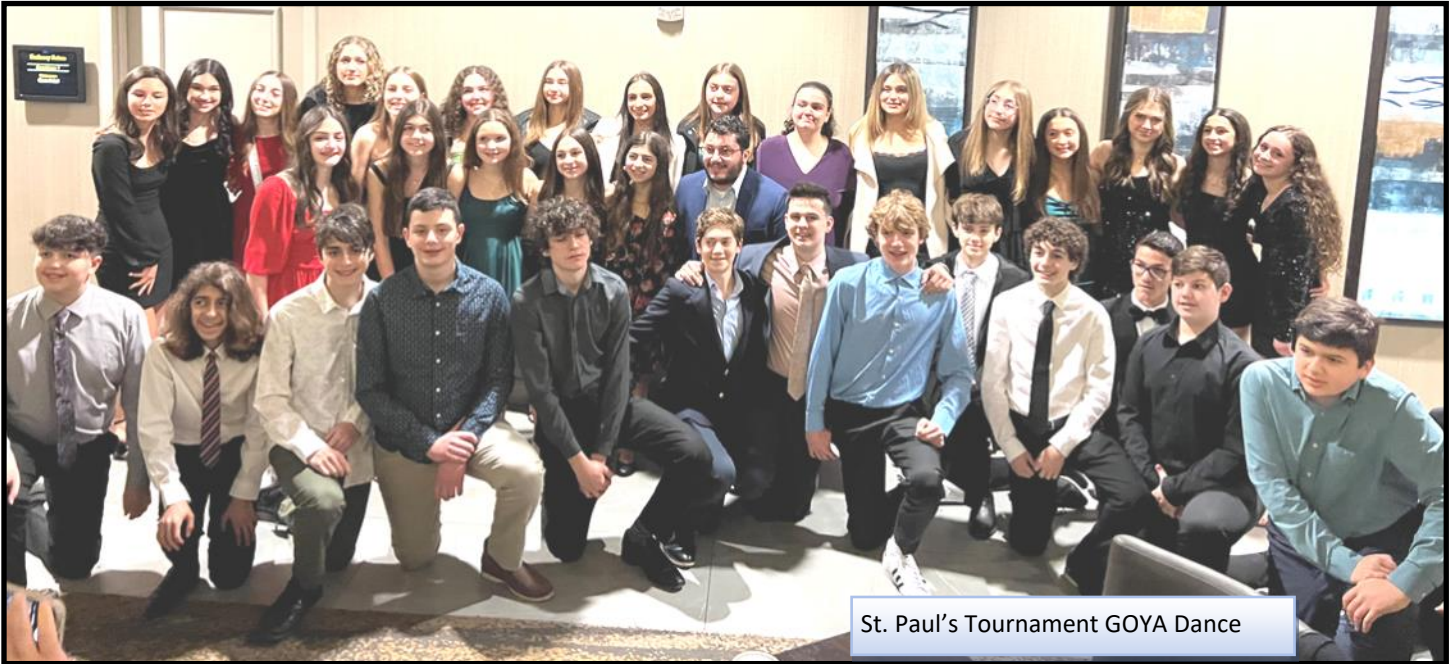
Orthodoxy on Tap



Annual Altar Boys' Meeting

Special Events—Basketball Tournament

GOYA Basketball Tournament—2024



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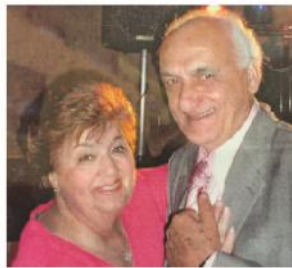
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