Dear Parishioner or Friend of the Annunciation parish family,

Please take the time to look at the pictures assembled for you in this Koinonia issue. As you can see, in addition to our local youth group events, our Annunciation parish had a good showing at the Western Region Family Basketball Tournament in St. Paul, MN (Feb. 7-9). But even more importantly, I am pleased to say that our youth, our young adults, and the parents represented our parish well by displaying a Christ-like attitude during the games and by participating in the Divine Liturgy together with our sister churches. We also brought home three more trophies to add to our very large collection in the Conference Room.

As seen in the pictures, another very significant event during the month of February was our Taste of Greece fundraiser. It was quite the production to say the least and, for me personally, quite the experience as it was another Annunciation first. To see our church tour sessions exceed 100 people and even 150 was truly uplifting – a good platform to evangelize and share our faith. I used these two days as an opportunity to reach out and converse with people from our larger community, to welcome them and to tell them about us. I pretty much lost my voice during those two days, but it felt good.

It felt good to hear the feedback from the ones we served and to sometimes witness their intrigue and interest in our people, our customs, and even our faith. They loved our food, they appreciated everything we provided, and they admire us for being able to put something like this together. I personally share all those sentiments too. Yes, I am aware that Taste of Greece is only but a fraction of what will happen during Greek Fest in June, but this experience alone fills me with confidence, reassurance, and hope for our future. So many of our parishioners of all ages came together and spent hours and hours preparing ahead and working those two days for the good of the church by personal choice. It was a beautiful thing and God blessed us with amazing weather and brought many people to our doorsteps to make this fundraiser a success that surpassed all other Taste of Greece events from previous years.

Energized by the experience of Taste of Greece and thinking back to our First Strategic Planning Meeting on Saturday, February 15, 2019 I ask myself: Can we as a Parish Family thrive as the “Body of Christ”? In other words, can we do a good job and also enhance or increase (1) our worship and prayer, (2) our education and evangelism and (3) our ministries and outreach? Yes, Yes, and Yes. But we need to tend to that underlying operational factor that affects the effectiveness and efficiency of everything we do in the church – our personal interactions with one another. Managing our interactions in a Christ-like manner means that we tend to each other and the least of His brethren as if that person were Christ – this was our Lord’s commandment, His charge, His challenge, His invitation for each of us during the Gospel reading on Judgment Sunday.

We don’t come to church to be loved by Christ. We come to church to learn to love like Christ, to learn how to see Christ in the least of his brethren and treat them accordingly. Remember the least of his brethren could be a family member, a loved one, an acquaintance, a stranger, someone we maybe dislike or even our enemies. How we treat them has a bearing on our salvation. As we are about to embark on the journey of Great Lent, defined by increased worship, fasting, prayer, spiritual reading, and daily good deeds, I want to personally invite everyone to come to church and benefit from the beautiful Lenten services, prayer walks and programs we are offering. Our Father’s House and truly beautiful house of worship awaits to be filled by us who choose to come together and worship the One who loved us first, loves us now and always will.

Thus, let us be distracted by nothing and allow no temporal thing, big or small, to keep us away from walking through the narrow gates (Matthew 7:14) of our beautiful church. Our services enable us to cry, to shed those tears and be cleansed, renewed and revived.

With love in Christ,
Fr. Ciprian Sas
SACRAMENTS & SPECIAL SERVICES

Baptisms / Chrismations / Weddings

None in February

Funerals & Memorial Services:

May their souls rest in peace among the saints and their memory be eternal!

- Georgia Morrison fell asleep in the Lord on Fri, Jan. 31, 2020. Her funeral service was held on Tue, Feb. 4. at Annunciation and internment was at Wisconsin Memorial Park.
- 1-year Memorial Service for Niovi Anvros by Tim & Joanna Mistrioty. (February 2)
- 1-year Memorial Service for Dennis Mistrioty by Tim & Joanna Mistrioty and George & Mary Mistrioty. (February 2)
- 40-day Memorial Service for Dr. John Matsis by the Topless Club (convertible cars) (February 9)
- 6-month Memorial Service for Leandros (Lee) Sideras by his sister Clare M. Pray and his children, Jeffrey, Jill, Ted and Lee W. (February 16)
- 1-year Memorial Service for Sofia Kougeoures offered by her sister Connie Contos and the Sardo family. (February 16)

SACRED GIFTS—ALTAR CANDLES

Altar Candles offered in loving memory of:

- Scott Astin by his wife, Tutty Astin and son, Andrew. (February 2)
  - Beth LaBracke by her aunt Fay Kolster. (February 9)
  - Cindy Steckler by the Steckler family. (February 23)
  - Fotios Koutras by the Koutras family. (February 23)
- Dr. George Batayias by his loving wife and family. (February 23)
- Polychronis & Marousa Anton by Dr. Peter & Vivian Liberatos and family. (February 23)
  - Georgia Maheras by Emmanouel Maheras. (February 29)
- George Gamouras by his brother in law, Emmanouel Maheras. (February 29)
  - Dr. Nicholas Staves by Wendy, Valentina and Charlie. (February 29)

Altar Candles offered for continued health and wellbeing:

- Tim Taff, celebrates his 7th Lungiversary, with his loving wife, Dena Taff. (February 23)
Judas and Paul betrayed him, Thomas doubted him, many mocked him, spat on him, and tortured him, yet Christ prayed for forgiveness for all, instead of dwelling on their dreadful deeds. His mercy, which Bishop Kallistos Ware describes as “love in action” (The Orthodox Way, p. 69) rendered Him victorious over turbulent temptations:

“At His agony in the garden and at His Crucifixion the forces of darkness assail Him with all their violence, but they cannot change His compassion into hatred; they cannot prevent His love from continuing to be itself. His love is tested to the farthest point, but it is not overwhelmed.” (The Orthodox Way, p. 81)

At times we too might feel like our love is tested to its farthest point – our patience might wear thin, or our disdain toward other people’s actions might take over our ability to empathize. We repeatedly relive and recount others’ wrongdoings, making these thoughts, memories and feelings get a strong hold of us, as we grasp onto them almost obsessively.

When we ruminate about something someone said or did that hurt us, truly, we begin to hurt ourselves, not only emotionally but also physically, as our heart health might even be affected, according to research on anger. Although it is only the memory of the painful acts or words that remain, they come alive every time we choose to engage with them tirelessly. Eventually our energy diminishes, our feet stumble, and our focus on Christ blurs. We might even blame Him, for seemingly consenting to such horrible things.

But we must remember that people’s wrongdoings are often their unguided free-will manifestations of the violent torment of their own pierced souls in need of healing. Once their act has been committed against us, there is no thought or word of ours that can undo what has been done. What we do have power over is to learn to stop our minds from reliving and reiterating memories of painful acts or words.

Saint Paisios urges us not to build an “airport” in our mind to allow torturing thoughts that fly at us, to land.

That is the first step in what can be a long process toward forgiveness. Once we are able to disengage from the memories, we might still be stuck at the early stages of forgiveness: not wanting to even want to forgive (Fr. Thomas Hopko). At this stage we might also be pushing God away asking why He didn’t step in to protect us from the arrows of others’ careless choices, when in fact, it is humanity’s misuse of the God-given gift of free will that brings us pain.

“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” (Luke 23:34) These were Christ’s words in His deepest sorrow and pain. He wasn’t asking “How could you do this to me?” He didn’t curse anyone. He didn’t even judge. He was begging His Father, our Father, not to judge them for the evil choices they made. He drew near to God the Father, rather than distancing Himself in despair.

For us, distancing from God can also come from being distraught over our own wrong-doings. Yes, we are called to repent! But “repentance is not to be confused with mere remorse, with a self-regarding feeling of being sorry for a wrong done. It is not a state but a stage, a beginning ... it is an invitation to new life, an opening up of new horizons, the gaining of a new vision.” (https://www.goarch.org/-/repentance-and-confession-introduction)

During this Great and Holy Lent, let us draw near to Christ, who suffered by our hands immeasurably, yet loves us unceasingly. Let’s focus our thoughts and gaze on Him, and cultivate a desire to want to forgive (Fr. Thomas Hopko), so we can journey toward forgiveness. We can do this only by seeing humanity through God’s loving eyes, as we look up toward Him rather than stare down at others’ faults and our own. Come fill your heart during our Lenten church services and programs, which gently surround us to enable us to think, feel and act in relation to God, without the near-sightedness of our own views and the distractions of the world!

With love in Christ,
Pres. Maggie Sas
Dear Annunciation Family,

I hope you and your families are well and you are enjoying the longer sunshine filled days and looking forward to Spring. Thank you for everyone who prayed for and came out to support our Taste of Greece fundraiser. It is one of my favorite events; there is so much fellowship and love, it is truly awesome.

By the grace of God, things are looking good at our beloved Annunciation parish. Please spread the word of all the good things that God has blessed us with. We love to see you with your families in church or any of our many Ministries. Remember to subscribe to our weekly email, read the weekly messenger at church, or sign up to be on our mailing list for all the information you need to stay informed. And, you can always make a simple call to the church office if you have any questions.

On behalf of Father Ciprian and the entire Parish Council, we love you and thank you for your continued support of Christ’s Church.

Kind regards,
Michael N. Stavropoulos  
Parish Council President

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**2020 Annunciation Parish Council**

Thank you to our Parish Council who works hard each month for the benefit of the entire Parish.

Michael Stavropoulos, P. C. President  
Gregory Papachristou, Vice President  
George Papachristou, Treasurer  
Johnny Koremenos, Assistant Treasurer  
Andrew Joseph, Secretary

Grace Busse  
George Demolas  
Dennis Fournogerakis  
Bob Kobza  
Jimmy Liacopoulos  
Tim Mistrioty  
George Panagiotopoulos  
Angela Topetzes Strelka  
Gene Wright  
Bill Zaferes
Thank you to everyone who has competed the 2020 Stewardship Pledge Form offering your personal Time, Talents, and Treasure so generously. This first step of your commitment to support the ministries of our beloved parish of Annunciation is much appreciated and necessary.

The 2020 Stewardship Pledge Form has been mailed out with the January and February Koinonia issues and it is also available in the Narthex, Office and the Resource Corner in the Cultural Center. Sarah, in the office, will also be happy to mail you the form if needed.

When you complete and submit your 2020 Stewardship Pledge Form, please take the time to complete the Family Information Form on the reverse side of the Pledge as we are in the process of updating our database for better communication.

A kind thank you to all of our volunteers and guests who helped make 2020 Taste of Greece a huge success. We welcomed thousands of people through our doors while engaging in fellowship and fun as a Church community and parish family.

Our previous highest sales ever were $54,177.80 in 2018

This year we were blessed with record breaking sales of . . . . $72,019.27 !!!

Nearly $20,000 (35%) increase over our previous record.

Great job Taste of Greece Committee

GLORY TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS!

2020 STEWARDSHIP
"A TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE UNDER HEAVEN" (ECCLESIASTES 3)
Dear Annunciation Family and Friends:

It is very nice to see everyone in Church on Sundays and to share a snack and beverage afterwards. Being able to celebrate Divine Liturgy, receive Holy Communion, witness a 40-day Churching of a baby or a memorial to remember our loved ones and extended family that have fallen asleep are all very special for us Orthodox Christians. Truly a blessing for all of us to be connected through our Faith.

At present The Foundation awaits final approval from “The Funds For Sacred Places” on our grant request. In anticipation of that approval, we are establishing a fund to raise the remaining $200,000 to meet the grant match requirements and putting in place the process to be used in hiring contractors to begin the work. We will keep you informed as these many moving pieces come together.

Year-end tax letters were sent out in late January to all those that made donations to the Annunciation Foundation in 2019. Please contact me if you have not received your document or if you need another copy.

Spring and Great Lent, a very beautiful time of the year as we renew and strengthen our Orthodox Faith. I look forward to the beautiful liturgies and Holy Week services leading up to the Great and Holy Pascha. Let us all, especially during this Lenten Season, continue to . . . Love One Another.

“A Foundation of Faith . . . Securing Our Orthodox Future”.

I remain,

In His Service,

Norman D. Eckstaedt
President, Annunciation Foundation
414.840.5484 (cell)
ndemce5@sbcglobal.net
Dear Annunciation Family,

Great Lent is upon us and it’s time to think about the Annual Plaki and Fish Fry dinner. Please mark your calendars for Palm Sunday, April 12, 2020. A reservation form can be found in this month’s Koinonia. Let us begin Holy Week by “breaking bread” together. Also, on Palm Sunday, don’t miss out on the Annual Easter Bake Sale.

I thank everyone who came to our General Meeting and helped assemble Grab and Go bags which we donated to the patients and families staying at Kathy’s House. Also, on February 10th we cooked a meal and served it at Kathy’s House. The families are all so appreciative of our endeavors. It was very gratifying for those of us who were there to be able to visit with those who are staying there at this time.

We are scheduled to serve another meal at Kathy’s House on Monday, March 16th. If you are interested in volunteering to cook something and to join us, please see the notice at the bottom of this page. We welcome all who would like to help!

I hope to see many of our Annunciation family on March 24th for our Church’s Feast Day Vespers, followed by the reception hosted by Philoptochos.

Did you have a chance to send in your 2020 Philoptochos Membership dues? Please do so today! We’d love to have you be part of our Philoptochos family.

I wish everyone a Blessed Lenten journey.

Evelyn Pappas
Philoptochos President

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**KATHY’S HOUSE MEAL**

Monday, March 16, 2020
5:00 pm

If you are interested in joining us to cook and/or serve,

For more info please contact
Presvytera Maggie at 319-389-3314 or maggiesas@gmail.com
or
Pat Galanis at 414-803-5664 or pgcaro@aol.com
Greek Orthodox Ladies' Philoptochos Society
Of Annunciation Church

Mission of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society:
To promote charitable, benevolent and philanthropic outreach, to preserve the sanctity of life and family, and to perpetuate and to promote our Orthodox faith and traditions.

2020 Membership Form

Name ____________________________________________________________

Address __________________________________________________________

City/State ___________________________ Zip ________________

Home Phone ___________________________ Cell Phone ___________________________

Email for correspondence: __________________________________________

Suggested Annual Dues $35 ______  $50 ______  $100 ______

(please remember that $23 of your dues is required to go to National Philoptochos and Chicago Metropolis endeavors)

Time and Talents: I would like to help with the following

_____ Christmas Bake Sale

_____ Coffee Social/Sunday Bake Sale

_____ Visiting/Outreach

_____ Call me as needed

_____ Donation of baked goods

_____ Rummage Sale

_____ Festival Baking/Pastry sale

_____ Receptions

_____ Christmas Luncheon

_____ Donation to underwrite

Please enclose form with check payable to Annunciation Philoptochos.
Treasurer: Dena Taff, 2745 North 117th Place, Wauwatosa, WI 53222

- Or -

Venmo @AnnunciationWI-Philoptochos

(rev. 12/19)
Dear Sunday School families,

It is hard to believe it is March. We are now entering the most special and beautiful time of the year. Great and Holy Lent and our journey to Holy Pascha. During your Lenten journey, I would encourage everyone to go to http://lent.goarch.org. This excellent website will cover and answer questions about Great and Holy Lent, Holy Week and Pascha. Please consider discussing these topics with your students prior to church service(s) / Sunday School. Our teachers are geared up to make each class meaningful for the students during Great and Holy Lent, unfortunately the teachers have a short amount of time with the students. Covering these topics prior will allow the students to reinforce their learning during class, and they will be ready for great discussions. The more we become familiar with the things that are happening during Great and Holy Lent and the beautiful meanings behind them, the more meaningful our journey to Pascha becomes.

http://lent.goarch.org/

This website is an internet ministry teaching tool provided by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. Some things that you will learn from the website are...

❖ What are the different Sundays about during Lent?
❖ What are the special prayers said during Lent?
❖ What do all the different icons mean?
❖ Fasting, what are the rules we should try to follow? Why is this necessary?
❖ How do I sing “Christ is Risen” in Greek?
❖ Videos—Be the Bee

Mission Coin Boxes – Do you have yours?
The Mission Coin Boxes will be distributed to all the students on March 1st. Your support of mission work is a response to Christ’s command to make disciples of all nations. It is suggested that you place the Mission Coin box in the center of your kitchen table as a reminder to add to it a little each day. The donations will be sent to OCMC Orthodox Christian Mission Center and will further be distributed to those in need.

If your child was absent when the mission boxes were passed out, please stop by the Sunday School office to pick one up. We will collect Mission Boxes on Sunday, April 5th.
Oratorical Festival  7th-12th grade  The topics are out and I would encourage all eligible students to participate in the Oratorical Festival. It is a great way to learn more about your Faith. Students can participate in Poetry, Essay, Iconography, Speech/Oratorical, or Vocal Solo. You can look at the subjects by going to the goarch.org website and searching Oratorical Festival. Please let us know if your student is participating in this event, and in what area. We need this information, so we can proceed with setting a local festival date and arrange for judges for this event. For those that advance from the local level, the Archdiocese of Chicago’s festival will be on April 25th, 2020 at Saints Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church in Glenview, Illinois. Please contact us by email if you are available to assist/judge this event: sundayschool@annunciationwi.org

**Important Dates**

- March 1st – Sunday School students participate in Forgiveness Sunday. There will be Sunday School.
- March 8th – Sunday of Orthodoxy. Sunday School students will participate in the Procession of the Icons. After Communion, the students will gather for a brief discussion on the importance of Icons in the Orthodox church and then will participate in the ceremony. *Daylight Savings Begins.*
- March 15th – last day to bring in gently used books to donate to Next Door Books for Kids. Last year our students donated 288 books valued at $890. Let’s try to top that this year. Please give generously.
- April 4th (Saturday) Church Community Service Project-Spring Cleaning our beloved church. 9am-?
- April 5th – Return Mission boxes
- April 11th-Saturday of Lazarus- Lenten Breakfast, folding Palms, youth activities. More to come in April newsletter.
- April 12th – Palm Sunday (Family Worship)
- April 15th -(Wednesday) —Holy Unction
- April 19th – Holy Pascha (Family Worship)

**Wish List Items for the Sunday School Program**  We have had been asked, “How can I help the Sunday School program?” We have many different ways and levels in the way you can help.

- Snacks & drinks- Our teachers not only provide your children with the beautiful, rich Sunday School lessons each week, but many also provide drinks and snacks. Please consider donating snacks to the classroom(s)-Please make sure they are NUT FREE.
- Printing Paper
KOINONIA

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

✓ Sweeper Style Vacuum (non-motorized) for the Pre-School and Kindergarten rooms to share (after snack time crumbs)
✓ Gift card to Office Max or Office Depot for miscellaneous SS supplies: glue sticks, tape, printer ink, etc.
✓ Sharing of your time and talents and help with the Sunday School program. Stop by the SS office and let’s discuss how you can get involved.

The GOYA students are excited. They have learned that one of the spare classrooms will be redecorated into a GOYA lounge. They have many ideas and are seen to the left, measuring and planning. All decisions will be discussed with and approved by Fr. Ciprian and the parish council. The goal is to create a space where GOYA students can gather in fellowship. The students are thinking of creative ways to fundraise. Watch for more information to come. In the meantime, if you wish to make a donation in support of the GOYA lounge and these amazing students they would be most grateful.

Thank You

• Diane Tsounis thank you for the donation for our Sunday School program, from the Trade of Hope Jewelry Event that you sponsored.
• Diana Papachristou and Angie Panagiotopoulos for putting together a wonderful event for the Hope Group (3K-1st grade classrooms). The lesson on St. Valentine and love was very special for the children.
• Dr. Tom and Anna Stamas and Presbytera Maggie for teaching in the High School classroom.

AHEPA District 12 Hoosier
Bringing you all the news from AHEPA District 12.

First, the 2020 Nomination Form for AHEPA Scholar-Athlete SCHOLARSHIP. For this nomination, please be aware of this important information:


2) Submit: (a) GPA Transcript; (b) SAT/ACT Results; (c) 2 Letters of Recommendation; (d) 2 Recent Photos (Head Shot and Action Shot)

The Committee will determine the appropriate scholarship from an applicant’s credentials and qualifications, if selected. Therefore, it is not necessary to apply for a specifically named scholarship. Please submit this page along with the forms and the required information as noted above, deadline is March 15, 2020.

Presentations of scholarships to selected students will be made at the Annual AHEPA Supreme Convention Athletic Awards Luncheon. The availability of the candidate to attend the Awards Luncheon is not a condition of selection but may be a consideration. All recipients will be provided a travel stipend and reimbursed for 2 nights stay at the Supreme Convention.

The 2020 Convention will be in Orlando, FL, and the Awards Luncheon is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, July 22, 2020, at 12:00 noon. Selected Scholar-Athletes will be notified on or about April 1, 2020 and provided further details.

Mail to:
Gregory J. Stamos, Scholarship Committee Chairman
P.O. Box 166, Ansonia, CT 06401, Phone: (203)735-9293

Each year the Daughters of Penelope Foundation, Inc. makes scholarships available to students because of the generosity of our past and present private donors, as well as because of the munificence of our members/chapters throughout the world.

The application supplied will be used towards consideration of all the scholarships depending on whether you are applying for an undergraduate or graduate award. See website for complete list of scholarship available.

Deadline is May 16, 2020

LIBRARY

Have you ever stopped by to visit our beautiful library at the James Pihos Cultural Center? We have many wonderful books on religious history, DVDs, children's books, Greek cookbook, Greek books, and other reference books on Orthodoxy. If you want to check out a book you will find a sign-out card in the back of the book. The library is open on Sundays following Divine Liturgy.

Contact Athena Pagedas, Library Committee at apagedas@wi.rr.com for any questions.

NEWEST ADDITION:

INFORMATION DISPLAY

Check out our newest addition to the Resource Center in our Cultural Center.

For your convenience, event and ministry flyers, calendars, Koinonias will be readily available for you to pick up.

BOOKSTORE NEWS

Great Lent is upon and the bookstore has stocked many items to enrich your Lenten experience.

SONGS of PRAISE is a devotional for Orthodox women who would like to read, reflect or journal their way through Lent and let its holy words sink into their soul.

BLUEPRINTS for the LITTLE CHURCH instructs the family on how to create an Orthodox home.

I LIVE AGAIN is a memoir of Ileana, princess of Romania who founded the Orthodox Monastery of the Transfiguration. It tells the story of a life full of suffering, tragedy and exile but also of her faith, hope, love and joy.

The bookstore also has a selection of cookbooks for Lenten cooking and service books that will be used during lent and Holy Week.
2020 Parish Council Meetings
Conference Room, Cultural Center
Tuesday, March 17 at 6:30pm
Tuesday, April 21 at 6:30pm
Tuesday, May 19 at 6:30pm

GREAT LENT

Wednesdays Evenings
4:00-5:00 pm — Bible Study
5:30 pm — PreSanctified Liturgy
6:45pm — Lenten Potluck Meal
& Lenten Evening Class

Friday Evenings
5:30-6:30pm—Salutations to the Theotokos

Prayer Walks
9:00-9:15 am — Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday during Great Lent, join Father Ciprian in a Prayer Walk in and around our church.

Silent Icon Painting Retreat
with Pres. Maggie
March 14th, 10am-2pm
& beyond if needed

“Be still and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10) is the theme for this Retreat.
Need to RSVP with Pres. Maggie at 319-389-3314 no later than March 7th for the ordering of the proper supplies.
No painting experience necessary.

Choir Loft News
Rehearsal Thursday, 3/5 at 7-8:30pm
Rehearsal Saturday, 3/14 at 9-10:00am
Rehearsal Thursday, 3/19 at 7-8:30pm
Rehearsal Saturday, 3/28 at 9-10:30am
Rehearsal Thursday, 4/2 at 7-8:30pm
Rehearsal Thursday, 4/9 at 7-8:30pm
Rehearsal Wednesday, 4/15 at TBD
Rehearsal Thursday, 4/30 at 7-8:30pm

Upcoming Conference Opportunities:
• ISOCM (International Society of Orthodox Church Musicians) is offering their 2020 Pan-Orthodox Music Symposium “Music as Liturgy” in Yonkers, NY from June 10-14.
https://www.orthodoxmusicsymposium.org/
• Chicago Metropolis Choir Federation 2020 Conference in South Bend, IN September 25-27th, 2020.

YOUTH Music Opportunities:
• Work is in progress for a youth choir again. Any students interested in participating should contact Mrs. Ganos after church or at alexis-ganos@gmail.com.
• Oratorical Festival Music Solo category (April 25, 2020)
• Chicago Metropolis Choir Federation Youth Choir Conference 2020 dates have been set for October 24th and 25th. More information in the months to come.
• Students of any age are ALWAYS welcome to join the regular choir whenever they are in church. We love having the children around!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHOIR OR YOUTH CHOIR PLEASE REACH OUT TO A CHOIR MEMBER OR ALEXIS GANOS. WE ARE ALWAYS ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERS WHO WANT TO SING!
You are invited to donate in full or in part toward our icon & church beautification.
Please call, email or send in your donation and be sure to notate it “Lenten Decorations”.

**Salutations & Akathist** — Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3
Icon Decoration ($75 each Friday)

**Holy Cross Sunday** — March 22
Daffodils to adorn the Cross ($125)

**Annunciation Feast Day** — March 24/25
Artoklasia Breads ($50 — 5 breads)
Ikonostasis Annunciation Icon ($200)
Annunciation Icon ($100)

**Palm Sunday** — April 12
Palm Strips & Emeralds (Donated)
Palm Décor ($200)
Palm Sunday Icon ($90)
Bay Leaves ($250)

**Holy Monday/Tuesday** — April 13/14
Nymphios/Bridegroom Icon ($90)

**Holy Wednesday** — April 15
Last Supper Icon ($75)

**Holy Thursday** — April 16
Crucifixion Icon ($90)
12 Gospel Candles ($150)
Crown of Thorns ($100)
Wreath at Base of Cross ($65)

**Holy Friday** — April 17
Epitaphio Cross ($200)
Epitaphio Flowers ($500)
4 Floral Arms ($250 each)
Candles for Epitaphio ($150)
Rose Petals for Myrrh Bearers & Rose Water ($100)
Gardenias for Epitaphio ($125)

**Holy Saturday & HOLY PASCHA** — April 18/19
Bay Leaves ($50)
Red Pascha Eggs ($325)
Resurrection Icon — Small ($100) — Large ($200)
Solea Arrangements ($350)
2 Iconastasis Swags ($250 Each)
8 Lily Plants ($35 each)
Pascal Candle for Clergy ($200)
Join us for
Pan Orthodox Vespers
Hosted by
St. Nicholas Orthodox Church
N65W6503 Cleveland Street
Cedarburg, WI 53012

Sunday, March 8, 2020
6:00 pm Vespers
Refreshments After
On the Road Retreat:  
ALL WISCONSIN PARISHES  
Annunciation, Milwaukee | 3/14/2020

Join our Retreat: Calling all Wisconsin Parish GOYAns  
(6th-12th) & Young Adults (18-40)

Annunciation Milwaukee  
Saturday, March 14, 2020

- JUNIOR & SENIOR GOYA DAY RETREAT 10AM-2PM @ Annunciation Milwaukee
- YAL DINNER & DISCUSSION 7-10pm @ Annunciation Cultural Center
- GOYA REGISTRATION ($5); YAL Registration ($10) @: chicago.goarch.org/youth-young-adults

What: Y2AM Chicago Youth & Young Adults Retreat  
When: Saturday, March 14, 2019 | 10am-2pm (GOYA) & 7pm-10pm (YAL)

Where: Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Milwaukee, WI (GOYA) & TBD Restaurant (YAL)

Plan:  
10am > GOYA Registration  
10:30am > GOYA Ice Breakers  
11am > GOYA Session 1 & Activity  
12pm > Lunch  
1pm > GOYA Session 2 & Activity  
7-10pm > YAL Orthodoxy on Tap (Dinner, Discussion, & Fellowship)
HOLY ANNUNCIATION FEAST DAY

2020

VESPERS, ARTOKLASIA & RECEPTION
TUE, MARCH 24 AT 5:30PM
MATINS & DIVINE LITURGY
WED, MARCH 25 AT 8:15AM & 9:30AM

Come join us as we celebrate our Feast Day!

At Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
9400 W Congress St
Milwaukee, WI 53225

Clergy from near-by Orthodox Parishes will be concelebrating.
Parishioners, Friends & Inquirers are welcome.

Our Philoptochos will be hosting the Reception following the Festal Vespers on Tue, March 24
CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY

ANNUNCIATION
Community Service Project
Saturday – April 4
9 AM - ?

Let’s give of our time and talent during Lent
to super-clean our beloved church!

Volunteers of all ages are asked to bring their muscle power,
cleaning cloths and dusters to make Annunciation spotless for Holy Pascha.
Cleaning supplies will be provided.
Join YAL Chicago for a weekend retreat full of faith, fellowship and service, located at the beautiful St. Iakovas Retreat Center. Register by April 2nd at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2020-yal-spring-retreat-tickets-91336633329. The cost is $75 for the weekend.

**Bake Sale**

Why bake for Easter if you don’t need to?

Phileptochos will be hosting the Annual Easter Bake Sale on Palm Sunday - April 12th.

- Stock up on koulouria
- Get a box of kourembiedes for your guests
- Pick up a loaf or two of the delicious tzoureki

**NEW THIS YEAR!!!**

Homemade frozen appetizer tiropites!!!
Palm Sunday Plaki & Fish Fry

Annunciation Philoptochos

Annual Palm Sunday Plaki and Fish Fry Buffet

April 12, 2020

James W. Pihos Cultural Center

Following the Divine Liturgy

Please make your reservations by Tuesday, April 7th.

Adults ------$15.00 Children (5-10 yrs.) ------$8.00

Children (under 5) ------FREE

Please complete reservation form and mail with check payable to

Annunciation Philoptochos to

Adina Zeppos 19200 Edmonton Drive Brookfield WI 53045

Questions? Contact Adina at 414-520-1635 or adinazeppos@gmail.com

Reservation Form

Family Name ___________________________ Phone # __________________

Number of Adults ________@$15= $______

Number of Children (5-10) ______@$8= $______

Number of Children (under 5) Free ______

Total Paid $______
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7 PM

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Featuring musical skits, comedic acts and a fun
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Cost: ONLY $100 (includes: all local transportation, housing, food (3 meals a day plus snacks, materials, supplies, tools, and site supervision)
You need to provide for your own transportation to/from Orlando Airport. IOCC will pick us up at airport.
Requirements: You DO NOT need be skilled, just energetic!
Must be 16+ years old, but need a parent or guardian if you are under 18 years old.

PLEASE RESPOND BY: Sunday, April 5, 2020
Questions? CALL Presvytera Konstantina 708-275-5417
www.iocc.org/take-action/join-action-team/home-build-volunteers
**Sponsor our Koinonia**

At the end of 2019 we were faced with having to print the Koinonia in house. Many of us have come to love this monthly publication and look forward to receiving it in order to learn about our parish life and, therefore, we are committed to use this opportunity to improve the quality of the Koinonia and expand our outreach by growing our database.

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### Buy an Ad - or - Make a Donation

#### Buy an Ad

Become a SPONSOR of our KOINONIA publication by **buying an ad space of your desired size**.

Once you choose your ad size and color option, **contact the church office** - we can prorate the current year & help finalize your ad content (text or artwork). **Monthly payments are available if preferred.**

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Another option is to **Become a SPONSOR of our KOINONIA publication by making a one-time donation of $120 or higher per calendar year** and your name will be listed on a Sponsor Page, alphabetized by last name, for the remainder of that year.

- **4 x 4 inches**
  - B/W $1,100
  - Color $1,200
  - This 4x4 inches ad includes advertisement in our WEEKLY MESSENGER EMAIL that reaches 500+ individuals (at no additional cost ($150 value)).

- **2 x 4 inches (Landscape)**
  - B/W $500
  - Color $600
  - Fits Business Card or other artwork

**NOTE**: All new ads or donations need to arrive at church by the 20th day of the previous month.
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