



Presentation of Christ Greek Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh
Reverend Father Constantine Kokanos, Parish Priest



Dear Parish Family,

In his First Letter to the Corinthians, Saint Paul wrote, "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ."

Without any one member, a body is incomplete and cannot function at its full capacity. But, when all parts are working together, then the person can perform as God intended. Such is the case with the ministries of our community. When all of our stewards participate, we thrive.

In our discussions on Stewardship this fall we spoke about what it means to participate fully in giving. We are directed to offer our time, talent, and treasure to God. We know from the Old Testament that when we bring the fullness of our offering, God will bless and give it back to us in abundance. God is so serious about this that He even invites us to test Him in this one aspect of our lives! Please prayerfully consider the enclosed materials, as well as what your fullest offering of time, talent, and treasure can look like.

There is also a special, new category on our pledge card inviting us all to participate in the "*15 Minute Giving Challenge*." Giving Challenges are an opportunity to offer God more of our time, talent, and treasure. Our *first challenge* is a commitment to give God more time each Sunday by *arriving to Liturgy 15 minutes sooner* than we usually do. Or, if we cannot be present, we are challenged to set aside 15 minutes to pray on our own on Sunday morning. This amounts to an *additional hour* given to God each month. Imagine how He will bless and multiply that time!

Throughout the year we will have other similar challenges to help us give more of our time, talent, and treasure to the Lord.

We know that offering our Stewardship is an act of worship. Please consider joining us on Stewardship Sunday, November 10 as we collect and present our pledge cards to God at the end of the Divine Liturgy. Or, if you prefer, mail your pledge card to the Church office at your convenience.

God has done great and marvelous things through our Church. There is no limit to what He will do through us if all parts of the body participate!

See you at Church!

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Fr. Dean



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A Note from President and Stewardship Chairman Steve Markantone

"Alone, we can do so little; together we can do so much."

-- Helen Keller

Just like pieces in a puzzle alone they have little if any meaning; but together they can create a beautiful picture. These past several years we have been able to witness firsthand how much we can accomplish when we work together for the common good of Ypapanti. Everyone has been willing to give of their time, talent and treasure and it shows. This year as a symbol of the unity and love we experience at Ypapanti we had a puzzle of Christ made which is going to be displayed in the narthex. With each pledge card we receive for 2020 we are going to put a piece on the puzzle until it is completed. Not only will we have recreated the image of Christ but it is also a symbol of the unity we feel for each other, the church and our ministries.



The Presentation of Christ Greek Orthodox Church

Welcomes You!

Sundays

Divine Liturgy

On Sundays, Presentation of Christ holds its principal worship service, Divine Liturgy. The service begins at 9:30 am and ends at 11:00 am.

Wednesdays

Weekday Prayer

On the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month, Presentation of Christ holds a weekday prayer beginning at 6:30 pm and ending at 7:30 pm. This weekday service is followed by an Orthodox Adult Education session.

Fridays

Weekday Prayer

On the 2nd & 4th Fridays of each month, Presentation of Christ holds a weekday prayer beginning at 10:00 am and ending at 11:00 am.



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Sunday

Divine Liturgy — 9:30 AM

Wednesday Evening

Weekday Prayer—6:30 PM
(1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month)

Friday Morning

Weekday Prayer—10:00 AM
(2nd and 4th Fridays of the month)



Make your family part of our Church family!



Our youth programs offer spiritually enriching fellowship opportunities for children ages 5 to 18.

To find information about our youth program's next adventure, please check our Parish Calendar available on the church's website.



Join us every Sunday at 9:30 am for the Divine Liturgy, our church's principal worship service.

After Divine Liturgy, please stay and join us for coffee and refreshments during our fellowship hour at the Olympia Hall Community Center!

Join us on the 4th Wednesday of each month for Movie Night!

Beginning at 7:00 pm, the church hosts a Christian-themed movie sure to stimulate a great discussion afterward. Snacks and drinks provided!

To find out the title of the next movie, please check our Parish Calendar available on the church's website.



The Presentation of Christ Outreach Ministry gathers the 2nd Wednesday and last Tuesday of each month to make meals for FOCUS Pittsburgh and the Rankin Christian Center. These organizations support those in our community that need help obtaining meals for themselves or their families. Join us, and bring a friend!



Our weekday prayer alternates between Wednesday evening and Friday mornings. The Wednesday evening prayer is followed by an Orthodox Adult Education lecture and group discussion.

For weekly topics, please check our Parish Calendar available on the church's website.



Presentation of Christ Outreach Ministry also hosts a Pop-Up Food Pantry every other month. The groceries are free to whoever needs a little help and are provided by 412FoodRescue.



“Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You?’ ”

“And the King will answer and say to them... ‘As you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’ ”

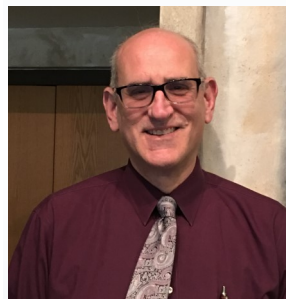
- - Mathew 25:40



What outreach ministry means to us ...

“The Church gives us many ways to approach the heart of Christ. When we do service for others, whether at home or abroad, we come face to face with Jesus in a practical way.”

- Tom & Sandy Rosvanis



What better way to teach the Word of God than to willingly help those in need without being asked or told to, and with no need for thanks.”

— Tasso Athans



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**A church is
not bound by its
four walls.**

**Outreach Ministry takes
the church
into the heart of
a neighborhood
and
the neighborhood
into the heart of
the church.**

Here are a few of the organizations that we help through our outreach ministries!



Simply put, the mission of 412 Food Rescue is to prevent perfectly good food from entering the waste stream.

Whenever our Church has extra food after an event, we call 412 Food Rescue and they pick it up!

Located in the Hill District, this Orthodox organization feeds hundreds of homeless persons and others in need.

Join us the 2nd Wednesday of the month when we make hot meals for distribution by FOCUS Pittsburgh.



Teaming up with our friends at 412 Food Rescue, our Church hosts a Pop-Up Food Pantry every other month.

Free Groceries are distributed to those in need, no questions asked. More info on Facebook @PresentationofChrist

Rankin Christian Center is a faith-based social service agency, primarily focusing on the underserved communities in the Mon Valley of Allegheny County.



RANKIN CHRISTIAN CENTER

Join us the last Tuesday of the month as we make 150 bagged lunches for RCC's after-school program.

We also partnered with the Rankin Christian Center for a Thanksgiving Food Drive to collect food for families in need



Children experiencing homelessness or part of a family in-need may have never celebrated a birthday. Beverly's Birthdays is changing that by bringing birthday cheer to these kids.



Our church will partner with Beverly's Birthday during the 2019 Christmas season to collect new toys for distribution. Your donation could be a child's very first birthday present!



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2020 Christian Stewardship Commitment Pledge

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." – Matthew 6:21

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Family Members: _____

In **2020**, I wish to support the Lord's work by offering a yearly financial commitment of:

___\$600 ___\$800 ___\$1,000 ___\$1,500 ___\$2,000 ___\$3,000

Or, please specify another amount: \$_____

Please contact the church office to update any of the above contact information.



**I Accept the
15-Minute
Giving Challenges!**

(initial)

Please circle any (or all!) of the areas you are interested in offering your time and/or time to support.

Administrative Areas:	Communications (Website, Social Media, Bulletin, The Current, Mailings, etc....) Buildings & Grounds (Kitchen Clean-Up, Gardening, Painting, Small Fix-it Jobs, etc.....)
Fellowship:	Young Professionals YASOU (Ypapanti Active Seniors Opportunities Unlimited) Youth Programs (HOPE/JOY (Ages 5 to 12), GOYA (Ages 13 to 18)) Grecian Odyssey Dancers
Outreach:	Neighborhood Outreach (Food, Clothing, and General Support for Those in Need) Philoptochos (Our Ladies Society)
Religious Education:	Bible Study Fellowship Church School and Vacation Church School
Worship:	Choir Usher Reader Icon Preparation

Please return this card to the church office and we will contact you soon. Thank You!