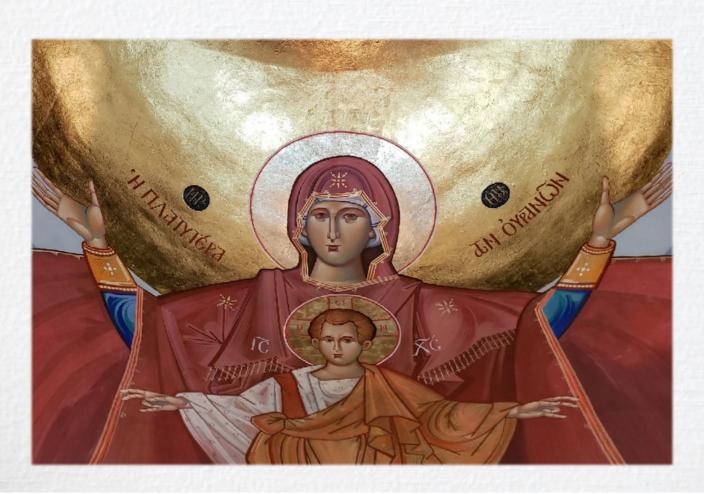
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A Note from Ypapanti GOYA Advisor Stellanie X. Kyros

When two or more are gathered in His midst....

Who are the people in your life that you go to when life gets hard? For me those

people are my Greek Orthodox friends. It isn't because we have an abundance of shared experiences or that our parents made us go to church every Sunday. It's because they are the people in my life who can provide a holistic perspective on life. I have a friendship with them goes beyond the average



bond because they can understand me in a deeply spiritual way. These are the people who share a foundational understanding of the same faith as me which translates into every conversation we have together. I always say my Orthodox friends "just get it." Together, we share it all...the good, the great, and the *could be better*. Foundationally,



saw them at church and Sunday School for a few hours out of my week. It was because we grew closer to each other from a unique

these are the people who have kept me on the path of righteousness. The people who seek to know me like Christ knows me, the people who embrace God the way I've also learned to embrace him.

But I had to stop to think, how did I get this close to these people? It wasn't because I



opportunity we had of being a part of GOYA in our church community. There is something so profound about being able to connect with a person on an emotional AND spiritual level. Serving at the soup kitchen, preparing bagged lunches, and caroling to the shut-ins are memories I fondly look back on with my GOYA friends that really strengthened my faith. Sharing TANGIBLE moments with my friends from church created this beautiful unwavering bond. Being able to connect with a friend through faith is a blessing to very few people get to experience in this world in this world but



it's a bond that God so longinly hopes we pursue. For it was said by Christ himself, "where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them" Matthew 18:20. GOYA is that special space where we can be in His midst, embrace our Orthodox faith, and create lifegiving and lifelong friendships. Our arms are outstretched to embrace you, come and see what GOYA can truly be.





PHOTOS

Our new Narthex icon is complete! A big thank you to iconographer, George Lagonis.









PHOTOS







If you wish to have Fr. Dean bless your home and/or business, please contact Fr. Dean directly at FatherDeanKokanos@gamil.com or on his cell phone.





Just click the "online giving!" Tab on the website!

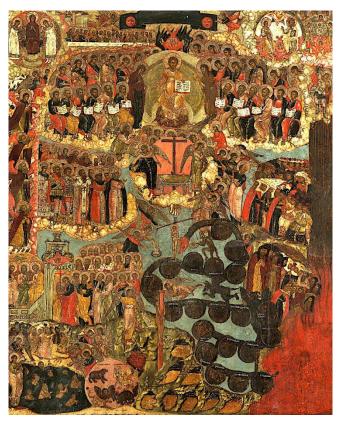
(You can still do it at Church or through the mail - Don't forget to fill out the back!)

STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS ABOUT YPAPANTI'S ONLINE ONLY SILENT AUCTION!

March 1-7

SATURDAY OF SOULS

Departed Loved Ones "For the repose of the servants of God..."



Please provide first names only.

Why do we commemorate those who have fallen asleep?

During memorial services we commemorate the souls of those who have gone before us into eternal rest. By praying for those who have fallen asleep in the Lord, we continue to ask that God may have mercy on them in His divine judgment, so they may gain the inheritance of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The names offered will be commemorated during the "Saturday of the Souls" services at the beginning of the Lenten season and during the Service of Proskemedi before Sunday Divine Liturgies. Please submit your names only once, as they will be used for all of the Saturday of Souls Services during this season.

Please remember your loved ones by not only submitting their names, but by attending the Liturgy to offer your own prayers for their eternal rest. Anyone wishing to do so may also bring a dish of memorial wheat (Koliva) for use during the Saturday of Souls service.

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You may mail your list to the Church, Email it to Fr. Dean, or leave it at the Candle Stand.

Dates for Saturday Of Souls Service for 2022 are:

February 26 th	8:30 AM Divine Liturgy
March 5 th	9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
March 12 th	9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2022

SUNDAYS

THEMES / GOSPEL READING

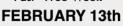
HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Fast - Free Week

Normal Fast Week

FEBRUARY 20th

Meatfare





TRIODION WEEKS

Publican and the Pharisee 2 Timothy 3: 10-15

Luke 18: 10-14 Gospel:

The Prodigal Son Returns!

1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 Gospel: Luke 15: 11-32

The Last Judgement

FORGIVENESS SUNDAY

Epistle:

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8: 8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46

Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.

Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, 'Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.

Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.

FEBRUARY 27th

FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY



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MARCH 6th FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY

1st Sunday of Lent

2nd Sunday of Lent

3rd Sunday of Lent

MARCH 20th

MARCH 27th

APRIL 3rd

APRIL 10th

MARCH 13th



GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS

Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise!

Romans 13: 11-14:4

Matthew 6:14-21

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Epistle:

Gospel: John 1:43-51

ST GREGORY PALAMAS

Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Epistle: Hebrews 4: 14-5:6 Mark 8: 34-9:1 Gospel:

4th Sunday of Lent ST JOHN of the LADDER

> Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Mark 9: 17-31 Gospel:

5th Sunday of Lent ST MARY of EGYPT

> Hebrews 9: 11-14 Epistle: Gospel: Mark 10: 32-45

Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!

> and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.

> > Place your palm branches

and pussywillows behind

an icon at home

and in your car!

FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! APRIL 17th

GREAT WEEK BEGINS

GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

APRIL 22nd

GREAT AND HOLY WEEK

ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

Philippians 4: 4-9 John 12: 1-18 Gospel:

Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.

FEAST OF FEASTS!

APRIL 24th

NO FASTING!

BRIGHT WEEK

HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)

Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: Jan 1:1-17

"CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.

> Bring an icon to church for a procession.

Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.

Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!

Ask the Theotokos to offer you

Epistle:

GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE

Greet everyone with



Brandi Willis Schreiber: Cultivating Devotion to the Theotokos

Cheryl Pituch: Looking at the Panagia through Iconography

Elina Pelikan: Creating a Glass Icon of the Theotokos

Kassiane: The Theotokos, Our First Missionary

Tickets available at the Ancient Faith online store.

Why I love my Church...

THE WORDS THAT MAKE UP THIS CROSS WERE TAKEN FROM THE QUESTION ON THE 2021 STEWARDSHIP CARD, "WHY DO I LOVE COMING TO YPAPANTI?"

THESE WORDS ON THE CROSS MAKE UP WHO WE ARE – WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST!



Family Jesus Lord Neighbors Worship Family Glorify God Growth Love Family Love God Glorify God Cross Christ Christ Charles God Cross Christ Christ Christ Charles God Cross Christ Chris

TOP 10 MOST COMMON ANSWERS

JESUS WORSHIP
LOVE CHURCH FAMILY
IT'S HOME GLORIFYING GOD
CLERGY GROWING
WORSHIP OUR NEIGHBORS
CHURCH BEAUTY

WELCOME BACK, STUDENTS!!!

January 2022



Continuing in January, we return to Sunday School in person after Divine Liturgy

THE THEME FOR 2022 IS "LEARNING ABOUT THE DIVINE LITURGY."

LITTLE LAMBS SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Each lesson includes a prayer, the Saint of the Day, an activity, a story, and a song related to the monthly theme.

Continuing In Person in January!!!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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