

PRESENTATION OF CHRIST GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



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FEBRUARY 2022



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 longingly 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.







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...”



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 Proskemedia 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.

Please provide first names only:

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

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS		THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week FEBRUARY 13th		TRIODION WEEKS Publican and the Pharisee Epistle: 2 Timothy 3: 10-15 Gospel: Luke 18: 10-14	Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.
Normal Fast Week FEBRUARY 20th		The Prodigal Son Returns! Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 Gospel: Luke 15: 11-32	Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, 'Today I will be humble.' Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare FEBRUARY 27th FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY		The Last Judgement Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8: 8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare MARCH 6th FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY		Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! FORGIVENESS SUNDAY Epistle: Romans 13: 11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1st Sunday of Lent MARCH 13th		GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent MARCH 20th		ST GREGORY PALAMAS Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent MARCH 27th		VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS HALF WAY TO PASCHA! Epistle: Hebrews 4: 14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8: 34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bowl!
4th Sunday of Lent APRIL 3rd		ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9: 17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent APRIL 10th		ST MARY of EGYPT Epistle: Hebrews 9: 11-14 Gospel: Mark 10: 32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! APRIL 17th GREAT WEEK BEGINS		GREAT AND HOLY WEEK ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4: 4-9 Gospel: John 12: 1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY APRIL 22nd		GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	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	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!



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.

JESUS
LOVE
IT'S HOME
CLERGY
WORSHIP
CHURCH

WORSHIP
CHURCH FAMILY
GLORIFYING GOD
GROWING
OUR NEIGHBORS
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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AGES 3-5


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!!!***

~ Tentative ~

February

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30 PM Great Vespers Feast of the Presentation of Christ	2 Feast of the Presentation of Christ 8:30 AM Matins 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy	3	4	5
6 8:30 AM Matins 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy Church School after Liturgy Philoptochos after Liturgy	7	8 7:00 PM, Parish Council Meeting	9 1:30 PM, Dinner prep for NRP 6:30 PM Parakelsis Divine Liturgy Class 7:30	10	11	12 10:30 AM–12:00 PM Hoagie Pickup
13 Triodion Begins 8:30 AM Matins 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy Church School after Liturgy	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 8:30 AM Matins 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy Church School after Liturgy	21	22 10:00 AM Sandwiches for Rankin Christian Center	23 6:30 PM Parakelsis 7:30 PM Divine Liturgy Class	24 TBD Food Pantry Prep	25	26 8:30 AM First Saturday of Souls Divine Liturgy Only 11:00 AM Food Pantry and Meal Distribution
27 Judgement Sunday (Meatfare Sunday) 8:30 AM Matins 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy Church School after Liturgy	28			<p>"Lord, now let Your servant go in peace according to Your promise, for my eyes have seen Your salvation which you have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory to of Your people Israel.</p> <p>Join us for our Feast Day Services on February 1st and 2nd!</p>		

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Elpidophoros Archbishop of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and His
Eminence Metropolitan Savas. The mission of the Presentation of Christ is to proclaim
with joy the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to teach and spread the Orthodox Christian Faith and
to be a community devoted to and energized by the love of God and our neighbor.*

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Sunday Services
Matins – 8:30 AM
Divine Liturgy – 9:30 AM

Office Hours: 9 to 3, Tuesday to Friday

Adult Education on Wednesday. See Google
Calendar or “This Week at Church”

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Steve Markantone, President	Ernie Kampetis, Asst. Treasurer	Anastasia Andrews
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