

PRESENTATION OF CHRIST GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



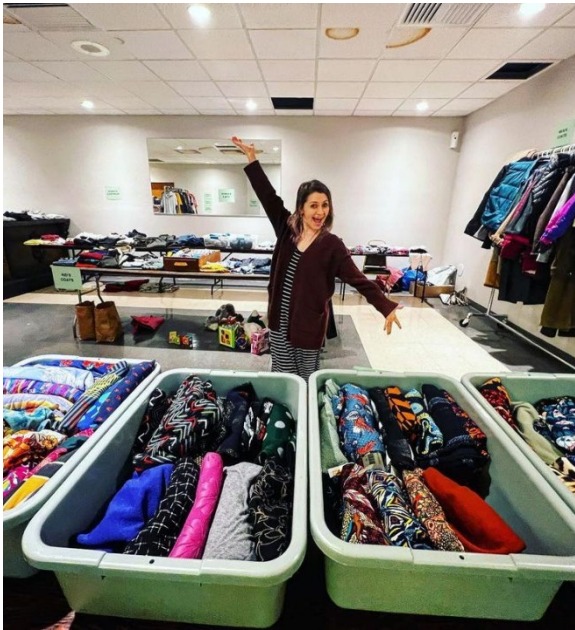
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MARCH 2022





PHOTOS



Our monthly Clothing Pantry

Our church school kids learned about the different areas within an Orthodox Church.

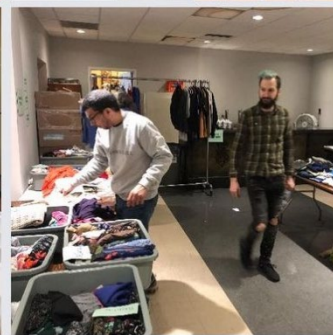




PHOTOS

Saturday of Souls Food Pantry

Our kids learned about icons, how they can enhance our worship. And how we use our 5 senses in church.



Great and Holy Pascha

*"Christ is risen, and life reigns! Christ is risen,
and not one dead remains in the grave!"*



If you wish to sponsor one or more of the following items for Lent and/or Holy Week, please complete this form and return it (along with your preferred form of payment) to the church office as soon as possible.



Easter Flowers..... \$20

Please indicate the number of plants sponsored.

Qty: _____ X \$20 /each = \$ _____



_____	Good Friday flowers for the Kouvouklion.....	\$150
_____	Palms for Palm Sunday	\$80
_____	Wreath for the Nymphios Icon Palm Sunday evening and Holy Monday	\$75
_____	Holy Cross Candles for the Great & Holy Thursday	\$50
_____	Rose Petals for the First Resurrection Service & Epitaphion Services	\$50
_____	Rose Water.....	\$25
_____	Bay Leaves for First Resurrection Service, Great & Holy Saturday Morning.....	\$50
_____	Olive Oil for Holy Wednesday	\$25
_____	Egg Dye and other decorations for the eggs	\$25
_____	Epitaphion Candles.....	\$50
_____	Flowers for the Veneration of the Holy Cross.....	\$75

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Total Donation: \$ _____

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2022

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS		THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week FEBRUARY 13th		TRIDION 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!

JESUS
LOVE
IT'S HOME
CLERGY
WORSHIP
CHURCH

WORSHIP
CHURCH FAMILY
GLORIFYING GOD
GROWING
OUR NEIGHBORS
BEAUTY



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.



Anyone interested in offering one of the prayers at the services of the Salutations to the Theotokos, held on the first five (5) Fridays of Great Lent, should contact Jamie at jorfanopoulos@yahoo.com or Fr. Dean to be placed on the schedule. Two readers are needed for each of the 6:30 pm services.



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!)

Y.A.S.O.U.

NEWSLETTER #261 (I think it is) • MARCH 2022

It has just been too, too long since we communicated on paper. Things have certainly changed, but our ties remain strong. We thank God for our friendships and each day that He gives us.

Sadly, we must begin with asking for your prayers for “memory eternal” for the following members who have passed on, since we last met. They all played such an active part in the organization. Please notify Mary Doreza, if any names have been omitted.

John Arvanitis	Michael Orson	Nicholas Pranis	Anthony Stratigos
Demetra Bargas	Stavroula Papadakos	Christine Prestogeorge	George Zanic
Estelle Eleftheriou	Pat Papakostos	George Russon	
Thomas Eleftheriou	Irene Papas	Mary Leinas Sagas	
Nicholas Koutavas	Peter Paras	Aristoteles Seitanakis	
Anna Margaros	John Powers	Panayiota Seitanakis	
Conrad Mitchell	Plato Powers	Helen Siderakis	

Let us turn to “positive thinking” and look to the joy of celebrating Pascha on April 24. Thanks to the many Church services during Lent, it is our hope that we will see each other on a more regular basis.

We would like to begin on **Friday, April 8, at 5:00 pm, in the Olympia Hall, before attending the Akathist Hymn Service in the Presentation of Christ Church at 6:30 pm.** YASOU will host a “**Pot Luck Lenten Supper**”. The Supper will be open and free to all who attend, but we are asking each YASOU member who attends, to please bring a favorite Lenten dish (veggies, salads, pastas, soups, desserts, fruit, etc.) with enough servings for eight to ten people. To guarantee a variety of food, we ask that you notify Georgia Pandeladis at 412-795-6713, to tell her which dish you plan to share.

As we will soon turn our clocks to “Spring forward!”, it will be more inviting to attend the 6:30 Salutations to the Virgin Mary services on the four Fridays before the Akathist Hymn. There is nothing that quite equals the joy of going to church “in person”.

On the last day of April, Saturday, April 30, the Annual St. Photios Banquet will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Cranberry, PA. His Eminence Metropolitan Savas and the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh annually recognize two outstanding servants to their parishes. Over the first six years, many YASOU members from local parishes have been recipients of the awards. YASOU can be especially proud of the 2022 Ypapanti Awardees, because both are longtime YASOU members: Sam Koutsavlis and our esteemed President Tootie Pranis. If you would like to attend the Banquet, please make your reservation by the beginning of April. You can contact the Metropolis, or Mary Doreza at 412-877-3415, for additional information.

We plan to resume regular meetings and activities in the near future. Let the officers know what you would like to do: lunch, dinner, speakers, trips, sightseeing, sports events, picnics, food festivals, etc..

***They are showing a film about St. Nektarios of the Island of Aegina at local movie theatres on Monday, March 21, at 7:00 pm. Contact your Church office for more information.

We look forward to seeing you on April 8!



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA
METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH

**The A
SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022
DOUBLETREE BY HILTON
CRANBERRY, PA**

In 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13, St. Paul states: “We urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you...and to esteem them very highly in love for their work’s sake.”

His Eminence Metropolitan Savas responded to the message in 2014 by establishing the Annual St. Photios Service Award Banquet, where two living servants from each parish within the Metropolis, along with Metropolis wide awardees would be recognized for their outstanding work. The award was named “St. Photios” in honor of the patron saint of the Pittsburgh Metropolis.

Past awardees from the Presentation of Christ include:

Filia Arvanitis	Peggy Davliakos	Sotos Kolocouris	James Kyros--
Dan Dudek	Menas (Buddy) Sfanos	Theodora Stupakis	Metropolis
Michael Orfanopoulos	Nancy Russon	Josie Markantone	Awardee
Katherine Zanic	Mary Papazis	Marge Tsudis	

Joining the tireless workers listed above, will be the 2022 Awardees representing Ypapanti:
Sam Koutsavlis and Mathilda (Tootie) Pranis.

Both Sam and Tootie have given many years of their lives in various aspects of Church life—such as: Parish Council, Greek Day at Kennywood Park, YASOU, St. Catherine Philoptochos, and Choir to name a few. We congratulate them and are very grateful for all of the time and talent they have given. We wish them many more years of serving the Church.

If you would like to honor them with your presence at the Annual Banquet at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Cranberry, PA on Saturday, April 30, 2022, please make your Dinner reservations before the first of April. The reservation form is attached and should be sent to the Pittsburgh Metropolis.



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH

ST. PHOTIOS AWARDS BANQUET

2022 ST. PHOTIOS AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday, April 30, 2022

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh-Cranberry

910 Sheraton Drive, Mars, PA 16046

4:00 P.M. Hors d'oeuvres

5:00 P.M. Dinner

DINNER RESERVATIONS FORM

\$95.00 per adult

\$25.00 per child under 12

(Tables of 10)

Note: Parking is free at the hotel.

Name.....

Parish.....

Address.....

Phone (.....).....

City/State/Zip.....

**** No refunds after April 18, 2022. ****

E-Mail

Reservations Due by April 1, 2022.

Number of Reservations x \$95.00ea + x \$25.00ea = \$...... total

NOTE: Awardees attend gratis (no charge) as guests of His Eminence. Do not pay for awardees.

Amount enclosed.....

Names of those included in this Reservation *(write additional names on back of this page):*

If including Awardees with your table, please list their names below, but do not include payment for awardees.

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Make checks payable to:

Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh

Please refer questions to:

Mary Doreza

412-877-3415

doreza@verizon.net

Mail checks, reservation names,

sponsorship forms, & donations to:

Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh

Attn: St. Photios Awards Banquet

5201 Ellsworth Ave

Pittsburgh, PA 15232

Please do not contact hotel with Banquet questions; only contact hotel for overnight room reservations.

For overnight room reservations:

Contact the DoubleTree Hotel at (724) 776-6900

A rate of \$109.00 per night has been secured

Use the group name "**Saint Photios Awards Dinner**"

Deadline for room reservations at this rate is **April 9, 2022.**

~ Tentative ~

March

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 8:30 AM Matins 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy Church School after Liturgy	7 Clean Monday Lent Begins 5:00 PM Great Compline	8 7:00 PM, Parish Council Meeting	9 1:30 PM, Dinner prep for NRP	10	11 1 st Salutations to the Theotokos 6:30 PM	12 9:30 AM Saturday of Souls Divine Liturgy 5:00 Great Vespers 6:00 Open Mic Coffee
13 8:30 AM Matins 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy Church School after Liturgy Philoptochos after Liturgy	14 5:00 PM Great Compline	15	16 6:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts	17	18 2 nd Salutations to the Theotokos 6:30 PM	19 4:30 PM Great Vespers
20 8:30 AM Matins 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy Church School after Liturgy	21 7:30 PM Man of God Movie Screening – Nationally	22 10:00 AM Sandwiches for Rankin Christian Center	23 6:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts	24 TBD Food Pantry Prep Vigil - Feast of the Annunciation 5:30 PM Matins 6:30 PM Divine Liturgy	25 Feast of the Annunciation 3 rd Salutations to the Theotokos 6:30 PM	26 11:00 AM Food Pantry and Meal Distribution 4:30 PM Great Vespers
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Presentation of Christ Greek Orthodox Church

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Under the jurisdiction of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, His Eminence Elpidophoros Archbishop of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and His Eminence Metropolitan Savas of Pittsburgh. 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.

Rev. Fr. Dean Kokanos
Cell Phone: 412-760-7203
FatherDeanKokanos@gmail.com

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

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2022 Parish Council Members

Steve Markantone, President	Ernie Kampetis, Asst. Treasurer	Anastasia Andrews
Tom Rosvanis, Vice President	Peter J. Anthony	Petros Mantzouridis
Stan Prestogeorge, Vice President	Tasso Athans	Tootie Pranis
Paula Borsch, Treasurer	Marguerite Ellis	Toni Morgan
Jamie Orfanopoulos, Secretary	David Zafris	

Organizations & Committees

Sunday School and Youth Programs: Paula Borsch

Outreach Ministry: Tasso Athans

Philoptochos: Lucy Koutsavlis, President

Y.A.S.O.U.: Tootie Pranis

Cantors: Stefanos Giannikas, Filia Arvanitis, Tom Rosvanis

Choir: Tom Rosvanis,

Organists: Marguerite Ellis
Roula Kyros

Grecian Odyssey Dancers: Mary Doreza, Director
Elias Bardis, President

Junior Olympian Dancers: Michelle Kotsagrellos, Director
Jamie Orfanopoulos, Director
Elias Bardis, Asst. Director
Maria Bardis, Asst. Director

Book & Icon Store: Deborah Grysiak

