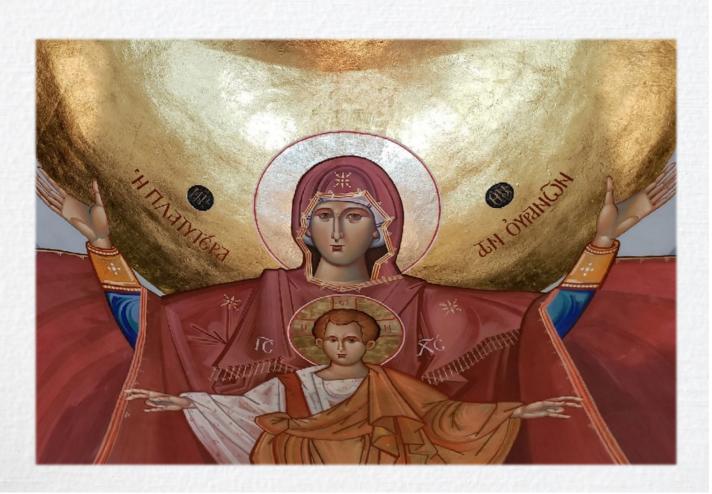
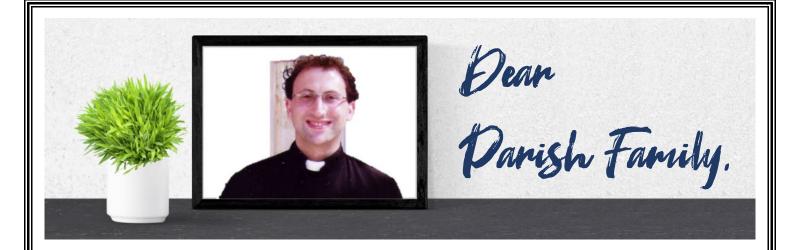
# PRESENTATION OF CHRIST GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



#### CURRENT OCTOBER 2021





Last weekend I made an unexpected Saturday stop by my office. I planned to run into the hall, grab the book I needed, and be on my way.

Imagine my surprise when I found a group of parishioners weeding the Church garden. This was not a scheduled event! These faithful stewards had not put out a sign-up sheet to ask for helpers! They saw an opportunity to beautify the Lord's house, and they acted accordingly.

Such acts of selfless giving abound in our community. Recently another family took the time to hang our Epitaphion in a frame that a friend of our community custom made for it. Another lent his natural strength to the installation of our Little Free Library. Still another is giving their time to help our young neighbors learn how to read. All of these things are being done quietly, and perhaps unnoticed.

I say this not to boast about what an active community we have, because we boast only in the Cross of Christ. Rather, I mention these acts of love to remind us that we all have a talent given to us by God. And we are all called to use that talent, whatever it may be, to beautify His house and glorify Him.

Let's all identify our talent, find where we can use it, and work together for the good of the ministries!

See you at Church!

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Fr. Dean



# A Note from President and Stewardship Chairman Steve Markantone

### The Miracle of the Seasons

Autumn is a powerful reminder that God has an incredible influence on our lives.

As the Greek philosopher Heraclitus once said:



Autumn reminds us of this constant change and the need to enjoy the moment. By caring and enjoying the people who are so important in our lives. Once we accept those unknowns, we have a greater capacity to live life to the fullest.

Autumn also represents self preservation as we spend more time indoors and focus on cultivating a safe and comforting home. In a way, the autumn season offers us a chance to reconnect with ourselves.



## **PHOTOS**



Introducing our Little Free Library!

Have a book? Leave a book. Need a book? Take a book!







## **PHOTOS**









We collaborated with The Pittsburgh Public Theater in celebration of their production of SLOW FOOD. Marya Sea Kaminski, the artistic director, assisted Tasso in making her first spanakopita.

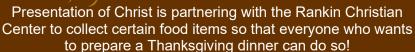
All #PPTSlowFood ticket holders will have access to Chef Tasso's virtual Spanakopita cooking lesson.

### Thanksgiving Food Drive

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Can help feed families in need during this holiday season?

You Can!





### Now until November 15, 2020

Donations accepted at Olympia Hall Tuesday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Or use the blue bin under the Hall's portico to drop your donation at any time!

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#### **Items Needed**

#### **Canned Vegetables**

- Corn
- Green Beans
- Peas
- Carrots
- Sweet Potatoes
- Pumpkin

Canned Soups, Stews, or Gravy
Boxed Mash Potatoes
Boxed Stuffing
Cranberry Sauce
Juice - Any Flavor, Any Size
Applesauce

**Dry Pasta** 



**Rankin Christian Center** 230 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Rankin, PA 15104 M-F 8AM – 5PM | 412-271-8313

# WELCOME BACK, STUDENTS!!!

Fall 2021



Beginning in September, we return to Sunday School in person after Divine Liturgy

THE THEME FOR THE FALL
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.

Returning In Person in September!!!

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| 24/31 8:30 AM Matins 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy Sunday School after Conclusion of Divine Liturgy                          | Vigil, Feast of St. Demetrios 5:30 PM Matins 6:30 PM Divine Liturgy | 9:30 AM 9:30 AM Morning Prayer at Church 10:00 AM Sandwiches for Rankin Christian Center                              | 27   | 28       | 29     | 30  |

Please check the Church's Online Calendar and Father Dean's Weekly Emails for the most up to date information.

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Rev. Fr. Constantine Kokanos **Sunday Services** Cell Phone: 412-760-7203 Matins - 8:30 AM

Email: FatherDeanKokanos@gmail.com Divine Liturgy – 9:30 AM

Stefanos Giannikas, Chanter Filia Arvanitis. Chanter Thomas Rosvanis, Chanter

Paraklesis Service – Wednesday at 6:30 PM Orthodox Adult Education - Wednesday at 7:30 PM

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#### **Organizations & Committees**

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Choir Tom Rosvanis, Director & President

Organists Marguerite Ellis; Roula Kyros

Young Professionals Steve and Chris Burns

Y.A.L. Nick Stupakis; Dean Leventopoulos

**Grecian Odyssey** Mary Doreza, Director; Elias Bardis, President

**Dancers** 

Junior Olympian Michelle Kotsagrelos, Director; Jamie Orfanopoulos, Director; Elias

Dancers Bardis, Asst. Director; Maria Bardis, Asst. Director

GAPA Elias Bardis, President

Book & Icon Store Deborah Grysiak