

PRESENTATION OF CHRIST GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



CURRENT

APRIL 2021





"Father, we've got to fight the blight." Recently a parishioner said this to me referring to the condition of our Church neighborhood. At first, I wasn't sure what to make of this comment. But, after a bit, I realized it was very practical expression of our mission to "be the Light of Christ" on Electric Avenue. The Light of Christ illumines and beautifies everything it touches. And so should we!



Through our faithful parish family, God has done amazing things to beautify His House in East Pittsburgh. Now it's time to continue the momentum started with our parking lot project and beautify the neighborhood!

Many of us are probably aware that in November of 2020 our parish family kicked off a fundraising campaign to turn the old "Bingo Hall" into a Green Space. As we discussed at our Fall 2020 General Assembly, this phase of the project will clear the lot of the dilapidated building, and create an open, grassy space with storage. In addition to beautifying Electric Avenue, we will have a new space for ministries and fundraising events.

Through the generosity of many stewards and friends of our community, we are more than halfway to our goal! May God bless everyone who has already contributed their time, talent, treasure, and, most of all, prayers! Knocking down the Bingo Hall, "fighting the blight," requires a parish family effort! Whether we give of our time and talent at fundraisers, give of our treasure, or both, we will only be successful if we do it together. Let's all give a push and get it done!

See you at Church!

FRDK

Fr. Dean

BINGO HALL

green space project: phase one

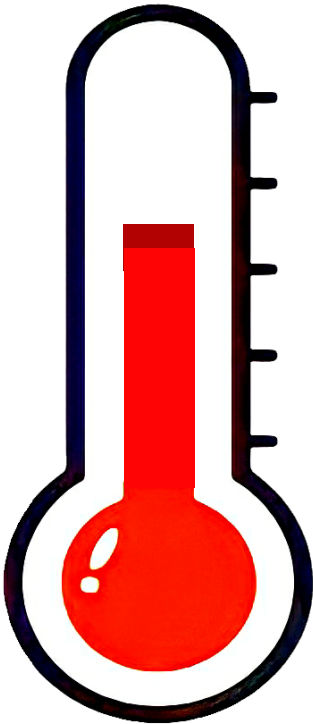
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***Thank you!**
to everyone who
has already
contributed!*



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A Note from President and Stewardship Chairman Steve Markantone

YPAPANTI FOREVER



I recently received an email from a very generous Steward of our Church, John Kyriakides, who currently resides in Folsom, California with his wife Mary. John was born and raised in Turtle Creek and has been a member and steward of Ypapanti for many, many years. John moved to Sacramento in 1961 to be close to his sister Agnes and her family.

I always find it interesting and exciting to see how Ypapanti has stayed in people's hearts. There is something special about the Presentation of Christ Church which words cannot explain - if you have been a member here, you know that special feeling.

John tells me that has a very talented nephew, Kyriako Fotos (also known as Cary) who was working on a Lionel model train layout at his home with seven trains running simultaneously on four different levels.

Kyriako says: "Growing up in Sacramento, my mother Agnes, Papou Kyriako (my namesake), Yia Yia Sophia (my daughter's namesake) and Theo John never let us forget East Pittsburgh. I have fond memories of my Theo and me flying to Pittsburgh to visit my grandparents when I was 3. I was especially close to my Grandparents and Theo John throughout my life, and their stories always stayed with me."

About three years ago, John says he gave Kyriako his childhood train set, which was a gift to him from Agnes in 1949. When Kyriako's mother (Agnes) passed last November, Kyriako was so inspired by all the stories he heard from his Grandparents and from Uncle John, they decided to make the layout into a cross-country journey from Ypapanti to the Annunciation Church in Sacramento, with many points of interest in between. The project took life, and Kyriako constructed a miniature of his mother's beloved Ypapanti in her memory. Kyriako says "the collaboration with Theo John has been invaluable to be sure we get the details correct. Next, I will tackle the Annunciation Church in Sacramento!"

The following is a quote from John, along with photos from his nephew's reproduction of the church.

“Kyriako was determined to replicate the church to scale by searching the internet for photos of it and with what I could offer from memory. This has truly been a labor of love by my nephew. I’m so proud of him. I’m including photos of the miniature Ypapanti that Kyriako replicated. I saw the completed model for the first time yesterday. I was speechless, almost to tears! Note the attention to the fine detail - stained glass windows, interior lighting, the solea and iconography (*the outside dome is made from an old toilet tank float ball*)! Other photos I’ve included are the actual church and that beautiful chandelier, some of the trains, the “Welcome to Turtle Creek” Water Tower (*made from a coffee can*), the Pennsylvania Train Station, a miniature “Dennis Diner” of the 40’s and 50’s “*on the way to church*”, and a photo of Agnes and me having a good time at a GAPA Christmas luncheon.”



When I asked John if there was anything he would like to convey to the current members of our church, John said: “Ypapanti will always be my home, my roots are deep, and the many memories I have growing up in East Pittsburgh are very precious to me. I would also like to add that Kyriako is proud to have also become a member of Ypapanti. “*Καλό Πάσχα! Love to all, John Kyriakides*”

It is always great to hear how our church has had such a positive impact on so many people’s lives. I think all of us will agree that *Ypapanti is a very special place!*

Ypapanti Forever!!!

All For The Good Of The Church!!!



OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2021

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

| SUNDAYS | | THEMES / GOSPEL READING | HOW TO PARTICIPATE: |
|--|---|---|--|
| Fast - Free Week FEBRUARY 21st |  | TRIDUION 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 28th |  | 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 MARCH 7th FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY |  | The Last Judgement Epistle: 1 Corinthians 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 14th 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 21st |  | 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 28th |  | 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 APRIL 4th |  | VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS HALF WAY TO PASCHAI 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 11th |  | 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 18th |  | 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 25th 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 30th |  | 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! MAY 2nd NO FASTING! |  | BRIGHT WEEK HOLY PASCHAI (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17 | Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight! |



SATURDAY
June 5
2021

**We are hosting a ONE DAY ONLY, PRE-ORDER 2-GO ONLY
“GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL” to benefit the Bingo Hall
Green Space Project!**

Proceeds to benefit our neighborhood beautification project, “The Bingo Hall.”

WORK SHIFTS

9:30—12:30 • 12:30—3:30 • 3:30—7:30

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

Gyros • Plating Food • Packaging Food • Delivering Orders to Cars • Etc.

Please sign up for your preferred times and station. Masks, social distancing, etc.
will be required. We all must do whatever is necessary to make the event
successful.

CIRCLE SHIFT TIME

INDICATE WORKSTATION PREFERENCE

9:30 AM—12:30 PM

12:30 PM—3:30 PM

3:30 PM—7:30 PM

**Please mail this form to the Church Office at 1672 Electric Ave, East Pittsburgh,
PA 15512. Or by email to PresentationOfChristOffice@Gmail.com**

NAME _____ PHONE _____ ADDRESS _____

We all look forward to working together again on June 5, 2021.



PRESENTATION OF CHRIST

ONE-DAY

mini

FOOD FESTIVAL

TO BENEFIT THE BINGO HALL
GREEN SPACE PROJECT

JUNE 5, 11AM-7PM

**PRE-ORDER TAKEOUT ONLY
FULL COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS IN PLACE**

**Volunteer Shifts from 10AM - 8PM
Setup on Thursday, June 3, 3PM - 8PM**



REALIZE | REPLACE | RELEASE | RECEIVE | REJOICE

"MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR YOU,
FOR MY POWER IS MADE PERFECT IN WEAKNESS"

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

GOYA Week 1: June 20 - June 25

GOYA Week 2: June 27 - July 2

GOYA Week 3: July 4 - July 9

JOY Week (Online): August 1 - August 6

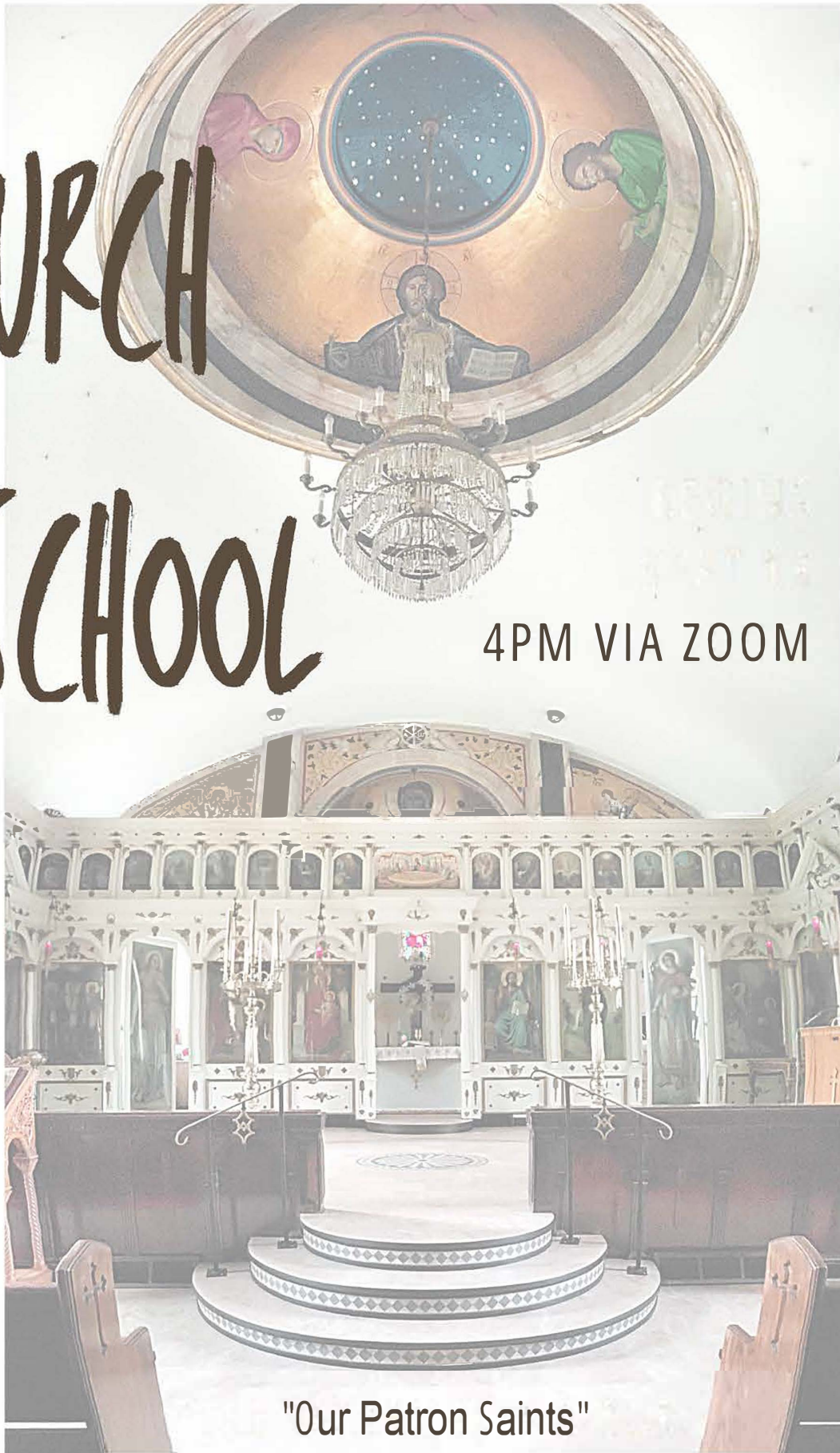


Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh Summer Camp
at Camp Nazareth, Mercer, PA

For more information, please visit y2am.pittsburgh.goarch.org/summercamp
Need-based scholarships are available thanks to the generosity of Leadership 100

CHURCH SCHOOL

4PM VIA ZOOM



"Our Patron Saints"



LITTLE LAMBS SUNDAY SCHOOL

**LITTLE LAMBS SUNDAY SCHOOL
MEETS AT 4PM VIA ZOOM**

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.

April

**Great Lent and
Pascha Great Lent**

May

The Great Feasts

June

The Apostles



2021

Pledge card!

"Give, and it shall be given to you."

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|
|  | | | | 1 | 2 Food Box Giveaway 5:00 PM Salutations to the Theotokos 6:30 PM | 3 Lenten Retreat 10:30 AM – 1:0 PM |
| 4 Sunday of the Holy Cross Matins 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM Church School 4:00 PM | 5 Great Compline 5:00 PM | 6 Morning Prayer 9:30 AM | 7 Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 6:00 PM Book Club 7:30 PM | 8 | 9 Salutations to the Mother of God 6:30 PM | 10 Great Vespers 4:30 PM |
| 11 Sunday of St. John Climacus Matins 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM Philoptochos 12:00 PM Church School 4:00 PM | 12 Great Compline 5:00 PM | 13 Parish Council 7:00 PM | 14 Cooking for NRP 1:00 PM | 15 | 16 Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 9:30 AM Food Box Distribution 5:00 PM Akathist Hymn to the Mother of God 6:30 PM | 17 Food Pantry 9:30 AM Great Vespers 4:30 PM |
| 18 Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt Matins 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM Church School 4:00 PM | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 Palm Sunday Hierarchical Matins 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM <u>Welcome, Metropolitan SAVAS!!!</u> | 26 Matins of Holy Tuesday (Bridegroom Service) 6:30 PM | 27 Sandwich Making 10:00 AM Matins of Holy Wednesday (Bridegroom Service) 6:30 PM | 28 Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 9:30 AM Service of Holy Unction 6:30 PM Followed by Matins of Holy Thursday | 29 Vespers Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM Matins of Good Friday 6:30 PM | 30 Service of Removal from the Cross/Vespers of Holy Saturday 3:00 PM Lamentations Service 6:30 PM | May 1 9:30 AM, Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 11:30 PM May 2 Agape Vespers 11:30 AM |
| Church School 4:00 PM Matins of Holy Monday (Bridegroom Service) 6:30 PM | | | | | | |

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 = \$ _____



2 Fridays

left to

sponsor!

THANK

YOU!

Flowers for Salutations Services (2 Weeks, \$50 per week) \$50

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

THANK

YOU!

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

THANK

YOU!

Epitaphion Candles..... \$50

THANK

YOU!

Flowers for the Veneration of the Holy Cross..... \$75

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Total Donation: \$ _____

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Sunday Services
Matins – 8:30 AM
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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2020 Parish Council Members

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Organizations & Committees

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|---------------------|--|
| Y.A.S.O.U. | Tootie Pranis, Co-President; Mike Orson, Co-President |
| Philoptochos | Sylvia Graziano, President |
| 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 Kotsagrellos, Director; Jamie Orfanopoulos, Director; Elias |
| Dancers | Bardis, Asst. Director; Maria Bardis, Asst. Director |
| GAPA | Elias Bardis, President |
| Book & Icon Store | Deborah Grysiak |