

# PRESENTATION OF CHRIST GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



**CURRENT**  
SEPTEMBER 2021





Once again, I find myself in awe of how our community shoulders through the immense opportunity that is Greek Fest. We spend months baking and cooking, weeks setting up and tearing down, and an entire weekend making friends and visitors feel like family. Most importantly, this all goes on with minimal interruptions to liturgical and ministry schedules.

We know that this event is vital to our ministries. But, as we saw again this year, it can also be an opportunity to bring those seeking the Lord into the fold of His Church. In his Letters to the Hebrews, Saint Paul wrote, "Let brotherly love continue. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to Angels without knowing it."

Whether it is a stranger or an old friend returning to their Church home, the warm welcome we show is a hallmark of our parish family.

As the new Church year begins, may brotherly love continue to grow among us. Let us pray that the Lord grants us the opportunity in all parts of our lives to welcome one another and any guests He sends us with love and thanksgiving, not as sojourners but as natives. I look forward to greeting each of you with the love of Christ.

See you at Church!

FRDK

Fr. Dean





## A Note from President and Stewardship Chairman Steve Markantone

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### **WHY DO PEOPLE GO TO GREEK FOOD FESTIVALS??**

Although the food, pastries, and bar certainly play a part; I think it is more than that! How many people have you spoken with through the years that have told you “they would love to visit the Greek Islands”. Pictures of the Greek Islands portray a romantic lifestyle with a beauty and charm like no other.

If you search the Internet for Modern Day Greek culture you find there is a consistency that Greek people are very proud of their heritage. They are united by their traditions, religion, language, music, food, and wine. All of these form the backdrop of Modern Greek culture and Greece’s cultural identity. This is what brings people to Electric Avenue. They want if only for a short time to experience and be part of modern day Greek culture.

Certainly a lot of work goes into a successful food festival. Not only the days of the festival but the preparation and planning which start months before. I would like to thank everybody for their time and dedication to Ypapanti ; but also, in allowing others to experience our heritage.

*Thank You!*

In Romans 12:6, St. Paul reminds us to use our “time, talent, and treasure” to help the Church. Over 100 Ypapanti parishioners, families, and friends did just that on August 19, 20, 21, (as well as many months before), when the Presentation of Christ hosted the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Greek Fest. Everyone who worked did more than his or her share. It was wonderful to see so many people working together to help the Church.



The financial results are not fully tabulated because of outstanding bills. The figures will be shared at the Fall General Assembly. However, there is no doubt—the festival was successful—in spite of the Thursday night rain, dealing with both on-line and on site orders, a surge in local pandemic cases, and a need for even more workers.

On behalf of the Parish Council and the Festival organizers, I would like to express many, many thanks to each of you who contributed in any way to the event’s success. From the tallest to the shortest, from the oldest to the youngest, from those who are seen each Sunday at Divine Liturgy to those who came from out of state, just to help—it was wonderful to see volunteers do whatever was needed, when and where it was needed. Some people worked before the actual festival on publicity, the Album, baking pastries, preparing Greek cuisine specialties, ordering supplies, arranging for tent and truck rentals, determining the festival layout, and a myriad of other tasks. Many of you worked multiple shifts at the Festival to welcome and satisfy the wonderful customers who supported us. A few of you remained to clean-up, and everyone followed the work ethic example set by Fr. Dean Kokanos, who seemed to be everywhere—all of the time. The best part was that everyone worked together! Thank you, once again.

We can say with enthusiasm and anticipation, the Greek expression: Kai to chronou! (And again, next year)

Mary Doreza

# 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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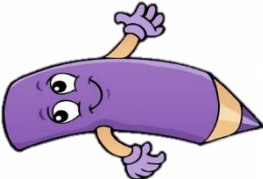
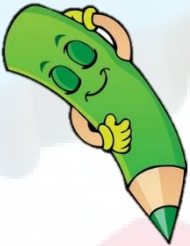
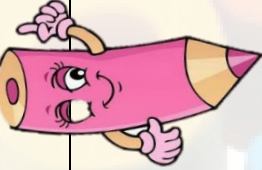
Congratulations to  
James Peter Breen  
and his family on his  
40 Day Blessing!



# September

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>September</b>						
<b>5</b> 8:30 AM, Matins 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy	<b>6</b> 	<b>7</b> 9:30 AM Morning Prayer at Church  <u>Nativity of the Theotokos</u> Vigil 5:30 PM, Matins 6:30 PM, Divine Liturgy	<b>8</b> <u>Nativity of the Theotokos</u>  2:00 PM Dinner Prep for Neighborhood Resilience Project	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 8:30 AM, Matins 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy 11 AM, Church School Begins 12 PM, Philoptochos	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <u>Feast of the Holy Cross</u> 8:30 AM, Matins 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy  7 PM, Parish Council	<b>15</b> 6:30 PM, Parakelsis 7:30 PM, Orthodox Education	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b> 
<b>19</b> 8:30 AM, Matins 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy 11:00 Church School	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>		<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 11:00 Food Pantry and Meal Distribution (Prep begins 9:00)
<b>26</b> Falling Asleep of St. John the Theologian 8:30 AM, Matins 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy 11:00 Church School	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:30 AM Morning Prayer at Church  10:00 AM, Sandwich Preparation for Rankin Christian Center	<b>29</b> 6:30 PM, Parakelsis 7:30 PM, Orthodox Education	<b>30</b>		

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

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

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