

PRESENTATION OF CHRIST GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



CURRENT
OCTOBER 2019





Dear Parish Family,

The anticipation of cool evenings and falling leaves naturally calls one to reflect on the summer that is coming to a close. Summer 2019 saw remarkable growth in numerous areas at Church. We know that our annual Greek Fest was a banner year in many ways. But there were even more developments in the last three months!

Over the summer we welcomed one new Orthodox Christian by Chrismation. The same group of college students that reestablished our flourishing Vacation Church School in 2017 committed themselves to instituting a Summer Sunday School program. This class for five through twelve year olds met monthly. It has led to regular, church based fellowship events for this vital age group. Weekly Sunday School was also extended to include a preschool class for children aged three to five.

Over the summer our Feeding and Outreach Ministry was expanded to include the months of June and August, as well as plans for future collaborations with our neighbors at the “This Generation Connect” center on Electric Avenue. Most importantly, we saw an increase in Liturgical attendance over past summers. It is no wonder that as more of us prioritize gathering for worship and receiving the Lord’s Body and Blood year round we see growth in our community.

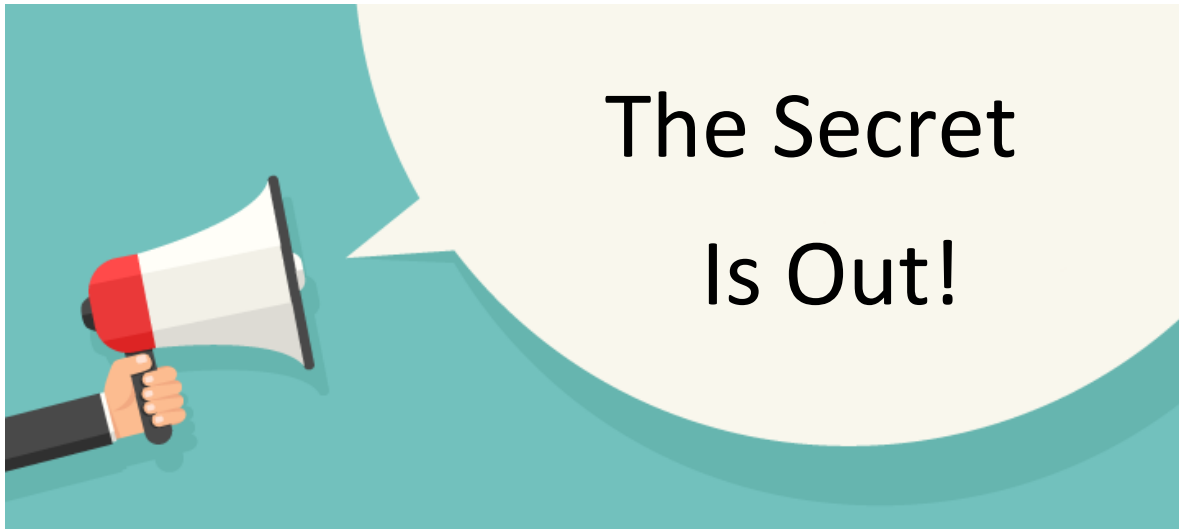
In the fall we do not so much resume our ministries and attendance, but rather we intensify our efforts. This is a great time of year to try something new, or recommit to something we have done in the past. Stop by one of our weekly Adult Education classes or pop in for Movie Night. There are many ways to grow in our faith at our Church home. Join us, and bring a friend!

See you at Church,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "FRDK".

Fr. Dean

A Note from President and Stewardship Chairman Steve Markantone



Our parish continues to grow as people either rediscover or become introduced to Ypapanti. From the minute you enter the narthex there is a special feeling in our church. With the expanded ministries we have provided over the past several years; from the Route 30 project to feeding the hungry you cannot help but get the feeling that this church is special; and it shows through our growth in stewardship.

A strong parish provides opportunities for sharing the Good News of Christ, for welcoming those that are searching for a spiritual home. Our goal this year was to have 125 pledged stewards; to date we have 122. We are well in reach of obtaining our goal. This growth has allowed us to restart our youth group of 5-12 year olds, have a vacation school, and have a church picnic where we can all enjoy fellowship.

But we need to continue to let the secret out in order to keep on growing. Invite a friend to church some Sunday and let them enjoy our experience.

Thanks for what everyone at this church does to make it special!

September Hope and Joy Outing



Philoptochos Soup Sale



Making Dinner for FOCUS Pittsburgh

**Pop-Up Food Pantry
with 412 Food Rescue**



Little Lambs at Sunday School



TRADITIONAL GREEK NEW YEAR'S BREAD



Vasilopitas

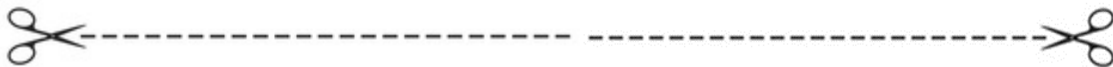
with "Good Fortune"
coin for 2020!

\$9.00 each

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Please place orders by 12/12/19

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**INTRODUCING
LITTLE LAMBS
SUNDAY
SCHOOL**

**LITTLE LAMBS SUNDAY SCHOOL
MEETS DURING
COFFEE HOUR IN THE LIBRARY**

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

Please walk your Little Lamb to the library after church!
(Grownups are welcome to stay!)

SEPTEMBER	<i>The Cross</i>
OCTOBER	<i>Going to Church</i>
NOVEMBER	<i>The Saints</i>
DECEMBER	<i>Nativity</i>
JANUARY	<i>Icons</i>
FEBRUARY	<i>Stories of Jesus</i>
MARCH	<i>Great Lent</i>
APRIL	<i>Pascha</i>
MAY	<i>Review of the Year</i>


OCTOBER 23, 7PM
MOVIE NIGHT

snacks and drinks | in the church library

featuring
DO YOU BELIEVE

JOIN US AND BRING A FRIEND!





FALL ADULT EDUCATION

SCHEDULE

Paraklesis

1st & 3rd Wednesday at 6:30 PM
Followed by Adult Ed at 7:30 PM
2nd & 4th Friday at 10:00 AM

Movie Night

4th Wednesday at 7:00 PM

Outreach Ministry

2nd Wednesday at 2:00PM
Last Tuesday at 7:00PM

Be a Part of Building this Holy Site!

Come to the 6th Annual Dinner Banquet

A Capital Campaign-Fund-Raiser for a new Monastery, Chapel & Iconography Studio

With Holy Trinity's own Harry Athanasiou as Master of Ceremonies & Jim Balouris as Live Auctioneer.

Be the winning bidder of Gerontissa's Hand-Painted Icons, Hierloom Pieces for your family

A Special Year!

30th Anniversary of the Monastery & 25th Anniversary Honoring the Memory of Gerontissa Taxiarchia

With the Blessings of His Eminence Metropolitan Savas, Gerontissa Theophano and the Sisterhood graciously invite you to participate:

October 13th

at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral (419 S. Dithridge St, Pittsburgh, PA)

3:30 p.m. Vesper Service

4:30 p.m. Appetizer hour with a raspberry champagne splash at the door

Seating is limited.

In order to guarantee a table with your family and friends,

Please RSVP by October 1st.

Thank you for your support!

Make reservations online at:
2019MonasteryBanquet.Eventbrite.com

or

Mail your RSVP
in the Enclosed Envelope to:
Denise Panos-Daugherty
319 Olympia Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15211

All proceeds go to build Panagia's new monastery!



and Yia Yia Joan's Treasures & Flea market

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church Community Center, 123 Gilkeson Road, Mt. Lebanon

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday October 2-3-4, 2019, ALL DAY 11:30am - 8pm

featuring Greek favorites including Moussaka, Tiropita, Spanakopita, Pastitsio, Rice Pudding, Soups and more!

Bake sale featuring delicious Greek pastries, pies, cakes, jams, candies, and a variety of breads.

Inside seating... so come rain or shine. Elevator available.

Hope and Joy Event

October 13th

After Sunday School (approximately 12:00 PM)

Kerber's Dairy in Irwin (1856 Guffey Road)

Join us and enjoy a Hayride, Ice Cream, and Pick-Your-Own-Pumpkin!

The cost for this event is \$9.00 per person, kids and adults.

Hope and Joy targets 5 to 12 year-old children; but, older and younger siblings, friends, and family are all encouraged to attend!

Please join us for



The fall general assembly meeting and
festival appreciation meal



October 20th



Let's Pave The Lot

Our church continues to grow and prosper due to the people in this parish. We have continued to grow beyond the physical church with our ministries doing what the bible teaches. But we still need to take care of our church where we come together to pray on Sunday. We have been able to create a lot of positive changes to our church recently; but we still have one major project that would be great to complete.

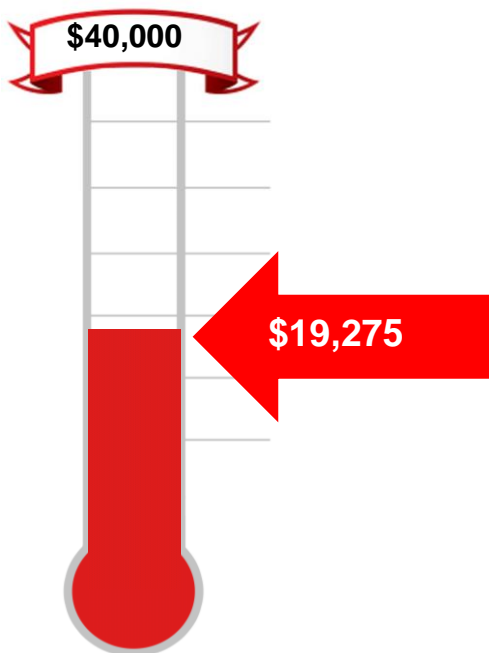
Let's pave the parking lot!!

Any contribution is greatly appreciated!!!

Thank You!!!



Pave the Lot Contributors



Demetra Bargas
Daniel and Paula Borsch
Mary Doreza
George and Marguerite Ellis
Deborah Grysiak
Ernie and Diane Kampetis
Joseph and Joan Kenney
Steve and Stacy Komitopoulos
Sophie Koutsavlis
John Sagas and Mary Leinas
Petros and Gail Mantzouridis
Annoula Margaros
Steve and Mindy Markantone
David and Stephine Neuschwander
Nick and Tootie Pranis
Tom and Sandy Rosvanis
Christina Rushe
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Mike and Kay Zanic
Grecian Odyssey Dancers
St. Catherine Philoptochos
YASOU

Father Dean Kokanos and Presvytera Gabrielle

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September 2	September 9	September 16	September 23	September 30	October 7	October 14
Gail Mantzouridis	Sylvia Graziano A.Prestogeorge	Roula Giannikis S. Giannikis	Toula Bargas Tina Rushe	Katina Harem Diane Kampetis Natalie Litz	Mary Doreza	Josie Markantone M. Markantone D. Markantone
October 21	October 28	November 4	November 11	November 18	November 25	December 2
General Assembly Appreciation Luncheon	Marge Tsudis Kay Zanic Shirley Zafris	Nancy Russon Lucy Koutsavlis Tootie Pranis	St. Catherine Luncheon	*Fasting S. Neuschwander M. Papazis	*Fasting Philoptochos	*Fasting Toni Morgan Gloria Batis
December 9	December 16	December 23	December 30	2019	January 6	January 13
*Fasting Mary Doreza Tessie Stupakis	*Fasting Tootie Pranis Lucy Koutsavlis	*Fasting Children's Christmas Lunch	Lori Voltz Paula Borsch	NEW YEAR	Anna Dudek Claudia Farmer	B. Leventopolous D. Leventopolous
January 20	January 27	February 3	February 10	February 17	February 24	
K. Kwiatkowski Carol Snyder	Ypapanti Name Day Celebration	Ria Stoupas Kathy Athans Filia Arvanitis	Philoptochos International Soup Sale-	Sophie Koutsavlis Lucy Koutsavlis Samantha K.	Mary Doreza YASOU	
March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31	April 7	April 14
Rebecca Fritzius Kim Fritzius Julie Surma	*Cheese Fare Sun Angela Stupakis K. Armstrong Theodora Stupakis	*Fasting Gabrielle Kokanos	*Fasting Marguerite Ellis Alexis Breen	*Fasting A. Kyros Roula Kyros Stella Stratigos	*Fasting Philoptochos	*Fasting Kathy Panagos Pota Seitenakis
April 21	April 28	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26	June 2
Palm Sunday Luncheon	EASTER SUNDAY	Gail Mantzouridis Sandy Rosvanis	Mothers Day Philoptochos	J. Augoustidis Anna Augoustidis Anna Mamakos	A. Margaros C. Karystinos D. Grysiak	Philoptochos
June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30	July 7	July 14	July 21
Stamatia Milburn Athena Caldwell	Fathers Day Philoptochos	M. Ferrari Frosso Kolokouris	Alissa Krizan Elizabeth White Jennie Ziakan	Flora Hamborsky C. Kypriotakis E. Papageorgiou	Mary Ann Sfanos Josie Caruso	Diane Davliakos Roy Parlour Christina Burns
July 28	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25		
Georgina Callas Maria Krishnaswamy	Malamo Countouris Hensley Paula Borsch	Philoptochos	FOOD FESTIVAL	Joan Kenney Anastasia Andrews	Please include coffee creamer and juice.	

Fellowship Coffee Hour Committees 2018/19

Updated 11/07/2018

Please remember to bring creamer and juice. Thank you.



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October 2019 Parish Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>October</h1>						
6 National Church Music Sunday!  8:30 AM, Matins 9:30 AM, Liturgy	7	8 11:00 AM, YASOU 7:00 PM, Parish Council Meeting	9 2:00 PM, Dinner Prep for FOCUS Pittsburgh	10	11 10:00 AM, Paraklesis	12
13 8:30 AM, Matins 9:30 AM, Liturgy 11:00 AM, Hope/Joy  12:00 PM, Philoptochos	14	15	16 6:30 PM, Paraklesis 7:30 PM, Adult Ed	17	18 Feast of St. Luke the Apostle and Evangelist 8:30 AM, Matins 9:30 AM, Liturgy	19
20 8:30 AM, Matins 9:30 AM, Liturgy 11:00 AM, General Assembly Meeting	21 11:00 AM, YASOU Meeting at Panera in Penn Center	22 7:00 PM, Choir Practice	23 Feast of St. James the Apostle and Brother of Our Lord 8:30 AM, Matins 9:30 AM, Liturgy 7:00 PM, Movie Night	24	25 10:00 AM, Paraklesis	26
27 8:30 AM, Matins 9:30 AM, Liturgy	28	29 7:00 PM, Sandwich Preparation for Rankin Christian Center	30	31	<p>The latest calendar updates are always available through our parish email list, at www.ypapanti.net/parish-calendar or on our Facebook Page! See you at Church!</p> 	

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. 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. Constantine Kokanos Cell Phone: 412-760-7203 Email: FatherDeanKokanos@gmail.com	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 Ed Wednesday at 7:30 PM
Nancy Philpot, Admin Assistant PresentationOfChristOffice@gmail.com Office Phone: 412-824-9188, Fax: 412-824-9740	Tara Reis Events Coordinator Phone: 412-824-5540

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Sam Koutsavlis	Secretary	412-461-3450	Jamie Orfanopoulos	412-244-2264
Richard Voltz		412-798-8177	Tootie Pranis	412-373-1270

Organizations & Committees

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 Dancers	Mary Doreza, Director, Elias Bardis, President
Junior Olympian Dancers	Michelle Kotsagrelos, Director, Jamie Orfanopoulos, Director Elias Bardis, Asst. Director, Maria Bardis, Asst. Director
GAPA	Elias Bardis, President
Book & Icon Store	Deborah Grysiak