

CALENDAR OF WEEKLY EVENTS

* **Today's Coffee Fellowship** is offered by the 2020 Project Mexico Team.

Sunday, February 23rd Judgment Sunday

8:15 AM Orthros
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
10:35 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Plugged-In Study Group/Library
11:30 AM Study of Ancient Church Fathers/Rm 11
* 11:30 AM Project Mexico Fund Raiser
12:00 PM Baptism

Tuesday, February 25th

10:00 AM Women's Bible Study w/ Presvytera Pearl

Wednesday, February 26th

6:00 PM Orthodox Study Group w/ Fr. Hector
6:15 PM Greek School
7:00 PM Paraklesis

Thursday, February 27th

10:00 AM Women's Orthodox Book Study
7:00 PM Bereavement Support Ministry Rm 4/5

****Saturday, February 29th Saturday of Souls**

8:30 AM Orthros
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
9:00 AM GOYA Off the Streets volunteering
7:00 PM Vespers

Shoes for Kenya Please drop off shoes in the designated box in Room 7 and in the breezeway. Donations for shipping are also being accepted. Thank You.

Dates to Remember:

Great Lent Begins, March 2

** Saturday of Souls, February 29 & March 7
Sunday of Orthodoxy, March 8

Liturgical Reminder: The Importance of Punctuality

- † The time to arrive at Church is before the beginning of the 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (The Orthros service immediately preceding the Liturgy begins at 8:15 AM).
- † If you arrive after the Divine Liturgy begins, the ushers will let you know when it is appropriate to enter the church.
- † As a general rule, it is best to refrain from receiving Holy Communion (even when prepared) if you arrive after the reading of the Holy Gospel.
- † The best way to avoid this situation is to arrive on time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Project Mexico Fundraiser TODAY** following the Divine Liturgy. The 25 Parishioners attending PM this summer will host a Coffee Hour featuring a taco bar & other Mexican delights. The volunteer team **asks for your support** in raising **\$30,000** to build a home for a family in need. Donations can also be sent to the church office with "Project Mexico 2020" written on the memo line. Thank you!

Daughters of Penelope Fasolada & Paximadi Fundraiser (Bean Soup & Rusks) **Sunday, March 1st** following Divine Liturgy. Take Out Only. Quart: \$6.00; 1/2 Gallon: \$10.00. Proceeds will be given to Global Aid Network!

GOYA Fundraiser Greek Yogurt Parfait, **Sunday, March 1st** in Philoptochos Hall, following the Divine Liturgy. Cost \$3.00.

GOYA Fundraiser "Koulouria", Sunday, March 15 in Philoptochos Hall following the Divine Liturgy. Cost \$3.00. For pre-orders call Luke or Elena Bartlett 717-341-7199.

Preschool Open House: Thursday & Friday, March 18 & 19 from 10:30 AM to 11:45 AM.

Three Heirarchs Greek School March 25th Celebration Sunday, March 29, 2019 @ 6:00 pm in Philoptochos Hall. More Details to follow.

2019 & 2020 Stewardship If you have not made your Church Stewardship Commitment for 2020 or if you have not fulfilled your 2019 Stewardship commitment, please make it today by completing a form in the Narthex and placing it in the Stewardship Box on the table. Thank you.

Scholarship Forms Available for those who are eligible from AHEPA, Daughters of Penelope, & Pan Coan Society. Contact the Church office: 717-394-1735 or office@agochurch.com. Scholarships also available at: www.goarch.org/-/scholarships.

Old iPads needed

The Church office is accepting old iPads to help set up our homebound parishioners with our parish's Live Stream services.

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS

We welcome our non-Orthodox friends and neighbors at all the liturgical services with a reminder that Holy Communion may be received only by *prepared* Orthodox Christians. Please sign the Visitor's Registry in the Narthex if you wish to be contacted by the priest.

Father Hector Firoglanis, Pastor

Father Theodosios Palis, Assistant Pastor

Father Alexander Veronis, Pastor Emeritus



ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
LANCASTER, PA



SUNDAY, February 23, 2020

Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna; Proterios, Abp. Of Alexandria

Orthros: Third

Gospel: Mark 16: 9-20

Epistle: I Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2

Page: 992 (Pew Bibles)

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Page: 859 (Pew Bibles)

Sunday of Meatfare of the Last Judgment

Today's Gospel reading is Matthew 25:31-46, the parable of the Last Judgment. It reminds us that while trusting in Christ's love and mercy, we must not forget His righteous judgment when He comes again in glory. If our hearts remain hardened and unrepentant, we should not expect the Lord to overlook our transgressions simply because He is a good and loving God. Although He does not desire the death of a sinner, He also expects us to turn from our wickedness and live (Ezek. 33:11). This same idea is expressed in the prayer read by the priest after the penitent has confessed his or her sins (Slavic practice). The time for repentance and forgiveness is now, in the present life. At the Second Coming, Christ will appear as the righteous Judge, "Who will render to every man according to his deeds" (Rom. 2:6). Then the time for entreating God's mercy and forgiveness will have passed.

As Father Alexander Schmemmann reminds us in his book GREAT LENT (Ch. 1:4), sin is the absence of love, it is separation and isolation. When Christ comes to judge the world, His criterion for judgment will be love. Christian love entails seeing Christ in other people, our family, our friends, and everyone else we may encounter in our lives. We shall be judged on whether we have loved, or not loved, our neighbor. We show Christian love when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit those who are sick or in prison. If we did such things for the least of Christ's brethren, then we also did them for Christ (Mt.25:40). If we did not do such things for the least of the brethren, neither did we do them for Christ (Mt.25:45).

Today is the last day for eating meat and meat products until Pascha, though eggs and dairy products are permitted every day during the coming week. This limited fasting prepares us gradually for the more intense fasting of Great Lent.

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2014/02/23/5-sunday-of-meatfare-of-the-last-judgment>

1. RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION (Third Mode)

Let the heaven rejoice,
and let things on earth be glad,
for the Lord has worked powers with His arm;
He has trampled upon death by death;
He has become the first born of the dead.
From the bowels of Hades has He delivered us,
and has granted great mercy to the world.

2. HYMN OF OUR CHURCH (Fourth Mode)

Today is the beginning of our salvation,
and the revelation of the mystery of ages.
The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin.
And Gabriel proclaims this gift from God.
Together with him we cry out to You,
O Theotokos: "Hail thou full of grace,
the Lord is with you."

3. KONTAKION (First Mode)

When You come down to the earth,
O God, in Your glory, all things will
cower tremulous, and a river of fire
will draw before Your Judgment
Seat; the books shall be opened up,
and public knowledge will things
hidden be. Rescue me, then, I pray,
from unquenchable fire, and count
me worthy to stand at Your right
hand, O You, the most righteous
Judge.



1. ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΙΜΟ ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΟΝ (Ηχ. Γ')

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια,
ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια,
ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος, ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ ὁ Κύριος.
Ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος
τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας ἄδου ἐρρύσατο
ἡμᾶς καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

2. ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΟΝ ΤΟΥ ΝΑΟΥ (Ηχ. δ')

Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τό Κεφάλαιον,
καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνος Μυστηρίου ἢ φανέρωσις·
ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται,
καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται.
Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν·
Χαῖρε Κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

3. ΚΟΝΤΑΚΙΟΝ (Ηχ. α)

Ὅταν ἔλθης ὁ Θεός, ἐπὶ γῆς μετὰ δόξης,
καὶ τρέμωσι τὰ σύμπαντα·
ποταμὸς δὲ τοῦ πυρὸς πρὸ τοῦ Βήματος ἔλκη,
καὶ βίβλοι ἀνοίγωνται, καὶ τὰ κρυπτά δημοσιεύονται·
τότε ῥῦσαί με, ἐκ τοῦ πυρὸς τοῦ ἀσβέστου,
καὶ ἀξίωσον, ἐκ δεξιῶν σου με στήναι,
Κριτὰ δικαιοσύνη.



ΑΝΑΚΟΙΝΩΣΕΙΣ – ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 23 Φεβρουαρίου, 2020

* **Ο καφές** σήμερα προσφέρεται απο τα παιδιά της ομάδας "Project Mexico".

Κυριακή, 23 Φεβρουαρίου

8:15 πμ	Ορθρος
9:30 πμ	Θεία Λειτουργία
10:35 πμ	Κατηχητικό Σχολείο
11:30 πμ	Project Mexico Ερανο

*Η ομάδα θελοντών ζητά την υποστήριξη σας για την αύξηση των \$ 30,000 για να χτίσει ένα σπίτι για μια οικογένεια που έχει ανάγκη. Οι δωρεές μπορούν επίσης να σταλούν στο γραφείο της εκκλησίας με το "Project Mexico 2020" γραμμένο στη γραμμή υπομνημάτων. Σας ευχαριστούμε.

Τρίτη, 25 Φεβρουαρίου

10:00 πμ	Μελέτη Αγίας Γραφής Γυναικών με την Πρεσβυτέπτα Παναγιώτα
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Τετάρτη, 26 Φεβρουαρίου

6:00 μμ	Βραδυνός Κύκλος με τον Πάτερ Έκτωρα
6:15 μμ	Ελληνικό Σχολείο
7:00 μμ	Παράκληση

Πεμπτη, 27 Φεβρουαρίου

11:00 πμ	Κύκλος Πνευματικής Μελέτης Γυναικών
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Σαββάτο, 29 Φεβρουαρίου, 2020 Β' Ψυχοσάββατο

8:30 πμ	Ορθρος
9:30 πμ	Θεία Λειτουργία
7:00 μμ	Εσπερινός

2020 Υπόσχεση Αν δεν έχετε κάνει την υπόσχεση σας, παρακαλούμε να τη κάνετε σήμερα συμπληρώνοντας ένα έντυπο στο Νάρθηκα και τοποθετώντας στο κουτί διαχειριστών στο τραπέζι η τηλεφωνήστε στο γραφείο της εκκλησίας. Σας ευχαριστούμε.

Θυγατέρες της Πηνελόπης θα πουλάνε φασολάδα και παξιμάδια, Κυριακή, **1 Μαρτίου** μετά την Θεία Λειτουργία στην Αίθουσα της Φιλοπτώχου. \$6 Quart - \$10 1/2 Gallon.

ΓΟΥΑ τα παιδιά θα πουλάνε Γιαούρτι, Κυριακή, **1 Μαρτίου**, μετά την Θεία Λειτουργία στην Αίθουσα της Φιλοπτώχου. Η τιμή - \$3.00.

ΓΟΥΑ τα παιδιά θα πουλάνε Κουλούρια, Κυριακή, **15 Μαρτίου**, μετά την Θεία Λειτουργία στην Αίθουσα της Φιλοπτώχου. Η τιμή - \$3.00. Για προ-παραγγελίες, καλέστε τον Λουκά η την Ελενα Μπάρλετ - 717-341-7199.

Γιορτή Ελληνικού Σχολείου: Κυριακή, **29 Μαρτίου**, @ 6:00 μμ, στην Αίθουσα Φιλοπτώχου. Περισσότερες πληροφορίες θα ακολουθήσουν.