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SCHEDULE of DIVINE SERVICES / ΙΕΡΕΣ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΕΣ

TODAY	Fifteenth Sunday of Luke / ΙΕ΄ Κυριακή Λουκά 5-Year Memorial for Elaine Poulos Vuduris	
26 Thurs	Paraklesis	7:00 pm
29 Sun	Seventeenth Sunday of Matthew ΙΖ Κυριακή Λουκά 1-Year Memorial for Julia Bahas Epistle 2 Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1 Gospel Matthew 15:21-28	Orthros 8:20 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

HYMNS AND READINGS

Resurrectional Apolytikion in Grave Tone

O Lord, Thou hast by Thy Cross brought an end to death, and Paradise Thou hast made open to the thief. The laments of the myrrh-bearing women Thou hast changed and sent forth thine apostles, commanding that they proclaim that Thou art risen from death, O Christ our God, bestowing great mercy upon the universe.

Apolytikion of the Holy Apostle Timothy

Since thou hadst been instructed in uprightness thoroughly and wast vigilant in all things, thou wast clothed with a good conscience as befiteth one holy. Thou didst draw from the Chosen Vessel ineffable mysteries; and having kept the Faith, thou didst finish a like course, O Hieromartyr and Apostle Timothy. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

Aplytikion of the Righteous Martyr Anastasius of Persia

Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crown of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

Apolytikion of the Church

On this day when our salvation is crowned for eternity, and the revelation of the mystery of the ages. The Son of God, becomes on this day the Virgin's Son, with Gabriel proclaiming the tidings of God's grace. And we also join in the cry, unto the Theotokos singing: Hail to you who are filled with grace, the Lord is with you.

Kontakion of the Presentation of the Lord into the Temple

Thou Who didst sanctify the Virgin's womb by Thy birth, and didst bless Symeon's hands as was meet, by anticipation hast even now saved us, O Christ God. But grant peace in the midst of wars unto Thy commonwealth and strengthen the hierarchs whom Thou hast loved, O only Friend of Man.

EPISTLE READING

1 Timothy 4:9-15

St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy

TIMOTHY, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 19:1-10

Fifteenth Sunday of Luke

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaios; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaios, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaios stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

**Third Annual
PARISH RETREAT**

Saturday, January 28, 2012 — 10 am
Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
129 South Union Street, Akron, OH

Spiritual Life In a time of Crisis:

**Orthodox Christian Lent
& the Renewal of the World**



Retreat Speaker
Dr. Timothy Patitsas

Timothy G. Patitsas is the Assistant Professor of Ethics at Holy Cross. He taught at the St. Nicholas Orthodox Seminary in Seoul, Korea, and at Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia, before joining the faculty in 2005.

SCHEDULE

10:00 am	Registration
10:30 am	Morning Prayers
11:00 am	Session 1
12:30 am	Lunch
1:30 pm	Session 2
3:00 pm	Vespers

Make reservations to attend by calling the Church office (330.434.0000) or emailing bporyor@annunciationakron.org.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sun	YAL Brunch	11:30 am
	GOYA Boys Basketball	4:00 pm
Mon	Quilts	9:00 am
	COCA Basketball	6:00 pm
Tues	Men's Club	6:00 pm
	Men's Basketball	7:00 pm
Wed	Byzantine Choir	5:30 pm
	Greek School	5:30 pm
	GOYA Girls Basketball	5:30 pm
	GOYA Boys Basketball	7:00 pm
	Choir	7:30 pm
Thurs	Gyro Luncheon	11:00 am—2:00 pm
	Byzantine Choir	5:30 pm
	U of Akron OCF (Paraklesis)	7:00 pm
Sat	Parish Pre-Lenten Retreat	10:00 am



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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Welcome To Our Visitors

We welcome you to worship with us today. Whether you are an Orthodox Christian or this is your first visit to an Orthodox Church, we are pleased to have you with us. Although Holy Communion and other Sacraments are offered only to baptized and chrismated (confirmed) Orthodox Christians, all are invited to receive the antidoron (blessed bread) from the priest at the conclusion of the divine Liturgy. The antidoron is not sacramental, but is reminiscent of the agape feast that followed worship in the ancient Christian Church. Please stop by the Welcome Table for more information and to let us know you are visiting today. After the Divine Liturgy this morning, please join us in the Social Hall for fellowship and refreshments.

Question and Answer Sermons

Fr. Jerry would like to offer some question and answer sermons in the coming weeks. If you have questions pertaining to Scripture, Orthodox Theology, Moral Issues or Spiritual Life, please submit them to Fr. Jerry, Fr. George, the ushers, or the Office. Questions may also be submitted by email to frhall@annunciationakron.org.

Men's Club

The January Men's Club meeting is Tuesday, January 24, at 6 pm. The speaker will be announced at the meeting. Dinner will be made by Chef Larry Poulos: pork chops with roasted potatoes. Appetizers are spanakopita and chicken livers. Contact Denis Van Doros (330.665.1083) for more information.

Theosis Small Group Study Program

Live your Christian life to the fullest and get connected to other members of the community. This powerful 7-week program has changed lives and offers an exciting perspective about Christian life. Small groups led by trained parish leaders will read and discuss the book *Partakers of Divine Nature* by Archmandrite Stavropoulos. Don't miss this opportunity to grow in your faith and get to know other parishioners. Groups will begin at the end of the month. Call the Church office to secure a spot in one of the study groups.

Godparent Sunday — Sunday, February 5, after Divine Liturgy

Tickets will be on sale during January: \$10 each, \$5 for 8 and under. Contact Nicolette Koozer (330.873.9766) for more information.

Young Adult Bible Study

The YAL meets today, and we will continue our study of the Acts of the Apostles. Join us after Church for brunch, and we will discuss chapters 10-12. For more information, contact Fr. George in the Church office or George Pulos in the bookstore.

MORE NEWS & NOTES

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SOUPerbowl for Caring — Sunday, February 5

On Sunday, February 5, the GOYA will be collecting donations (to benefit IOCC) and canned goods (to benefit our own Good Samaritans ministry) as part of the national SOUPerbowl for Caring (on "Superbowl Sunday") drive. Please support these worthy causes on a day when many are celebrating in abundance!

Remember your Receipts for GOYA Basketball

Please place your Acme receipts in the box by the Bookstore for this fundraiser.

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JOY Lock-In — February 10-11

Children in grades 2-6 are invited to join us for our Pre-Lenten Lock-In, beginning at 6 pm on February 10, and ending at 11 am on February 11. We will have games and activities, prayer time, a craft and an opportunity for Holy Confession. We also need 2-4 adult chaperones. Contact Fr. George at gcallos@annunciationakron.org or in the Office for more information or to RSVP.

Paper Recycling

Thanks for using the paper bin. Many people have been utilizing this service and raising funds for the parish. Please consider breaking down empty boxes that are brought for recycling so that they do not take up too much space in the bin.