



THE VOICE

DEAR PARISH FAMILY,

The month of May brings a certain sense of trepidation as parents all over brace for the end of the school year and summer break. What will we do with our children for the next 3 months? The school year may be nine months long, but the church year carries on for all 12 months! Summer is a fantastic time to increase family participation in the life of the Church. Late May through August brings many weekday Liturgies, which are a great time to orient new Altar boys and young choir members. Our youth will make a trip to Cedar Point and have Vacation Church School. Our outreach ministries continue full speed ahead, and young parishioners are always welcome to help at all events. Finally, our festival preparation is a way to involve the entire family. Come to Church with your family this summer. Find something new, and make it a part of your year-round routine.

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OUTREACH

GOOD SAMARITANS

PREP - DISTRIBUTION - TABLE

Tuesday
May 13, 5pm

**Monthly
PREP**

Wednesday
May 14, 7:30am

**Monthly
DISTRIBUTION**

TABLE

**MEAL PREP
AND SERVE**
3-6:30pm



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AND SERVE**
3-6:30pm

April 15 & 27: Groceries & Clothes Available

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - March 2025

Present: Jon Bollas, Maria Detorakis, Mike Detorakis, Bill Farmakidis, Karen Horattas, Fr. Dean Kokanos, Christina Manousos, John Matheos, Fr. Nick Manuel, Christopher Morris, Mary O'Connor, Steve Parianos, Christine Salem, Nicholas Stavrakis, Christina Tharp, Gus Tsesmelis, Elena Economou-Zwisler

Absent: Diane Popovich and Maria Williams

Priest's Report: Fr. Dean Kokanos Thank you for being here. Lent started. Church Monday, Wednesday, & Friday.

President's Report- Jon Matheos: Thanks for the largest Tuesday night meal. Served 142 meals in house. Served 228 to- go meals.

Treasurer's Report

March 2025 Actual			Budget		Account Balances	
Income	\$124,000		\$152,000		General Operating	\$140,000
Expenses	\$137,000		\$137,000		General Savings	\$78,000
Profit/Loss	\$(13,000)		\$(12,000)		Payroll	\$4.6,000

Stewardship of Church Resources - Elaina Economou-Zwisler/Ron Bobner:

2025: pledges ~\$636,000; Collected \$99,463 YTD; 267 pledges; 3% pledge increase over 2024; 75% increase in pledges over 2024

Financial - Maria Detorakis: Trust Fund- \$925,000; Building Fund- \$139,000

Building and Grounds - Michael Detorakis/Bill Farmakidis/Frank Pangas: Steam boiler issue being worked [Resolving with Insurance and service depts]

Outreach and Ministries: Mary O'Connor/Diane Popovich/Karen Horattas - 3/10 - Loads of Love, 3/13 - Food Pantry, 3/20 & 3/25 - Meal/Pantry/Clothes. June 7/8 Mitvah Day

Security/Ushering: Christine Salem/Elena Economou-Zwisler/Debra Gynn/Maria Williams: Working on getting security coverage for Lenten services

Coffee Hour - Diane Popovich: People are generous bringing snacks. Successful Philoptochos event.

Youth - Fr. Nick, Christina Manousos: Hosted Metropolis JOY Lenten retreat. Thanks to GOYA coaches and advisors.

Social Media/Communications - Nick Stavrakis/Christine Tharp: Attached Facebook to Instagram. Committee members getting familiar with roles and responsibilities

New Business -

Christina Manousos: Christian Melik Foundation By-Laws needing approval for it to go before the General Assembly Motion to approve/create the Christian Melik Foundation by Christina Manousos. Seconded by Steve Parianos. Carried.

John Matheos: Ron Bobner has resigned from the board . We are in need of someone to fill the empty spot.

Elena Economou-Zwisler: Motion to have Susan Pappas rejoin the parish council. Seconded by Christine Salem. Carried.

Good of the Community - John Matheos/Christine Salem: Thank you to Angela Jumpert for the cupcakes.

John Matheos/Mike Detorakis: Frank, Mike, and Chad worked quickly to have the front door repaired after it fell this morning.

Benediction and Adjournment: Fr. Nick

THE MIRACLES OF JESUS



ORTHODOX VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

AUGUST 4-8, 2025

**Annunciation Church
129 S. Union Street, Akron**

Kids ages 4-12 are welcome to register for VCS, August 4-8. VCS meets daily from 9 AM until noon. Each day includes prayer, a lesson based on the week's theme, arts and crafts, music lessons including original Orthodox songs, and snack time. The week will end with a special musical presentation.

Registration fee is \$15 per student through June.
Beginning July 1, fee is \$20 per student.

Register at www.annunciationakron.org/vcs

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MAY 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				11am-2pm GYRO LUNCHEON	9am Backpacks <div>630pm Philoptochos Speaker Series ATRIUM</div>	St Photios Awards Cranberry, PA ► 9am Memory Eternal Group
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
820am Matins 930am Liturgy		11am Rotary Club	630pm Choir Rehearsal	11am-2pm GYRO LUNCHEON	6pm JOY Night Annunciation	► 9am Memory Eternal Group 10:00am Philoptochos Board Meeting
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
820am Matins 930am Liturgy Memorial Services Elaine Cherpas 5yrs James Cherpas 18 yrs Mary Cherpas 34 years	9am GOLDEN GREEKS Bus Trip 5pm Loads of Love	930am QUILTING 11am Rotary Club <div>5pm Good Samaritans PREP</div>	630pm Choir Rehearsal <div>730am Good Samaritans Distribution</div>	11am-2pm GYRO LUNCHEON <div>VOICE ARTICLES DUE</div> <div>3:30pm Good Samaritans TABLE</div>	9am Backpacks	► 9am Memory Eternal Group
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
820am Matins 930am Liturgy Memorial Services Harry Dickos 10 yrs Mary Pappas 10 yrs Sophia Giannirakis 30yrs Pres Zafera Bartz 2yrs 430pm - GOYA Fireside Chat	10:30am Memorial Battle of Crete 6:30pm COCA - AGOC	11am Rotary Club 530pm Parish Council	8:30am Orthros/ Divine Liturgy <i>SS Constantine & Helen</i> 630pm Choir Rehearsal	11am-2pm GYRO LUNCHEON		Cemetery Blessing 9am-3pm
25	26	27 PAPA GYRO DAY	28	29	30	31
820am Matins 930am Liturgy Memorial Services Mitch Lucas 5yrs William VanDoros 5yrs Annette Adams 9yrs Diana Van Doros 6yrs	MEMORIAL DAY Church Offices Closed	11am Rotary Club <div>3:30pm Good Samaritans TABLE</div>	8:30am Orthros/ Divine Liturgy <i>Leave Taking of Pascha</i> 530pm Greek School Night 630pm Choir Rehearsal	8:30am Orthros/ Divine Liturgy <i>Holy Ascension</i> 11am-2pm GYRO LUNCHEON	National Oratorical Festival [Day 1/3] at St Nicholas, Pgh	National Oratorical Festival [Day 2/3] at St Nicholas, Pgh ► 9am Memory Eternal Group GOYA Sand Volleyball Tourny St Paul - North Royalton FESTIVAL PREP 9am PASTITSIO

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FRIDAY May 2, 2025
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For tickets or questions please contact:
 Mary O'Connor 330.338.5858
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Tickets \$10.00
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The Forgotten Children of Greece

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 129 South Union Street Akron, Ohio 44304

ANNUNCIATION YOUTH

May 9 - 6pm
JOY Night
at Annunciation Church

May 18 - 4:30pm
GOYA Fireside Chat
at Avouris Home

Calling All Greek Festival Vendors!

Make sure to get your vendor applications in to be a part of the **2025 Akron Greek Festival**.
Festival dates are Sept. 18, 19 and 20.
 It's not too early and do it before it's too late!

There is no fee to apply.
 Go to www.akrongreekfest.com and click on the **Vendor Application** menu at the top of the page.
 Application deadline is **May 30, 2025**.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Hello, Sunday School Families!

Christos Anesti! Thank you for all your support in making our Lenten Project benefiting Stewart's Caring Place so successful!

We will celebrate our last day of Sunday School on May 18th. We extend a huge thank you to our Sunday School teachers and staff for their dedication in making this school year such a success.

SAVE THE DATE: We will begin the 2025-2026 Sunday School year on Sunday, September 7th.



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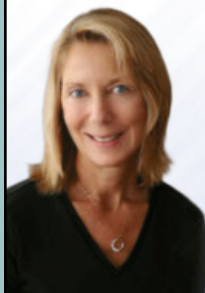
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June 1, 2025 11:30am

Our entire Annunciation is invited to attend this wonderful event where we honor our parish's graduates- high school, college, and graduate/professional school- as well as awarding scholarships sponsored by our church, by AHEPA, and by a number of parish families.

Tickets will be available in the church hall following the Liturgy every Sunday in May -- Adults \$15/\$10 children 12 and under --

PARENTS OF GRADUATES

please make sure your graduate completes the Graduate Information Form on the Annunciation website (see menu and click on Ministries) by May 5th to ensure they are included in the Graduates Dinner Program Booklet.

2025 ANNUNCIATION – AHEPA GRADUATES DINNER SPONSORSHIPS

If you would like to be a Graduates Dinner sponsor, with recognition in the dinner program on Sunday, June 1st, please enclose a check payable to the Church, with **"Graduates Dinner Sponsorship"** written on the memo line by May 11th.

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