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Holy Trinity's Mission Statement

To Worship and glorify God; by promoting the teachings of the Greek Orthodox Faith, to encourage all members' participation through our Greek culture, educational programs, community outreach and fundraising activities while serving God, our community and humanity with love.



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Shine, shine, the New Jerusalem! For the glory of the Lord has dawned upon You. Rejoice now and be glad O Zion; and You, O all-pure Theotokos, delight in the Resurrection of Him, to Whom you gave birth.

Dear Parish Family and Friends,

One of the words that I think brings hope is the word "new". Each January we welcome a new year. With that new year we like to have a new year's resolution. This is a way to start over, to have a new beginning in a new year. It is interesting if you listen to the hymns that we sing during Easter you hear a lot about things being new as well.

During Easter we hear things like "New Jerusalem". Jesus is called the "New Adam" and the Theotokos is called the "New Eve". We hear the church say that, we too, become a "New Creation". All of this happens in the Resurrection. Jesus came to us, died and was resurrected in order to bring balance. This balance has brought us a "new" reality. We become a new creation no longer worrying about old sins but only looking forward to the future. That means that the things we left behind during Lent must stay there. It means that the new things we added to our lives should not be left behind but they should go with us.

My friends and my family in Christ, as we enter into this season of Pascha we must do our best to embrace this newness that is granted to us. As we enter into Spring there will be a lot going on in our wonderful Cathedral. There will be different projects, different opportunities for outreach, and different opportunities for in reach. I pray we will embrace them in order to move forward as a new creation embracing one another and our Lord doing his work.

In Christ,

Father Larry Legakis

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CALENDAR

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	Mar 31	1
						GS Youth Classes
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
John Veronie 3yr Memorial +Coffee	Daughters Luminary, Bake Sale, and Phyllo selling Greek Kitchen Assortment Prep 6:00 PM Great Compline 6:00 PM Parish		Adult GS Class Bible Study 10 am & 6:30 pm 6:00 PM Pre Sanctified Liturgy	Daughters meeting place TBA 7:00 PM Ahepa meeting 7pm	Daughters Bake Sale pick up 6:00 PM Dinner & Discussion (Adults)	Church Cleaning GS Youth Classes Saturday of Lazarus Orthros 9am D.L. 10am
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Daughters Bake Sale pick up Bridegroom Service 7pm Daughters Palm Sunday Bake Sale and Coffee Palm Sunday	Holy Monday Bridegroom Service 7pm	Holy Tuesday Bridegroom Service 7pm	Holy Wednesday Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 9am Unction Services 3pm & 7pm	Holy Thursday Vespers DL 7:30am Service of the 12 Gospels 7pm	Holy Friday Royal Hours 9am Hope, Joy, and GOYA Holy Friday Retreat Lamentations Service 7pm Un-Nailing from the Cross 3pm	Orthros of Easter & Divine Liturgy 11:30pm Vespers Divine Liturgy 9:30am
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Holy Pascha Agape Vespers Noon			Adult GS Class Bible Study 10 am & 6:30 pm	6:00 PM Young at Heart		GS Youth Classes Parents of Young Children Ministry
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
DOP Chili Cook-Off Hope and Joy Special meeting after Liturgy 4:00 PM GOYA Coffee Talk-Sip		1:00 PM Warm Hands to Warm Hearts mtg	Adult GS Class Bible Study 10 am & 6:30 pm		Young Adult Taverna Talk	GS Youth Classes
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Hartford memorial Tsapranis 3yr Trisagion						

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CALENDAR

May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Apr 30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	6:00 PM Parish Council		Adult GS Class Bible Study 10 am & 6:30 pm	Daughters meeting and elections Holy Trinity 7:00 PM Ahepa meeting 7pm	6:00 PM Dinner & Discussion (Adults)	GS Youth Classes
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	6:30 PM Philoptochos Board meeting 7:00 PM Philoptochos General meeting		Adult GS Class Bible Study 10 am & 6:30 pm	6:00 PM Men's Ministry		GS Youth Classes Mother's Day Dinner Daughters and Philoptochos
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Graduate Sunday /GS Certificates Last Day of Sunday School Mother's Day			Adult GS Class Bible Study 10 am & 6:30 pm	6:00 PM Young at Heart	7:00 PM Parakesis	GS Youth Classes
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
AHEPA Sunday			Adult GS Class Bible Study 10 am & 6:30 pm	9:00 AM Holy Ascension Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am	Young Adult Taverna Talk	GS Youth Classes Parents of Young Children Ministry
28	29	30	31	Jun 1	2	3
YAH Memorial + Coffee 4:00 PM GOYA Coffee Talk-Sip		1:00 PM Warm Hands to Warm Hearts mtg	Bible Study 10 am & 6:30 pm			
4	5	Notes				
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Tom Ross – Connie Mynihan

BAPTISM

Cameron Avramaut – March 12, 2023

Parents Nick & Kim Avramaut

Sponsors: Analee Sandru & Chris Williamson

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to:

Christsos & Georgia Rongakis – 43 years

Michael & Linda Cleveland – 25 years

FUNERAL

Phyllis Bundros – March 8, 2023

May Her Memory Be Eternal

MEMORIAL GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF PHYLLIS BUNDROS

Mr. Evan Bundros

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bundros

Ms. Christine Canham

Mrs. Maria Chininis

Mrs. Ann Mulopulos

Ms. Judith Ward

IN MEMORY OF JAMES VERONIE

Dr. & Mrs. Tom Papademetriou

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Ross & Dan

IN MEMORY OF ANTONIA TOM

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IN MEMORY OF TULLA MIHAS & CHARLES MIHAS

Dr. & Mrs. Tom Papademetriou

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IN MEMORY OF SOPHIE PATERAKIS

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IN MEMORY OF GEORGE MULOPULOS

Dr. & Mrs. Tom Papademetriou

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM TZANAKIS

Mr. & Mrs. Bart Brotsos

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IN MEMORY OF THEODORA KOKOLAKIS

Chris & Aleca Kamilaris

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IN MEMORY OF PETE MORRIS

Mr. & Mrs. James Martin

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Mr. & Mrs. William Kakmis

Mr. & Mrs. George Krinas

Mr. & Mrs. James Martin

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IN MEMORY OF BESSIE PAPUCHIKE

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IN MEMORY OF ROBERT PAYEFF

Ms. Sandra Peters

IN MEMORY OF IRENE HIMEBAUGH

Mr. & Mrs. James Martin

IN MEMORY OF JOHN HIMEBAUGH

Mrs. Mary Brandburg

IN MEMORY OF TIM McANINCH

Mrs. Mary McAninch

IN MEMORY OF GEORGIA BROWN

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Ross & Dan

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT DRAKEY

Mr. & Mrs. Bart Brotsos

IN MEMORY OF GENIE WAGONNER

Mr. & Mrs. Bart Brotsos

IN MEMORY OF ARETTA "TERRI" CHECKLES

Dr. & Mrs. Wallace DePue

Mr. & Mrs. John Skiadas

IN MEMORY OF MARIA MOSHOVIS

Mr. & Mrs. Todd Mercer

Mr. John Moshovis

IN MEMORY OF JOHN STRATIDAKIS

Mr. & Mrs. Todd Mercer

Mr. John Moshovis

IN MEMORY OF MARY ARVANITIS

PROVENZANO

Mr. & Mrs. John Skiadas

IN MEMORY OF JANE VERGETIS

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Ms. Theodossia Hatzinikolis

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Mrs. Barbara Veronie

Mr. & Mrs. George Veronie

IN MEMORY OF SALLY SHADE

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IN MEMORY OF KATIE ELEFThERIOU

Mr. Fotis Kaplanis

SPECIAL DONATION:

IN HONOR OF ANN MULOPULOS

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Ross

The President's Message by Kathy Chaka

As we journey through this Lenten period together, I believe that we continue to affirm that we have many blessings here at Holy Trinity. In the months ahead, you will see this Cathedral come alive with activity that has been years in the planning. As you heard from hopefully attending the Parish General Assembly last month, ***we have approved the spending for the repair of the iconography in the Cathedral, as well as the painting and carpeting of the Cathedral.*** This is being made possible by the very generous donation of \$120,000 from Maria Proestos and \$200,000 in monies generated by the constant donations to Holy Trinity's Memorial Fund.

We hope to begin these repairs immediately following the completion of Lent and Easter, in order to have the renovations completed by the time the Cathedral will be having summer weddings in July.

We also approved the spending of up to \$100,000 for the complete repair and reconstruction of the parking lot. The parking lot was last done over 40 years ago and this project was long overdue. Once again, the monies for this project are coming from the very generous donation of Aris Veronie and his gift to the Cathedral in the name of his parents, Irene and Jim Veronie. By the grace of God and the complete generosity of Parishioners just like you, all of this work will be done without needing to do any fundraising. ***Please understand that in order to do all of this work this summer, we must all be very patient, as the Cathedral will be in a state of upheaval.*** During this time, we will also be trying to get ready for a festival which in and of itself is always a monumental task. But the end result, will of course be a much-needed facelift if you will, for the preservation of Holy Trinity Cathedral.

I can't end without welcoming our new Ministry Coordinator, Zach Heller to Holy Trinity. Zach comes to us highly recommended by the Metropolis, and he will be a huge help to Father Larry and a great addition to all the ministries. Please go up to Zach and introduce yourself and welcome him with open arms into our community.

A Few Parish Highlights...

- **Graduating Seniors:** Please consider applying for the various scholarships offered by our community. Applications for the local AHEPA/Daughters scholarships are due by April 19, 2023. Applications for the Philoptochos Scholarships are due by April 30th, 2023.
- **Holy Week Services:** End your Lenten journey and make it a meaningful and rewarding one by attending the Holy Week services. Look for posted times of services in Father Larry's daily bulletins and let's fill the Church as we welcome

the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

- **Sunrise Breakfast:** Join us in the Veronie Community Hall at the completion of Anastasi Services for a delicious meal on Sunday, April 16, 2023

Daughters of Penelope News by Stacia Dimit

Greetings from Dodona Chapter #24 Daughters of Penelope!

The monthly dinner meeting was held on March 2, 2023 at Carrabba's Italian Grill in Maumee. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 6, 2023 at Blarney's Irish Pub located at 601 Monroe Street in downtown Toledo. An email will be sent with the details.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Apokriatiko luncheon held on Sunday, February 19, 2023. The luncheon was jointly sponsored by the Daughters and AHEPANs with the proceeds supporting our scholarship projects. A delicious meal was prepared by Sister Despina Pelphey and her AHEPAN helpers Tony Capranica, Greg Cook, Mike Karinotis, and George Scarvelis. Thank you to all the Sisters and AHEPANs who helped with the luncheon including Chairperson JoAnn Cook, Marion Capranica, Stacia Dimit, Alexia Hickman, Lori Kamilaris, Elaine Scarvelis, Nancy Rodgers, and Marlene Thomas.

Sjogren's Disease is one of the Daughters of Penelope's national projects. This disease is a systemic autoimmune disease that affects the entire body and afflicts more than 4 million people in the United States. Sister Kathy Lawrence has worked hard in support of this cause to honor the memory of her beloved sister, Demetra Petros, who died of complications of this disease in 2013. This year Kathy sponsored a team for the national walk that was held virtually in April. The team's name is "Remembering Dee Petros 2013-2023". Please consider donating in Demetra's memory to help others that are suffering with this disease. The following link can be used to donate: <http://ssf.convio.net/mid-walk> For more information, call Kathy Lawrence at 419-902-4802.

You still have time to participate in the luminary fundraiser which will take place again on Good Friday, April 14th with the LED lit jars displayed on the Solea of our church. The LED lit jars not only honor our departed loved ones, but also our entire Holy Trinity family. COVID-19 still makes it impossible for everyone to be present. We hope these jars will signify your presence and the presence of your loved ones during the service. On each jar will be listed the name(s) of your loved ones who have fallen asleep and/or your living members as well. The names that are offered will be

commemorated silently before the Epitaphios during the Friday evening services. For the deceased: The suggested donation is \$5.00 per name (thus \$10.00 for a couple). Donation amounts are also accepted. Living: One fee of \$5.00 per family/household. If you are unable to make payment at this time, please send in your names and mark zero in total or the amount you can afford. All proceeds will be split between Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral and Daughters of Penelope. Fliers will be available in the weekly bulletins and on the holyltrinitytoledo.com website. Contact Sister Connie Mynihan for any questions or purchasing LED lit jars: 419-250-4899.

Daughters of Penelope Annual Spring Bake Sale. Pre orders pick-ups are scheduled for Friday, April 7th, Saturday, April 8th, and Sunday, April 9th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Do not miss out on your favorite treats. Order forms will be available in the weekly bulletins and to order online <http://www.toledo.buckeyedistrict11.org> (Select "Daughters" tab). For more information or to volunteer your time, please contact Bake Sale Chair Connie Mynihan at 419-250-4899 or email: cmynihan5@gmail.com

The Mother's Day luncheon will be held at Georgio's on Saturday, May 13, 2023 from noon to 3 pm. Lunch choices are: Beef Stroganoff, Pastry Wrapped Chicken, and Poached Salmon. Salad, bread, dessert, and coffee/tea are included. Mark your calendars and invite all your lady friends and family! Purchase tickets after church during the coffee hours on April 23, April 30, and May 7. Questions? Contact Nancy Rodgers at 419-460-0965 or Rodgers.nancy4@gmail.com

Scholarship applications are available for graduating high school seniors at the local, district, and national levels from the AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope organizations. Two scholarships are offered by our local Daughters of Penelope group, one for service and one for academics. Local applications can be found at www.toledo.buckeyedistrict11.org. District Daughters of Penelope applications can be found at www.bsf.buckeyedistrict11.org. National Daughters of Penelope applications can be found at www.daughtersofpenelope.org/resources-applications.html.

Membership dues for the current year are \$50 and can be sent to Treasurer Sophie Stathopoulos at 6535 Cornwall Court, Sylvania Ohio 43560.

Daughters of Penelope Chili Cook Off by Lori Kamilaris

The Daughters of Penelope are holding the first **community chili cook off** competition on Sunday, April 23rd after church.

Anyone in the community is eligible to participate. This will be the chance to show off your best chili recipe and win prizes!

First place wins a gift certificate for two to Georgio's! Second place receives a \$25 Coney Island gift card. Third place is awarded a \$15 gift card. The remaining chili chefs also receive a prize.

Come and try the 10 chili samples for \$10 and vote for which one is your favorite. Proceeds will be used for Daughters of Penelope scholarships.

For more information or to **register as a contestant** call or text Lori Kamilaris at 419-356-3255. Email at loriakamil@yahoo.com

News from AHEPA Chapter #118 by Tony Capranica

Our next meeting will be Thursday April 6. Time and location will be sent via email and post card.

At this year's AHEPA District Convention there is a Sons & Maids Reunion planned for Friday night June 23 starting at 7:00 PM. This year's convention is being held in Warren, OH on June 23-25 and the function will take place at the St. Demetrios Community Center in Warren. Go to www.buckeyedistrict11.org for complete details.

AHEPA Sunday will take place on May 21. We will celebrate with an artoclasia at church and a coffee hour with sandwiches and pastries in the Veronie Community Hall. Please plan to attend.

Notice to all high school seniors and college undergraduates...

The local scholarship is available to all graduating high school seniors for submission. The local AHEPA/Daughters scholarships use the same application to determine recipients. The application can be found at www.toledo.buckeyedistrict11.org. Due date is April 19, 2023.

Please refer to www.ahepa.org for details on the National scholarship.

As always, Ypsilanti #118 is looking for new members and encouraging former brothers to re-join. For more information, checkout www.buckeyedistrict11.org or www.ahepa.org.

Young at Heart News by Frank Reder

Hello everyone! Χριστός Ανέστη καί Καλό Πάσχα! April is here and it's time to start planning your garden!

Our next meeting will be at 6:00 pm on the 20th in the Veronie Community Hall. Come on down for a great dinner with the best people! Due to a mis-communication, we missed Pete Kanios presentation on "Crimes Against the Elderly". Fortunately, he will be able to give it this month!

Your 2023 dues are due. Please see Kris Reder or mail her a check to 3237 Beachwood Oregon, Ohio 43616. They are still only \$10 per person per year.

Faye Haberman is researching day trips, and will have some possible destinations and probable costs to present at the meeting. There is a deposit deadline of May 21st for the trip to see Moses in Lancaster, PA. Please make your checks payable to Young At Heart. So far only a handful of people have signed up.

From now on, trip insurance will be filed electronically. There were some complications stemming from sending it by mail. The benefit is getting an immediate receipt and proof of insurance. Faye said that she could help some with filing after meetings or Sundays, but most would file it themselves.

Warm Hands to Warm Hearts

by Dorothy Yakumithis

Greetings from Warm Hands to Warm Hearts (WHWH)! Spring is here, look at what we have been up to! We have been very busy. On March 23rd we took more than 70 Lap Blankets to Divine Rehabilitation and Nursing home, on Whiteford Drive, in Sylvania. Not only were the residents blessed to receive a warm, cozy beautiful blanket made with love, but those of us who delivered them also were blessed to see the joy on their faces knowing that we had brought love and warmth to those in need. They were so happy to receive them

For our March 28th meeting, God blessed us with great attendance and a day of sunshine. We accomplished so much and enjoyed fellowship that warmed our hearts. Some volunteers organized rectangles into piles by color and design. Others arranged pieces into beautiful patterns that will be sewn together. A few ladies organized donated yarn while others crocheted and practiced new stitches. In addition, several folded finished lap blankets and a few baby blankets to add to our growing collection. We put together many blankets. It truly was all warm hands-on deck!

We would like to Thank Everyone who has donated Yarn and their time. We need more Yarn any amount, any kind, any color. We make it work. If you don't know how to knit or crochet and would like to learn we will teach you. If you can't knit or crochet, we still need you for other things.

Our next meeting is April 25, 2023 at 1:00pm. in the Veronie Community Hall. For Questions contact Dorothy Yakumithis 419-867-0734, Maria Petros 419-473-2387, or Elena Perry 419-265-6275.

Parents of Young Children (POYC)

by Leah Simko

For the month of February, our parents had dinner at Angelo's Northwood Villa (prior to the Comedy Night with Ellen Karis!). Our discussion questions included, talking more about Christ in our homes, how can we allow Christ to care for us, and modeling things for our kids, including prayer!

Thank you to Perry and Molly Tsipis for organizing our February gathering!

Our March gathering was hosted by the lovely and generous McCabe family. Our topic of discussion was Family Prayer Time. Given we are in the most important fasting season of the year, Great Lent, Father provided ideas to incorporate children in our daily / weekly prayers.

Thank you, Jay and Sophia, for hosting the March POYC gathering!

Although the parents do not meet in April, we look forward to hosting our annual pancake breakfast on Holy Saturday (April 15th) following Divine Liturgy / Easter egg hunt for all the children.

Holy Trinity Greek Kitchen by Connie Mynihan

Easter, Sunday, April 16th, graduations, showers, and get-togethers are just around the corner. Order now and have your baking needs ready.

Twenty-four pieces of delicious

Baklava - \$30.00

Spanakopita - \$20.00

Tiropita - \$20.00

Twelve pieces of Galatobouriko - \$15.00

Order forms can be found on the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox website, the weekly bulletin and by email.

Orders are due in by Sunday, April 2nd, 2023. Pick up is at the Veronie Community Hall on Friday April 7th, Saturday April 8th, and Sunday April 9th between 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Please be generous as all proceeds are given to the church.

Anyone wishing to order for **Easter**, or if you need further information, please contact Connie Mynihan at 419-250-4899 or email: cmynihan5@gmail.com.

Holy Trinity Cookbook by Phyllis Manton

Greetings and Kali Anastasi!

The cookbook committee has been meeting and finding opportunities to get our cookbook outside of Ohio. Our Amazon version of the book has been available online for some time now. As we look forward, we have tentatively scheduled cooking classes starting in mid-October with details to follow. Our goal has always

been to share our love of food and culture and support our blessed Holy Trinity. As we looked back on our ministry, we have shared \$50,000 to our cathedral and we are donating another \$10,000.

We said farewell to our Mary Dedes. Mary doesn't like the spot light, instead she works behind the scenes. If one asks what did Mary do, I would say what didn't she do. She kept inventories of aprons and books, mailed books, oversaw email lists, registered people for classes, created the exit surveys and was one of our pillars of support and strength. Knowing she doesn't like fanfare, the committee met with her to give her a sendoff. Her love, wisdom and pragmatism will be missed. She set a great example for us.

Sometimes we laugh about our pushiness with food (eat! eat!) that we over-do it, make too much, *but would we have it any other way? Nah.*

Many blessings and joy in this Paschal season.

Men's Ministry by Matthew Simko

In February, the Men's Ministry met at Incorvia's and continued our discussion of men and masculinity. This month we reviewed an article and a talk on patriarchy and its role in Orthodoxy and in today's society. We also discussed outreach opportunities in which the group may become involved.

If you are interested in attending, we normally meet the second Thursday of the month beginning at 6:30, usually at a West Toledo or Sylvania restaurant and then move to another location for drinks and/or cigars. RSVP not required, but it helps to let the restaurant know how many to expect: matthewsimko@gmail.com.

This month (April), due to Lent, we will not be meeting. We will pick up again May 11. Hope to see you there!

Drivers NEEDED!!!!



Recently, we've had requests from those who no longer drive that they would be interested in attending Church. We would like to put together a new ministry of "Parishioners Driving Parishioners". This would be a group of people

who are able to help by driving parishioners to church. If you are interested or if you have any questions, please see Father Larry. We would like people from the different areas of town.

Food Pantry Update



We would like to thank everyone for all their help in making our food pantry a great success. The pantry is currently making a few changes. We are now open to the public on the second and fourth Tuesday from 11:30-12:30 if you would

like to volunteer, please see Debbie Paterakis or Linda Dionysiou.

Aurora House Cooking Classes

We are pleased to announce an opportunity for outreach that has been offered by the Philoptochos. Our Philoptochos with the help of Chef Michael Armstrong is offering cooking classes to the residents at the Aurora House. These are classes are designed to help teach residents new soft skills as they prepare to go back into the world. If you are interested in helping with this effort, please see Pam Martin.

Calling all Gardeners



We have the opportunity to begin a community garden! Our garden will be on our church grounds in raised beds. The garden will be used to offer fresh produce to our food pantry and area ministries. If you are interested in helping with this wonderful opportunity, please see Matt Simko or Father Larry.

Vasilia Legakis Oratorical Festival Speech Topic 4; Humility in our Society

In 2009 the most popular TV show was a reality show focused on the family of Robert Kardashian, one of the lawyers for the OJ Simpson case. The same year, the humble Patriarch Pavel of Serbia passed away due to poor health. The show "keeping up with Kardashians" focuses on one group of people, the Kardashians, for even the name makes people feel obligated to "keep up" with what they are doing. While, patriarch Pavel was known as the "walking Saint" who keeps up with you, through humility and love. These two examples portray opposite sides of the humility spectrum, and will be the focus of my speech today.

Patriarch Pavel was born in 1914 in Serbia and after his parents died, was orphaned at age 6. He was then sent to live with his aunt. He went to the seminary for college and after the seminary worked as a construction worker in Belgrade, but due to poor health, took a monastic vow and joined Blagoveštenje monastery. As a bishop Pavel built many new churches and reconstructed old ones. After 33 years spent in Kosovo Pavle was elected the Patriarch of Serbia in 1990, and held the position until he died in 2009. Throughout his life Patriarch Pavle was a symbol of humility, for example once he was asked why he did not own a car and responded, "I will not purchase one until every Albanian and Serb household in Kosovo and Metohija has an automobile." Pavle put the other, less fortunate needs in front of his own. He chose to "walk" with them rather than drive ahead of them.

The Kardashians on the other hand have not shown the same love and humility. The show "Keeping up with the Kardashians" has had 20 seasons, from 2007 to 2021, making it one of the longest airing reality TV shows. This show focuses on Kris Kardashian and her children: Kim, Kourtney, Khloe, Kiley and Kendall. Throughout the years the public saw their highs and lows, from funny pranks and new beginnings to failed products and scandals. But through it all they kept their image, their fighting and selfishness never left, the show was not focused on others it was plainly focused on them and how they were the best. The Kardashian-Jenner clan made billions of dollars on being vain and prideful, for they were plainly famous for being famous. Now one might think, well they are rich and famous, so it doesn't really matter. Well, the public has seen through their facade, their prideful and selfish attitudes, has resulted in hate from the public and constant ridicule. Humility is something people are appreciative of, not vanity and pride.

In Luke 18: 9-14 Jesus tells the story of the publican and the pharisee, a story of humility and forgiveness. In this parable the Pharisee stands before God and talks about how great he is and how he fast more than he is supposed to. I ask you to think of him as a Kardashian. Then on the other hand the Publican is on his knees with his head down begging God to forgive him for his sins. I ask you to think of him as Patriarch Pavel. These two examples of humility; the Publican and the Pharisee and the Kardashians and Patriarch Pavel, are very similar and can help people understand how humility works in our personal lives.

As seen through the lord's parables and my modern interpretation, one can perceive the humility and lack thereof in today's society. With all the Kardashians in the world it is sometimes very hard to pick out and be Patriarch Pavles. But we must act and try our hardest to be the saint Pavles people look for to emulate; care for

others, put their needs above your own, and give to the less fortunate. Remember to put others first and to not look at the selfishness shown through the Kardashians to inspire you but instead the love and humility god, his saints, and his teachings portray.

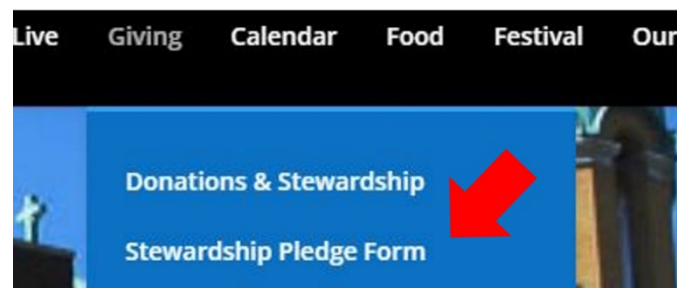
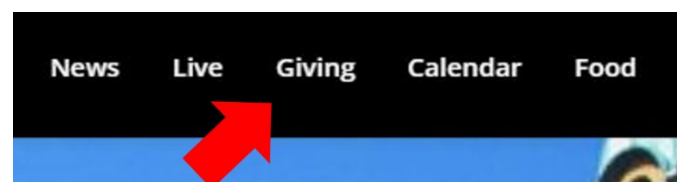
Stewardship Update by Matthew Simko

Thank you all for a great Parish Assembly! As noted at the Assembly, 2022 was our most successful year for Stewardship in the history of the Church. That is all because of you!

So far this year, while the Parish's giving is consistent with 2022, the number of pledged stewards is fewer and the overall pledged amount is less: parishioners are giving to the church, but not recording their yearly pledges.

As a reminder, your pledge is the amount you intend to give to the church for the current calendar year. In order for the counsel to effectively fund the church and its ministries, it must know how much the parish intends to give. Therefore, if you have not pledged, please make your pledge today. Additionally, remind your family that if they are giving, the church is asking them to complete a pledge form.

A very easy way to pledge is to go to the church's website www.holytrinitytoledo.com, click on "Giving" at the top of the page and then click on "Stewardship Pledge Form". Then just fill out the form click submit and you have pledged! See below:



Carole is also always willing to help and can, if you like, take your pledge over the phone at 419-243-9189 or send you a pledge card. If you have any questions, please let me know.

God Bless!

2023 Stewardship Update through March 20, 2023 - Our Stewardship goal for 2023 is \$275,000

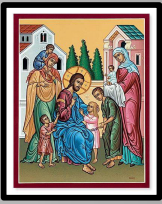
So far 157 Stewards have pledged for a total of \$193,756

**Please prayerfully consider the needs of our Parish and do your best to give in 2023
at least the same in Stewardship as last year.**

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HJGOC Monthly Youth Update



April 2023



Dear Parents,

We are very excited for this year's Holy Week. This year we are blessed to have our new Ministries Coordinator Zach Heller with us during Holy Week. He will run this year's Holy Friday Retreat. Please see the schedule below for information.

Important Dates:

GOYA

23rd: Coffee Talk 4 pm

HOPE/JOY

23rd: Special Meeting after Church

Hellenic Dance Company

May 7th Hellenic Dancers dance at Greek Independence Day Parade.

Holy Week 2023 Youth Activities

Holy Friday retreat April 14th

This retreat is offered by the GOYANS for our HOPE and JOY kids. The retreat begins at 3pm with the Un-nailing Service and will continue until the Lamentations Service. Dinner will be offered to all of our participants

Myrrh bearers on Holy Friday

The service begins at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in having your daughter participate please let Maria Tzanakis know. Practice will be during the Holy Friday retreat. This is open to all of our HOPE and JOY girls.

EASTER EGG HUNT!

Following the Divine Liturgy on Holy Saturday Morning we will have our annual Easter egg hunt. Please bring your children to the Divine Liturgy and stay for this wonderful opportunity for fellowship.

Pancake Breakfast after Easter Egg Hunt!

Our "Parents of young Children" will offer a pancake breakfast again this year! This is for all of our Easter Egg Hunters!

Attention Altar Boys!

During Holy Week all altar boys are welcome to participate in all of the services. You are given a wonderful opportunity to participate in the beautiful services of Holy Week and Easter. We ask that you please make a commitment to be present during these services.



Lenten Study 2023

A Study of the Hymnology of Holy Week

Offered by Father Seraphim Dedes
(Via Zoom) and Father Larry

Sessions

- Session 1: Introduction to Lent "Principles of Lent" and "Lenten words"
- Session 2: Salutations "Why and what"
- Session 3: Holy Week "Hymns from the Bridegroom services"
- Session 4: Holy Week "Hymns from Holy Thursday"
- Session 5: Holy Week "Hymns from the Lamentations"
- Session 6: Holy Week "Hymns from Pasha"

Zoom Link:

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ID: 862 4687 7018 Passcode: 387092

Please join us Tuesday at 10 am and Wednesday during Lent at 6 pm. The Wednesday discussion will begin after Liturgy with potluck and will be in person. The link is for Tuesday.

Holy Trinity Happenings April 2023

2023 Philoptochos Sponsored Lenten Retreat



2023 Comedy Night

Hope and Joy Monthly Gathering



Aurora House Cooking Class



Warm Hands to Warm Hearts



Parents of Young Children



Sunday of Orthodoxy 2023



HOLY WEEK/EASTER SERVICES 2023



Saturday, April 8th Saturday of Lazarus 9:00am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy-Cathedral Clean up after Liturgy

**Sunday, April 9th Palm Sunday 9am Orthros 10 am Divine Liturgy
Bridegroom 7pm**

Monday, April 10th Holy Monday Bridegroom 7pm

Tuesday, April 11th Holy Tuesday Bridegroom 7pm

**Wednesday, April 12th Holy Wednesday 9:00am Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
Unction Service 3pm and Unction Service 7pm**

**Thursday, April 13th Holy Thursday Vespersal Divine Liturgy 8 am
Service of the Twelve Gospels 7:00pm**

**Friday, April 14th Holy Friday Service of the Royal Hours 9am
Service of the Un-nailing from the Cross 3pm
Lamentations Service 7:00 pm**

**Saturday, April 15th Holy Saturday Vespersal Divine Liturgy 9:30am
Orthros of Easter and Divine Liturgy 11:30 pm**

Sunday, April 16th Holy Pascha Agape Vespers Noon at the Cathedral

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If you are able to read in another language, please let Father know. He would love to have you read one of the Gospels at the Agape Vespers!

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