# GOOD NEWS

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From the Desk of Rev. Fr. Angelo Maggos Parish Registry, Progress Report Upcoming Church Services and Events Youth Ministry and Organizations News

#### From Fr. Angelo

#### A Vision for the Future

As we approach another Parish Election year it is important that we consider two critical items.

- 1. The need for a sound strategic (long term) plan for our church and community
- 2. An understanding of the relationship between Parish Council, Laity and the Priest

1. **STRATEGIC PLAN** The Parish Council and I over the last several months have been working to review the strategic vision of our church and community. This involved the very serious and important questions of WHO WE (Annunciation) ARE and WHAT WE (Annunciation) SHOULD BE in the 21st century. The first part of this was presented at the SPRING General assembly where we submitted a simple, easy and concise vision statement that captures WHY our church and her ministries exist.

#### Learn the Faith, live the Faith, share the Faith

To help explain how we plan to achieve this vision we showed a presentation that laid out a series of four pillars that outlined the HOW of the vision and included a short presentation by several of our young adults who have taken on leadership roles in our parish. **Please view that presentation and video on our website in preparation for the upcoming FALL General Assembly.** From our homepage click on ABOUT then OUR Parish and scroll to the bottom.

Of course, we fully expect that some elements of the Goals and Values of current ministries will and should remain the same as they have since our parish began in 1917, however, others will need to be re-adjusted to be more in-line with how society has changed since the inception of our parish. For example, while our parish will continue to maintain Greek cultural and ethnic traditions, the challenges presented by 3rd and 4th generation families here in America and non-Greek converts will force changes (increased use of English, multi-cultural events, non-traditional education methods for our youth, and new models of leadership development).

We also recognize that with every new "re-adjustment" there is a "zone of discomfort" when seeking to take a fresh look at the ministries offered and identify opportunities for improvement. This introspection can be difficult and unsettling, however, every organization, whether church or business, must continuously conduct this inward evaluation to ensure its survival in the presence of an ever-changing world.

To ensure that everyone understands the critical elements of a dynamic and effective Strategy Growth Plan, let's once again define the terms **Vision**, **Values**, and **Goals**.

**Vision** – A clear and concise statements that paints for our parishioners a picture of "what" our church does and "why" she does it. This vision must be challenging enough that it pushes us into the "zone of discomfort" which leads to growth both individually and as a community.

**Values** – core statements of what we believe as Orthodox Christians, and how those beliefs guide our actions. These would include things such as: How do we want to be treated and how will we treat one another, how prospective members and visitors will be treated, and what values will we use to govern how we lead and interact with one another.

**Goals** – also referred to as objectives, this essentially is the PLAN or the path we will use to achieve our vision. Goals must identify four (4) things: 1) a list of what we want to provide to our community; i.e. education, cultural, or social outreach, 2) identifies who we are targeting; our parishioners, youth, seniors, etc., 3) a plan on how we will provide these things to those we have identified and where those resources will come from, and 4) how we will measure the success of what we have done.

#### 2. Parish Council, Laity and Priest Relationship

No matter how well though out a strategic plan is, without sound leadership success is impossible. According to our Archdiocese the relationship between the Parish Council and priest is one of synergy and not separation of duties. By working in harmony, the decisions and [strategies] made are based upon solid stewardship of the resources offered by the parishioners (business side) and a devoted love, compassion, and understanding of the Church and Her mission (spiritual side) "in which both the priest and Parish Council share." (Guidebook for New Parish Council Members of the Greek Archdiocese of America).

In any company the executive leadership does not single-handedly perform all the duties to maintain the operation of the company but is tasked with

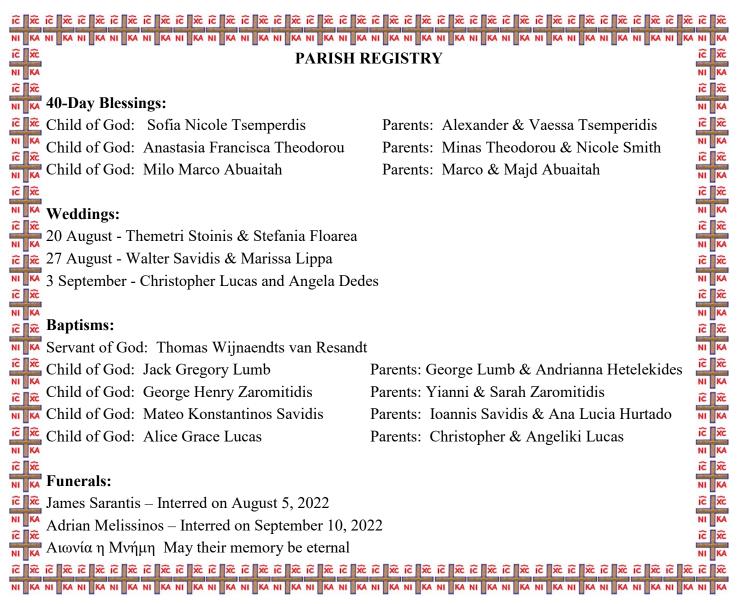
- 1. Enabling and encouraging the workforce to take an active part in achieving the strategic vision.
- 2. Obtaining the resources they need once they are involved.
- 3. Removing obstacles that prevent them from meeting the objectives they have established.
- **4.** Ensuring effective and ongoing mentoring of new leaders.

The Parish Council operates in the same manner with the same objectives, but with the distinct difference that the "business objective" is not profit but working to bring all the laity to the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Most often, Parish Council members, because of their long history growing up in the church and community, possess a wealth of historical knowledge about where the parish has been and what ministries are important and, with guidance from the priest, what ministries are missing. This, along with the inherent executive responsibility of being a Parish Council member gives them the ability to accomplish the four responsibilities listed above. Our Parish Council is dedicated to accepting those responsibilities in support of the important ministries at our church with my primary role as parish priest to provide not only spiritual guidance, but also serve as a bridge of communication between the intimate concerns of the parish while being aware of the "pulse" of both our Metropolis and our Archdiocese.

The process of developing and implementing our Vision and Goals is a journey, not a destination, and will take us time to work through it. Success, however, requires that we all understand the part each of us plays in achieving our vision and we all are dedicated to the work necessary to accomplish the goals we set for our future





# Please Join the Choir!

The Choir is made up of mostly non-musicians who love to sing and we need you!

Sunday October 2 is National Church Musicians Sunday and we want to commemorate this day by inviting new or returning members to join us.

Please stop at the table in the Church Hall for some goodies, chat and sign up to Join the Choir in "SINGING PRAISES TO THE LORD"!



#### **EVENTS AND CHURCH SERVICES:**

- 2 October National Church Music Sunday. Choir Membership Recruitment month
- 5 October Agia Paraskevi Bingo Night, 5:00 9:00 PM
- 8 October Philoptochos Welcome Back Luncheon 11:00 am Church Hall. Refer to ad for details.
- 10 October Columbus Day
- 15 October Drosopigi Society dinner is being held in the Church Hall from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The dinner is open to everyone
- 15 October Good News Submission Deadline.
- 16 October Philoptochos General Meeting after church.
- 16 October GOYA Breast Cancer Walk. 9:00 AM. Refer to ad for details.
- 22 October Oxi Day Panigiri, 4:00 10:00 PM. Open to everyone. Refer to ad for details.
- 23 October Blessing of the Vehicles
- 27 October Seniors Meeting 11:00 AM
- 30 October Trunk or Treat, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the church parking lot. Refer to ad for details.
- +1 November Divine Liturgy, Cosmas & Damianos, 10:00 AM
- 6 November Philoptochos Artoclasia and memorial for departed sisters.
- 7-11 November Father is away
- 8 November Election Day
- 11 November Veterans Day
- 13 November General Assembly meeting following the Divine Liturgy
- 14 November Alternate General Assembly date at 6:00 PM
- 15 November Good News Submission Deadline.



#### **GOYA**

#### Breast Cancer Walk - Sunday, October 16th

Come join our Annunciation GOYA group as we once again participate in the Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk in downtown Rochester. Each year Teri Stembenis leads our GOYA youth in this very important charity event. We will all meet at our church parking lot on Sunday, Oct 16th at 9:00am and proceed to the start of the walk at Frontier Field.

Sunday School every Sunday after Holy Communion unless noted differently in the bulletin

#### On-going adult Orthodox study programs:

- Bible Study every Tuesday, Zoom, 7:00 PM
- Orthodox Questions and Answers every Thursday, YouTube, 7:00 PM
- On-Line Orthodox Catechism on our website under the EDUCATION tab

Greek School every Saturday, 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM unless noted differently in the bulletin

#### **AGENDA – FALL General Assembly 2022**

On Sunday, November 13, 2022, following the Divine Liturgy service we will be having the Fall General Assembly meeting. As in previous years, the GA will be held in church and also livestreamed. We will be able to take questions via chat from the livestream. If a quorum is not met at this meeting, the alternate General Assembly date will be Monday, November 14 at 6:00 PM.

Please see the Agenda below and we look forward to seeing you there and ask that you encourage your friends and family to attend.

1. Call to Order

2. Opening Prayer

3. Approval of previous General Assembly Minutes

4. Treasurer Report and Stewardship

5. Update of Strategic Plan

6. Ministry and Organization Reports

a. Fund Raising Events

Greek Festival

• Golf Outing

b. Communications Ministry

c. Religious Education

d. Philoptochos

e. Choir/Chant

f. GOYA

g. Greek School

h. Seniors Group

i. Cultural Groups

**PC** President

Fr. Angelo

Meeting Chairperson

Eric Vangellow

Jim Stathopoulos/Eric Vangellow

In the interest of time and to allow ample time for a full and open discussion, all ministry updates will be provided on our church website in advance of the General Assembly meeting.

- 7. Call for Questions
- 8. General Maintenance and Upkeep
- 9. Old Business
  - i. Youth Director Update
  - ii. Hall Manager Update
- 10. New Business
  - i. Board of Election Nominations
  - ii. Financial Audit
- 11. Call for Adjournment

GA Chairman

12. Closing Prayer

Fr. Angelo

#### **Outreach Ministry Restarted at Annunciation**

A few years ago we had a vision to create and grow the Outreach Ministry of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church. This effort is a continuation of the great work the parishioners of this community has accomplished throughout the years and continues to do. In the past couple of years even during the Pandemic, we coordinated several very successful charity events with Philoptochos, Sunday School, Greek School and GOYA as well as the general membership of our parish. These included the diaper drive, hygiene kits and contributions to the Rochester Veterans Outreach center.

The Outreach Ministry is committed to continue this vital work with the goal of harmonizing of the community outreach work performed by each of our individual ministries. Also, we have the goal of strategizing on these initiatives and thus this Outreach Ministry has the following objectives

- 1. coordinate the outreach efforts of each of the existing church ministries
- 2. be a single point of contact (at least at the beginning of an effort) with outside organizations
- 3. maintain communication with outside organizations such as Asbury, Catholic Charities, Daystar, Veterans groups, etc.
- 4. communicate parish outreach efforts to the parish through outlets such as the Good News, Bulletin, General assembly, etc.

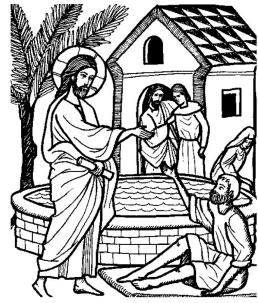
As we are heading out of the pandemic, we are resuming this important ministry to partner with other Ministries within the Greater Rochester Area and offer opportunities to our parishioners to change lives, impact the community and make a difference to those in need.

Our efforts have already begun as Father Angelo and I have already re-established our connection with the Outreach Directors of the Catholic Charities at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and the Outreach Director at Asbury First Methodist Church. In our meetings with their leadership, we are looking to understand their programs and discussed how can we best partner with them to bring opportunities to our parish.

The Outreach Ministry is looking for volunteers who are passionate about changing lives and making a difference within our community. Our commitment to you is to continue connecting with local leadership to bring opportunities to our parish and continue the work that previous generations have started in the spirit of giving and caring for one another.

#### Aliki Schimopoulou

Aliki Schimopoulou Director of Outreach Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church





### **Philoptochos Upcoming Events**

#### **Saturday October 8**

Welcome Back Luncheon 11:00 am Church Hall  $$25~{
m pp}$$ 

RSVP by Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup> to

Karen Balta (585-383-0186, kbalta17@gmail.com) or

Helen Eisenberg (585-737-9960, eisenberghelen3@gmail.com)

#### **Sunday October 16**

General Meeting

#### **Sunday November 6**

Cosmas & Damianos

Artoclasia and Memorial for Departed Sisters,

Pass Tray in Church

\*Bring Dish to Pass for Coffee Hour\*

#### **Sunday November 20**

Philoptochos Bake sale





ENA PRESENTS
(ELLINIKI NEAROI ASSOCIATION)



# **FEATURING: DJ ET**

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF DINNER, DRINKS AND DANCING!

#### **TICKETS**

\$25 FOR ADULTS (18+) \$10 FOR UNDER 18

DINNER IS INCLUDED IN THE TICKET PRICE, CASH BAR \$4 WINE, MIXED DRINKS, BEER \$2 WATER, SODA

ΕΛΑΤΕ ΝΑ ΓΛΕΝΤΗΣΟΥΜΕ!



4:00pm - 6:00pm in the church parking lot

# How to Participate:

-Decorate your trunk (google for ideas) -Bring candy to hand out (NO CANDY WITH NUTS)

-Wear your costume and bring a bag!



Please bring a non-perishable item to benefit local food banks

Parking and preparation begins promptly at 4:00pm with Trick or Treating beginning at 4:30.

For safety reasons NO vehicles will be allowed into the main parking lot after 4:30.

Questions - contact Danielle 585-507-1646





#### 2022 ADVERTISING/SPONSORSHIP DIRECTORY

To increase awareness among our community of the broad range of experience and services available from our parishioners, we are encouraging both parishioners and any vendors to our church to advertise their business and/or family name in our monthly newsletter.

In order to help defray the costs of printing and mailing, this will be a Sponsorship Directory listing only. Advertising images will no longer be used in order to reduce the overall printing cost of the Newsletter. The Newsletter is printed each month during the year, except for one or two months that would be combined.

If you are interested in adding your business or family name to our Sponsorship Directory, the annual Sponsorship Fee is \$150.

Business or Family Name:		
Address:	City:	Zip:
Email:	Phone:	
Contact:		
Website:		

Please make your checks payable to "Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church".

#### **GOOD NEWS SPONSORS**

#### RESTAURANTS

Atlantic Family Restaurant

Arbor at the Port

Arbor Loft

Blades

Blue Ridge Restaurant

Dog Town

Eastridge Diner Steakhouse

Highland Market Bakery & Deli

Highland Park Diner

Jays Diner

Johnny D's Restaurant

Konstantinou's Restaurant

Log Cabin Restaurant & Catering

Long Pond Restaurant

Mels Diner

Olympia Restaurant & Lounge

Parkside Diner and Miniature Golf

Riki Family Restaurant

The Distillery

The Nutcracker Family Restaurant

The Original Steve's Diner - 4 Locations

The Peppermill Restaurant

Town and Country Family Restaurant

Uncle Danny's Family Restaurant

Union Street Coffee House

Voula's Sweets

Yia Yia's Ice Cream Shoppe

Yianni's

#### **PRODUCTS**

AG Foodservice

Ajay Glass Co.

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Konstantinou's Liquor

Rain or Shine Tent Rental

Regional Distributors Inc

Rhino Trunk and Case

Ridge Coin & Jewelry

Rochester Auto Glass

Rochester Meat

Walworth Wine & Spirits

#### **SERVICES**

Akropolis Agency

Averdi

Better Relationships Counseling

Delta Advisory Group, Dimitrios Manou, CPA

**EMS** 

First POS

Metropolitan Window Cleaning

Mike Yar Photo Productions

Ontario Family Dentistry, Dr. Elias Konstantinou

Philoptochos

ReMax Plus

Roxanne Stavropoulos Realtor

Howard Hanna Real Estate Services

#### **MEMORIAMS, FAMILIES & INDIVIDUALS**

In Memory of Jennefer & Perry Noun

Mary Manou

**Nassis Family** 



## Hall Rental Policy for 962 East.

We are excited and eager to finally be able to safely reopen our beautifully renovated church Hall to our community. However, the new renovations, along with the intent to lease the Hall to non-parishioners also, requires us to establish a higher degree of formality regarding rental of the new Hall. To assist in this transition, we have secured a dedicated Hall Manager, Sara Tone, who will be responsible for maintaining the Hall Lease calendar, process booking for both parishioner and non-parishioner, showing of the Hall and coordinating contract requirements and signatures. Our church secretary is no longer responsible for Hall scheduling or coordinating any Hall lease activities. With this in mind, we are establishing the following set of guidelines when leasing our Hall.

Attached is a pricing schedule and usage guide for both parishioners and non-parishioners. The fee to rent the Hall for a Parishioner in Good Standing is \$500 total. A signed Rental Agreement and payment of lease fee are required to reserve a date. All guests are expected to respect all Hall rules laid out in the Hall Lease Agreement. All trash and food stuffs must be disposed of properly at the end of your event. See the Hall Lease Agreement for specific information on the use of decorations.

To qualify for the parishioner rate, the person leasing the Hall must be a member in Good Standing for the current year. *Member in Good Standing* status requires a stewardship card on file for the current year and a reasonable payment amount made towards the current year's stewardship pledge.

To begin the Hall Lease process please go to the homepage of our Annunciation Church website. At the bottom of the home page, you will see a button labeled "Hall Rental." Click there to fill out the request form and you will then be contacted by our Hall Manager.

Note that use of the Hall for recognized church organizations or ministries is at no cost, however they are still required to complete the <u>Hall reservation form</u>, to ensure their dates are blocked from use by the Hall manager. This form can be accessed at the bottom of the home page of our church website.

Generally speaking, Hall rental includes the following. (Please see the HALL Contract for the full details)

- a) Six (6) hours of rental time
- b) Tables and chairs setup according to a previously agreed upon floor plan\*
- c) Limited kitchen access (warming and cold storage privileges only)
- d) Hall cleaned prior to event
- e) Trash bins and bags

The six (6) hours of rental time does not count against setup time and the timing for this should be arranged with the Hall Manager. This rental does not include the following.

- a) Linens for tables, glassware, flatware, and china
- Food service utensils and dishes

Full kitchen privileges requires a \$350 kitchen usage fee if the food will be prepared using the Hall kitchen(s). If the lessee plans on using a catering service that cater, if they are not on the Approved Cater List, must be approved by the Hall Manager prior to use of the Hall kitchen(s).

\* Set-up of the hall does not include taking down or removing any tables due to lack of personnel to do this.
Parishioners are free to take down tables but must reset them after the event. Taking tables down could be done through the set-up fee. For non-parishioners events set-up fees are added to the lease price.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we transition to this new policy which we believe will serve to benefit us both from a financial and community perspective.

Augelo E. Maggos
Fr Angelo E. Maggos
Priest, Annunciation GOC

Jim Stathopoulos

President, Annunciation GOC

<sup>1</sup>Note: The link to the *Hall reservation form* is available on our website. The form is also available in the Church Office.

## **HALL Rates, Access and Requirements**

	Recognized Church	Parishioner in Good	Non-Parishioner
	Organization	Standing	
Hall Lease Fee			Starting @ \$1000. Final
naii Lease Fee	No Charge	\$500	price dependent on type of
	No charge	\$300	package selected.
Hall Lease Deposit	N/A, however, the Church	Full amount required at	\$500 deposit at time of
	Organization MUST	time of reservation.	reservation.
	complete the Hall		
	Registration <sup>1</sup> form to	Completion of the Hall	Completion of the Hall
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Hall Balance	N/A	N/A	Balance due two (2) weeks
			before event takes place.
Hall Lease Time	No later than 10pm	No later than 10pm	No later than 10pm
		6-hour event time.	6-hour event time.
		Setup time does not affect	Setup time does not affect
		this time.	this time.
		Additional time is	Additional time is
		\$100/hour	\$100/hour
Kitchen Privileges	Full privileges	Full privileges but requires	None
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Cancellation Policy	N/A, however Church	Hall lease fee recoverable if	Hall lease fee recoverable
	Organization MUST notify	Hall Manager is notified no	if Hall Manager is notified
	the Hall Manager 2 weeks prior to the event if their	later than two (2) weeks prior to event.	no later than two (2) weeks prior to event.
	event is cancelled.	prior to event.	weeks prior to event.
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Use of Caterers	At discretion of the	At discretion of the	Must be selected from
osc or caterers	Organization but must be	organization but must be	church approved catering
	approved by PC.	approved by PC.	list.
Setup and Cleanup	Responsibility of the church	If the Lessee is not	Setup is included in Hall
Setup and Cleanup	ministry or organization that	providing the setup, then	leasing fee.
	is leasing the Hall.	setup fee is \$100.	
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		Setup plan required no	later than 2 weeks prior to
		later than 2 weeks prior to the event.	the event.
		the event.	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Note: The link to the *Hall reservation form* is available on our website. The form is also available in the Church Office.

#### **Annunciation Policies**

#### MEMORIAL FUNDS DISTRIBUTION POLICY

All monies received during a funeral or memorial service that are made out to the church, that is, checks marked with "Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church" or cash with the envelope marked with "Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church" will be used for purposes in support of church operation.

These could include support of recognized church ministries, sacramental articles purchased for the church proper or for ongoing campaigns such as Hall Renovation or other capita improvements.

If it is desired that these monies are to be used for other wishes that the family may have the family must ensure that they announce that these checks or cash be designated as such.

All monies received for funerals are tracked and family members will receive a listing of those who donated, typically within 40-60 days following the date of the funeral. In addition, for all monies received designated "Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church," donors will receive a letter thanking them for their donation to the church in memory of the deceased.

#### POLICY FOR DOCUMENT PREPARATION:

There is a required processing charge of \$40 per document. This charge covers research, preparation and routing of documents such as Certificate of Residency, Certificate of Freedom to Marry, Reissued Marriage Certificate, Reissued Baptism Certificate and Certificate of Death. Additional documents are \$20.00 per document.

#### **WEDDINGS:**

We have wedding candles in the office for purchase which is required at the time of the ceremony. The donation for the plain one is \$30.00. \$100 would be for the decorated ones. Lena has them in the office. The Stefanas are sold out - Lena does have catalogs for Stefanas in the Office if anyone is interested in shopping on-line.

#### **BAPTISMS:**

We also have baptismal candles, \$30 for the large plain candle and \$7 each for the two (2) smaller plain candles. If you are interested in purchasing decorated candles, the larger one is \$50, the two (2) smaller ones are \$25 for the set.

#### **MEMORIALS:**

Coffee Hour scheduling for family memorials is the responsibility of the Philoptochos unless other arrangements have been made by the family sponsoring the Memorial. The family which is sponsoring the Memorial is asked to:

- 1. Contact the Parish Secretary to arrange scheduling for Coffee Hour that day. The Secretary will contact the Philoptochos President.
- 2. Arrange for or pay for Coffee Hour food items that are in excess of the standard menu (coffee, drinks, and simple snacks).
- 3. Coordinate the preparation and delivery of Koliva (if used). The Philoptochos or Church office can provide information on persons who can prepare Koliva. The standard rate for the preparation of koliva is \$150.

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#### 2022 PARISH COUNCIL

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