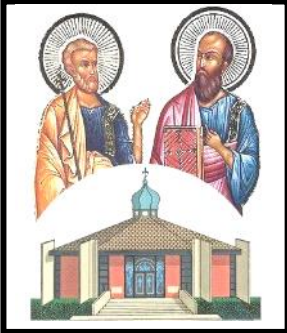


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The Feast of Annunciation

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The Feast of the Annunciation of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on April 7 each year. The Feast commemorates the announcement by the Archangel Gabriel to the Virgin

Mary that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Son of God, would become incarnate and enter into this world through her womb.

Biblical Story

The biblical story of the Feast of the Annunciation is found in the first chapter of the Gospel of Luke (1:26-39). The Archangel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary, who was living in

Nazareth, and said to her, “Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you.” Mary was perplexed and wondered what kind of greeting this was.

The angel told her not to be afraid, for she had found favor with God. He said, “You will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there will be no end.” Mary responded to the angel by asking how this could happen since she had no husband. The angel told her that the Holy Spirit and the power of God would come upon her, and that the child to be born of her would be called holy, the “Son of God.” The angel then proceeded to tell the Virgin Mary that her cousin Elizabeth had conceived a son in her old age (John the Baptist), and affirmed that with God nothing is impossible.

In faith and obedience to the will of God, Mary replied to the angel, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be according to your word.” Upon her response, the angel departed. It is on the Feast of the Annunciation, that Orthodox Christians commemorate both the divine initiative of God, whereby He took on flesh from the Virgin for our salvation, and the human response, whereby Mary freely accepted the vocation offered to her. He elected to become man, and He desired to do this with the willing agreement of her whom He chose as His mother. Mary could have refused, for she was not a passive instrument, but an active participant with a free and positive part to play in God’s plan for our salvation. Thus, when on this and other feasts the Orthodox Church honors the Theotokos, the Mother of God, it is not just because God chose her but also because she herself chose to follow His will.



Icon of the Feast

The icon of the Annunciation is one that presents the joy of the announcement of the coming of Christ. It is an icon of bright colors, depicting the Archangel Gabriel, who has descended from heaven, and the Virgin Mary, who has been chosen to be the Mother of God.



Liturgical Schedule



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| Today | <p>Fourth Sunday of the Great Lent. Tone four. Great Lent. Fish Allowed Venerable John Lestvichnik (movable holiday on the 4th Sunday of the Great Lent). The Annunciation of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary. Martyrs Pelagia, Theodosia, and Dula of Nicomedia, who suffered under Valentinian. Venerable Parthenius of the Kiev Caves (1855). St. Senuphius the Wonderworker of Latomos (9th c.).</p> |
|  | <p>Hebrews 2:11-18 Theotokos Luke 1:24-38 Theotokos Hebrews 6:13-20 Mark 9:17-31 Reader of the Hours - Karen Jakubczak Reader of the Eng. Epist.– Karen Jakubczak Reader of the Ukr. Epist.– Halyna Kashpar</p> |
| <p>April 13 Saturday Vespers at 6:00pm</p> | |
| <p>Sunday April 14</p> | <p>Fifth Sunday of the Great Lent. Tone five. Great Lent. Food with Oil Venerable Mary of Egypt (movable holiday on the 5th Sunday of the Great Lent). Venerable Mary the Egyptian (522). Venerable Gerontius, youth, canonarch of the Kiev Caves (14th c.). Venerable Macarius, abbot of Pelecete (840). Martyrs Geroncius and Basilides (3rd c.). Righteous Achaz. St. Meliton, bishop of Sardis (177). St. Procopius, abbot of Sazava (1053). Sts. John of Shavta and Vardzia (12-13th c.) and Eulogius the Prophet and Fool-for-Christ (Georgia).</p> |
|  | <p>Hebrews 9:11-14 Galatians 3:23-29 (Venerable Mary) Mark 10:32-45 Luke 7:36-50 (Venerable Mary) Reader of the Hours - Gayle Woloschak Reader of the Eng. Epist.– Gayle Woloschak Reader of the Ukr. Epist.– Olga Piskoun</p> |

Lenten Fish Fry Friday



Two Lenten fish fries this year were unbelievable successful. Thanks to our parish family and friends, who have come and supported the events. The food was delicious. Atmosphere just great. Thank God for amazing time. Great turnout of volunteers for both times. Fish fries were not only fundraising events, but also socializing events where community has come together for a common goal.

Our Church's All Saints camp in Emlenton PA

For more information or to register please go to <https://www.uoc youth.org/campingministry>

Diocesan Church School Camp

June 23 - July 6, 2019 for Children 9 - 13

Diocesan Church School Camp was developed over 30 years ago after the success of the UOC of USA's teenage camping program. DCSC is designed to meet the needs of youth ages 9-13.

50/50 Club

Join the 50/50 Club in our parish. Membership is only \$5.00 a month or \$60.00 a year. You can win from \$130.00 to \$200.00 every month.

The more members we get the more money you can win. In our history we had prizes of \$500.00 a month.

Plus, all of the proceeds from the club are donated to the parish.

Since the beginning, the 50/50 Club, has donated over \$99,000.00 to the parish!

Become a member and support your Parish Church.

For more information please see the president of the 50/50 club Mr. Michael Gbur or call the rectory

Announcements

Sisterhood of St. Anne



God bless our volunteers!

We will Continue our work in the kitchen this week. Working days are:

Sunday April 14– Make Plum

Monday April 15- 8:00am Make Plum pierogies & Stuffed Cabbage

Tuesday April 16 - 8:00am make SK & Pot balls

Wednesday April 17- 8:00am make SK & Pot pieroies

Thursday April 18-Sale

We are in need of volunteers especially on Monday and Tuesday

Seraphim Group



Seraphim Group is a group of seniors and their friends that meets at least every second Tuesday of the month. The group enjoys verity of activities.

From get together in the Church hall for lunch and games to outings to the movies and local restaurants or attractions. Everyone is welcome to join them for great time in the friendly atmosphere of fellow parishioners and friends.

Next meeting is Tuesday April 9, 2019. We will decide on outing or gathering at the church hall. Bring a friend. For more info see Debbie Pierog— President of the Seraphim Group

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708-710-6009 Text or Call

Prayer Corner for the Month of March



We ask all of you to remember in your prayers the following individuals, who are in need of God's healing and grace:

John Hryn, Donna Nevels, Maria, Andrew J, Tony Zerebny, Maria Savoy, Nicole, Tom Macauliffe, John, Ethel Smith, Michael P, Anthony, Catherine Hladky, Andrew Hladky, Wally and Ann Podlecki, Valentina Schacht, Dean Manson, Pavlo & Polina, Barbara Patronik, Elias, Roxana, Anthony Bendy, Katie Bruce, Patti Faye, Toni Marie Klavin, Michael Kimak, Chloe Mckinney, Yuriy Zmysly, Paul Jr & Dorothy Seliga, Wolodymer Kashpar, Priest Vasyl Dovhan, Priest David Clooney, Priest Petro, PM Maria, Frankie, Zachary, Orest, Oksana, Alexander, Paul.

Seven Day Vigil Candles

Happy 80th Birthday Leona Jaksich. We are blessed to call you "Mama" and "Grandma".

We love you - Susan, Michael, Michael T., Jordan, Diana, Joe, Daniel and Corey

For the health and God's blessing of Family Members by Alvine & Mike Gbur

For the health and quick recovery after the surgery of Lilian Cepynsky by Katie Bruce

For the health of Mr. Alvarez by Michael Su

For the health of my parents Pavlo & Polina in Ukraine by Halyna Kashpar

For the health and quick recovery of Lilian Cepynsky after the surgery by Fr. Vasyl



For the health of classmate Gerald Largent by Fr. Vasyl

For the health and quick recovery after the surgery of Lilian Cepynsky by PM Olenka

For the health and quick recovery of John Hryn by Fr. Vasyl

Janet Milton in love and blessed memory of Monte on the 3rd anniversary of his passing into eternal life. Memory Eternal.



In memory of newly reposed in the Lord Evhenia in Ukraine by Halyna Kashpar

In memory of my uncle Vasyl on the First anniversary of His passing into eternal life by Halyna Kashpar

In memory of Maria Naumenko by Frank and Tina Palasti

In memory of Anthony Kaczor by Michael Supilowski

Building Fund Donations

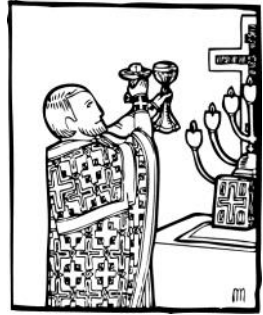
Sisterhood of St. Anne in memory of Anatoly Meuch—\$50.00

Pan Orthodox Pre-Sanctified Liturgies

The Orthodox churches of the Palos area will come together to celebrate 4 Presanctified Liturgies of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Wednesdays of Lent at 7:00pm. Each parish will take turns to welcome local Orthodox clergy and laity and provided Lenten potluck dinners after the Liturgy. Brief Lenten reflection will be offered by one of our priests.

I encourage you to participate at the service as well as fellowship after the Divine Liturgy.

THIS Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00 pm
St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church
6330 W. 127th St. Palos Heights, IL 60463
Reflection by Fr. Paul Jannakos



Sunday Services in two Languages

Almost Every First Sunday of the Month there will be All English Divine Liturgy at 9:30am followed by All Ukrainian Pro-Liturgy at 11:30am. Today is special Sunday and



Festival Cash Raffle

This year, we have decided to have an early presale of the Big Cash Raffle tickets of Festival 2019.

If you would like to purchase the tickets, please see John Grzymiski. Cost of 1 ticket is \$100.00. You can split the cost with family, friends, coworkers, fellow parishioners. You can be on multiple tickets.

Memorial Service Panahyda



Today: 1 year anniversary of mother Stephanie Luchyn, entering eternal life. Requested by Loraine Ehlert.

Coffee Hour Schedule



Today — After First Liturgy: Olga Piskoun
After Pro-Liturgy: Olga Piskoun
04/14/2019 Ludmila Piskoun and Olga Piskoun
04/21/2019 **Palm Sunday Brunch Potluck**
04/28/2019 **PASCHA**
05/05/2019 **St. Thomas Sunday Chicken & Lamb Roast**
Please remember the dates you are signed up to do the coffee hour
If you would like to volunteer for the Coffee Hour or need to change your scheduled date, please see Olga Piskoun call 708-361-5165 or email opiskoun@yahoo.com

Save the Date

Pysanka Workshop — Sunday April 14, 2019 at Noon

Children Pascha Bread baking

— Palm Sunday April 21, 2019 at Noon

Church Humor

An inexperienced young priest was to hold a graveside burial service at a pauper's cemetery for an indigent man with no family or friends. Not knowing where the cemetery was, he made several wrong turns and got lost. When he eventually arrived an hour late, the hearse was nowhere in sight, the backhoe was next to the open hole, and the workmen were sitting under a tree eating lunch.

The diligent young pastor went to the open grave and found the vault lid already in place. Feeling guilty because of his tardiness, he preached an impassioned and lengthy service, sending the deceased to the great beyond in style.

As he returned to his car, he overheard one of the workman say to the other, "I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years and I ain't never seen anything like that."