

# COCA January 2025

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January 20 2025 / 6:36PM / Annunciation

## ATTENDEES

St George: Judge Kathryn Michael, Bob Snyder

Annunciation: Fr Nick Manuel, Lou Poplos, John Bober

St Elia: Joshua Wherley

The Presentation of Our Lord: Maria Waterhouse

St Thomas: No representation (weather)

St Nicholas: No representation (weather)

St Herman of Alaska: No representation (weather)

Dormition: No representation

St Archangel Michael: No representation

St Demetrius: No representation

## AGENDA

Meeting began with an opening prayer led by Fr Nick.

Secretary read the minutes. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Lou Poplos, seconded by Joshua Wherley. The motion was passed.

Treasurer Lou Poplos gave the current COCA checkbook balance of \$6201.60. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Josh Wherley and seconded by Bob Snyder. Motion passed.

## Updates from the Churches/Organizations

- Presentation:

Upcoming 9th Annual Cultural Events announced: Man of God will be shown on Thursday, January 23rd. Doors open at 6:30. Movie begins at 7:00.

- Annunciation:

Thursday, January 23 there will be Liturgy in honor of St Xenia at 6:30pm.

This Friday, January 24 there will be Vigil in honor of St Gregory at 6:00pm. When the vigil is over, the group usually goes out for pizza.

Vasilopita Dance to be held on January 25, from 6-11pm. Tickets are still available.

- St Elia:

\$668.00 was the final amount brought in for the St Herman Seminary in Alaska. Which made the total \$1,336 after the diocese match.

The Peter Maurin drive went well.

A new member was received by Chrismation after Saturday vespers last week.

A combined Parish Council meeting of the 2024-25 members will be held on January 21 at 6:30 pm.

They continue having weekly visitors.

- St George:

The food and coats were delivered from the drive.

The Young Adults and Families Meeting and dinner was five days ago.

There will be a Mens Club Meeting, Thursday, February 2 6PM. There will be a speaker on the topic of Orchids.

The COCA meeting in February will be held by St George.

The new seminarian just started his classes through the St Stephen program.

- St Herman: No representation
- St Mary: No representation
- St Nicholas: No representation
- St Thomas: No representation
- OCW

Annual Winter Mini-Retreat is this Saturday, January 25th at 9:30 - 12 at St Thomas. Orthodox clergy who are converts will present their stories and field questions.

- Clergy Association

Lenten Sunday Evening Vespers Schedule:

March 9 Sunday of Orthodoxy at The Presentation of Our Lord

March 16 - St Gregory of Palamas at St Thomas

March 23 - Sunday of the Cross at St Elia

March 30 - Sunday of the Ladder at Saint George

April 6 - St Mary of Egypt at St Nicholas

All services begin at 5:00pm.

### Old Business / New Business

- Discussion: Clergy association is still looking for a speaker for Orthodoxy Sunday.

Some people are not happy with COCA being under the Annunciation non profit umbrella. Judge Kathryn will get information.

Pan Orthodox Choral Concert discussed as a fundraiser this year for COCA in the Fall. This could coincide with St Romanos the hymnographer day on October 1. Fr Nick will bring this topic to the Clergy Association meeting on Oct. 4.

Progressive icon tour was also discussed as a fundraiser. Each month a church sponsors a dinner and gives a church tour specific to their

ethnicity/history. An invitation could be sent to the Akron historical society. It would be open to the public.

**The meeting was over at 7:20. Fr Nick led the closing prayer.**

Next meeting was changed to St George on February 17 due to St Demetrius remodeling.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Waterhouse