

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Presentation of Christ (Ypapanti) Greek Orthodox Church is celebrating 100 years of ministry this year and will mark this centennial with three days of celebration on October 23-25; and

WHEREAS, in Greek, the congregation is officially known as “I Ypapanti tou Kyriou” which translates to “Presentation of Christ;” the name refers to the tradition of the mother taking her child to the Temple for the first time, forty days after his or her birth; this tradition is still a part of the Greek Orthodox Christian life – a mother will bring her child to the Church forty days after birth and both will receive special blessings; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1915, this small East Pittsburgh parish is only one of the more than 500 churches in the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of the United States named Ypapanti; the community was established by immigrants from several regions of Greece; the founders built a church that would serve as a center to maintain their Orthodox faith, Hellenic culture, and Greek language and traditions; and

WHEREAS, original construction of the church took place in 1915-1917, and many other updates and changes have been made since; in the sanctuary, the solea has been raised in front of the altar, the pulpit has been lowered to the solea, walls have been painted, cushions have been added to the pews, air conditioning has been installed and Sunday school classrooms were constructed; and

WHEREAS, the church still has many groups today that focus on perpetuating the orthodox religion: a choir that sings the Sunday Liturgy in both Greek and English, chanters who are there for all of the Matins and Liturgies, the altar servers who humbly help the Priest, and adult and student Bible classes that are offered throughout the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate the Presentation of Christ (Ypapanti) Greek Orthodox Church and its congregation on this exciting 100th anniversary and wish the church many more wonderful years to come.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 23rd day of October, 2015.

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