

October 2024

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The Kimisis Tis Theotokou Greek Orthodox Church Monthly Bulletin



Monastery of St. Gerasimos of Kefalonia, in Kefalonia, Greece Celebrates every October 20th

About St. Gerasimos

On October 20 we celebrate St. Gerasimos of Kefalonia. St. Gerasimos is a wonder-working saint whose relics have remained incorrupt for nearly 500 years after his falling asleep! His relics are on the island of Kefalonia, on the western shore of Greece, where he founded a women's monastery.

St. Paisios of Mount Athos said that God has given the Orthodox the incorrupt relics of three saints to these islands – St. Spyridon

on Corfu, St. Dionysios on Zakynthos, and St. Gerasimos on Kefalonia – as a dam to protect the Orthodox from conversion to Roman Catholicism (since these islands lay between Greece and Italy).

St. Gerasimos was a great ascetic who lived on Mt. Athos, in the Holy Land, and in various places in Greece, before settling on Kefalonia. His most characteristic saying, which is inscribed on many of his icons, was: "Children, live in peace and do not be arrogant."

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St. Phanourios

A patron saint of helping us to find lost items.

A Reflection by Silouani (Silvia) Kazas

Intro note by Fr. Theodosios Palis: One day after the Divine Liturgy, I spoke with Silouani Kazas about the intercessions of St. Phanourios in our lives and she shared a miracle connected with a sermon about how we respond to trials in our lives, whether big or small. I asked her to write up her experience so I could share it with our parish.

On June 17th we left on a direct flight from Toronto to Athens. I was the only one in our family that needed to check my luggage. We arrived safely in Athens on June 18th. We couldn't wait to see Elena, our daughter, who had been in Greece since January 5th.

We quickly headed to the baggage carousel to retrieve my bag. There was a crowd of people everywhere as you can imagine. George & Elias looked for my luggage while I stayed off to the side with the rest of the carry-on bags & backpacks.

After almost 1 hour had passed my luggage was nowhere to be found. It became obvious my bag was lost. I started to think of the few items I had in there that could not be replaced. I was a little frustrated with myself for not marking the luggage better, however, I did not get angry with anyone else.

I took a deep breath, and immediately started to pray to Saint Phanourios, for my luggage to be found. As George went to file a missing baggage report he noticed a suitcase just like mine by the side of the counter, the only difference was that this one had a large lock. George and the airport representative figured that person must have grabbed my bag, thinking it was theirs.

I remained calm & continued to pray. I promised Saint Phanourios that I would bake a fanouropita cake once it was found. I believed it would be found.

The next day we left Athens and headed to our cousin Gina's beach house in Halkidiki, which is about 4 ½ hours north of Athens and 30 minutes outside of Thessaloniki.

Upon our arrival we went to the beach. As we were relaxing from our past few days of travel and lost luggage drama, George got the call that my luggage was returned by the person who mistakenly thought it was his. I did my cross, thanking St. Phanourios! We were all so happy.

5 days later we returned to Athens. My suitcase was there untouched at the home of our family in Vrilissia. Our other cousin Youli & I made the St. Phanourios cake that night as promised.

The next day, we walked to their neighborhood Church of the Holy 12 Apostles for the vespers services & had the blessing of the phanouropita cake. We then handed out a piece to each of the faithful parishioners who were in attendance.

The first Sunday we returned to our Church was July 21st. I was listening to Father Theodosios' sermon (on 4th Sunday of Matthew) and towards the end, he mentioned situations that happen to people all the time, and he said that you have a choice in how you would react. Father gave examples of losing luggage, or someone cutting you off in traffic, or being late for something or something just happening that's not good and the question is: What is our response? Is it anger? Is it hate, retribution, or jealousy?

Are we OK with these things that happen and having these types of reactions? Or do we desire faith and trust in Christ?

Do we want our faith and love to increase through prayer, obedience and patience?

Sometimes you just do the right thing without realizing it. That is Christ working through you. In Luke 16:10 the Bible says, "*If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones*". By practicing the virtues of prayer, obedience and patience daily, we are able to go through more trying situations.

Back home, I made a point to attend services for the Feast of St. Phanourios on August 27th. It was a beautiful service, and Sophie Gregory's phanouropita cake was delicious!

God willing, I will continue to attend every year.

Thank you, St. Phanourios!

Fanouropita 24cm springform

Ingredients

6 g baking soda, 1 tsp
250 mL orange juice, strained, see notes1
150 mL water, at room temperature
200 mL extra virgin olive oil
3 g ground cinnamon, 1 tsp
2/3 tsp lemon or orange zest
105 g caster sugar
380 g plain flour, sifted
55 g raisins
100 g walnuts, coarsely chopped
icing sugar, for garnish

Method

The method followed is the same as what is outlined below, but instead a 24cm diameter springform is used and the baking time required is a bit less, 55min.

Notes

As an indication I needed 3 small oranges but that may vary depending on the juiciness of oranges used.
 If the baking dish you use is smaller in diameter, then the cake may need more time and it will crack more, so keep that in mind. 3

Parish Recent Pictures!



Cakes in honor of Fr. Theodosios' 2 year anniversary in his hometown parish.



Our New Printer & Our new Marquee Signs





Sunday School & Youth Sermons back in session!

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Blessing Phanouropites on the Feast of St. Phanourios





Service & Outreach Committee preparing meals for the hungry

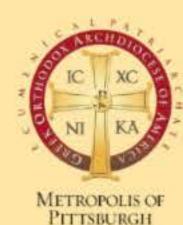


Our IV campers sharing their blessings and experiences.



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on Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Feast of the Holy Pro- tection <i>Fr. Palis out of town</i>	2 Fr. Palis out of town	3 1p Senior Fellowship Meeting	4	5 10a-1p Greek Schools <i>Consecration of the Holy</i> <i>Dormition Church in Oak-</i> <i>mont, PA</i>
6 3rd Sunday of Luke & St. Thomas the Apostle 8:30a Orthros 10a Divine Liturgy 11a Sunday School 12p GOYA Stump the Priest Event	~	∞	9 6p Paraklesis to St. Paisi- os 7p Parish Council Mtg.	0	=	12 10a-1p Greek Schools 5:45p 9th Hour, Vespers, & 5m. Compline 7:15p Sat. Catechism Class
13 Sunday of the 7th E. C. 8:30a Orthros 10a Divine Liturgy 11a Sunday School 1p Walk for Missions at South Park & Schenley Park	14 <i>Columbus Day</i> h	15	16 6p Small Paraklesis to the Theotokos 7p Wed. Catechism Class	17 5p Vespers for St. Luke 6p Packing Lunches for Aliquippa High School	18 St. Luke the Evan- gelist <i>YAL Conference</i> 8:30a Orthros & Di- vine Liturgy	19 YAL Conference 10a-1p Greek Schools 5:45p 9th Hour, Vespers, & 5m. Compline 7:15p Sat. Catechism Class
20 6th Sunday of Luke & <i>St. Gerasimos of Kefalonia</i> <i>YAL Conference</i> 8:30a Orthros 10a Divine Liturgy 11a Sunday School 12p Fall General Assembly	21	22 Services TBA	23 St. lakovos the Broth- er of Our Lord <i>Services TBA</i> 6p Paraklesis to St. De- metrios	24 6:30p Philoptochos General Mtg.	25 YA Retreat at Camp Naz. 9p Vigil for St. Deme- trios	26 St. Demetrios of Thessa- Joniki <i>YA Retreat at Camp Naz.</i> 10a Soup & Sandwich Out- reach reach 10a-1p Greek Schools 4:45p 9th Hour, Vespers, & Sm. Compline 6p HOPA Movie Night
27 7th Sunday of Luke & <i>Stewardship Sunday</i> <i>YA Retreat at Camp Naz.</i> 330a Orthros 10a Divine Liturgy 11a Sunday School 12p Fall General Assembly Backun Date	28	29 1p Senior Fellowship Board Mtg.	30 6p Small Paraklesis to the Theotokos 7p Wed. Catechism Class	31 6p Packing Lunches for Aliquippa High School		
	he ''live'' version of this	The "live" version of this calendar can be found on t	the Parish website: https://www.theotokou.org/calendar/monthly-view-calendar/	ww.theotokou.org/calenda	r/monthly-view-calenda	ar/

Day	DATE	SCHEDULE	EPISTLE READER	Epistle Reading
Sunday	September 8	Sunday School Kickoff Pizza Party	Avdellas, Eleni	Galatians 6:11-18
Sunday	September 15	Regular Schedule 11 AM Start	Burnett, Nyla	Galatians 2:16-20
Sunday	September 22	Regular Schedule 11 AM Start	Colonias, Sophia	I Corinthians 16:13-24
Sunday	September 29	Regular Schedule 11 AM Start	Eberhart, Mia	II Corinthians 1:21-
Sunday	October 6	Regular Schedule 11 AM Start - GOYA Stump the Priest	Grekis, Giavanna	II Corinthians 4:6-15
Sunday	October 13	Regular Schedule 11 AM Start	Hahn, Ana	<u>Titus 3:8-15</u>
Sunday	October 20	Regular Schedule 11 AM Start	Jaber, Niko	II Corinthians 6:16-18;7:1
Sunday	October 27	Regular Schedule 11 AM Start	Jaber, Reyad	II Corinthians 9:6-11
Sunday	November 3 Time Change	Regular Schedule 10:30 AM Start - GOYA Stump the Priest	Katsadas, Maria	II Corinthians 11:31-
Sunday	November 10	Regular Schedule 10:30 AM Start - God Parent Sunday	Kazas, Elias	Galatians 1:11-19
Friday	November 15	Nativity Fast Begins!	Nativity Fast Begins!	
Sunday	November 17	Regular Schedule 10:30 AM Start - Christmas Pageant Practice	Krzeczowski, Nicholas	Galatians 2:16-20
Sunday	November 24	GOYA Fall Retreat - No GOYA Class	Santoro, Irini	Galatians 6:11-18
Sunday	December 1	Regular Schedule 10:30 AM Start - Christmas Pageant Practice	Santoro, Mack	Ephesians 2:4-10
Sunday	December 8	Regular Schedule 10:30 AM Start - Christmas Pageant Practice	Tanweer, Eleni	Ephesians 2:14-22
Sunday	December 15	Regular Schedule 10:30 AM Start - Christmas Pageant Practice	Tanweer, Emilea	II Timothy 1:8-18
Saturday	December 21	Confession for Sunday School students, Christmas Pageant practice	,	
Sunday	December 22	Christmas Program		Hebrews 11:9-10; 32-40
Sunday	December 29	No Sunday School - Christmas Break	Avdellas, Eleni	Galatians 1:11-19
Sunday	January 5	Regular Schedule 10:30 AM Start - sign up for house blessings!	Burnett, Nyla	II Timothy 4:5-8
Sunday	January 12	Regular Schedule 10:30 AM Start - Vasilopita & GOYA Stump the F		Ephesians 4:7-13
Sunday	January 19	Regular Schedule - No GOYA Classes - GOYA Basketball Tournam		Colossians 3:4-11
Sunday	January 26	Regular Schedule	Colonias, Sophia	<u>I Timothy 4:9-15</u>
Sunday	February 2	Regular Schedule - No GOYA Classes - GOYA Basketball Tournam		Hebrews 7:7-17
Sunday	February 9	Regular Schedule 10:30 AM Start	Grekis, Giavanna	<u>II Timothy 3:10-15</u>
Sunday	February 16	Regular Schedule - GOYA BB Tournament #3	Kazas, Nikoletta*	I Corinthians 6:12-20
Sunday	February 23	Regular Schedule - GOYA BB Tournament #3?	Eberhart, Mia	<u>I Corinthians 8:8-13;9:1-2</u>
Sunday	March 2	Regular Schedule 10:30 AM Start - GOYA Stump the Priest	Hahn, Ana	Romans 13:11-14;14:1-4
Sunday	March 9 Time Change	Regular Schedule 10:30 AM Start - Sunday of Orthodoxy PLEASE		Hebrews 12:1-10
Sunday	March 16	Regular Schedule 10:30 AM Start	Jabar, Reyad	Hebrews 1:10-14;2:1-3
Sunday	March 23	Regular Schedule 10:30 AM Start - Sunday of the Holy Cross	Katsadas, Maria	Hebrews 4:14-16;5:1-6
Sunday	March 30	Regular Schedule 10:30 AM Start - GOYA Stump the Priest	Kazas, Elias	Hebrews 6:13-20
Sunday	April 6	Regular Schedule 10:30 AM Start	Krzeczowski, Nicholas	
Saturday	April 12	Lazarus Saturday - Sunday School lazarakia baking, making palm		
Sunday	April 13	Regular Schedule 10:30 AM Start		Philippians 4:4-9
Friday	April 18			<u>1 mippians 4.4-9</u>
Saturday	April 19	Bring pascha baskets to the midnight service		
Sunday	April 20	GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA - No Classes	PASCHA	Acts 1:1-8
Sunday	April 27	Regular Schedule 10:30 AM Start	Santoro, Mack	Acts 5:12-20
Sunday	May 4	Regular Schedule 10:30 AM Start - GOYA Stump the Priest	Tanweer, Eleni	Acts 6:1-7
Sunday	May 11	Regular Schedule 10:30 AM Start	Tanweer, Emilea	Acts 9:32-42
Sunday	May 18	Sunday School Commencement & Honoring the Graduates	Kazas, Elias	
Sunday	IVIAY 10	Sunday School Commencement & Honoring the Graduates	Nazas, Ellas	<u>Acts 11:19-30</u>



GREEK METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

2024-2025 CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2024

National Youth Safety Month

- I Sunday School Planning Calendars Available
- 20-22 Family Camp Camp Nazareth 28 Clergy Laity Assembly - Holy Cross,

Pittsburgh

NOVEMBER 2024

- **8-10** Folk Dance Festival St. Nicholas, Bethlehem, PA
 - 13 Virtual Oratorical Festival Meeting
 - 15 Nativity Fast Outreach Calendar Begins

22-24 GOYA Fall Retreat - Camp Nazareth

JANUARY 2025

17-19 GOYA Basketball Tournament 1 -Annunciation, York & Archangel Michael, Campbell
26 Oratorical Education Sunday
31-2 GOYA Basketball Tournament 2 at Annunciation, Cleveland, OH & St. Haralambos, Canton, OH

OCF Awareness Month

18-20 YAL Conference - Pittsburgh25-27 Young Adult Retreat - Camp Nazareth

DECEMBER 2024

- 7 Online Athletics Seminar at 10:00 AM
- 8 Online Athletics Seminar at 5:00 PM
- 14 HOPE & JOY Nativity Retreat St. George, Huntington
- 27-30 OCF College Conference Antiochian Village

FEBRUARY 2025

5-8 Orthodox Youth and Camp Workers Conference

Conference

- 14-16 GOYA Basketball Tournament 3A -Dormition, Oakmont/Ypapanti, East Pittsburgh
- 21-23 GOYA Basketball Tournament 3B -Holy Cross, Pittsburgh

MARCH 2025

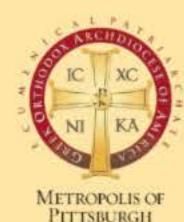
1 Northeastern HOPE & JOY Lenten Mini Retreat - Annunciation, Akron, OH
14-16 Young Adult Retreat - Camp Nazareth
22 Central Region HOPE & JOY Lenten Mini Retreat - St. Nicholas, Pittsburgh
22-23 Weekend of Service presented with Metropolis Ladies Philoptochos Society
29 Eastern Region HOPE & JOY Lenten Mini Retreat - Annunciation, Lancaster, PA
29 GOYA Indoor Volleyball Tournament - St. John the Divine, Wheeling

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GREEK METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

2024-2025 CALENDAR

APRIL 2025

4-6 GOYA Spring Retreat
5 HOPE & JOY Lenten Mini Retreat -St. John, Charleston
26 Metropolis Oratorical Festival -Annunciation, Lancaster

MAY 2025

- 3 Eastern Region GOYA Soccer Tournament
 - Annunciation, Lancaster
- **16-18** Summer Camp Staff Training National Oratorical Festival - St. Nicholas,
- 30-1 Pittsburgh
 - Sand Volleyball Tournament at SandBox
 - 31 St. Paul, North Royalton, OH

JUNE 2025

7 Wonderfully Made Day Retreat – St. Nicholas, Youngstown
15-21 Week 1 of Summer Camp
22-28 Week 2 of Summer Camp
29-5 Week 3 of Summer Camp

JULY 2025

6-12 Week 4 of Summer Camp TBD Greek Day at Kennywood

AUGUST 2025

Central Region Paraklesis - New Metropolis Center, Washington
 Western Region Paraklesis - St. Paul, North Royalton

12 Eastern Region Paraklesis - Annunciation, York

TBD GOMoPalooza Music & Arts Festival

SAVE THE DATE! 2026 GOYA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

January 9-11, 2026 Janaury 23-25, 2026 February 13-15, 2026 February 20-22, 2026 Tournament 1 Tournament 2 Tournament 3A Tournament 3B

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November 22-24, 2024 at Camp Nazareth

Camper Registration & Staff Applications will open October 1st at 7pm. More information: y2am.pittsburgh.goarch.org/retreats



Service & Outreach Committee

"The good we do today becomes the happiness of tomorrow." Anonymous

The celebration of **Father Theodosios's second anniversary** was amazing. Our parish came together to honor our spiritual leader. Our team worked tirelessly to prepare for this celebration.

Thank you to the following donors for their monetary/food donations:

- Chris and Betty Gabor
- Kimisis Parish Council
- Irene Kaffenes
- Fifi McCracken
- Kathy Neophytou
- Parishioners who donated desserts/covered dishes
- Kay and Gary Rygielski
- Roda Williams
- Kalliope Roros

Special thank you to **Manoli Palis** for helping the committee set-up the hall. **Welcome** to our new members, **Fifi McCracken** and **Daniel Perez.** They are an asset to our committee.

Kimisis Tis Theotokou and St Elijah Service & Outreach continue to provide monthly meals to 90 senior citizens at Sheffield Towers, Eleanor Roosevelt Apartments and Valley Terrace. While we are handing the meal to the residents, the volunteers hear "God bless you" again and again. In November, we are planning to cook extra Thanksgiving meals to deliver to the shut-ins of Kimisis and St. Elijah churches.



Service & Outreach Committee

Packaging the weekend meals for the **Aliquippa Elementary** school began on September 25. The volunteers are not only from **the Orthodox churches** but the **Lutheran church** as well. Nine hundred fifty (950) meals are packaged a month. Whoever wants to help package can help one time or many times . . . there is no long term commitment. Believe it or not, the meals are packaged in one hour each time. We get to know our Serbian brothers and sisters, as well as, our neighboring Lutheran brothers and sisters better. The food is donated by the **Darrel Revis Foundation**. You may not know this, but many children do not eat on the weekends. During the school year, breakfast and lunch are provided by the school. At home, there is no food. Some parents/guardians sell the food stamps to get cash to spend on other things, such as alcohol.

Starting September 22, we are **collecting boys/girls underclothes** for the elementary school from sizes 4-12. A gray bin will be in the small hall on the table on your right.

November 10 is a special Sunday. This is the Sunday we will be honoring parishioners who are 90+ years old and our veterans. Please refer to flyers in this bulletin. If you wish to help in any way, contact Kalliope Roros at 724-378-4093.

The Service & Outreach Committee is in need of funds. A gift card from Aldi's, Giant Eagle, Walmart or Kuhn's in any amount will be greatly appreciated, if you are able. Contact Fr. Theodosios or Kalliope Roros.

WE NEED YOUR HELP



New Underclothes Needed

For

Elementary Students

From Size 4 to Size 12 Collecting from September 22 and October 20



Please place your donation in the gray bin in the Small Hall. *Thank you*

> For Aliquippa Elementary students Sponsored by Service & Outreach Committee



Sunday, November 10

Parishioners

90+ Years of Age and the Veterans

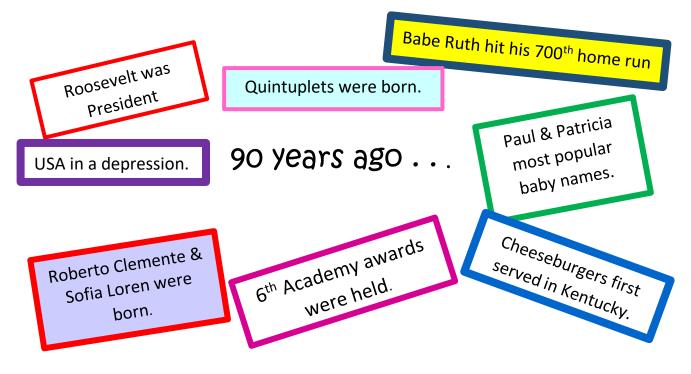


Will be honored!



First laundromat opened in Fort Worth TX: Servic	e & Outreach Committee
Name	
Date of Birth	
Birthplace	
Occupation	
What would you li	ke to share
about yourself with	n the parish?

Return form to **Kay Melis Rygielski** by **Oct 20** 90+ will be honored after the Divine Liturgy on Nov 10. Please complete this form in order to be honored.





Service & Outreach

Committee

Veteran's Form



Name	
Branch of Military	
Years of Service	
Occupation	
What would you lik	te to share
about yourself with	the parish?

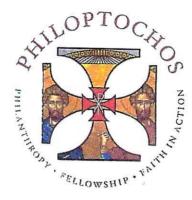
Return the form to Kay Melis Rygielski by Oct 20. Veterans will be honored after the Divine Liturgy on Nov 10. Please complete this form in order to be honored.







Philoptochos Membership



The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, Inc., is the duly accredited women's philanthropic society of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

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SENIOR FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS & EVENTS – 2024

NO MEETINGS IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27-----BOARD MEETING 12:30 PM THURSDAY, MARCH 7-----REGULAR MEETING 1:00 PM TUESDAY, MARCH 26-----BOARD MEETING 12:30 PM THURSDAY, APRIL 4 –**POTLUCK LENTEN LUNCHEON MEETING 1:PM** TUESDAY, APRIL 23------BOARD MEETING 12:30 PM THURSDAY, MAY 16--- **MOTHER'S DAY & FATHER'S DAY LUNCH 1 PM NO REGULAR MEETING IN JUNE**

TUESDAY, JUNE 25-----BOARD MEETING 12:30 PM THURSDAY, JULY 11-----REGULAR MEETING 1:00 PM TUESDAY, JULY 30-----BOARD MEETING 1:2:30 PM THURSDAY, AUGUST 1------BOARD MEETING 1:00 PM TUESDAY, AUGUST 27-----BOARD MEETING 1:00 PM THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5------REGULAR MEETING 1:00 PM TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24-----BOARD MEETING 1:00 PM THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3------REGULAR MEETING 1:00 PM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3-------REGULAR MEETING 1:00 PM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29------BOARD MEETING 1:00 PM TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 -**THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON – 1:00 PM** TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26-----BOARD MEETING 12:30 PM NO REGULAR MEETING IN DECEMBER **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 -CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON – 1:00 PM**

SHADOW LAKES

HOPA Thanksgiving Family Food Drive











Help Needed! Please donate:

Family Size Instant Potatoes

Applesauce (package of six in any flavor) **Canned Turkey Gravy** (any flavored gravy) **Mac and Cheese Jellied Canned Cranberry**

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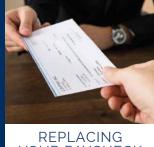
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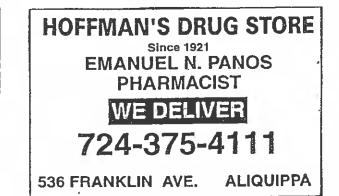
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