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DIVINE SERVICES

JUNE

Sunday 3 THE SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

Fast of the Holy Apostles + begins on 6/4 ends 6/28

Sunday 10 2nd Sunday of Matthew

Sunday 17 3rd Sunday of Matthew/Father's Day

Sunday 24 THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Friday 29 STS. PETER AND PAUL

Saturday 30 SYNAXIS OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES

JULY

Sunday 1 5TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW | +COSMAS & DAMIAN THE HOLY UNMERCENARIES

Weekday TBA *Please consult Weekly Bulletin*
Services +ST PARASKEVI* 26*/ +ST. ANTELEIMON* 27

Sunday 8 6th Sunday of Matthew

Sunday 15 Sunday of the Holy Fathers

Sunday 22 8th Sunday of Matthew | +ST. MARY MAGDALENE*

Sunday 29 9th Sunday of Matthew

AUGUST

Wed – Fri 1-3- Paraklesis Service @6:30pm

Sunday 5 10th Sunday of Matthew

??Sunday 7-5 Vespers 6:30pm at St. Andrew

Monday 6 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Tue-Thursday 7-9 Paraklesis Service @6:30pm

Sunday 12 11th Sunday of Matthew

Monday 13 Paraklesis Service @6:30pm

Tuesday 14 Great Vespers @6:30pm *Location To Be Announced (TBA)*

Wednesday 15 THE DORMITION OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY THE THEOTOKOS

Sunday 19 12th Sunday of Matthew

Sunday 26 13th Sunday of Matthew

Wednesday 29 BEHEADING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST (*Strict Fast Day*) *Lit TBA in weekly bulletin **

Sundays: Orthros begins @ 8:45AM & Divine Liturgy @ 10AM |

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*(We have this saint's Relics at our Saint Andrew Reliquary)**

ΙΕΡΕΣ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΕΣ

ΙΟΥΝΙΟΣ

Κυριακή	3	Α΄ Ματθαίου τῶν Ἁγίων Πάντων <i>Νηστεία των Αποστόλων 4/6 -28/6</i>
Κυριακή	10	Β΄ Ματθαίου
Κυριακή	17	Γ' Ματθαίου / <i>Εορτή του Πατέρα</i>
Κυριακή	24	ΓΕΝΕΘΛΙΟΝ ΤΟΥ ΙΩΑΝΝΟΥ ΠΡΟΔΡΟΜΟΥ
Πέμπτη	29	ἈΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΙ ΠΕΤΡΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΠΑΥΛΟΣ
Παρασκευή	30	Σύναξις τῶν Ἁγίων Δώδεκα Αποστόλων

ΙΟΥΛΙΟΣ

Κυριακή	1	Ε΄ Ματθαίου ἌΝΑΡΓΥΡΟΙ ΚΟΣΜᾶς ΚΑΙ ΔΑΜΙΑΝΟΣ
Καθημερινές Λειτουργίες		<i>Παρακαλῶ κοιτάξετε στο Εβδομαδιαίο Bulletin + ΑΓ. ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗΣ* 26 + ΑΓ. ΠΑΝΤΕΛΕΗΜΩΝ* 27</i>
Κυριακή	8	ΣΤ΄ Ματθαίου
Κυριακή	15	Των Ἁγίων Πατέρων
Κυριακή	22	Η΄ Ματθαίου +ΜΑΡΙΑΣ ΜΑΓΔΑΛΗΝΗ*
Κυριακή	30	Θ΄ Ματθαίου

ΑΥΓΟΥΣΤΟΣ

Τετάρτη-Παρ	1-3	Ακολουθία Παράκλησις - <u>ώρα</u> 6:30μμ
Κυριακή	5	Ι΄ Ματθαίου
?? Κυριακή	5	Εσπερινός <u>ώρα</u> 6:30μμ
Δευτέρα	6	Η ΜΕΤΑΜΟΡΦΩΣΙΣ ΤΟΥ ΚΥΡΙΟΥ ΥΜΩΝ ΙΗΣΟΥ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥ
Τρίτη-Πέμπτη	7-9	Ακολουθία Παράκλησις - <u>ώρα</u> 6:30μμ
Κυριακή	12	ΙΑ΄ Ματθαίου
Δευτέρα	13	Ακολουθία Παράκλησις - <u>ώρα</u> 6:30μμ
Τρίτη	14	Εσπερινός - <u>ώρα</u> 6:30μμ <i>θα ανακοινωθεί στο Εβδομαδιαίο Bulletin</i>
Τετάρτη	15	ΚΟΙΜΗΣΗΣ ΤΗΣ ΥΠΕΡΑΓΙΑΣ ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ
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		Την Κυριακή – Ὁρθρος - <u>ώρα</u> 8.45πμ & Θεία Λειτουργία - <u>ώρα</u> 10πμ Τις καθημερινές – Ὁρθρος - <u>ώρα</u> 8πμ & Θεία Λειτουργία - <u>ώρα</u> 9.00πμ <i>(Έχουμε τα Λείψανα του Αγίου στην Λειψανοθήκη της εκκλησία μας)*</i>

Things Forgotten, Things Not Seen Nor Heard

Fr. John Theodosion

Friends, every so often someone will come to me and say “Fr. John, how do you remember all those names? You must have a very good memory.” I think that it is with God’s help that I remember the names that I do, but there is always so much more that I seem to forget. I will oftentimes think of this as one of my shortcomings and say to myself, “I wish I could remember all the things I read in college,” or I even think “I wish I could remember all my announcements on Sunday morning for that matter.”



passage Fr. Lev prays to God saying “*Lord my Love, I have asked Thee to open me to others. However, Thou hast made me understand that Thy servant must be both blind and deaf, seeing but as if not seeing, hearing but as if not hearing.*”

Love, make me deaf. Close my ears to the accusations, to all the mockeries that I hear uttered against others.

Love, make me blind. Close my eyes to the failings of others. Of course, I must reject what makes an act or a word evil, but I do not have the right to judge and to condemn the speaker or the doer. Thou only, Lord, Thou knowest. Thou knowest all things. Thy Christ did not want to look at the woman taken in adultery while she was being accused. He only looked at her when they were left alone. As long as the accusation lasted, He stooped down over the earth. He kept silent and wrote. By this attitude, he silenced the accusers. By this attitude He has forever, unto the ages of ages, silenced all accusations.”

One thing I do remember reading was a book called A Diary of a Russian Priest by Fr. Alexander Elchaninov who served as an Orthodox priest in the early 20th century before the fall of the Russian Empire. This book describes some of the blessings and struggles of the spiritual life from the perspective of the parish priest. It is truly an excellent book for anyone who wishes to grow spiritually. One thing I read which struck me, was that in one of the passages Fr. Alexander mentions how he prayed for forgetfulness. Here I am struggling to remember all of the things that I am responsible for in my life and he is praying for forgetfulness. Why would he want to be forgetful? It didn’t make sense to me.

The things that these two priests pray for, the forgetfulness of Fr. Alexander and the Blindness and Deafness of Fr. Lev, are things we would have never thought to pray for. But when looked at from their perspective these things become virtues.

I realized as I read further in the text, that he wanted to forget the sins he heard in confession. He wanted to forget the shortcomings and mistakes of those around him. He wanted to forget the ways people have wronged him in the past. He really felt that this type of forgetfulness was a blessing.

So if we find ourselves being a little bit forgetful or we find that we are being blind and deaf to some things going on around us we should not be too hard on ourselves. We should remember rather, the example of Christ who responded with silence to the accusations leveled against the woman. We should remember Christ’s example and we should praise God and thank Him that even forgetfulness, blindness and deafness can become blessings through Him.

Another Orthodox priest named Fr. Lev Gillet in his book In Thy Presence, has another interesting passage which is titled “Blind and Deaf.” In this

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JUNE 1-2-3



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ACTIVITIES

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SATURDAY	12:00 p.m. - 11 p.m.
SUNDAY	12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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- ☞ Greek Bakery Featuring Homemade Pastries
- ☞ Outdoor Taverna Grill and Bar
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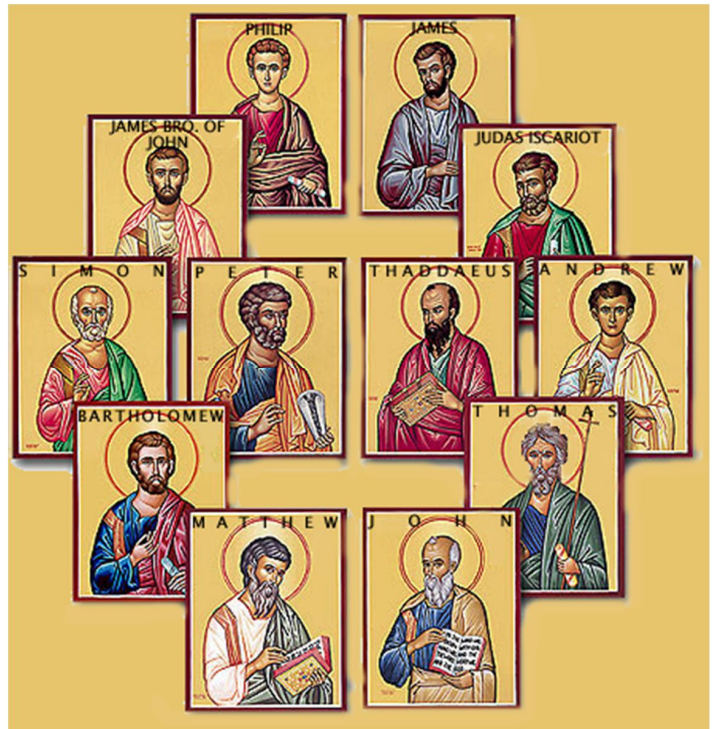
The Lives of the Holy Apostles

On Fridays: June 8, 15, 22, 2018

10:30 a.m. SH ARP!

This year we are blessed with several weeks of fasting in which to study! There will be a departure from the usual format as ten women have volunteered to research and present the lives of the Apostles for us! Please join us to hear the stories and increase our knowledge of these very blessed Disciples of Christ. A Lenten luncheon will follow the discussion.

Please bring something to share as you are able. Please invite friends, family, everyone!



JOY NEWS



Our JOY year is coming to an end! We had another fantastic year and we will be celebrating at Land of Make Believe on June 16th! Be on the lookout for more information on Facebook and through our JOY emails.

April and May were fun fellowship months for our JOY Group. We went on a hike in April and it was the absolute, perfect day for it. Nice and crisp and cool when we started and it warmed up enough to enjoy a healthy snack afterwards. Loantaka was our destination and we had a lovely, morning hike.

Our Senior JOY had an outing to a Ninja Warrior Obstacle Course. If you watch American Warrior Ninja, the site would seem very familiar. The kids had a blast AND we had the place all to ourselves like a private party. It was great to see our JOY group expending energy scaling walls, zip lining and running through hard obstacle courses.



Our May meeting discussed the importance of Mothers and women in the Church, and especially the most important Mother of the Greek Orthodox Church - the Theotokos. Our activity year ended with a pool party at a local swim school, where the kids got to splash around and pretend it was summer!

We wish everyone a very happy summer and look forward to hearing about all the summer adventures when we return in September!



DO YOU HAVE A CHILD IN GRADES K-6? Yes? Then consider joining JOY. JOY (Junior Orthodox Youth) is a fellowship group for these ages. We have one meeting per month and one activity per month. The group is split into 2 - the junior JOY is grades K-2, and the senior JOY is grades 3-6. Junior JOY is run by Lynn Axiotes and Senior JOY is run by Harriet Karkanias. Meetings are held on Sundays after Sunday School and Liturgy (12:15pm-1pm) - child only, no parents. Activities are typically held on Saturdays once a month from 4pm-6pm (unless otherwise noted). Our calendar of activities is posted in the Social Hall on our JOY Bulletin Board. Take a peek when you are at coffee hour!



For more information on JOY or any of our upcoming events/activities, please contact Harriet Karkanias (harriet.karkanias@gmail.com) or Lynn Axiotes (laxiotes@yahoo.com).

GOYA NEWS



The past few months were very exciting for GOYA! On April 22nd we marched with pride in New York City for the Greek Independence Day Parade to represent St. Andrew Church. Also, we enjoyed watching other Greek Parishes and groups marching for this important event.



On April 28th we participated in an indoor soccer tournament in Wall Township, and it was great to have a boys and girls' team playing this year. We had a lot of fun and socialized with friends from other parishes too!

On May 7th, George Clapsis, our GOYA President, was honored with the Clergy Laity Award. Congratulations George!

On May 11th, St. Andrew Philoptochos hosted their annual Tricky Tray event, and they were very grateful for the GOYAnS who were there to help.





Upcoming Events

May 26th – 27th - Jr. Olympics at Monmouth University in Long Branch, NJ. We invite everyone to come and cheer for us.

June 1-2-3 – Saint Andrew Festival

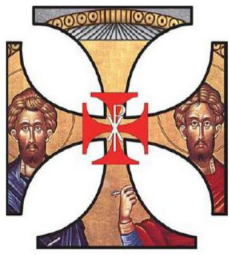
June 14th – GOYA Meeting and Senior send-off party.

The GOYAns and Advisors would like to wish our seniors good luck in all their future endeavors. They will be missed!

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer!

Alexia Louca, Corresponding Secretary





PHILOPTOCHOS MISSION

To promote charitable, benevolent and philanthropic outreach to preserve the sanctity of life and family and to perpetuate and promote our Orthodox faith and traditions.

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SAINT ANDREW PHILOPTOCHOS JUNE 2018 NEWS

A Philanthropy-Filled Year in Review

By Petra Knox, President, St. Andrew Philoptochos

Usually the “year in review” is done in December, when magazines and television programs look back on the milestone events of the past year and highlight the notable ones. In this column, I would like to do my own “year in review” and reflect on the notable Philoptochos accomplishments events of 2017/2018.

Long before the summer had even ended, we were hard at work collecting spiral notebooks for the Market Street Mission’s Project Backpack. This annual event is the time when underprivileged children can receive a backpack full of much-needed school supplies.

At the same time, we were also preparing for our annual Rummage Sale. Your generous donations of gently used items helped insure the success of this event. Not only did the proceeds allow us to give generously to our Church, we were also able to give unsold items to many charitable organizations. Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Battered Women’s Shelter, Market Street Mission – these are some of the organizations who gladly took from us those items that did not sell.

As you know, collecting for charities and community outreaches are a major part of our philanthropic work. Each month we have a tray for the various charities and organizations that are designated by the National and Metropolis Philoptochos. To supplement this, we had three major fund raising events – the raffle for the David Yurman bracelet and our two holiday bake sales. Our own Maro Schuster was the winner of the David Yurman bracelet! We thank all who purchases a ticket for the raffle. The proceeds will go to our local philanthropic charities.

Who doesn’t like a St. Andrew-kitchen baked Greek pastry? Certainly the outside community does as was evidenced by the sell-out of some of our very popular pastries during our two successful annual bake sales. A sincere and heart-felt thanks is extended to the ladies (and gentleman) who tirelessly prepare the goodies we all enjoy. Organized, coordinated and managed by Maria Stamoutsos, the ladies who bake on a weekly – and sometimes daily – basis are:

Areti Berbedes, Frank Cavathas, Antonia Clapsis, Panayiota Damkas, Joanne Haritos, Theodora Harris, Eleni Pappas, Eugenia Sedereas, Dina Seretis, Maria Stamoutsos, Eleni Stamatou, Zoe Tsiavos, Joanne Vellios, Despina Zapantis.

We also extend a sincere and heartfelt thank you to Eleni Constantinides and Betty Kelly who made trips to the Monastery in Pennsylvania to pick up the Vasilopeta and Tsoureki we enjoyed during the holidays.



Our *Feed the Hungry initiative* continued unabated throughout the year and even expanded! Our standard fourth Saturday of the month day of service at Faith Kitchen in Dover is now well-established. This initiative, which began in 2015, has expanded from a “Philoptochos only” ministry to one shared by the entire Parish. GOYA, the Parish Council, the Daughters of Penelope/AHEPA all take their turn providing a hot meal to those who come to the Faith Kitchen looking for a nutritious meal. From September through April volunteers served over 900 people at Faith Kitchen. In addition to the hot entree, we served a salad, fruit, dessert and peanut butter and Jelly sandwiches for the guests to take home for their evening and/or Sunday meal. You should know that our meals are guest favorites, especially when we serve Greek food. On those days, we receive multiple kudos and sincere words of thanks and we never have leftovers! A sincere thank you is extended to all parishioners who have volunteered their time in the planning of, shopping for, preparing and serving the meal and to those who donated portions of the meal and the peanut butter and jelly. We look forward to working with you as this ministry continues into year 4.

The *Feed the Hungry initiative* had a “foothold” in the Morristown Community Soup Kitchen’s annual Hunger Walk in October when several parishioners walked to raise money for the hungry in the Morristown area. Additionally, we had our annual Thanksgiving Food drive and, together with the GOYA’s Souper Bowl of Caring in January, we donated 1167 pounds of food to the Inter-Faith Food Pantry of Morris County. Again, our thanks to those who did a little extra food shopping to donate non-perishable foods for the food pantry.

We also thank those who donated the turkeys at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Those went to the Market Street Mission.

We expanded our *Feed the Hungry initiative* this spring when we served dinner to the families of Family Promise at the Bethlehem Church in Randolph and when we joined with Ss. Nicholas, Constantine and Helen to serve a hot meal to the homeless in New York City. We plan to become more involved with Family Promise and plan to do another day of service in New York City. Watch for details on how you can get involved.

No year in review would be complete without writing about our recent Tricky Tray, our major fund raiser. Once again, the committee of Eleni Constantinides, Melissa Dobias, Jeanie Kalas, Irene Karoly and Marina Venizelos outdid themselves. We had fabulous gifts, delicious Greek food and a standing-room only crowd who clutched their ticket stubs hoping to hear their number called. While the net proceeds have not yet been finalized, please know that the outstanding efforts of the committee and the support of the all who were involved made this the best-ever Tricky Tray. Our *Feed the Hungry initiative* will be the recipient of proceeds and those in need will be well served.

I would like to conclude by extending my personal thanks to my Executive Board for the hard work done this year. Without your encouragement and support, none of our accomplishments would be possible. I thank you very, very much and look forward to continuing our service to those in need.

The Philoptochos wishes everyone a safe and happy summer.

Philoptochos & Daughters of Penelope End of the Year Dinner

Tuesday June 12th at 6:30pm

At Café Fiori on Route 10 in Randolph

look for more details in upcoming weekly bulletins

Awards Banquet

On Monday, May 8th 2018 at the Venetian in Garfield, NJ Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox church honored only a few of the many hard working and dedicated parishioners of our community. This year the following people were chosen to be honored by our church and received an award at the Banquet by His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos. *Saint Andrew Community Honoree Keith Marin, Parish Council Honoree Holly Marin, Philoptochos Honoree Chrysanthe Borzeka, Parent Teachers Organization Honoree Maria Pallis, GOYA Honoree George Clapsis, Oldest Person in the Parish of Saint Andrew Honoree Kay Lewis, and long serving choir member Styliani Gounaris.* We would like to thank them all for their services and contributions to the success of our ministries.



Keith P. Marin, President Parish Council

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve St. Andrew for many years and I always tried to do my best for my church and for all of you. I will always regret that I did not have enough time to do the all the work that is needed to take care of our church. I would often joke and say that my regular job prevents me from doing the work I love for my church. I truly believe I've been guided by God and when I was frustrated it was God that gave me the

strength to move forward. As President I always was concerned with monies that were spent and I would scrutinize each dollar. I am very proud that this Parish Council and Father John are fiscally responsible with all our money.

As you may know by now, my wife Holly and I are moving to South Carolina, while originally a long-term plan it was suddenly shortened by a change in my current employment. I am sorry that I cannot

finish my 9th term as President but you will be in good hands with our Parish Council and I am always a phone call or email away. We are very sad to leave our home at St. Andrew, but the Lord has some other plans for us and we have faith in where he leads us next.

I also want to leave you with a warning. Christianity is under attack in the world and our church is the last best hope for all of us. We must be strong in our beliefs of Jesus and follow his way or we will become lost. Our church is our home and we need to take care of it. Please do what you can to help because there is so much work to do. Be proud you are an Orthodox Christian and never be afraid to live your life with this knowledge. Please come to Church with your family as much as you can. Things like Soccer and Travel teams are temporary, God is always.

Father John has been the most amazing person I have ever known. He is always there for us and there is nothing you cannot speak to him about. We are always talking about what we can do for our church and we would discuss many plans, some we can do others we cannot, but always we are always fiscally responsible and never want to cause any harm. I was president of St. Andrew when Father John came to us and will always treasure our relationship. After my first 3 years as President I wrote this about Father John. He is my Spiritual Father, my teacher and one of my best friends. I will miss working with him day to day, but I we will always keep in touch.

I want to thank Bessie, Cathy and Frank for all their work, we could not run the church without them, please be kind to them because this is a big place to run and truthfully we are understaffed. Thanks to Alex for making a great choir after years of hard work, so proud! Thanks to Christo for all his years of service. I also want to thank Salomi, Tanya and all the Greek School and Sunday School teachers.



I never wanted any praise for the work I've done for St. Andrew, so it was very humbling to receive the award for Stewardship from the Metropolis. I thank you all for this.

My Family are original members of St. Andrew and we serve St. Andrew because of our love for God. I think anyone who wishes to become a member of the Parish Council should be guided by a principle of "Deeds not Words", with Servant Leadership as their model.

- Parish Council President for 8.5 years
- Vice-President for 4 years
- Corresponding Secretary for 2 years
- Activities treasurer for 4 years
- Festival Chairman/Co Chair for 15 Festivals
- International Fair co-chair
- Chairman of Hellenic Afternoon Greek School – 2 years and current HAS Board Member
- Stewardship committee
- Development Steering committee & Fundraising
- Development committee member – Car raffle & Family Dinners & Basile Comedy Night
- Fair share Financial Committee
- 2nd Floor Completion Committee

I want to leave you with my favorite bible passage that always restores my faith:

John 14:2

"Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way where I am going."

Finally, I will truly miss you all, we will be back up occasionally and already look forward to those occasions.

I love St. Andrew, and I want you to love St. Andrew too, and when you pray, please ask God to love St. Andrew.

God Bless you all,
Keith



HOLLY A. MARIN

Holly has been an active member of St. Andrew. She was chrismated into the Greek Orthodox faith in 2003 and was organist for the choir for several years before joining the Parish Council. She has served on the Board as

Recording Secretary and Assistant Treasurer and has co-chaired a number of fundraising events, including several Gyro Saturdays and the British Invasion Tribute dinner/dance. She has served on the Stewardship Committee and is a member of St. Andrew Philoptochos. Holly helps with the Faith Kitchen Ministry and is a past Board Member of the Somerset County United Way.

Holly has also participated in programs with the Archdiocese, including Clergy/Laity meetings and assists with the preparation of the annual Budget & Fair Share. She has staffed the Treasury office for many events, including Festival weekends.

A graduate of Temple University, Holly was a Production Manager for the Opera Company of Philadelphia, an assistant to Luciano Pavarotti for his annual voice competition, and also worked in the Management Office of the George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick, N.J. post-graduation. To use some of her theater talents, she has worked with the GOYA in preparation for Sights & Sounds and has been involved with the St. Andrew Summer Camp Program.

Holly is a Senior Manager with Sogeti USA with Johnson & Johnson as her primary client. She manages a large portfolio of Health Care Compliance & Privacy projects with a focus on delivery management to IT specializing in Process Excellence and Internal Communications. Holly holds Certified Project Management Professional (PMP) and Certified Scrum Master (CSM) designations.

In June, Holly & Keith will be relocating to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina with their 4 labradoodles (Annie, Lucy, Emma & Jackson).

Chrysanthe Borzeka

Chrysanthe was 21 when she began her St. Andrew journey. Father Tsigas recognized her talent and in 1964, recruited her as a Sunday School teacher, a position which would span over 45 years. John Borzeka came into her life, and in 1969, they were married. Chrysanthe and John both devoted to St. Andrew, naturally began raising a family in the church. Thomas, Athena and Stephen have taken leadership roles and continue to support the community. The Borzeka family was very involved in the business of the church. John as a member of the Board of Trustees and Past President and Chrysanthe an active member in the Philoptochos. She served as recording secretary for several presidents, 3 term president (6 years) active member of the mother of the year committee, supported many fundraisers, charitable activities locally and nationally, and was honored as Mother of the Year. Chrysanthe's passion for the work of the Philoptochos is in her delight to see new, younger leaders who have helped the organization evolve through many technological advances. She encourages men and women to get involved with the worthwhile charitable work of the Philoptochos. Chrysanthe remained active with the GOYA and of course, continued



serving on the Sunday School Staff. The Borzeka family has been a shining example of dedication to the St. Andrew Community. Athena, her daughter is an active member of the Philoptochos. In addition, and many of the daughters of the members are following in their mothers' footsteps. Chrysanthe reminds us, the Philoptochos is there for all of our Orthodox churches, for those in need, and of the importance to perpetuate it through the devotion of current and future members. Congratulations to Petra Knox on her successful second term.



Maria Pallis

Maria (Petrou) Pallis was born in Wayne, NJ, and was raised in West Milford as a first generation Cypriot from Avgorou and Gerrolakkos, Cyprus. She Grew up attending St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Wykoff, but became a member at St. Andrew, during her junior year of high school where she was a member of GOYA and dance group. She met her husband George Pallis at the St. Andrew Greek Festival in 1996 whom she later married on September 26th, 2009.

Maria graduated from William Paterson University in Wayne, NJ with degrees in both Broadcast Journalism, and English Literature. She Interned and was later hired at CBS 4 Local News in New York for 2 years. She is a freelance television producer for a Greek television production company called Ellopia USA, from 2003-present. Her accomplishments include 3 nationally recognized Telly awards, and a documentary that she has worked on had been nominated for an Oscar. While freelancing, Maria worked as an elementary school teacher at St. Michael School in Newark, NJ. She taught 1st and 5th grade for 8 years, but decided to be a stay at home mother for her now 4 year old son Evangelos (Evan). Maria has dedicated over 10 years volunteering as a youth ice hockey coach. She was an advisor for the St. Andrew HOPE playgroup, and now currently teaches the Mazi Me tin Mama class. Maria Joined the PTA board in 2016, and now serves as president.

George Clapsis

George Clapsis is a very active young man. He is 17 and participates in a variety of activities including, volunteer firefighter in Budd Lake, President of Saint Andrew Randolph GOYA. His role as GOYA president include, working with back stage crews for drama shows, dancing at the Greek festivals, and volunteering to work at the Saint Andrew Randolph Greek Festival. George's dancing talent is recognized by many who pay him and/or his parents compliments on his performance. George has an outgoing personality which is welcomed by all who know him. His positive outlook kicks in when he encounters someone feeling out of sorts. He tends to listen and motivate them. To say George is a positive and helpful young man is an understatement. He can be seen continually helping where ever he is needed. An example of George's energy is evident during the Greek festival, and is recognized when people ask, "George when are you going to stop running around, go take a break". He will usually refuse and continue. His energy is unlimited. George is a conscientious student who



has good study habits which have earned him a place on the Honor Roll. Overall, George is a very positive, motivated and well-rounded young man.

Kay Lewis

Kay Lewis was born Kyriaki Fiakos on February 28, 1926 in the village of Athienou, Larnaca, Cyprus. She moved to the United States in 1951 to marry George Lewis, with whom she remained married until his death in 1989. Kay lived in Budd Lake, New Jersey for 60 years and then moved to Califon, New Jersey to be closer to her family. Kay is proud of her two daughters, Lia Lewis and Georgia Haglund, her son-in-law, Benjamin Haglund, and, most especially, her two grandchildren, Eleanor Haglund and George Haglund.



As a founding member of Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church, Kay has been an integral part of the church community for over 55 years. She was a member of the Philoptochos, serving on its board for several years. Kay was also a member of the Daughters of Penelope, serving as its President for six years. She joined the Wednesday afternoon knitting group upon its formation and continues to be a member of the group, despite being housebound, knitting blankets from her home. Kay volunteered annually to work at the church festival, starting her shifts early in the morning and working until closing every day the festival was open.

Most importantly, until recently, Kay never missed Sunday liturgy. You could see her on Sundays and holidays seated in her favorite spot on the right side of the third pew. Even now, although unable to attend church as often as she would like, she devotes her Sunday mornings to reading the liturgy from her armchair.

Stella Gounaris



My mother, whom most people refer to as Stella, was born October 5, 1937 in Alexandria, Egypt. She lived there with her parents and brother until the age of 13. Stella attended a strict Catholic school where she learned to speak four languages fluently. Her parents Milton and Rebecca owned and ran a restaurant with beautiful views of the Mediterranean Sea. Unfortunately, their restaurant and home was left abandoned when her father feared for his families safety during World War II and moved to Cypress. Stella continued her education in Cypress and when she graduated from high school she was offered an exciting job as a tour guide in which she impressed many interesting people with not only her language abilities but, with her grace, charm and gentleness she had with people.

Years later Stella moved to the United States after convinced by her brother who was already residing in New York. She stayed with her brother and wife for a short time while she found a job. Stella was taught by her mother growing up how to sew and knit, so with this experience she worked as a seamstress for large departmental clothing companies. She continued to work and shortly after, she met her soon to be husband John Gounaris. They married within a year of meeting each other and moved into a small apartment in Queens, N.Y. A year later they gave birth to their son Jason and left her job as a seamstress to be a mother and house wife. Four years later they gave birth to their daughter Rebecca. Stella always found a way to conserve

money. She knit most of her children's clothing and shopped in consignment shops. Her and her dearest friend Triatha, the godmother of her daughter, were always together shopping and cooking and taking care of their kids together. Stella and John were finally able to save enough money for a down payment on a house and moved to the suburbs of Rockaway, N.J. to raise their children. As their children grew, Stella found a job at Gothelf Knitting Mills in Boonton as a piece work dress maker. She worked very hard there for over 15 years.

Stella continued to see and stay in touch with her her dearest friend from Queens and made many more friends when she joined St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church in 1974, which was located in Dover at the time. Stella and John have been members since. They were very dedicated in attending church every week, with their children attending Sunday school. As years went on, Stella joined both the philoptokos and the choir. She and the philoptokos members did many great things for the community and the church. She especially enjoyed the evenings at church when they would all knit blankets together for the less fortunate people. She and all the ladies talked and laughed for hours while providing a good cause. Stella also volunteered at the Greek festival for years. I always remember her and her friend Carol Colambardis making loukamathe and serving the guests all day for the entire weekend. They argued and laughed the whole weekend and still remain friends today. Stella also enjoyed singing. She would sing at her home wether she was cooking or cleaning. A sense of peace always came over me when I would hear my mom sing. Sometimes at church I would hear her voice over all the other choir members. It was such a pleasure to hear her beautiful voice. As my mother has aged she has become tired and its been difficult for her stand in the choir for a long period of time. She may not be singing with the choir at the front of the church anymore but, she stands in the pews and always sings along. My mother always felt blessed to sing at the Church and she is honored to be receiving the award of Clergy Laity. Thank you to St. Andrew Church for honoring Stella.



Mother of the Year (**Photeine Lopardo**)

Photeine was born in Athens and travelled to New Jersey with her family when she was almost 5 years old. Growing up in Clifton and Wayne, she dedicated her time to St. George's Church with her parents and siblings, teaching Sunday School and working at their festivals. She graduated from Farleigh Dickenson University with a degree in education and taught in public and private schools before and after her children were born. She met her husband, Mike, through mutual friends and they wed in 1983 at St. George. They will be married for 35 years in July. Throughout these years, she has lived in Rockaway and spent as much of her time with her two children as she could. Her son Michael is a welder and is getting married this November. Her daughter Rachel graduated from William Paterson University last year and is a preschool teacher. Her dedication to her family and her love of children has shown through in everything she has done. Over the years at St. Andrew, she has helped in multiple capacities with Greek school, Hope, Joy, the festival, and Sunday School. She has been teaching the 3 year old Sunday School class for twenty years.

Within the last 6 years, she has faced a lot of battles, including Parkinson's disease, back surgery, and breast cancer. Through it all, she never once backed down. With a positive outlook, she has done everything in her power to continue to be there, and do everything she can, for her family.

The Lives of the Apostles.

The holy foremost-of-the-Apostles Peter (Simon) preached first in Judea and then in Antioch, in Bithynia, in Asia, in Cilicia, also throughout Italy and in Rome itself. In Rome, he was crucified head down by order of the Emperor Nero. The Apostle Peter and the Apostle Paul, as the apostles who laboured more than all the others in preaching the Christian faith, are called *the holy foremost-of-the-Apostles* by the Holy Church.

The holy foremost-of-the-Apostles Paul (Saul) preached in many countries beginning in Jerusalem and ending in Rome, the capital of the world. In Rome, he was beheaded by Emperor Nero.

The holy Apostle Andrew the First-Called preached within the boundaries of what later became Russia. He erected a cross on a Kievan hill and predicted the future enlightenment of Russia by the Christian faith. He preached on the shores of the Black Sea and in other countries. In Byzantium, he ordained by the laying of hands on the bishop Stachys, one of the seventy disciples. In the city of Patras in Achaea (Greece), pagans crucified him on a cross formed in the shape of the letter X, which thus came to be known as *the Cross of St. Andrew*.

The holy Apostle James, the son of Zebedee, preached in Jerusalem and was the first of the apostles to suffer for Christ. On orders from the Judaeen King Herod Agrippa, he was beheaded in Jerusalem.



The holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian after torture in Rome was sent in exile to the Isle of Patmos. St. John lived longer than all the other apostles and died peacefully in Asia, in the city of Ephesus. According to tradition, the apostle by his own desire was buried alive by his disciples. When, soon after burial, Christians came to open his grave, the body of St. John was not to be found.

The holy Apostle Philip preached in Asian countries with the Apostle Bartholomew and his sister Miriam. In Phrygia, a province of Asia Minor, in the city of Hierpolis, he met a martyr's death. He was crucified head down.

*The holy Apostle **Bartholomew** (Nathaniel) at first preached together with the Apostle Philip in Syria and Asia; after that, he went to India and translated the Gospel of Matthew into the Indian language. Later, he preached in Armenia where he suffered a martyr's death in the city of Albanopolis.*

*The holy Apostle **Thomas**, called Didymus ("the twin"), preached in many Asiatic countries and went to India where he met a martyr's end for Christ. He was pierced with spears and then beheaded with a sword.*

*The holy Apostle and Evangelist **Matthew** preached for a long time in Judea and then in all parts of Ethiopia (later: Abyssinia, Nubia, Kordofan, Darfun; and now: Ethiopia and the Sudan). He was killed by the sword in one of the cities of ancient Ethiopia.*

*The holy Apostle **James**, the son of Alphaeus, preached in Syria, Egypt, and in other countries. In one of these, he was crucified on a cross suffering a martyr's death for Christ.*

The holy Apostle Judas, the brother of James, also called Thaddeus or Lebbaeus, preached in Judah, Galilee, Samaria, and Idumea, in Arabia, Syria, and Mesopotamia. In Persia, he was hung on a wooden cross and shot with arrows.

*The holy Apostle **Simon the Zealot**, a Canaanite, preached in Mauritania in Africa. He was also in England (formerly called Britannia). For preaching faith in Christ, he was crucified on a cross, according to one source, in Georgia on the order of the Georgian King Aderhi; and according to another source — in Persia.*

*The holy Apostle **Matthias** was chosen from the seventy to take the place of the fallen Judas. He preached in Judea and in outer Ethiopia. Returning to Judea, he suffered for Christ being first stoned and then beheaded.*

*The holy Apostle and Evangelist **Mark** was from among the seventy apostles and laboured with the Apostle Peter. He also preached on the shores of the Adriatic Sea. He received a martyr's end in Alexandria by being dragged behind a chariot along the stones in the city streets.*

*The holy Apostle and Evangelist **Luke** was from among the seventy apostles and laboured with the Apostle Paul. He later preached in Egypt and ended his spiritual feat with a martyr's death by hanging.*

*The holy Apostle **James the Righteous**, one of the seventy, was the first bishop of Jerusalem as it was established by the Lord Himself. He is called the "Brother of the Lord." According to tradition, he was the son of Joseph the Betrothed by his first marriage. St. James was thrown from the roof of the Jerusalem Temple by the Jews and then killed by a blow on the head. This was about 62 A.D.*

The holy Apostle James was the first who to formulate the order of the Divine Liturgy, which was the foundation for liturgies by St. Basil the Great and St. John Chrysostom that we celebrate now. The Liturgy of St. James is now celebrated in Jerusalem and elsewhere on his feast day.

Οι Απόστολοι του Χριστού

Απόστολοι ονομάζονται οι Δώδεκα μαθητές του Κυρίου πού άφησαν τα πάντα και ακολούθησαν τον Κύριο σε όλη τη δημόσια διακονία Του μέχρι της Αναλήψεως. Στη συνέχεια μετά την επιφοίτηση του Άγιου Πνεύματος, έγιναν κήρυκες και μάρτυρες της πίστεως στον Χριστό προς λύτρωση της ανθρωπότητας από την αμαρτία και συνέβαλαν στην εξάπλωση της Βασιλείας του Θεού στη γη

Ο **Απόστολος Πέτρος**, ο οποίος προηγουμένως ονομαζόταν Σίμων. Ο Πέτρος είναι ο κορυφαίος των Αποστόλων. Ήταν έγγαμος ψαράς, αγράμματος, αδελφός του Ανδρέα του Πρωτοκλήτου και υιός του Ίωνα από τη Βηθσαϊδά της Γαλιλαίας, Αυτόν τον Απόστολο μακάρισε ο Κύριος και τον ονόμασε Πέτρο, γιατί η πίστη του ήταν δυνατή σαν πέτρα, πάνω στην οποία θα οικοδομούσε την Εκκλησία Του (Ματ. 16, 17-18). Κήρυξε το Ευαγγέλιο πρώτα στην Ιουδαία και στην Αντιόχεια, ακολούθως στη Μικρά Ασία και κατέληξε στη Ρώμη. Εκεί σταυρώθηκε από τον αυτοκράτορα Νέρωνα κατακέφαλα, (πάνω τα πόδια και κάτω το κεφάλι), όπως ο ίδιος το ζήτησε και έτσι έλαβε το άφθαρτο στεφάνι του μαρτυρίου, μεταξύ των ετών 66 και 69, αφού άφησε δύο καθολικές επιστολές στην Εκκλησία του Χριστού.

Ο **Ανδρέας ο Πρωτόκλητος**, ο αδελφός του Πέτρου. Υπήρξε ενωρίτερα μαθητής του Αγίου Ιωάννου του Προδρόμου, αλλά τον εγκατέλειψε για να ακολουθήσει τον Ιησού. Ο Ανδρέας προσέλκυσε και τον αδελφό του. Θεωρείται ιδρυτής της Εκκλησίας της Κων/πόλεως.

Κήρυξε το Ευαγγέλιο σε όλα τα παραθαλάσσια μέρη της Μαύρης θάλασσας, Βιθυνίας και Βυζαντίου. Αργότερα μέσω Θράκης και Μακεδονίας κατήλθε μέχρι την Αχαΐα. Στην Πάτρα ενήργησε πολλά θαύματα και επειδή πολλοί πίστεψαν στον Χριστό ο Ανθύπατος της πόλεως Αιγεάτης κάρφωσε τον Απόστολο του Χριστού σε ένα Σταυρό ανάποδα σε σχήμα Χ κι εκεί παρέδωσε το πνεύμα του.



Ο **Ιάκωβος του Ζεβεδαιού**, αδελφός του Ιωάννου του Θεολόγου και Ευαγγελιστού. Είναι ο τρίτος της τριάδος Απόστολος, τον όποιον ο Κύριος έπαιρνε μαζί με τον Πέτρο και τον Ιωάννη ιδιαίτερως στις προσευχές, αλλά και στη Μεταμόρφωση Του. Κήρυξε το Ευαγγέλιο σ' ολόκληρη την Ιουδαία. Ο Ηρώδης όμως ο Αγρίππας για την πολλή παρρησία πού είχε, τον θανάτωσε με μαχαίρι το 44 μ.Χ. και έτσι έγινε ο δεύτερος μάρτυρας της πίστεως μας μετά τον Πρωτομάρτυρα Στέφανο (43 μ.Χ.).

Ο **Ιωάννης ο Ευαγγελιστής και Θεολόγος**, αδελφός του Ιακώβου. Είναι ο Απόστολος πού αγαπήθηκε πιο πολύ από τον Ιησού. Ο Ιωάννης έχει λάβει τα περισσότερα επίθετα: Απόστολος, Ευαγγελιστής, Θεολόγος.

Κήρυξε το Ευαγγέλιο στη Μικρά Ασία. Εξορίστηκε στην Πάτμο, όπου πλήθη απίστων προσήλθαν στο Χριστιανισμό. Όταν επέστρεψε στην Έφεσο αναπαύθηκε εν ειρήνη (περίπου 95 χρονών). Νωρίτερα μας άφησε το Ευαγγέλιο του, τρεις Καθολικές επιστολές και την Αποκάλυψη.

Ο **Φίλιππος** από τη Βηθσαϊδά της Γαλιλαίας. Υπήρξε φίλος με το Ναθαναήλ και αυτός μίλησε στο φίλο του για τον Ιησού. Κήρυξε το Ευαγγέλιο στη Μικρά Ασία (Λυδία και Μυσία) και στην

Ιεράπολη μαζί με τον Βαρθολομαίο (Ναθαναήλ) και την αδελφή του Μαριάμνη. Μαρτύρησε τρυπημένος στους αστραγάλους και καρφωμένος σ' ένα ξύλο στην Ιεράπολη.

Ο **Βαρθολομαίος** ή Ναθαναήλ. Κήρυξε το Ευαγγέλιο στους Ινδούς, οι οποίοι ονομάζονταν Ευδαίμονες και τους παρέδωσε το κατά Ματθαίον Ευαγγέλιο. Από τους απίστευτους όμως σταυρώθηκε στην Ουρανούπολη. Εκεί παρέδωσε το πνεύμα του και έλαβε το στέφανο του μαρτυρίου.

Ο **Θωμάς** πού λεγόταν και Δίδυμος. Είναι ο Μαθητής που έδειξε απιστία στην Ανάσταση του Κυρίου. Κήρυξε το Ευαγγέλιο του Χριστού στους Πάρθους, Μήδους, Πέρσες και Ινδούς. Στην Ινδία επειδή ο Θωμάς βάπτισε τον γιό του βασιλιά κάποιας φυλής, τον φυλάκισε και τελικά τον καταδίκασε σε θάνατο. Οι στρατιώτες τον κατατρύπησαν με τις λόγχες τους.

Ο **Ματθαίος** ο Τελώνης. Μετά το μεγάλο δείπνο πού προσέφερε στον Ιησού τον ακολούθησε και έγινε Απόστολος και Ευαγγελιστής. Το Ευαγγέλιο του το έγραψε στην Αραμαϊκή γλώσσα οκτώ χρόνια μετά την Πεντηκοστή, αργότερα όμως μεταφράστηκε στα Ελληνικά. Είναι αδελφός με τον Ιάκωβο του Αλφαίου.

Κήρυξε το Ευαγγέλιο στους Πάρθους και Μήδους στους οποίους ίδρυσε Εκκλησία, μετά από πολλά θαύματα πού έκανε σ' αυτούς. Τελικά θανατώθηκε από τους άπιστους δια πυράς.

Ο **Ιάκωβος** ο υιός του Αλφαίου. Ο τόπος στον όποιο κήρυξε ο Απόστολος Ιάκωβος δεν είναι εξακριβωμένος. Αναγράφεται ότι κήρυξε στα έθνη και ονομάστηκε σπέρμα θειο. Κηρύττοντας και ελέγχοντας τους απαίδευτους λαούς κρεμάστηκε σε σταυρό και έτσι παρέδωσε την ψυχή του στον Θεό.

Ο **Σίμων** από την Κανά της Γαλιλαίας. Ανήκε στο κόμμα των Ζηλωτών (πού στα Αραμαϊκά ο ζηλωτής λέγεται Καρνα και με Ελληνική κατάληξη

Κανανίτης = Ζηλωτής) και διατήρησε την ονομασία του αυτή και ως Απόστολος.

Κήρυξε το Ευαγγέλιο του Χριστού στη Μαυριτανία και γενικά στην Αφρική. Τελικά ματύρησε με σταυρικό θάνατο.

Ο **Ιούδας** του Ιακώβου, αλλιώς Λεββαίος ή Θαδδαίος. Λεββαίος σημαίνει θαρραλέος και Θαδδαίος (στα Αραμαϊκά) σημαίνει μεγάλθυμος, μεγαλόψυχος. Είναι συγγραφέας της Καθολικής επιστολής Ιούδα.

Κήρυξε το Ευαγγέλιο στη Μεσοποταμία και φώτισε τα έθνη στη χώρα αυτή. Πήγε και στην Έδεσσα. Τελικά τον κρεμάσανε και τον θανατώσανε με εκτοξευόμενα βέλη.

Ο **Ματθίας**, στη θέση του προδότη Ιούδα. Μετά την Ανάληψη του Κυρίου, οι Απόστολοι, επέλεξαν δύο, τον Ματθία και τον Ιούστο, ως τους καταλληλότερους από τους εβδομήκοντα Αποστόλους. Στη συνέχεια έβαλαν κλήρο και κατόπιν προσευχής ο κλήρος έπεσε στον Ματθία. Κήρυξε το Ευαγγέλιο του Χριστού στην Αιθιοπία και αφού υπέμεινε πολλά βασανιστήρια από τους άπιστους παρέδωσε την ψυχή του στα χέρια του Θεού.

Οι Απόστολοι του Χριστού θα ξεχωρίζουν μέσα στην Ιστορία της Εκκλησίας, σαν οι υπέρλαμπροι αστέρες της πνευματικής ζωής. Η Εκκλησία μας εορτάζει τους δώδεκα Αποστόλους στις 30 Ιουνίου. Τη ζωή του καθενός των Αποστόλων αυτών, σκιαγραφούμε στις ιδιαίτερες γιορτές τους. Εδώ γίνεται υπενθύμιση της ενότητας που είχαν μεταξύ τους, αλλά και της ηθικής τους, που τόσο συνέβαλε στην πνευματική εν Χριστώ αναγέννηση του κόσμου. Έχουμε και μείς χρέος οι αγωνιζόμενοι χριστιανοί, να κινούμαστε στα ίχνη τους με θερμό ζήλο για τη διάδοση του σωτηριώδους μηνύματος του Ευαγγελίου.

http://users.sch.gr/aiasgr/Agiologia/Apostoloi/Agioloi_Apostoloi.htm

NAVAGATING THROUGH YOUR TEEN YEARS: LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

Q: I'm leaving for college soon—how can I stay connected to the Orthodox Church?

A: If your school has an Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF), have the courage to attend a meeting, even if you don't know anyone else! If you don't have an OCF on campus or an Orthodox community near you, there are several regional and national OCF programs and events that you can attend. Visit www.ocf.net to find an Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) chapter and www.assemblyofbishops.org to find a parish near you!

Q: Is it ok to question my faith?

A: There are a ton of conflicting messages about faith, God, ethics, and morality. It can leave you wondering...what is the truth? Questioning your faith in a positive and engaging way can help you understand God and Orthodoxy in a deeper way. In fact, your faith will probably be even stronger once you have overcome doubts. Do the research and make sure to learn what the Orthodox Church believes about different issues. Seek out the answers or resources from your parish priest and others who are knowledgeable about Orthodoxy.

GET THE FACTS

Handling the Transition, Not the Change: No matter how we prepare for a change in life, we may not be fully prepared for the transitions those changes bring about. Whether going to college, leaving home, or starting a new job,



life changes will constantly test you—how will you respond?

Personal Freedom: Finding yourself with an enormous amount of freedom and free time may leave you feeling lost and overwhelmed. With so many decisions, extra time, and the added personal and financial responsibilities, daily life can be difficult to navigate.

Relationships: During any transition in life, our relationships with family, friends, and God may become strained because of added stress and the challenges of a new environment. Losing touch with these connections can leave us feeling alone, both emotionally and spiritually.

DEALING WITH IT

Plan your day, every day! Now it's up to you to make decisions about all aspects of your life—what time to wake up, making it to class or work, remembering to pray. Make a “LIFE”

schedule. Planning ahead and knowing when and where you are going can keep you on track, in both your personal AND spiritual life!

Know when to ask for help: Taking advantage of help rather than trying to navigate on your own can be the difference between failure and success. Identifying the people in your life that you trust and can listen to your doubts, fears, and questions is half the battle.

Find a “Family”: Finding friends with similar interests can provide you with the right support at the right time. The people that you surround yourself with, your new family, will greatly influence your everyday decisions. Choose wisely

THE CHURCH SPEAKS

Be Sober, Be Watchful (1 Peter 5:8)

Now more than ever, taking responsibility for your actions is extremely important. Facing things like peer pressure, sex, and alcohol on your own will require character, discernment, and a clear understanding about the consequences of your actions. Thinking about how you will respond to difficult situations, including what you will say, is often the best way to prepare for encountering temptations.

Owning Your Faith

Figuring out where God fits into your life after high school may involve standing up for what you believe and sorting out essential questions about faith. With all of these new experiences, especially meeting people from different faith backgrounds, taking the time to “relearn” the basics of Orthodoxy will help you better understand your faith. The willingness to own your faith, rather than simply inheriting it from your parents, is a huge step in one’s spiritual journey.

Orthodox Christian, All the Time

Living as an Orthodox Christian should be something you think about both on Sunday mornings AND on Friday nights. You may even feel like you are leading a double life, conflicted between who you are and who you would like to be. Challenge yourself to be an Orthodox Christian all day, every day—not just when it’s convenient! Take some inspiration from St. Paul, who said this about his own spiritual dedication, “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me” (Gal. 2:20).

Maintaining Balance in Your Life

Taking care of yourself physically, emotionally, and spiritually is an important aspect of maintaining balance. Scripture says, “Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time” (Eph. 5:15). When demands like exhaustion, exams, and relationships require more of your time, it can feel impossible to fulfill all of your commitments. Making time for prayer will help reduce anxiety and keep you focused on your connection with God.

INFO

Find us on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/GOYAministry

Books:

Real World 101: A Survival Guide to Life After High School by Autumn McAlpin, Booksurge Publishing, 2009.

Online Resources:

- Orthodox Christian Fellowship: www.ocf.net
- Search for a local Orthodox parish: www.assemblyofbishops.org
- Transitioning to College: <http://www.transitioning2college.org/>
- Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Online Chapel: <http://www.goarch.org/chapel/>
- Download the Daily Readings Mobile App: www.goarch.org/archdiocese/departments/internet/mobileapps

What Can This Mean?

“The first Christians had to explain to their fellow Jews why they venerated a man who had been executed by the Romans.” (*The Spirit of Early Christian Thought*, Robert Louis Wilken, 2003).

Paul was asked by the Greeks at the Areopagus to justify his new teaching. “It sounds rather strange to our ears, so we would like to know what it means.” (Acts 17:21).

“Mary was deeply disturbed by the words of the angel and wondered what they might mean.” (Luke 1:29).

Have you ever wondered, “What can this mean”? The profundity of faith ought to have each of us, daily, standing in awe and wonder, asking for meaning. If you haven’t been asking, do you ever wonder why? Are you in awe with what God has done in Christ?

In our politically-correct living, we are seldom asked to explain what and how we can believe anything. The postmodern effort to privatize one’s spiritual life has managed to make our spiritual experience a personal preference. This is often heard in the words “I am spiritual but not religious”. Because we no longer have to justify ourselves, we have slowly lost the connection with what it is that we do believe. An unwanted consequence of this has been the growing irrelevance of Church for many Orthodox Christians. Satan could not be any happier. Once again Satan has simply placed a desire into our lives and once again the dream of being gods has captivated us. It seems we can finally build that Tower that those in Babel, so long ago, failed to complete.

At Pentecost the apostles, filled with the Holy Spirit, spoke to all the world with such power that people wondered and were amazed saying “Whatever could this mean?” (Acts 2:12). But the



rationalists quickly responded “They are full of new wine.” (Acts 12:13). It is not politically incorrect to question, especially something profound that has transformed a person. “How can this be? What does it mean?” As Orthodox Christians, can you respond as Peter did?

“Israel, hear these words: Jesus...is raised.. and God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ!” (Acts 22-36). We’ve lost the uniqueness of this bold and deeply profound kerygma, this

proclamation. Peter is not simply telling some facts - Peter is proclaiming something so new, so in need of explanation, that those hearing him could only ask, “What shall we **DO**?” (Acts 2:37).

As a life guard, I needed to learn how to act in an emergency. First responders aren’t going into danger without many hours of proper training and testing. In a moment of crisis, the time to figure out what you have to do would probably prevent you from acting. If you were interested in being a first responder, you’d submit to the rigorous program to empower you to act in the moment. Our being Christian ought to be in a first responder mode.

Your belief is never a private affair. Jesus teaches us to activate our faith in our actions. Jesus is all about “doing”, of service to others. After all, “God so loved the world that God gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:17). The Lord’s Prayer is not in the first person singular but “Our Father who art in heaven, give US this day...” Ultimately your beliefs become a living faith when you respond, in the Eucharist, in the community of the Church and in fellowship with all of the world. If you do that, many will ask, “What does this mean?” and you will be called to stand, as did Peter, and proclaim. Sadly, the privatizing of one’s

faith and the fear of political correctness has silenced our response.

Assess your spiritual maturity. Do you know what you believe? Has your Orthodoxy become provincial and ethnic rather than universal? We are “one holy catholic and apostolic faith”. This word “catholic” means “according to the whole”. It seems the Christian reality today is like a family having several children but children each living apart from one another. This cannot be a family! How can this be a family that gathers for a meal? It is no surprise that the one Christian meal, the Eucharist, is individually celebrated and has become exclusionary.

Are you prepared to respond boldly when people ask, “What does this mean”? Without the baptism of the Holy Spirit, none of us can proclaim anything. We can debate, argue which thing matters to “me” and which things matter to “you”, but we won’t be able to move past difference into unity, into wholeness. There are those who recognize that Christ’s sacrifice on the Cross is a universal salvation. In some sense it has to be when Jesus is risen for our eternal life. But we also need to recognize that this act of salvation needs to be received. Imagine you are dying of hunger while just around the corner people are providing abundant foods absolutely free. In your dying hunger, can you arise, turn the corner, and receive what is already offered?

Many people today, in their haste to reject the “religious” for something spiritual, end up finding very little spirituality and turn to support groups, attend abstruse self-help conferences and adopt numerous New Age solutions to the ageless question of yourself before God who has already provided the answer you seek. After Peter spoke we are told that “Those who gladly received” (Acts 2:41) acted and were baptized. It didn’t stop there. “They continued steadfastly in the apostle’s doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and prayers.” (Acts 2:42). Is this not the Divine

Liturgy? If you want salvation, you have to move towards the gift. Gifts become gifts only when received.

As summer approaches and the many activities of summer easily distract you from your spiritual lives, try to adopt a routine of study, prayer, and fellowship. Open your Bible, search out suitable study guides to help you navigate the difficult areas. Use the Internet wisely. The Orthodox Church has fully utilized this powerful learning tool to bring you whatever spiritual guidance you might need. Through it, you can connect with some of the most profound Orthodox spiritual teachers, even saints within our time. You can join groups seeking what you are seeking. There are so many wonderful opportunities to create a virtual fellowship that constitutes real people seeking real meaning to the question “What can this mean?”. And make every effort to attend the Divine Liturgy in order to participate in the transforming experience of the Eucharist, the living body and blood of Christ. We must receive the gift first before we can open it. Imagine what you will find! You too will be wondering, “What can this mean?”.

This Fall, we are eagerly anticipating an adult education program where you can come and discover the Bible, the foundations of our Orthodoxy, and abundant fellowship to help guide you in this difficult time of spiritual crisis. Make no mistake about the urgency of our struggle to be faithful Orthodox Christians. Your whole family is a microcosm of the Church because the Church cannot exist without the family that is intimately comprised of all of us.

It is tragically ironic that the very abundance most of seek has already been given to us. It is up to each one of us to receive it. Christ came to give us an abundant life. Do we miss it because we just don’t know what that means?

What can this mean?
Herbert F. Schuster

Room for Agape a voice for our seniors June 2018

Happy Fathers Day!



Symbols/icons/ sound structures (including words and music) are all perfect examples of how the Father's portrayed - as outlived by way of the Word.

They are leaders - like a triumvirate of powers eager to get something going as an enterprise, in fact, from *between* them – a Feat/a Fetus/a Child. Father/ Mother/Child is one of them – just one of many arrangements. There are many but these three stand out in particular - because of the way they can be taken *personally*.



By taking the time to take just one step further, we eventually recognize a system of Dynamic Interconnection – the industry of life. Fathers were given a great gift from God – in the form of a woman: icon of fertility.

She was wrapped as a present in the form of a way to save time. God offered suggestions – well, only one: put a penny in the pocket; be patient/ just watch for what comes of it - eventually. All they did was enjoy a moment of pleasure and wait for a great feat to fall in their lap – exactly where it began. In the meantime, he watches a mountain grow; he almost - but never - can get to quite touch. Wonder of wonders – a lode appears! And it screams. She had labored and finally delivers: “Oh, what pleasant relief: We did it!”

His work has barely begun; hers is a constant – together unending. At the moment, they fused in wonderment, overjoyed to please one another with a gift from out of the blue. Her mountain is gone, all assets shifted – but that doesn't matter right now. It's the Wonder: together in awe, refusing all over and over again. His mountain of assets has disappeared but that's OK with him – because he'd created a wonder (at least so he thought); She had done all the work behind the scene. Whatever went on, just happened to

happen. He gets jealous, unable copy her feat – so makes a “baby” of his own by working in a field where he can use his head. She had *Her* work; now He has *His*. Beauty; beauty; beauty – Wondrous; they flourish! The pattern is eternal.

Trouble is, most of the time, variations on the theme come to light – sooner than later. They get jealous of one another: he wants hers and she wants his but never the tween shall meet. When they're wise, they negotiate - to find a path through the golden mean: not a rage – pure joy. When perfect in love, focused solely on the One kind of feat they Have to do - together.

Solomon was a king, extraordinarily wise. He set a perfect example as faced by two mothers, both claiming the very same baby. Both sounded legitimate about their claims – so here's what he figured out and declared – “OK, I'll split the baby down the middle so each of you can have half.” And pulled his sword from its sheath. The sword was on its way down but one of the women cried out, “NO – STOP; give the baby to Her!” And he had his answer exactly: the one who loved – willing to sacrifice to save the baby. He said to'm, self, “*she's the actual mother, wanting to offer a chance to life – even though a definite lose to her.*” And, of course, she got her baby back. Sometimes we see a

wise woman; sometimes we find a wise man – but when all at last is said and done, *the ones who work together as one*, win – through ways of give and take.

Then there was Hannah, mother of Joshua, “Son of Nun”, who brought her baby as a love offering to God. There was no greater gift she could possibly think of because of the love in her heart. She loved Joshua’s father – but nothing compared with the love she held for the Spirit of God in her heart. He had to agree, realizing they could always replace the void left behind – although probably not completely. (This I can only imagine.)

And this is what I see at St Andrew: father’s sacrificing for the sake of their spouse – and mothers doing likewise. **No greater love on earth.** They pull in their children as helpers – so they can learn, too – by example.

We will celebrate our next Agape luncheon at Holy Protection monastery Tuesday June 19, last one of the season.

We will **leave PROMPTLY at 9am**, carpooling. Tell yourself to *get here early* so you can be here, relaxing in time - with Betty’s breakfast pickings.

If you get here late, you’ll have to drive yourself; we’ll leave directions on the door by the Office (just in case you don’t have GPS).

Get here early and, if you have extra room, can always carry someone who’d rather not be squeezed. Any experienced younger adult (than we

are) with a car and time are invited along as a carrier. Again, they will be posted on the Bulletin Board as well - after the Festival’s over.

We need to tell Mother Olympiada how many to feed - so let Betty know right after the Festival if you’re planning to go.

We can shop and bring things home – books, candles, gifts, icons, jewelry, things for baptisms and weddings - that sorts of things. **Father Mark will talk with us as a group.** Tell Betty you want Confession (it’s - if he has time - that’s a biggy). They’ll serve lunch prepared by those wondrously gracious and lovely women of God who quietly/prayerfully – busy bees - truly know how to work as if simply doing their thing - graciously purposefully, sweeping along (all the while working wonders - when considering what they accomplish by working together as teams. They fix the food harvested from their garden – that they gently saved, frozen/ bottled away, last year. We’ll have time to stroll around: see the flowers coming to bloom – and visit their chapels and shrines. Just *being* there is a wonder in silence. If you haven’t been there before, this is your chance to go. Those who have been there know how it feels – to have to wait – like children on a trip heading toward their favorite place.

We’ll be home before 5 at least, Lord willing.

Maryann Brinkley (973-442-3011) and
Betty Kelly (973-704-0377)

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GREEK ORTHODOX SUMMER CAMP
June 25th-29th (Mon-Fri)
9AM-12PM for Ages 4-12

What to expect?

Learning about our faith, music, games, crafts, sports, friends, and fun!

Registration forms outside of church office

(All registration forms and \$25.00 fee due to the church office by June 16th)



PARENTS' CORNER

By Alexandra Protopapas

JUNE 2018 – THE ABC'S of Drugs

This is the time of the year for most high school proms, graduations, the shore, getting together with friends to “have fun”, so this time of the year I always go through the alphabet of what parents should be aware of with their teens, and even younger children. We hear in the news about opioid addiction but of course it is more than that.

Let's begin!

- A is for Alcohol. There is the same amount of alcohol in a 12-ounce bottle of beer, a 4-ounce glass of wine, a 10-ounce wine cooler, and a 1-ounce shot of whiskey. In other words, alcohol is alcohol. Even one drink can affect your judgment and lead to poor choices.
- B is for Benefits. There are terrific benefits to staying free of drugs. You can run faster, do better in school and have more money in your pocket. Chances are you can be happier, healthier, and safer, too.
- C is for Control. Drugs can take away control without a person even knowing it. Drug use doesn't only hurt the user – families, friends, and partners are affected as well.
- D is for Depressants or Downers. Barbiturates, sleeping pills, tranquilizers, and alcohol slow down the central nervous system. Depressants can be psychologically and physically addictive. They are extremely dangerous when combined with each other.
- E is for Everybody. Everybody does NOT do drugs. You won't have to look that far to find friends who know how to have fun without drugs. (Duh—GOYA!)
- F is for your Future. Where do you see yourself going in life? Will using drugs help or hurt your ability to get there? Drugs could turn your future dreams into nightmares.
- G is for Good Time. There are many ways to have a good time without using drugs – sports, art, music, the outdoors, friends, etc. The highs you get without drugs can be bigger, better, and last longer. GOYA!
- H is for Hallucinogens. These include LSD, mescaline, PCP, and psilocybin (mushrooms). These drugs cause hallucinations that make it hard to know what's real and what's not. Effects may continue even after a person stops using the drug.
- I is for Imitate. Designer drugs are chemicals made to act like illegal drugs – like heroin or speed, for example. Nobody knows exactly what's in them or how they might affect a person who takes them.
- J is for Jail. Many drugs are illegal. If you get caught using them, you can be kicked out of school or fired from your job. You could even end up in jail. Definitely not a good place to be.
- K is for Killed. Around 500,000 people die from tobacco and alcohol use every year in the United States. Thousands more are killed as a result of drinking and driving and from the effects of other drugs. That's a lot of dead people! Don't let yourself be one of them!
- L is for Life. It feels great to solve problems and get through the difficult times in life with strength, courage, and brains – and to do it all without using drugs. Drugs won't solve problems – they can create big ones.
- M is for Marijuana. Smoking marijuana is bad for your lungs. It can be psychologically addictive. It's expensive – and – because pot is illegal, there's no way to know for sure if it's been mixed with other chemicals or drugs.
- N is for Narcotics. These are drugs such as heroine, morphine, codeine, and opium. Many people share needles to inject these addictive drugs. This puts them at risk for a number of diseases, including HIV.

- Q is for Qverdose. Too much of a drug can be dangerous. This includes alcohol too. If you think you or someone else is having a dangerous reaction to a drug, call 9-1-1 or an ambulance immediately!
- P – is for Pregnancy. A woman who is pregnant should never take drugs unless her doctor prescribes them. Drugs can damage the baby, cause birth defects, and lead to major problems with the pregnancy.
- Q is for Quadrillion. There are quadrillion reasons not to get involved with drugs. They can harm your body and brain, can be addictive, can cause you to lose control and make poor decisions—and a lot more!
- R is for Recovery. Help is available for people who are having problems with drugs. Programs such as AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) and NA (Narcotics Anonymous) can help people back on the drug-free track.
- S is for Steroids. You can be a great athlete without using illegal steroids. Weight training, exercise and diet can give you the muscles you need without the physical and mental problems steroids can cause. (My involvement in the Athens 2004 Olympics sure pointed this out!)
- T is for Tobacco. Tobacco use is responsible for more deaths than any other drug combined. The

nicotine is one of the most addictive substances known.

- U is for Uppers. Stimulants – drugs such as amphetamines, cocaine and crack, speed up the central nervous system. Milder ones include nicotine and caffeine. Users can quickly become addicted. Heavy use can lead to heart problems, strokes, and death.
- V is for Violence. Once people are dependent on drugs, they will do practically anything to pay for them. Burglaries, robberies, muggings, and other crimes is often drug related.
- W is for Withdrawal. Someone who is physically dependent on a drug and stops using it may have “withdrawal”. Symptoms may include nausea, vomiting, sleeplessness, and seizures.
- X is for eXample. Set an example for yourself, your family, and your friends. Say, “No Thanks” to drugs and turn the other way.
- Y is for Yourself. Do yourself a favor by steering clear of drugs. You’ll thank Yourself later!
- Z is for Zenith. As in the highest point – the peak! Get there by doing best in sports, school, and work. Don’t doubt your Greek Orthodox faith. Continue going to GOYA. Be the greatest friend and person you can be. Find out how high you really can reach by getting there without drugs!

This month’s prayer from **Table Prayer Guide** is **Saint John – Fourth Century, Antioch**

“The human family constitutes the primary and essential element of human society. Peace in society will be a direct result of peace in the family.”

Review this ABC list and be aware. Have a blessed summer and make sure you plan activities with your children!

Feel free to e-mail me with your comments and suggestions for our “Parents’ Corner” at: alexproto@optonline.net

Have a great month! | **Alexandra Protopapas Med | Certified Teacher of the Handicapped & Social Sciences**

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Rummage Sale

To benefit Saint Andrew Church

September 7th & 8th

Friday & Saturday from 9am-4pm

The St. Andrew Philoptochos is looking for items you no longer want or need.

Don't fill the landfills -- your trash may be someone else's treasure!

Electronics, small appliances and costume jewelry are popular items.

We will accept any **clean, unbroken, useful items** (except tube TVs and baby/child car seats).

Deadline for drop-off is Sunday, September 1st

We need your help with set up (now) – days of – cleanup.

We need volunteers to sort the items for sale and to work at the sale on September 7 & 8. Please contact **Petra Knox at (973) 270-0396** if you can help, or, if you have some time on your hands, simply call the church to be sure you can get in and come sort items, it's easy.

The gym is set up and ready for your items. Please drop off any items you have for sale by 9/1. If you are able, please stay to sort your own items. With everyone's help, we can have a successful fundraiser. The rummage sale benefits the Knitting Group and Pillow Making Group, which bring much love and support directly to those in need, as well as our own St. Andrew Church

Thank you for your generosity and support.

GYRO & Souvlaki TAKE-OUT

Saturday Sept. 8th

11am – 4pm

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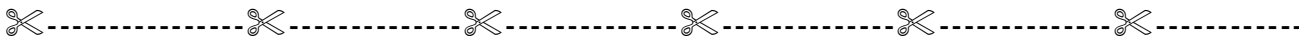
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BAPTISMS – ΒΑΠΤΙΣΙΣ

OLIVIA POLYCHRONIS APPEL, daughter of Daniell Christohper Appel and Maria Polichronis Dermatis of Dover NJ was baptized on May 16, 2018 according to the rites of our faith and given the name **ΟΛΙΒΙΑ – OLIVIA** . Godmother was Panayiota Damkas.

CHRISTINA POLYCHRONIS APPEL, daughter of Daniell Christohper Appel and Maria Polichronis Dermatis of Dover NJ was baptized on May 16, 2018 according to the rites of our faith and given the name **ΧΡΙΣΤΙΝΑ – CHRISTINA** . Godparents were Nikolaos and Kristie Georgakopoulos.

FUNERALS – ΚΗΔΕΙΕΣ

+Christos Capellos, of Parsippany NJ passed away on April 25, 2018. Christos was the father of Maria (Jeff) Henderson. He was predeceased by his wife Eleni and daughter Melina. A Funeral Service was held for the repose of his soul at Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church on Wednesday May 2nd.

+ John Gatanas of NYC, NY passed away on May 7, 2018. Ioannis was the son of Dimitri and Vasilia and the brother of Despina Gatanas. A funeral was held for the repose of his soul at Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church on Friday, May 11th

*May your memory be eternal dear brother for you are worthy of blessedness and everlasting memory.
Αιωνία η μνήμη σου αξιομακάριστε και αείμνηστε αδελφέ ημών.*

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SUNDAY SCHOOL)

Classes will begin on Sunday, September 9th

HELLENIC AFTERNOON SCHOOL (HAS)- ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ

Greek Language classes will begin on Thursday, September 13th

GREEK DANCE (JUNIORS & GOYA)

start on Thursday, September 20th

NEW GREEK DANCE FOR ADULTS

Wednesdays at 7:30-8:30pm (September 26th-December 5th \$125)

All **REGISTRATION FORMS** are available upon request **E-mail** info@standrewgonj.org
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Please sign up ASAP so we may plan accordingly

ST. ANDREW CALENDAR

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION **Sundays**

PILLOW MINISTRY TBA ON A **Monday** @11am

BAKING GROUP **Tuesdays** @9am

KNITTING GROUP **Wednesdays** @10am -2pm

Hellenic Afternoon School **Thursdays** @4:30pm

JR Greek Dancing **Thursdays** @6:30pm

GOYA Greek Dancing **Thursdays** @7pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS JUNE: 6/3 FESTIVAL NO C HOUR,
6/10 DOP, 6/17 PHILOPTOCHOS, 6/24 PARISH COUNCIL

JUNE •1•2 •3 FESTIVAL

6/ 7 HAS End of Year Rehearsals

6/8 @10:30AM Fridays: ORTHODOX DISCUSSION Lives
of the Holy Apostles also June 15 & 22

6/9 @11AM CHRISMATION

6/9 @12PM WEDDING of Pallis & Westberg

6/9 @3PM WEDDING of Minter & Kolovos

6/10 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GRADUATION & AWARDS

6/10 @1:30PM BAPTISM @3PM BAPTISM

6/14 HELLENIC AFTERNOON SCHOOL GRADUATION

6/16 @4PM WEDDING of Hayter & Casares

6/16 JOY End of Year Trip Land of Make Believe

6/19 Agape Trip to the Monastery

6/21 Philoptochos & DOP End of Year Dinner

6/23 Faith Kitchen Host – Daughters of Penelope

JUNE 24 CAR RAFFLE DRAWING

JUNE 25-29 @9AM-12PM SA SUMMER CAMP

(contact office for registration)

6/30 @2PM BAPTISM

7/1-7/6 ARCHDIOCESE CLERGY LAITY BOSTON

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS JULY & AUGUST SUMMER SCHEDULE

Summer Coffee Hour: It is our summer tradition that all coffee hour trays will benefit our Ministries. We all share the responsibility of bringing food. Please bring a cake, cookies, fruit, etc. to church with you from time to time to add to our coffee hour table. Or, arrange to host a COFFEE HOUR by contacting the church office. If we do not have someone host and/or sponsor the coffee hour, we will not be able have one on that particular Sunday. Thanking-you in advance for your participation this summer.

7/8 @3PM WEDDING of Sakacs & Ruiz

7/20 Fallen Cypriots of 7/20/74 Turkish invasion

TBA Pre-Marriage Counseling sessions

8/19 @3PM WEDDING of Constantinou & Georgiou

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS SEPTEMBER: 9/2 PHILOPTOCHOS 9/9
PTA, 9/16 AT ASBURY PARK, 9/23 DOP, 9/30 GOYA

9/3 LABOR DAY

9/7 & 9/8 @9am-4pm Rummage Sale

9/8 @3PM WEDDING of Eastlake & Geannakopoulos

9/9 @1PM WEDDING of Parnos & Ercolino

9/9 @11:15am AGIASMOS for Sunday school & all
educators (*Religious, Greek, Public schools*)

9/9 First Day of Sunday School

9/13 @4:30pm Agiasmos for Hellenic Afternoon
School followed by 1st day of classes

9/15 @3PM BAPTISM

9 /16 Services will be held at Asbury Park

No Service at St. Andrew (**to be confirmed**)

9/18 @11:30am Agape Luncheon *3rd Tuesday*

9/20 @6:30PM 1st Day of Greek Dance Jr & GOYA

9/23 @7:30pm Parish Council Meeting *4th Monday*

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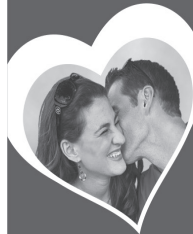
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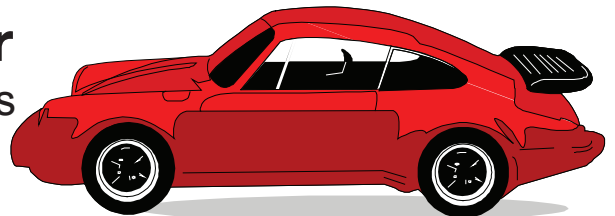
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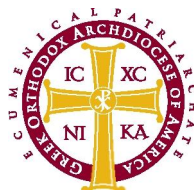
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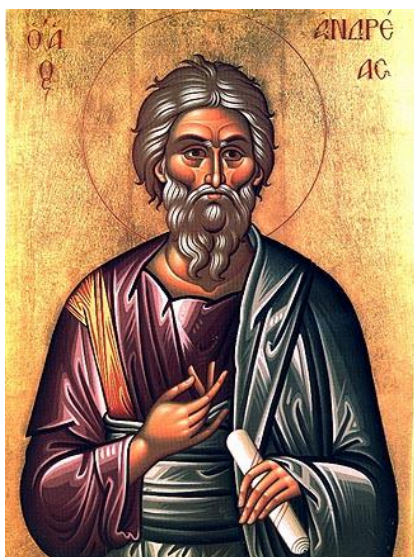
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