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### JUNE 2021

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN</b> <i>Religious Education Graduation after service</i>
Thursday	10	Holy Ascension
Friday	11	Bartholomew the Holy Apostle; Barnabas the Holy Apostle; Revelation of the Hymn Axion Esti .. on Mt. Athos by the Archangel Gabriel
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL</b>
Saturday	19	SATURDAY OF SOULS <i>Fr. John visits Cemeteries to pray for our +Loved ones after service</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>HOLY PENTECOST - FATHER'S DAY</b>
Monday	21	MONDAY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
Thursday	24	THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS</b> <i>FAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES + BEGINS ON 6/28 ENDS 6/28</i>
Tuesday	29	STS. PETER AND PAUL
Wednesday	30	SYNAXIS OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES

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

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## ΙΕΡΕΣ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΕΙΕΣ

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### ΙΟΥΝΙΟΣ 2021

<b>Κυριακή</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Κυριακή ΣΤ' τοῦ Τυφλοῦ</b>   Πρόγραμμα Αποφοίτησης Κατηχητικού σχολείου
Πέμπτη	10	Τη Πέμπτη της Αναλήψεως
Παρασκευή	11	ΒΑΡΘΟΛΟΜΑΙΟΣ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ; ΒΑΡΝΑΒΑΣ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ; ΣΥΝΑΞΙΣ ἘΝ Τῷ ἄΔΕΙΝ ΤΟῦ ἝΜΝΟΥ ἌΞΙΟΝ ἜΣΤΙΝ
<b>Κυριακή</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Κυριακή Ζ' τῶν 318 Ἁγίων Πατέρων τῆς Α' Οἴκου. Συνόδου</b>
Σάββατο	19	ΨΥΧΟΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ π. <i>Ιωάννης θα επισκεφτεί το Νεκροταφείο στο Ντόβερ μετά την Λειτουργία</i>
<b>Κυριακή</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ Η' τῆς ΠΕΝΤΗΚΟΣΤῆς</b>   <i>ΕΟΡΤΗ ΤΟΥ ΠΑΤΕΡΑ</i>
Δευτέρα	21	ΤΟΥ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΠΝΕΥΜΑΤΟΣ
Πέμπτη	24	ΓΕΝΕΘΛΙΟΝ ΤΟῦ ΙΩΑΝΝΟΥ ΠΡΟΔΡΟΜΟΥ;
<b>Κυριακή</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Α' Ματθαίου τῶν Ἁγίων Πάντων</b> <i>ΝΗΣΤΕΙΑ ΤΩΝ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΩΝ 28/6-28/6</i>
Τρίτη	29	ἈΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΙ ΠΕΤΡΟΣ καὶ Παῦλος
Τετάρτη	30	ΣΥΝΑΞΙΣ ΤῶΝ ΑΓΙΩΝ ΔΩΔΕΚΑ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΩΝ

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### JULY 2021

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF MATTHEW   INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF MATTHEW</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS; 4<sup>TH</sup> ECUMENICAL COUNCIL</b>
Service TBD Tuesday	20	THE GLORIOUS PROPHET ELIAS (ELIJAH)
Service TBD Thursday	22	ST. MARY MAGDALENE * <b>RELICS</b> SAINT MARKELLA, THE VIRGIN-MARTYR OF CHIOS
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF MATTHEW   DORMITION OF ST. ANNA, MOTHER OF THE THEOTOKOS</b>
Monday	26	+PARASKEVE THE RIGHTEOUS MARTYR OF ROME * <b>RELICS</b>
Tuesday	27	PANTELEIMON THE GREAT MARTYR & HEALER * <b>RELICS</b> <i>We have this saint's RELICS at our Saint Andrew Reliquary) *</i>

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### ΙΟΥΛΙΟΣ 2021

<b>Κυριακή</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Β΄ ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ</b>
<b>Κυριακή</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Γ΄ ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ</b>
<b>Κυριακή</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Κυριακή των Αγίων Πατέρων της Δ΄ Οικουμενικής Συνόδου;</b>
<i>θα ανακοινωθεί</i> Τρίτη	20	ΠΡΟΦΗΤΗΣ ΉΛΙΑΣ ὁ ΘΕΣΒΙΤΗΣ
Πέμπτη	22	+ΜΑΡΙΑΣ ΜΑΓΔΑΛΗΝΗ* <b>ΛΕΙΨΑΝΑ</b>   +Μαρκέλλα παρθενομάρτυς
<b>Κυριακή</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Ε΄ ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ   Κοίμησις Ἁγίας Ἄννης, Μητρὸς τῆς Θεοτόκου;</b>
Δευτέρα	26	ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ ὍΣΙΟΜΑΡΤΥΣ * <b>ΛΕΙΨΑΝΑ</b>
<i>θα ανακοινωθεί</i> Τρίτη	27	ΜΕΓΑΛΟΜΑΡΤΥΣ ΠΑΝΤΕΛΕΗΜΩΝ * <b>ΛΕΙΨΑΝΑ</b>

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### AUGUST 2021

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF MATTHEW</b>
Mon-Wed	2-4	PARAKLESIS SERVICE @6:30PM
Thursday	5	VESPERS @ 6:30PM AT ST. ANDREW
Friday	6	TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF MATTHEW</b>
Mon-Fri	9-13	PARAKLESIS SERVICE @6:30PM
Saturday	14	GREAT VESPERS @6:30PM   <i>LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED (TBA)</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>THE DORMITION OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY THE THEOTOKOS</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>9<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF MATTHEW</b>
Service TBD Friday	27	SAINT PHANURIUS
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>BEHEADING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST</b> <i>(STRICT FAST DAY)</i>

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### ΑΥΓΟΥΣΤΟΣ 2021

<b>Κυριακή</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>ΣΤ΄ Ματθαίου</b>
Δευτέρα-Τετάρτη	2-4	Ακολουθία Παράκλησις - <u>ώρα</u> 6:30μμ
Πέμπτη	5	Εσπερινός <u>ώρα</u> 6:30μμ
<b>Παρασκευή</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Η ΜΕΤΑΜΟΡΦΩΣΙΣ ΤΟΥ ΚΥΡΙΟΥ ΥΜΩΝ ΙΗΣΟΥ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥ</b>
<b>Κυριακή</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Ζ΄ Ματθαίου</b>
Δευτέρα-Παρασκευή	9-13	Ακολουθία Παράκλησις - <u>ώρα</u> 6:30μμ
Σάββατο	14	Εσπερινός - <u>ώρα</u> 6:30μμ <i>θα ανακοινωθεί στο Εβδομαδιαίο Bulletin</i>
<b>Κυριακή</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>ΚΟΙΜΗΣΗΣ ΤΗΣ ΥΠΕΡΑΓΙΑΣ ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ</b>
<b>Κυριακή</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Θ΄ Ματθαίου</b>
<i>θα ανακοινωθεί</i> Παρασκευή	27	ΑΓΙΟΣ ΦΑΝΟΥΡΙΟΣ
<b>Κυριακή</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>ΑΠΟΤΟΜΗ ΚΕΦΑΛΗΣ ΠΡΟΔΡΟΜΟΥ ΙΩΑΝΝΟΥ ΒΑΠΤΙΣΤΟΥ</b> <i>(Αυστηρή Νηστεία)</i>

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## SATURDAY OF THE SOULS

### ΨΥΧΟΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ

**JUNE 19, 2021**



During memorial services, we commemorate the souls of all Orthodox Christians who have gone before us into eternal rest. In praying for those who have “fallen asleep in the Lord,” we continue to ask that God may have mercy on them in His divine judgment so they may gain the inheritance of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The names offered during the “Saturday of the Souls” (June 19, 2021) before the feast of Pentecost will be commemorated.

Also remember your loved ones by not only submitting their names, but by attending the holy services to offer your own prayers for their eternal rest.

Anyone wishing to do so may also bring or order a dish of memorial wheat (“kollyva”) for use during the service.

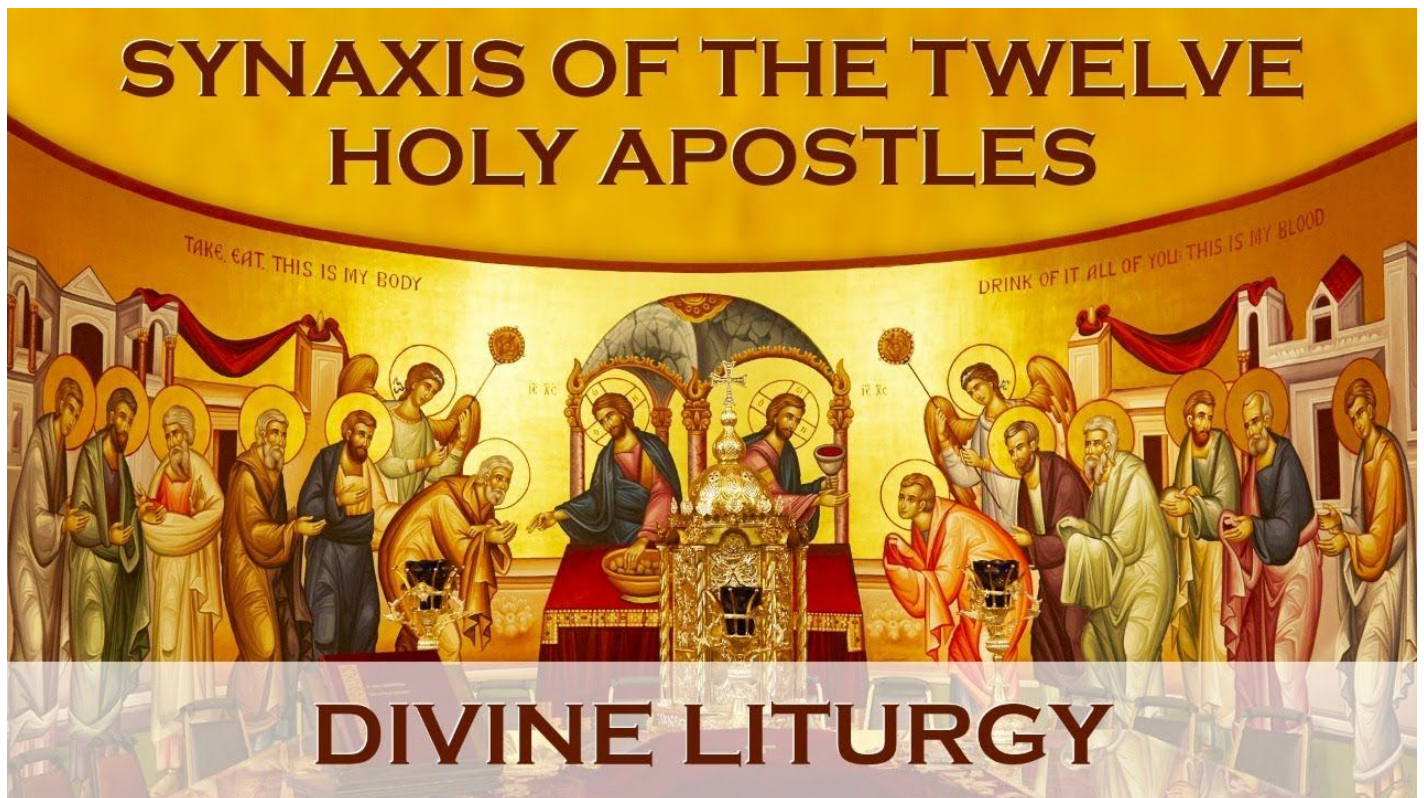
Please, bring your list of names to the service, or if not able to attend, call the Church Office (973-584-0388) ahead of time or send it by email to [info@standrewgonj.org](mailto:info@standrewgonj.org)

*Orthros at 8 am, followed by the Divine Liturgy at 9 am*

**May their memory be eternal!**

WEDNESDAY JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> ORTHROS 8AM & DIVINE LITURGY 9AM

## SYNAXIS OF THE TWELVE HOLY APOSTLES



# The Spiritual Aspect of Fatherhood

*I recently read this article and thought it would be appropriate for our June Magazine since Father's Day is coming up. I hope you enjoy it! Fr. John*

A conference participant once asked the speaker, "What is the best way for a father to love his children?" The speaker replied, "The best way for a father to love his children is to love their mother." I reflect often upon that superbly accurate statement. And I think the reverse is equally true: the best way a mother can love her children is to love their father.

More than anything else in the world, children need a loving family and parents who support each other, even if the parents are apart through separation or divorce.

Christ challenges us to love one another, and that challenge becomes even more compelling within our own families. Even in the best of families, there is brokenness. And that is why the man's call to fatherhood is so important. We fathers are called to show our families strong, manly love and forgiveness, virtues modeled powerfully in the father of the prodigal son (Lk 11:32).

This father is stable, loving, and generous. In his fairness, he avoids violating the freedom of either of his sons. When the prodigal demands his inheritance and decides to leave, the father does not attempt to withhold the money. He



does not pressure the son to stay by trying to make him feel guilty. And the father is wise enough not to send money or care packages to relieve the son's distress. The father allows both of his adult sons to make their own mistakes and to learn from their failures, an appropriate form of discipline for older adolescents and young adults.

The prodigal's father demonstrates manly leadership by taking loving initiatives, and he takes many such initiatives. He maintains a thriving business to provide the generous inheritance. He creates and supports a loving family for the prodigal to run from and for the older son to remain with. And there is his last generous, joyful initiative as he runs out to embrace the returning son, kiss him, and put on him the best robe, ring, and shoes. He celebrates the return of his son with a feast. And in a scene, all of us fathers can recognize, he opens up the conversation with the sulking older son.

The father takes the initiative in bringing about forgiveness and reconciliation in the whole family. He is a model for us in responding to our call to follow the Spirit of Jesus in taking many initiatives in our families, especially that of boundless forgiveness for our children.

When a father takes responsibility for his own spiritual life, for the way he prays, goes to church, and practices virtue in the family, he gives good example. Then his leadership in the family is authentic, based on his own solid relationship with God, and he is less likely to be concerned about any resistance his children may give him. He can lead family prayer. When I suggest that we stand in the living room and pray before a trip or that we pray in a restaurant, I often feel an initial resistance in my children. But

quiet cooperation and peacefulness soon follow. Sometimes the children will even tell me that they prayed in a restaurant when I was not there.

At times the father's role of leading the family to great forgiveness and prayerfulness is an unpopular one. But as a man grows in his own spiritual life, he becomes more sturdy and willing to accept responsibility. Although all this is impossible for us fathers to do alone, with God we can do all things. God can even bestow the awesome spiritual power of fatherhood upon us.

*This article is written by [Dr. Albert Rossi](#) is a tenured Associate Professor of Psychology, Pace University, Pleasantville, NY (since 1976) and has a private practice in family counseling. He is a member of the Department of Lay Ministries. He is Lecturer in Pastoral Theology & Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program at [St. Vladimir's Seminary](#).*

### **Strength of a Mountain**

God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it ... Dad

- Author Unknown





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## SAINT ANDREW GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Rev. John Theodosion  
Pastor

Dear Fellow Saint Andrew Parishioners and Friends:

With the uncertainty the Coronavirus has brought, we need everyone to band together to make our Car Raffle a success to fund our Saint Andrew ministries! We are writing to ask your help with a successful Car Raffle in 2021, which may prove to be more important than ever. It is a simple path to success, and there are two ways you can help:

**First, we ask you buy raffle tickets.** While we ask you to be as generous as possible, the number you buy is entirely up to you. Our goal is 100% participation.

**Secondly, we ask you to sell raffle tickets.** If you have not sold raffle tickets for the Church before, *NOW* is the time to start. Usually, our neighbors and friends are happy to support such a great cause, and they are enthusiastic about the chance to win a new Mercedes! If every member of our Saint Andrew Family bought and/or sold only the tickets mailed to them, we would have our most successful raffle ever.

**Set a goal for yourself** to sell or buy just one more ticket than you did in the past. **If last time you sold or bought no tickets, sell, or buy just one this year!** If last time you sold ten, this year sell eleven. If we all take the challenge, it will be our best year ever! Please contact our Church Office for more tickets.

At this time of crisis, please join our team by dedicating a little extra time to selling some tickets and helping us reach our financial goals. As a Saint Andrew Family, we can overcome all our challenges together.

**Our car raffle drawing this year will be on Sunday, September 26 at 1:00 pm.**

We thank you for your continued support and service to our Saint Andrew Church, and we pray that our Lord will continue to bless and protect you and your loved ones today and always.

Fr. John Theodosion  
Protopresbyter

Nicholas Monokandilos  
Raffle Chair

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### ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΗ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΑΝΔΡΕΟΥ

Αγαπητοί μου φίλοι και συνενορίτες του Αγίου Ανδρέα:

Με την αβεβαιότητα που έχει φέρει ο κορωνοϊός, είναι αναγκαίο όλοι να ενωθούμε για να πετύχει η Λαχειοφόρος Αυτοκινήτου που θα χρηματοδοτήσει τις διακονίες του Αγίου Ανδρέου! Σας γράφουμε για να ζητήσουμε τη βοήθειά σας για μια πετυχημένη Λαχειοφόρο 2021 με έπαθλο Αυτοκίνητο, που ίσως είναι πιο σημαντική από ποτέ. Είναι ένα απλό μονοπάτι επιτυχίας, και υπάρχουν δύο τρόποι να βοηθήσετε:

**Πρώτον, σας ζητούμε να αγοράσετε λαχνούς.** Σας παρακαλούμε να είστε γενναιόδωροι όσο γίνεται, αν και το πόσους λαχνούς θα αγοράσετε εσείς θα αποφασίσετε. Ο στόχος μας είναι 100% συμμετοχή.

**Δεύτερον, σας παρακαλούμε να πουλήσετε λαχνούς.** Αν δεν έχετε ξαναπουλήσει λαχνούς για την Εκκλησία, ΤΩΡΑ είναι ώρα να αρχίσετε. Συνήθως, οι φίλοι και γείτονές μας χαίρονται να υποστηρίζουν ένα τέτοιο καλό σκοπό, και ενθουσιάζονται με την πιθανότητα να κερδίσουν μία ολοκαίνουργια Μερσεντές! Εάν το κάθε μέλος της Οικογένειας του Αγίου Ανδρέα αγόραζε και ή πωλούσε τους λαχνούς που έλαβε ταχυδρομικά, θα είχαμε την πιο επιτυχημένη λαχειοφόρο από ποτέ.

**Βάλτε ένα στόχο για τον εαυτό σας να πουλήσετε ή να αγοράσετε έναν περισσότερο λαχνό από ότι αγοράσατε ή πουλήσατε πέρυσι.** Αν πέρυσι δεν πουλήσατε ούτε αγοράσατε λαχνούς, ας πουλήσετε ή αγοράστε ένα μόνο για φέτος! Αν πέρυσι πουλήσατε δέκα, φέτος πουλήστε έντεκα. Αν όλοι δεχθούμε την πρόκληση, θα γίνει η καλύτερή μας χρονιά! Σας παρακαλούμε επικοινωνήστε με το Γραφείο της Εκκλησίας για να πάρετε περισσότερους λαχνούς.

Αυτή την εποχή της κρίσης, σας παρακαλούμε να δείξετε την αγάπη σας για την Εκκλησία μας του Αγίου Ανδρέα με την συμμετοχή σας στην ομαδική αυτή προσπάθεια! Ως Οικογένεια του Αγίου Ανδρέα, θα επιτύχουμε όλοι μαζί.

**Η κλήρωση για το αυτοκίνητο φέτος θα γίνει την Κυριακή 26 Σεπτεμβρίου στις 1:00 μ.μ.**

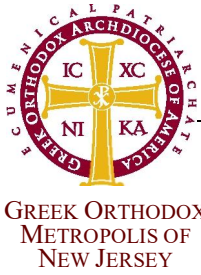
Σας ευχαριστούμε για τη συνεχόμενη υποστήριξη και τις υπηρεσίες σας στην Εκκλησία του Αγίου Ανδρέα, και προσευχόμαστε ο Κύριός μας να συνεχίσει να σας ευλογεί και να προστατεύει εσάς και τους αγαπημένους σας σήμερα και πάντα.

Πατήρ Ιωάννης Θεοδοσίου  
Πρωτοπρεσβύτερος

Νικόλαος Μονοκάνδυλος  
Υπεύθυνος λαχειοφόρου

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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA

June 2021

Dear Steward of St. Andrew,

On behalf of the Parish Council, we cordially invite you to attend a St. Andrew General Assembly meeting on:

**Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021@ 7:00pm**

According to the Uniform Parish Regulations of the Archdiocese, all parishioners present, and wishing to participate in the discussions and voting, must be active stewards for 2021. Please RSVP to the church email [info@standrewgonj.org](mailto:info@standrewgonj.org) by Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> to receive the online meeting link.

### The Agenda is as follows:

1. Opening Prayer
2. Nomination and election of Chairperson and appointment of Recording Secretary by the Chairperson for the General Assembly Meeting
3. Approval of the Minutes of the previous General Assembly Meeting
4. President's Report
5. Priest's Remarks
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Philoptochos Report
8. Youth Safety Compliance
9. New Business, Comments & Questions
10. Closing Prayer

Yours in Christ,  
Rev. John Theodosion, *Protopresbyter*  
Steven P. Mitrakos, *Parish Council President*

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## ΘΕΜΑΤΑ ΓΕΝΙΚΗΣ ΣΥΝΕΛΕΥΣΗΣ

ΙΟΥΝΙΟΣ 2021

Αγαπητέ Steward του Αγίου Ανδρέου,

Εκ μέρους του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου ευρισκόμαστε στην ευχάριστη θέση να σας προσκαλέσουμε στο Συμβούλιο των Ιερατειών του Αγίου Ανδρέου και Γενική Συνέλευση της Κοινότητας που θα γίνει την

**Δευτέρα, 28 Ιουνίου ώρα 7:00μμ.**

Σύμφωνα με το Ενιαίο Καταστατικό των Ενοριών της Ιεράς Αρχιεπισκοπής όλοι οι παρόντες οικονόμοι (*stewards*) για να έχουν δικαίωμα συζητήσεων και ψήφου πρέπει να είναι ενεργά μέλη για το 2021.

Παρακαλώ απαντήστε στο ηλεκτρονικό ταχυδρομείο εκκλησιών [info@standrewgonj.org](mailto:info@standrewgonj.org) μέχρι την Πέμπτη, 24 Ιουνίου για να λάβετε τον σύνδεσμο ηλεκτρονικής συνάντησης.

**Τα θέματα είναι τα εξής:**

1. Προσευχή έναρξης
2. Υποψηφιότητες - εκλογή Προέδρου και διορισμός εκ του Προέδρου Γραμματέως Πρακτικών για την Γενική Συνέλευση
3. Έγκριση των πρακτικών της προηγούμενης Γενικής Συνελεύσεως
4. Μήνυμα Προέδρου
5. Παρατηρήσεις Ιερέως
6. Έκθεση Ταμείου
7. Έκθεση Φιλοπτώχου
8. Εργαζόμενοι για την Ασφάλεια των Νέων
9. Νεες Επιχειρήσεις, Ερωτήσεις & Παρατηρήσεις
10. Προσευχή

Με αγάπη Χριστού,  
Πατήρ Ιωάννης Θεοδοσίου, *Αιδ. Πρωτοπρεσβύτερος*  
Σωτήριος Π. Μητράκος, *Πρόεδρος Ενοριακού Συμβουλίου*

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## GOYA NEWS - June 2021



As the GOYA year slowly winds down, there are only a few more events to report on for the year. Unfortunately, due to continued COVID-19 restrictions, this year's Olympics and Soccer Tournament were cancelled. Although this was not the best news, GOYA is optimistic that everything will be back to normal by September. We have tried to make the best of the situation. On June 10<sup>th</sup> GOYA is excited to be having its annual senior send off in person! This is going to be a great way to conclude such a crazy year! In addition to the senior sendoff, the GOYA board will try and squeeze in another event.

GOYA truly has made the last six years of my life so memorable. I am very thankful for everything GOYA has done for me. Words cannot describe the strong friendships and bonds I have formed with my fellow GOYAns. I was welcomed with open arms as a shy new GOYA member and can give full credit to Fr. John, the advisors, the older GOYAns, as well as all the GOYA events, to where I am today. I transitioned from a timid 7<sup>th</sup> grader to a confident GOYA President who absolutely loves to socialize and be involved in school and church related activities! In addition, I was not afraid to try new things for the first time in my life. I also got so much closer to our

great religion through constant GOYA retreats and events. I am very proud to be Greek Orthodox and have learned the importance of being involved in the church community.

Please do not give up on GOYA due to the lack of events this year. If you joined GOYA this year and were disappointed, please give it a second chance. I promise you; it will be completely different once we start meeting in person again. This year had so many different twists and turns that it made it very hard for us to do anything at all. However, I am very thankful that we were able to fit in local events, like the corn maze, and movie night, along the way. This year was absolutely nothing close to what a typical GOYA year would look like. In a normal year, I would find myself at the church at least once a week at basketball practice or attending a statewide event with the surrounding New Jersey churches. Most of my fondest memories have come from GOYA, and I am optimistic that this will be the case for future GOYAns as well!

I would like to thank Father John and the advisors for always being in our corner. They have always helped us to have fun events as well as to grow spiritually. This year was especially challenging, but



they kept us connected to each other. I will be forever thankful for all their dedication and support throughout my 6 years in GOYA.

Congratulations to all the seniors as we move on to the next chapter in our lives, but I am sure our friendships made in GOYA will continue forever!

*Submitted by Andrew Venizelos*

### GOYA 2021 GRADUATING SENIORS



Andrew Aaron -  
The College of New Jersey



Aidan Berman - University of Scranton



Bill Karipidis -Siena College



Alexia Arseniu -  
Fairleigh Dickinson University



Marina Dorizas, University of Pittsburgh  
Honors with guaranteed admissions to  
dental school



Prashant Mankar -  
Rochester Institute of Technology





Georgio Moskonas – Seton Hall/  
Stevens Institute combined program



Yianni Hambos -  
Moravian College



Andrew Venizelos –  
Fordham University



Vasili Zois –  
County College of Morris

**Congratulations  
to all our  
2021 Graduates**

**May God Bless  
and guide them  
always!**

*Fun at a corn maze*



## MOTHER OF THE YEAR

A woman from our parish who best exemplifies "Mother of the Year" has been chosen. Our Philoptochos Committee will present her with a gift and a bouquet of flowers. All the mothers in our parish will receive a carnation. We wish them all blessings from the Lord above.

Marina is a wonderful wife and loving mother, devoted to her family and Greek Orthodox faith. She met her husband, George while they were students at Fordham University, and they

married soon after graduating. She is very proud of her children, Constantine, John, Katy, and Andrew.



She grew up in North Bergen, NJ and was a member of the Ascension Church in Fairview. Her parents, John and Andrea Hambos were active parishioners there. They always had a very strong faith in God and taught their children the importance of going to church regularly and volunteering whenever possible. They were the best role models, and Marina followed in their footsteps.

She received her undergraduate degree in psychology and elementary education and became a third-grade teacher. She later worked at Fordham as an associate director of alumni relations. While working full time, she went to graduate school part time and received her master's degree in education from Fordham.

George's job in the FBI required their family to move several times. Over the years they were members at Greek Orthodox churches in Andover, MA, Annapolis, MD, Harrisburg, PA and for the past 18 years here at Saint Andrew. Though it was not easy moving with their young children, church involvement made things much easier. Marina always made new friends and got involved. She taught Sunday School and volunteered at festivals and other events.

She works in the Sparta schools as a substitute teacher. At Saint Andrew, Marina has been the 5th grade Sunday School teacher for over 12 years, a GOYA advisor for the past 6 years, and a member of Philoptochos where she is currently the 1st Vice President. She has been a spirited supporter of the annual festival and has been the coordinator of volunteers for many years. No matter what the event is at church, she is one of the core people who is always there to help. She truly enjoys every minute of it!



Marina truly has the kindest and most compassionate heart and has taught her children to have empathy for others. She has instilled strong morals and values in her children's upbringing. She is a true advocate in each of her children's successes in life and happiness and encourages them to follow their dreams. Above all, she teaches them to always keep God and the Greek Orthodox faith in their lives.

## Ελληνικού Απογευματινού Σχολείου του Αγίου Ανδρέα Hellenic Afternoon School of St. Andrew

Με ιδιαίτερη χαρά και συγκίνηση σας παρουσιάζω τις εκθέσεις των τελειοφοίτων του Ελληνικού Απογευματινού Σχολείου του Αγίου Ανδρέα, με θέμα “Γιατί Μαθαίνω Ελληνικά”. Οκτώ από τα καλύτερα παιδιά μας έφτασαν στο τέλος αυτής της υπέροχης ελληνικής διαδρομής:

Η Αγγελική Παπαγιάννη  
Η Αθανασία Χατζήνα  
Η Ελένη Χαρίτου  
Η Ζωή Τσαπλούσκι  
Η Μάντισον Μοσχονικολάκη  
Η Μαρία Τζούμα  
Ο Χρήστος Πάξος  
Ο Κωνσταντίνος Ζερβός

Σας συγχαίρω παιδιά μου και σας εύχομαι καλή πρόοδο και πολλές μελλοντικές επιτυχίες!

Η δασκάλα σας,  
κ. Χαρούλα Χριστοδούλου

It is with great pleasure and pride that I present to you the essays of the graduates of the Hellenic Afternoon School of St. Andrew with the topic “Why I Learn Greek”. Eight of our best children reached the end of this wonderful journey:

Angeliki Papayianis  
Athanasia Hatzinas  
Helen Haritos  
Zoie Chaplauske  
Madison Moschonikolakis  
Maria Tzoumas  
Christos Paxos  
Konstantinos Zervos

I congratulate you on your graduation and I wish you good luck and success in all your future endeavors!

Your teacher,  
Mrs. Haroula Christodoulou

## Γιατί Μαθαίνω Ελληνικά Έκτη τάξη Why I Learn Greek 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Αγγελική Παπαγιάννη

Είμαι τόσο χαρούμενη που αποφοίτησα από το Ελληνικό Σχολείο! Οι φίλοι που έχω κάνει είναι ανεκτίμητοι. Με έκαναν πάντα να γελάω. Δεν θα ξεχάσω ποτέ τις μοναδικές συζητήσεις μας! Μετά από αυτήν την πανδημία, ελπίζω να κάνω διακοπές στην Ελλάδα και να επισκεφτώ τα όμορφα νησιά. Είναι σημαντικό για μένα να μάθω ελληνικά, για να είμαι ανεξάρτητη όταν θα βρίσκομαι στην Ελλάδα. Το πρώτο πράγμα που θα κάνω είναι να παραγγείλω το αγαπημένο μου πιάτο, το παστίσιο. Πιστεύω επίσης ότι είναι σημαντικό να γνωρίζω την ιστορία της Ελλάδας. Ένα σημαντικό πράγμα που έμαθα στο Ελληνικό Σχολείο είναι οι εθνικές και θρησκευτικές γιορτές και γιατί τις γιορτάζουμε. Για παράδειγμα, η Ημέρα της Ελληνικής επανάστασης για ελευθερία και ανεξαρτησία είναι η 25η Μαρτίου, ημέρα του Ευαγγελισμού της Θεοτόκου. Ζήτω η Ελλάδα!

Γι' αυτό μαθαίνω ελληνικά!

### Angeliki Papayianis

I am so happy to be graduating from Greek School! The friends I've made are priceless; they always made me laugh and smile. I will never forget our special chats! After this pandemic, I hope to vacation in Greece and visit the beautiful islands. It is important for me to learn Greek so I can be independent while in Greece. The first thing I will do is order my favorite dish, pastitsio. I also think it is important for me to know about Greece's history. An important thing I learned in Greek School is the national and religious holidays and why we celebrate them. For example, Greek Independence Day and the Annunciation of the Theotokos are on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Greeks chose this day to start the revolution to symbolize the hope for rebirth and liberty. Zetw e Ellas!

This is why I learn Greek!

### **Ζωή Τσαπλούσκι**

Είμαι περήφανη που είμαι Ελληνίδα και θέλω να το δείχνω μιλώντας την Ελληνική γλώσσα. Αν κάποτε επισκεφτώ την Ελλάδα, θα ξέρω πώς θα μιλήσω στους ανθρώπους εκεί. Θέλω επίσης να μπορώ να μιλώ με τον παππού μου στα Ελληνικά. Μπορώ να καταλάβω καλύτερα την ελληνική κουλτούρα και τον τρόπο ζωής, μαθαίνοντας την γλώσσα. Επιπλέον, βρίσκω την ελληνική γλώσσα πολύ ενδιαφέρουσα. Κάποια μέρα στο μέλλον, θα ήθελα να διδάξω σε κάποιον άλλον πώς να μιλά, να διαβάζει, και να γράφει ελληνικά.

Γι' αυτό μαθαίνω ελληνικά!

### **Zoie Chaplouske**

I am proud to be Greek and I want to be able to show that I am Greek through the language. If I eventually visit Greece, I will know how to communicate with others. I also want to be able to speak to my pappou in Greek. I am able to understand our culture better by learning the language. Additionally, I enjoy learning the Greek language and find it interesting. In the future, I hope to have the opportunity to teach others how to speak Greek, as well as, read and write in Greek.

This is why I learn Greek!

### **Μάντισον Μοσχονικολάκη**

Υπάρχουν πολλοί λόγοι για τους οποίους διαφορετικοί άνθρωποι θα ήθελαν να μάθουν ελληνικά. Πολλές ελληνικές λέξεις χρησιμοποιούνται ή αποτελούν την βάση λέξεων σε άλλες γλώσσες. Έχει βοηθήσει στην διαμόρφωση άλλων γλωσσών. Το να είσαι Έλληνας, είναι κάτι για το οποίο πρέπει να νιώθεις περήφανος. Σίγουρα είμαι περήφανη που είμαι Ελληνίδα. Θέλω να ξέρω την γλώσσα για να μπορώ να μιλώ με την οικογένεια μου που δεν ξέρει αγγλικά. Επίσης, όταν επισκέπτομαι την Ελλάδα, θα ήθελα να καταλαβαίνω τους ανθρώπους και να συνεννοούμαι μαζί τους. Ναι, τα ελληνικά είναι μια δύσκολη γλώσσα κατά την γνώμη μου, αλλά αυτό δεν σημαίνει ότι είναι αδύνατο να την μάθεις. Οπωσδήποτε, είμαι περήφανη που μπορώ να μιλώ, να διαβάζω και να γράφω ελληνικά, μα πάνω απ' όλα είμαι περήφανη που είμαι Ελληνίδα!

### **Madison Moschonikolakis**

There could be many reasons why different people would want to learn Greek. Many Greek words are used or are the base of words in other languages. It has helped form other languages. Being Greek is something to be proud of. I am definitely proud of being Greek. Since I am Greek, I want to learn the language so I am able to speak with my family that doesn't speak English well or any English at all. I also want to understand people and keep a conversation going when I do go to Greece. Yes, Greek is a difficult language in my opinion, but it doesn't mean it is impossible to learn. Overall, I am proud of being able to speak, read, and write in Greek, and I am proud to be Greek!

### **Ελένη Χαρίτου**

Μαθαίνω ελληνικά γιατί η ελληνική γλώσσα εκφράζει ένα μεγάλο πολιτισμό που βοήθησε την ανθρωπότητα. Πρόσφερε πολλά στην παγκόσμια ιστορία, στην δημοκρατία, στην ιατρική, στο θέατρο, και στον αθλητισμό (Ολυμπιακοί Αγώνες). Οι περισσότερες γλώσσες έχουν χιλιάδες ελληνικές λέξεις.

Ο πατέρας μου, με ενθάρρυνε πολύ να μάθω ελληνικά, γιατί είμαι παιδί της ομογένειας. Μας διάβαζε ελληνικά παραμύθια και μας έφτιαχνε πολλά ελληνικά φαγητά και γλυκά. Μαθαίνω ελληνικά γιατί αγαπώ την Ελλάδα και θέλω να μιλάω στα ξαδέλφια μου που ζουν εκεί. Ίσως κάποτε να ζήσω στην Ελλάδα. Είμαι υπερήφανη που είμαι Ελληνίδα!

Γι' αυτό μαθαίνω Ελληνικά!

### **Helen Haritos**

I learn Greek because the Greek language represents a big civilization, which helped a lot in world history, democracy, medicine, theater, and athleticism (The Olympic Games). Most of the languages have thousands of Greek words.

My father encouraged me to learn Greek because I am a child of homogeneity. He always read Greek stories to me and cooked Greek foods and desserts. I learn Greek because I love Greece and I want to speak with my cousins in Greece. Maybe someday, I will live in Greece.

I am very proud to be Greek and that's why I learn Greek!

### **Αθανασία Χατζήνα**

Μαθαίνω ελληνικά για να μιλώ στην οικογένεια μου, και αν κάποτε επισκεφτώ την Ελλάδα να μπορώ να συνεννοηθώ με τους ανθρώπους εκεί. Θέλω να διατηρήσω ζωντανή την κληρονομιά μου. Η ελληνική γλώσσα με συνδέει με την ιστορία και τους ένδοξους προγόνους μας, για τους οποίους μαθαίνω και στο αμερικανικό σχολείο. Αγαπώ την Ελλάδα, τα υπέροχα ελληνικά φαγητά και γλυκά και τους ανθρώπους της. Μέσα από την ομιλία και την γνώση της ελληνικής γλώσσας, θέλω να δείξω ότι είμαι Ελληνίδα. Θεωρώ ενδιαφέρον το ότι μαθαίνω μια από τις πιο παλιές γλώσσες του κόσμου. Τέλος, μαθαίνω ελληνικά για να μπορώ να μιλώ με την αγαπημένη μου γιαγιά και τον αγαπημένο μου παππού.

Είμαι υπερήφανη που είμαι Ελληνίδα!

### **Athanasia Hatzinas**

I learn Greek so I can talk to my family, and if I eventually visit Greece, to be able to communicate with the people there. Another reason I learn Greek is to keep my heritage alive. It connects me to our history and to our glorious ancestors, all of which I learn about in American school. I love Greece, the delicious Greek food and dessert, and the people. I want to show that I am Greek by speaking the language and upholding traditions. I find it interesting that I am learning one of the first recorded languages. I learn Greek so I can talk to my *giayia* and *pappou*.

I am proud to be Greek!

### **Χρήστος Πάξος**

Το να πηγαίνω στο Ελληνικό σχολείο ήταν σημαντικό για πολλούς λόγους. Ήταν σπουδαίο για μένα να μάθω και να καταλαβαίνω την ελληνική γλώσσα γιατί είμαι Έλληνας. Είναι ωραίο και χρήσιμο να είμαι σε θέση να συνεννοούμαι όταν πηγαίνω στην Ελλάδα. Μου άρεσε να μαθαίνω την ελληνική ιστορία και τον πολιτισμό. Το αγαπημένο μου θέμα ήταν η μυθολογία.

Ήταν ωραίο που έκανα πολλούς φίλους. Είμαι περήφανος για τον εαυτό μου που τελείωσα

το Ελληνικό σχολείο και ανυπομονώ να χρησιμοποιήσω τις γνώσεις μου στην ελληνική γλώσσα. Θα μου λείψουν οι δασκάλες μου τις οποίες ευχαριστώ που με δίδαξαν ένα τόσο σημαντικό μέρος της κληρονομιάς μου. Επίσης, θέλω να ευχαριστήσω τον πατέρα Ιωάννη για όλα όσα μας έμαθε.

### **Christos Paxos**

Attending Greek school was important to me for many reasons. It was important to me to learn and understand the Greek language because I am Greek. It is useful to communicate when I visit Greece. I enjoyed learning about Greece's history and culture. My favorite topic was mythology.

It was nice to become friends with other Greek Americans. I am proud of myself for finishing Greek school and I look forward to using my knowledge of the Greek language. I will miss all of the teachers and I want to thank them for teaching me about the importance of my heritage. I would also like to thank Father John for all he taught us.

### **Μαρία Τζούμα**

Για ένα παιδί Ελλήνων σαν εμένα, του οποίου η οικογένεια μιλάει ελληνικά, είναι οπωσδήποτε απαραίτητο να μάθει ελληνικά. Είναι σημαντικό για μένα να μιλάω, να καταλαβαίνω και να μπορώ να απαντάω ελληνικά στην οικογένεια μου. Επίσης, να μπορώ να συνεννοούμαι με τον κόσμο όταν πηγαίνω στην Ελλάδα. Με γοητεύει η ελληνική γλώσσα και με κάνει πολύ περήφανη για την καταγωγή μου.

Γι' αυτό μαθαίνω Ελληνικά!

### **Maria Tzoumas**

For a young Greek like me, whose family speaks Greek, it is essential to learn the language. It is important for me to learn how to speak, understand, comprehend, and communicate with my family and the people when I visit Greece. I am also fascinated by the Greek language and it makes me very proud of my heritage.

This is why I learn Greek!

## Κωνσταντίνος Ζερβός

Χαίρετε, το όνομα μου είναι Κωνσταντίνος Ζερβός. Οι γονείς μου γεννήθηκαν στην Αμερική, αλλά είναι Ελληνικής καταγωγής, που σημαίνει ότι και εγώ είμαι Έλληνας. Παίρνω Ελληνικά μαθήματα και πηγαίνω στο Ελληνικό σχολείο μια φορά την εβδομάδα. Θέλω να μάθω Ελληνικά, πρώτον, διότι οι γονείς μου είναι Έλληνες. Δεύτερον, πολλές Ελληνικές λέξεις χρησιμοποιούνται παγκοσμίως και σε όλες τις επιστήμες. Τρίτον, το να μάθεις μια άλλη γλώσσα είναι πολύ ωφέλιμο, γιατί κάνει το μυαλό να μεταπηδά από το ένα θέμα στο άλλο εύκολα. Τέλος, θέλω να μάθω ελληνικά για να μιλάω στους Έλληνες και τους συγγενείς μου. Είμαι περήφανος που είμαι Έλληνας και θέλω να μάθω όσα περισσότερα Ελληνικά μπορώ!

## Konstantinos Zervos

Hello, my name is Konstantinos Zervos. My parents were born in America but are of Greek origin, making me Greek. I take Greek lessons and go to Greek school once a week to learn Greek. The first reason I want to learn Greek is because my family is Greek. Secondly, I want to learn Greek because many Greek words are used internationally and in all sciences. Thirdly, learning another language is important and beneficial because it enables the brain to jump from one subject to another easily. Finally, I want to learn Greek to talk to the Greek people and my Greek relatives. I am proud to be Greek and want to learn as much Greek as possible.

### “Γιατί Μαθαίνω Ελληνικά”



*Είμαι υπερήφανη  
που είμαι Ελληνίδα!*



### “Why I learn Greek “



*.. είμαι Έλληνας και θέλω να μάθω  
όσα περισσότερα  
Ελληνικά μπορώ*

# Synaxis of the 12 Apostles



On the 30th of June, the Greek Orthodox Church commemorates the Synaxis (a celebratory gathering) of the Twelve Holy Apostles. The commemoration of a Synaxis is commonly observed on the day following a major feast day.

It recognizes the participation of a Saint or a group of Saints in the major feast preceding the Synaxis. For example, the Church holds a Synaxis in honour of St John the Baptist on the day after the Theophany.

The feast of the Synaxis of the Twelve Holy Apostles follows the feast of the pre-eminent apostles Peter and Paul (29 June). Each of the Twelve is honoured on separate dates of the Church calendar. However the Church, in its wisdom, also established a collective commemoration of the Twelve Holy Apostles. This, because the group of Twelve Apostles, fulfilled the Lord's commission to ***“Go... make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”*** (Mat 28:19).

The names of the Twelve Apostles are: Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew, the First-called; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John, who was also the Evangelist and Theologian; Philip, and Bartholomew (see also June 11); Thomas, and Matthew the publican, who was also called Levi and was an Evangelist; James the son of Alphaeus, and Jude (also called Lebbaeus, and surnamed Thaddaeus), the brother of James, the Brother of God; Simon the Cananite (“the Zealot”), and Matthias, who was elected to fill the place of Judas the traitor.

## **Apolytikion of Synaxis of the 12 Apostles**

### *Third Tone*

O Holy Apostles, intercede to our merciful God, that He may grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

## **Kontakion of Synaxis of the 12 Apostles**

### *Second Tone*

O Lord, receive the steadfast and divinely voiced preachers, the pinnacle of Your disciples, unto their rest and the enjoyment of Your blessings. You received, above every offering, their labors and their life. You alone know what the heart hold

Synaxis of the Holy, Glorious and All-Praised Twelve Apostles

### **Commemorated on June 30**

The Synaxis of the Glorious and All-Praiseworthy Twelve Apostles of Christ appears to be an ancient Feast. The Church honors each of the Twelve Apostles on separate dates during the year and has established a general commemoration for all of them on the day after the commemoration of the Glorious and First-Ranked among the Apostles Peter and Paul.

The holy God-crowned Emperor Constantine the Great (May 21) built a church in Constantinople in honor of the Twelve Apostles. There are instructions for celebrating this Feast which date from the fourth century. For lists of the Apostles' names, see: Mt.10:2, Mark 3:14, Luke 6:12, Acts 1:13, 26.

The holy, glorious, all-laudable Apostle Andrew the First-called is also commemorated on November 30. He was the brother of Saint Peter (June 29).

The holy, glorious, all-laudable Apostle James is also commemorated on April 30. He and his brother John are the sons of Zebedee and were called "sons of Thunder" (Mark 3: 17).

The holy, glorious, all-laudable Apostle and Evangelist, virgin, and beloved friend of Christ, John the Theologian is also commemorated on September 26 and May 8. He and his brother James are the sons of Zebedee and were called "sons of Thunder" (Mark 3:17).

The holy, glorious, all-laudable Apostle Philip is also commemorated on November 14.

The holy, glorious, all-laudable Apostle Bartholomew is also commemorated on June 11 and August 25.

The holy, glorious, all-laudable Apostle Thomas is also commemorated on October 6 and on the Sunday after Pascha.

The holy, glorious, all-laudable Apostle and Evangelist Matthew is also commemorated on November 16.

The holy, glorious, all-laudable Apostle James, the son of Alphaeus, is also commemorated on October 9.

The holy, glorious, all-laudable Apostle Jude is also commemorated on June 19. He is also known as Thaddeus (but should not be confused with Saint Thaddeus of the Seventy, who is commemorated on August 21), and was the brother of Saint James (October 23).

The holy, glorious, all-laudable Apostle Simon the Zealot is also commemorated on May 10.

The holy, glorious, all-laudable Apostle Matthias is also commemorated on August 9.





## **QUESTION: What were the occupations of the 12 disciples?**

### **ANSWER:**

The Sea of Galilee offered fishermen a livelihood for many generations. Perhaps that is why at least seven of the disciples were fishermen. The calling of the Jewish fishermen was the first step by which God would bring the light of the Gospel to shine on all people.

Much of a fisherman's day was spent mending or washing his nets. Andrew was doing just that when Jesus called him as a disciple (Luke 5:2). His brother, Peter, watched Jesus climb into his boat, then preach to the people. He realized that Jesus was not only a prophet, but someone to whom he would surrender his life. James and his brother, John, were mending nets with their father when Jesus called them. These two "sons of Zebedee" were not just fishermen. As business owners, they hired other men to work for them.

While fishing was a respectable vocation, not all the occupations of the 12 disciples were viewed favorably. When Jesus first called Matthew, the disciple was sitting at the tax collector's booth (Matthew 9:9-13). Matthew belonged to the class of Jewish tax collectors (moksas) who extorted money from travelers. Publicans or tax collectors were despised, regarded as traitors to their own people. Their money was considered unclean and those taxed would avoid asking for change. A publican's money could not be tithed to the temple. Publicans were forbidden to testify in court. A good Jew would not even associate with publicans in private life. Jesus upset the Pharisees when He enjoyed a meal at Matthew's house (Matthew 9:10-13).

While not strictly a profession, Simon the Canaanite, earned the title of zealot. His fierce loyalty to his faith and Israel was evident. The zealots were a religious sect, zelotes, from the Greek 'zealous one.' Zealots would attempt to arouse rebellion among the Jews. Like others, Simon stubbornly insisted that the Jews must rebel against the Roman (Pompey's) invasion of Palestine in 63 B.C. This invasion had destroyed the Jews' hopes of restoring their own government once again. Zealots, like Simon, engaged in politics and anarchy in hopes of instigating a revolution that would overthrow the Roman government. When

Simon joined Jesus as a disciple, he remained zealous, but with a new allegiance and loyalty to Jesus, rather than a political revolution.

### **Occupations of the 12 Disciples – Unknown**

Not all the occupations of the 12 disciples are known. Thomas and Bartholomew (Nathanael) may have been fishermen, who joined the other five disciples, returning to their profession after Jesus' crucifixion (John 21:2-3). It is possible that these disciples had learned the fishing trade as young men. This time the risen Christ would show Himself not to all Twelve, but to only seven of them. In all likelihood Philip, James (the son of Alphaeus), and Judas (Thaddaeus) were tradesmen of some sort. Regardless of their professions, eleven of the disciples immediately left behind everything to follow Jesus. Judas Iscariot, chosen by Jesus as treasurer, appears to be the only disciple who struggled continually with financial insecurity.

The skills needed in the occupations of the 12 disciples became applicable to the Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20). Fishermen often worked long into the night, using two types of nets. The circular net, about 15 feet (4.5 meters) in diameter with fine mesh, was cast in shallow water. The long net—sometimes nearly 328 feet (100 meters) long and 8 feet (2.5 meters) wide—was a dragnet in deeper waters. A well-flung net would drop over a school of fish, bringing in everything it had trapped. The disciples would be "casting their nets" in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. The Lord would provide the miraculous catch.

The once prosperous Matthew, along with the other disciples, learned that God would meet their every need as they preached. "Do not take along any gold or silver or copper in your belts; take no bag for the journey, or extra tunic, or sandals or a staff; for the worker is worth his keep" (Matthew 10:5-10). Jesus sent these ordinary men out, endowed with His own power and authority. As long as they relied on His strength, they were unstoppable. "Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it" (Mark 16:20).

# Ἡ Σύναξις τῶν Ἁγίων ἐνδόξων καὶ πανευφήμων Ἀποστόλων τῶν ΙΒ΄

## 30 Ιουνίου

Σύναξις των Αγίων 12 Αποστόλων

**Τὴν ἡμέρα αὐτὴ ἡ Ἐκκλησία ἐορτάζει μὲ ξεχωριστὴ λαμπρότητα τὴ Σύναξη τῶν Δώδεκα Ἀποστόλων.**

Βεβαίως υπάρχουν καὶ οἱ μνημέες τους σὲ διάφορες ἡμερομηνίες τοῦ λειτουργικοῦ ἔτους, ἀλλὰ μὲ αὐτὸ τὸ συλλογικὸ ἐορτασμὸ τιμᾶται σύμπασα ἡ χορεία τῶν μεγάλων αὐτῶν ἀνδρῶν, οἱ ὁποῖοι ὡς συνεχιστὲς τοῦ σωτηριώδους ἔργου τοῦ Κυρίου ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, ἔστρεψαν τὸ ροῦ τῆς ἱστορίας καὶ ἄλλαξαν κυριολεκτικὰ τὴ μορφή τοῦ κόσμου.

**Χάρη στὸν ἰδικὸ τους ἀγῶνα, τὶς ἀφάνταστες προσωπικὲς τους θυσίες, τὴ μαρτυρία καὶ τὸ μαρτύριό τους ἐθεμελιώθηκε ἡ Ἐκκλησία στὸν κόσμο.**

Ἡ λέξη «Ἀπόστολος» σημαίνει τὸν ἀπεσταλμένο. Ἐν προκειμένῳ Ἀπόστολοι ὀνομάσθηκαν οἱ ἐκλεγμένοι καὶ καλεσμένοι ἀπὸ τὸν Κύριο Μαθητὲς Του νὰ συνεχίσουν τὸ σωτικὸ Του ἔργο, μετὰ τὴν εἰς τοὺς οὐρανούς Ἀνάληψή Του. Ἐπίσης, σύμφωνα μὲ τὴν χαρακτηριστικὴ Του προτροπὴ ἔγιναν οἱ μάρτυρες τῆς Ἀναστάσεώς Του «ἕως ἐσχάτου τῆς γῆς».

Ἡ ἐκλογή καὶ ἡ κλήση τῶν Ἀποστόλων, οἱ ὁποῖοι ὡς τὴν Πεντηκοστὴ καλοῦνταν Μαθητὲς, ἔγινε ἀμέσως μὲ τὴν ἀρχὴ τῆς δημόσιας δράσεως τοῦ Κυρίου, στὴ Γαλιλαία.

Εὐθὺς μετὰ τὴ Βάπτισή Του κατευθύνθηκε στὶς ὄχθες τῆς λίμνης Γενησαρέτ, ὅπου ἀπευθύνθηκε στοὺς ἐκεῖ ἀλιεῖς, στοὺς ὁποῖοι εἶπε: «δεῦτε ὀπίσω μου καὶ ποιήσω ὑμᾶς ἀλιεῖς ἀνθρώπων». Αὐτοὶ «εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὰ δίκτυα ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ». Ἄλλοι, «ἀφέντες τὸν πατέρα αὐτῶν Ζεβεδαῖον ἐν τῷ πλοίῳ μετὰ τῶν μισθωτῶν, ἀπῆλθον ὀπίσω αὐτοῦ».



Οἱ μαθητὲς ὀρίσθηκαν ἀπὸ τὸν Κύριο σὲ τρεῖς κύκλους ἤτοι: τὸ στενὸ κύκλο τῶν Δώδεκα, τὸν εὐρύτερο κύκλο τῶν Ἑβδομήκοντα καὶ τὸν εὐρύτατο κύκλο τῶν πολυπληθῶν φίλων Του. Μεγαλύτερη σημασία εἶχε ὁ κύκλος τῶν Δώδεκα. Αὐτοὶ εὐρίσκονταν πλησίον Του καὶ σ' αὐτοὺς ἀποκάλυψε τὰ μυστήρια τοῦ Θεοῦ.

### Βίος καὶ Πολιτεία τοῦ Ἁγίου Διονυσίου τοῦ Ἄρεοπαγίτου

Αὐτοὶ εἶχαν τὴν εὐλογία καὶ τὴ δόξα νὰ ὀρισθοῦν ὡς οἱ κατ' ἐξοχὴν συνεχιστὲς τοῦ ἔργου Του, διότι μόνον σὲ αὐτοὺς εἶπε: «Εγὼ ἐξελεξάμην ὑμᾶς, καὶ ἔθηκα ὑμᾶς, ἵνα ὑμεῖς ὑπάγητε καὶ καρπὸν φέρητε, καὶ ὁ καρπὸς ἡμῶν μένη». Μετὰ τὴν Ἀνάσταση τοὺς κατέστησε ἐπίσημα διαδόχους καὶ συνεχιστὲς τοῦ ἔργου Του: «καθὼς ἀπέσταλκέ με ὁ Πατήρ, κάγὼ πέμπω ὑμᾶς».

**Καὶ τοῦτο εἰπὼν ἐνεφύσησε καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· λάβετε Πνεῦμα Ἅγιον, ἂν τινῶν ἀφήτε τὰς ἀμαρτίας, ἀφίενται αὐτοῖς, ἂν τινῶν κρατῆτε, κεκράτηνται».**

Ἐπίσης στὸ ὄρος τῆς Γαλιλαίας, ὅπου εἶχαν συναχθεῖ οἱ ἑνδεκα μαθητὲς, λίγο πρὶν τὴν

Ανάληψη, τούς εἶπε: «Πορευθέντες μαθητεύσατε πάντα τὰ ἔθνη, βαπτίζοντες αὐτούς εἰς τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ Πατρὸς, τοῦ Υἱοῦ καὶ τοῦ Ἁγίου Πνεύματος, διδάσκοντες αὐτούς τηρεῖν πάντα ὅσα ἐνετειλάμην ὑμῖν».

Ὡς πρὸς τὴν ἐκλογή τῶν Ἁγίων Ἀποστόλων εἶναι χαρακτηριστικοὶ οἱ λόγοι τοῦ Ἀποστόλου Παύλου: «Ἐπειδὴ γὰρ ἐν τῇ σοφίᾳ τοῦ Θεοῦ οὐκ ἔγνω ὁ κόσμος διὰ τῆς σοφίας τὸν Θεόν... τὰ μωρὰ τοῦ κόσμου ἐξελέξατο ὁ Θεός, ἵνα τοὺς σοφοὺς καταισχύνῃ τὰ ἰσχυρά, καὶ τὰ ἀγενῆ τοῦ κόσμου καὶ τὰ ἐξουθενημένα ἐξελέξατο ὁ Θεός, καὶ τὰ μὴ ὄντα, ἵνα τὰ ὄντα καταργήσῃ, ὅπως μὴ καυχῆσθαι πᾶσα σὰρξ ἐνώπιον τοῦ Θεοῦ».

Τὸ ἔργο τῶν Ἁγίων Ἀποστόλων συνεχίσθηκε καὶ συνεχίζεται διὰ τῶν διαδόχων αὐτῶν. Αὐτὴ ἡ ἀδιάκοπη διαδοχὴ συνεχίζεται ἕως σήμερα καὶ χαρακτηρίζεται ὡς ἀδιάκοπη διαδοχὴ προσώπων καὶ πίστεως καὶ γι' αὐτὸ ὀνομάζεται ἡ Ἐκκλησία μας Ἀποστολική.

#### **Οἱ Ἅγιοι Δώδεκα Ἀπόστολοι εἶναι:**

- ὁ Ἀπόστολος Πέτρος (+29 Ἰουνίου),
- ὁ Ἀπόστολος Ἀνδρέας (+30 Νοεμβρίου),
- ὁ Ἀπόστολος Ἰάκωβος ὁ τοῦ Ζεβεδαίου (+30 Ἀπριλίου),
- ὁ Ἀπόστολος Ἰάκωβος ὁ τοῦ Ἀλφαίου (+9 Ὀκτωβρίου),
- ὁ Εὐαγγελιστὴς Ἰωάννης (+24 Σεπτεμβρίου),
- ὁ Ἀπόστολος Φίλιππος (+14 Νοεμβρίου),

- ὁ Ἀπόστολος Βαρθολομαῖος (+11 Ἰουνίου),
- ὁ Ἀπόστολος Θωμᾶς (+6 Ὀκτωβρίου),
- ὁ Εὐαγγελιστὴς Ματθαῖος (+16 Νοεμβρίου),
- ὁ Ἀπόστολος Ἰούδας (+19 Ἰουνίου),
- ὁ Ἀπόστολος Ματθίας (+9 Αὐγούστου),
- ὁ Ἀπόστολος Σίμων ὁ Ζηλωτὴς (+10 Μαΐου).

#### **Εορτάζοντες τὴν 13ην τοῦ μηνὸς Σεπτεμβρίου**

##### **Ἀπολυτίκιον. Ἦχος γ'.**

Τὴν ὠραιότητα. Ὡς δωδεκάπυρρος, λυχνία ἔλαμψαν, οἱ Δωδεκάριθμοι, Χριστοῦ Ἀπόστολοι, Πέτρος καὶ Παῦλος σὺν Λουκᾷ, Ἀνδρέας καὶ Ἰωάννης, Βαρθολομαῖος Φίλιππος, σὺν Ματθαίῳ καὶ Σίμωνι, Μᾶρκος καὶ Ἰάκωβος, καὶ Θωμᾶς ὁ μακάριος, καὶ ἠύγασαν τοὺς πίστει βοῶντας· χαίrete Λόγου οἱ αὐτόπται.

##### **Κοντάκιον. Ἦχος δ'.**

Ὁ ὑψωθείς ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ. Ἡ δωδεκάχορδος καὶ εὐσημος νάβλα, τῶν πανευφήμων καὶ σοφῶν Ἀποστόλων, ἐμπνεομένη Πνεύματος ταῖς θείαις αὐγαῖς, πᾶσι μὲν ἐκήρυξεν, εὐσεβείας τὸν φθόγγον, γλώσσας δὲ ἐφίμωσεν, ἀσεβείας τῷ λόγῳ· οὓς εὐφημοῦντες εἶπωμεν τρανῶς· χαίrete μύσται, Χριστοῦ καὶ διάκονοι.

##### **Μεγαλυνάριον.**

Πέτρον Παῦλον Μᾶρκον σὺν τῷ Λουκᾷ, Φίλιππον Ἀνδρέαν, Ἰωάννην τε καὶ Θωμᾶν, Σίμωνα Ματθαῖον, καὶ τὸν Βαρθολομαῖον, σὺν θείῳ Ἰακώβῳ, ὕμνοις τιμήσωμεν.



# PARENTS' CORNER

By Alexandra Protopapas

## JUNE - 2021 – GRADUATION TIMES IN COVID-19 TIMES - AGAIN?

Once again, graduation ceremonies, proms, large gatherings, will not be as they were in previous years, but at least with less restrictions, they will not be like last year. We may not be where we want to be yet but be grateful because God did get us through and will always be there for us during trying times. This year, family members can gather to celebrate outdoors as most adults have been vaccinated. Many graduation ceremonies will be both outdoors and streamed virtually. It is up to you to decide how you participate with your children. Whether a Kindergarten graduation, Elementary School, Greek School, Sunday School, High School, College or University, please make sure you show your children how proud you are of them. For the most part, a lot of their learning was handled virtually, and it was not easy for them or you! Some high school graduates will be attending proms, so the same rules you established in the past, should be established again.

Here are some guidelines from **Local Education Agencies** published by the state of New Jersey.

*“LEAs must prioritize the health and safety of students, staff, and other community members, which involves notifying and keeping local emergency management, law enforcement, first responders, local elected officials, and local health agencies informed of the planned events. LEAs*

*should confer with local health officials to determine the applicability of any other rules or restrictions in addition to those outlined above that might be necessary to ensure the public’s health. Additionally, LEAs should ensure that ceremonies are inclusive and accessible for all students and families. Consider making livestreams available for those individuals who are excluded from the event and consider equity issues which may impact participation.”*

Of course, what you decide to do at home is up to you! Parents, be proud, be happy, this is the best time of the year for your children especially for those who are just coming to the end of a school year graduating or not! Don’t let education slip away. Continue encouraging them to be reading books, playing outdoors, enjoying life! Spring will linger then summertime fun will be upon us before you know it. Barbeques, sports, swimming, even traveling is back with precautions.

Once again, pandemic times in 2021, let’s give congratulations to ALL GRADUATES and ALL STUDENTS! Parents, be proud, be grateful, encourage your children to remain positive, and take photos of the various ways you celebrate the current celebrations or just celebrate the end of the current school year.

**CONGRATULATIONS PARENTS YOU DID IT TOO!**

### My Table Prayer Guide

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### **Prayer for “Upon Completion of a Task”**

**“Thank you, Lord for Your strength and guidance in my work. You are the fulfillment of all good things. Fill my soul with joy and gladness, that I may praise You always.**

**AMEN**

Feel free to e-mail me with your comments and suggestions for our  
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Have a good month!

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## **To Benefit Saint Andrew Church & The Philoptochos Ministries**

**Friday, September 10, 9am-4pm**

**Saturday, September 11, 9am-4pm**

The Saint Andrew Philoptochos is looking for items you no longer want or need. Items must be in gently used condition, working order and as clean as possible. Clothing, shoes, electronics, small appliances, children's toys, and costume jewelry are popular items.

You may drop off items at the church *starting August 16th*.

Volunteers are needed prior to the sales dates and during. Please contact Mary Michailidis 203-249-9390 or [mmichailidis@yahoo.com](mailto:mmichailidis@yahoo.com) to volunteer or if you have any questions.

**Thank you for your generosity and support.**

## FOLLOWING CHRIST EVEN IN STORMS

### *How do we follow Jesus?*

“Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him” (Matthew 8:23). Why? “To cross over to the other side” (Mark 4:35). Isn't this our present challenge? How are we to cross over to the “other side”, to a life where our humanity reaches out to our fullness in divinity? To bring this into meaningful context, let us look at an important moment. Jesus said to a certain disciple, “Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead” (Matthew 8:22). Follow? How are we to understand this familiar command in the context of Jesus, in the context of a pandemic?

**“And ‘suddenly’ a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with waves”** (Matthew 8:24). Conflict, crisis - odd, yet so relevant to our current fear of a virus that seems to be “covering our lives, our boat, with waves”! Where was Jesus? “But He was asleep” (Matthew 8:24). Mark tells us that Jesus was “in the stern, asleep on a pillow” (Mark 4:38). A storm, threatening their very lives, and Jesus asleep, in the stern, on a pillow! What are we to make of this? We are in a pandemic, the world is in turmoil, climate concern is urgent, racial violence escalates, gender inequality redefines who we are as person, the waves grow more intense, the boat is ready to break. Where is Jesus? Why does it even matter where He might be - unless it truly matters! He is sleeping, and comfortably on a pillow! How can this be in this crisis? How ironic that just a short while ago, Jesus said, “the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head” (Matthew 8:21). And here He is, asleep on a “pillow”!

**“Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him”** (Matthew 8:25). Are we at a point where it's time to “wake Him”? To do so means we need Him. Are we there where without Him we perish? They submit to



Him as an admission, a confession, of their inability to save themselves, “Lord, save us. We are perishing!” (Matthew 8:25). Can we be so honest in our current predicament, our current pandemic, that without the “Lord”, we cannot save ourselves? Do we dare admit, to humble our stubborn pride, and say imploringly, “Lord, we are perishing”?

**This virus will not defeat who we are.** It does not even compare to the enormous sufferings we have inflicted on so many in the history of our humanity. We have produced storm after storm of suffering and misery on our brothers and sisters because we were unwilling to love in the way God loves us. The waves of destruction, of death, have threatened our boat. Today, it seems these waves are raging still. As He is awakened, Jesus asks one of His most remarkable questions, “Why are you fearful?” (Matthew 8:26). This is His question to each of us as we live in this fear. “O you of little faith!” Imagine yourself standing before Christ with our fear and trembling of being overcome by the “waves” of this crisis, our crisis. Seriously - who is it you are following? Perhaps the one good thing about this pandemic, this exaggerated fear a virus is producing in many of us, is that we are getting a chance to see who leads us, who we are following.

**“Then He arose and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, ‘Peace, be still’!** And there was a great calm” (Mark 4:39). And Jesus turned to His disciples, as he turns to each one of us, “Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?” (Mark 4:40). Is Jesus speaking to each of us?

How do you follow Jesus? Who else will you follow but Jesus?

Herbert Schuster

## BAPTISMS – ΒΑΠΤΙΣΙΣ

**LUKE MAXIMUS XIROUCHAKIS**, son of Konstantine Xirouchakis and Ernestine Zapata was Baptized and Chrismated according to the rites of our church on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and given the name **LUKE – ΛΟΥΚΑΣ**. Godfather was William Kouroupas.

**MAXIMUS ANDREAS CORNINE**, son of Steven and Katerini (Zeris) Cornine was Baptized and Chrismated according to the rites of our church on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 and given the name **MAXIMUS – ΜΑΞΙΜΟΣ**. Godmother was Amalia Zeris.

***Congratulations to all!***

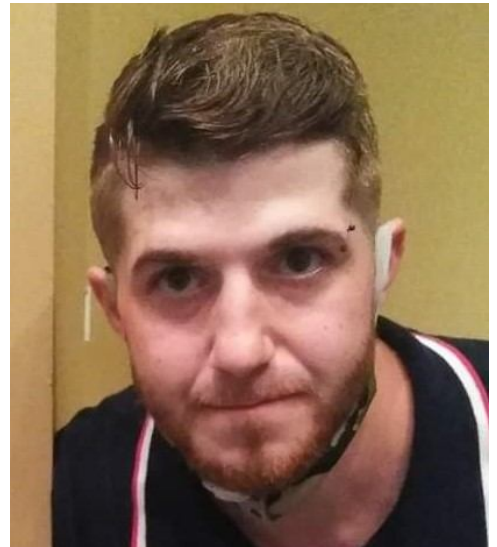
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## Obit & Funeral – Νεκρολογία και Κηδεία

**Jeremy J. Paxos** went to be with the lord on Friday, May 14, 2021. He was 29.

He was born in Dover, NJ on May 26, 1991 to John A. Paxos and Linda Schimpf/ Bencivengo.

As a child, Jeremy loved playing sports. He was a terrific baseball, soccer, and basketball player. Jeremy loved watching the Yankees, Giants and Knicks, whether it was in person or on tv. He loved animals and growing up his dog, Blueford was his companion. Jeremy always got excited traveling into the city, for car shows, to see the Christmas tree or to see the Empire State building. He loved anything outdoors especially 4-wheeling. Jeremy's fondest memories are going down the shore where he would go crabbing and jet skiing. He could always be seen with a cool Yankee cap on his head and his Nike shoes on his feet. All though His life had many struggles his was a Christian and a believer in God.



He is predeceased by his brother, Jesse C. Faunt and his grandmother, Margaret Paxos.

Survivors include his parents John A. Paxos and Linda Bencivengo, his sons, Dominik, Ryder, his fiancé, Brandi Pasquoche, his brother, Andrew Paxos, his grandfather Andrew J. Paxos and his grandparents, Adolf and Hildegard Schimpf as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins.

**Funeral Service** for the repose of his soul was held at 10:00am on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church, 1447 Sussex Turnpike, Randolph, NJ. **Internment:** Locust Hill Cemetery. **Visitations** were held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at the Par-Troy Funeral Home, 95 Parsippany Road, Parsippany.

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I heard a person say once, 'Christ is risen. So what?'

After a loved ones death, someone asked me how I was doing, how I was coping.

My answer was, 'Christ is Risen'.

Not understanding my answer the person said, 'So what?' Whereupon I said to him, 'If Christ is risen, then all is well.

I have nothing to worry about. If Christ is risen, then my sins are forgiven. If Christ is risen, then my loved ones grave, and all graves, are empty.

'Why do you seek the living among the dead?' asked the angel. If Christ is risen, then He has opened the door to paradise.

'Today, you will be with me in paradise' said Jesus to the penitent thief. If Christ is risen, there is no situation in life that has a dead end.

'In the world you have tribulation,' said Jesus, 'but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.'



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*✠ Christ is risen from the dead,  
by death trampling down upon death,  
and to those in the tombs he has granted  
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WEEKLY SCHEDULE: TBA, TBC, TBD, TBR**

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6/5 @1:00 PM BAPTISM GEANNAKOPOULOS  
6/6 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GRADUATION/AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS  
6/6 HAS 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GRADUATION  
6/6 MINI GOLF MOUNT FREEDOM /SPONSORED BY DOP  
6/12 @11:30AM BAPTISM JELIS  
6/12 & 6/13 SAT & SUN GYRO FEST  
6/19 SATURDAY OF SOULS  
6/26 FAITH KITCHEN – GOYA  
6/27 SUN @1:30PM WEDDING CASTORINA\_WENDT  
6/28 @7PM GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
TBD SAINT ANDREW SUMMER CAMP 1 WEEK 9-12P  
7/17 @11:00 AM BAPTISM BOLTON  
7/17 SAT @3:30PM WEDDING Schorr\_Schuster  
7/24 FAITH KITCHEN -PHILOPTOCHOS  
8/15 @1:30PM BAPTISM KALOPOULOS  
8/28 FAITH KITCHEN - DOP/AHEPA  
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9/6 LABOR DAY

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9/11 @11AM BAPTISM DELIS  
9/12 SUNDAY SCHOOL AGIASMOS *conditions permitting*  
9/18 & 9/19 SAT & SUN GYRO FEST  
TBD CLERGY LAITY RETREAT  
9/23 GREEK SCHOOL AGIASMOS 4:30PM *conditions permitting*  
9/23 Greek Dance *conditions permitting*  
9/25 FAITH KITCHEN - PARISH COUNCIL  
9/26 @1PM MERCEDES BENZ CAR RAFFLE DRAWING  
10/12-10/15 Natl. Clergy Retreat San Antonio TX  
10/23 FAITH KITCHEN – GOYA  
11/12 TRICKY TRAY /PHILOPTOCHOS  
11/20 SAT @3PM WEDDING KAVALOS\_FREIDHOF  
11/22 @7PM GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
11/27 FAITH KITCHEN - PHILOPTOCHOS  
12/ 25 FAITH KITCHEN - DOP/AHEPA



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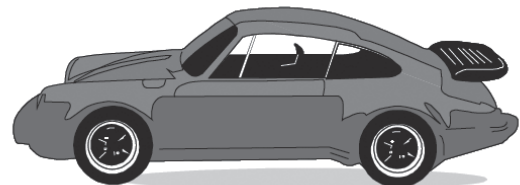
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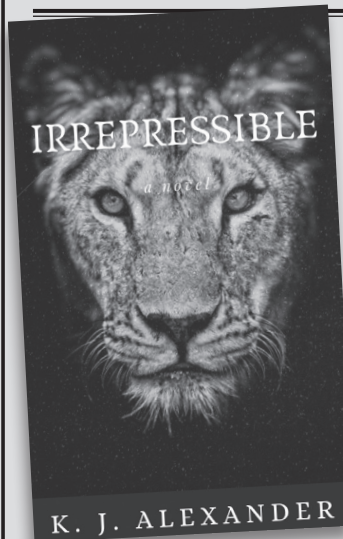


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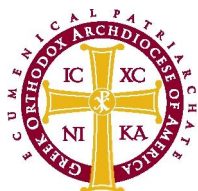
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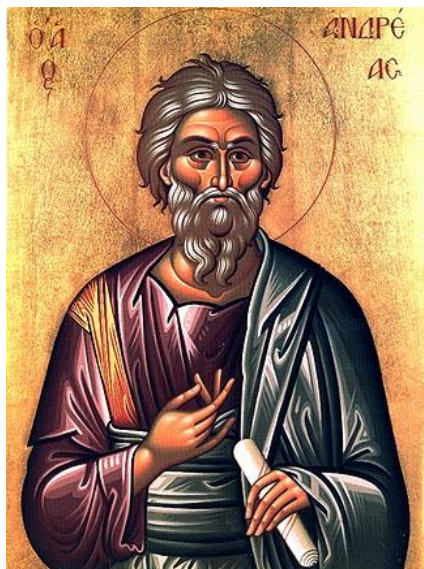
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*‘Yesterday I was crucified with Christ, today I am glorified with Him; yesterday I died with Him, today I am given life with Him; yesterday I was buried with Him, today I rise with Him.’*

Sentenced to immortality: A Paschal Homily by St. Justin Popovic of Serbia

#### **HYMN OF THE APOSTLE ST. ANDREW**

As first of the Apostles to receive the call,  
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intercede O Andrew,  
with the Master of all of us,  
peace to all the world to grant,  
and to our souls His great mercy.

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