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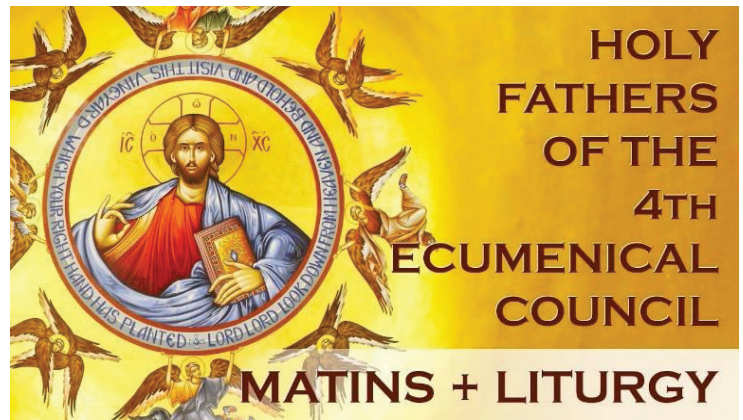
# DIVINE SERVICES

## JUNE 2022

Thursday	2	Holy Ascension
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL</b>   GID PARADE IN NYC AT 1:30PM
Saturday	11	SATURDAY OF SOULS   + BARTHOLOMEW THE HOLY APOSTLE <i>Fr. John will visit the Locust Hill Cemetery to pray for our +Loved ones</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>HOLY PENTECOST</b>   RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GRADUATION & SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS
Monday	13	MONDAY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS - FATHER'S DAY</b>   FAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES 6/19 TO 6/28
Friday	24	THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Matthew</b>
Wednesday	29	STS. PETER AND PAUL
Thursday	30	SYNAXIS OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES

## JULY

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF MATTHEW</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF MATTHEW</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>17</b>	<b><u>SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS;</u></b> <b><u>4<sup>TH</sup> ECUMENICAL COUNCIL</u></b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF MATTHEW</b>
Monday	<b>25</b>	DORMITION OF ST. ANNA, MOTHER OF THE THEOTOKOS



## AUGUST

Mon-Thu	1-4	PARAKLESIS SERVICE @6:30PM
Friday	5	VESPERS @ 6:30PM AT ST. ANDREW
Saturday	6	TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF MATTHEW</b>
Mon-Thu	8-11	PARAKLESIS SERVICE @6:30PM
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF MATTHEW</b>
Monday	15	THE DORMITION OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY THE THEOTOKOS
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>9<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF MATTHEW</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF MATTHEW</b>
<i>Service TBD</i>	Monday	29 BEHEADING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ( <i>STRICT FAST DAY</i> )

**Sundays:** Orthros @ 8:15AM & Divine Liturgy @ 9:30AM  
**Weekdays:** Orthros @ 8AM & Divine Liturgy @ 9:AM  
*(We have this saint's Relics at our Saint Andrew Reliquary) \**

## ΙΕΡΕΣ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΕΣ

### ΙΟΥΝΙΟΣ 2022

Πέμπτη	2	Τη Πέμπτη της Αναλήψεως
<b>Κυριακή</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Κυριακή Ζ' τῶν 318 Ἁγίων Πατέρων   ΠΑΡΕΛΑΣΗ ΤΗΣ 25<sup>Η</sup> ΜΑΡΤΙΟΥ NYC</b>
Σάββατο	11	ΨΥΧΟΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ   ΒΑΡΘΟΛΟΜΑΙΟΣ ἈΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ; ΒΑΡΝΑΒΑΣ ἈΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ <i>π. Ιωάννης θα επισκεφτεί το Νεκροταφείο στο Ντόβερ μετά την Λειτουργία</i>
<b>Κυριακή</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ Η' ΤΗΣ ΠΕΝΤΗΚΟΣΤΗΣ   Πρόγραμμα Αποφοίτησης Κατηχητικού Σχολείου &amp; Βραβεία Υποτροφιών</b>
Δευτέρα	13	ΤΟΥ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΠΝΕΥΜΑΤΟΣ
<b>Κυριακή</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Α' Ματθαίου τῶν Ἁγίων Πάντων   ΕΟΡΤΗ ΤΟΥ ΠΑΤΕΡΑ   ΝΗΣΤΕΙΑ ΤΩΝ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΩΝ 19/6 - 28/6</b>
Παρασκευή	24	ΓΕΝΕΘΛΙΟΝ ΤΟΥ ΙΩΑΝΝΟΥ ΠΡΟΔΡΟΜΟΥ;
<b>Κυριακή</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>Β' Ματθαίου</b>
Τετάρτη	29	ἈΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΙ ΠΕΤΡΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΠΑΥΛΟΣ
Πέμπτη	30	ΣΥΝΑΞΙΣ ΤῶΝ ΑΓΙΩΝ ΔΩΔΕΚΑ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΩΝ

### ΙΟΥΛΙΟΣ

<b>Κυριακή</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Γ' ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ</b>
<b>Κυριακή</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Δ' ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ</b>
<b>Κυριακή</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Κυριακή των Ἁγίων Πατέρων της Δ' Οικουμενικής Συνόδου;</b>
<b>Κυριακή</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Ε' ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ</b>
Δευτέρα	25	ΚΟΙΜΗΣΙΣ ἉΓΙΑΣ ἸΑΝΝΗΣ, ΜΗΤΡΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ

### ΑΥΓΟΥΣΤΟΣ

Δευτέρα-Πέμπτη	1-4	Ακολουθία Παράκλησις - <u>ώρα</u> 6:30μμ
Παρασκευή	5	Εσπερινός <u>ώρα</u> 6:30μμ
Σάββατο	6	Η ΜΕΤΑΜΟΡΦΩΣΙΣ ΤΟΥ ΚΥΡΙΟΥ ΥΜΩΝ ΙΗΣΟΥ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥ
<b>Κυριακή</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Η' Ματθαίου</b>
Δευτέρα- Πέμπτη	8-11	Ακολουθία Παράκλησις - <u>ώρα</u> 6:30μμ
<b>Κυριακή</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Θ' Ματθαίου</b>
Δευτέρα	15	ΚΟΙΜΗΣΗΣ ΤΗΣ ΥΠΕΡΑΓΙΑΣ ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ
<b>Κυριακή</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Ι' Ματθαίου</b>
<b>Κυριακή</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>ΙΑ' Ματθαίου</b>
Θα ανακοινωθεί	Δευτέρα	29 ΑΠΟΤΟΜΗ ΚΕΦΑΛΗΣ ΠΡΟΔΡΟΜΟΥ ΙΩΑΝΝΟΥ ΒΑΠΤΙΣΤΟΥ (Αυστηρή Νηστεία)

**Την Κυριακή** – Ὁρθρος 8.15πμ & Θεία Λειτουργία 9.30πμ  
**Τις καθημερινές** – Ὁρθρος 8πμ & Θ.Λ. 9.15πμ  
(Έχουμε τα **ΛΕΙΨΑΝΑ** του Αγίου στην **Λειψανοθήκη της εκκλησία μας**\*)

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## WHEN THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL HAD BEEN FREED FROM SLAVERY IN EGYPT

Fr. John Theodosion

When the children of Israel had been freed from slavery in Egypt this was called Passover. The Jews by the offering of the paschal lamb, and taking the blood of that lamb to be put on the doors of their homes were spared the curse which was uttered by Pharaoh himself 'that the first born child of each family would die.' After this horrific event came Passover; the Jews passing from slavery to freedom, from Egypt to the promised land. After the Passover they journeyed through the desert toward the Promised Land, and they reached Mount Sinai. On the fiftieth day after the Passover, the Lord descended upon Mount Sinai in the form of the burning bush, and with the sound of a trumpet and with thunder and lightning, He gave them the ten commandments of the Law. As a memorial of the giving of the Law, He decreed an annual feast on that day, an offering of the first-fruits, in the form of two loaves of bread, made from the first grain of the new harvest, which were to be brought to the altar. We already know that the Passover Lamb and the deliverance from Egypt foreshadow the death of Christ and our deliverance from sin, as it is written in 1 Corinthians chapter 5: "Christ our Passover Lamb is sacrificed for us." He is the true Lamb Who has taken away the sins of the world (John 1:29), Who has redeemed us from the bondage of death and of sin at the price of His own life and blood, and by the example of His own resurrection he has shown us the hope of life and everlasting liberty.

The Jewish Law or the Ten Commandments was given at Mount Sinai on the fiftieth day after the slaying of the lamb, when the Lord descended upon the mountain in fire. This was the Jewish feast of



Pentecost. Likewise, on the fiftieth day after the resurrection of Christ, the grace of the Holy Spirit, descending in the outward appearance of fire, was given to the disciples as they were assembled in the upper room. We read in Act chapter 2 that "When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord[1] in one place. 2And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as

of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5 And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. 6And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. 7Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? 8And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?"

The height of the mountain, and the elevation of the upper room, which we see here both indicate the sublimity of the commands and of the gifts. In the Old Testament or the first covenant, the people remained at the base of the mountain, a handful of elders went partway up, and only Moses ascended to the summit. In the New Testament or the second covenant, the whole community of God's people

was gathered at the summit, in the upper room. For the observance of the Law was given to only one nation -- "He hath not dealt so with any nation, neither have the heathen knowledge of His Law" (Psalm 147:20) -- but the gifts of the Spirit to the Church are for the proclaiming of the Gospel to every living person on the face of the earth -- "The LORD's name is praised from the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same" Malachi 1:11.

On the Jewish feast of Pentecost, there were to be offered to the Lord every year in perpetuity two loaves of bread, the first-fruits of the new harvest. So at the descent of the Spirit the Gospel was preached with power, and on that day many heard and believed and were baptized, and from men of every nation under heaven about three thousand souls were added to the Church, the first fruits of the new covenant. So every year on the feast of Pentecost, we offer ourselves entirely to God as did the Apostles, and so we as people become an offering to the Lord, an offering of the first-fruits of those who hope in the salvation of the Lord.

Observe how the Law was given to the people of Israel on the fiftieth day of their journey to the Land of Rest that was promised to them in Canaan. So likewise, the grace of the Spirit was given to the people of the new covenant on the fiftieth day, that we might perceive that our journey is directed toward that Heavenly Country that is our Eternal Rest, our place of deep and abiding satisfaction.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, the day of Pentecost is the day on which our Church was born. God gave us our Church and our Faith as a new covenant just as he gave the law and the prophets to the Jews in the old covenant. Our Orthodox Church is here to guide us to the promised land; the Kingdom of Heaven where we are freed from every yoke of sin, and our debts, that is to say, our sins -- have all been forgiven and cancelled, the entire company of the people of God will enjoy peace and unending rest and eternal paradise. This is a beautiful Heavenly Vision, it is the command of the Lord, it is the fulfillment of all the Lord promised us. This should be our goal and this should be our vision for life in all we do as a parish and as persons. Amen

## **Big Greek Festival 2022 June 17-18-19**

We are looking forward to hosting a successful **BIG GREEK FESTIVAL** this month.

**Please sign up to volunteer.**

Sign up in the church lobby or call, text, email if easier and let us know when you can help.

We know how valuable your time is and we appreciate any help. If it's the whole weekend, or just a few hours you can spend with us - we will take it!

If everyone does just a little bit, we will be successful!

You can volunteer for a specific area or let us assign a location.

If you are unable to volunteer, there are several other ways to support our festival. Tell your family and friends, like us and share on Facebook, buy & sell raffle tickets or consider making a donation.

Thanks so much --

looking forward to a record-breaking year so that Saint Andrew Church can continue to thrive!

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### SATURDAY · JUNE 18 · 11AM-11PM

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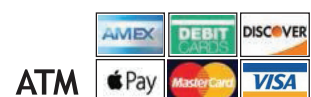
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# SAINT ANDREW GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Rev. John Theodosion  
Pastor

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA

June 2022

Dear Steward of Saint Andrew,

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

**Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 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 2022. This meeting will take place in person at church.

**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. Treasurer's Report
5. Buildings and Grounds
6. Festival
7. Car Raffle
8. 60th Anniversary Celebration
9. Youth Safety Compliance
10. New Business, Comments & Questions
11. Closing Prayer

Yours in Christ,  
Rev. John Theodosion, *Protopresbyter*  
Nick Monokandilos, *Parish Council President*



## 2022 NORTHERN NJ HONOREE GRAND BANQUET



On Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Grand Banquet held at the Venetian in Garfield, NJ. The Community Honoree is **Roslyn Monokandilos**, Parish Council Honoree is **Nikolas Karkanias**, Philoptochos Honoree is **Marina Venizelos**, GOYA Honoree is **Pola Katsanos**, Religious Education Teacher Honoree is **Photeine Lopardo**, Essential Medical Worker Honoree is **Dr Andreas Rotsides**, Youth Worker Honoree is **Harriet Karkanias**, and Oldest Person being honored is **MaryAnn Brinkley**. We thank them for their love and selfless dedication to our church and contributions to the success of our ministries.

### Oldest Person Honoree MaryAnn Brinkley

Mary Ann P. Brinkley is an accomplished nurse and a gifted mathematician. She worked for 40 years as a certified critical care nurse in various hospitals in Atlanta, Ga and in east Tennessee. She also served in obstetrics, psychiatry, and as a nurse supervisor. She was selected as one of 16 outstanding nurses in the state of Georgia in the mid-1970s.

Mary Ann retired in 1996 so she could work on what she calls her “brain babies.” She moved to Atlanta and attended Georgia State University. The head of the Math Department recommended that she apply to get her geometric figures patented.

She attended the open campus program of Princeton University in 1999 to further develop her patented geometric figures known as “puzzle toys.” Mary



Ann calls them “inner comprehensible” and she explains, “because you can find ways to translate things in various ways rather than just one way.” The geometric figures remind Mary Ann that “Everything in life is in form. Everything in life has a seed. Everything in life has a heart.”

She also worked on the phone line of Parents Anonymous as a volunteer for 20 years helping people resolve issues with their children and prevent child abuse, which she described as her “underlying desire.”

Mary Ann was raised a Lutheran and had also been a practicing Baptist who knew the Bible very well. When she found Orthodoxy, she knew she had found “the first church.” Mary Ann said that she could “feel the holiness. I could feel it with my heart. I could sense the fragrance of the incense with every breath. It was a very sensory experience. It was as if I was restarting my life with that first breath.”

Mary Ann has been attending St. Andrew Church for over 20 years. She has been a faithful member, attending almost every service until the last few years. She has volunteered at the parish’s Greek Festivals and in the parish office. She writes a faith and spirituality column called “Room for Agape” for the parish’s monthly newsletter.



### **Community Honoree Roslyn (Khurdan) Monokandilos**

Roslyn has been a parishioner for over 20 years. She grew up in Guyana where she was raised Episcopalian. She was received in the Orthodox Faith by the rites of Chrismation prior to her marriage to Nick in 2003. Fr Konstantine Tsigas officiated both sacraments.

Her memory of first going to Saint Andrew service was the warm welcome she received.

For the past 10 years she has been the vendor coordinator for our festivals. She has also assisted with the Gyro sales and the recent car raffle. Roslyn has also been a GOYA advisor for the last four years. Wherever or whenever there is a need ... she’s there.

Both sons, Themelis and Stavros attended Greek school, Greek dance and Sunday school and are active Altar Boy servers. They can be seen working at the festivals and gyro sales.

Roslyn is a graduate from New Jersey Institute of Technology and has had a career in Civil Engineering for the past 27 years.

Roslyn says it has been an honor to be a part of the Saint Andrew Family and a privilege and a pleasure to serve wherever she is needed. She is very grateful and humbled of this recognition and looks forward to her continued involvement at Saint Andrew.

### **Parish Council Honoree Nikolas Karkanias**

Nikolas Karkanias (Νικόλαος) was born and raised in Irvington, New Jersey. He is the youngest of three sons of Greek immigrants Vasilios and Maria Karkanias from Thessaly and Samos respectively; may their memories be eternal. Niko graduated from Rutgers University with a degree in Biochemistry before completing a Ph.D. in Neuroscience at the University of Florida. He worked in lab research and as a scientific advisor for a patent law firm before entering the pharmaceutical



industry. He has worked for small and large pharmaceutical companies. Since 2011 Niko has been working at Pfizer, Inc. and worked in both the Medical and Digital departments. Currently he leads the Global Medical Enablement team at Pfizer. In addition to working at Pfizer, Niko is a lecturer and module coordinator for a Medical Affairs Continuing Professional Development program offered by King's College, London.

Niko is married to Harriet Karkanias and together they have four children Barbara, Elisabeth, Loukas, and Lazarus.

As a member of the Parish Council at St. Andrew, Niko has used his personal and professional experiences for the betterment of the community. He had established a personnel Committee to bring consistency to processes at St. Andrew. He has contributed to several safety and emergency management related projects including a Reopening Committee during the pandemic and obtained and implemented a \$100,000 FEMA grant for security enhancements at our community. In addition, Niko has applied his technical expertise when we were projecting movies or music for different HOPE & JOY events and taking photos and videos for various Church events over the years.

Niko has many hobbies and interests, which he is always happy to talk about, including ancient history (especially ancient Greek history), Greek culture, photography, videography, birdwatching, camping, travel, restaurants, and museums. He is grateful to be honored by the community. Glory be to God.

### **Philoptochos Honoree Marina Venizelos**



Marina grew up in North Bergen, NJ and attended the Ascension Greek Orthodox Church in Fairview. Her parents, John and Andrea Hambos were active parishioners there. They had a very strong faith in God and taught their children the importance of going to church regularly and volunteering whenever possible. Marina learned from the best role models. May their memory be eternal.

She received her undergraduate degree in psychology and elementary education from Fordham University. She met her husband, George Venizelos, while they were students there. They got married soon after graduation. While working at Fordham as an associate director of alumni relations, Marina attended Fordham's

graduate school and received her master's degree in education. She became a third-grade teacher.

Marina and George are the proud parents of Constantine, Yianni, Kyriaki, and Andreas. George's job in the FBI required their family to move several times. They were members at Greek Orthodox churches in Andover, MA, Annapolis, MD, Harrisburg, PA. and since 2002 here at Saint Andrew. Though it was not easy moving with their young children, church involvement made the adjustment easier. Marina always made new friends and got involved. She taught Sunday School and volunteered at festivals and other events.

She currently works in the Sparta schools as a substitute teacher. At Saint Andrew, Marina has been the 5th grade Sunday School teacher for over 13 years. She was a GOYA advisor for six years. She has been the volunteer coordinator for the annual church festival for many years. She will be calling Saint Andrew parishioners to ask for their help very soon! Marina has been an active member of Philoptochos, currently serving as 1st Vice President. She has enjoyed being part of the Tricky Tray committee for many years. She encourages all women at Saint Andrew to become members of Philoptochos as it is very fulfilling to be part of such a wonderful Philanthropic organization. Marina feels very blessed to be a member of Saint Andrew.



### **GOYA Honoree Pola Katsanos**

Panagiota (Pola) Katsanos is the 2021-2022 GOYA Honoree that will attend the *Awards Banquet* in May! Pola is the current GOYA President and has been a member since 2016. Pola has played on the GOYA girls volleyball team for the last 6 years, has been on the board for several years, and consistently volunteers time at our soup kitchen and church events. Pola was also the 2021-2022 Randolph Miss. GOYA contestant, chosen to represent Randolph at the pageant with several other GOYAns from church's all throughout New Jersey.

Outside of GOYA, Pola attends Randolph High School and will be graduating in June of 2022. Pola will be attending the University of Pittsburgh next year as a member of the Honors College with the pre-med major on track for studies in Pharmaceutical Sciences. She is an active member of her school-

on the board for two clubs at her school, member of five national honors societies, and an outside hitter on the Randolph Varsity Volleyball for the past two years.

Pola is excited to represent our amazing Saint Andrew community at the *Awards Banquet* where she will be surrounded by many figures of our church who will be there to support her. Our Greek community is so important to her, so she is so grateful for this amazing event and cannot wait to share her experiences with others!

### **Religious Education Teacher Honoree Photeine Lopardo**

Photeine was born in Athens and travelled to New Jersey with her family when she was almost 4 years old. Growing up in Clifton and Wayne, she dedicated her time to St. George's church with her parents and siblings. She began assisting in their Religious Education program at the age of 12, and taught her own class at 16 years old. 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 39 years in July. She relocated to Rockaway where she raised her two children. Her son Michael is a welder and has been married for three years. Her daughter Rachel is a teacher and the director of a preschool in Pine Brook. Photeine's 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 Religious Education. She has been teaching the three-year-old Religious Education class for 24 years, and many of the children of St. Andrews have fond memories of being in Miss Photeine's class. She loves the excitement and enthusiasm the young children bring each and every week.



Within the last 10 years, she has faced a lot of battles, including back surgery, breast cancer, her husband's illness that left him hospitalized for a year, and a continuing battle with Parkinson's disease. With her positive outlook on life, she has done everything in her power to continue to be there and do everything she can for her family.

## Essential Medical Worker Honoree Dr Andreas Rotsides

Doctor Andreas Rotsides was born in a small village called Mia Milia, approximately five miles east of the capital Nicosia. He attended High School at the Pancyprian Gymnasium. In July 1974 during the Turkish invasion of Cyprus his village was occupied by the Turks. During this time he lost his father Demetrios. When his mother took his father to the hospital she was told take him home because, at age of 53 he was considered too old and they had no time to care for him' That's when he made the decision to become a Doctor.



After his two years of mandatory military service, he immigrated to the United States in September of 1976. He attended Fairleigh Dickinson University in Madison New Jersey, on a Soccer scholarship. He earned his Medical degree from Saint Georges University School of Medicine in Grenada, West Indies in 1984. Completing his Residency in Internal Medicine at Saint Michaels Medical Center in Newark, New Jersey in 1987. He is Board Certified in both Internal Medicine and Geriatrics.

He started private medical practice in the Dover area of Morris County in July of 1987 with Medical privileges at Morristown Medical Center and Saint Claire's Medical center in Dover and Denville.

He served as the Chairman of the Department of Medicine at Dover General Hospital. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris County Medical Society where he served as the President in 1998.

Doctor Rotsides received numerous awards including, Intern of the year during his residency, four times named to Americas Top Doctor, and Morris County Physician of the year.

Doctor Rotsides resides in Morristown, New Jersey with his wife Susan, where they raised their four children; Catherine, Demetrios, Janine, and John.

## Youth Worker Honoree 2022 Harriet Karkanias

Harriet Karkanias (Χαρίκλεια) was born and raised in Astoria, Queens, New York. She is the eldest of two daughters of Greek immigrants Fotios and Dimitra Giannakopoulos both from Patras, Greece; may their memories be eternal. Harriet graduated Polytechnic University in Brooklyn as a Civil Engineer. She worked for several construction management firms in New York and New Jersey including Humphreys & Harding, Bovis Lend Lease, and Torcon, Inc. Her projects included schools, luxury condominiums, art centers, park and pier works, airports, municipal buildings and most famously Christie's Auction House.



Harriet is married to Nikolas Karkanias and together they have four children Barbara, Elisabeth, Loukas, and Lazarus. To foster our youth community at St. Andrew, Harriet revived the HOPE & JOY program which had been dormant for several years. The children sang Christmas carols at nursing homes, performed plays that were shown to the Church community, had fellowship nights like laser tag and ninja warrior, and learned to make a prosphoron.



Later she led the Sunday School up to and through 2021 increasing the communications and engagement with social media, regular informative email communications, spotlight Sundays and triple 'S' Student Summer Sundays for the younger kids. Harriet has also been active at several GOYA events such as the GOYA Olympics. Harriet stepped back towards the end of 2021 to focus on her family.

Harriet is an avid knitter and attends knitting conferences every year. She is an active reader and participates in a local book club. She loves traveling to new and different places especially with her family. Harriet is a Theatre fan having season passes to theaters

in New York and New Jersey. She also loves cooking, trying new restaurants, and immersing herself in new culinary experiences. She is grateful to be honored by the community. Glory be to God.

**MOTHER OF THE YEAR 2022**

On Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> a woman from our parish who best exemplifies “**Mother of the Year**” was chosen. Our Philoptochos Committee presented her with a gift and a bouquet of flowers. All the mothers in our parish also received a carnation. We wish them all blessings from the Lord above.

**Konstantina Dina Aspromatis** grew up in Dover, NJ. Her Family is from Lamia Greece. She is a wife and mother of two beautiful children. She works full-time as “Deductions Analyst” at Ferrero USA. She is a Kindergarten teacher at St. Andrew Sunday School, active member in the PTA and HOPE/JOY Ministry groups. Besides being a great wife, she is an amazing Mother. She is always available, trying to balance everything and take care of everyone. She has grown up attending Saint Andrew church for over 30 years! She is committed in her Orthodox faith and teaching the faith to her children. Her dedicated love for the Saint Andrew community is shown as she is always helping with many church functions. She wants to be an example to her children and family by learning and teaching the Orthodox Faith, traditions and Greek customs.



# GOYA NEWS JUNE

## Χριστός Ανέστη!

Our GOYAns have been very busy this past month. Starting off with Holy Week we participated in the making of the palm crosses on Saturday of Lazarus and decorating the Epitaphio and making the candles for Good Friday. Hope everyone had a wonderful Easter. On May 6th was the White Out Dance in Tenafly, we had some of our GOYAns attend. It was a lot of fun! Coming up we have the soccer tournament on May 14th at GoodSports Soccer Complex. This year we only have a Boys team and we have some of our girls playing with Roseland. Hopefully next year we have enough GOYAns for both a Girls and a Boys team. Best of luck to everyone attending. We also have Outdoor Olympics at Monmouth University on May 28th and 29th. Olympics has swimming, running, and field events. We also have a co-ed volleyball team competing against other NJ GOYAns. Coming up in June we are going to be welcoming in our new GOYA executive board, Cross divers, and Mr/Miss GOYA at our monthly meeting. At our meeting this month it will be our senior send off. Where we will honor and celebrate all of our seniors. Our GOYAns are also working on a buddy program for all the incoming 7th graders to make them feel welcomed.



**Big Greek Festival  
June 17-18-19  
BE THERE!**



Written By:  
Despina Sedereas



## RISE AGAINST HUNGER EVENT MAY 19, 2022

Rise Against Hunger's three goals are aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Goal #2 of Zero Hunger. From the implementation of sustainable community development projects to their meal-packing program that harnesses the passion of local volunteers, they strive to make an impact on hunger by building resilience, self-sufficiency, and empowerment in communities world-wide.

**Goal #1: Safety Nets:** communities that face food insecurity are provided basic nourishment as well as education, skills training, or health services.

**Goal #2: Crisis Relief:** when emergencies destroy food access, food is deployed to the communities that need it most.

**Goal #3: Agricultural and Income-Generating Initiatives:** aids farmers to increase production and harvest a variety of nutritious crops.

Last night's (5-19-2022) event included approximately 50 members of the Philoptochos from all around NJ. Parishioners from Clifton, Randolph, and Wycoff produced 10,000 bags of nutritious meals that will be provided to schools in international communities in need. This is to ensure students receive one daily nutritious meal so they can concentrate on their education. RISE AGAINST HUNGER has international locations in Italy, India, Malaysia, South Africa, and Philippines to help meet their goals.





## Ελλάδα:

### Ταξίδι στον Χρόνο με τους Μαθητές της Έκτης Τάξης του Ελληνικού μας Σχολείου

Stylianios Andrews / 6th Grade

Στυλιανός Ανδρέου / Στ' Τάξη

#### MACEDONIA

Ancient Macedonia was formed around 700 BC. The original Macedonian kingdom was mostly in parts of what is now the northern part of modern Greece. King Philip II started the conquests of Macedonia, but it was his son Alexander (given the title 'The Great' after his conquests) who would truly expand the kingdom. Alexander learned under the great philosopher, Aristotle. After his father took over the other Greek city-states, Alexander became the king. Alexander then invaded the Persian Empire and took over much of it and then took over Egypt, where he established a city named Alexandria, which is still a major city today. After Alexander conquered parts of Persia, he married a Persian noblewoman named Roxana. After he invaded Egypt, he then completely took over Persia and he did not stop there. He went into India and conquered some of it, but his army was very homesick, so Alexander took them home. He died soon after that at age 33, and historians debate the cause. Alexander the Great's conquests were split up among his generals. Ptolemy took Egypt, Seleucus took much of Persia, Antigonus took much of Anatolia, and Cassander took parts of Greece.

There is also a famous legend that Alexander came up on a city where there was a knot, called the Gordian Knot, and it was believed that whoever untied this knot was destined to rule all of Asia. Alexander took his sword and sliced the knot. His conquests in Asia fulfilled the prophecy of the Gordian Knot.



#### ΜΑΚΕΔΟΝΙΑ

Η αρχαία Μακεδονία ιδρύθηκε γύρω στο 700 π.Χ. Το αρχικό μακεδονικό βασίλειο βρισκόταν ως επί το πλείστον σε μέρη αυτού που σήμερα είναι το βόρειο τμήμα της σύγχρονης Ελλάδας. Ο βασιλιάς Φίλιππος Β' ξεκίνησε τις κατακτήσεις της Μακεδονίας, αλλά ήταν ο γιος του Αλέξανδρος (στον οποίο δόθηκε ο τίτλος «Μέγας» μετά τις κατακτήσεις του) που θα επέκτεινε πραγματικά το βασίλειο. Ο Αλέξανδρος σπούδασε κοντά στον μεγάλο φιλόσοφο Αριστοτέλη. Όταν ο πατέρας του κυριάρχησε στις άλλες ελληνικές πόλεις-κράτη, ο Αλέξανδρος έγινε βασιλιάς. Στη συνέχεια ο Αλέξανδρος εισέβαλε στην Περσική Αυτοκρατορία και κατέκτησε μεγάλο μέρος της. Εκεί παντρεύτηκε μια Περσίδα ευγενή, την Ρωξάνη. Ακολούθως κατέλαβε την Αίγυπτο, όπου ίδρυσε την Αλεξάνδρεια, η οποία εξακολουθεί και σήμερα να είναι μια μεγάλη πόλη. Αφού ο Αλέξανδρος κατέκτησε την Περσία και την Αίγυπτο δεν σταμάτησε εκεί. Πήγε στην Ινδία και κατέκτησε μέρος της, αλλά ο στρατός του ήταν πολύ εξουθενωμένος και απρόθυμος να συνεχίσει και έτσι ο Αλέξανδρος πήρε το δρόμο του γυρισμού. Κατά την επιστροφή όμως πέθανε σε ηλικία 33 ετών και οι ιστορικοί ακόμα αναζητούν την αιτία. Οι κατακτήσεις του Μεγάλου Αλεξάνδρου μοιράστηκαν στους στρατηγούς του. Ο Πτολεμαίος πήρε την Αίγυπτο, ο Σέλευκος ανέλαβε μεγάλο μέρος της Περσίας, ο Αντίγονος πήρε μεγάλο μέρος της Ανατολίας και ο Κάσσανδρος πήρε μέρη της Ελλάδας.

Κατά τις εκστρατείες του ο Αλέξανδρος βρέθηκε σε μια πόλη όπου υπήρχε ένας τεράστιος και

αδύνατον να λυθεί κόμπο, που ονομαζόταν Γόρδιος Δεσμός. Οι άνθρωποι εκεί πίστευαν ότι όποιος έλυνε αυτόν τον κόμπο, ήταν προορισμένος να κυβερνήσει όλη την Ασία. Ο Αλέξανδρος πήρε το σπαθί του και έκοψε τον κόμπο, λέγοντας την περίφημη φράση: “Ό,τι δεν λύεται, κόβεται.” Έτσι, με τις κατακτήσεις του στην Ασία και την Αφρική, επαληθεύτηκε η «προφητεία- θρύλος» του Γόρδιου Δεσμού.

Παρασκευή Loughran / Στ' τάξη

## **Η ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΕΠΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΗ ΤΟΥ 1821**

Κατά την Ελληνική Επανάσταση του 1821, οι Έλληνες επαναστάτησαν κατά της Οθωμανικής Αυτοκρατορίας και μετά από πολλά χρόνια σκληρού αγώνα, απέκτησαν τελικά την ανεξαρτησία τους. Αρχικά, οι Μεγάλες Ευρωπαϊκές Δυνάμεις αντιτάχθηκαν στην ανεξαρτησία της Ελλάδας. Αργότερα όμως άλλαξαν γνώμη, βοήθησαν τους σκλαβωμένους αλλά γενναίους Έλληνες και έδωσαν το τελειωτικό χτύπημα στους Οθωμανούς, νικώντας τον στόλο τους στη Ναυμαχία του Ναυαρίνου το 1827. Η νίκη αυτή των συμμάχων, οδήγησε στην ήττα της Οθωμανικής Αυτοκρατορίας. Τα γεγονότα στην Ελλάδα έγιναν αφορμή για σύγχρονες συζητήσεις

για θέματα όπως η δουλεία, η ανθρωπιστική παρέμβαση, η ευρωπαϊκή ταυτότητα και η μεταφορά πληθυσμού. Δύο ήρωες αυτού του πολέμου είναι η Λασκαρίνα Μπουμπουλίνα και ο Ρήγας Φεραίος. Η Λασκαρίνα Μπουμπουλίνα φέρεται να εντάχθηκε στη Φιλική Εταιρεία, μια μυστική οργάνωση που προετοίμασε την Επανάσταση. Έδωσε ό,τι είχε, αγοράζοντας όπλα και πυρομαχικά με δικά της έξοδα, κάτι που όπως είπε έκανε για χάρη του έθνους της.

Ο Ρήγας Φεραίος ήταν Έλληνας συγγραφέας, πολιτικός στοχαστής και επαναστάτης. Έγραψε τον Θούριο (1797), ένα πολεμικό εμβατήριο, με τον οποίο θα μπορούσε να συσχετιστεί κάθε Έβοθ λληνας εκείνη την εποχή, στο οποίο έλεγε: «Είναι πιο ωραίο να ζεις μια ώρα ελεύθερος, παρά σαράντα χρόνια ως σκλάβος και αιχμάλωτος».

Η Πρώτη Ελληνική Δημοκρατία (Α' Ελληνική Δημοκρατία) ήταν το προσωρινό ελληνικό κράτος κατά τη διάρκεια της Επανάστασης ενάντια στην Οθωμανική Αυτοκρατορία. Από το 1822 έως το 1827 ήταν γνωστή ως Προσωρινή Διοίκηση της Ελλάδας. Από το 1828 μέχρι το 1833 ακολούθησε η Πρώτη “Ελληνική Πολιτεία”, με πρωτεύουσα το Ναύπλιο και πρώτο Πρωθυπουργό τον Ιωάννη Καποδίστρια.

**Congratulations** to all the Grade 6 Graduates of the Hellenic Afternoon School: James Andrews, Haralambos Gergatsoulis, Vasiliki Katsanos, Paraskevi Loughran, Ava Papageorge and Zoe Sifonios. Thank you to their dedicated teacher Mrs. Haroula Christodoulou.

**Have a wonderful Summer and we'll see you in September!**

**Συγχαρητήρια** στους αποφοίτους μαθητές και μαθήτριες ΣΤ' του Ελληνικού Απογευματινού Σχολείου Αγίου Ανδρέα: Στυλιανός Ανδρέου, Χαράλαμπος Γεργατσούλης, Βασιλική Κατσάνου, Παρασκευή Λόχραν, Ευαγγελία Παπαγεωργίου, Ζωή Σιφονιός.

Ευχαριστώ και στην δασκάλα τους κ<sup>α</sup> Χαρούλα Χριστοδούλου.

**Καλό καλοκαίρι και θα σας δούμε πάλι τον Σεπτέμβριο!**



## Holy Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council

**Matt. 5: 14-19** | Many times God removes – *intentionally* one might say – certain things we rely upon in our lives precisely so that we will be dependent on Christ

The Fathers of the 4<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council who we celebrate today said concerning Christ that He is God and man and is two natures in the one person of Christ, united without confusion and indivisible; not divided, but two natures in one person, and without any mingling of the one nature with the other. Human nature is human nature, divine nature is divine nature. And they formulated the dogma definitively that Christ is perfect God and perfect man. He is perfect God and perfect man united in the person of Jesus Christ.

And this is something each person is called to become. This is what 'life in Christ' means; this is what 'life in the Holy Spirit' means; this is what it means ultimately when we say a human being is not only body and soul. Like Christ, who was not only a human being with a body and a soul but was also God, so a human being isn't only a body and soul. Instead, Divine **Grace**, divine energy, enters him. God enters him through His divine energy; through His uncreated energies he enters a human being. And in some way each person in Christ Jesus and in the **Holy Spirit**, each person is a god-man [1]. This is what 'salvation' actually means. This person is no longer only a human being. But if you remain only a plain human being, no matter how good you are, you will be lost. You will be lost

because in the end Christ is the true child of God, Christ is sinless as the Fathers tell us.

You are not able to be a true Christian if deep within your soul you do not believe this truth. Certainly, theoretically everyone believes that Christ is perfect God and perfect man, but in our actions we reveal that we don't believe this: that when we have Christ dwelling within us we have everything.

This is obvious from our daily lives. For instance, someone hopes in other things and expects something from these – joy, purpose in life, etc. – but when he doesn't possess these things in which he trusts and hopes and upon which he depends, then he is wounded, disturbed, as if his life has no meaning, as if he can no longer carry on living.

Many times God removes – *intentionally* one might say – certain things we rely upon in our lives precisely so that we will be dependent on Christ. The reason: we forget Christ, forget that He is God, that He is everything, and that we are relying upon human beings or upon ideas or upon other things instead of Him. God arranges it in this way so as to remove our reliance upon these things. Many times it is necessary – if I may be permitted to say – for God to make a deep cut with the knife, that is, to remove something that will cost us dearly. He works

this way in order for us to stop relying upon this *thing* which to a greater or lesser extent has become like a god for us.

Jesus Christ is God. There is no other god apart from Him. Do you want to find the true God? In Christ you will find Him.

If, then, we place Christ within us and we believe in Him in this way, my Brethren – I am saying this with all my heart – this very moment something will happen within our soul and we will be much changed from what we were in that previous moment.

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[1] The difference being that Christ is God and man by *nature* as the only-begotten Son, whereas a human person becomes a god-man by *grace* through adoption, i.e. Christ is God-man in His uncreated divine essence, while a human person can only become a partaker of the uncreated divine energies of God (See: 2 Peter 2:4: “...that you might be partakers (communicants) of the divine nature...”).

## Κυριακή των Αγίων Πατέρων της Δ΄ Οικουμενικής Συνόδου

**Ἵμεῖς ἐστε τὸ φῶς τοῦ κόσμου» (Ματθ. 5,14) - Σήμερα, ἀγαπητοί μου, εἶνε ἐορτὴ καὶ πανήγυρις. Σήμερα ἡ ἀγία μας Ἐκκλησία ἐορτάζει τὴ μνήμη τῶν ἀγίων πατέρων, ποὺ συνεκρότησαν τὶς οἰκουμενικὲς Συνόδους, καταπολέμησαν καὶ κατέκριναν τὶς πλάνες καὶ τὶς αἱρέσεις, διατύπωσαν τὰ ἱερὰ δόγματα καὶ ὠρίσαν κανόνες, τί δηλαδὴ πρέπει νὰ πιστεύουμε καὶ τί νὰ πράττουμε.**

Ἄς εἶνε αἰωνία ἡ μνήμη τῶν πατέρων τῆς Ἐκκλησίας. Ὡς εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ὠρίστηκε νὰ διαβάζεται σήμερα αὐτὴ στὴν ὁποία ὁ Χριστός, ἀπευθυνόμενος στοὺς μαθητὰς καὶ ἀποστόλους καὶ δι' αὐτῶν σὲ ὅλους τοὺς Χριστιανοὺς ὄλων τῶν αἰώνων, λέει· «Ἵμεῖς ἐστε τὸ φῶς τοῦ κόσμου», σεῖς εἶστε τὸ φῶς τοῦ κόσμου (Ματθ. 5,14). Τί σημαίνουν τὰ λόγια αὐτά;

Προτοῦ νὰ ἔρθῃ ὁ Χριστός, ἀγαπητοί μου, ὁ κόσμος ἦταν στὴν πλάνη, στὴν ἀμαρτία καὶ στὴ διαφθορά· ἦταν ὅπως τὰ κτήνη. Οἱ ἄνθρωποι εἶχαν ἐγκαταλείψει τὸν ἀληθινὸ Θεὸ καὶ εἶχαν πέσει στὴν εἰδωλολατρία· εἶχαν καταντήσῃ εἰδωλολάτρες.

Τί θὰ πῆ εἰδωλολάτρες; δὲν λάτρευαν τὸν Κτίστη τοῦ παντός, ἀλλὰ λάτρευαν τὰ κτίσματα. Ἔβλεπαν τὰ δημιουργήματα τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ τὰ θεοποιοῦσαν. Ἔβλεπαν π.χ., ὅτι ἓνας ποταμὸς τρέχει ὀρμητικὰ, ὅτι φουσκώνουν τὰ νερά του, πλημμυρίζει καὶ κάνει καταστροφές, καὶ ἔλεγαν ὅτι ὁ ποταμὸς εἶνε θεός. Θεὸς ὁ ποταμὸς, θεὸς ὁ ἥλιος, θεὸς ἡ φωτιά, θεὸς τὰ δέντρα, θεὸς τὰ ἄγρια θηρία, θεὸς ὁ ἄνθρωπος, θεὸς τὰ πάντα.

Ἵλα τὰ λάτρευαν ὡς θεοὺς, πλὴν τοῦ ἀληθινοῦ Θεοῦ.

Σκοτάδι πνευματικὸ καὶ ἠθικὸ ἐπικρατοῦσε στὴν ἀνθρωπότητα. Πῶς βγήκε ἡ ἀνθρωπότης ἀπὸ τὸ σκοτάδι αὐτό;

Ἵπως ὅταν βγαίνει ὁ ἥλιος τὴν ἡμέρα σκορπίζονται καὶ διαλύονται ὅλα τὰ σκοτάδια καὶ οἱ ἄνθρωποι περπατοῦν καὶ ἐργάζονται, ἔτσι στὴν ἀνθρωπότητα βγήκε κάποιος ἄλλος ἥλιος· καὶ ὁ ἥλιος ποὺ φώτισε

καὶ θέρμανε καὶ ζωογόνησε ὁλόκληρο τὸν κόσμο εἶνε ἓ-νας καὶ μόνο, ὁ Κύριος ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦς Χριστός.

Ὁ φυσικὸς ἥλιος, ποὺ βλέπουμε, μιὰ μέρα θὰ σβήσει, ἀλλὰ ὁ ἥλιος Χριστὸς θὰ παραμείνῃ ἄδυστος εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἵτσι ἦρθε ὁ Χριστὸς στὸν κόσμο καὶ τὸν φώτισε· ἔγινε φῶς τοῦ κόσμου.

Ὁ ἴδιος εἶπε· «Ἐγὼ εἶμι τὸ φῶς τοῦ κόσμου» (Ἰω. 8,12). Φώτισε τὸν κόσμο ὁ Χριστός. Πῶς τὸν φώ-τισε; Μὲ τὴν ἀγία του διδασκαλία. Τί δίδαξε ὁ Χριστός; δίδαξε τὰ ὠραιότερα λόγια ποὺ ἀ-κούστηκαν στὸν κόσμο. Δίδαξε, ὅτι Θεὸς δὲν εἶνε τὰ εἶδωλα ποὺ προσκυνοῦσαν οἱ ἄνθρωποι, ἀλλ' ὅτι πάνω ἀπ' ὅλα τὰ δημιουργήματα ὑπάρχει ὁ Δημιουργὸς τοῦ παντός.

Δίδαξε, ὅτι ὁ Θεὸς εἶνε πατέρας, πατέρας φιλόστοργος· κι ὅπως ὁ πατέρας ἀγαπάει τὰ παιδιὰ του καὶ θυσιάζεται γι' αὐτά, ἔτσι καὶ ὁ Θεὸς εἶνε πατέρας ὅλου τοῦ κόσμου, πατέρας οὐράνιος, καὶ ἀγαπᾷ τὸν κόσμο.

Ὁ Χριστὸς εἶπε· Ὑπάρχει πατέρας, ποὺ τὸ παιδί θὰ τοῦ ζητήσῃ ψωμί κι αὐτὸς θὰ τοῦ δώσῃ πέτρα; Ὑπάρχει πατέρας ποὺ τὸ παιδί θὰ τοῦ ζητήσῃ ψάρι κι αὐτὸς θὰ τοῦ δώσῃ φίδι; Δὲν ὑπάρχει.

Ἵτσι λοιπὸν καὶ ἀκόμη μεγαλύτερη, ἀπείρων μεγαλύτερη, εἶνε ἡ ἀγάπη τοῦ οὐρανοῦ Πατρὸς (βλ. Ματθ. 7,9-11. Λουκ. 11,11-13). Μᾶς δίδαξε ἀκόμα ὁ Χριστός, ὅτι Θεὸς εἶνε τρισυπόστατος, Πατὴρ Υἱὸς καὶ ἅγιον Πνεῦμα – ἀγία Τριάς, ἐλέησον τὸν κόσμον σου. Μᾶς δίδαξε ἀκόμα, ὅτι ὁ ἄνθρωπος δὲν εἶνε ἀπλῶς ὕλη, στομάχι, ἔντερα, ἀρτηρίες, ἀλλ' ὅτι μέσα στὸ σῶμα τοῦ ἀνθρώπου κατοικεῖ ἀθάνατη ψυχὴ.

Καὶ εἶπε· «Τί ὠφελήσῃ ἄνθρωπον ἐὰν κερδήσῃ τὸν κόσμον ὅλον, καὶ ζημιωθῇ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ;» (Μᾶρκ. 8,36).

Μᾶς δίδαξε, ὅτι τὸ τέλος τοῦ ἀνθρώπου δὲν εἶνε ὀθάνατος, ὅτι τὸ φτυάρι τοῦ νεκροθάφτη δὲν σημειώνει τὸ τέρμα τῆς ἀνθρωπίνης ζωῆς, ἀλλ' ὅτι πέραν τοῦ τάφου ὑπάρχει μιὰ ἄλλη ζωὴ, αἰωνία καὶ

μακαρία και άθανατη. Μας δίδαξε, ότι μια μέρα θα έρθη και πάλι. Και είνεγεγονός.

Όσο είνε βέβαιο ότι σήμερα είνεΚυριακή και αύριο ξημερώνει Δευτέρα, τόσοβέβαιο είνε ότι θα έρθη πάλι ο «βασιλεύς τής δόξης» (Ψαλμ. 23,7-10) . Και ο «βασιλεύς τής δόξης» είνε ο Κύριος ήμων Ίησοϋς Χριστός.

Θα έρθηνα κρίνη την άνθρωπότητα. Ήμέρα φοβεράκαι τρομερά για όλους τους ανθρώπους. Μαςδίδαξε ακόμα, ότι όσοι μεν ζοϋν με το Εύαγγέλιο θα πάνε στον παράδεισο, όσοι δέν ζοϋνμε το Εύαγγέλιο θα πάνε στην κόλασι.

Μας δίδαξε τα αιώνια αυτά πράγματα οΧριστός μας και ή διδασκαλία του είνε φώς.Το ίδιο, φώς, είνε και ή ζωή του.

Γιατι ο Χριστός όχι μόνο δίδαξε, αλλά και «έποίησε», έφήρμοσε(Ματθ. 5,19). Το ωραιότερο δίδαγμα του είνε το «Αγα πάτε αλληλους»(Ιω. 13,34). Και κανείς άλλος δέν αγάπησε την άνθρωπότητα όπως ο Χριστός.

Αγάπησε τα κρίνα του άγροϋ, τα δέντρα, τη θάλασσα, τα βουνα, τα ζωα. Πρό παντός αγάπησε τον άνθρωπο· τα μικρά παιδια, τη γυναίκα, τον άντρα, τους άμαρτωλους.

Ό ύψος! Αγάπησε ακόμα και αυτούς του σταυρωτάς του και πάνω στο σταυρο προσ-ευχήθηκε γι' αυτούς λέγοντας «Πάτερ, άφες αυτοίς· ου γάρ οίδασι τι ποιούσι» (Λουκ. 23,34) .Φώς λοιπον ο Χριστός· φώς ή διδασκαλία του, φώς ή ζωή του.

Φώς ακόμη τα θαύματά του, φώς ή θυσία – ή σταύρωσί του, φώς ή ανάστασί του, φώς ή ανάληψί του. Είνε φώς ο Χριστός. Κανείς δέν μπορεί να άρνηθη, ότι ήμορφή του είνε φωτεινή και αιώνια.

Αλλ' όπως ο Χριστός είνε φώς στον κόσμο ,έτσι και ο κάθε Χριστιανός πρέπει να γίνη κιαυτός φώς. Δημιουργείται μια ιερά υποχρέωσις για τον καθένα από μας να μην είνε σκοτάδι αλλά να είνε φώς. Και πως μπορεί ο κάθε Χριστιανός να γίνη φώς μέσα στον κόσμο;

Άς φέρουμε ένα παράδειγμα. Κάποιος είνε πατέρας. Έχει ιερές υποχρεώσεις. Τι πρέπει να είνε ο πατέρας; Πρέπει να είνε

φώς. Πως θα είνε φώς; Ξημέρωσε ο Θεός την ήμέρα; οπατέρας θα καλέση τα παιδια να γονατίσουν και να κάνουν την προσευχή τους.

Έφθασε το μεσημερι, κάθησε ή οικογένεια στο τραπέζι; ο πατέρας θα πη στα παιδια να κάνουν την προσευχή τους. Βράδιασε; δέν θα πάνε ταπαιδια να κοιμηθοϋν, εάν ο πατέρας δέν τα βάλη στη σειρά να κάνουν την προσευχήτους, να ποϋν το «Κύριε, έλέησον» , το «Πάτερ ήμων» , το «Πιστεύω» και άλλες προσευχές. Είνε Τετάρτη και Παρασκευή; θα πη σταπαιδια του· Σήμερα νηστεϋουμε.

Είνε Κυριακή, χτυπά ή καμπάνα; ο πατέρας δέν θα τρέ-χη στα καφενεία, δεξιά κι άριστερά, αλλά θα σηκώση τα παιδια του να πάνε ολοι στην εκκλησία. Έρχεται στην ένορία έξομολόγος να έξομολογήση; ο πατέρας θα μιλήση στα παιδια για την έξομολογήσι. Έρχονται μεγάλες έορτές; επίσης.

Ο πατέρας αυτός, που εκτελει έτσι τα καθήκοντά του, είνε φώς τής οικογενείας. Θα πεθάνη μια μέρα κι αυτός· αλλά τα παιδια του θα θυμοϋνται το καλό του παράδειγμα, θα πηγαίνουν στον τάφο του και γονατιστά θα λένε· Πατέρα, σ' ευχαριστοϋμε για την κληρονομιά που μας άφησες.

Ο πατέρας και ή μάνα είνε φώς όταν εκτελοϋν τα καθήκοντά τους. Έχει ο άλλος κάποιο αξίωμα; Είνε δάσκαλος; πρέπει να είνεφώς για τους μαθητάς του. Είνε πρόεδρος κοινότητος; πρέπει να είνε φώς για ολο το χωριό.

Είνε ιερεϋς του Ύψιστου; πρέπει να είνε φώς για όλους τους ένοριτες του. Είνε έπίσκοπος; πρέπει να είνε φώς για ολη την έπισκοπή του. Κάθε Χριστιανός έν γενει πρέ-πει να είνε φώς και όχι σκοτάδι.

Αυτό το φώς, αγαπητοί μου, ζητάει σήμεραό κόσμος. Μπήκαμε σ' ένα μεγάλο σκοτάδι.Διότι ακριβώς είνε εποχή που σταυρώνουμε εκ νέου το Χριστό. Οι Έβραίοι μια φορά τονσταύρωσαν, εμείς τον σταυρώνουμε κάθε μέρα. Και όταν σταυρώθηκε ο Χριστός, πάνω στη γη έγινε σκοτάδι που βάσταξε τρεις ολόκληρες ώρες· «άπο εκτης ώρας ...έως ώρας ενάτης» (Ματθ. 27,45) .

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Κι ὅπως μέσ' στὸ σκοτάδι δὲν βλέπει κανεὶς τίκάνη καὶ ἀδερφὸς μπορεῖ νὰ σκοτώσῃ τὸν ἀδερφὸ του, ἔτσι καὶ στὸ σκοτάδι αὐτὸ τοῦ ἀ-παισίου μίσους, ποὺ κυριαρχεῖ στὸν κόσμο, οἱ ἄνθρωποι εἶνε ἔτοιμοι ν' ἀλληλοσπαραχθοῦν σὰν τὰ ἄγρια θηρία.

Ποιὸς θὰ μᾶς σώσῃ; «Τὸ φῶς τοῦ κόσμου», ὁ Χριστὸς. Ἄν ὅλοι ἔμεῖς ἀντανაკλοῦμε τὸ φῶς του, τότε τὰ σκότη θὰ διαλυθοῦν, καὶ ἡ Ελλάς, ἡ μικρὴ αὐτὴ γωνία τοῦ κόσμου, θὰ γίνῃ πάλι φῶς μέσ' στὸ παγκόσμιο σκοτάδι. Τότε θ' ἀρμόζῃ καὶ σ' ἐμᾶς αὐτὸ ποὺ εἶπε ὁ Χριστὸς: «Ὑμεῖς ἐστε τὸ φῶς τοῦ κόσμου».

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## CALMING THE STORMS

Suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But Jesus was asleep. Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him saying, *'Lord, save us! We are perishing'* (Matthew 8:23-25).



### **Crisis!! How do you respond?**

You might have heard someone say “God is in control” when something that does not seem to make sense has occurred. Sadly, it often feels like God is missing. Perhaps these troubling times have you wondering “*Where IS God?*”. Is God “*asleep*”?

**One of the biggest reasons** for such thinking is an inadequate sense of God. Too often each of us is guilty of idolatry because we construct a God that should meet our needs. When things are going well for us, we keep this God away. But when things are going badly, we cry out for this God to come to our aid. Too often things don’t get better so that we question God. “*Where was God when I needed God?*” is many people’s response to a God who doesn’t meet our needs. Do we ever question what sort of God we have fashioned?

**It seems we can’t get a break these days.** Those “*waves*” keep breaking over our boats. Covid continues to be a threat as new, often more virulent strains, make their appearance. There is the Russian war, the economic strains of inflation, higher and higher fuel costs, climate effects on the weather, and an overall sense of a world in crisis. At the same time Church attendance is in decline. Families seem to have stopped worshipping together. It has never been easy to have faith. Our times are no different from these problems countless generations have experienced throughout history. Recall how Abraham relocated his family to a promised land, only to arrive during a famine. Rather than consulting God, Abraham made the decision to go to Egypt. If there’s one thing reading the Old

Testament can do for you, it’s to acquaint you with real living people who were faced with many of our questions when it comes to God. We are never more challenged to re-connect with God revealed in Jesus Christ than now.

**Jesus said, ‘Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?’** Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. (Matthew 8:26)

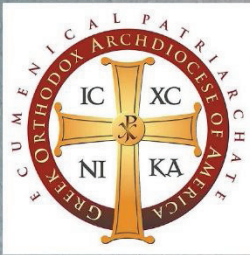
**Our real crisis is a spiritual one.** Many of us have let the world own them so that the spiritual life is starving. Worship is only possible if you love what you worship. There is a desperate urgency to return to the living God and not the one each of us creates to meet our needs, to accommodate the world. Blaming God, not attending the Divine Liturgy or receiving the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist empties ones spiritual life so that the soul suffers.

**Tough times brings out apocalyptic voices** but it also brings out prophets. Do we know how to listen? Every crisis has brought out warnings of the End Times and Christ’s second coming but we need to be vigilant. When Jesus was asked of the End, He Himself warned us to “*prepare, for I come as a thief in the night*”. We are each of us being asked to examine your life. Tough times encourage us to evaluate our readiness to overcome the worldliness that creates enormous stress and anxiety. The Gospels repeatedly warn us about being too deeply centered in the world.

**Christ is risen and the true revelation of God.** If we are to turn once again to worship born out of love, each of us needs to get re-acquainted with this wonderful Saviour. It won’t occur if you don’t enter His Body, the Church, and worship. Let Jesus calm those storms that toss waves over your life and discover the peace brought by being in His presence.

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# This Is The Day of Resurrection

**By Rev. Father Christopher Retelas, Proistamenos**

*Saint John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church – Anaheim, CA*

Christ is Risen! Χριστός ἀνέστη!

Perhaps I speak for many of us, but the joy of this year's Holy Week and Pascha was something indescribable. While we may attribute it to many external factors, or maybe being affected by the difficulties of events over the past couple of years, the truth is, the joy and splendor of Pascha is always renewing, like we experience it for the very first time, every time. How can this be? We know what is to come. We've encountered these hymns, these services, these experiences before. Yet when we hear that news, that life-changing, world-altering proclamation that CHRIST IS RISEN, it is always like new again.

There is good reason for this, and it is not about nostalgia or emotional connectivity. Our experiences through Holy Week and Pascha, and really this is true for all our life in the Church, are not merely historical remembrances, commemorations, or honorifics of something that happened in the past. When we immerse ourselves in the life of the Church as truly the Body of Christ, we are brought into the ontological reality of these Feasts. On Holy Thursday evening, we don't just read the 12 Passion Gospels and say "these are the things that happened back then." No, we are there at Golgotha, witnessing the Godman take on suffering, crucifixion, and death, especially as we sing "TODAY, He who hung the earth amidst the waters, is hung upon a tree." In other words, when we experience Pascha, we are experiencing Christ Resurrect-ING, here and now. In proclaiming Christ IS Risen, we aren't saying He HAS Risen, as if it happened only some time ago, and we are just remembering



that. No, He IS Risen! We are part of that Resurrection, of that joy, of that amazing and perhaps fear-inducing news that the angel tells the Myrrh-bearing women at the empty tomb: He is Risen!

The never-fading light that we receive at Pascha is not merely a souvenir that the Church gives us by coming to the Resurrection service, nor is it anything magical. The light that we receive is the light of Christ, and it is meant to be the light of our whole life, to receive that light into our hearts and our homes, not just in celebration of the Resurrection, but to always be a light to "shine before all people, so that they may see your good works glorify your Father who is in Heaven!" For it is the light of Christ which illumines ALL!

***Truly, the Lord is Risen! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη ὁ Κύριος!***

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# PARENTS' CORNER

*By Alexandra Protopapas*

## **June 2022 - School Year Ends - Now What?**

Parents, are you ready for June? Here in New Jersey and the East Coast, most graduations grades Pre-K – Twelfth Grade take place in June, and most college and university graduations are in early May. This was our third “Covid-19”, first “Omicron” year, so what’s next? (Hmmm, why do they always use the Greek alphabet when describing diseases - ha, ha?) What is ahead for our youth? Many did lose out on part of their education so parents, time for you to fill in some activities this summer.

I remember when my children had their first “moving-up” exercises aka “graduation” from kindergarten to first grade. Yes! It was a big thing for me because my babies were going to school! What about my son’s first win in wrestling? How about he scored a goal in soccer for the first time? Ok, little league was a disaster; he just couldn’t hit that ball. Recitals? Oh yes, every dance recital for my daughter had to have flowers! Finally, we move up from elementary to high school graduation. THIS IS A BIG DEAL FOR ANY CHILD AND IT SHOULD BE! Finally, Rutgers graduation for daughter – another big deal! Technical school for my son was a big deal after County College. They need all the positive accolades. It doesn’t matter what the event is. Any type of “moving up exercise is an event that should be celebrated. “Firsts” of anything should be acknowledged and celebrated. I can go on and on, first tooth, first steps, first driving license, first job, blah, blah, blah, it doesn’t end, and it shouldn’t. All this attention builds self-esteem for both the children and the parents.

Let’s focus on high school graduation because at this time of the year, most parents focus on that. This year it will be bigger as most guests will be allowed to participate and if you had children graduate the past two years, well, probably it was at a smaller scale. Your adolescents especially will be concerned with what to wear. Please let them choose what

they want to wear! I made a big deal that they should look dressed up, but hey, they have a graduation gown on! Tell them not to worry about their hair. The cap will cover it anyway! (The tassel is placed on the right, and then it moves to the left after graduation.) The gown should be ironed, or steamed, as your graduate will be upset if the pictures don’t look great! Some private schools have different type of dressing - all is important currently. Is this really something to get stressed about? Just pray and thank God they got through twelve years of formal school and covid restrictions! Make sure they get there on time! Have cameras ready and be proud!

What about those phones? You know they want to have them. Find a small over-the-shoulder bag for the girls or make sure the boys’ pants have pockets because they will take pictures. Make sure your graduates turn the phones off before the ceremony. Many will cry – so give them a few tissues. Arrange ahead of time where you are going to meet in the event you are going out to eat or have planned a family gathering. Many graduates go to their school evening graduation plans so be patient if they tell you that they have other plans. Talk about this ahead of time not the night of graduation.

Now you are into the summer months. Some graduating seniors will be going to college away and summer will end sooner. Your other younger children especially also would like to spend time with you OUTDOORS since they did spend a lot of time with you and maybe their grandparents indoors with many virtual classes. Yes, the beach, the parks, the sporting events, what a great opportunity to visit these venues this summer! Age one month to whatever age your children are, take the opportunity to have QUALITY TIME with them this summer!

## **STEPPING FORWARD**

*\*The school year has come to an end,  
And it's time to say goodbye.*

*It's hard to forget the good times  
That so swiftly ran us by.*

*\*It seems like just yesterday*

*When we were freshmen in the hall,  
Newcomers to high school life,  
Not knowing anyone at all.*

*\*We went to class and met new friends  
Throughout the puzzling year,  
Eventually we gained the strength  
To overcome our fear.*

*\*Sophomore year came along  
We were settled in and steady.*

*Junior year lay ahead*

*And we were surely ready.*

*\*The next year we were working hard  
Because junior year was rough,*

*We studied hard and stuck it out  
Though it was so tough.*

*\*Senior year we had it made  
The leaders of the school,  
Sitting on top of the world  
Proudly we would rule.*

*\*Our thanks go to the teachers  
Who made us what we are today,  
Always there to help us  
Pushing the right way.*

*\*Don't let go of the friendships  
For they bond us to the friend,  
Who stays with us always  
And forever till the end.*

*\*Even during hard times  
A friend would understand,  
When life seemed impossible  
He would lend a hand."*

*(by Niki Protopapas – 1992)*

This month's **Table Prayer Guide** is from **The Church of the Home –  
"Making God Real in the Orthodox Christian Home"** by Rev. Fr. Anthony M. Coniaris

*The most influential school in the world is not Oxford or Harvard or the Sorbonne or Yale or Cambridge. It is the home. The question is not, "Is there a school under your roof?" The real question is, "How good is the school under your roof?" What are you teaching? If the one hour a week spent in Church and Church School is to be effective, it must be supplemented in the greatest of all schools, the home, by dedicated Christian parents who, by family discussions, family prayer, a special family evening, family Bible reading, family devotions at the supper table, will give their children the greatest gift possible: the knowledge of the One, True God Christ Jesus Who will walk with them through life, strengthen them, heal them, guide them, and give meaning to their life, grant the peace of God and lead them ultimately to life eternal."*

With my husband Mike and son Nicholas, we wish you all a blessed summer with health, spirituality, and love. Till we meet again in September!

Feel free to e-mail me with your comments and suggestions for our "Parents' Corner" at: [alexandraproto@gmail.com](mailto:alexandraproto@gmail.com) - Have a good month!

(You can also find me on Facebook under my name Alexandra Alex Protopapas)

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My Beloved Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Χριστὸς Ἀνέστη! Christ is Risen!

Although the Feast of our Lord's Holy Ascension is on the second day of June this year, we have included the Icon in this month's Newsletter, in preparation for the coming Consecration of the Shrine on the Fourth of July. In His Ascension to Heaven, our Lord Jesus Christ completed the swing of the mystical pendulum that commenced with His Divine Incarnation. On the Feast of the Annunciation, the Lord descends from Heaven



to take flesh within the womb of the Virgin on earth. And in the Feast of the Ascension, He returns to the Father, to the glory that He had before the cosmos was created (John 17:5).

This great and mystical pendulum swing comes to a conclusion, Forty Days after His Resurrection from the dead, completing the promise of the Incarnation, so happily expressed by Saint Athanasios the Great:

*"For He became a human being, so that we might become divine."*

In taking on human form by His Incarnation, the Lord receives into Himself the potential of every human being. And in His Ascension, He takes all of us with Him in that same potentiality, as Saint Paul so elegantly writes: "[God] has raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:6). In the same way that we are "in Christ" through Baptism, we are, by way of promise and potential, with Christ in Heaven through His Ascension.

Therefore, our revealing of the Ascension icon is a way of saying that the work of building the Saint Nicholas National Shrine is coming to completion. From the ashes of 9/11 to the grandeur of Pentelic Marble gilding our Saint Nicholas, the sacred work of rebuilding is nearly complete. But just as the Ascension is not the end of the story, neither is the completion of the Shrine. What about Pentecost? My friends: just as Pentecost marked the beginning of the ministry of the Apostles, so also will the Consecration and ensuing installation of the complete Iconographic Program mark the commencement of the ministry of the Saint Nicholas Shrine to the American Nation and the world. And though our ministry has a beginning, it has no ending. We are blessed to commence our apostolate of love, compassion, and healing to the Nation, and with God's help, "to the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

In the Risen Lord Jesus  
*Τὸ Ἀμερικανὸν Ἐπιτοφῆριον*  
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# SATURDAY OF THE SOULS + ΨΥΧΟΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ

## JUNE 11, 2022

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 11, 2022) 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 starts at 8.00 am, followed by the Divine Liturgy around 9.00 am* **May their memory be eternal!**



Please **bring your own kollyva dish** to church by 8:45am

*Place dish on table and submit +List of Names with your offering.*

If you do not want to prepare your own you may wish to

**order individual kollyva dish.** Cost for individual SOS kollyva is \$30<sup>.00</sup>

Those who do not wish to have their own kollyva dish may **participate in the COMMUNAL KOLLYVA TRAY.**

The cost for this is \$15<sup>.00</sup>.

*Please contact the church office and decide by Thursday before the Saturday of Souls.*

**LIST OF NAMES** of your +Beloved for eternal memory and blessed repose will be prayed for on **Saturday.**

*You may submit your +List along with your offering for the priest by 9:00am on the day of service or bring them (+LIST OF NAMES and priest's stipends) to the office the week of.*

**KOLLYVA** arrange for your kollyva and bring your donation to the office with your *check payable to St. Andrew* or bring your prepared kollyva from home.

**TRISAGION SERVICE** at Locust Hill Cemetery

*After the Service Fr. John will visit the Cemetery in Dover to pray for our +Loved ones, if you would like for him to visit your loved ones at another cemetery please contact the office and we will try to accommodate you.*



## OBIT & FUNERALS – ΝΕΚΡΟΛΟΓΙΑ & ΚΗΔΕΙΕΣ

**Theodora Maulbeck** died on Sunday, May 8, 2022 at Morristown Medical Center in Morristown. She was 95.

Born in Newark, she lived in Livingston for 35 and Flanders for 14 years, before moving to Chester in 2011.

She worked at Ballentine Beer, where she met her former husband and father of her children. She later went on to work at Sears and Macy's Department Stores. Mrs. Maulbeck retired at the age of 80, as a Sales Associate in the Floral Department of Shop-Rite in Chester.

Mrs. Maulbeck was a member of St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church in Randolph. In her spare time, she participated in the book club and art classes at her apartment building and she enjoyed following politics.

She is survived by four children: Joseph J. (Janet) Maulbeck, Jeanne (William) Tietjens, John Maulbeck and Edward Maulbeck; nine grandchildren: Joseph N., Andrew (Joanna), Kevin, Michelle, Taylor, Samantha, Peter, Giavanna and Thomas; and three great-grandchildren: Maksymilian, Leon and Micah.

She was predeceased by the father of her children, Joseph R. Maulbeck in 2008; and her grandson, John V. in 2016. **A Funeral Service** was held on Friday, May 13 at 11:30 AM at Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church, 1447 Sussex Tpke, Randolph NJ 07869. **Interment** followed at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, East Hanover. *May her memory be eternal.*



**Helen Kripotos** passed away on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 2022 at the age of 82. She is survived by her husband Vasili and daughter Pota Kripotos. **Viewing** was held at the Tuttle Funeral Home in Randolph NJ on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30-10:30 am. The **Funeral Service** for the repose of her soul was held at Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church, 1447 Sussex Turnpike Randolph, NJ on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. **Interment** followed at the Locust Hill Cemetery in Dover. *May her memory be eternal.*



**Mary Ann Paschal Brinkley**, an accomplished nurse/healer, died on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the age of 88. She passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones and friends. She is survived by a sister, Betty Cavelli, her brother Thomas Paschal, and several nieces. The **Viewing** was on May 25<sup>th</sup> 2022, Tuesday at 9:30am at Sant Andrew Greek Orthodox Church in Randolph, NJ. A **Funeral Service** for the repose of her soul was at 10:30am also at Saint Andrew. The **Interment** followed at the Locust Hill Cemetery with a **Makaria** at the Red Hut Diner. Our sincerest condolences to her family and friends. She was a beautiful soul and will be missed all of us at Saint Andrew. May her memory be eternal.

Please see MaryAnn's bio on page 9. She was an honoree at the 2022 Northern New Jersey Grand Banquet that was held on May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Venetian in Garfield.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in her memory to: SAINT ANDREW GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, 1447 Sussex Turnpike, Randolph NJ 07869 or website <https://www.standrewgonj.org/> and choose PayPal / online WeShare

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**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS IN JUNE: 6/5 PHILOPTOCHOS**

6/12 DOP, 6/19 FESTIVAL NO COFFEE HOUR ..

6/4 @11:30AM BAPTISM

6/5 GID PARADE IN NYC 1:30PM

6/9 EOY Philoptochos & DOP dinner at 6:30

Stonewood Tavern, Byram

6/9 NNJ YAL Regional Dinner Meeting Piscataway 7pm

6/11 SATURDAY OF SOULS | *Fr. John will visit the Locust Hill Cemetery to pray for our +Loved ones*

6/12 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GRADUATION AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PRESENTATION

JUNE 17 FRIDAY 18 SATURDAY 19 SUNDAY

SAINT ANDREW BIG GREEK FESTIVAL

6/18 @12-5PM NAVIGATE FOR HOPE

6/23 @7PM GOYA MEETING

6/25 FAITH KITCHEN – GOYA ALSO ON 10/22

6/25 @2PM BAPTISM

6/26 @1PM BAPTISM

6/27 @7PM GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING FOLLOWED BY PARISH COUNCIL MONTHLY IN PERSON MEETING SEE PAGE 8

6/28 @7PM PHILOPTOCHOS MEETING

**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.

7/17 -7/23 CAMP GOOD SHEPHERD

7/23 FAITH KITCHEN – PHILOPTOCHOS ALSO ON 11/26

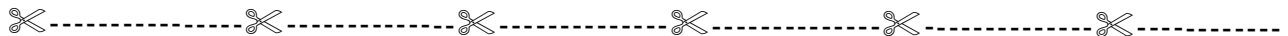
7/25 @7:30PM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

8/18 @4PM WEDDING

8/27 FAITH KITCHEN – DOP /AHEPA ALSO ON 12/24

9/8 HELLENIC AFTERNOON SCHOOL AGIASMOS FOLLOWED BY CLASSES AT 4:30PM

9/11 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHOOL AGIASMOS FOLLOWED BY CLASSES AFTER HOLY COMMUNION



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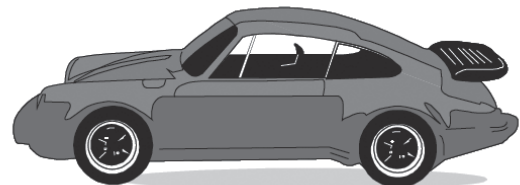
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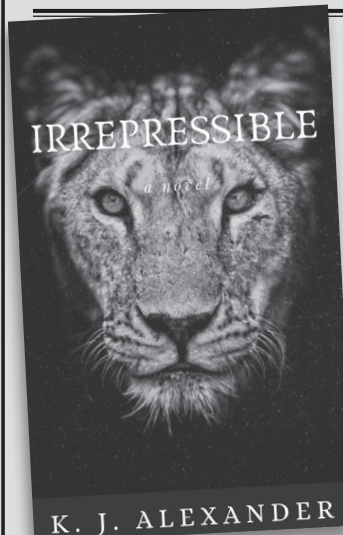


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