

Saint George Greek Orthodox Church

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Camille Kosloski, Parish Secretary

Sunday Services: Orthros: 9:00 AM; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 AM
~ Week Day Liturgies as announced ~

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Holy Baptism · Holy Chrismation · Holy Confession
Holy Communion · Holy Unction · Holy Marriage
Please contact the Parish Office directly to schedule.



The Holy and Great Council PENTECOST 2016 "He CALLED ALL TO UNITY"

History of the Holy and Great Council

By Rev. Dr. John Chryssavgis, Archdeacon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate

The Orthodox Church is the church of the apostles, the church of the martyrs, the church of the fathers, the church of the councils. Through the centuries, the Orthodox Church convened local and regional, great and greater, as well as universal or ecumenical councils. Just as every celebration of the holy Eucharist is a confirmation of the communion between each person with his or her community, and that local community with the universal Church,



His All-Holiness Bartholomew, Ecumenical Patriarch. Photo: Nikolaos Manginas

so too, every council is a reaffirmation of the unity between each local and self-governing Orthodox church with the universal Church. In fact, St. John Chrysostom – the renowned fourth-century archbishop of Constantinople – boldly states that “council” is another name for “church.”

In this spirit and from its responsibility and privilege to ensure inter-Orthodox unity and facilitate inter-Orthodox cooperation, the Ecumenical Patriarchate has tirelessly labored to convene a Pan-Orthodox Council since the early 1900s.

Preparations for this council began in earnest in 1961 and continued through the 1960s, while pre-conciliar conferences, tasked with forming the council's agenda and its rules of operation, met in 1976 through 1986. After a long hiatus created by immense political and ideological changes, as well as the unprecedented social and religious challenges resulting from the collapse of the Iron Curtain, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew revived the process in 2008.

So, after almost a century, the agenda was finalized, the documents were edited, and the process was completed in January 2016.



The Holy and Great Council is assembling on the feast of Pentecost.

Never before in the history of the Orthodox Church have so many Orthodox churches – fourteen from around the world – assembled in one and the same place.

Yet, despite hesitation and apprehension, despite reservation and even resistance, the Holy and Great Council is being convened at the Orthodox Academy of Crete—steps from a ninth-century Monastery of the Virgin Mary—from June 16 to June 27, 2016.

He called all to unity. May we respond with charity and generosity.

We fervently ask the plenitude of the Church – clergy and laity, men and women, old and young – to pray for this unique and historical event. We especially ask that you implore God to strengthen and inspire the leaders of the Church to manifest their unity in a world afflicted by conflict and division.

May God bless the Holy and Great Council. And May His abundant grace be with all of you.

- His All-Holiness Bartholomew,
Ecumenical Patriarch



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TOWARDS THE HOLY AND GREAT COUNCIL: A Comprehensive Timeline

For the first time in 1200 years, the fourteen autocephalous Orthodox Churches will meet, with a common desire to reinforce their relations and address contemporary spiritual and social challenges in the world.

1961 Sept. 24 - Oct 1

First Pan-Orthodox Conference, Rhodes

1962 Sept 26-29

Second Pan-Orthodox Conference, Rhodes

1963 Nov 1-15

Third Pan-Orthodox Conference, Rhodes

1968 June 8-15

Fourth Pan-Orthodox Conference, Chambésy

1971 July 15-28

Inter-Orthodox Preparatory Commission,
Chambésy



1976 Nov. 21-28

First Pre-Conciliar Pan-Orthodox Conference,
Chambésy

- Methodology and themes for the Holy and Great Council
- The Orthodox Church's relations with other Christian churches
- Discussion on the common celebration of Easter by all Christians

1977 June 28 - July 3

Congress on the Common Celebration of the Easter by all Christians on a Fixed Sunday

1982 Sept 3-12

Second Pre-Conciliar Pan-Orthodox Conference, Chambésy

- Impediments to marriage
- Adaptation of the ordinances regarding fasting

1986 Feb 15-23

Inter-Orthodox Preparatory Commission,
Chambésy

"He called ALL TO UNITY"

1986 Oct 28 - Nov 6

Third Pre-Conciliar Pan-Orthodox Conference, Chambésy

- Adaptation of ordinances for fasting
- The mission of the Orthodox Church in the world

1990 Nov 10-17

Inter-Orthodox Preparatory Commission,
Chambésy

- Orthodox Diaspora

1992

First Synaxis of Primates, Istanbul



1993 Nov 7-13

Inter-Orthodox Preparatory Commission,
Chambésy

- Autocephaly

1995 April 10-13

Canon Law Congress on Regulation for Episcopal Assemblies, Chambésy

1995

Second Synaxis of Primates, Patmos

2000

Third Synaxis of Primates, Jerusalem/
Bethlehem and Istanbul/Nicaea

2008

Fourth Synaxis of Primates, Istanbul

2009 June 8-12

Fourth Pre-Conciliar Pan-Orthodox Conference, Chambésy

- Episcopal Assemblies

2009 Dec. 10-17

Inter-Orthodox Preparatory Commission,
Chambésy

- Autocephaly and Autonomy
- Diptychs

2014

Fifth Synaxis of Primates, Istanbul

2015 Oct. 10-17

Fifth Pre-Conciliar Pan-Orthodox Conference,
Chambésy

2016 Jan. 21-28

Sixth Synaxis of Primates, Chambésy

2016 June 16-27

The Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church, Crete



FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 1200 YEARS...



Photos courtesy Archon Dimitrios Pevgenos and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese



“You are the Voice of Christ in a Changing World”

As the Father has sent me, so I send you (John 20:21). You are the light of the world (Matthew 5:14).

Part IV

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In a few weeks we will gather in Nashville for our 43rd Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress. As we prepare prayerfully for this time of fellowship, discussion, and planning, we continue our reflection on the theme of the Congress: “You are the Voice of Christ in a Changing World.” In previous articles we have examined the priority of knowing Christ and His voice in order to offer the Gospel to all in a world that is rapidly changing as well as challenging us in many ways.

In this article our focus is on how we are offering the voice of Christ in a changing world through the ministry and service of our Greek Orthodox Church in America. During our discussions in Nashville, our primary work should be evaluating the current ministries and resources at all levels of our Holy Archdiocese and planning for more opportunities to offer the voice of Christ.

First, we offer the voice of Christ through worship and ministry in the parish. Through worship, the parish becomes the Body of Christ, gathering in His presence, communing with Him, and offering a witness of the power of His presence and grace. It is in the parish that physical and spiritual needs are met through service offered by dedicated clergy and laity. In words and actions the voice of Christ is spoken, heard and experienced so that the parish becomes a home, a place of comfort, renewal, and hope.

The parishes of our Archdiocese have been and must continue to be the focus of our planning and resources. To do this we need the input of our hierarchs, clergy and laity from throughout the Church in America in the forum of our Congress. This is an opportunity to share struggles and success, to discuss the current challenges facing our communities, and to explore new opportunities for being a light of faith and grace in our changing world.

Second, we must continue the vital work of offering the voice of Christ to families. We have seen ministry and resources grow significantly throughout our Archdiocese since our last Congress. However, the challenges to the family are tremendous and growing. Many other voices and demands are pressuring families to conform to the world and to live by temporal standards of success and happiness.

We cannot relent in our efforts to care for families and to offer the voice of Christ in a changing world that is attempting to alter radically what God has created. Family ministry and our Center for Family Care should continue to be a major focus of discussion and planning at our Congress so that we are equipped to share the voice of Christ in truth and grace and provide clarity, love, and guidance in the midst of so much confusion.

Third, related areas of service in our parishes and throughout our Archdiocese are age-related ministries to our children, youth, and senior adults. In a changing world filled with tremendous pressures, debates about the value and quality of life, and challenges of substantive nurturing and quality care, the voice of Christ must be offered and heard through consistent ministry in these areas. We should be engaged in our communities and on a societal level in discussions regarding education, families, technology, medical and social services, as well as many other pressing



†DEMETRIOS
Archbishop of America

and social issues so that the voice of Christ is heard. From the foundation of strong national and parish ministries, we must be diligent in sharing the light of the Gospel so that our children and youth receive guidance in Christ and our elderly are blessed with quality care and fellowship within the community of faith.

Fourth, as we are called to be the light of the world, we are sent into a changing world to offer the voice of Christ to those who are not connected to the Church. This includes those who have never heard the voice of Christ, others who have not been prepared to listen, and still others who need a new invitation to return to Him. For these and even others who are distracted by disparate and deceptive ideas, the voice of Christ through us offers meaning and purpose in truth and love. In fulfilling our commission from God, we must continue to strengthen our ministries of outreach and evangelism so that our clergy and laity have the guidance, programs, and resources to offer His voice clearly and effectively.

This focus on our ministry and service at all levels of our Holy Archdiocese is part of the essential work of our Clergy-Laity Congress. Our goal is to ensure that all we are doing offers the voice of Christ and reveals the light of the Gospel. In an atmosphere of prayer, faith in God, and commitment to His will, we will be able to address these areas and many more in a manner that will bring Him honor and glory. I look forward to seeing you in Nashville, and I ask that you continue to join with me in prayer for a Congress that will be a blessing and inspiration to us all. In addition, I ask you to consider how you are offering the voice of Christ. So many people need to hear His voice so that in Him they will find true and abundant life.

With paternal love in Christ,

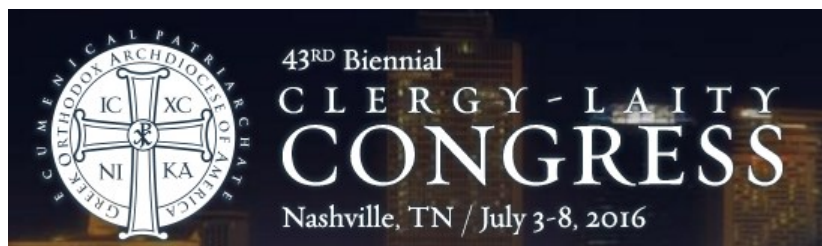
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*The parish of St. George will be represented by delegates
at the upcoming Clergy Laity Congress in Tennessee this July.*

*Please pray for a safe journey for all attendees,
and good deliberations for the Congress.*

*A full report will be available in the office this August,
and summary reports will be printed*

in the August issue of the Community Bulletin.



From the Parish Council

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We are pleased to welcome Father Peter Daratsos as Interim Parish Priest for St. George. Father Peter will be celebrating Divine Liturgy each Sunday at St. George, and will be available for other sacraments by appointment. Please contact the parish office to schedule. In the event of an illness or emergency, please contact Athena Pagnotti directly (Cell: 518-708-7695, Home: 518-347-1491), and I will inform Father Peter.

Summer brings a time of renewal and relaxation but it also holds a great deal of activity for our parish. Now we move into a season of preparation for the annual September Greek Festival. Please look to the weekly church bulletins for information on baking and food prep schedules. In recent years, we've enjoyed good turn-outs of volunteers that come and prepare the Dolmathes and Spanakopita, followed by the Finikia and Kourambiethes. Communication is key and you can do your part by staying informed! Baking and Food prep schedules will also be posted on the community bulletin board in the Hellenic Center hallway across from the restrooms.

Although we are in a time of transition, we will maintain our continuity and plan for our ministries and programs for the next Fall/Winter seasons. I invite the leaders of all parish ministries to develop active and engaging programs for our parishioners to take part in, and as you begin to set your schedules, please send the council a copy so that we can build the master calendar for the season ahead. Please maintain some flexibility in your programming to be able to incorporate the directions of our (future) Parish Priest.

The general assembly meeting in May provided timely updates on all parish matters. Minutes of the meeting are available in the parish office. We elected an alternate delegate to the 43rd Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress to ensure we have three delegates and votes for the congress. Thank you to the Ladies Philoptochos Society and the Friends of St. George for purchasing a conference sound-system. Everyone enjoyed a meeting they could "hear"! It was a terrific and much needed addition to our facility. Thank you again!

This issue of the community bulletin covers the months of June and July. If we receive a permanent assignment from the Archdiocese prior to the August issue of the community bulletin, we will send a letter to parish members informing you of the news.

We will observe "summer hours" for the parish business office. Please make note that the **office hours will be Monday—Thursday, 9 am—2 pm** beginning June 6 through Labor Day.

The summer season always seems to convey a sense of less structure in our lives, but I invite you all to make attending church a priority. With all that surrounds us in the world, it is a comfort to pray together in the beauty of the church, and enjoy each other's company. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

With Love in Christ ~

Athena Pagnotti

Happy July 4th





41st Annual Greek Festival ~ September 9—11, 2016

Planning Committee News

The festival planning committee has held three meetings and the work of Dolmathes/Spanakopita/Pastry preparation is now upon us. **Please check the weekly church bulletins and the bulletin board in the HC hallway for schedules.** Everyone is invited to help. Please reach out to one of the area coordinators (below) and let them know they can count on you during festival time:

Dolmathes/Spanakopita/Pastry Prep: (Summer season prep Dates: TBA)	Aleka Menagias, Elaine Euripidou, Gladys Paravalos, Anna Ktenas, Kiki Jones, Athena Pagnotti, "Thursday Morning Boys"
Kitchen:	Joe Marosek, Evan Christou, Jennie Kakavelos
Hot Foods/Spanakopita/ Salad:	Paula Kingra
Pastry:	Panagiota Giakoumis, Nancy Grivas, Elaine Euripidou, Athena Pagnotti
Greek Market Shoppe:	Angie Menagias
Youth Dancers & Festival Entertainment:	Georgia Tsakopiakos, Alexandra Casey
Souvlaki:	Charlie Koines, Pete Kalil, Phil McGowen and Phil Menagias
Loukoumathes/Greek Coffee:	Gladys Paravalos and Anna Ktenas
Inside Bar/Beer Truck:	Charles Contompasis, Athena Pagnotti
Big Raffle:	Gladys Paravalos
Mini-affle:	Camille Kosloski and Elaine Euripidou
PR, Advertising and Marketing:	Olga Delorey, Ron Dikas, Lainie Christou
Security:	Lucy Brady, Maria Dostis
Event set-up/Strike:	Morgan Gazetos, Scott Morlock
Administration & Finance:	Parish Council

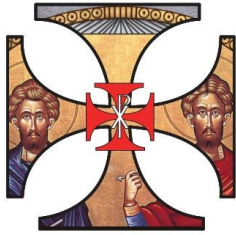
Prometheus Band joins us again as our Greek Band for the festival event. This year's festival hours will be Friday and Saturday 11 am—11 pm, and Sunday 12 pm—5 pm.

The next Festival Planning Meeting will take place Wednesday, June 15th at 6:30 pm in the Hellenic Center. Please join us to learn more!

~ The Parish Council



PHILOPTOCHOS



MEETING NOTES. At the meeting held on **May 19, 2016** the membership approved the following donations:

Five P Minus Society

St. George Greek Orthodox Church (Festival Booth Sponsorship & Program Ad)

75th Anniversary Founders Fund – National Philoptochos

Orthodox Christian Fellowship – National Philoptochos

Schenectady Inner City Ministry

St. George Greek Orthodox Church (portable sound system)

REFLECTIONS. Every May the Philoptochos concludes its regular business meetings for the ecclesiastical “year” which begins in September. As we look back over the past nine months, our Philoptochos and St. George community have witnessed many life passages. We have celebrated baptisms and weddings, welcomed new members into our community, and said our sad farewells to dearly departed loved ones and friends whom we lost too soon.

We have been blessed to have Father Theodore Roupas serve as our parish priest and spiritual father for the past two and a half years. While we are saddened at his imminent departure, Father Theodore leaves our community a better place. He helped us grow in our spirituality and challenged us to explore our faith. He opened our eyes and hearts to the significance of reading spiritual books, traveling on pilgrimages to monastic communities, blessing our homes, and doing acts of charity in memory of our loved ones. Most important of all he taught us humility as we examined ourselves during the sacrament of Holy Confession in preparation for the partaking of Holy Communion. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to him for working side-by-side with our Philoptochos members in the monthly Soup Kitchens as we fed the hungry and the countless ways he has supported our community. We will miss you, Father Theodore, and we will keep you in our prayers always.

ANNUAL JUNE PICNIC. The annual picnic for Philoptochos members will take place on **Thursday, June 16, 2016** in the **Hellenic Center starting at 6:00 pm**. Again this year we have invited our sisters from the St. Sophia and St. Basil Philoptochos Chapters to join us for this last event before the summer break. Please join your sisters for an evening of fun!

As is our tradition, we will conduct a “**Pound Auction**” to raise monies for the benefit of **International Orthodox Christian Charities** (National Philoptochos annual commitment). Everyone should bring a **NEW**, gift wrapped item with a value of **\$10 or higher**. Each item will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. **PLEASE, NO GAG GIFTS!**

SOUP KITCHEN. The May Soup Kitchen was held on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 and sponsored by Kiki Jones in memory of her beloved husband, Ed Jones. The June Soup Kitchen will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2016 and is being sponsored by Eliana Georgelos in memory of her beloved husband, Greg Georgelos. Due to early print deadline, volunteers and meal information will be printed in the next bulletin.

*“...for I was hungry and you gave me food ...
...inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My bretheren, you did it to Me”*

Matthew 25: 35-40

SPECIAL THANKS. A big “THANK YOU” to our Philoptochos members and parishioners who supported our fundraisers and events so generously over the past nine months. You gave of your time, talent and treasure. May God bless you!

NEXT MEETING. There are no meetings held during the months of June-July-August. Our business meetings will resume in September! See you at the June Picnic!

Ladies Philoptochos Society Board of Directors 2015-2017

Officers: Olga Delorey (President), Gladys Paravalos (Vice President & Advisor)
Zanetta Laskaris (Treasurer), Kathy Koines (Assistant Treasurer)
Elaine Euripidou (Secretary), Cathy Contompasis (Assistant Secretary)

Members: Lucy Brady, Presbyteria Nina Daratsos, Joanne Diamantis, Eliana Georgelos
Alice Giakoumis, Aleka Menagias, Elena Sikamiotis

SPECIAL COFFEE HOURS may be arranged by contacting Coffee Hour Chair Lucy Brady (346-4722). A voluntary donation to the Ladies Philoptochos Society in addition to the expenses would be greatly appreciated.

SPECIAL THANKS TO

Steve Giakoumis, Dom DiCocco, Charlie Koines,
Pete Kalil, Bill Manikas, Phil McGowen
for **Sponsoring the Mother’s Day Coffee Hour**
Angelo and Jerry Menagias
for **Donating the Mother’s Day Cake**



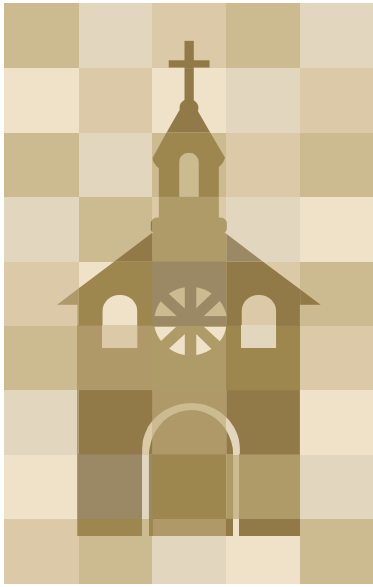
MOTHER’S DAY FLOWERS

In Memory of

Fanny Aliferis, Mary Stathis, Sophie Corsones,
Ann Lambrose,
Theresa Yavornicky, Mary Ferro, Anna Argyros,
Helen Pagones, Irene Stathis

Donated by

Pamela Anthony, Georgia Corsones Chamberas,
Demetra Corsones,
Olga Delorey, Penny Pagones, Anita Stathis



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2016 Pledge Goal: \$ 75,000.00

Total amount pledged to date: \$ 64,830.00

Total amount received to date: \$ 44,615.50

~ As of June 3rd ~

Platinum Level Stewards \$1,500 +
Ten (10) Stewards

Gold Level Stewards \$1,000 — \$1,499
Fourteen (14) Stewards

Silver Level Stewards \$500 — \$999
Twenty-two (22) Stewards

Bronze Level Stewards \$499 or less
Sixty (60)

2016 St. George GOC Members Pledged to Date

**Rev. Fr. Peter &
Presbytera Nina Daratsos**
Rev. Fr. Theodore & Tatiana Roupas
Faith Adamec & Family
Paul & Tiara Antonovich
Angela Aretakis
Stephanie Arrington
Eugenia Avramidis
Maryna Baker
Athan Baskous
John Behiri
Nicholas & Eleni Behiri
Susan Birbilis
Lucy Brady & Family
Sam & Deborah Bratsos
Ifigenia Brown
Arji Cakouros

Dr. Fanny Caranikas
Patrick & Alexandra Casey & Family
Palmyra Catravas
Andreas Christou
Ariana Christou
Euripides & Eleni Christou
Catherine Contompasis
Catherine Contompasis
Charles Contompasis
Emanuel & MaryEllen Contompasis
Joan Contompasis
Demetra Corsones
Stephanie Cospito
George & Constantina Cotzas
Rena Counavelis
Chris & Joanne Dafniotis

***Bold print denotes
pledged members
who are paid in full.***

*Thank you to all who
have pledged thus far.*

*There is still room on the
list to add your name!
Please submit and fulfill
your pledge to St. George
Greek Orthodox Church
today.*


*To receive a pledge form,
please contact the parish
office at 393-0742, or ask
any parish council
member at church.*

Ciara D'Angelo
Olga Delorey
Joanne Diamantis
Marguerite Doulides
Angela Economou
Evan Euripidou
Michael & Elaine Euripidou
Morgan & Julie Gazetos
**Demetrios Geanopoulos &
KimAthena Kakos**
Helena Georgelas
Eliana Georgelos
Panagiota Giakoumis
Peter & Janet Giakoumis & Family
Steve & Alice Giakoumis
Brian and Lucy Goodale & Family
Angela T. Grivas
Dimitri Grivas & Family
Angeliki Jones
Thomas & Shannon Jones & Family
Peter & Dayna Kalil
Evangelia & Stavroula Kalogeras
Antonia Kananis & Family
Steve & Fanny Karamanos
Polixeni Kingra & Family
Charles & Katheleen Koines
J. Maria Dostis-Koliatsis & Michael Koliatsis
Maria Kontakos
Chris & Voula Kounoupis
Steven & Barbara Kouray
Barbara Koutsakis
Anna Ktenas
Patricia Lambert & Family
Trifon & Zanetta Laskaris
Christine Legorius
Frieda Legorius
Rosemary Legorius
Achilles & Anna Mafilios
William Manikas
James & Ann Mantas
Cathy Marco
Akrivi Markopoulos
Ann Markopoulos
Jerry & Angela Menagias
Spiro & Rena Mikropoulos
Simeon & Barbara Nikolaidis

Katherine Orfan
Paul & Joann Pagiotas
Athena Pagnotti & Family
Peter & Penney Pagonis
Kostantinos & Debra Papanikos
Nick & Gladys Paravalos
Frank & Teresa Rossetti
Ourania Sokaris
Roubina Spyros-Morgan
Van & Anita Stathis
Olga Stryjski
Themetria Svolos
Angela Theodore
Helen Trinci
Fanny Caraniakas-Walker
Mark Wempe
Brian & Megan Whipple
Peter Wilson
Peter Wilson & Family
Mary Wilson
Steve & Sophie Zanos
Anastasia Zoulas
Peter & Mary Zoulas




The Fellowship group extends an invitation to all for some wonderful entertainment at the Lake George Dinner Theater. Please see the attached flyer. We will attend the first show on August 11th, and the second show on October 13th. We are carpooling to the theater, located at the Holiday Inn in Lake George. Please contact Eliana Georgelos at 399-8742 to reserve a seat or for additional information. Thank you!



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DINING AND ENTERTAINMENT

ANNOUNCING OUR 49TH SEASON
WITH TWO SHOWS FOR YOU TO ENJOY!

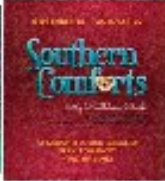


almost, maine
A TRUE SOUTHERN ROMANCE

On a cold, clear, moonless night in the middle of winter, all is not quite what it seems in the remote, mythical town of Almost, Maine. As the northern lights hover in the star-filled sky above, the town's quirky residents find themselves falling in and out of love in unexpected and often hilarious ways. Knees are bruised and hearts broken but the bones heal and the hearts mend... almost. In this delightful midwinter night's dream. Running July 21-September 3

Kathleen Clark's "SOUTHERN COMFORTS"

follows a budding romance between Gus, a crusty and outcasted New Jersey widower and Amanda, a feisty, sexy and reigning Southern widow. Their funny, awkward, and enchanting romance is filled with sweet surprises and unpredictable tribulation. Told with warmth and perceptive humor, the Off-Broadway success is an affecting, life-in-life journey of compromise and rejuvenation.



NEW LUNCHEON AND DINNER MENU FOR 2016!


- ◊ **MEDALLIONS OF BEEF** with Bordelaise Sauce served with Roasted Potatoes
- ◊ **CHARGILLED CHICKEN BREAST** with homemade apple relish, lemon vinaigrette served with roasted potatoes (Gluten Free)
- ◊ **BROILED ATLANTIC SALMON** with lemon, white wine and caper sauce served with rice pilaf (Gluten Free)
- ◊ **VEGETARIAN PASTA** with sautéed vegetables over penne pasta

All entrees served with choice of Caesar or House Salad, Rolls, Vegetables, Dessert & Coffee or Hot Tea

DISCOUNT PRICING

MATINEE (Tues, Wed, Thurs) OR EVENING (Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat) DINNER & SHOW TICKET \$55.00* (Includes Tax and Tip)

A \$14.00 savings off the regular price! *15 or more guests required for group rate.



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FELLOWSHIP NEWS ~ JUNE/JULY 2016

Christos Anesti! Χριστός Ανέστη!

The month of June brings us two very important holy days. On June 9th, we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ into heaven 40 days after his resurrection. And on June 19th, we celebrate Pentecost - 50 days after Easter. Let us all worship together during both holy days.

For our May meeting, the Fellowship group enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by Steve Giakoumis and Charlie Koines. Our meal consisted of roasted chicken, pastitsio, ziti and meatballs, tiropites, tossed salad, dessert and coffee. All the food (except for the tossed salad which Charlie generously provided) was leftover from the St. George dinner dance, and we were happy not to let it go to waste!

After lunch, we discussed the two trips to the Lake George Dinner Theater in August and October as well as the possibility of a visit to either Turning Stone or the casino at Saratoga.

Our June meeting will take place on Thursday, June 9th, while our July meeting takes place on Thursday, July 14th. Our lunch menus for each meeting are still to be determined.

As always, we continuously encourage newcomers to join our group. Unless there is a special occasion when we travel or meet at a restaurant, our meetings take place at the Hellenic Center on the second Thursday of every month at 11:30 AM. We always begin our meeting with a meal. A nominal fee of \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members is charged to cover the cost of the food. Dues are \$25 annually. Please contact our treasurer, Kathy Koines or either of our co-presidents, Paul Pagiotas or Eliana Georgelos, for information.

It is with much sadness that we must say goodbye to our beloved Father Theodore. His presence has brought our community together as never before. Father taught us so much about orthodoxy, monasticism and the bible through his enlightening sermons, our pilgrimages, the book club and bible study groups. We grew to love him dearly as he brought us to a greater awareness and strengthening of our faith. The Fellowship group extends our very best wishes to Father Theodore as he enters into the next phase of his life. He will always be in our thoughts and prayers and will never be forgotten. May God always be with you, Father!

Youth Dance Program Rehearsal Schedule

Younger children will practice from 6 pm—6:30 pm, and the older children will practice from 6:30 pm—8 pm.

Schedule of Mondays:

June 6th

June 13th

June 20th

June 27th

NO Practice on July 4th

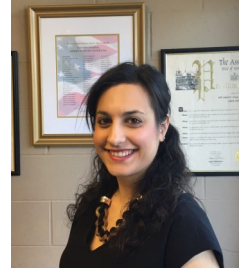
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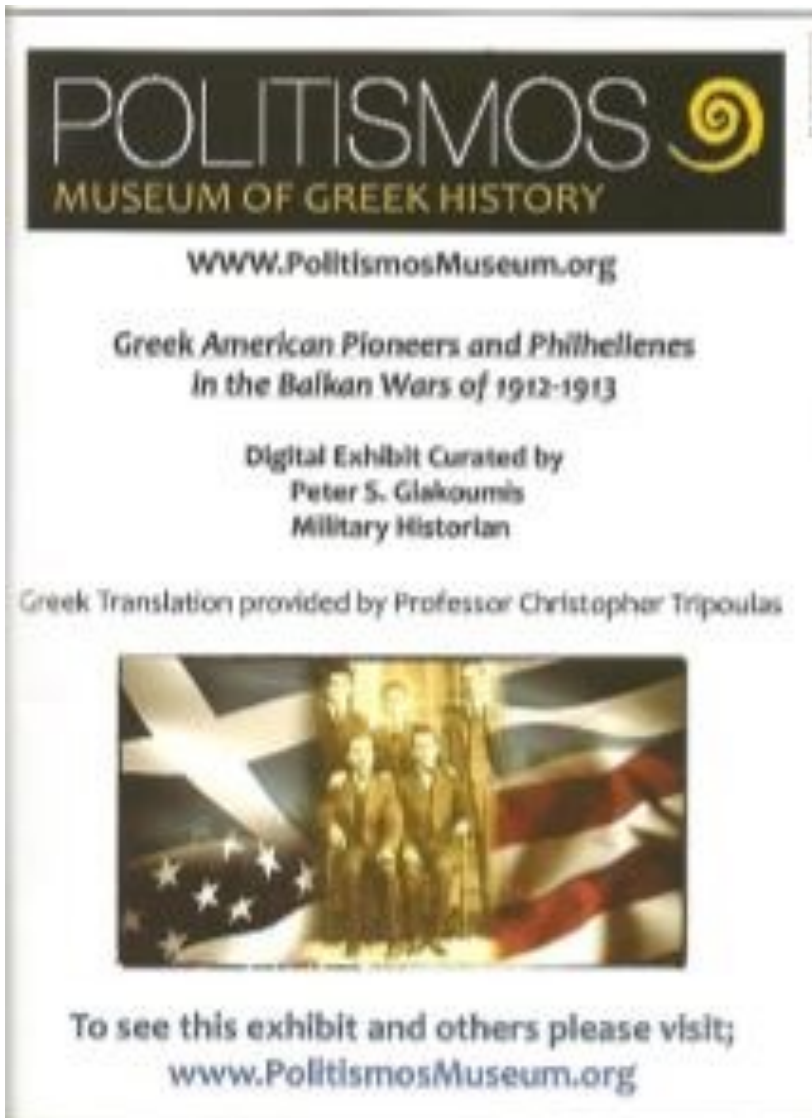
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As the Festival draws closer, a new schedule of practices will be announced. Please email Georgia (georgiatsakopis@gmail.com) with any questions.




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Parish Ministry Leaders Please Note!



As you meet over the summer to plan your 2016-17 calendar of events, please send a copy of events/dates to the parish council so that we can reserve the dates on the parish master calendar.

We look forward to another active and meaningful ministry year ahead.

Thank you!



Community News & Events

Mrs. Elene Pimpas and Mr. Vasiliy Katsigiannis, beloved Sister and Brother of Gladys Paravalos, fell asleep in the Lord on May 5th and 26th respectively, 2016. The funerals were celebrated in Greece. *May their memory be eternal!*

Mrs. Rose Legorius, beloved wife of Jerry, fell asleep in the Lord on May 11th, 2016, at the age of 94. The funeral was celebrated on May 17th. *May her memory be eternal!*

Mrs. Irene Voutsadakis LaViolette beloved Mother of Paul and Mary, fell asleep in the Lord at the age of 95. The funeral was celebrated on May 23rd in Alexandria, Virginia. *May her memory be eternal!*

Festival Planning Meeting, Wednesday, June 15th, 6:30 pm. Hellenic Center.

The **Ladies Philoptochos Society** will hold its Annual Summer Picnic and Pound Auction on **Thursday, June 16th, 2016 at 6:00 pm.** Philoptochos Members from St. Sophia and St. Basil are invited to attend! See Ladies Philoptochos pages within.

Mondays at 6 & 6:30 pm ~**Youth Dance Troup Practice**, Church basement ~see schedule within.

Eliana Georgelos will sponsor the **Soup Kitchen on Tuesday, June 23rd, 2016** in loving memory of Greg Georgelos.



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AHEPA Chapter No. 140 cordially invites you to join them in honoring **Christopher Pappis, 2016 AHEPAN OF THE YEAR.** Monday, June 20th, 2016 at 6 pm, St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church Community Center. Please see the flyer on the HC bulletin board, or contact Athena Pagnotti 708-7695 for more details. **RSVP BY MONDAY, June 13th.**

St. George is a wonderful parish and we invite you to join in its parish ministries. Please consider volunteering for Liturgical support (altar server, cantor, reader, choir), Parish Council, Ladies Philoptochos Society, Sunday School, Fellowship Group, GOYA/JOY/HOPE/ANGELS, Cultural Programs and Hellenic Dance, "Thursday Morning Boys", and Soup Kitchen. There is something for everyone at St. George in Schenectady! Contact Athena at the parish office to learn more.



On Saturday, May 14th at St. Sophia, Kathy Koines and Olga Delorey performed with the St. Andrew Brotherhood Choir in a program "**Honoring the Ministry of Women in the Orthodox Church**". The program featured beautiful hymns, interspersed with narration, depicting the important role of women and their contributions to the Orthodox Christian Church.

Church Usher Schedule:

Team D: 6/5	Team D: 7/3	Team A: Charlie Koines (Captain), Norina McGowen, Phil McGowen, Bill Manikas.
Team A: 6/12	Team A: 7/10	Team B: Alexandra Casey (Captain), Lainie Christou, Pete Kalil, Scott Morlock.
Team B: 6/19	Team B: 7/17	Team C: Lucy Brady (Captain), Morgan Gazetos, Athena Pagnotti, Toly Svolos.
Team C: 6/26	Team C: 7/24	Team D: Gladys Paravalos (Captain), Steve Giakoumis, Panagiota Giakoumis, Steve Markopoulos
	Team D: 7/31	

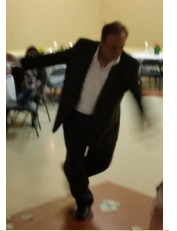


The Annual St. George Dinner and Dance Celebration took place on Saturday, May 7, 2016

The parish gratefully acknowledges the support of the following Restaurateurs and Merchants for their generous support for this event ~



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Villa Italia Bakery



**The cut-off date is July 15th
for news & events submissions for our August 2016 issue.**

Please make efforts to plan accordingly for the next issue of our bulletin. Submit all entries in person to Athena Pagnotti, or via email (MS Word doc preferred) to apagnott@nycap.rr.com.