

# Saint George Greek Orthodox Church

**Parish Office:** 107 Clinton Street, Schenectady, New York 12305

**Office Hours:** Monday through Thursday 9 AM - 2 PM

**Parish Telephone:** (518) 393-0742; **Fax:** (518) 393-4093

**Web:** www.saintgeorgegoc.com



**Rev. Fr. Demetrios Sean Govostes, Presiding Parish Priest**  
**Camille Kosloski, Parish Secretary**

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

## Parish Council Exec. Committee

**Rev. Fr. Demetrios Sean Govostes**  
*Presiding Parish Priest*

**Mrs. Athena Pagnotti**  
*President*

**Mrs. Lucy Brady**  
*Vice-President*

**Mrs. Alexandra Casey**  
*Treasurer*

**Mr. Brian Goodale**  
*Secretary*



## Youth Advisors

**Mrs. Lucy Goodale**  
**Mrs. Paula Kingra**  
*Angels/Hope/Joy*

**Mr. & Mrs. Scott Morlock**  
*GOYA*

**Miss Georgia Tsakopiakos**  
*Youth Hellenic Dancers*

## Parish Ministry Leaders

**Ms. Olga Delorey**  
*Choir Director*  
*Philotochos Society President*

**Mrs. Athena Pagnotti**  
*Sunday School Coordinator*

**Rev. Fr. Demetrios Sean Govostes**  
*Bible Study*  
*Spiritual Book Club*

**Mrs. Eliana Georgelos**  
**Mr. Paul Pagiotas**  
*Fellowship Group*  
*Co-Presidents*

*Parish Council Members: Lucy Brady, Alexandra Casey, Kyriako Contompasis, Anargyros (Ron) Dikas, Brian Goodale, Maria Dostis-Koliatsis, Dimitrios Koutsopoulos, and Athena Pagnotti*

## Sacraments, Services and Home Visitations

Holy Baptism · Holy Chrismation · Holy Confession

Holy Communion · Holy Unction · Holy Marriage

Please contact the Parish Office directly to schedule.

Dear Parishioners,

### CHRISTOS ANESTI!

I pray that this note finds you well.

I would very much like to thank everyone who helped out with our services and beautifying the church for Holy Week and Easter. Those who donated- whether their time, talents, or treasure, were essential in making the services moving and spiritually uplifting. Again, thank you. And I would like to offer a special thanks to Fr. Peter, who was kind enough to serve a few of the services while I was recovering from illness at home.

Please always remember: although we celebrate Easter as THE major feast day of the Church, the joy of Christ's sacrifice and Resurrection is something that we can carry with us every day of the year. From the intense prayer that we offer during Lent to the excitement that we feel when we sing Christos Anesti, let those feelings of love and rejuvenation brighten even the darkest of days that we experience from time to time.

Please enjoy this Paschal season safely. And don't forget- Church is still open! We love to see all of you worshipping with us.

With Pastoral Love in the Risen Christ,  
Fr. Sean





## From the Parish Council ~

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I don't have to tell you what an amazing Spring we've had so far in the parish! First of all ~

### Christ is Risen ~ Truly HE is Risen!



In March, AHEPA Chapter #125 worked with our Youth Programs to present a program honoring Greek Independence Day. It has been a long time since we have celebrated that event in our parish, and we thank AHEPA and its mission of Philanthropy and Hellenic Education in bringing that forward.

During Lent, our Youth journeyed to Ellis Hospital Pediatrics to deliver books for the hospital's early reading program. Thank you to all of the Parishioners/Families that donated towards that effort. After delivering the books and touring the office, the Children gathered at the Hellenic Center for dinner and religious instruction with Fr. Sean. Thank you to our youth program advisors, Lucy Goodale, Anna Morlock and Paula Kingra, for facilitating this experience.



Our Youth, under the guidance of Ms. Toni Kananis, folded the Palms for Palm Sunday. They enjoyed a pancake breakfast following the Divine Liturgy celebrating the Saturday of Lazarus. AHEPA Chapter # 125 graciously sponsored the Palm Sunday Luncheon, and donated all proceeds to the church.



Holy Week was reflective and quiet. Father Sean led us beautifully, until the Pneumonia he was fighting made him pause for a brief rest. Thank you to Father Peter for stepping in and presiding over Holy Thursday, and Friday afternoon and evening services. Father Sean was back on Saturday morning and led us through the resurrection and beautiful AGAPE services. We were so fortunate to have the gospel, proclaiming the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, conveyed in several languages including American Sign Language (pictured left)!

Following the Glorious Celebration of Anastasi, we celebrated our Church's name day ~ St. George, on April 23rd (photo's opposite page).

I would like to thank all of the parishioners and friends who graciously donated floral arrangements and funds to provide for the Icons, Epitaphios, azaleas and lilies for our Lenten and Holy Week services. What a beautiful setting we enjoyed!

Our attention now is turned towards the **Spring General Assembly meeting which will be held on Sunday, May 21st**. Please make every effort to attend and support the good works of the parish.

With Love in Christ ~

Athena Pagnotti

# Chronia Polla Saint George Greek Orthodox Church!

Sunday  
April 23, 2017



# STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Pledge Goal: \$ 75,000.00

**Total amount pledged to date: \$ 64,405.00**

Total amount received to date: \$ 41,421.00

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

Gold Level Stewards \$1,000 — \$1,499  
Fifteen (15) Stewards

Silver Level Stewards \$500 — \$999  
Seventeen (17) Stewards

Bronze Level Stewards \$499 or less  
Forty-four (44) Stewards

## ***2017 St. George GOC Members Pledged to Date***

***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.*

Rev. Fr. Sean & Pamela Govostes & Family

**Paul & Tiara Antonovich**

**Angela Aretakis**

**John Behiri**

Nicholas & Eleni Behiri

**Susan Birbilis**

Lucy Brady & Family

**Sam & Deborah Bratsos**

**Ifigenia Brown**

**Arji Cakouros**

Alexandra & Patrick Casey & Family

Palmyra Catravas

**Andreas Christou**

**Ariana Christou**

**Euripides & Eleni Christou**

**Catherine Contompasis**

Charles Contompasis & Laurie Ives

**Emanuel & Mary Ellen Contompasis**

**Demetra Corsones**

Rena Counavelis

Chris & Joanne Dafniotis

**Rev. Fr. Peter & Presbyteria Nina**

**Daratsos**

Olga Delorey

**Joanne Diamantis**

J. Maria Dostis-Koliatsis & Michael Koliatsis

Marguerite Doulides

**Angela Economou**

Evan Euripidou

Michael & Elaine Euripidou

Eliana Georgelos

**Helena Georgelas**

Panagiota Giakoumis

**Steve & Alice Giakoumis**

**Brian and Lucy Goodale & Family**

Angela T. Grivas

Dimitri & Nancy Grivas



**Nicholas Hallas**  
Angeliki Jones  
**Thomas & Shannon Jones & Family**  
**Catherine Julius**  
**Marina Kakavelos**  
Peter & Dayna Kalil  
Antonia Kananis & Family  
Steve & Fanny Karamanos  
**John and Charlene Kennedy**  
Polixeni Kingra & Family  
Charles & Katheleen Koines  
**Maria Kontakos**  
Steven & Barbara Kouray  
**Patricia Lambert**  
**Trifon & Zanetta Laskaris**  
**Rosemary Legorius**  
William Manikas  
**Cathy Marco**  
**Ann Markopoulos**  
**Athena Markopoulos**  
Stephen & Mary Markopoulos  
Phil & Norina McGowen  
**Anna Menagias**  
Katherine Orfan  
Paul & Joann Pagiotas  
Athena & Vito Pagnotti & Family  
**Peter & Penney Pagones**  
**Kostantinos & Debra Papanikos**  
**Nick & Gladys Paravalos**  
Gus and Maria Plakas  
Fannie Pontisakos  
Theodore & Angeliki Pontisakos & Family  
Frank & Teresa Rossetti  
Elena Sikamiotis  
**Oourania Sokaris**  
Roubina Spyros & Family  
Van & Anita Stathis  
**James Stevens**  
Olga Stryjski  
**Adam Svokos & Family**  
**George & Christie Svolos**  
Themetria Svolos  
**Angela Theodore**  
Dimitrios & Eugenia Vlahakis  
**Brian & Megan Whipple**  
Mary Wilson  
**Peter H. Wilson**  
**Steve & Sophie Zanos**  
**Anastasia Zoulas**  
**Peter & Mary Zoulas**



## STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to everyone for your timely support.

**We are still \$10,595.00 away from our 2017 pledge goal, but last month, the parish received an increase in Stewardship Pledges by \$11,148.00; and an increase of \$15,930.00 in pledges (paid) received. This helps immensely in meeting the monthly operating budget for the parish.**

Thank you everyone!

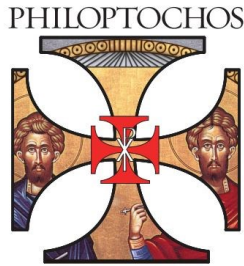
If you have not already submitted your form, please do so at your earliest convenience. It will help us to stay within our budget and get all the Church bills paid.

Your pledge is not just about what you can do for the Church. It's about what your responsibility is based on the gifts given to you by God.

In Christ,

Lucy Brady





**MEETING NOTES.** At the April 2017 monthly meeting, the membership approved the following donations:

**Sisterhood of Saint Basil Academy (National Commitment)**  
**Hellenic College/Holy Cross Scholarship Fund (DAD Commitment)**  
**Multiple Sclerosis Society Walk 2017**  
**2017 Walk to Cure Arthritis Albany**

**CHAPTER ELECTIONS.** Election of the Philoptochos Board of Directors for 2017-2019 will take place at the May monthly meeting on **Thursday, May 18, 2017**. All members are encouraged to attend. If you are interested in being considered as a candidate for the Board of Directors, please contact Olga Delorey, Chapter President, and your name will be forwarded to the Elections Committee. As stated in the by-laws, all nominees must meet the requirements for full membership and *“must be a member in good standing with the Parish and Philoptochos Chapter for a period of at least one (1) year prior to the election and must have attended a minimum of four (4) meetings of the Philoptochos Chapter in the previous year. The member must be present at the election meeting unless reasonable cause for such absence is provided.”*

**SOUP KITCHEN.** On **Tuesday, March 28, 2017** our Philoptochos prepared and served dinner for **194 persons** at the **Salvation Army Soup Kitchen**. The Soup Kitchen was sponsored by **Olga Delorey In Loving Memory of her mother Theresa Yavornicky**. May her memory be eternal. A Trisagion Service was chanted by Father Sean. The dinner consisted of Greek-Style Goulash with Pasta, Green Beans, Bread & Butter, Fruit Cup, Dessert, Juice and Coffee. Our heartfelt thanks to the following team members who helped prepare and/or serve the meal on this day: **Kathy Koines (Chair), Charlie Koines, Mike Euripidou, Pete Kalil, Steve & Alice Giakoumis, Presbytera Nina Daratsos, Phil & Norina McGowen, Olga Delorey, Bill Manikas, Dom DiCocco and Father Sean Govostes.**

**ANNUAL JUNE PICNIC.** Save the date! The annual picnic for Philoptochos members will take place on **Thursday, June 8, 2017** in the **Hellenic Center starting at 5:30 pm**. Again, this year we will invite 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** and our St. George Chapter. 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!**

**FOOD PANTRY.** We continue to collect items for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. Please place non-perishable food items in the basket located in the Hellenic Center. Suggested items are canned goods (soups, beans, vegetables, fruit, tuna), dried pasta and rice, dried soup mix, pasta sauce, and cereal. We will deliver all food donations monthly on the same day we prepare and serve the Soup Kitchen meal. May God bless you for your generosity in remembering to help those who are in need. You have our heartfelt thanks and gratitude.



*“...for I was hungry and you gave me food ...  
...inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me”  
Matthew 25: 35-40*

**NEXT MEETING.** The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 6:30 pm.**

**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)

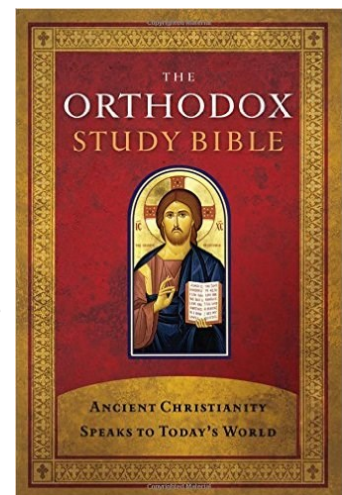
**Members:** Lucy Brady, Presbytera Nina Daratsos, Joanne Diamantis, Eliana Georgelos  
Alice Giakoumis, Aleka Menagias, Elena Sikamiotis

**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.

# Bible Study

Please join us the **1st and 3rd Mondays** of each month at **11:00 am OR 6:00 pm** in the **HC large classroom.**

Orthodox Study Bibles are available for use,  
courtesy of the *Stephen and Mary Markopoulos Family.*



## FELLOWSHIP NEWS FOR MAY 2017

Greetings from the Fellowship Group!

Just a few short weeks ago, we celebrated the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Christos Anesti! Within 50 days of Holy Pascha, we celebrate two of the Great Feast Days of the Orthodox Christian Church, the Feast of the Ascension and Pentecost.



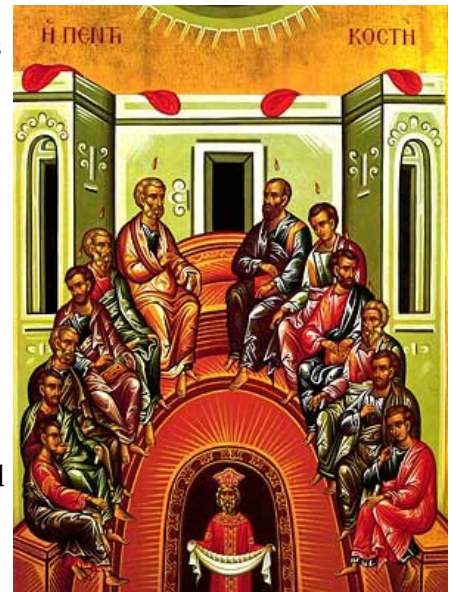
The Feast of the Ascension commemorates the Ascension of Christ into Heaven. Following His Resurrection, Jesus remained on earth among men for 40 days. On the 40th day, after blessing His apostles, Christ was taken up into Heaven and took His place at the right hand of God. As Orthodox Christians, we see Christ's Ascension as a sign and symbol of His second coming. Christ will return to the earth in the same manner as He left it, thus fulfilling God's will for mankind. This year, the Feast of the Ascension falls on Thursday, May 25th.

We continue to greet one another with Christos Anesti/Alithos Anesti (Christ has Risen/Truly He has Risen) throughout this month and until Pentecost, 50 days after Holy Pascha. This year, the Great Feast of Pentecost falls on Sunday, the 4th of June. Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit among the apostles and is seen as the full revelation of the Holy

Trinity...Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We traditionally refer to Pentecost as the beginning of the one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

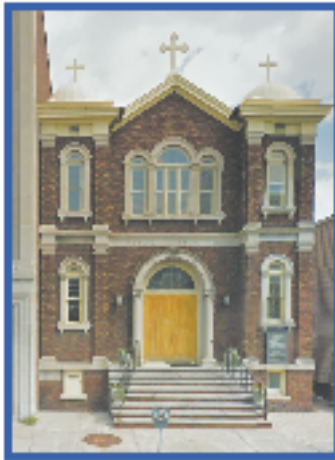
With these two Great Feast days upon us, the Fellowship group invites all of you to join us in prayer during the church services celebrating both the Ascension and Pentecost.

This month's Fellowship meeting takes place on Thursday, May 11th at 11:30 AM. In lieu of a regular meeting, we will be meeting for lunch at Pinhead Susan's where a room has been reserved for us. Following lunch, those who wish to do so will carpool to the Rivers Casino to explore this new addition to the Schenectady scene. Next month's meeting will take place at the Hellenic Center on Thursday, June 8th at 11:30 AM. Our lunch menu is yet to be determined.



As always, we continuously encourage newcomers to join our Fellowship 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 more information.

# INDOOR YARD SALE & GREEK BAKE SALE WITH SOUVLAKI & GYRO TENT



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## SALE LOCATION

HELLENIC CENTER, 510 LIBERTY STREET  
ACROSS FROM PUBLIC LIBRARY

SOUVLAKI & GYRO TENT LOCATED  
IN CHURCH PARKING LOT AT CORNER OF  
FRANKLIN & CLINTON STREETS

## FEATURING:



HOUSEHOLD  
ITEMS &  
CLOTHING



FRESH BAKED DESSERTS,  
INCLUDING  
GREEK DELICACIES



PREVIEW YARD SALE-NO FOOD VENDORS  
FRIDAY, JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup> 6-8:30PM \$3 ADMISSION

SATURDAY, JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup> 8AM - 3PM  
FREE ADMISSION

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*Celebrating in 2017*  
**48<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

# GREEK FESTIVAL

<b>FRIDAY</b> May 19 6 - 10 P.M.	<b>SATURDAY</b> May 20 Noon - 10 P. M.	<b>SUNDAY</b> May 21 Noon - 7 P.M.
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Gourmet Dining ✨ Gift Shops  
Greek Jewelry ✨ Souvenirs ✨ Handicrafts  
Greek Coffee Shop  
Serving Greek Appetizers - Pastry, Coffee and Drinks...  
Rides ✨ Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, French Fries, Souvlakia  
Greek Salad & Loukoumathes



**CONTINUOUS LIVE GREEK MUSIC**  
**VISA & MASTERCARD ACCEPTED**

**\$10,000.00 Raffle**  
Only 200 Tickets sold with 11 Winners  
1<sup>st</sup> Prize/\$5,000 – and 10 Winners at \$500 each

## Saint George Hellenic Dance Program

# Schedule

Young Children: Mondays, 6 — 6:30 PM

Teens: Mondays, 6:30 — 8:30 PM

Adults: Tuesdays, 6 PM — 8 PM.

*No practice on July 4th!*

[georgiatsakopiakos@gmail.com](mailto:georgiatsakopiakos@gmail.com)



Miss Georgia



Save the date ~ **June 3rd** ~ and join us when



**AHEPA Chapter # 125 hosts  
The Souvlaki and Gyro Sale**



~under the tent in the Hellenic Center Parking Lot

(corner of Clinton and Franklin Streets).

*Bring the whole family and enjoy!*



St. George Greek Orthodox Church  
**Indoor Yard Sale & Bake Sale**  
**Saturday, June 3rd**

**8 am — 3 pm**

## **DONATIONS WANTED!**

- ◆ Clothing
- ◆ Home décor
- ◆ Picture frames
- ◆ Table cloths
- ◆ Drapes
- ◆ Small appliances
- ◆ Dinnerware sets
- ◆ Glassware sets
- ◆ Silverware sets
- ◆ Serving pieces
- ◆ Holiday décor
- ◆ Working Electronics
- ◆ Working Cameras
- ◆ Tools
- ◆ Infant Nursery Items
- ◆ Toys
- ◆ Stuffed Animals
- ◆ Furniture
- ◆ Jewelry
- ◆ Books
- ◆ DVD's
- ◆ Music
- ◆ Musical Instruments
- ◆ Fabrics/Yarn
- ◆ Sewing Sundries
- ◆ Craft Supplies
- ◆ Quilts
- ◆ Comforters/Blankets

**Drop off your items** during coffee hour or during parish office hours .  
Donated items will become the property of St. George GOC and unsold items  
will be given to local charities at the end of the Yard Sale event.

***Event co-chairs: Roubina Spiros-Morgan 630-6654,  
Angie Menagias and Cathy Contompasis and Dimitri Koutsopoulos***

***~ VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP WITH THE SALE ~***



## Community News & Events

The Ladies Philoptochos Society is **collecting non-perishable food items** to help fill the shelves at the food pantry. Items will be delivered monthly to the Salvation Army when the Soup Kitchen team prepares and serves the meal. A collection box has been placed in the Hellenic Center.

The first Sunday of every month, **Fr. Sean will present a Children's Sermon for all of our parish children.** Please pass the news on and bring your children and godchildren and have them sit in the first few pews, as Father will be speaking directly to them. Please arrive to church on time! If you come after the Gospel reading, the children will miss the lesson of the day!

The **Saint George Hellenic Dance Program** holds classes on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Please see the schedule within this bulletin for dates/times.

**Altar Server's Meeting** with Father Sean, **Saturday, May 6th at 10 am** in the Sanctuary.

The **Fellowship Group will meet Thursday, May 11th at 11:30 am**, at Pinhead Susan's. Please see Eliana Georgelos or Paul Pagiotas for more information.

The **Ladies Philoptochos Society** will hold its next business meeting and Chapter Elections on **Thursday, May 18th at 6:30 pm.**

Kiki Jones will sponsor the **Soup Kitchen on Tuesday, May 23rd in memory of her beloved husband, Ed Jones. May his memory be eternal!**

The **2017 Greek Festival Committee planning meeting**, originally scheduled for May 25th **is being rescheduled to Wednesday, May 17th at 6:30 PM.** Everyone is welcome to participate!

**AHEPA Chapter # 125** will host a **Souvlaki and Gyro Sale on Saturday, June 3rd.** The City of Schenectady will host a **Kid's Arts Festival** the same day at the City Hall location directly across the street from our Church. Save the date, and plan to bring the whole family and enjoy!



For information on becoming a member of AHEPA, please contact Phil Menagias at 857-2669.

**Donations Wanted!** For the annual **Indoor Yard Sale and Bake Sale** on Saturday June 3rd. See flyer(s) within.

The **Ladies Philoptochos Society Chapter Picnic** will take place on **Thursday, June 8th at 5:30 pm** in the Hellenic Center.

Congratulations to **Andrew Giakoumis** on his upcoming High School Graduation. The parishioners of St. George wish you well as you begin your next journey!

**Attention everyone!!!!** If you have a change of address, phone number or email address, please notify Camille in the parish office ASAP (393-0742). We strive to keep our records updated so that you may receive communications from the parish in a timely manner. Thank you for your cooperation in this effort!

**Church Usher Schedule:** **Team A:** Charlie Koines (Captain), Norina McGowen, Phil McGowen, Bill Manikas, Pete Kalil.

**Team C: 5/07**

**Team D: 5/14**

**Team A: 5/21**

**Team B: 5/28**



**Team B:** Alexandra Casey (Captain), Lainie Christou, Brian Goodale, Dimitrios Koutsopoulos, Scott Morlock.

**Team C:** Lucy Brady (Captain), Athena Pagnotti, Panagiota Giakoumis, Frank Rossetti, Van Stathis.

**Team D:** Gladys Paravalos (Captain), Steve Giakoumis, Steve Markopoulos, Antonia Kananis, Morgan Gazetos.

Please join us for the

# Spring General Assembly Meeting

## Sunday, May 21st

following Divine Liturgy.



Your participation is vital to supporting  
the good works of our parish!

**The cut-off date is May 15th  
for news & events submissions for the June/July 2017 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 to [apagnott@nycap.rr.com](mailto:apagnott@nycap.rr.com).