

NOTICE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Sunday, May 20th 2018

AGENDA

- Approval of Prior Minutes
- Updates:
 - 2017 Budget
 - 2018 Budget
 - GreekFest^{PLUS}
 - Donor Wall



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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Do you have an email address??

If you still receive a paper version of this newsletter but have an email address...help us protect the environment (and save costs). Email the office (office@agocwi.org) and let us know we can add you to the email list!

Looking for Information?

Flyers, announcements, advertisements are posted on bulletin boards in the Church Hall. If you see something you like? Make a copy!

Meeting minutes and budget reports are posted monthly following Parish Council meetings. Want more? Ask! Have a complaint? Be prepared to discuss solutions and volunteer to help!!

THE PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Georgiana Wilton, Parish Council President georgiana.wilton@gmail.com

Parish Council Officers: Tom Cameron, Vice President; Bruce Hansen, Secretary, Niko Papadopoulos & Scott Storck, Treasurers. **Members:** Petros Anagnostopoulos, Christy Chappell Belkin, Conn Choles, Nico Fatsis, Dori Hosek, Georgia Marsh, and Mike Smith. **Alternates:** Nick Topitzes and Carol Griskavich.

~ Christ is Risen ~ Χριστός Ανέστη ~ Христос воскрес ~ Христос воскрес! ~

TRULY HE IS RISEN

I celebrated Easter this year in Greece and was in awe watching “The Light” flown from Jerusalem and passed throughout Greece quickly and reverently. The Good Friday procession from the National Cathedral to Syntagma Square included candles, music and more than 100,000 people. The Anastasi service the next day was celebrated in my cousin’s neighborhood church to fireworks and the continued sharing of “The Light.”

It was beautiful, moving, inspiring, and, well...once-in-a-lifetime. You see, I found it very difficult to be away from home during this most holy of times. I missed my Church family and the beauty of our own services. The chanting, singing, reading and ceremony. While my next trip to Greece is already booked, it won’t be during Easter. I find great comfort and prayerfulness right here.

Next on the Agenda...yes, you’ve guessed correctly...Greek Fest ^{PLUS}. The planning is nearly complete, and we are heading into the execution phase. We’re testing out a new method to our madness and will be reorganizing how we prepare our food. We’ll be doing a ‘trial run’ of the lamb dinner on May 20th in conjunction with the General Assembly. Please join us for dinner and give us your feedback. We will price it to just break even...so join us for a reasonably-priced meal and help us perfect the ability to serve more people than in previous years.

Then...watch for our online volunteer sign-up. As you may recall, we had to hire a lot of help just to keep the festival running. If you can’t volunteer, please consider buying out a shift or two (or three).

Many thanks for all you do!!

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Patti Cameron, President pcameron@tds.net or pcameron10@gmail.com 608-219-1659

National Obligations:

Founders Fund- Continuing Care assistance to aging Greek Orthodox members

OCF- Orthodox Christian Fellowship

Local Activities:

We spent most of April preparing for Easter. We rolled and baked koulourakia for the lamb dinner and sold them along with tsourekia, red eggs that we ordered for the lamb dinner and as a service to our parishioners who were not able to prepare these traditional foods for their families and friends. Elene Patenaude created 9 bountiful baskets for Father to take on his visits to the home bound. We were readers and ushers for the Friday Akathist Service during Lent and Holy Unction service during Holy Week. Margo Schmidt, with the assistance of others, decorated the church with palms for Palm Sunday, transformed the tomb of Christ into a fragrant garden of flowers for Good Friday and for our Easter services, adorned our church with beautiful flowers as an expression of the

joy of the Resurrection. I am grateful to have been able to work side by side with all of you during this most glorious season of Orthodoxy. Xristos Anesti!

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, May 6th: Philoptochos General Meeting after the Liturgy****

Thursday, May 17th: Spiritual Exercises 7 pm, Peli G, Presenter

Saturday, May 19th. Metropolis Presidents' Meeting at St. Iakovos Center

Friday, May 25th: Cook & Serve for the River Food Pantry, Nancy Briamis, Chair

Tuesday, May 29th: Cook & Serve for Grace Episcopal Homeless, Ilektra K. and David G, Chairs

Thursday, June 7th. Spring Social at Elene Patenaude's

Other Activities

We will be preparing 12 care bags for the OCF - UW students during finals week.

Eco-Committee: Nancy Giffey & Gigi Marsh will continue to work with the Sunday School Students encouraging use of the Recycle Bins in the church hall.

You are invited.....

Assumption Ladies Philoptochos

Spring Social

Thursday, June 7th

6-8:30 pm

The Weston Place

625 N Segoe Rd

Madison, WI

RSVP: Elene Patenaude 608-347-2209

Sue Soloninka 608-831-2868

Please join us in appreciation for all the good work we have done this year and to relax and enjoy each other's company!

PHILOPTOCHOS COMMITTEE REPORTS

River Food Pantry

Nancy Briamis, Chair

Philoptochos is cooking and serving a meal at the River Food Pantry on Friday, May 25th. We need people to help with food preparation from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. and people to serve the meal from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. We also need people to bake Karithopita. If you can help, please contact me at nbriamis@gmail.com or 608 221-3460.

Grace Episcopal Homeless Shelter News

David Giffey, barnowl1941@gmail.com

Homeless Shelter Volunteers

Volunteers from our church community will cook a hot meal and serve it to men at the homeless shelter at Grace Episcopal Church on Tuesday, May 29. This will be the second of four times during 2018 that we are listed to work at the homeless shelter. Our turn comes up whenever a month has five Tuesdays. That means we will volunteer again on July 31 and October 30.

Karla Thennes, executive director of Porchlight, Inc., said the shelter is serving meals to about 95 men every day, but that the number is lower during warm weather. Porchlight provides temporary emergency shelter to single men at its Drop-In Shelter and two overflow shelters. During the cold months, 160 or more men need shelter each day.

Crews of volunteers at Assumption will cook and serve the meal on May 29. If you are interested in helping prepare the hot meal at the church on May 29, please contact Ilektra Kolokouri, ilektra.kol@gmail.com

The food prepared by Ilektra's crew is transported to the homeless shelter by Mike Smith. Scott Spevacek, Nancy Giffey and I have volunteered to serve the meal at Grace Episcopal. If you wish to help serve on May 29 or in the future, please contact me at barnowl1941@gmail.com

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

Peli Galiti, pegaliti@gmail.com

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 17 at 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Jenny Josheff, Director, agocssdirector@gmail.com, Fr. Michael, Spiritual Advisor, frmichael@agocwi.org

Sunday school will be wrapping up on Sunday, May 13th. If your child has attended a Sunday School class, please make sure that his or her teacher has the child's full name as you want it to appear on their end of school year certificate. We need this information ASAP so we can start printing certificates.

If your high school student will be graduating this year, please let Jenny Josheff know ASAP!

J and M Home Helpers

AGOC's handymen, John and Mike, will do minor home repairs and maintenance for \$25/hour, with the money for their work being donated to the church.



***Call Mike at (608) 516-9188 and
John at (608) 575-1014 today!***

SACRAMENTS DURING APRIL 2018

Weddings: **0** Chrismations: **0** Baptisms: **0** Funerals: **1**

Mary S. Scocos passed away on March 27, 2018. Her funeral was on March 29, 2018 with burial at Forest Hill Cemetery.

JOIN THE BUCKET BRIGADE

Do you like to serve your Church? Do you take pride in our Church home? Do you like to pitch in and help clean, straighten and organize? Consider joining the Bucket Brigade! We'll be taking over the cleaning of the Church and need YOUR help!

Our plan is to meet for a few short hours each week to clean and organize—and then enjoy lunch together.

We especially need men so we don't neglect the altar!

If you are interested, contact Jenny Glatch at jennylg@charter.net

May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 29 4th Sunday after Pascha Sunday of the Paralytic Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	April 30 <i>Fr. Michael</i> Away for Metropolis Clergy Retreat	1 <i>Fr. Michael</i> Away for Metropolis Clergy Retreat	2 <i>Fr. Michael</i> Away for Metropolis Clergy Retreat Choir Practice 7:00 pm	3 <i>Fr. Michael</i> Away for Metropolis Clergy Retreat	4	5
6 5th Sunday after Pascha Samaritan Woman Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Philoptochos Meeting	7	8 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm	9 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	10 <i>Church and Hall in Use</i> 6:00 – 9:30 pm	11	12 Russian Orthodox Divine Liturgy 9:00 am Baptism in Church 12- noon
13 6th Sunday after Pascha Blind Man Mother's Day Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Last Day of Sunday School	14	15 <i>Baptism in Church</i> 2:00 pm	16 Apodosis (Leave-Taking) of Pascha Great Vespers 6:00 pm Choir Practice to follow	17 Holy Ascension Divine Liturgy 9:00 am Women's Spiritual Meeting 7:00 pm	18	19 <i>Baptism in Church</i> 12- noon
20 7th Sunday After Pascha Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Mary Scocos 40-Day Memorial General Assembly AND Lamb Dinner Baptism in Church 1:30 pm	21 Saints Constantine and Helen Divine Liturgy 9:00 am	22	23 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	24	25 River Food Pantry food preparation from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. and serve the meal from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.	26 Saturday of the Souls Combined Liturgy with the Russian Orthodox Mission 9:00 am Cemetery Visits to Follow
27 Pentecost / Trinity Sunday Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Kneeling Service to Follow	28	29 Cook & Serve for Grace Episcopal Homeless Shelter	30 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	31	June 1	June 2

May - July 2018 Liturgies and Services

May 6

5th Sunday after Pascha Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: Acts 11:19-30
Gospel: John 4:5-42

Prosforo: Jane S

Coffee Hour: (Group 8) Nikki S,
Aleksandra T, Jenya B

May 13

6th Sunday after Pascha Sunday of the Blind Man

Epistle: Acts 16:16-34
Gospel: John 9:1-38

Prosforo: Ilektra A

Coffee Hour: Mother's Day

May 16

Apodosis (Leave-taking) of Pascha

Great Vespers of the Ascension
6:00 pm

May 17

Holy Ascension

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Epistle: Acts 1:1-12
Gospel: Luke 24:36-53

Prosforo: Ilektra A

May 20

7th Sunday after Pascha Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36
Gospel: John 17: 1-13

Prosforo: Jenny G

Coffee Hour: (Group 9) Patti C,
Violetta C, Michelle B

May 21

Saints Constantine and Helen

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Epistle: Acts 26:1, 12-20
Gospel: John 10:1-9

Prosforo: Jenny G

May 26

Saturday of the Souls

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17
Gospel: John 21:14-25

Prosforo: Cathy C

*Memorial Service to Follow
Immediately After the Divine Liturgy*

Cemetery Visits Today

Forest Hills – Madison – 11:00 am
Roselawn – Monona – 12:30 pm
Other Cemeteries - 2:00 - 4:00 pm:

**Please request visits to other
cemeteries with Fr. Michael BEFORE
May 26 for scheduling!**

May 27

HOLY PENTECOST

Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: Acts 2:1-11
Gospel: John 7:37-52; 8:12

Prosforo: Cathy C

Coffee Hour: (Group 10) Margo S,
Jenny J, Betty L

June 3

Feast of All Saints

SUMMER HOURS BEGIN!

Orthros 8:30 am
Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2
Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38,
19:27-30

Prosforo: Tom C

Coffee Hour: (Group 11) Kerry M,
Barb K, Dori H

Coffee Hour: (Group 12): Maria H,
Draga G, Gabriela C

June 10

2nd Sunday of Matthew

Orthros 8:30 am
Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Epistle: Romans 2:10-16
Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23

Prosforo: Georgia M

Coffee Hour: (Group 12): Maria H,
Draga G, Gabriela C

June 17

3rd Sunday of Matthew

Orthros 8:30 am
Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Epistle: Romans 5:1-10
Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33

Prosforo: Anna F

Coffee Hour: (Group 13): Traci L,
Nancy G, Christy C-B, Marinela M

June 24

Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Orthros 8:30 am
Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4
Gospel: Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76-80

Prosforo: Elene P

Coffee Hour: (Group 14): Georgia W,
Peli K, Ilektra A

July 1

5th Sunday of Matthew

Orthros 8:30 am
Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:27-31; 13:1-8
Gospel: Matthew 8:28 – 34; 9:1

Prosforo: Korinna H

Coffee Hour: (Group 1) Sue S,
Katerina P, Eleni G

July 8

5th Sunday of Matthew

Orthros 8:30 am
Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Epistle: Romans 10:1-10
Gospel: Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1

Prosforo: Katherine F

Coffee Hour: (Group 2) Eleni P,
Korinna H, Jenny G

July 15

Sunday of the Holy Fathers

Orthros 8:30 am
Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Epistle: Titus 3:8-15
Gospel: Matthew 5:14-19

Prosforo: N. Choles

Coffee Hour: (Group 3) Nadya H,
Athena D, Valerie M



COMMUNITY LAMB DINNER MAY 20, 2018

Join us for Dinner and a General Assembly

In an attempt to streamline GreekFest cooking procedures...we want to try a boneless leg of lamb and cook it fresh on Sunday before our GreekFest doors open. But...we need to do a dry run to time it, test it, and taste it!

We hope you'll join us!!

MENU

Leg of Lamb

Rice

Salad

Bread

Wine

COST: \$9.00 Adults/\$5.00 Children

Greek Fest Plus

Practice Dinner

**Don't be Shy...we
want your opinion!**

**Is the lamb good
enough to serve
at Greek Fest?**

**Was a spice
missing?**

**Could you do it
better (be careful
here...)??**

Questions? Talk to
Georgiana

And...offer to help!!