

**ECCLESIASTICAL NEW YEAR LUNCH AND  
MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> 2018  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SERVICES**

Please join us after services for a community lunch sponsored by the Parish Council to kick off the new Church year!

There will be NO Sunday School—we would like all families in Church together on this day.

Following the Clergy-Laity Congress in Boston this summer, the Archbishop made it ***absolutely clear*** to all that children should be in Church during services. We are currently working with our Sunday School to develop a plan to accommodate this. At this luncheon Fr. Michael will provide additional information and open a discussion with the community.

We want to hear all ideas of how we can accommodate this change in the most practical and realistic way.

In the meantime, please contact any member of the Parish Council with your thoughts.

**August 2018  
Newsletter**



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**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

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Georgiana Wilton, Parish Council President [georgiana.wilton@gmail.com](mailto: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, Dori Hosek, Georgia Marsh, Mike Smith, Nick Topitzes. **Alternates:** Carol Griskavich, Jane Schirmer.



### GREEK. FEST. PLUS. ROCKED!

I decided my first year coordinating Greek Fest<sup>PLUS</sup> the way to stay sane was to make only one change each year. That way it's manageable, still familiar, low risk, and can easily be changed back without too many people saying, "I told you so"! Well, after five years I must be gaining confidence (or losing brain cells) because this year we made 10 changes...some new, and some circling back to past years.

You see, you all had so many great ideas...what were we supposed to do??

So, we changed the food preparation schedule (most of our food prep was completed on Friday), changed the footprint of the fest, added additional music to the kafeneion, added 2 items to our food menu (Greek Coney Dogs and Loukoniko Brats, which I'm counting as 2 changes because it adds to the drama), added Greek beer and sno-cones, worked with the Parthenon to get free aprons and towels (thank you Cintas, Erin and Dimitri!), created our own Agora again, and added a 50/50 raffle. Some changes saved work, some added work (and profit) and some we did just for fun.

What did YOU think?

Preliminary numbers are just that...preliminary...but so far, gross receipts are expected to be about \$80,000.

***Let's say that again...\$80,000!!!***

We'll monitor the expenses and hopefully report the 'net' over the next month or two.

Thanks just don't seem sufficient for the many MANY members of our Church family that stepped up, attended all Greek Fest meetings, mapped out all 'inner workings' and timing of activities, worked up a sweat, started setting up the Monday before...and continued through clean up and reorganization a week later and beyond! The motto this year seemed to be "whatever it takes"!! At the risk of missing some people, I still want to TRY to say THANKS loud and clear to our amazing members (and our department heads): Mike and Nancy Smith, Vasil and Nancy Briamis, Michael Margetis, Erin and Dimitri Vranas, Conn Choles, Spyros Scocos (thanks for coming all the way from Phoenix), Nikki and Scott Storck, Kristi and Niko Papadopoulos, Maria

Heide, Athena Daniolos, Jamie Amacci and her sister Tina (coming all the way from Minneapolis), Christy and Sergei Belkin, Dori Hosek, Lainey Skoumbouris, Lena Giakamopoulos, Helene Georgalan, George Tzougros, Carol Griskavich, Nick Topitzes, Michelle Bayouth, Tom, Patti, Ben Cameron and Peter Cameron, Elene Patenaude, Jenny Glatch, Adam Ellestad, GG, Patrick and Jason Marsh and all the youth that ran the soda tent and worked the crowds to sell! And, of course, the volunteers that made baklava, packaged pastries, and signed up for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and even 6 shifts, set-up, cleaned up, and even showed up on Monday and Tuesday to clean some more. We are truly blessed!!

This year's unsung hero award goes to....Nancy Smith. Nancy, you may have preferred to work in the basement making and packaging our bake sale items where it was cool and you could inhale the subtle aromas of cinnamon and honey, but instead you took on the most thankless jobs...cleaning and stocking the bathrooms (and re-stocking all through Greek Fest), cleaning the parking lot, and keeping the GreekFest<sup>PLUS</sup> grounds clean. When I came out during set up Friday and saw you on your hands and knees cleaning the corners of the parking lot and carrying leaves away by hand...I was in awe. And, when you took Monday off to come back to Church with Mike to clean again...well, these are the activities that are physically taxing, the most needed, and never noticed. I noticed. I hope you all stop Nancy the next time you see her and join me in saying THANK YOU!

And so...as we end...we begin our planning for next year. Please email me your thoughts about Greek Fest and how we may improve in 2019 and beyond!

THANK YOU!!!!

Georgiana

Georgiana.wilton@gmail.com

## **PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS**

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Patti Cameron, President pcameron@tds.net 608-219-1659

### **National Obligations:**

None

### **Local Activities:**

*July 31<sup>st</sup>:* Cooking for the homeless at Grace Episcopal Church

### **Upcoming Events:**

*Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>* – Assumption Nameday Vespers and Reception: I am looking for a chair and all the Marys, Marias and Panayiotas and anyone else who feels moved to help us with this reception. Thank you in advance!

*Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>* – Philoptochos Board meeting after church

*Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>* – Next Philoptochos Meeting at the home of Sue Soloninka.

**\*\*\*\*Summer Coffee Hour\*\*\*\***

Thank you to all who signed up for the summer coffee hour! Two women have signed up for every Sunday in June and July.

We are looking for *one* additional host for the following Sundays: Aug 12, Aug 19, Aug 26.

We are looking for two hosts for the following Sundays: Sept 2 (Labor Day weekend)

This is a lighter coffee hour than what is offered during the school year. Please consider hosting one of our summer coffee hours if you are too busy to be on the regular coffee hour schedule. The Regular Coffee Hour Schedule begins on Sunday, Sept 9<sup>th</sup>.

Please contact Patti Cameron (pcameron@tds.net or 608-219-1659) if you can either help out this summer or if you would like to be added to the regular coffee hour schedule. The regular schedule has 3-4 women hosting each Sunday with each group hosting 2- 3 times during the year.

Thank you!

**River Food Pantry**

Nancy Briamis, [nbriamis@gmail.com](mailto:nbriamis@gmail.com)

RIVER SHIRTS. Talk about a fun way to support The River Food Pantry! Shirts are available for purchase in 2 colors, white or green. Purchase a comfy t shirt for the summer or a cozy hoodie for those colds months. A portion of the proceeds will go back to The River which will go towards purchasing enough groceries for over 1,000 households every week. See their website to order - [info@riverfoodpantry.org](mailto:info@riverfoodpantry.org).

**GRACE EPISCOPAL HOMELESS SHELTER**

David Giffey, [barnow11941@gmail.com](mailto:barnow11941@gmail.com)

The final day we are scheduled to volunteer at the homeless shelter is: **Tuesday, October 31.**

**FORSYTE ENDOWMENT**

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Bruce Hansen, [bruce.e.hansen2@gmail.com](mailto:bruce.e.hansen2@gmail.com)

The Endowment account is \$100,758 as of July 22. We will make the next \$100,000 investment on Sept 15. Our plan is still to deposit a total of \$500,000 over the next two years.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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**\*\*NOTE FROM PARISH COUNCIL:** Following the Clergy-Laity Congress in Boston this summer, the Archbishop made it ***absolutely clear*** to all that children should be in Church during services. We are currently working with our Sunday School to develop a plan to accommodate this. Please stay tuned for additional information and announcements.

## **GREEK SCHOOL**

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Ilektra Kolokouri, [ilektra.kol@gmail.com](mailto:ilektra.kol@gmail.com)

Our Greek lessons for the school year 2018-2019 will resume on October 7th. I would be happy to see all of the kids come back again this year for some new adventure in learning the Greek language and exploring the Greek culture. Again our lessons will take place in our church once a week, after Divine Liturgy. We may have to make few adjustments in the time that the lessons start but I will let you know by email as time approaches, and after having a good information about the number of students the school will have.

We will again offer two language levels, the beginner/ intermediate and the intermediate/ more advanced level. If Sunday is not a good day for you, if you need some extra tutoring hours in learning Greek, or to make up lessons that you may have to miss throughout the year please do not hesitate to contact me so I can arrange a meeting for some private tutoring with a teacher who will work with our school this year, a native Greek language speaker and member of our church community, Eleni Patenaude who has been offering private Greek language tutoring for the last 30 years.

Returning students do not need to fill any enrollment form unless their information has changed. New students DO need to enroll by September 15. In any case please contact me at [Ilektra.kol@gmail.com](mailto:Ilektra.kol@gmail.com). There is NO tuition for participating in the Greek school but only a registration fee for all returning and new students of \$50.00 per student that will be used to cover some school expenses.

Let me know with any questions or concerns. I look forward to seeing you again.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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### **New AGOC Email Platform is Coming Soon!!!**

AGOC is currently looking at a new email list serve and platform!!! We are expecting that this new platform will help us to fix all of the email problems we are currently having with our current platform. As we get closer to acquiring this and shifting over, each parishioner(s) that has/have an email address currently on file with us will be receiving an invitation email through which they will need to accept in order to begin receiving future, church related emails. Please be prepared for and watching for this invitation email to appear! We will be providing more information when we begin to move over to the new platform. + Fr. Michael

### **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 JULY 2018**

**Weddings: 2   Chrismations: 1   Baptisms: 0   Funerals: 0**

Weddings:   2

**Michael O'Toole** and **Maria Vastardis** were married on Saturday, July 7, 2018. Michael and Maria's sponsor is Alexandra Carlson.

**Bill Margetis** and **Wendy Radzinski-Margetis** had their marriage blessed on Monday, July 30, 2018. Bill and Wendy's sponsor is Alexandra Karavas.

Chrismations:   1

**Wendy Radzinski-Margetis** was Chrismated in the Orthodox Church on Sunday, July 29, 2018. Wendy's sponsor is Alexandra Karavas.

# August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 29 <b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew</b> Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am <b>GREEKFEST+ 2018</b>	July 30	July 31  5 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month	1 <b>DORMITION FAST BEGINS</b>	2  Paraklesis 6:00 pm	3	4
5 <b>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew</b> Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am	6 <b>Holy Transfiguration</b> Divine Liturgy 9:00 am	7	8  Choir Practice 7:00 pm	9  Paraklesis 6:00 pm	10	11  <i>Russian Orthodox Divine Liturgy 9:00 am</i>
12 <b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew</b> Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am	13	14 <b>Dormition of the Theotokos</b> Great Vespers 6:00 pm <i>Reception to Follow</i>	15 <b>Dormition of the Theotokos</b> Divine Liturgy 9:00 am <i>Coffee Hour to Follow</i>	16	17	18
19 <b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew</b> Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am	20	21  Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm	22	23	24	25  <i>Russian Orthodox Divine Liturgy 9:00 am</i>
26 <b>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew</b> Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am	27 <b>St. Phanourios</b>	28	29 <b>Beheading of the Forerunner St. John the Baptist</b>	30	31	September 1

# August - October 2018 Liturgies and Services

## August 1

**Dormition Fast Begins**

## August 2

Paraklesis 6:00 pm

## August 5

**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew**

Orthros 8:30 am

Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 4:9-16

**Gospel:** Matthew 17:14-23

**Prosforo:** Jenny G

**Coffee Hour:** Previously Signed-Up

## August 6

**Holy Transfiguration**

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

**Epistle:** 2 Peter 1:10-19

**Gospel:** Matthew 17:1-9

**Prosforo:** Jenny G

## August 9

Paraklesis 6:00 pm

## August 12

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew**

Orthros 8:30 am

Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 9:2-12

**Gospel:** Matthew 18:23-35

**Prosforo:** Cathy G

**Coffee Hour:** Previously Signed-Up

## August 14

Great Vespers of the Dormition  
With Lamentations and Artoklasia  
6:00 pm

*Lenten Reception to Follow*

## August 15

**Dormition of the Theotokos**

Orthros 8:30 am

Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

**Epistle:** Philippians 2:5-11

**Gospel:** Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

**Prosforo:** Cathy G

## August 19

**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew**

Orthros 8:30 am

Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

**Gospel:** Matthew 19:16-26

## August 19, con't.

**Prosforo:** Tom C

**Coffee Hour:** Previously Signed-Up

## August 26

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew**

Orthros 8:30 am

Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 16:13-24

**Gospel:** Matthew 21:33-42

**Prosforo:** Georgia M

**Coffee Hour:** Previously Signed-Up

## September 2

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew**

Orthros 8:30 am

Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 1:21-24; 2:1-4

**Gospel:** Matthew 22:2-14

**Prosforo:** Anna F

**Coffee Hour:** Previously Signed-Up

## September 8

**Nativity of the Theotokos**

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

**Epistle:** Philippians 2:5-11

**Gospel:** Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

**Prosforo:** Elene P

## September 9

**REGULAR HOURS RESUME**

**Sunday Before the Holy Cross /  
Student and Teacher Blessing**

Orthros 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

**Epistle:** Galatians 6:11-18

**Gospel:** John 3:13-17

**Prosforo:** Elene P

**Coffee Hour:** (?)

## September 14

**Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 1:18-24

**Gospel:** John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30

**Prosforo:** Korrina H

## September 16

**Sunday After the Holy Cross**

Orthros 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

## Sunday, September 16, con't.

**Epistle:** Galatians 2:16-20

**Gospel:** Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

**Prosforo:** Korrina H

**Coffee Hour:** (Group ?)

## September 23

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Luke**

Orthros 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

**Epistle:** Galatians 4:22-27

**Gospel:** Luke 5:1-11

**Prosforo:** Kathie F

**Coffee Hour:** (Group ?)

## September 30

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Luke**

Orthros 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

**Gospel:** Luke 6:31-36

**Prosforo:** Nia C

**Coffee Hour:** (Group ?)

## October 7

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Luke**

**Church Musicians Sunday**

Orthros 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 11:31-33; 12:1-9

**Gospel:** Luke 7:11-16

**Prosforo:** Jane S

**Coffee Hour:** (Group ?)

## October 14

**Sunday of Luke 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical  
Council**

Orthros 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

**Epistle:** Titus 3:8-15

**Gospel:** Luke 8: 5-15

**Prosforo:** Ilektra A

**Coffee Hour:** (Group ?)

## October 21

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke**

Orthros 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

**Epistle:** Galatians: 2:16-20

**Gospel:** Luke 8:26-39

**Prosforo:** Jenny G

**Coffee Hour:** (Group ?)