

Notice of General Assembly
Sunday, November 18th
Immediately Following Services

AGENDA

- VOTE: Approval of 2019 Budget
- Approval of August GA Minutes
- Updates:
 - 2017 Audit
 - Sunday School
 - Greek Fest^{PLUS}
 - Iconography Project
 - Special Projects
 - Forsyte Endowment

October 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

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, Dori Hosek, Georgia Marsh, Mike Smith, Nick Topitzes. **Alternates:** Carol Griskavich, Jane Schirmer.



“The Orthodox Faith contains within it a rich visual, aural and tactile world for both children and adults to explore. Our worship services are incredibly layered; they weave Scripture and song together into the dance of liturgy. Our iconography plays a key role in this liturgy by facilitating worship and revealing the basic principles of our Faith. Icons are a visual expression of our theology, bringing to life the hagiography of the saints and preaching the Gospel to all ages. Growing our children’s visual literacy and understanding of faith using icons is a powerful tool at our disposal.”

Jocelyn Mathewes <https://www.goarch.org/-/engaging-with-the-visual-life-of-the-church>

This small excerpt from an article written by Presbyteria Jocelyn Mathewes describes the rich layers of our services—the way we worship. It encourages us to address “visual literacy” and “exercising our visual muscles” in our religious teachings. These concepts are not limited to our Sunday services (and Sunday school), rather they include our spirituality in our homes as well.

In the coming weeks we’ll be hearing more about the icon project at AGOC—and we’ll hear from David Giffey at our November General Assembly. How can you prepare for the conversation? Define how YOU will exercise your visual muscles!!

We’ll have a lot of business to discuss at this General Assembly—and you will be receiving a draft 2019 budget to review. Please come prepared—and we’ll do our best to run an efficient and productive meeting.

THANK YOU!

Georgiana

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PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

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

National Obligations:

- National Philoptochos Emergency Fund

Local Activities:

Emerson School Supply Drive – An additional donation of \$1,000 was accepted and distributed to the school nurses at Frank Allis and Glendale Elementary Schools, both with the designation of Community Schools that receive additional social services.

Coffee Hour Lists – Are made up for the 2018-2019 year. Copies were emailed and copies are available on the information table at the main entrance. Helene Georgalan will again be making the reminder calls.

OCF Bags – 14 goodie bags were made and distributed for the OCF students as they begin the new year.

Orthodox Prison Ministry books – We are collecting good, relevant books on Orthodoxy, like those of Father Kalistos Ware, for Fr. Sergei, who is a chaplain for the federal prison in Oxford. If you have some, please bring them to church and place them in the basket labeled “OPM” in the narthex. Thank you.

Supplies for Elizabeth House – We purchased twin bed sheets, diapers and wipes for Elizabeth House in Madison - a safe home for single, pregnant women, who have very little resources, while they are preparing for motherhood and afterward.

River Food Pantry:

Nancy Briamis, nbriamis@gmail.com

Since opening in 2006, the pantry has grown to provide 50,000 pounds of food a week and serving over 1,000 households a week through the food pantry, clothing, community meals and mobile lunch program.

But now leaders want to change how they measure success.

“Our traditional success metrics have always been ... we have increased, we’ve served more people, more pounds of food, it’s just more, more, more,” McLimans said. “So actually our metric for success is not how many people are coming, but how many people are not coming.

“Food banks and food pantries have become very good at managing the problem instead of solving the problem. This proposes to actually solve the problem, not just manage the problem.”

To that end, The River’s looking for service organizations to partner with them onsite, rather than their current practice of referring clients out to providers around the community.

“We learned that we cannot end hunger simply by giving out more food,” McLimans said. “You have to take a holistic approach.”

This is McLimans' specialty. He’s been working in hunger relief for 12 years at Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin and Loaves & Fishes Community Services in Illinois, with experience moving organizations “from being serve-only, to having a serve-and-solve capacity,” he said.

“The River is in the right position, at the right time and stage of development ... So instead of just doing that, ‘Here is your food,’ or ‘Here is your clothing, God bless you, go on your way.’ We want to say, ‘Why are you coming here?’ Really to understand what their other needs are.”

Those are the kinds of programs The River is looking to establish, McLimans said. At The River, a new building would include classroom space for financial literacy, ESL or nutrition classes, and partners could help visitors find housing and search or train for employment. The organization serves five community meals a week (about 800 plates), meaning the kitchen could be transformed to teach individuals certifiable skills, McLimans said.

A new facility would ideally be about 25,000 to 30,000 square feet. A building committee is currently weighing whether it would be best to build or lease a building, and McLimans has what he termed an “ambitious” goal of new facilities by 2020, which would require a capital or comprehensive campaign.

Upcoming Events:

Presidents Meeting in Chicago – Saturday, Oct 6th 9 am -1 pm. Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Glenview, IL. Any officer/board member of Philoptochos is encouraged to go. If you are interested, please contact Patti – 608-219-1659.

Philoptochos Meeting: Sunday, October 21st. After the Liturgy. All are welcome! Please come and see what we are all about!

Grace Episcopal Meal: Tuesday, Oct 30th

Other Activities:

Church Cleaning – Jenny G, Nancy B and Georgiana are the new cleaning crew for our church. They come every Wednesday to clean the church. If this is something you would like to help with, please contact Jenny at jennylg@charter.net.

Thank you.

GRACE EPISCOPAL HOMELESS SHELTER

David Giffey, barnowl1941@gmail.com

Tuesday, October 30, is again our turn to volunteer at the homeless shelter run by Porchlight Inc. at Grace Episcopal Church. If you are willing to help prepare the hot meal beginning late in the afternoon at church, please contact Ilektra Kolokouri. If you will help serve the meal beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Grace Episcopal, please let me know.

FORSYTE ENDOWMENT

Bruce Hansen, bruce.e.hansen2@gmail.com

The Endowment account was \$102,875 as of Sept 10. We are in the process of making the next \$100,000 investment, to bring the balance to \$202,875 . Our plan is to deposit a total of \$500,000 over the next two years.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

Thank you to everyone for bearing with us as we adjust to our new Sunday School schedule.

If you're not aware, Sunday School now begins after Holy Communion. Families are encouraged to attend church together. After Holy Communion, those children attending Sunday School will go with their teachers for about 30 to 45 minutes of classroom instruction.

What should be happening after church is over is a very a pre-coffee hour where folks can go downstairs and have some light refreshments. Once Sunday School lets out, coffee hour will open for everyone. About 10 to 15 minutes into the full coffee hour, Greek School students will go to their classes.

We ask that as you come downstairs, please be mindful of the classrooms. The walls/doors are not sound proof and the noise and commotion are very distracting!

We are still in need of registration forms for some of our students. Please be sure to fill out a quick form and give it to your child's teacher so we can get a better idea of how many students are attending Sunday School. Due to past complaints, the form has been extremely shortened for your convenience. There should be plenty of forms floating around or you can email agocssdirector@gmail.com with the name and grade of each student who plans on attending (or confirm that we have received your registration). The Registration forms are necessary so that teachers can adequately prepare for the number of students that would be attending each class.

Thank you again for your understanding and cooperation as we transition into a new routine for the Sunday School.

SACRAMENTS DURING September 2018

Weddings: 2 Chrismations: 0 Baptisms: 3 Funerals: 0

Weddings: 2

Bennet Wolfe and Wendy Kiesow were married on Saturday, September 15, 2018. Bennet and Wendy's sponsor is Kerri Wolfe.

Baptisms: 3

Gabriella Blanca Cintron was baptized on Saturday, September 1, 2018. Gabriella's sponsors are Laura Ciobanu and Andrei Bastovoi.

Leo Maximovich Slesarev was baptized on Saturday, September 8, 2018. Leo's sponsors are Yulia Slesareva and Dmitri Rybkin.

Christos Aggelos Yturriaga was baptized on Saturday, September 29, 2018. Christos sponsors are Joe and Jane Schirmer.

GREEK SCHOOL

Ilektra Kolokouri, 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 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. 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.

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

Peli Galiti, pgaliti@yahoo.gr

No classes will be held in October.

CHURCH WEBSITE

Lainey Skoumbouris, laney0220@yahoo.com

The church website is set-up for private login to access the monthly newsletters and are meant for Church members only, not the public. Church members can read the newsletter on the website, but you must create an account before you can view it. Log onto the website and click on "Newsletter" on the side-bar <http://www.agocwi.org/registration-required/>, or "login" on the main menu <http://www.agocwi.org/login/>; it will direct you to sign up. If you need help, have questions or something isn't working in the registration contact me.

REMINDER

We are now cleaning the Church in-house with a small but dedicated crew of parishioners that come every week. They are not a substitute for each of us doing our part to keep the Church clean.

Please help us:

- If you are on coffee hour—please take out the trash and wipe down each table.
- We have a new recycling center!
- We have placed trash cans in the grand foyer—please use them on the way out of the building. We have had to pick up trash from our floors upstairs.
- If you use the last paper towel—please replace it. Yes, same goes for toilet paper.
- If your child plays with toys on the stage, please make sure they are stored in the cabinets before you leave.

A little extra effort from each of us goes a long way! Thank you!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 30 2nd Sunday of Luke Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	1	2 Baptism in Church 2:00pm	3 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	4	5	6 St. Thomas <i>Russian Orthodox</i> <i>Divine Liturgy</i> 9:00 am Philoptochos Presidents Meeting Glenview, IL
7 3rd Sunday of Luke Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Greek School Resumes	8	9 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm	10 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	11	12 Spanakopita (Spinach Pie) Preparation 12:30 pm	13 Spanakopita (Spinach Pie) Making 9:00 am
14 Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	15	16	17 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	18	19	20 <i>Russian Orthodox</i> <i>Divine Liturgy</i> 9:00 am Baptism in Church 2:00pm
21 6th Sunday of Luke / Holy Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Philoptochos Meeting	22	23 St. Iakovos (James) the Apostle	24 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	25	26 St. Demetrios the Myrrbearer Divine Liturgy 9:00 am Spanakopita (Spinach Pie) Preparation 12-noon	27 <i>Russian Orthodox</i> <i>Divine Liturgy</i> 9:00 am Spanakopita (Spinach Pie) Assembly 9:00 am
28 7th Sunday of Luke / Holy Protection of the Theotokos OXI Day Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	29	30 5 th Tuesday Grace Episcopal Meal Homeless Shelter	31 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	November 1	November 2	November 3 <i>Russian Orthodox</i> <i>Divine Liturgy</i> 9:00 am

September - December 2018 Liturgies and Services

October 7

3rd 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 3): Nadya H,
Athena D, Valerie M

October 14

Sunday of Luke 7th 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 4): Nancy B,
Jane S, Beth F, Susan J

October 21

6th 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 5): Kristi P, Lisa B, Ilektra K

October 26

St. Demetrios the Myrrhbearer

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Epistle: 2 Timothy 2:1-10
Gospel: John 15:17-27; 16:1-2

Prosforo: Jenny G

October 28

7th Sunday of Luke / Holy Protection of the Theotokos / OXI Day

Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: Galatians: 6:11-18
Gospel: Luke 8:41-56

Prosforo: Cathy G

Coffee Hour: (Group 6): Maria M,
Nia C, Denise S

November 4

5th Sunday of Luke

Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10
Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Prosforo: Tom C

Coffee Hour: (Group 7): Georgia M,
Georgiana W, Lena G

November 8

Synaxis of the Holy Archangels / Archangels Michael and Gabriel

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Epistle: Hebrews 2:2-10
Gospel: Luke 10:16-21

Prosforo: Tom C

November 11

8th Sunday of Luke / Veterans Day

Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15
Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Prosforo: Georgia M

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

November 18

9th Sunday of Luke

Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-7
Gospel: Luke 12:16-21

Prosforo: Anna F

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

November 21

The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Epistle: Hebrews 9:1-7
Gospel: Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

Prosforo: Anna F

November 25

13th Sunday of Luke

Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5
Gospel: Luke 18:18-27

Prosforo: Elene P

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

November 30

St. Andrew the First Called Apostle

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Epistle: 1st Corinthians 4:9-16
Gospel: John 1:35-52

Prosforo: Elene P

December 2

14th Sunday of Luke

Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: Ephesians 2:10-17
Gospel: Luke 18:35-43

Prosforo: Korinna H

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

December 6

St. Nicholas the Wonderworker

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Epistle: Hebrews 13:17-21
Gospel: Luke 6:17-23

Prosforo: Korinna H

December 9

10th Sunday of Luke

****St. Nicholas Dinner****

Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: Galatians 4:22-27
Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Prosforo: Kathy F

Coffee Hour: St. Nicholas Dinner -
Special Group – General Assembly