

November 2017 Newsletter

NOTICE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

November 5, 2017
Following Church Services

AGENDA:

Approval of prior General Assembly Minutes
2017 Budget Update
VOTE to accept 2018 budget
Introduction of Ministry leaders
Update on Forsyte Endowment
Nominations for Parish Council
Formation of Election Committee
Formation of Audit Committee
Parish Council Nominations



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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, Treasurer
Members: Petros Anagnostopoulos, Christy Chappell Belkin, Conn Choles, Nico Fatsis, Dori Hosek, Georgia Marsh,
Mike Smith, and Scott Storck Alternates: John Soloninka and Nick Topitzes.



Admittedly I've been spending more time on www.goarch.org since I retired. Maybe I'm looking for direction, maybe inspiration, and maybe I just have more time on my hands. For whatever reason, what I'm reading has been challenging me.

You all know me fairly well—and know I can be a bit, um, let's say...outspoken. I have strong opinions. And, I respect the strong opinions of others. I appreciate and respect passion. Whether I agree with what you are passionate about or not—it makes me smile to see the energy of a person with a mission who is not afraid to speak (there are a lot of passionate people on the Parish Council—join us anytime to see).

So, as I clicked through the pages of our Diocese website, I came across Reflections from Fr. Andrew Demotses. In this reflection, he was talking about Bending the Rules (<https://www.goarch.org/-/bending-the-rul-1>). Please take a moment to read it online and see if you can guess what part of it challenged me. He laments a 'double standard,' the ease with which sometimes we find it impossible to bend rules and other time where we bend them so much they become abolished. We've seen that creeping into our lives for many years. Rules come and go, become obsolete and out of touch, politically incorrect...many reasons.

But it made me frown a bit when Fr. Demotses writes, *"In the scientific laboratory we understand that we cannot bend the rule. Water is always composed of two parts hydrogen and one part oxygen. The slightest deviation is impossible. Nor can the rule be bent in music as well. The conductor of a great symphony cannot allow each player even so much as a half note of difference from the written note, lest he invite chaos and disharmony."*

Well, I'm a retired scientist. I certainly developed and followed many protocols (rules) in my studies and clinical programs. It was important we monitored fidelity of our protocols. But, we learned even more when we deviated from them and tried something new. Just imagine if a musician never deviated from a note. I don't think she would invite chaos as much as create a new symphony. Would we have been happy to not have any new music after Beethoven? A half note here...a whole note there...a fifth later on...in my mind that sounds beautiful. Sure there are times where rules must be followed (certainly when playing a symphony in front of an audience). But, for society and our Church to survive, we must seek out those times where the rules no longer apply and hold us back.

Interested? Please consider running for the Parish Council. We talk, we strategize, we review, we innovate, we argue, but we always leave as family. We can use your help.

As always—my phone is on and my internet is working! georgiana.wilton@gmail.com/608-843-4702.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Patti Cameron, President pcameron@tds.net or pcameron10@gmail.com

We are in the midst of Baklava Plus – our main fundraiser for the year. We have already had had our keftethes workday and one of our Spanakopita assembly days. Still to come is another Spanakopita assembly day, Tiropites packaging, Baklava baking, Boxing and Set-up, and finally our Baklava Plus sale on Saturday morning, Nov 18th.

Baklava Plus Bake Sale & Kafeneion - Saturday, Nov 18th, 9-12
Chairs, Maria Heide 608-772-5545 & Lena G 608-556-8186

Below are the workdays left for Baklava Plus. Please try to make one or more of these days if you can!

Saturday, October 28 9 AM – Keftethes Making, Baking and Packaging
Saturday, November 4th 9 am - Spanakopita Assembly #2 Sue Soloninka, chair
Thursday November 16th 9 am Baklava assembly & baking, Elene Patenaude & Patti Cameron, chairs
Friday, November 17th 10 am Boxing and Bake Sale Set up
Saturday, November 18th 8 am Baklava Plus Bake Sale & Kafeneion

Tiropitakia – We will be packaging them after the Liturgy on a Sunday in November.

Other ethnic items Needed! Please let chairs, Maria or Lena know of any additional items you plan to bake for the bake sale and the kafeneion.

****We are in need of substitute hostesses for coffee hour. If you would like to be a substitute hostess, please contact Patti at 608-219-1659.

***We are looking for someone to be in charge of the Philanthropy Basket, which we hold once a month in the narthex at the end of the Liturgy. Please contact Raina H 608-206-0400 if you are able to chair this activity.

Upcoming Activities:

Tuesday, Oct 31st : Grace Episcopal Cooking for homeless, Ilektra K, chair
Saturday, Nov 4th – Metropolis President's Meeting – St George GOC, Chicago
Saturday, Nov 11th – AHEPA Dinner Dance
Saturday, Nov 18th Baklava Plus Bake Sale 9-12 noon
Sunday, December 10 – Philoptochos Meeting after the Liturgy

Outreach Committee

Emerson School Volunteer Opportunities

For more information on supporting Emerson School check this link: [Emerson Volunteer Opportunities](#).

River Food Pantry

Scare Up Funds for The River

Madison Magnet and Rotary After Hours have partnered up to host a Trick or TrEAT Halloween Bash at The River! Join us for a spooky night of food, beer and live music by [Hue](#)- a super fun cover band. Costumes are encouraged.

RSVP and share with friends on our [Facebook Event Page](#). Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. All proceeds go directly to The River Food Pantry.

Gift of Gobble

Visit www.riverfoodpantry.org and donate \$30 for every turkey and Thanksgiving fixings you would like to see given to a family in our community. Please specify "[Turkey](#)" in the comment box when you make the donation. You can also mail in your donation and write "[Turkey](#)" on the memo line of you check.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

Greetings from the Sunday School. Students can join Sunday School at any time. Parents/Guardians need to

fill out a registration form. Your teacher should have a quick form in their classroom for you to fill out. Reminder that there will be no class on November 26th.

The Sunday School is still looking for a volunteer(s) to direct the Christmas pageant this year. The pageant is slated for December 16th. If we do not get a volunteer, there will be no pageant. If you are interested, please see Jenny Josheff. We do have sample plays you can use – don't think you're starting from scratch, but time is running out. See Jenny for more details.

Sunday School is still looking for a director. Please contact Jenny Josheff or Fr. Michael if you are interested.

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

Peli Galiti, pgaliti@yahoo.gr

The first spiritual meetings of this season will start on Thursday, November 16.

FORSYTE ENDOWMENT

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

The Parish Council has set up an Investment Committee (Bruce Hansen, Petros Anagnostopoulos, Nick Topitzes, Bill Margetis) to make recommendations for the investment of the Forsyte Endowment. It will have its first meeting Sunday Oct 29 after service. Parishioners are welcome to join any meetings, or to communicate their wishes or concerns to the Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Honor Our 90 Year Olds

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church has been blessed with at least eight parishioners 90 years of age or older. These members have enriched and helped sustain our church for many years.

At our December 3rd St. Nicholas dinner, the parish board would like to honor our 90+ elders in appreciation for their service, support, and commitment.

Our honorees are Ted Cappas, George Choles, Sam Fatsis, Andreas Kazamias, Mary Margetis, Mary Scocos and Gus Pappas. Please join us on Sunday, December 3rd to celebrate them.

Church website

The church website is now 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 have to create an account before you can view it. Log onto the website and click on "Newsletter" on the sidebar <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 laney0220@yahoo.com.

[Lainey Skoumbouris](#)

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 OCTOBER 2017

Weddings: **1**

Chrismations: **0**

Baptisms: **1**

Funerals: **1**

Weddings:

James Papadopoulos and Margaret Schirmer were married on Saturday, October 14, 2017. Their koumbaro is Dimitrios Papadopoulos.

Baptisms:

Audrey Renee Gosheff was baptized on Sunday, October 1, 2017. Her godparent is Damian Gosheff.

Funerals:

Nataliya O. Flannery, age 39, passed away on October 18, 2017 and her funeral took place on October 21, 2017

SAVE THE DATE!!



AHEPA DINNER DANCE

Saturday, November 11th, 2017
Radisson Hotel, 517 Grand Canyon Drive
Madison

See Ted Cappas to reserve your ticket now!

**A FORMAL INVITATION WILL BE MAILED
IN OCTOBER**



November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 29 7th Sunday of Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	October 30	October 31 5 th Tuesday Homeless Shelter	1 Cosmas and Damianos Choir Practice 7:00 pm	2	3	4 <i>Russian Orthodox Divine Liturgy - 9:00 am</i> Spanakopita (Spinach Pie) Assembly #2 9:00 am
5 5th Sunday of Luke Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am General Assembly Meeting	6	7	8 Synaxis of the Archangels Divine Liturgy 9:00 am Choir Practice 7:00 pm	9 St. Nektarios the Wonderworker The Typikon: An Appreciation of Our Liturgical Tradition 7:00 pm	10	11 Baptisms in Church today 1:00 pm & 3:00 pm AHEPA Dinner Dance
12 8th Sunday of Luke Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	13 St. John Chrysostom	14 Philip the Apostle	15 NATIVITY FAST BEGINS Choir Practice 7:00 pm	16 Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist Baklava Assembly & Baking 9:00 am Women's Spiritual Meeting 7:00 pm	17 Boxing and Bake Sale Set-Up 9:00 am	18 Baklava Plus Bake Sale & Kafeneion 8 am – 12 noon
19 9th Sunday of Luke Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	20	21 Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple Divine Liturgy 9:00 am	22	23 Thanksgiving Day	24	25 St. Catherine the Martyr
26 13th Sunday of Luke Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am <i>No Sunday School</i>	27	8	29 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	30 St. Andrew the First Called Apostle Divine Liturgy 9:00 am	December 1	December 2

November 2017 – January 2018 Liturgies and Services

November 5

5th Sunday of Luke

Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18
Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Prosforo: Cathy G

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

November 12

8th Sunday of Luke / Veterans Day

Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11
Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Prosforo: Tom C

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

November 19

9th Sunday of Luke

Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22
Gospel: Luke 12:16-21

Prosforo: Georgia M

Coffee Hour: (Group 4) Nancy B,
Jane S, Beth F, Susan J

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: Georgia M

November 26

13th Sunday of Luke

Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-7
Gospel: Luke 18:18-27

November 26, con't.

Prosforo: Anna F

Coffee Hour: (Group 5) Kristi P, Lisa B,
Demetra S

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: ?

December 3

14th Sunday of Luke

Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-19
Gospel: Luke 18:35-43

Prosforo: Elene P

Coffee Hour: St. Nicholas Day Dinner

December 6

St. Nicholas the Wonderworker

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

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

Prosforo: Elene P

December 10

10th Sunday of Luke

Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17
Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Prosforo: Korinna H

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

December 17

11th Sunday of Luke

Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11
Gospel: Luke 14:16-24

Prosforo: Kathy F

Coffee Hour: (Group 7) Georgia M,
Livia K, Ghada S, Sarah S

December 24

Sunday before the Nativity

Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

December 24, con't.

Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10, 32-40
Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25

Prosforo: Nia C

Coffee Hour: Christmas Eve

December 24

Eve of the Nativity

Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the
Great - 5:00 pm

Epistle: Hebrews 1:1-12
Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

Prosforo: Nia C

December 25

Feast of the Holy Nativity

Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: Galatians 4:4-7
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Prosforo: Nia C

December 31

Sunday after the Nativity

Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:5-8
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Prosforo: Jane S

Coffee Hour: New Years

December 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Great Vespers of the Feast of St. Basil
- 5:00 pm

January 1

Feast of St. Basil the Great

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Epistle: Colossians 2:8-12
Gospel: Luke 2:20-21, 40-52

Prosforo: OPEN

January 6

Theophany

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am
*Followed immediately by The Great
Blessing of the Waters*

Epistle: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7
Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Prosforo: OPEN