

**CALLING ALL GREEK FEST PHOTOGRAPHS!!**

We're expanding our Greek Fest social media advertising campaign. But—we need your help!

If you are able to share any photos taken at Greek Fest of you or your family AND are comfortable allowing us to use those photos for Facebook and a PowerPoint presentation on the 'big screen' at Church during Greek Fest...then please send them our way!!

Pictures from ANY year of Greek Fest are welcome!

Please send them to Carol Griskavich at  
[cgrisk@gmail.com](mailto:cgrisk@gmail.com)



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**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](mailto: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

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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, and Mike Smith, Nick Topitzes. **Alternate:** Carol Griskavich.



Aaaahhhh....school's out (Sunday School and Greek School at least), Pentecost has passed, and graduations will be completed in the next week or so...so it may be *tempting* to think about summer as “down time.” But we're hoping you don't think of it that way. Because we have a lot of work to accomplish in the next few months.

What's on our agenda...

**GREEK FEST:** July 28-29. This is our one major fundraiser—funds we raise to balance our budget. But more than that, it is our way to share our rich cultures with the greater Madison community. Sure, we work hard, but we also take time to dance, eat, drink, and connect with family and friends.

Our online sign-up system should be up and running next week—and I'll be around to help you choose the shift(s) you want to work.

I'll also be posting a sign-up sheet to help us defray costs. If you can't work Greek Fest this year, please consider sponsoring our paid help. One 4-hour shift costs us \$64. Last year we had to buy over 200 hours of paid help.

And if only that were all we were doing...

**CLERGY-LAITY 2018:** This year our national Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress will be held July 1-5 in Boston. Fr. Michael, Patti Cameron and I will be attending. As we all know, our Archdiocese has been the center of attention for many reasons. I'm viewing this Congress as a rebuilding effort...rebuilding trust, communication, and hopefully finances. I hope to have positive news to report in July.

**CHURCH ENHANCEMENTS:** We have several committees led by parish council and Philoptochos members that will be working to complete the inside of our Church home. We'll be decorating upstairs, adding a resource center, creating a Heritage Room and continuing work on the kitchen. Please pay attention to emails asking for help. Please commit to getting involved. There is plenty of work to go around.

I look forward to a productive summer!

## **PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS**

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Patti Cameron, President [pcameron@tds.net](mailto:pcameron@tds.net) 608-219-1659

### **National Obligations:**

July 1-5: Clergy/Laity/Philoptochos Conference in Boston, MA. Patti Cameron will be going as a Philoptochos delegate and will be accompanied by Georgiana Wilton and Fr. Michael—representing our Church.

### **Local Activities:**

President's Meeting: May 19th: Lena G and Patti C attended the President's meeting at St. Iakovos Center. There was a special presentation on *Human Trafficking* by 2 representatives of our Metropolis who attended a National Forum of Orthodox Hierarchs in Buenos Aires, Argentina. This an issue that we will be called to address in our Philoptochos chapters in the coming years.

River Food Pantry Meal: Thank you to Barbara K, Elene D, Georgiana W, Kathie F, Jenny G, Barb V, Nia C and Nancy & Vasil Briamis for helping with the meal we prepared and served on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Grace Episcopal Meal: Thank you to Nancy & David G, Ilektra, Lena, Nancy B, Mike Smith, Scott Spevacek who cooked, transported and served on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>: Spring Social at Elene Patenaude's - All women of the church are invited. Please RSVP to Elene 608-347-2209 (cell) or Sue Soloninka 608-831-2868 (home)

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

Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>: Next Philoptochos Meeting at the home of Anne Strieter.

### **Other Activities:**

July 28 & 29<sup>th</sup>: Greek Fest Bake Sale – Maria Heide, chair.

Please consider baking items for the Greek Fest Bake Sale. We welcome not only Greek and Eastern/Middle Eastern delicacies but American as well! Come to our Spring Social on June 7<sup>th</sup> to learn more or contact Maria Heide at: [maria.heide@wisc.edu](mailto:maria.heide@wisc.edu) or 608-772-5545.

Salvation Army Womens' Shelter tour: Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup> Time to be announced.

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

At our May meeting, we voted to make a change in the yearly coffee hour schedule. The regular coffee hour schedule will end on June 10<sup>th</sup> and not begin again until the Sunday after Labor Day, Sept 9<sup>th</sup>. During the Summer Coffee hours – 9 of them not including the Sunday of Greek Fest – from June 24<sup>th</sup> – September 2<sup>nd</sup>, there will be a sign up to bring *cookies only*. This is a paired down coffee hour compared to the rest of the year. There will be a Summer Coffee Hour sign-up sheet at the June 7<sup>th</sup> Social at Elene's.

I hope to see many of you at the Spring Social at Elene Patenaude's on Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>! If not, safe travels wherever you may wander, and I look forward to seeing you at Greek Fest!

## **Committee Reports**

### **River Food Pantry**

Nancy Briamis, Chair

The River 2017 Community Impact: In 2017 The River Food Pantry served 33,323 meals with 3.4 million pounds of food distributed to the north side of Madison and 65,946 lunches distributed to children on non-school days. Volunteers dedicated over 45,000 hours of service to keep the pantry open and running. Ninety-six cents of every dollar goes into programs and services with 55% of contributions coming from individuals.

### **Grace Episcopal Homeless Shelter News**

David Giffey, [barnowl1941@gmail.com](mailto:barnowl1941@gmail.com)

Volunteers from our church community cooked a hot meal and served 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.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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Jenny Josheff, Director, [agocssdirector@gmail.com](mailto:agocssdirector@gmail.com), Fr. Michael, Spiritual Advisor, [frmichael@agocwi.org](mailto:frmichael@agocwi.org)

The Sunday School teachers and directors would like to express our gratitude for yet another wonderful year. Thank you to the kids for coming week after week and trying their best and to their parents for helping to reinforce lessons.

Chris and I would also like to express our thanks to our wonderful teachers. Week after week, these sweet people give up their time and energy to plan lessons and teach the children of our parish. Sunday School cannot happen without teachers. As a way of saying thank you, the Sunday School program is donating \$300 to the church icon fund in the names our teachers. Thank you to Maria Heidi, Athena Daniolos, Nikki Storck, and Korinna Hansen.

We are looking for teachers for the fall. If you are interested in teaching Sunday School, or being the Sunday School director, please contact Jenny Josheff.

Happy Summer Everyone!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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### **Aris Awes' Graduation Party!!**

You're invited to a graduation party for Aris Awes on Sunday, June 10th from 1:00 to 4:00 at the Parthenon Rooftop, 316 State Street in Madison.

### **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 MAY 2018**

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**\*\* *Please note:*** A comprehensive listing of all sacraments that took place during May 2018 and that will yet take place in June 2018 will be listed in the July 2018 Newsletter. + Fr. Michael

# June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 27 <b>Pentecost / Trinity Sunday</b> Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am <i>Kneeling Service to Follow</i>	May 28	May 29  Cook & Serve for Grace Episcopal Homeless Shelter	May 30	May 31	1	2
3 <b>SUMMER SUNDAY HOURS BEGIN!</b>  <b>Feast of All Saints</b> Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am	4	5	6	7  Philoptochos Spring Social 6:00 – 8:30 pm @ Elene Patenaude's	8	9
10 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Matthew</b> Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am	11	12	13	14	15	16  <i>Russian Orthodox Divine Liturgy 9:00 am</i>
17 <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Matthew</b>  <b>Father's Day</b> Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am	18	19  Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm	20	21	22	23
24 <b>Nativity of St. John the Baptist</b> Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am	25	26	27	28 <i>Fr. Michael Away at National Clergy-Laity thru 6/5/18</i> →→→→	29 <b>Holy Apostles Peter and Paul</b>	30 <b>Synaxis of the Holy Apostles</b> <i>Russian Orthodox Divine Liturgy 9:00 am</i>

# June - September 2018 Liturgies and Services

## 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

## 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:** Previously Signed-Up

## 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:** Previously Signed-Up

## 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:** Previously Signed-Up

## July 8

**6th Sunday of Matthew**

Orthros 8:30 am  
Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

## July 8, con't.

**Epistle:** Romans 12:6-14  
**Gospel:** Matthew 9:1-8

**Prosforo:** Katherine F

**Coffee Hour:** Previously Signed-Up

## 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:** Nia C

**Coffee Hour:** Previously Signed-Up

## July 22

**8th Sunday of Matthew**

Orthros 8:30 am  
Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 1:10-17  
**Gospel:** Matthew 14:14-22

**Prosforo:** Jane S

**Coffee Hour:** Previously Signed-Up

## July 29

**9th Sunday of Matthew**

**GREEKFEST**

Orthros 8:30 am  
Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 3:9-17  
**Gospel:** Matthew 14:22-34

**Prosforo:** Ilektra A

**Coffee Hour:** GREEKFEST PLUS

## August 1

**Dormition Fast Begins**

Small Paraklesis 6:00 pm

## August 5

**10th 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

## August 6, con't.

**Prosforo:** Jenny G

## August 7

Small Paraklesis 6:00 pm

## August 9

Small Paraklesis 6:00 pm

## August 12

**11th 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

**12th Sunday of Matthew**

Orthros 8:30 am  
Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
**Gospel:** Matthew 19:16-26

**Prosforo:** Tom C

**Coffee Hour:** Previously Signed-Up

## August 26

**13th 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

**14th Sunday of Matthew**

Orthros 8:30 am  
Divine Liturgy 9:30 am



# GREEK FEST *Plus*

2018

SATURDAY, JULY 28 — 12 NOON - 8 PM  
SUNDAY, JULY 29 — 11:00 AM - 6 PM

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