

**ECCLESIASTICAL NEW YEAR LUNCH AND
GENERAL ASSMEBLY
SEPTEMBER 9TH 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-Laitly Congress in Boston this summer, the Archbishop made it *absolutely clear* to all that children should be in Church during services. Sunday School teachers and advisors are crafting a new format to encourage Church attendance and Sunday School. At this luncheon Fr. Michael and others 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.

While this is technically a General Assembly, there will be only one item for vote: approval for the purchase and installation of three new air conditioners.

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

**September 2018
Newsletter**



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Sunday, September 9th ~~~~~ During Church luncheon

AGENDA

- VOTE: Approval for new air conditioners
 - Brief GreekFest^{PLUS} Update
- Sunday School Changes and Opportunities

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.



HAPPY ECCLESIASTICAL NEW YEAR!!

Let us commend ourselves and one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

*Fr. Theodore Dorrence from St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church wrote a wonderful piece on this quote—and its meaning as we prepare for the Ecclesiastical New Year. I encourage you to read it: <http://stjohngoc.org/ecclesiastical-new-year/>
What do these words mean to you?*

As we prepare for the Ecclesiastical New Year we will be modifying our youth offerings to allow for and encourage participation in the Church service. Our General Assembly and luncheon on September 9th will explain more and serve to continue our planning—so please be thinking of ways we can honor our children and make our new format as meaningful as possible.

And, as we head into fall—the Parish Council has a long list of activities we are working on to keep our Church running smoothly. On the docket for September...

- Working to replace an aging furnace that serves the Sunday School
- Inspecting and filing our required water management plan update with the city
- Completing final soil/vapor testing to FINALLY have our property ‘cleared’ of any contamination
- Surveying our back parking lot as a first step to fix the weak and crumbling retaining wall and replace the fence that is now falling into the neighbor’s yard
- Finalizing our decorating plan for the exo-narthex and grand foyer
- Increasing security to our property
- And this is only the beginning

In the coming months we’ll again be asking for nominations to our Parish Council. I encourage you to join the fun and help us continue moving this community forward.

THANK YOU!

Georgiana
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PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

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

National Obligations:

- Hellenic College/Holy Cross Scholarship Fund (Exaltation of the Holy Cross) – Provides tuition scholarships to worthy students.
- Retired Clergy & Widowed Presbyteres Benevolent Fund (RCA)

Local Activities:

The Greekfest Bake Sale was again another huge success with the bakery running out of everything on Sunday except a few pieces of Baklava!. Thank you Maria & Athena.

Greekfest Dance Refreshers took place on 4 Monday evenings in July. We had over 12 people participating but are still looking for the younger generation to come and join in or take over. Gigi Marsh & Patti Cameron would like to pass this on to the next generation. If you are interested, please let one of us know.

Emerson School Supply Drive – We collected \$480 from the tray that was passed on Sunday, Aug 12th. Nancy B did the shopping and the supplies will be delivered to the school on Aug 27th. Thank you for your generosity!

Grace Episcopal Meal on Tuesday, July 31st – A supper of Greek Chicken, rice and green beans was prepared for 90 men who are experiencing homelessness with breakfast and a sack lunch provided to them on the following day.

Assumption Vespers & Reception: Thank you to Betty L, Maria H and Kathie F for hosting the Assumption Vespers Reception on Aug 14th.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, September 6th 6:30 pm - Philoptochos Meeting at the home of Sue Soloninka. Patti Cameron, co-hostess.

Other Activities:

Kitchen/Coffee supplies Organizers: If anyone is interested in helping organize the kitchen, please let me know. I will schedule a time in September on a Monday, Tuesday or Thursday morning.

Thank you.

GRACE EPISCOPAL HOMELESS SHELTER

David Giffey, barnowl1941@gmail.com

On Tuesday July 31, as we were recovering from Greek Fest, it was again the time for volunteers from Assumption to provide a meal, other food and kitchen supplies, and a crew of servers for homeless men at the shelter at Grace Episcopal Church and operated by Porchlight Inc. We were

advised that day by Karla Thennes, executive director of Porchlight, "Numbers at the shelter have been unusually high all summer. We averaged 85 all last week and had 89 last night."

Faithful volunteers came through as usual. A kitchen crew led by Ilektra Kolokouri prepared a hot meal of Greek-style chicken, rice, and green beans, which was really enjoyed by the homeless men at the shelter. There was enough food so that seconds were served and much appreciated.

The meal was transported to the shelter by Mike and Nancy Smith. Serving the dinner were Scott Spevacek, Peter Cameron, Christ Schmidt. I also helped and had previously gone shopping for the usual supplies such as 10 loaves of bread, 10 gallons of milk, bags of apples, de-caf coffee, fruit juice, dish sponges, cheese, peanut butter, etc. We have provided these supplies upon the recommendation of shelter organizers since the mid-1980s when we first began working at the drop-in shelter. The Philoptochos Society at Assumption generously funds the extra food supplies whenever we work at the shelter. It usually amounts to about \$115.

The next and final time in 2018 it will be our turn at the shelter is October 30. That will be the fourth time this year that volunteers from Assumption have worked to fill the needs of homeless people in Madison. Our turn comes up every month that has a 5th Tuesday. If you are interested in helping on October 30, please let me or Ilektra know. There is always a spot for you in this worthy effort.

Many thanks.
David Giffey

FORSYTE ENDOWMENT

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

The first \$100,000 deposit was made in June, and the balance is currently \$102,223. We are planning to make the next \$100,000 deposit in mid-September, with the goal to build to \$500,000 by 2020

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

As many of you have heard, our Religious Education program will be changing with the start of the school year. Father Michael, Georgiana Wilton, prospective teachers, and current teachers have met and will continue to meet regarding those changes.

We invite everyone to join us for the beginning of the school year blessing on Sunday, September 9th. Following the liturgy, we will gather for lunch and present all changes. Sunday School classes will begin on Sunday, September 16th. Please see Father Michael, Georgiana Wilton, or Jenny Josheff if you have any questions.

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 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. 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.

RE M I N D E R

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 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.



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

SACRAMENTS DURING AUGUST 2018

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

Emilia Claire Cameron was baptized in the Orthodox Church on Sunday, August 12, 2018. Emilia's parents are John and Jordan Cameron. Emilia's sponsors are Mary Raina and Art Haralampopoulos.

September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Beginning of Ecclesiastical Year
2 14th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am	3 <i>Labor Day</i>	4	5 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	6 Philoptochos Meeting at the home of Sue Soloninka. 6:30 pm	7	8 Nativity of the Theotokos <i>Russian Orthodox Divine Liturgy 9:00 am</i>
9 Sunday Before the Holy Cross REGULAR HOURS Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Student -Teacher Blessing New Ecclesiastical Year Dinner General Assembly	10	11 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm	12 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	13	14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross Divine Liturgy 9:00 am	15
16 Sunday After the Holy Cross Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS	17	28	19 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	20	21	22 <i>Russian Orthodox Divine Liturgy 9:00 am</i>
23 1st Sunday of Luke Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 2nd Sunday of Luke Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am			Choir Practice 7:00 pm			

September - November 2018 Liturgies and Services

September 2

14th 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 9

REGULAR HOURS RESUME

**Sunday Before the Holy Cross /
Student and Teacher Blessing /
New Ecclesiastical Year Dinner /
General Assembly Meeting**

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

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20

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

Prosforo: Korrina H

Coffee Hour: (Group ?)

September 23

1st 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

2nd 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

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 ?)

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 ?)

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 ?)

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

Sunday, October 28, con't.

Epistle: Galatians: 6:11-18

Gospel: Luke 8:41-56

Prosforo: Cathy G

Coffee Hour: (Group ?)

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 ?)

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 ?)

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 ?)

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