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Please notify the Church Office if you are moving so that we may update our database.

Thank you!

Pastoral Home Visitation

If a loved one is in the hospital, a nursing home, house-bound for any reason, or in a hospice, please contact Fr. Gregory Trakas at the Church Office to arrange a visit.

Parish Priest

My Beloved, Christos Anesti!

“It is the Day of Resurrection! All Nations, let us be jubilant! For this Pascha is the Passover of the Lord Christ our God has passed us over from death to life and from earth to heaven.” (Resurrectional Ode 1)

I would like to sincerely thank our Parish Council, our Philoptochos ladies, our Youth Ministries, our children, our psalti, our choir, our volunteers and all of you who joined us in living the Passion, Death and Burial of our Lord, and celebrating His Holy Resurrection! All those who participated experienced an awesome journey filled with faith, joy, love and sadness. But the sadness was short-lived. After the Cross, came the Resurrection. Our God and Savior Jesus Christ defeated death by death, granting to all of us eternal life!

The promise of eternal life after our time in this world is the best news we have received ever since leaving the Garden of Eden. In Eden, Adam and Eve were guaranteed living forever with God. However, after departing from there, eternal death was their only prospect. Yet, our Creator did not wish for us to perish. So, He sent His only begotten Son to save us. Jesus Christ is our Savior, because with His Holy Resurrection He blew open the doors of Hades, He freed up all men from death and reopened Heaven’s Door to all of us. He restored our relationship with God the Father and thus granted us again eternal life.

Accepting Jesus as our Savior is an absolute must for our salvation, but it is not the only requirement as many of our Protestant brothers believe. Knowing and believing in Jesus is a good start, but following His commandments is also necessary. “My brothers and sisters are those who hear the word of God and keep it” (Luke 8:21) and “If you love me, obey my commandments” (John 14:15), says the Lord.

Easter is a time of renewal. Let us all then renew our faith and commitment in the Lord and His Holy Church. Let us make our own personal Passover from the ways of the world to the ways of the Lord. Finally, happy name-day to all baptized Jeremiah, Zoe, Constantine, Helen and Emmelia! Christ is Risen – Χριστός Ανέστη!

With Love in the Risen Christ, Your Parish Priest, Fr. Gregory

Parish News

Christ is Risen! The next parish council meeting will be on **Monday, May 20th at 7:00 PM.**

Our **ANNUAL SPRING DANCE** will be held on **Sunday, May 26th** at the **Puritan Backroom Function Center** from **6:00 PM to 11:30 PM.** Reserve your tickets by May 12th. Due to limited seating capacity, we cannot guarantee that additional tickets will be available at the door. We would like to invite everyone to join us for an evening filled with good food, fun, fellowship and lots of dancing! For more information, please contact Penny Papastathis at **603-512-0996**, or Martha Folopoulos at **603-540-0085** or our Church Office.

Finally, we are looking for **Stewardship Committee Volunteers** to help with a variety of tasks and help coordinate the Stewardship Program. Stewardship is the main source of income for our church and one of its most crucial ministries. We would love your insight, input and assistance.

New Horizons Soup Kitchen

Due to our Spring Dance on May 26th, our next New Horizons Soup Kitchen **Sunday, June 23rd from 4-6PM.** We are always looking for new volunteers to join our group. This is such a rewarding experience; please join us for less than two hours of fellowship with the Assumption Church volunteers. If you have questions, please call the Church Office.

Choir

Christ is Risen! We are looking for volunteers to join our talented choir. All ages are welcome! Do not be shy if you do not have experience. All that is required is your passion and love for Christ, His All-Holy Mother and His Church! The next choir rehearsal will be **Thursday, May 2nd, at 6:30 PM.**

Philoptochos News

Christos Anesti! Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who gave of their time, talent, and treasure to assist Philoptochos during Great Lent. This includes those who helped with the pot-luck dinners following the Presanctified Divine Liturgies, the Bake Sale, the flower arrangements and the decoration of the Sepulcher (Epitaphios) and dyeing red eggs. We also thank everyone who donated money to purchase the flowers.

On behalf of the Easter Bread Committee and the Philoptochos Board, we would like to thank everyone for participating in this fundraiser. It was again a tremendous success! A very special thank you to all the volunteers who spent many hours taking orders, dyeing eggs, baking breads, washing dishes and bagging orders.

Thank you also to all who participated in or donated items for the Bake Sale held on Saturday, April 20th.

Finally, couple housekeeping items: Please pay your 2019 dues if you haven't already done so.

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 15th, at 6:30 PM**. At that time, we will hold **Elections for the 2019-2021 Philoptochos Board**. All members are invited to attend this meeting and learn more about the mission and philanthropic work of the Philoptochos Society. We hope to see all of you there.

Lucie Skouteris, President

Youth Ministry News

Christ is Risen! We pray our Youth Ministry families had a joyful Easter and School Vacation Week! Thank you to all children, their families and our volunteers for helping in: folding palm crosses, baking Lazarakia, decorating the Epitaphios, coloring eggs, assisting in the Holy Altar, participating in services (Unnailing from the Cross, myrrh-bearers) and most of all for being here to celebrate with us!

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday, May 19th - Youth Ministry Coffee Hour Sunday & **GOYA Meeting**

Sunday, June 2nd - Graduation Sunday for our Sunday School Program. Our High School and College students will also be recognized.

Thursday, June 6th - 4:00-6:00 PM - Rehearsal for Greek School Graduation at the Assumption Church Hall

Sunday, June 9th - 1:00 PM - Greek School Graduation Ceremony at St. George's Community Center

Sunday, May 19th - Youth Coffee Hour Sunday The Assumption Youth Ministry families will be sponsoring the coffee hour. Families are welcomed to bring a favorite morning snack to share during coffee hour by dropping it off in the church kitchen after 9:30 AM Sunday morning. Thank you for your continued participation and support! The GOYANS are asked to please help clean up after the coffee hour.

Sunday, June 2nd - GRADUATION SUNDAY for all Sunday School Students, High School & College Graduates

Please join us on Sunday, June 2nd, for Graduation Sunday, when we will recognize and honor our Sunday School students along with our High School and College Graduates.

Sunday School students should go directly to the School Building at **10:15 AM** and will then proceed to church with the teachers for Holy Communion. They will receive their certificates in church immediately following the Divine Liturgy. High School & College Graduates are asked to attend church with their families on this day to receive a small token of congratulations. If the student is unable to attend, a family member is asked to accept the gift on their behalf. Please note **if your child is graduating** from High School or College, please call the Church Office at 603-623-2045 and **give your child's information by May 17th**.

Sacraments & Services

When planning a baptism or wedding, please check church availability **BEFORE** booking your reception hall. Thank you!

Wedding

May 18th - Michelle Eglody and George Georgopoulos

40-Day Blessing

March 31st - Giannis, son of Maria & Aristides Giannakopoulos

Baptisms

May 1st - Isabella, daughter of Fotini Palaska and Carl Williams
May 5th - Michael Angelo, son of Maria Kostakis and Leo Fitzgerald

Memorial Services

May 19th - James Tournidis - 1 year

Planning Memorials

When planning for a memorial, please contact the Church Office at 603-623-2045
There is a particular altar wine and incense we use. Please call for details!

PLANNED GIVING is a gesture that comes from the heart!

Leave a legacy! As you plan your financial future, please remember your parish. There are several types of planned donations to consider. Here are a few of them to consider. In all cases, please consult your financial advisor for more information.

Charitable Bequests: Once you secure the well-being of your family, you may choose to include in your will a significant donation to your church.

Gifts of Life Insurance: Using a life insurance policy makes it possible to make a major gift while protecting the inheritance of one's heir(s).

Gifts of Listed Securities: The gift of publicly listed securities, bonds, mutual fund units or other similar securities is one of the most fiscally advantageous ways to make a substantial donation to a charitable organization because the donor will avoid paying tax on capital gains. The gift of shares or other securities will give rise to a tax credit. It is more advantageous to transfer the securities directly rather than to donate the proceeds collected from selling the securities. This type of donation is advisable to those who wish to make a substantial donation without encroaching on their liquid assets, or to those who own shares or other securities which have significantly increased in value since their acquisition.

Charitable Annuities: A charitable gift annuity consists of a donation of money or other assets to a charitable organization in exchange for guaranteed earnings for life or for a determined period of time

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March Stewardship 2018

Michael Gregorious

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What is Christian Stewardship?

Christian Stewardship is:

- * learning how to be a responsible and concerned caretaker of Christ’s Church
- * learning how to enjoy Church life and be happy in Church work, for in Her dwells the fullness of the Spirit of God
- * our active commitment to use all our **time, talent and treasure** for the benefit of humankind in grateful acknowledgment of Christ’s redeeming love
- * caring for the needs of others
- * offering one’s self to God as He offered Himself to us
- * what a person does after saying “I believe...” as proof of that belief
- * devotion and service to God and His Church as persons, as families, as diocese & metropolis, as national Church and as Church universal.

As Christian Stewards we are called to give back to God from the “**first fruits**” of our labor.

We support our parish and its ministries in a deliberate way and not with only what is left over after everything else has been taken care of!

Donations in Memory of

Theodosia Liolios
Constantine Makris
Maria Saitas

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Thank you for your love to the House of the Lord and Panagia!

GREEKFEST 2019

CALLING ALL PARISHONERS!!!

Our 2019 GreekFest will be held on **Saturday August 24th** and **Sunday August 25th**.
Festival hours: **Saturday 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM / Sunday 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM**

Putting this event together is a massive undertaking requiring over 100 volunteers each hour the festival is open! This is our largest fundraiser of the year and we need your help! Many of you have worked for years to make this event a success. But, we need more help and new blood to renew our energies. **Please don't be shy!** We welcome your assistance, ideas and time.

The following are specific needs we have at the moment. Please call if you personally can do something or know a source for us to pursue. Right now we are in need of:

Donations of all kinds including: monetary, supplies, food, beverage supplies; your time and talents.

Donations of money and/or prizes for the Penny Sale Table.

Cooks to join the Philoptochos ladies on designated days prior to the Festival and prepare specific Greek food items.

Anything else you can think of.

Sounds like a lot of work ... and it certainly is, but the more help we have, the fewer hours each one of us needs to work! This is a great way to meet new people! It is a lot of fun and a very gratifying way to give back to the Church.

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO ARE ALREADY HARD AT WORK ON FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES!

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact our Church Office or Costa Georgopoulos at 603-623-2045.

If you like to participate, please fill out the following pledge form and return it to the Church Office.

PLEDGE FORM - GREEKFEST 2019

Booths:

- Kitchen
- Loukoumathes Booth
- Kids Crafts
- Kids Games
- Gyro Booth
- Food Line (servers)
- Pastry Booth
- Salad Station
- Penny Sale Table
- Bar
- Raffle Table
- Setting up tables-Friday afternoon 8/23
- Taking down tables-Sunday evening 8/25
- Tray pick-up
- Trash pick-up
- Any station

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Days I can help:

_____ Friday, August 23th

_____ Saturday, August 24th

_____ Sunday, August 25th

Hours:

From: _____ To: _____

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| One Silver Canister for Holy Communion: \$1,400 | Eight (8) Wooden Chairs for Holy Altar: \$800 each (est.) |
| For Panagia's Feast on August 15th , a BLUE Holy Table & Altar Covers Set: \$1,200 | Two (2) Holy Table & Altar Covers Sets (one white, & one green): \$1,200 each |
| One Wooden Closet for Altar Linen: \$1,800 (est.) | Twenty (20) Div. Liturgy Pew Books: \$400 |



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A business card format, about 2 ½" x 1 ½" will run for a period of 12 months for one set fee of **\$150.00 a year**. This will help us defray the ever-increasing costs of printing and mailing these bulletins to our homes and at the same time you will be advertising your business to our parishioners, and through word of mouth to their friends.



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