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Holy Apostles, June 30th
Αγίων Αποστόλων, 30 Ιουνίου

Reverend Father Gregory Trakas

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

Thank you!

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 for a few more days until Holy Ascension!

In our Orthodox Tradition, there are **four major fast periods** throughout the year: the **Nativity Fast** which begins on November 15th, **Great Lent** which begins on Clean Monday, the **Dormition Fast** which begins on August 1st, and the **Holy Apostles Fast** which begins on the Monday after All Saints Sunday (which this year is on June 24th), and ends on June 29th, the feast day of Saints Peter and Paul.

From all the fasts mentioned above, the Holy Apostles Fast is unique. Whereas the other three fasts last a specific number of days, the Holy Apostles Fast varies in length. In some years it can be as long as five weeks and in other years it may only be one or two days. It can even not occur at all! This is because this fast depends on the Sunday of All Saints. Now, the Sunday of All Saints is the first Sunday after Pentecost, which in itself is a movable feast (it is celebrated on a different Sunday every year). Another characteristic of the Holy Apostles Fast, which distinguishes it from the other three, is that this fast is **not as strict**. Fish, wine and oil can be consumed throughout the fast, except on Wednesdays and Fridays which are the only strict fast days. Because we are allowed to eat fish, this fast is also called **“white fast.”**

The origin of the Holy Apostles fast has both a Holy Tradition and a Holy Scripture basis. As the disciples were preparing to leave Jerusalem in order to spread Christ’s message, Holy Tradition tells us they were praying and fasting, asking for God’s help with their endeavor. But in Holy Scripture also, when the disciples were accused by the Pharisees that they were not fasting, the Lord replied on their behalf **“Can the attendants of the Bridegroom mourn while he is still with them? But when the Bridegroom will be taken away from them, then they will fast”** (Matthew 9:15). Also praying and fasting is mentioned before Barnabas and Saul left the Church of Antioch, following instructions from the Holy Spirit (Acts 13:3).

To understand the purpose of the Apostles Fast we should remember that both Saints Peter and Paul worked diligently to establish our Lord’s Church. The focus of the Book of Acts is on the ministry of these two saints who preached our Lord “crucified and resurrected,” putting their own lives in peril and finally paying the ultimate price for Christ - St. Paul by getting beheaded and St. Peter by getting crucified. Hence, the Orthodox Church has always acknowledged Saints Peter and Paul **as pillars of the Church, the first among the Apostles**, and especially Saint Paul, as a stellar example of what it means to be a missionary.

Therefore, during the Holy Apostles Fast we should honor and remember in prayer the missionaries of our Church - those who following the example of the Holy Apostles work night and day to establish Churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, under conditions that are often very difficult. As they may frequently have little food and plenty hardship, we should share in their toils from a distance by limiting the abundance of our table. This period of fasting also reminds us that we too have an obligation to be missionaries for Christ. Jesus may have empowered only the Holy Apostles when He said **“...go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...”** (Matthew 28:19), but He has asked all of us to be His witnesses when He said **“...Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven ...”** (Matthew 10:32).

During the Holy Apostles Fast we should remember that each of us can be a disciple for our Lord through our witness. As St. Peter says, **“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.”** (1 Peter 3:15). So, we should not only pray for our missionaries overseas, but we should also pray and beseech the Lord that we may also be alert and ready to share the joy of our faith with others. All around us are people who need Christ: our families, our friends, our neighbors, the people we work with. Through our witness, not only is our own faith strengthened, but also the salvation of others can be realized. It is our very witness that transforms us into Christ’s light into the world **“... so people may see our good works and glorify our Father in Heaven”** (Matthew 5:16).

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, June 10th at 7:00 PM.**

Metropolis Awards Dinner honoring Maria and Nickolaos Chronas will be **Sunday, June 9th, 5:00 PM** at **Lombardo's**, 6 Billings Str, Randolph MA 02368. **Advance tickets only** for \$75, at our Church Office.

The next **General Assembly meeting** will be **Sunday, June 23rd at 12:30 PM.**

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

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!

Philoptochos News

We had another successful year, thanks to the support of many who gave generously of their time and talents. Our sincere thanks to the people listed below who donated money for the flowers that adorned the church during Great Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Epitaphios and the entire church looked beautiful during this special time!

Sophia Annas	Xanthi Hatzibiros	Mr. & Mrs. Evangelos Pashos
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Paraskevi Grigorakakis	Mr. & Mrs. Athanasios Moutsoulis	Mr. & Mrs. John Xintaras

There will be no Philoptochos Board meetings during the summer, but we will need your help with the preparations for Greekfest. Cooking and baking dates will be announced soon.

Have a joyful and relaxing summer! Lucie Skouteris, President

Youth Ministry News



Once again, we were thrilled to see our children completing another successful year at both Sunday School and Greek School!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday, June 2nd - End of Year Presentation for our Sunday School Program. **Children should be dropped off by 10:15 AM at the school building to go directly to their Sunday School classes.** They will proceed to church with their teachers. Presentation of Certificates will be made in church immediately following the Divine Liturgy. A **Community Family Fun Day** will follow on our church grounds. Everyone is welcome. See enclosed flyer for details.

GREEK SCHOOL NEWS

Thursday, June 6th, 4:00-6:00 PM - Rehearsal for Greek School Graduation will be held **AT THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH HALL**. All Greek School students will participate in the rehearsal during that time. Refreshments and snacks will be provided in celebration of the end of the school year!

Sunday, June 9th - 12:30 PM - STUDENTS SHOULD BE DROPPED OFF **AT ST. GEORGE'S** UNDER THE ARCH AND SHOULD GO DIRECTLY UP THE STAIRS LOCATED ACROSS FROM THE COMMUNITY CENTER THAT CONNECT TO THE CHURCH. THEN PROCEED ACROSS THE BRIDGE WAY INTO THE UPSTAIRS CLASSROOM AREA. YOUNGER STUDENTS SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

All students are asked to wear their Sunday best.

1:00 PM - The Greek School Graduation program will begin in the **St. George Community Center**.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, June 2nd - GRADUATION SUNDAY for all Altar Boys. **Sunday School Students, High School & College Graduates** - Graduation Sunday for our Sunday School Program. Our High School and College students will also be recognized. Presentation will be made in church immediately following the Divine Liturgy.

Sunday School students should go directly to the School Building at **10:15 AM** then proceed to church with their 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.

Sunday, June 2nd - Community Family Fun Day - Immediately following the Divine Liturgy and our Graduate presentations. Everyone is welcome! (see enclosed flyer for more details).

Thursday, June 6th, 4:00-6:00 PM- Rehearsal for Greek School Graduation will be held AT THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH HALL (see Greek School News for details).

Sunday, June 9th - Greek School Graduation Ceremony at St. George's Community Center
12:30 PM - Students should be dropped off at St. George community center and proceed directly upstairs to the classroom area (see Greek School News for more details).

1:00 PM - Greek School Graduation program will begin at St. George's community center. Everyone is welcome!

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DAD June 16th - Father's Day - Happy Father's Day to all dads! **DAD** **#1**

GREEKFEST: Saturday, August 24th & Sunday, August 25th

A big "Thank You" to our Youth directors, teachers, and advisors and to all our volunteers who helped make this past year a tremendous success for our children! Our Youth Ministry events require a lot of planning and effort. We are grateful to all of you for a job well done!

However, more help is needed. We ask that anyone interested in joining our Youth Team, please contact Fr. Gregory, Stavroula Bakolas or a Youth Team member today. Be part of planting the seeds of the future of our Church and help it to grow!

Blessings to all our children and families! Have a safe and fun summer. We look forward to seeing you during Sunday Divine Liturgy throughout the summer months! PANAGIA BE WITH ALL OF YOU!

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

Abbey Piet, daughter of Stephanie & Mark Piet, graduating from Manchester Memorial High School, and attending nursing school at Manchester Community College in the fall.

COLLEGE AND POST-SECONDARY DEGREE GRADUATES

We congratulate our college graduates this year, and wish them continued success and a blessed future!

Konstantinos and Orianna Natsis, son and daughter of Ilias and Georgia Natsis. **Konstantinos** graduated Summa Cum Laude and number one in his program with a Masters of Accounting and Finance from Southern New Hampshire University and is currently working as an accountant. **Orianna** graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelors of Science degree in Human Development and Psychology. She will be pursuing a Master's degree in Psychology.

Elias Papakostas, son of Tim and Kathy Papakostas, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Villanova University with a degree in English with minors in Communications and Psychology. He will be continuing his education at Boston College in pursuit of a JD in Law.

Tim and Zoe Stamoulis, son and daughter of Chris & Connie Stamoulis. **Tim** earned his second Master's degree from Rivier University. **Zoe** earned her Master's degree in Education of Education Counseling degree from Rivier University.

Elizabeth Tsekrekas, daughter of Tony and Jeanne Tsekrekas graduated Magna Cum Laude from Alfred University with a degree in material science glass engineering. She is heading off to Clemson University to obtain her PhD in material science engineering

Congratulations! Panta Axioi!



**COME AND JOIN US
for a
COMMUNITY
FAMILY FUN DAY**

(Sponsored by the Parish Council, Philoptochos and Youth Ministries)

**Sunday, June 2nd
12:00pm**

**EVERYONE is invited to join together in celebrating
COMMUNITY SPIRIT & SUMMERTIME!**

We will gather in our church hall and on our church grounds immediately following our Graduate presentations. Please join us in honoring our Graduates during the presentations which will be held in church at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

**There will be Lots of Food, Fun and Fellowship...
plus indoor & outdoor activities for all ages!**



and more!

**Just bring your sneakers and a snack or dessert to share...
all the rest will be provided there!**

Hope you can make it...rain or shine ☀️

**THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL
END-OF-YEAR PROGRAM**

will be held on

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019

Students should be dropped off at our school building by 10:15am and proceed to their classes. They will proceed to church accordingly with their teachers. Presentations of Certificates will be made in church immediately following the Divine Liturgy. *A Community Family Fun Day for all will follow! See enclosed flyer for details.*

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**OUR HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATE  
and ALTAR BOY PRESENTATIONS**

will be made on

**SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019**

*Presentation will be made in church  
immediately following the Sunday School End-of-Year program.*

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**THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH
GREEK SCHOOL GRADUATION CELEBRATION**

will be held on

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019

at

St. George's Community Center

1:00PM

All students should arrive by 12:30 and proceed directly up the outside stairs which connect the Community Center to the church. Follow stairs across the bridge-way and thru the door to the upstairs classroom area to meet their teachers.

Please join us in celebrating all of our children...Everyone is welcomed to attend!

NOTE REGARDING GREEK SCHOOL GRADUATION & DANCE REHEARSAL:

On Thursday, June 6th, from 4:00 - 6:00pm, all Greek School students will meet at **the Assumption Church Hall** for the Graduation ceremony rehearsal. Snacks & refreshments will be provided in celebration of the last day of classes ☺

Also from 6:00-7:00pm – Students and other kids of all ages interested in participating in a Special Festivals Dance Group which will perform at Assumption Greekfest on Sunday, Aug. 25th and possibly at Glendi in mid-September are welcomed to attend this rehearsal. For more information, please contact Mrs. Alexandra, Mrs. Angela, Mrs. Veneta or Mrs. Stavroula.

Sacraments & Services

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

40-Day Blessing

May 5th – Angelos, son of Vasilios & Stamatia
Giannopoulos

Memorial Services

June 9th – Effie Burghardt – 40 day

Mary Argeropoulos – 1 year

June 30th – Paul Kefalas – 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

April Stewardship

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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!

Easter Offerings

Ellen Healy	Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Matteo
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Paraskevi Kalampalikis	Stephanie Piet
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Eugenia Lefebvre	Olga Sysyn
Costa Iiolios	Mr. & Mrs. John Xintaras
Heidi Iiolios	
Eleftheria Makris	

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

Greekfest 2019

Sat. August 24
11 AM- 9 PM

Sun. August 25
11 AM – 7 PM



Live Greek
Music by
Kostas Taslis
Band



Homemade Greek Cuisine &
Pastries

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Ethnic & Religious Items

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Live Greek Music
Sunday at 2:30 PM

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GREEKFEST 2019 CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS!!!

Our 2018 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 can offer 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, your time and talents
- Donations of money and/or prizes for the Penny Sale Table
- Cooks to join the women of the Philoptochos on designated days to prepare specific Greek foods prior to the Festival

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 questions, please contact the 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

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ E-mail: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

Days I can help

- Friday, August 23th
 Saturday, August 24th
 Sunday, August 25th

Hours I can help

- From: _____ To: _____
 From: _____ To: _____
 From: _____ To: _____

2019 METROPOLIS MINISTRY AWARD RECIPIENTS



Maria & Nickolaos Chronas

We congratulate Maria and Nickolaos Chronas, this year's recipients of the Metropolis of Boston Ministry Award. They will be honored at the annual awards banquet on Sunday, June 9th where they will be recognized by His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios.

Born in Agia Paraskevi (Kerasovo) Konitsas, Maria left the village at a young age, passing her early years at Queen Frederiki's Paidopoli, later attending the eponymous trade school where she chose to learn the trade of seamstress. She lived in Athens for some years, thereafter working as a seamstress and factory weaver. Nickolaos was born in Metsovo, Ioanninon. The eldest of four brothers, he learned the trade of carpenter working at a wood factory as a youth. At 20, he joined the military, serving for 24 months to complete his tour of duty. After living in Germany for three years, he returned to Greece, and for the next 10 years, worked as a carpenter at the Greek shipyard in Skaramangas, Athens.

Nick and Maria were married in 1973. They moved their young family to Manchester, NH in 1979. Nick worked at Felton Brush as a wood manufacturer for three years, before becoming a union carpenter, working in Boston for more than 30 years. He is now retired. Maria worked in a textile mill, embroidering for Polo. She has since owned and operated her own business, City Tailor, for the last 29 years.

Nick and Maria have been members of the Assumption Church of Manchester, NH for more than 40 years. They have dedicated countless hours to their parish serving on various committees including the Dinner Committee, the annual picnics at McIntyre Ski Area, numerous festivals and various other committees where they helped facilitate the church's construction and move to its current location. They often cooked side by side and served countless luncheons and dinners to grow the church's Building Fund which helped to build and furnish the (now current) church.

Nick served for many years on the Parish Council and Board of Directors, while Maria was a Sunday school teacher. Maria continues to actively serve the church as a member of the Ladies Philoptochos Society since 1985. She has served as a Board Member for more than a decade, currently as Vice President, a position she has held for the last four years. She happily prepares foods and baked goods and serves at the church's annual Greekfest, Fall Bazaar and Easter Bake Sale and most Sundays' coffee hours - always with a ready smile. Outside of church, she is an avid supporter of the National MS Society, frequently participating in Walk MS Boston to raise money to research for a cure.

Nick and Maria are the proud parents of two daughters, Eleftheria and Zoi. Eleftheria, a graduate of College of the Holy Cross and Suffolk University Law School, is a government lawyer. Zoi, who also studied at Suffolk University, worked at the private investment bank Brown Brothers Harriman before becoming a teacher. Zoi is married to Gaetano Pucci and they have given Nick and Maria their greatest joys, their two grandchildren, Rocco and Maria. Nick and Maria enjoy returning to Greece each summer. Nick enjoys watching Greek soccer. They both adore and delight in spending time with their children and grandchildren.

Church Wish List – Church Donations Wanted

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	Holy Table & Altar Covers Sets (green): \$1,200 each
One Wooden Closet for Altar Linen: \$1,800 (est.)	Div. Liturgy Pew Books: \$400

In appreciation for the donation towards:

Icon Stand – Mr. & Mrs. Ted Karametros \$1,000 / **Pew Books** – Theodore Farmakis \$1,600

Holy Table Covers – Stavroula Bakolas (in memory of Aunt Rika) \$300, Fr. Gregory Trakas \$300

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If you would like to advertise your business card in our monthly bulletin, please contact the Church Office.

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