

THE CROSS+ROADS

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† FROM FATHER GEORGE

LET US GIVE THANKS

The arrival of November brings to us the National Day of Thanksgiving. It is a shame that the Thanksgiving table and the bountiful feast that it holds takes on a greater amount of focus than our sitting back and being thankful for the gifts that we have received.

If you are reading this article then God has blessed you with the sense of sight. What a blessing it is to see the beauty of God's creation which sometimes gets overshadowed by the negativity of what is shown on our nightly newscasts. All we see are the thefts of convenient stores, shootings in the streets, and other crimes that have plagued our neighborhoods.

How often do we count our blessings? The very fact that we live in a country in which we are free to practice our Orthodox Faith should

be seen as being a blessing. Recently, Presvytera Flora and I attended the 100th Anniversary Banquet of our sister Community of Saints Constantine and Helen in Richmond. Our Churches have the same names and the same stories. There existed a need for a Church, the people came together and worked so that two Churches dedicated to Saints Constantine and Helen could not only be established, but flourish for generations. What a tribute to the hard work of those who paved the way so that the Orthodox Faith could not only be practiced in Newport News and Richmond, but throughout the world.

On November 23rd when we will gather around our tables let us give the necessary thanks to God and think about how we can extend our blessings to the less fortunate.

ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL RECEIVES REPORT ON FINANCES

Press release from www.goarch.org

NEW YORK – The Archdiocesan Council of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, under the chairmanship of Archbishop Demetrios of America, convened at New York's Marriott Marquis Hotel for its regularly scheduled fall meeting Oct. 19-20. During the meeting the Archdiocesan Council was updated on the financial situation of the Archdiocese.

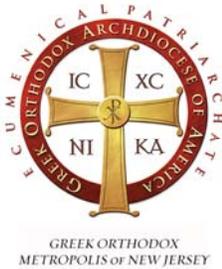
The Archbishop spoke of "the discovery of serious financial issues which have been at the center of our concern and discussion." His Eminence publicly acknowledged the very hard work for these issues of the Vice President of the Council George Tsandikos, the Secretary Cathy Walsh, the Treasurer Michael Psaros and the Chancellor of the Archdiocese, His Grace Bishop Andonios of Phasiane. "They are very much engaged," said the Archbishop, "in the very intensive work to establish the means and ways of overcoming this difficulty." Archbishop Demetrios also said that the Holy Episcopal Synod dealt with these matters in a very sincere and open way. Expressing his resolve for transparency and accountability in all matters relating to the Archdiocese, His Eminence said, "For us

there is something more than transparency and accountability. For us the ultimate criterion is a divine criterion, a criterion in the Gospel and from the Gospel and that is the truth. We have to be truthful to ourselves individually and we have to be truthful among ourselves as a community and we have to make truth a central issue in a world of falsehoods, distortion, a world of the post-truth era. The truth is not negotiable."

Mr. Michael Psaros, Treasurer of the Archdiocesan Council, offered a detailed and comprehensive report about the findings to date and pledged that going forward there would be accountability and transparency.

The Council, following the discussion on the finances, heard and deliberated on several presentations of reports from the departments, ministries and organizations of the Archdiocese.. These reports included: Stewardship, Outreach and Evangelism, Archons, Administration, Development, Youth & Young Adult Ministries, Ionian Village, Communications, Ecumenical Office, Internet Technologies, Internet Ministries and Center for Family Care.

For more information please visit www.goarch.org.



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NOVEMBER SUNDAYS

Apolytikion for Saints Constantine & Helen, Equal-to-the Apostles in the Plagal of the Fourth Tone

Having seen the image of Thy Cross in Heaven, and like Paul, having received the call not from men, Thine apostle among kings entrusted the commonwealth to Thy hand, O Lord. Keep us always in peace, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, O only Friend of man.

Τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου τὸν τύπον ἐν οὐρανῷ θεασάμενος, καὶ ὡς ὁ Παῦλος τὴν κλήσιν οὐκ ἐξ ἀνθρώπων δεξάμενος, ὁ ἐν βασιλεύσιν, Ἀπόστολός σου Κύριε, Βασιλεύουσαν πόλιν τῆ χειρὶ σου παρέθετο ἦν περιῶζε διὰ παντός ἐν εἰρήνῃ, πρεσβειῶν τῆς Θεοτόκου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

NOVEMBER 5

EPISTLE READING

Galatians 6:11-18

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus

Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 16:19-31

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazaros in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazaros to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazaros in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you

ACOLYTES

NOVEMBER 5 & 26

Team A

Jorgie Polyzos

Yianni Tsimplekis

James St. Martin

Dean Peri

NOVEMBER 12

Team B

Ethan Detweiler

Cris Campbell

Soterios Tofalli

Kyprianos Tofalli

NOVEMBER 19

Team C

Hayden Hendricks

Georgios Haramis

Christos Konstantinou

Christopher Myers

Christopher Micha

EPISTLE READERS

Please contact Barry Hendricks if you are interested in reading the Epistle during the Sunday Divine Liturgy.
bhendricks@cox.net

Nov 5: Konstantine Pietronuto

Nov 12: Dean Peri (GOYA)

Nov 19: Dianne Sun

Nov 26: James Woodbury

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Golden Hearts

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Daughters of Penelope

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Hellenic Womens Penelope Society

Aleksandra Garofalis, Helen Vaughn, Co-Presidents

Hellenic Youth Dancers

Bobby Garofalis, Director

are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

SAINTS AND FEASTS COMMEMORATED

5th Sunday of Luke
Galaktion & his wife Episteme, the Martyrs of Emesa
Patrobos, Gaios, Hermas, Linos, & Philologos, Apostles of the 70

WISDOM OF THE FATHERS

And together with what we have said, He brings forward an example also to teach thee moderation. And like as the physician, to alarm the sick man ... He also bring in the rich man, laboring indeed, and longing for life and health, but not able to attain thereto, because of having set his heart on covetousness, but going away emptySt. John Chrysostom, Homily 74 on Matthew 23; Homily 78 on Matthew 6, 20, 25, 4th Century

HYMNS OF THE DAY

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal First Mode

Let us worship the Word, O ye faithful, praising Him that with the Father and the Spirit is co-beginningless God, Who was born of a pure Virgin that we all be saved; for He was pleased to mount the Cross in the flesh that He assumed, accepting thus to endure death. And by His glorious rising, He also willed to resurrect the dead.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Second Mode

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices

of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

NOVEMBER 12

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:25-37

SAINTS AND FEASTS COMMEMORATED

Leondos Styppi, Patriarch of Constantinople
8th Sunday of Luke
John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria

Martin, Bishop of Tours
Nilus the Ascetic of Sinai

WISDOM OF THE FATHERS

The example of the good Samaritan shows that we must not abandon those in whom even the faintest amount of faith is still alive. St. Ambrose of Milan, Two Books of St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Concerning Repentance, Chapter 11

HYMNS OF THE DAY

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal Second Mode

Angelic powers were above Thy tomb, and they that guarded Thee became as dead. And Mary stood by the grave seeking Thine immaculate Body. Thou hast despoiled Hades and wast not tried thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst grant us life. O Thou Who didst arise from the dead, Lord, glory be to Thee.

Apolytikion for John the Merciful in the Plagal Fourth Mode

In thy patience thou hast won thy reward, O righteous Father. Thou didst persevere unceasingly in prayer; thou didst love the poor, and didst provide for them in all things. Wherefore, intercede with Christ our God, O blessed John the Almsgiver, that our souls be saved.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Fourth Mode

Today, the most pure temple of the Savior, the precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of God, enters the house of the Lord, bringing the grace of the Divine Spirit. The

Angels of God praise her. She is the heavenly tabernacle.

NOVEMBER 19

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 2:14-22

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:16-21

The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

SAINTS AND FEASTS COMMEMORATED

9th Sunday of Luke
Obadiah the Prophet
Anthimos, Thallalaeos, Christopher, Euphemia & her children, the Martyrs

Martyrs Barlaam of Caesarea and Heliodorus

The Forefeast of the Presentation of the Theotokos into the Temple

WISDOM OF THE FATHERS

I cannot be silent about the story of Hesychius the Horebite. He passed his life in complete negligence, without paying the least attention to his soul. Then he became extremely ill, and for an hour he left his body. St. John Climacus

Ladder of Divine Ascent. Step 6: On Remembrance of Death, 6th Century

HYMNS OF THE DAY

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Grave Mode

Thou didst abolish death by Thy Cross; Thou didst open Paradise to the thief; Thou didst transform the myrrh-bearers' lamentation, and didst bid Thine Apostles to preach that Thou art risen, O

Christ God, granting great mercy to the world.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Fourth Mode

Today, the most pure temple of the Savior, the precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of God, enters the house of the Lord, bringing the grace of the Divine Spirit. The Angels of God praise her. She is the heavenly tabernacle.

NOVEMBER 26

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 4:1-7

GOSPEL READING

Luke 18:18-27

SAINTS AND FEASTS COMMEMORATED

Innocent of Irkutsk
Nicon
13th Sunday of Luke
Alypius the Stylite of Adrianopolis

Stylianos the Monk of Paphlagonia

WISDOM OF THE FATHERS

Take heed, then, often to come together to give thanks to God, and show forth His praise. For when ye assemble frequently in the same place, the powers of Satan are destroyed, and the destruction at which he aims is prevented by the unity of your faith. St. Ignatius of Antioch, Epistle to the Ephesians Ch. 13, 2nd century

HYMNS OF THE DAY

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal Fourth Mode

From on high didst Thou descend, O Compassionate One; to burial of three days hast Thou submitted that Thou mightest free us from our passions. O our Life and Resurrection, Lord, glory be to Thee.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Third Mode

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to * God the Word ineffably, * Who was before all the ages. * Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing * the glad tidings; * with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him * Who is willing to be gazed on * as a young Child Who * before the ages is God.

CHURCH REGISTRY / ANNOUNCEMENTS

ILL AND NEEDING OUR PRAYERS:

We wish a complete and speedy recovery to our friends and fellow parishioners who have been ill and/or hospitalized recently:
Athina Ikonomou and Jane Saur.

DEATHS:

Our sincere condolences to the family of **Mary Pitstillides** who died October 3 and whose funeral was held October 9.

Our sincere condolences to the family of **Barb Vlattas** whose twin brother **Bob Burgin** died on October 4 in Fairfield, Ohio and whose funeral was held on October 10.

MAY THEIR MEMORY BE ETERNAL!!!!!!

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD

PLEASE, IF INTERESTED IN BEING INCLUDED IN OUR COMMUNITY'S CHRISTMAS CARD, FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES WE OUTLINED IN THE PREVIOUS ISSUE OF THE CROSS+ROADS, AS WELL AS IN OUR SUNDAY BULLETINS. THANK YOU.

If you do plan to participate in the Community's Christmas Card, please be sure to send your remittance of \$30.00 to the Church Office along with your name and the names of those you wish included in the Card by November 28.

NEW WEEKLEY e-BULLETIN

We are proud to announce that you can now receive the Church's weekly bulletin via email a few days before the Divine Liturgy. The e-bulletin will include that Sunday's announcements, Altar Boy and Epistle reader schedules, the Gospel and Epistle reading, and Feasts and Saints commemorated.

To sign up, enter the following link in your web browser (<https://www.goarch.org/listssubscribe?l=SCHNEWSLETTER>), fill out the requested data, and submit.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Parish Council Elections for six positions will take place Sunday, November 5 in the church office, following the Divine Liturgy until 2:00 pm. The six candidates are John Dermanis, Theo Galoozis, Dr. Bobby Garofalis, Zena Mageras, Kent Paumier, Frank Peri, Anastasia Theodorogiannis and Nicholas Vrettos. Please be sure that you have completed your Annual Stewardship Pledge Form (available in the Narthex) in order to vote on the 5th. All stewards of Saints Constantine and Helen who are eligible are encouraged to vote.

ATTENDANCE

October 1	141
October 8	166
October 15	225
October 22	98
October 29	154
Oct 2017 Ave	157
Oct 2016 Ave	120
YTD 2017 Ave	142
YTD 2016 Ave	138

REFRESHMENTS

We thank all those parishioners who served as hosts for the month of October. The hosts for November are:

Nov. 5: Ms. Helen Hollowell Kanelos, Ms. Helen Kanelos, Mr. Frank Kanelos, Ms. Maria Kaoudis.

Nov. 12: Ms. Angeliki Karatsikis, M/M John Karatsikis, M/M Lee Koliopoulos, Ms. Marina Koliopoulos

Nov. 19: Daughters of Penelope - Founders Reception

Nov. 26: Dr. /M Mike Kokorelis, M/M Michael Kokorelis, M/M Bobby Pearce

Koliva

If you would like to purchase Koliva for memorials, you may contact:

Helen George 251-6155
Anastasia Savrides 595-1581
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DEADLINE

Please email information no later than the 20th day of the month to Nick Vlattas nvlattas@hewv.com

CHURCH, CLUB AND COMMUNITY NEWS

PHILOPTOCHOS

On November 1, our Church observes the Feast Day of **Sains Cosmas & Damianos**,

patron saints of Philoptochos. On Sunday, November 5, our chapter will remember our

chapter's deceased members with a memorial service. On this Sunday, we will also pass the customary tray. Please, all members of our Chapter, make a special effort to attend the Liturgy, Sunday, November 5, and to stand together with your fellow Philoptochos members in the first two pews on the right-hand side of the isle which will be reserved for us.

Many thanks to all those Philoptochos members who prepared, served and generally contributed in hosting the luncheon for our **Golden Hearts** and their guests from Norfolk and Virginia Beach, on October 10. A job well done ladies!!!!

Our **Disaster Relief, Literacy Outreach and USO/Care Packages Committees**, all ably chaired by **Kathy Dermanis**, are operating at full speed in all their areas of responsibility. If you are aware of anyone within or without our **Saints Constantine and Helen Community** deployed overseas, please contact **Kathy, H851-9209**. She will see to it that they get a package from home. Also, do continue

to bring and place in the appropriate receptacle in the Narthex "**box tops for education**" taken from the various products you purchase at your supermarket or elsewhere. **Many thanks for your continued support.**

Ladies, VASILOPITA BAKING TIME is once again fast approaching. The dates for making and baking the VASILOPITES are December 5,6 & 7. Do reserve these dates and make sure to give as much of your time as you can to this effort. Remember, it is our PREMIER FUND-RAISING PROJECT.

We, once again, wish to express our gratitude to all our wonderful folks both within and without our **Saints Constantine & Helen Community** who continue to support our **AOK Project**. As we have often said, the patients we serve by providing them with a light lunch and a lot of cheer every Monday of each month are very grateful. If you would like to participate in this wonderful project, please contact **Ellie Costulis, H33-8181, C303-3080**, and let her know you want to help.

Our National obligations for the month of November are: A contribution to the **Ecumenical**

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CHURCH, CLUB AND COMMUNITY NEWS

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Patriarchate from the proceeds of the tray collected on the occasion of the Feast Day of **Saints Cosmas & Damianos** plus and additional \$100.00 from our treasury. These funds benefit the philanthropic programs and charities of the **Ecumenical Patriarchate**; also, a contribution to the **National Sisterhood of Pressvyteres (APC - NSP Benevolent Fund)** which provides short term support for clergy and their families in a time of crisis.

Our November meeting will be Monday, November 6, starting with refreshments at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be hosted by **Ellie Costulis and Elaine Jansen.**

ORDER OF AHEPA

On September 21, 2017, following our joint dinner with our sisters from the Charis Eleni Chapter #337 of the Daughters of Penelope, District Governor Bill Bond installed our newly elected officers:

President-Nick J. Matthews
Vice President-Tike Panags
Rec. Secretary-Frank Peri
Corr. Secretary-George T. Anas
Treasurer-John Dermanis
Assoc. Treasurer-John Samos
BOARD OF GOVERNORS:

Tom Georges, Chairman;
George T. Anas, John Christou,
Tom Grepiotis, Roger Headrick,
Pete Kilopoulos and John Samos

During the chapter meeting, Governor Bond presented District Honors to two deserving members of our chapter. President Nick J. Matthews was presented the **DISTRICT #3 PRESIDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD** for 2016/2017 for his outstanding leadership throughout the year, while Corresponding Secretary George T. Anas was awarded the **DISTRICT #3 AHEPAN OF THE YEAR AWARD** for 2016/2017 for his outstanding service to the chapter with regards to public relations, Scholarship and Nominations Committee chairmanships and his role as Secretary of the Board of Governors. Both brothers are long time members of Ahepa who have served in many capacities at the chapter and district levels. Both brothers are Past District Governors and

Brother Nick is also a Past Supreme Governor and a Past Member of the Supreme Board of Trustees.

This year our **Annual Casino Night** was jointly sponsored by our chapter along with our sisters of the Daughters of Penelope for the first time. It was held on Saturday, September 30, 2017. It was a great time for all! Proceeds from this fund raiser will go towards scholarships for our youth.

Our **AGORA (GREEK MARKET)** continues to offer items which include feta, tarama, Kalamata Olives, Extra Virgin olive oil, dolmades, fresh fillo, Greek coffee, etc. Visit the AHEPA FAMILY CENTER after Sunday Divine Liturgy and stock up for the holidays!

We wish everyone a very blessed Thanksgiving Holiday. We all

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

Many thanks to all those sisters who helped setting up, providing and serving or d'ouvres and generally contributing in so many ways in putting together our gala **Casino Night**. We also gratefully acknowledge our appreciation to all those who attended this event.

On November 11, the **DOP** will sponsor its annual **Fashion Show/Brunch** with fashions featuring the **Ellie Kai Label**, represented by **Alexis Galoozis**. Chairing this event are sisters **Helen Dennie and Debbie Malliarakis**. We're looking forward to having you join us at this fun event, share our delicious brunch and enjoy our own sisters modeling some lovely fashionable apparel. Tickets for this event are **\$25.00 per person and will be available for purchase at Coffee Hour, following the Divine Liturgy every Sunday. All proceeds will go to fund our charitable projects.**

November is also the month of our Sisterhood's founding. On **November 16, 1929, the Daughters of Penelope** was founded by **Alexandra Apostolides Sonenfeld**. Today, the **DOP** is a sisterhood composed of over **350 chapters** with a membership of about 7,000 women in the **U.S.,**

Canada, Greece, Cyprus and Australia. Our mission statement, which is the statement of the entire AHEPA family is: To promote Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Family and Individual Excellence. So, sisters, take pride in being a **Daughter. To our Society - Happy 88th Birthday.**

In honor of the founding of the **Daughters of Penelope**, our chapter will host the coffee following the **Divine Liturgy, November 19.**

Our November meeting will be **Thursday, November 30, starting with dinner at 6:03 pm in the AHEPA Family Home.** We have much to be thankful for!

HELLENIC WOMAN'S PENELOPE SOCIETY

The Hellenic Woman's Penelope Society (HWPS) will meet on Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hellenic Center. Helen George and Leah Hionis will be the hostesses.

November is our **BIRTHDAY** month. Let us all get together on our meeting day to celebrate **89 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE TO OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY AND OUR COMMUNITY AT-LARGE, REMINISCE ABOUT THE PAST, AND REFLECT UPON THE FUTURE.**

On Thursday, November 16th we will also have our **ANNUAL FALL BAKE SALE PASTRY PICK-UP** at the Hellenic Center from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Pastry preparation will take place on Monday, Nov. 13th (baklava, finikia and koulourakia) and on

Tuesday, Nov. 14th (kourabiethes and finikia dipping).

A final reminder to all our parishioners that the sale of pavers around the fountain in the Biblical Garden is near closing. If you wish to honor or memorialize a loved one or a friend, please call Marika Anthony at (757) 596-6909 to obtain a form.

Our annual calendar of activities was distributed to all members present at the October meeting. Those who were unable to attend the meeting will receive their calendars in the mail very soon.

We offer our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the families of Mrs. Mary Pitsilides, Mr. Harold "Bobby" Gavaris, and Mrs. Irene Panos. May their memories be eternal.

CHOIR

On October 1, our community celebrated Church Music Sunday. It is also the nameday of Saint Romanos, the patron saint of church musicians.

The choir wants to thank everyone for the wonderful support it continuously offers us and for their generous offering which was sent to the National Forum which supports the development of church choirs, psalti, and liturgical music.

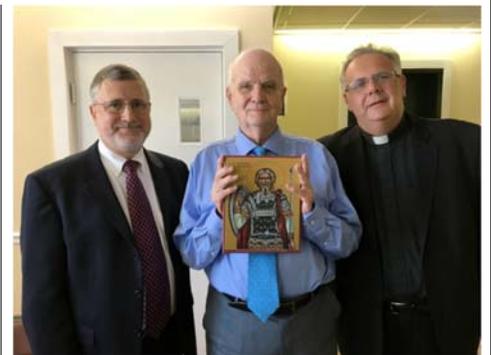
We all enjoyed the delicious cake after church provided by the Parish Council in honor of Church Music Sunday.



RECENTLY AT SAINTS CONSTANTINE AND HELEN



AHEPA Family installs officers, presents awards, and hosts Casino Night (See previous page for more information)



Mr. James Woodbury was presented the icon of Saint Cornelius the Centurion by Parish Council President Barry Hendricks and Father George during the Parish General Assembly on October 15, 2017 for his generosity and support of the Centurion Campaign from March 2015 to December 2017.



Καλή Χρονιά
Happy New Year!
Vasilopita Bread
Order Now!

Be sure to place your order by Sunday, December 3rd

Call:
 Voula Vretakis 596-3223
 Dottie Andre 868-7898
 Maggie Thompson 877-8039

Cost: \$9.00 (payable to Philoptochos)

**Pick up orders by:
 Sunday, December 10th**

GREEK PASTRY BAKE SALE

Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017

Order Pick-Up: 10 am-1 pm

HELLENIC COMMUNITY CENTER
 60 Traverse Road, Newport News, VA 23606

All orders must be placed by Nov. 9th

Please call: (757) 596-6909

- BAKLAVA \$2.50/piece or \$27/dozen
- FINIKIA \$1/piece or \$12/dozen
- KOURABIEDES \$1/piece or \$12/dozen
- KOULOURAKIA \$.75/piece or \$9/dozen
- VARIETY PACK \$10.00
- RAVANI & LEMON TORTE UPON REQUEST

Sponsored by: Hellenic Woman's Penelope Society

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO PARISH ASSEMBLY—OCTOBER 15

Submitted by Barry Hendricks
My Brothers and Sisters in
Christ,

I'd like to take a few minutes with my report to provide the community with a summary of the Centurion Campaign as it winds done to a close, and then share some thoughts on where I believe we need to focus our efforts in the future.

The Centurion Campaign will come to a close at the end of this year. When initially started in March 2015, we were faced with \$85,000 in unbudgeted financial obligations and looming capital repairs on our aging infrastructure with little or no savings to cover the cost. This past February we announced that we had met our financial obligations on the Sacalis Hall renovation and community donation to the rebuilding of Saint Nicholas. These goals were met due to the generosity of parishioners who supported the campaign, as well as operating funds generated from successful hall commitments and our festivals over the past two years. Since we knew the capital repairs and life-cycle replacements would still be needed, we made the decision to continue the Centurion Campaign to the end of this calendar year where 100% of any donations would be used for capital repairs, which is exactly what we were able to accomplish with the recently completed drainage and water remediation project.

How did we do overall with the Centurion Campaign? I would say the results are mixed. One of the main goals was to receive pledges from 100 parishioners in three different donation categories. To date, we received 37 pledges to the Campaign - 36 families / individuals and one (1) organization, with a total pledged amount of \$48,700 (these pledges I consider as "unrestricted" commitments and were made supporting all three the goals of the campaign). Over the period of the campaign, we received donations from these pledges totaling \$80,537. In addition, we also received "restricted" gifts where the donor requested the donation be made toward a specific project or only be applied towards renovation or

building funds. These gifts totaled \$104,975 and include the Georgalas Family gift for the new HVAC units for the hall and walk-in freezer, sale of coins from the safe deposit box, and \$1,975 in memorial donations.

So, was the Centurion Campaign a success? In pure fund raising, I would say yes. But with only receiving 37 unrestricted pledges out of a goal of 100, I would have to say we were not very successful. We could of, and should have done much better. We definitely have the potential in our community and should have come closer to meeting that goal of 100.

There is one member of our community who, from the very beginning of the campaign, was a very inquisitive, and believed in what we were trying to accomplish. He showed this commitment through three generous gifts of stock over the past three years, as well as continued monthly contributions to the campaign, even after he met his initial pledge. In the end, his generosity resulted in the largest total of unrestricted donations to the Centurion Campaign. I'd like to recognize Mr. James Woodbury with a gift of an icon of Saint Cornelius the Centurion.

Since this will be my final report to the General Assembly as parish council president, I'd like to spend the remaining part of my time today sharing some thoughts on where I believe we should focus our efforts over the next few years.

The first item on the list is we must establish a collective definition of our purpose. Look at any successful organization or business. The thing that sets them apart is a clear understanding and belief in their purpose or reason for their existence. And that purpose is understood and embraced throughout the entire organization. We must be clear in why we exist. If it is anything other than spiritual growth, engaged discipleship, fulfillment of the Great Commission, or transforming lives through Jesus Christ, then we need to reset and get our priorities in order. We must never lose sight of our purpose and why

we exist as a church.

The next is to set a vision for the future. Where do we see ourselves headed in the next few years? What do we want to be recognized as in the community? What will be our legacy? Here's what I see:

We will be the church of choice on the Peninsula for Orthodox Christians from all ethnic backgrounds, as well as the church that invites and welcomes those seeking the Orthodox Christian faith, where together, we all find transformation in Jesus Christ.

Church of choice means our faithful make Christ and His Church a priority in their lives, choosing to make Saints Constantine and Helen their church home. Orthodox Christians from all ethnic backgrounds mean we seek to be an Orthodox Christian community without borders, drawing strength from our different backgrounds, where together we can grow and strengthen our faith. An example of this is where we formally welcomed 18 new parishioners on New Member Sunday on September 24th. Some of these were born into the Orthodox Christian faith, but the majority were converts and included people who married into the faith, people from the former Soviet Union, and people who have inquired about Orthodoxy for many years before deciding to be chrismated. We must be an inviting and welcoming community to those seeking the Orthodox Christian faith. The result, transformed lives - changed lives through Christ.

Finally, we must apply the lessons learned from various studies and success stories of growing and effective churches. These lessons can be categorized into four lines of effort or characteristics. None of which is any more important than the other and must be synchronized and coordinated to work together. These characteristics are:

- Engaged Disciples: Parishioners actively participating in ministries, missions, and outreach. Every ministry and committee led by energetic and committed volunteers and filled with members focused on fulfilling the ministry's

purpose. Engaging religious education opportunities for all, youth and adult. For example, we had 67 different parishioners and guests attend one or more of our Journey to Fullness sessions and averaged 25 people per session. In addition to expanding our knowledge about Orthodox faith, we developed many friendships and had several inquirers into the faith attend each week. Two of which converted to the Orthodox faith.

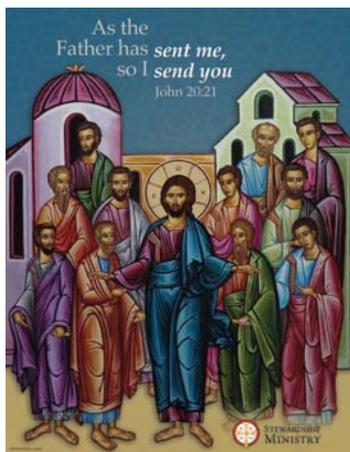
- A Culture of True Stewardship: A way of life, recognizing that everything we are and everything we have comes to us as a gift from God. And as a way of thanksgiving we offer a portion of those gifts back to God in the form of time, talent, and treasure. An example of this is the Giving Heart program. Parishioners have generously donated most of the supplies needed by our Sunday School, and others have donated enough money to have all of our altar boy robes dry cleaned.

- A Consensus Vision and Plan for the Future: I've already touched on the vision earlier, but in order to reach that vision we must set goals and develop plan for the future. The last two articles in the Cross+Roads touched on maintenance of our facilities and some fund raising challenges we face. We must have a roadmap to success that includes measurable objectives and milestones.

- An Effective Worship Experience: Start by making regular church attendance a priority in your life. Our Liturgy involves all the senses - Arrive on time, light a candle, say a prayer, and participate in everything the Liturgy offers.

Bottom line, a church that has a stated purpose that is focused on the Kingdom, full of engaged disciples, practicing true Christian Stewardship and is focused on a consensus vision and plan for the future, with an effective worship experience can achieve the unimaginable. But none of this will happen overnight or by itself - we must first make a commitment and work together as a community to make all of this a reality.

STEWARDS AS OF OCTOBER 18, 2017



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STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY REPORT—OCTOBER 15

By Nick J Matthews
Every day, every minute, every breath is truly a gift from God
Stewardship Ministry Members:
 Fr. George, Barry Hendricks, Nick Vrettos, Elaine Jansen, Tessie Baker, Dianne Sun, Nick Vlattas, Tom Grepitotis, Faye Evans, Michael Chalkias, Howard Manderville, John Thomas, Konstantine Pietronuto.
Review 2017 Stewardship (Jan-Sept)
 155 Family Pledges (Signed) **Time Talent & Treasure**—\$113,894
 55 Family Pledged (Not Signed)
Time Talent & Treasure—\$17,673
TOTAL Fund 1— \$131,567
YTD Stewardship Budget (Jan.-Sept.) - \$118,600
TOTAL Fund 2 & 3 (Misc. Donations, Renovation, Centurion)- **\$136,489**
TOTAL Fund 2 & 3 Budget (Jan-Sept) **Time Talent & Treasure** \$49,174
TOTALS ACTUAL—\$268,056
BUDGET—\$167,774
ABOVE BUDGET - \$100,282
Mission Statement:
 The Stewardship Ministry of Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church supports the overall mission of our beloved Church and provides guidance for the spiritual renewal of our faithful by nurturing a culture of worship focused on our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Encour-

aging opportunities to serve and return Gifts (time, talent and treasure) to the Lord and His Church and her missions; supporting the spiritual development of all our faithful; and shepherding all generations to sustain and enhance a divine connection to Christ and His Church.
Stewardship Ministry
The # 1 priority of the Stewardship Ministry is to increase **PARTICIPATION** and **CHURCH ATTENDANCE** this will ensure an overall increase in **"STEWARDS"** Some of the enablers this year to increase **"STEWARDS"** include the following :
Welcome Committee led by Dianne Sun, to insure visitors are recognized and welcomed
Stewardship Display in the Narthex, data in the Cross+Roads, maintained by Elaine Jansen
Journey To Fullness just completed 16 lectures started June 13th, was well attended with an average of 25 to 30 participants, leaders were Dianne Sun and Barry Hendricks.
Giving Hart gives Parishioners an opportunity to donate needed items or cash for the Church and Youth Ministry led by Hope Zambas and Dianne Sun
Do Angles Really Exist fall Education series scheduled for October 11th, 18th, and 25th. Facilitators Fr George and Konstantine Pietronuto.
Stewardship Ministry:

The theme for the 2018 Stewardship Ministry from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America is **"Whatever you do work at it with all your heart as working for the Lord, not for man"** Colossians 3:23
 A **"STEWARD"** is one who manages another's property or resources; the Christian,
 therefore, is a **"STEWARD"** of everything he is and has, including his own body and soul, for according to the mystery of salvation, we possess nothing from ourselves, not even our own life and being; all belongs to God and is given to us
 by the Father through His Son because of the richness of His love and mercy.
 from *The Theology of Stewardship in Light of Orthodox Tradition* by Fr Paul Wesche (*Light and Life Publishing*)
Stewardship is a way of life; we affirm that every aspect of our lives comes as a Gift from God. **Stewardship** promotes our spiritual growth and strengthens our faith.
Stewardship is doing kind deeds and caring for the needs of others.
Stewardship calls on the faithful to cheerfully offer back to God a

portion of the gifts.
 Orthodox Christian **"STEWARDS"** actively participate in the life of the Church.
"Whatever you do work at it with all your heart as working for the Lord not for man" Please remember what Gifts are given with **all your heart** and offered to Christ with **FAITH** and **LOVE** will be multiplied and become an overabundance, **Christ Multiplies our Gifts.**
 Stewardship Sunday is November the 19th, always the Sunday before Thanksgiving, how appropriate. Please pick up your Stewardship Commitment form, from the Narthex or in the Cross+Roads, take a few minutes to **count your blessings** and decide what gifts of **TIME TALENT** and **TREASURE** will be returned to GOD. **Stewardship** has nothing to do with money, but everything to do with giving thanks to God
 As good **"STEWARDS"** we are **returning to God His own Gifts.** Your **Stewardship Commitment** is kept in confidence. Jesus taught us that giving should be done quietly, generously and out of sight of others.
Every day, every minute, every breath is truly a gift from God



Centurion Campaign Commitment

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Email: _____

I / We wish to make a commitment to the Centurion Campaign in the amount of:
 \$1,200
 \$1,000
 Other \$ _____

Please return to the Church Office or place in the collection tray during Liturgy.

Centurion Campaign Goals		
Donation Category	Number of Donations	Donation Goal Totals
\$1,800	20	\$36,000
\$1,350	30	\$40,500
\$1,000	50	\$50,000
TOTAL	100	\$126,500
\$126,500 will support:		
Renovation / Reserve (90%)		\$113,900
Saint Nicholas (10%)		\$12,600

CAMPAIGN GOAL \$126,500 by 12/1/2017: 1) Pay off our remaining financial obligations on the Sacalis Hall renovation; 2) Establish an emergency capital expense reserve; and 3) 10% of funds raised for parish donation to the Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church and Shrine.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES—SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

I: Call to Order & Opening Prayer:

The meeting convened at 18:34 with an opening prayer by Father George. The following items were discussed:

Present: Father George Chioros, Barry Hendricks, Bob Demson, Nick Matthews, Zena Mageras, Tom Grepitios, Greg Bicouvaris

Absent: Dr. Stavroula Gailey, Peter Johns, Howard Mandeville, Joanna Vallas, Elias Doulgerakis

Guest: Konstantine Pietronuto, Barbara France, Ben Franks

II: Minutes:

Zena Mageras made motion to approve the meeting minutes of the August 2017 meeting; seconded by Nick Matthews, passed unanimously.

III: Correspondence:

Invitation from the National Philoptochos Society to the 16th Children's Medical Fund Luncheon, Saturday, November 11, 2017, at the Venetian in Garfield, New Jersey. Individual tickets are \$125 each. Three members of Philoptochos attending; Stavoula Gailey Tessie Baker, Athena Savvas. (Attached)

IV: Treasurer's Report:

Zena Mageras presented the Balance Sheet and Budget/Actuals (attached)

V: Visitor's Comments:

Constantine Pietronuto mentioned that he and his wife, Becky, are pleased to be part of the Parish and serving in the altar and in the Choir.

Barbara France discussed the rentals. Summer rentals were low but picking up for the Fall. Nov 11 is Youth Challenge Dinner. Kitchen cleaning bids are being sought following construction and Fall Festival. Mixer has been leaking oil from a broken seal and is being repaired by TriCities, should be complete around the end of

September. The current ice machine in use has been serviced but is unreliable. The other ice machine needs servicing. Motion made to keep ice machine 1 in use and service ice machine 2 with estimated repair of \$700 and seconded by Nick Matthews, passed unanimously.

VI: Committee Reports:

Youth Ministry – Ben Franks
Sunday School began on September 10. So far 50 kids have registered. We have averaged 30 in attendance each week.

Goya held a fellowship day on September 16. GOYans from Newport News and Norfolk were in attendance. We played pickup basketball and cornhole-type games. We held a prayer service in the chapel and ate dinner together. 29 kids attended.

The Pan-Orthodox Young Adult Ministry for Hampton Roads met on September 21 in Norfolk. About 45 people attended.

Looking toward the future we are starting a number of ministries:

Beginning in October the youth (6-12th grade) of our parish will be meeting weekly for Christian Education and games. This will be every Wednesday at 6:00pm. All youth, regardless of enrolment in Goya, are encouraged to attend.

We have also started the Orthodox College Fellowship (OCF) at CNU. Orthodox students from CNU and TNCC will begin meeting for fellowship and Bible study every Tuesday at 6:30pm on October 3.

On Sunday October 1 Goya will pass a tray for hurricane relief.

On Saturday and Sunday October 14-15 the Goya's of Virginia will meet in Richmond for a lock-in. We will spend the night playing games and hav-

ing fun and end with Liturgy in the morning at Ss. Constantine & Helen Richmond.

There is a young adult service retreat in Virginia Beach October 27-29. We will be helping clean up the remains of Hurricane Matthew.

We will have a joint Goya meeting with Norfolk at Annunciation on October 30.

JOY/HOPE is being organized with announcements pending for 1 Saturday per month for activities.

GOYA provided volunteers to assist at the AHEPA Casino Night fundraising event.

Ben Franks enrolled in the St Stephen's course for Youth Ministry as recommended by the Parish Council.

Missions Ministry – Father George

- PORT Project has added a new parish for a total of 7 parishes participating our scheduled week. We are scheduled to host PORT Dec 13-20, 2017.

House Committee

No report

Festival Committee

Fall Festival is scheduled for Oct 19-21

Maintenance Committee

Elias provided the office with a list of renovation work he has completed over the past month in the Sunday School class room area and Church Office areas. He also included some work that he plans to complete in the next few weeks (detailed list is attached and does not include work in the library).

Centurion Campaign – Barry Hendricks:

Campaign is winding down. Current account has \$16,840 and pending payments are 3-4k for drainage 6-8k for freezer. A detailed report will be given during the General Assembly.

Stewardship Ministry – Nick Matthews:

Stewardship Board in the Narthex has current steward pledges and those who contribute. Total commit \$148,265.50 Total received \$118,951; 149 completed form. 62 give on regular basis but not submit form.

Fund 1 Pledges \$118,951.50; Fund 2 Other (62 contributors not pledged) \$10,702.79; Fund 3 Restricted Renovation \$104,970; Total \$234,624.29

Adult Education series, Journey to Fullness, has averaged 25 people per week throughout the summer. Series will continue through the last Wed in Sept. The interest is high in continuing with this ministry.

Other Committees

- No other reports

Community Calendar Review (items not covered in other reports) -

Oct 15th Fall General Assembly

Nov 5th Parish Council Elections

Dec 13th – 20th, host parish for PORT

Dec 31st host New Year's Eve Party

VII: Priest's Report – Father George

Saturday, September 23, is the Father Sav Mission Walk

Sunday, September 24, is New Member Sunday with Reception to follow Services.

Saturday September 30 is AHEPA Casino Night fund raising event.

Sunday, October 1, is Church Musicians Sunday.

General Assembly Meeting is Sunday, October 15.

GOYA Fellowship Day was Saturday, September 16.

Saturday, September 9, the Religious Education Seminar for Virginia was held at our Church with participating teachers from Newport News,

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Norfolk, Virginia Beach and Richmond attending.

Saturday, October 7, Father and Presbytera will attend the 100th Anniversary at Saints Constantine & Helen Cathedral in Richmond.

Journey to Fullness Adult Education Series continues on Wednesday evenings. Check the Church Bulletin for more details. Konstantine Pietronuto will be leading a new adult education series starting October 11th.

Sunday, September 17, a tray was passed for a special Collection for the Hellenic College Holy Cross and \$302.00 was collected. Nick Matthews motioned to send \$500 and seconded by Tom Grepitotis, passed unanimously.

VIII: Unfinished Business:
Weekly e-bulletin via Bulletin Builder application has been distributed weekly to the addresses listed for Cross+Roads

Status of security cameras in the vicinity of the Church Office – no new status

Update on HVAC and freezer in Hellenic Center. HVAC is completed. Freezer concrete pad poured – Barry Hendricks

Update on drainage project. RCI projects complete by Wed Sept 20. – Howard Mandeville submitted summary below:

Includes a number of change orders that have been invoiced separately.

The additional work was requested from multiple sources and authorized prior to release. RCI at our request provided some unit price guidance in advance, so we could monitor change order expenses and keep within budget, job dollar exposure.

At my request, some excavated material fill sand and surplus stone was spread in the low-level problem areas behind the Community Center. RCI remarked that our folks were very helpful and great

atmosphere of cooperation was noticed.

A multitude of thanks to the following for offered assistance, review and site work observations and coordination:

Father George, Elias Doulerakis, Ronnie Gaither, Tom Grepitotis, Ted Fotiou, Barbara France, Roger Headrick, Barry Hendricks, Sylvia Marcin, Randy Pingley, T. Reid Pocock, P.E., Bobby Vidakis, and Nick Vlattas

VIII: New Business:
Air conditioner compressor unit for upstairs classrooms has failed. Estimates are being prepared.

Ice maker in kitchen – discussed during Barbara France’s House report

October General Assembly – Sunday, October 15th

Announcement in Cross+Roads – deadline this week

Agenda, minutes from previous meeting, and current year financials need to be available in Church Office NLT Oct 2nd

Parish Council Elections – Sunday, November 5th

Six (6) positions up for election

Two (2) PC members reached term limits / Four (4) PC members eligible for re-election

Nomination period closes Oct 22nd (two weeks before election)

PC appointed the 3 members of the Election Committee; Sylvia Marcin, Ellie Costulis, Konstantine Pietronuto

IX: Adjournment:
Fr. George offered the closing prayer at 2058. Next PC meeting is October 9, 2017 at 6:30.

X: Certification:
Respectfully Submitted
Robert V Demson
Secretary

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

1 Wednesday

National Clergy Retreat

7:15 pm Choir

4 Saturday

6:00 pm HWPS 18th Annual Dinner Theater Event

5 Sunday

5th Sunday of Luke

8:45 am Orthros

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Philoptochos Tray for Ecumenical Patriarchate

Parish Council Elections

6 Monday

6:30 pm Philoptochos Meeting

7 Tuesday

4:00 pm 8:00 pm Greek School

8 Wednesday

Synaxis of the Archangels

9:00 am Orthros

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

6:00 pm Goya

6:00 pm Paraclesis

7:00 pm Adult Education

7:15 pm Choir

9 Thursday

Saint Nektarios the Wonderworker

9:00 am Orthros

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

6:30 pm Vespers at Dormition, OCA

11 Saturday

Veterans Day

Norfolk Basketball Tournament

Fashion Show

Youth Challenge Banquet

12 Sunday

8th Sunday of Luke

8:45 am Orthros

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Trisagion for Veterans

13 Monday

Saint John Chrysostom

9:00 am Orthros

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

14 Tuesday

4:00 pm-8:00 pm Greek School

15 Wednesday

Nativity Fast Begins

6:00 pm Goya

6:30 pm Holy Unction at Annunciation, Norfolk
Choir 7:15pm

19 Sunday

9th Sunday of Luke

Stewardship Sunday

8:45 am Orthros

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

20 Monday

6:30 pm Parish Council

21 Tuesday

Entrance of the Theotokos

9:00 am Orthros

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

4:00 pm-8:00 pm Greek School

23 Thursday

Thanksgiving Day

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

24 Friday

Office Closed

25 Saturday

Saint Katherine the Great Martyr

9:00 am Orthros

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

26 Sunday

13th Sunday of Luke

8:45 am Orthros

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

40-Day Memorial for Mary Pitsilides

28 Tuesday

4:00 pm-8:00 pm Greek School

29 Wednesday

6:00 pm GOYA

6:00 pm Paraclesis

7:00 pm Adult Education

7:15 pm Choir

30 Thursday

Saint Andrew the First Called

9:00 am Orthros

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

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Sunday Services

8:45 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:30 a.m. Religious Education (Sep-May)
12:00 a.m. Christian Fellowship (Hellenic Center)

Mission Statement

The mission of Saints Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Newport News, Virginia is to keep, practice, and proclaim the Orthodox Christian Faith. The work and ministry of our Parish will include proclaiming the Gospel, sanctifying the faithful through God's grace in worship, the Divine Liturgy and the Sacraments, and enhancing their spiritual life. We will fulfill the great commission of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by inviting others into the Church through Baptism and/or Chrismation, educating them in the Orthodox Faith through the establishment of programs, schools and philanthropic activities, and implementing Christian ministries.