

THE CROSS+ROADS

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† FROM FATHER GEORGE

RISING UP

Once gain the events of Holy Week were a great Blessing for me as your Priest. To witness everyone from the youngest child to the oldest Parishioner attending the services and walking the walk of Holy Week is a wonderful experience. It is my hope that we will all keep the flame of Orthodoxy burning in our hearts and actions.

The Feast of the Ascension shows all of us what our destiny as human beings is. As Orthodox Christians our goal is to enter the Kingdom of God but before we can enter the Kingdom of God, we must live out our lives in the best way possible sharing in the ministry of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (4:9-10) we learn how Jesus ascended in to Heaven and after all He faced here on earth, He was able to conquer death for our sakes.

The gifts of our being Orthodox Christians are clearly visible. Eternal life, as Oswald

Chambers said, in his book My Utmost for His Highest, is a gift from God. Being joined to Christ and having the ability to spread His Good News should not be seen as a mission statement, but our ultimate purpose. With gifts comes joy. As we celebrated the Great Feast of Pascha a few weeks ago, we saw joy as our dark Church was lit up with the candles of the faithful. How gratifying it was for me to see young children in the pews and serving in the Altar during Holy Week, some even slept in the pews during the lengthy services, and dear friend, that is not only okay but wonderful.

Let me close with these words of The Book of Nehemiah of the Old Testament (8:10) ...“Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.” Let us all be strong in our faith and be able to proclaim our faith to a world that is thirsty to learn.

SAVE THE DATES: MAY 31, JUNE 1-3





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MAY 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 οὐρανῶ 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 παντὸς ἐν εἰρήνῃ, πρεσβειαι τῆς Θεοτόκου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

MAY 6

EPISTLE READING

Acts of the Apostles 11:19-30

In those days, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord.

News of this came to the ears of

the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

GOSPEL READING

John 4:5-42

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat

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ACOLYTES

MAY 13

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Jorgie Polyzos

Yianni Tsimplekis

James St. Martin

Dean Peri

MAY 20

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Ethan Detweller

Cris Campbell

Soterios Tofalli

Kyprianos Tofalli

MAY 6 & 27

Team C

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Christos Konstantinou

Christopher Myers

Christopher Micha

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MAY

6 Howard Mandeville

13 GOYA

20 Tim Sofis

27 Sylvia Marcin

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Kathy Matthews, President

Hellenic Womens Penelope Society

Aleksandra Garofalis, Helen Vaughn, Co-Presidents

Hellenic Youth Dancers

Bobby Garofalis, Director



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down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that Jerusalem is the place

where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him. Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony. "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for

we have heard ourselves, and we know that this is indeed Christ the Savior of the world."

SAINTS AND FEASTS COMMEMORATED

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Job the Prophet

This faithful servant of God, the most perfect icon of all virtue, and especially of patience, was the son of Zare and Bosorra, and was the fifth from Abraham. He was true, blameless, just, devout, and abstained from every evil thing. He was very wealthy and blessed by God in all things, as was none other of the inhabitants of the land of Ausis, his homeland, which lies between Idumea and Arabia. But by divine permission, that he might be tried, he was suddenly deprived of his children, wealth, glory, and every consolation, and was covered with grievous sores over all his body. Some say that he endured courageously in this unparalleled calamity for seven whole years. Then, by divine blessing, he was restored again to a prosperity even more illustrious than the first. Having lived after his affliction for 170 years, he reposed full of days at the age of 240, in the year 1350 B.C. Others say that his affliction lasted only one year, and that he lived thereafter 140 years, living 210 years altogether.

**Sophia of Kleisoura
Our Holy Father Seraphim the
Struggler of Mt. Domvu**

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

**Apolytikion of Great and Holy
Pascha in the Plagal First Mode**

Christ is risen from the dead, by death, trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

Χριστός ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν,
θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ
τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι ζωὴν
χαρισάμενος.

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Fourth Mode

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples of the Lord spake to the Apostles exultantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

Apolytikion for Mid-Pentecost in the Plagal Fourth Mode

At Mid-feast give Thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of piety; for Thou, O Saviour, didst cry out to all: Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Wherefore, O Well-spring of life, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Fourth Mode

O sovereign Master and Creator of all things, O Christ our God, Thou didst cry unto those present at the Judaic Mid-feast and address them thus: Come and draw the water of immortality freely. Wherefore, we fall down before Thee and faithfully cry out: Grant Thy compassions unto us, O Lord, for Thou are truly the Wellspring of life for all.

MAY 13

EPISTLE READING

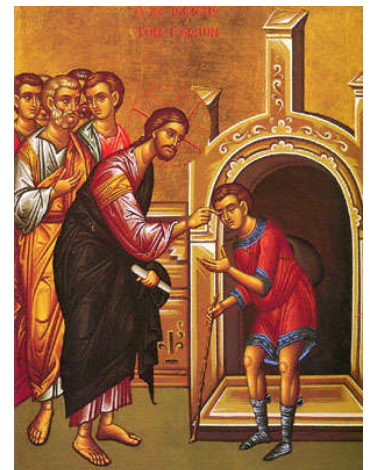
Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34

GOSPEL READING

John 9:1-38

SAINTS AND FEASTS COMMEMORATED

**The Holy Martyr Glyceria
Sunday of the Blind Man**



**Alexandros the Martyr
Sergios the Confessor
Pausikakos of Synnada**

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CHURCH REGISTRY / ANNOUNCEMENTS

40-DAY BLESSING

The infant daughter of **Andrew & Antonia Reeves** received her 40-day blessing in our Church April 8. Our best wishes to the newly-churched infant, her parents, grandparents and her entire family.

WEDDING:

Sincere congratulations and best wishes to **Helena George and Solon Paul** on their marriage, April 11 in Florida. **NA ZISETE!!!!**

DEATHS:

Our sincere condolences to the family of **Jacqueline Trohadeas** who died March 22 and whose funeral services were held in the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the **Annunciation** in Norfolk, March 30. The late **Jacqueline Trohadeas** was the sister of our own parishioners **Jack Georgalas and Athena Savvas**.

Our sincere condolences to the family of **Perril Katsantonis** who died March 30 and whose funeral services were held in our Church, April 5.

Our sincere condolences to the family of **Captain Wilbur Burgin** who died April 2 in **Shelby, NC** and whose funeral service was held at First Wesleyan Church in Forrest City, NC on April 4. The late **Wilbur Burgin** was the father of our own parishioner **Barbara Viattas**.

MAY THEIR MEMORY BE ETERNAL!!!!!!!

THANK YOU:

Our sincere and heartfelt appreciation is extended to all who have reached out either by sending flowers or cards or making a phone call to us for the recent loss of Mom **Athina Neofitou**. We thank you sincerely—**Jimmy and Argle Maurakis** and family

The Parish Council would like to thank **Al and Christine Mignogna** for their special donations made to help defray the cost of the live video feed that we enjoy in the Nursery and Bride's Room as well as the following parishioners/organizations for special donations made to help defray the cost of the new kitchen mixer:

Anonymous, Howard Mandeville, Anna and Zena Mageras, The Philoptochos Society

The Council has recently approved plans to replace the HVAC system in the Sanctuary and is addressing the safety concerns on the community by installing a new security camera system on the church property. Both projects should commence within the month. Any parishioner who wishes to make a gift towards either project, please reach out to a member of the Council for more information.

Angie Karatsikis would like to thank all of the members of Sts. Constantine and Helen for their prayers, phone calls and visits during her recent surgery and recovery.

ATTENDANCE

April 1	279
April 8	237
April 15	160
April 22	128
Apr 2018 Ave	201
Apr 2017 Ave	190
YTD 2018 Ave	173
YTD 2017 Ave	156

REFRESHMENTS

We thank all those of our parishioners who served as hosts for the month of April. The hosts for May are:

May 6: Mrs. Tessie Dakis - in memory of John Dakis

May 13: M/M Nick Vlatas, M/M Nick Vretakis, Ms. Evelyn Vretos, Mr. Nick Vretos

May 20: Community Awards Program - hosted by AHEPA/DOP

May 27: M/M John Warhol III, M/M John Warhol, Jr., Ms Stavroula Valentin, Ms. Katherine Yeapanis

Koliva

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

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DEADLINE

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



GUIDELINES FOR VOLUNTEERS: SERVICE

Smile
Share our rich culture and religion
Treat our customers with respect
Be helpful and courteous
Have fun

QUALITY

Serve consistent portions to all customers
Present food in a pleasing manner

CLEANLINESS

Servers should wear serving gloves
Wash hands thoroughly before serving
Maintain a good appearance

OTHER GUIDELINES

Volunteers park behind the Hellenic Center
Arrive 15 minutes early.
Report to the information desk to pickup a name-tag and an apron.

GLENDI PARTY

Come to the Glendi party for all volunteers on **Sunday at 6 p.m.** to celebrate a successful festival
Call 596-5599 or 596-6151

for more information or visit us on the web at

www.NewportNewsGreekFestival.org

FESTIVAL SETUP

Please help with setup before the festival

GREEK FESTIVAL

Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun—May 31-June 3

Thu– Sat, 11 am-10 pm

Shift One 11 am - 4:30 pm

Shift Two 4:30 pm -10 pm

Sun 12 noon - 6 pm

Shift One 12 - 3 pm

Shift Two 3 - 6 pm

FESTIVAL CLEAN-UP

Please help with clean-up on Monday and Tuesday following the Festival

CHURCH, CLUB AND COMMUNITY NEWS

PHILOPTOCHOS:

Since the **Farm Fresh Markets** are going out of business, we can no longer assist our local schools through the **Farm Fresh receipts program**. Our **Literary Outreach Chairperson, Kathy Dermanis** and her Committee are exploring a number of other ways that we can use to still provide this support. We will once again ask our patrons' help in enabling us to help our local schools once we identify a way or ways through which we can provide this help.

Also, **Kathy Dermanis**, chair of the **USO/CARE PACKAGES Committee**, continues to remind our parishioners that if they know of anyone deployed overseas to contact her at 851-9209, so that she and her Committee can prepare and send a package from home to that person.

Please, don't forget that our **AOK (Act of Kindness)** project in an on-going project, so, if you are inclined to participate in this very worth-while endeavor, please contact

Ellie Costulis, H833-8181, C303-3080, and she will explain to you how you can help.

Again, our sincerest thanks to all those who contribute to this effort whether thru their physical participation or simply their financial help

On Sunday, May 20, during the **Community Awards Event**, our Philoptochos Chapter will be awarding two(2) scholarships. They are the **Ladies Philoptochos Society Scholarship and the Platon Gailey Memorial Scholarship**. We are looking forward to award these scholarships to two of our deserving young parishioners and to wish them KAI SE ANWTERA - much success in their future endeavors.

Our obligations to the **National** for the Months of May and June are: A contribution to the **75th Anniversary Founders Fund** which provides assistance to Greek Orthodox older adults and their families, continuing care facilities and special projects; and a contribution to the **Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF)** which provides Orthodox Christian support to college students on campuses in the U.S.

Our May meeting will be held

Monday, May 14, in the Community Center, starting at 6:30 pm.

We all know that **Philoptochos mean friend of the poor**, but how many of us realize that **Philoptochos**, both on the local and National level, does a lot more than being a friend of the poor.

PHILOPTOCHOS IS THE PHILANTHROPIC ARM OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA. WE ARE AN ORGANIZATION OF FAITHFUL GREEK ORTHODOX WOMEN WITH 450+ CHAPTERS, SOME 25,000 MEMBERS NATIONWIDE, DISTRIBUTING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN PHILANTHROPIC AID IN THE U.S. AND ACROSS THE GLOBE EVERY YEAR. IN FACT, THE NATIONAL BOARD OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY HAS ANNOUNCED THAT FUNDS OF \$1,737,511.00 WERE DISBURSED FROM JANUARY 1 to DECEMBER 31, 2017. THOSE DONATIONS ARE, OF COURSE, IN ADDITION TO OTHER PHILANTHROPIC ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE METROPOLISES AND OVER 400 INDIVIDUAL CHAPTERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

Are you a member of our Saint Helen Philoptochos Chapter? If not, ask yourselves, should you not be? Please, join us. We do the work of our LORD.

ORDER OF AHEPA

The **Community Awards Luncheon** will be held on Sunday, May 20, 2018, immediately following the Divine Liturgy in Sacalis Hall. This luncheon is once again co-sponsored by the **WOODROW WILSON CHAPTER #241 of the ORDER of AHEPA and the CHARIS ELENI CHAPTER #337 of the DAUGHTERS of PENELOPE**. College scholarships will be awarded to deserving students as well as other special presentations.

All church organizations within our community are welcome to participate. Please contact AHEPA Scholarship Chairman, George T. Anas, to be included in the Awards Program.

87th AHEPA FAMILY DISTRICT CONVENTION – Elected Chapter Delegates will soon represent our chapter at the District Convention to be held in Fredrick, Maryland beginning June 8th thru June 10th. Business sessions as well as several social events will take place.

A number of college scholarships will also be awarded to deserving students throughout District #3 which includes the states of Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, West Virginia and Washington D.C.

THE AHEPA FAMILY SUPREME CONVENTION – The election of delegates to attend the Supreme Convention will take place during the May meeting on May 24, 2018. The convention will take place in Atlantic City at the HARAH'S Hotel & Casino beginning on July 22 through July 27, 2018.

AGORA-Greek Market – Our Agora continues to offer delicious items including feta, kaserri, Kalamata olives, dolmades, tarama, fillo, Greek coffee, etc. Stop by the AHEPA FAMILY CENTER and stock up!!!

Stay tuned for highlights of the 2018 Community Awards Luncheon in a future edition of the Cross-Roads!!

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

Our sincere thanks to sister **Helen Micha** and to all those who helped and contributed to the **Easter Egg Hunt**. Our younger parishioners had a great time hunting for hidden goodies.

On **Sunday, May 20**, the **Daughters**, along with our brother **AHEPANS**, will, once again, host the **Community Awards Program**. During this function, **The Daughters** will award three (3) scholarships to three very deserving young people of our Community.

The scholarships are: **The Charis Eleni Chapter Scholarship, The President's Scholarship and The Tessie Dakis Scholarship.**

Please, keep in mind that our District Convention will be held in **Fredrick, MD,**

June 8&9, while our **National Convention will be held at Harrah's in Atlantic City from 23 to 27 in July**. More details will be provided as we approach these dates.

Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Thursday, May 24 in the AHEPA Family Home, starting at 6:30 pm with dinner.

HELLENIC WOMAN'S PENELOPE SOCIETY

The May meeting of the **Hellenic Woman's Penelope Society (HWPS)** will take place on **Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the Hellenic Center**. **Sandra Stirbet** will be the hostess.

Our **Spring Bake Sale** was very successful, and we thank all those members and friends who worked diligently to make our delicious pastries. We also thank our faithful patrons who amazingly support us each time. The proceeds from the bake sale will fund the **Father Peter and Gregory Makris Memorial Merit Scholarship**.

At our March meeting, it was unanimously approved to change our monthly meetings back to the **first Thursday of each month**. The frequent rental of the Hellenic Center made it very difficult to hold meetings on the designated Sundays.

During the **Spring Festival**, we will be conducting tours of the **Biblical Garden**. **Marika Anthony** will serve as the tour guide. Those who visit the garden each year are extremely impressed with its beauty and spirituality. **We invite our parishioners and our young people to visit the Garden during the year.**

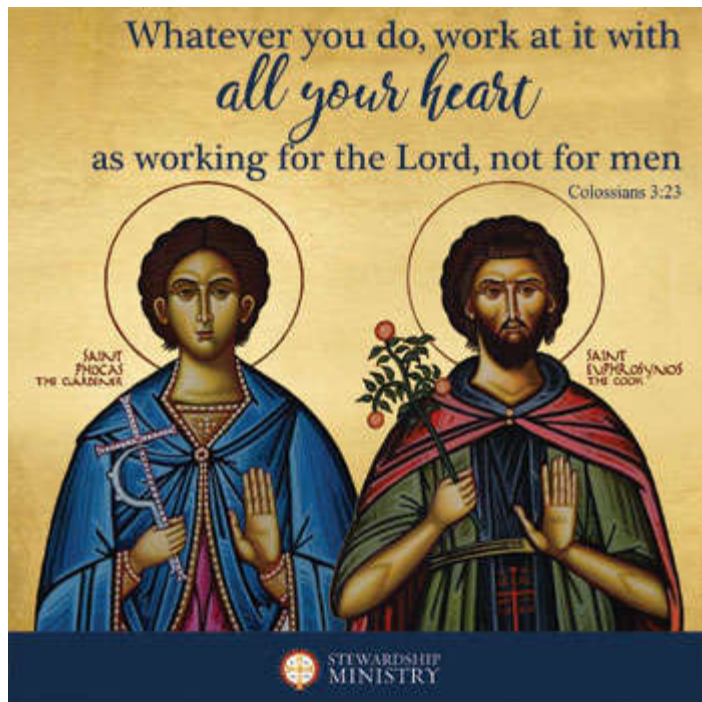
During the Festival we will be selling our cookbooks, **Culinary Gifts from the Greeks**, as well as **manning the raffle table at the entrance of the Sacalis Hall**. We ask our members to come forward and volunteer to work at these two booths.

Our last meeting for this club year will be held at the **Hellenic Center on Thursday, June 7th**, during which we will install our new officers and our new members. We will also welcome this year's recipient of the **Father Peter and Gregory Makris Scholarship**. More details will be forthcoming.

We extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the families of **Perri Katsantonis**, a long-time member of HWPS; **Jackie Trahadas**, twin sister of Athena Savvas; **Harita Stavrou**, and **Helen Paredos Gavaris** for the loss of her daughter, **Yolanda**. **May their memories be eternal.**

HAPPY SPRING FESTIVAL TO ALL!

STEWARDS AS OF APRIL 22, 2018



WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE PARISHIONERS LISTED BELOW FOR MAKING AN ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE FOR 2018:

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 DEAN & MARY ANN BELER
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WE ALSO THANK THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE MADE CONTRIBUTIONS THIS YEAR BUT HAVEN'T COMPLETED A STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT FORM:

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Dr. Mary V. Bicouvaris Memorial Tennis Tournament

Will Fan an 8th grader at Hampton Roads Academy beat fellow tennis classmate Sam Lanning to win the 18th annual Dr. Mary V. Bicouvaris Memorial Tennis Tournament. The event was held at Hampton Roads Academy on April 13th. The match is held in honor of Mary and Jim Bicouvaris each year, who were parishioners of Saints Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church. Mary was Virginia and National Teacher of the Year & a member of several community and church groups and Jim was a former Parish Council Member for our Church & was in the Insurance business. For more log on to : www.gibtv.com and click the YouTube Link on the home page to see a video clip. Visit the tennis tournament section on the website as well. May their memory be eternal.

2018 LENT AND HOLY WEEK THANK YOU

Thank you for the following Donations of items for Great and Holy Lent and Holy Week.

Wreaths for the Friday Salutation

Services: Zoe & Harry Fotiou, John & Barbara France, Anna & Zena Mageras, Sylvia Marcin, and Kent & Georgene Paumier.

Friday Night Lenten Suppers:

Athena Savvas, Barbara France, and Helen Nicholls

Daffodils for the Third Sunday in Lent: Alvin and Alexa Garrison.

Palms: Tessie Savrides for the donation of the Palms and to those who made the Palm Crosses on the Saturday of Lazarus.

Holy Unction: The Dermanis Family for the Holy Unction Service materials.

Wreaths for Holy Thursday: Jack and Mary Georgalas, Mike & Nia Kokorelis, Stavrou Family, Angelo & Nia Theodorogiannis, Chris and Hope Zambas.

Kouvouklion Flowers: Lolos Family in memory of Anagyros & Antonia Lolos.

Flower Arrangements: John & Phoebe Campbell & Family.

Sheets for Holy Friday: Father George & Presvytera Flora, and Father Nick Despotides.

Kouvouklion Decorators: Helen Nicholls, Marina Becouvarakis, Kiki Canavos. Mary Girenvoulis, Catherine Fisher, Mary Katherine Galoozis, and Christina Myers.

Myrofores & Organizer: Helen Micha: Myrrh bearers were: Emerson Krisik, Hannah Marketon, Helen Micha, Hannah Qusus, Yasmeen Qusus, Marianthi Roumeliotis, and Nikoletta Roumeliotis,

Kouvouklion Bearers: Dean Chioros, Costa Doulgerakis, Tommy Kyrus, Theodore Tymowski, Greg Saur, Manoli Vidakis, Demetrios Panagopoulos, Dr. Bobby Garofalis, Ted Fotiou, and Kent Paumier.

Egg Dyers: Anastasia Savrides, Joanne McDearmon, Cleo Pileggi, Barbara France, Maggie Thompson, Zoe Marcopoulos, and Athena Savvas.

Bay Leaves for Holy Saturday:

John & Barbara France
Prosfora: Angie Kritikos, Sylvia Marcin, Helen Nicholls, and Panagiota Tofalli.

Chanters and Choir: Tim Sofis, Brian Fink, Catherine Fisher, Harry Fotiou, Michael Landon, George Petrakos, and John Williams.

Altar Boys: Barry Hendricks, Greg Saur, Konstantine Pietronuto, Jack Kanakaris and all the boys who served.

Wine: Helen George

Rose Water: Helen George

The Goya members who did the Epistle readings on Holy Wednesday.

The Readers of the Gospels during the Agape Vespers:

Greek – Father George
English – Barry Hendricks
Afrikaans – Brenda De Wet
Arabic – Dema Fann
Dutch – Brenda De Wet
Finnish – Erika St. Dennis
French – Howard Mandeville
German – Chris Lindemann
Italian – Alessandro Accardi
Latin – James Woodbury
Russian – Natalya Accardi
Serbian – Aleksandra Garofalis
Spanish – Elaine Jansen
Ukrainian – Titiana Luckring

Easter Egg Hunt: Daughters of Penelope

Anastasi Meal: Special thanks to our Parish Council under the leadership of our President, Frank Peri for the ushering and order during the services as well as sponsoring the Anastasi meal and to Nick Matthews, John Dermanis, Barbara France, Tessie Dakis, Dianne Sun for preparing the meal and the Philoptochos for Tsourekia.

Photographers: For those who took pictures and posted to Facebook.

I hope that all of us will be together again next year in good health to walk the walk of Great and Holy Lent and Holy Week. Thank you again, Father George

Vacation Bible School!

June 25-29th!

More information to follow!

For any questions please contact
Mariam Canavos at
757-788-4185

Sts. Constantine & Helen
Greek Orthodox Church
Adult Education Program presents:

BAD BOYS OF THE BIBLE and THE ROAD TO REDEMPTION

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

7:00- 8:00 pm

Sacalis Hall

60 Traverse Road

Newport News, VA 23606

Who were the bad boys?

What did they do?

How did they respond to their challenges?

How do their stories impact us today?

Nick Vrettos

Parishioner and Sunday School teacher will be the speaker. Nick is also a docent at the Muscarelle Museum in Williamsburg. He will include famous religious artwork in his presentation.

This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, please contact the Church office at (757) 596-6151.

MAY SUNDAYS AT SAINTS CONSTANTINE AND HELEN

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WISDOM OF THE FATHERS

But I assert that he even received benefit from his blindness: since he recovered the sight of the eyes within. St. John Chrysostom, Homily 56 on John 9, 4th Century

HYMNS OF THE DAY

Apolytikion of Great and Holy Pascha in the Plagal First Mode

Christ is risen from the dead, by death, trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

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 Plagal Fourth Mode

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

MAY 20

EPISTLE READING

Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18, 28-36

GOSPEL READING

John 17:1-13

joy fulfilled in themselves."

SAINTS AND FEASTS

COMMEMORATED

Fathers of the 1st Council

Father Alexis, Metropolitan of Moscow

Lydia of Philippi, Equal to the Apostles

The Holy Martyr Thalleus

Mark the Hermit

WISDOM OF THE FATHERS

For there is One God, and One Mediator between God and Man, the Man Christ Jesus. For He still pleads even now as Man for my salvation; ... St. Gregory the Theo-

logian, 4th Theological Oration, 4th Century

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 Holy Ascension in the Fourth Mode

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit; and they were assured by the blessing that Thou art the Son of God and Redeemer of the world.

Apolytikion for Fathers of the 1st Council in the Plagal Fourth Mode

Most glorified art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast established our Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, and through them didst guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, glory be to Thee.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Plagal Second Mode

O Christ our God, upon fulfilling Your dispensation for our sake, You ascended in Glory, uniting the earthly with the heavenly. You were never separate but remained inseparable, and cried out to those who love You, "I am with you and no one is against you."

MAY 27

EPISTLE READING

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

GOSPEL READING

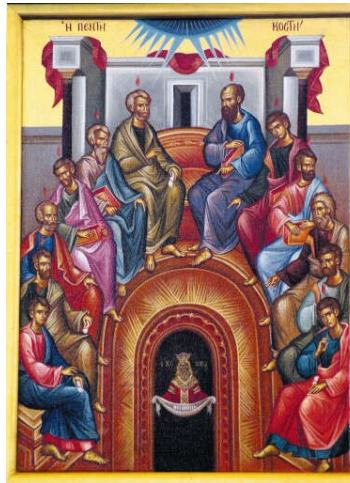
John 7:37-52; 8:12

SAINTS AND FEASTS

COMMEMORATED

Holy Pentecost

After the Saviour's Ascension into the Heavens, the eleven Apostles and the rest of His disciples, the God-loving women who followed after Him from the beginning, His Mother, the most holy Virgin Mary, and His brethren—all together about 120 souls returned from the Mount of Ol-



ives to Jerusalem. Entering into the house where they gathered, they went into the upper room, and there they persevered in prayer and supplication, awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit, as their Divine Teacher had promised them. In the meanwhile, they chose Matthias, who was elected to take the place of Judas among the Apostles.

Thus, on this day, the seventh Sunday of Pascha, the tenth day after the Ascension and the fiftieth day after Pascha, at the third hour of the day from the rising of the sun, there suddenly came a sound from Heaven, as when a mighty wind blows, and it filled the whole house where the Apostles and the rest with them were gathered. Immediately after the sound, there appeared tongues of fire that divided and rested upon the head of each one. Filled with the Spirit, all those present began speaking not in their native tongue, but in other tongues and dialects, as the Holy Spirit instructed them.

The multitudes that had come together from various places for the feast, most of whom were Jews by race and religion, were called Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and so forth, according to the places where they dwelt. Though they spoke many different tongues, they were present in Jerusalem by divine dispensation. When they heard that sound that came down from Heaven to the place where the disciples of Christ were gathered, all ran to-

gether to learn what had taken place. But they were confounded when they came and heard the Apostles speaking in their own tongues. Marvelling at this, they said one to another, "Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?" But others, because of their foolishness and excess of evil, mocked the wonder and said that the Apostles were drunken.

Then Peter stood up with the eleven, and raising his voice, spoke to all the people, proving that that which had taken place was not drunkenness, but the fulfilment of God's promise that had been spoken by the Prophet Joel: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that I shall pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy" (Joel 2:28), and he preached Jesus of Nazareth unto them, proving in many ways that He is Christ the Lord, Whom the Jews crucified but God raised from the dead. On hearing Peter's teaching, many were smitten with compunction and received the word. Thus, they were baptized, and on that day about three thousand souls were added to the Faith of Christ.

Such, therefore, are the reasons for today's feast: the coming of the All-holy Spirit into the world, the completion of the Lord Jesus Christ's promise, and the fulfilment of the hope of the sacred disciples, which we celebrate today. This is the final feast of the great mystery and dispensation of God's incarnation. On this last, and great, and saving day of Pentecost, the Apostles of the Saviour, who were unlearned fishermen, made wise now of a sudden by the Holy Spirit, clearly and with divine authority spoke the heavenly doctrines. They became heralds of the truth and teachers of the whole world. On this day they were ordained and began their apostleship, of which the salvation of those three thousand souls in one day was the comely and marvellous first fruit.

Some erroneously hold that Pentecost is the "birthday of the

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VOLUNTEER FORM

SERVICE | QUALITY | CLEANLINESS | FELLOWSHIP

- **Volunteers park behind the Hellenic Center.**
- **Arrive 30 minutes early and report to the information desk to pickup a nametag and an apron.**
- SMILE and share our rich culture and religion, treat our customers with respect, be helpful, courteous. Have fun.
- Serve consistent portions to all customers, present food in a pleasing manner. Servers wear plastic gloves, wash hands before serving, maintain a good appearance.
- All cashiers **MUST** attend training scheduled for May 29th at 7 PM in the AHEPA Hall.
- **Please return your completed form to the church office by May 15.**
- Thank you for your willingness to serve.



May 31—June 3

Thurs—Sat, 11 AM—10 PM

Sunday , 12 Noon—6 PM

Name	Volunteer Area	Thursday Time	Friday Time	Saturday Time	Sunday Time

Saints Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church thanks you for volunteering! Please retain top half for your records

Please return bottom half to the Church Office at 60 Traverse Road Newport News VA 23606 Telephone: (757) 596-6151

Volunteer for Areas (Place area codes to right in time slots for each family member)

Last Name / Phone Number	WED Prep	THU		FRI		SAT		SUN		MON Clean Up	VOLUNTEER AREAS
First Name	10:00-3:00	11:00-4:30	4:30-10:00	11:00-4:30	4:30-10:00	11:00-4:30	4:30-10:00	12:00-3:00	3:00-6:00	10:00-3:00	
											A. Athenian Café
											B. Mediterranean Kouzina (Food Lines)
											C. Bar/Beverages
											D. Cashiers
											E. Hostess
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											H. Outdoor Grill
											I. Salads
											J. Outdoor Ovens
											K. Pa-stes
											L. Pastries
											M. Pit Lamb
											N. Raffle
											O. Greek Market
											P. Drive Through
											Q. Trays/Clean-up

MAY SUNDAYS

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Church." But this is not true, for the teaching of the holy Fathers is that the Church existed before all other things. In the second vision of The Shepherd of Hermas we read: "Now brethren, a revelation was made unto me in my sleep by a youth of exceeding fair form, who said to me, 'Whom thinkest thou the aged woman, from whom thou receivedst the book, to be?' I say, 'The Sibyl.' 'Thou art wrong,' saith he, 'she is not.' 'Who then is she?' I say, 'The Church,' saith he. I said unto him, 'Wherefore then is she aged?' 'Because,' saith he, 'she was created before all things; therefore is she aged, and for her sake the world was framed.'" Saint Gregory the Theologian also speaks of "the Church of Christ ... both before Christ and after Christ" (PG 35:1108-9). Saint Epiphanius of Cyprus writes, "The Catholic Church, which exists from the ages, is revealed most clearly in the incarnate advent of Christ" (PG 42:640). Saint John Damascene observes, "The Holy Catholic Church of God, therefore, is the assembly of the holy Fathers, Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, Evangelists, and Martyrs who have been from the very beginning, to whom were added all the nations who believed with one accord" (PG 96, 1357c). According to Saint Gregory the Theologian, "The Prophets established the Church, the Apostles conjoined it, and the Evangelists set it in order" (PG 35, 589 A). The Church existed from the creation of the Angels, for the Angels came into existence before the creation of the world, and they have always been members of the Church. Saint Clement, Bishop of Rome, says in his second epistle to the Corinthians, the Church "was created before the sun and moon"; and a little further on, "The Church existeth not now for the first time, but hath been from the beginning" (II Cor. 14).

That which came to pass at Pentecost, then, was the ordination of the Apostles, the com-

mencement of the apostolic preaching to the nations, and the inauguration of the priesthood of the new Israel. Saint Cyril of Alexandria says that "Our Lord Jesus Christ herein ordained the instructors and teachers of the world and the stewards of His divine Mysteries ... showing together with the dignity of Apostleship, the incomparable glory of the authority given them ... Revealing them to be splendid with the great dignity of the Apostleship and showing them forth as both stewards and priests of the divine altars ... they became fit to initiate others through the enlightening guidance of the Holy Spirit" (PG 74, 708-712). Saint Gregory Palamas says, "Now, therefore ... the Holy Spirit descended ... showing the Disciples to be supernal luminaries ... and the distributed grace of the Divine Spirit came through the ordination of the Apostles upon their successors" (Homily 24, 10). And Saint Sophronius, Bishop of Jerusalem, writes, "After the visitation of the Comforter, the Apostles became high priests" (PG 87, 3981B). Therefore, together with the baptism of the Holy Spirit which came upon them who were present in the upper chamber, which the Lord had foretold as recorded in the Acts, "ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence" (Acts 1:5), the Apostles were also appointed and raised to the high priestly rank, according to Saint John Chrysostom (PG 60, 21). On this day commenced the celebration of the Holy Eucharist by which we become "partakers of the Divine Nature" (II Peter 1:4). For before Pentecost, it is said of the Apostles and disciples only that they abode in "prayer and supplication" (Acts 1:14); it is only after the coming of the Holy Spirit that they persevered in the "breaking of bread," that is, the communion of the Holy Mysteries-"and in prayer" (Acts 2:42).

The feast of holy Pentecost, therefore, determined the beginning of the priesthood of grace,

not the beginning of the Church. Henceforth, the Apostles proclaimed the good tidings "in country and town," preaching and baptizing and appointing shepherds, imparting the priesthood to them whom they judged were worthy to minister, as Saint Clement writes in his first Epistle to the Corinthians (I Cor. 42).

All foods allowed during the week following Pentecost.

The Holy Hieromartyr Helladius

**John the Russian of Evia
Theodora the Virgin-martyr &
Didymos the Martyr
Venerable Bede
WISDOM OF THE
FATHERS**

For as thirsty men, when they have taken a bowl, eagerly drain it and then desist, so too they who hear the divine oracles if they receive them thirsting, will never be weary until they have drunk them up. For to show that men ought ever to thirst and hunger, "Blessed," It said, "are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness" (Matt.5:6). St. John Chrysostom, Homily 51 on John 7, 4th Century

**HYMNS OF THE DAY
Apolytikion for Pentecost in
the Plagal Fourth Mode**

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast shown forth the fishermen as supremely wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them didst draw the world into Thy net. O Befriender of man, glory be to Thee.

Εὐλογητός εἶ Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν ὁ πανσόφους τοὺς ἀλιεῖς ἀναδείξας καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ ἅγιον καὶ δι' αὐτῶν τὴν οἰκουμένην σαγηνεύσας φιλόνηρωπε δόξα σοι.

**Seasonal Kontakion in the
Plagal Fourth Mode**

Once, when He descended and confounded the tongues, the Most High divided the nations; and when He divided the tongues of fire, He called all men into unity; and with one accord we glorify the All-holy Spirit.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

MARCH 19, 2018

**I: Call to Order & Opening
Prayer:**

Present: Father George Chioros, Frank Peri, John Dermanis, Zena Mageras, Kent Paumier, Greg Bicouvaris, Stavroula Galley, Tom Grepiotis, Nick Matthews, Anastasia Theodorogiannis

Absent: Bobby Garofalis & Elias Doulgerakis

The meeting convened at 19:06 with an opening prayer by Father George. The following items were discussed:

II: Minutes:

Nick Matthews made motion to approve the meeting minutes of the 24 Jan 18 meeting; seconded by

Zena Mageras, passed unanimously.

III: Correspondence:

Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey, Dtd 16 Feb 18, Clergy Laity Assembly and Philoptochos Convention, 7-8 May 18 at "The Venetian" in Garfield, New Jersey.

IV: Treasurer's Report: By Zena Mageras report attached with minutes. Mageras stated that a portion of Father's salary goes to his housing allowance.

V: Visitor's Comments:

None

VI: Committee Reports:

Youth Ministry - Mariam Canavos

YAL had a movie night
25 Mar - Greek School Independence Day Program and Goya spaghetti lunch.

08-14 Jul 18 - GOYA Camp Good Shepherd-Virginia

25-Apr - Meet the New Youth Director

House Committee - Barbra France

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Bible & Retired Shipyard Breakfast continuing as usual. Two outside rentals since the last meeting, Steak & Burger and Ducks Unlimited both events went well and will be returning next year. Three new rentals: Quinary 30-Jun, 28-Jul and wedding reception 18-Aug. Door to the upstairs not functioning properly. Call locksmith? Recommendations?

Upcoming Events:

25-Mar - Greek Independence Day Program & GOYA lunch.

31-Mar - Saturday of Lazarus Breakfast & Palm folding

1-Apr - Philoptochos Palm Sunday lunch

8-Apr - Pascha Meal

14 & 28-Apr - Quinceanera

Festival Committee - Chris Zambas presented the 2018 Spring Festival Pro Forma (attached) for Parish Council review and approval. Festival projection 400K gross/200K net. Good weather and execution of the festival we will be successful. Matthews made motion to approve the 2018 Spring Festival Pro Forma; seconded by Dermanis, passed unanimously.

Maintenance Committee - Dougerakis installed new door for salad shed. Replacement window ordered to be installed at later date.

Stewardship Ministry - Nick Matthews:

Stewardship (Fund 1) as of 03/19/2018-\$41,742.20

Stewardship Other (Funds 1 & 2) as of 03/19/2018-\$6,326.24

Total (Funds 1, 2 & 3) as of 03/19/2018-\$48,068.44

Families Pledged as of 03/19/2018-89

Stewardship Commitment-\$98,955.00

Average Family Pledged-\$1,111.85

VII: Priest's Report - Father George

Father went over the Lazarus Saturday Service, which is a teaching service, followed by breakfast and making palms for Palm Sunday. Also discussed the Holy Week schedule.

25 Mar - Annunciation and Greek Independence Day

Hayden Headricks is looking for financial assistance to raise \$1200.00 for his upcoming mission trip 18-Jul to Mexico to help build a home.

VIII: Unfinished Business: Appraisals Safe Deposit Box items - Dermanis/Mageras - No change.

HVAC status - Peri reported still obtaining system information and quotes.

Security System proposals - Dermanis/Theodorogiannis presented proposals from AD&T and KAMCO Services. Discussed the proposals. Theodorogiannis to ask follow-up questions to KAMCO on monitoring service fees, maintenance agreement and remote viewing. Paumier to check with Jason Holbrook for IT support of systems. Dermanis also reported on reconditioning the Church and office door lock mechanisms.

Surviving and Armed Violence Encounter - Dermanis still waiting for call back from LT. Adam Hankins NNPD. Theodorogiannis - The Marksman in Newport News offers classes.

VIII: New Business: Church Organ budget lien - Peri to discuss with Choir on protecting the \$10K per year, but the money will not be placed in escrow. The budget is an annual. The \$10K per year was voted upon and approved during the Spring Parish Assembly.

Clergy Laity Assembly and Philoptochos Convention, 7-8 May, Father George and Frank Peri will be attending. Stavroula Gailey is attending for Philoptochos.

IX: Adjournment:

Fr. George offered the closing prayer at 20:45. Next PC meeting will be --16 Apr 18 at 1830.

X: Certification: Respectfully Submitted Kent M. Paumier Secretary

May 2018

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	31		

1 Tuesday

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Greek School Classes

2 Wednesday

Mid-Pentecost
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
7:00 pm GOYA
7:15 pm Choir

3 Thursday

6:00 pm HWPS

6 Sunday

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
8:45 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
40 Day Memorial for Perri Katsontonis
1 Year Memorial for John Dakis

8 Tuesday

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Greek School Classes

9 Wednesday

7:15 pm Choir

13 Sunday

Sunday of the Blind Man Mothers Day
8:45am Orthros
10:00am Divine Liturgy
1 Year for Anna Christopher

15 Tuesday

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Greek School Classes

16 Wednesday

Apodosis of Pascha
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
7:15 pm Choir

17 Thursday

Holy Ascension
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy

19 Saturday

11:00 am Wedding

20 Sunday

Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council
8:45am Orthros
10:00am Divine Liturgy
Sunday School Awards
Scholarship Luncheon
6:30 pm Vespers of Saints Constantine & Helen
Reception to follow

21 Monday

Saints Constantine & Helen
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
6:30 pm Parish Council

23 Wednesday

7:15 pm Choir

24 Thursday

6:45 pm Ahepa/DOP

26 Saturday

Saturday of Souls
10:00 am Divine Liturgy

27 Sunday

Holy Pentecost
8:45 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy

28 Monday

Day of the Holy Spirit Memorial Day
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Cemetery for Blessing of Graves
1:15 pm Peninsula Memorial Park

30 Wednesday

7:15 pm Choir

31 Thursday

11:00 am Festival begins

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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.

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