An icon that “cries.” Miraculous healings from pancreatic cancer, brain tumors, liver cancer, problem pregnancies, and even suicidal actions. A fervor of faith and enthusiasm, turning people’s attention to the Mother of God and her loving care for the world, as well as to her son, our Lord Jesus Christ. And hundreds of people touched in a special way by God’s grace! In fact, we had more than 700 people come to our Sts Constantine and Helen Church on Friday, June 17th to experience this blessing!

It truly is unbelievable – a wooden icon that cries, and the countless miracle stories that God performs through the anointing of the myrrh. Unbelievable, and yet, we believe in a God of miracles! Throughout the Bible and the 4000 year Judeo-Christian tradition, we read about how God acts outside of the laws of nature and intervenes in the lives of humanity. We can give plenty of examples throughout Holy Scripture, from Moses and the Red Sea, to Jonah and the whale, to the three youths in the fire, to David and Goliath, to Elijah and fire from heaven. The Bible is full of unbelievable miracles.

Look especially at the life of Jesus Christ and we see numerous examples of wonders and miracles – a man born blind given sight; a women suffering from internal bleeding for 18 years and healed instantaneously; people covered with leprosy and cleansed; paralyzed people given the ability to walk again; a young dead corpse being carried to his grave yet given new life; another dead man already buried in the tomb for four days, and yet called out of the grave to come back to life; and of course Jesus Christ Himself, tortured, crucified and killed, buried in the tomb, and yet raised from the dead.

Our Christian faith is an unbelievable faith if you only believe in natural laws. And yet, as we sang on the feast of Pentecost, “Who is so great a God as our God? You are the God who alone does great wonders!” And this great God of wonders promised to send His Holy Spirit upon His followers,
The mission of Sts. Constantine and Helen Church is to proclaim the Good News of Salvation through the Orthodox Christian Faith for the glory of our Triune God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We are a community of believers who journey towards our Lord Jesus Christ and one another through our WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, SPIRITUAL GROWTH, WITNESS, and SERVICE. We invite all people to join us on this journey in the Kingdom of Heaven.

We are under the jurisdiction of
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His Eminence, Archbishop Demetrios of America
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and to empower them to do great wonders in His name! “You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

God is alive and active in our world today, IF we have the eyes of faith to see His actions! For all who came to our Church on June 17th and witnessed the miracle of the Kardiotissa Icon, and if you had eyes and ears of faith, then you saw the power and wonder of God!

Fr. Mark Leisure shared numerous accounts of miracles, and I published some of those miracles in last month’s issue of The Light. I could continue to write much about God’s miracles, but instead I want to focus on something else. Those of us who were there saw a miracle, and yet, what are we supposed to do with these miracles now? HOW are we supposed to respond to what we saw on June 17th?

Well, I think it’s important to look at Holy Scriptures and see what happened after Jesus performed miracles and healed different people. What did He say to them? What did he expect from them?

After Jesus heals a paralytic he says “See you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you.”

A man born blind from birth is given sight and then Jesus says, “Believe in the Son of God.”

A man filled with a legion of demons is healed and told “Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you.”

Jesus forgives an adulterous woman and says, “Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.”

On the first day of Pentecost, when Peter preaches about the wonders of Jesus and thousands of people are touched in their hearts, asking, “What shall we do?” Peter clearly responds, “Repent and be baptized!”

A commitment to following God and His ways; following the narrow path that leads into the Kingdom of God; repenting, which means turning away from the ways of the world and turning back towards God; this is what is expected when someone becomes a true disciple and follower of Jesus Christ. We are expected to try and obey Christ in all His ways!

For those of us who saw the miracle of the myrrh-streaming icon, it’s not good enough to simply be amazed and tell people we saw something special from God. Instead, it is appropriate and right for us to thank God for this special blessing, and then to recommit our lives to Him. We should allow our lives to be changed in a special way. We have encountered God’s grace. Now let us become bearers of God’s grace to the world around us! This is the expectation Christ’s expects from us after we encounter one of God’s miracles.

Unfortunately, history shows us that THOUSANDS wanted to SEE Christ’s miracles, yet only DOZENS actually made the commitment to FOLLOW Him.

Who will we be a part of? The thousands or the dozens? The crowds who were amazed, but didn’t do anything afterwards? Or the disciples who altered their lives to follow His path? Will the inspiring experience of June 17th simply be an experience we remember, or will it be an event that changes the direction of our lives? Will it challenge us to truly commit our lives to following Christ in a more serious way? That is the BIG question that remains from that blessed night.

Let each of us recommit ourselves, and one another and our whole life to Christ our God!

With love in our Great God,

+Fr. Luke
On July 20th we remember one of the greatest prophets of the Old Testament, the Prophet Elijah (or Ilia). Elijah has a wonderful and inspiring story with an extremely relevant message for all of us today.

A “prophet of God” is someone who boldly speaks the word of the Lord. Throughout the Old Testament, these prophets would courageously speak before kings and powerful people, publicly revealing to them where they have strayed from the path of God, and calling them back to the straight path. More often than not, however, the “reward” these prophets received was ridicule, slander, persecution and even death. The leaders and people often didn’t want to change their corrupt ways and listen to the word of God.

Elijah lived at a time when King Ahab and his wife Jezebel were ruling over Israel. This king and queen, along with many of the people of Israel, had forgotten about the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and begun worshipping the false god of Baal. The king also ruled his people with corruption and injustice.

So God calls Elijah to go and proclaim His word to King Ahab. Of course, the King doesn’t receive Elijah’s words warmly, and even threatens to kill him. Elijah, however, filled with the power of God, dares the king and all his priests of the false god Baal to a competition. He challenges them to see which God is greater, the holy God of Israel, or their god of Baal. This “prayer competition” is held before King Ahab.

First, the priests of Baal are asked to pray to their god and ask him to send down fire from heaven to consume their sacrifices placed on an altar. The priests begin to pray. After many hours, and with no results, they give up in despair.

Elijah then builds an altar and places a bull on top of the altar. Before he begins praying, though, he tells the people to poor four large jars of water on top of the sacrifice. They do this three times to ensure that the altar and animal are thoroughly soaked. Then he called out to God and prays,

“O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that You are God in Israel and that I am Your servant. Answer me, O Lord, answer me this day with fire, and let the people know You are the God of Israel, and I am Your servant. Let these people know You are the Lord God, so as to turn the heart of this people back...”

Then fire fell from the Lord out of the heaven and consumed the whole burnt offering, including the altar. And all the people fell to the ground and cried out, “Truly the Lord is God. He is God.”

One would think that after such a miraculous event, the king and the people would listen to Elijah and believe in God. But the opposite happened. The king and his wife Jezebel became so furious with Elijah that they tried to kill him. Unfortunately, so often this is so the reward of a true prophet – to proclaim the word of God, but then to be ignored and to suffer persecution for what you proclaim.

So Elijah runs away to Mount Horeb, where he fasts for 40 days and nights. He stays in a cave, praying continuously to God. He even enters into
Many people feel as if they are alone in this dark and evil world. Sometimes we feel as if we are the only ones trying to live faithful lives. From the example of Elijah, we realize this feeling isn’t something new. But we aren’t alone. God is with us!

the presence of God, and as he stands before God, he shares his discouragement. He basically says, “I have been zealous for you and have faithfully followed you. But look, I am the only one. All the children of Israel have forsaken you, torn down your altars, and killed your prophets. Look, I am alone, and now they seek to even take my life!”

Elijah shares a common frustration that I’m sure even many faithful people in our contemporary world face. Many faithful Christians feel as if they are alone in this faithless and sinful world. So often, when we seek to follow Christ, and live according to His teachings, we seem like we are the only ones – the only serious Christian in our workplace, the only serious Christian in our neighborhood, or in our schools, or wherever.

From Elijah we realize that this feeling of being alone as we struggle to faithfully walk with God is not something new. Throughout history, the faithful men and women who have sincerely tried to follow Christ and live according to His ways have often felt alone.

The world around us will always be seeking after something else. Even those who call themselves Christians are too often Christian in name alone, but not in an authentic struggle. Jesus Himself warned His disciples by saying, “The road is narrow and the way is difficult that leads to life, and there are few who find it. And the way is wide and broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.” (Mt 7:13-14)

This story of Elijah ends with God comforting the prophet and encouraging him by saying, “There are seven thousand in Israel who have not bowed to Baal.” In other words, you’re not alone! There are other faithful people who struggle to follow God.

May each of us remember these words. We’re not alone. Don’t be deceived by the Gallop Polls that show what the majority or the masses think or do. Instead, be inspired and encouraged by the remnant, the saints, the faithful few who continue to follow the ways of the Lord.

I share this story of Elijah to encourage and inspire each one of us, especially when we feel alone in our struggle to follow the paths of God. We’re not alone. God is with us. His Holy Spirit is within us. And there are other faithful people, also fighting the good fight to stay faithful until the end.

May we remember the Prophet Elijah on his feastday on July 20 as one of these faithful saints, and be inspired by his example.

I wish you all a most blessed and faithful struggle throughout these summer months.

God is with us! We are not alone!
Everything you do, all your work, can contribute towards your salvation. It depends on you, on the way you do it. History is replete with monks who became great saints while working in the kitchen or washing sheets. The way of salvation consists in working in prayer.

May God give you the strength to keep your spirit, your mind, and your heart in the spirit of Christ. Then everything that happens to you can very quickly be radically transformed. What was tiresome and discouraging will disappear, transfigured by your desire to be there where Christ your God is.

Elder Sophrony of Essex

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The wise elder’s words are not only good for our salvation (which is always at hand) but also remind us that we should not divide our lives into two worlds. Even monks have to wash dishes...

If we concede that some of our life is drudgery, mindless, but needful, while other parts of our life are interesting and of value to God, then we have ourselves created a two-storey universe of our inner world. “This part of my life is of no value – while this part is of great value.” This, of course, is nonsense. Even service in the Holy Altar frequently includes washing dishes.

The words of the elder teach us that the problem of the two-storey universe is to be found primarily in our own heart – not in the culture around us nor in the tasks we find at hand. God is everywhere present and filling all things. He is even present and filling the various tasks of “drudgery” we undertake. No task is beneath us.

The Mother of God changed the diapers of the God of heaven. Our love for those around us should be no less. We are moved when we read in John that ‘Jesus wept’ at the grave of Lazarus, His friend. The Theotokos had long before heard Him weep and wail as all children do. Nor should any mother (or father) give less value to the weeping of their own children.

God has invested everything with His love, transforming the world into the stage of our salvation. Glory to God for all things and in all things – always and everywhere.
1. Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.

2. Why is a car's WINDSHIELD so large & the rear view mirror so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, look ahead and move on.

3. Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes a few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.

4. All things in life are temporary. If going well, enjoy it, they will not last forever. If not going well, don't worry, they can't last long either.

5. Old friends are gold! New friends are diamond! If you get a diamond, don't forget the gold! Because to hold a diamond, you always need a base of gold!

6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!"

7. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.

8. When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.

9. A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision!"

10. WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES, it takes away today's PEACE.

WISDOM FROM MOTHER GAVRIELA

The most important education we all should receive - to learn how to love God

Do not wish for many things, whether they are within your reach or out of your reach. Instead, take care to sanctify whatever you already have.

Let God intervene between you and the purpose, instead of letting your purpose intervene between you and God.

When speaking of freedom, most people believe that it is related to outward factors. True freedom, however, is an inner attitude and does not depend on environment, the State, the Law, or on other people.
FESTIVAL DONATIONS NEEDED

In the efforts to keep our costs down as much as possible this year, anyone who would like to donate any of the following ingredients or make a monetary donation to purchase any of the items for the food line, please call Lisa Healy (508-981-8109), Marie McNally (508) 943-9079, or Cynthia Johnson (774-239-6632) Thank you !!!!

30 BOXES  BARILLA BRAND RIGATONI
3 LARGE (16 OUNCES) GRATED PARMESAN CHEESE
10 POUNDS FETA CHEESE
12 MED ONIONS (FOR PASTITSIO)
20 LARGE ONIONS (FOR GYROS)
4 PACKAGES CELERY STALKS
8 POUNDS OF BUTTER
24 - 29OZ CANS OF TOMATO SAUCE
4 BOXES CORNSTARCH
5 GALLONS OF WHOLE MILK
2 LARGE BOTTLES CABERNET WINE

30 CASES OF WATER
50 CASES OF SODA
   15 COKE
   10 DIET COKE
   8 GINGER ALE
   9 ROOT BEER
   8 ORANGE

2 LARGE BOTTLES OF KETCHUP
1 LARGE BOTTLE RELISH
2 LARGE BOTTLES MUSTARD
3000 NAPKINS
600 SMALL PAPER PLATES 6 OR 7 INCH
100 SLICES OF AMERICAN CHEESE (INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED)
140 HOT DOGS AND HOT BUNS
140 HAMBURGERS AND BUNS
500 DINNER ROLLS
2 CASES SERNO (6 HOUR)
ICE

IF anyone has lawn signs from last year, please bring to church ASAP so we can change the date.
OPA! Grecian Festival 2016

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 10th & 11th

Come to our Festival Meetings and see how you can help.

Help Us Make this Festival One of Our Best Ever!!!

FESTIVAL BANNERS

One special way to support our Festival is to buy a banner advertising your business, or offering a greeting to all the people who will be present. These banners will be displayed inside of the main tent.

You can purchase a banner for a $100 donation.

You can send a check into the Church Office, noting what wording you would like on the banner, or contact the Church Office or Fr Luke.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Please consider offering as many hours as you can on the weekend of the Festival. Contact Marie McNally to work on the food line.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle tickets will be sent to your homes. Please support this effort! See Chris Geotis, Del Monroe or Nick Seferi for info.

THEMATIC BASKETS

Contact Evelyn Pappas (508-259-5453) or Sandi Kunkel (508-943-7227) about making a thematic basket, or donating anything towards a basket.

CENTER TABLE

Please bring in items for the Center Table. A basket will be placed in the Church Hall. Contact Dhimitra Adamopoulos or Celia Milios with any questions.
Vacation Church Camp 2016
(Ages 3-12 with Teen Helpers 13+)

5:00pm-8:15pm
Saturday July 9 –
Wednesday July 13, 2016

Tubing on the Lake

Family Pool Party

Bible & Memory Verse Games

Recreational Activities & Sports Activities

Amazing Science Experiments

Arts & Crafts

Music & Videos

July 9 - Opening Program with Swim Party
July 11 - Tubing on the Lake
July 12 - Incredible Stories from the Science Tellers
July 12 - Closing Program

Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church - Webster

Call or email Presbytera Faith Veronis by July 1 to register (508-774-230-9695 or fveronis@dcrsd.org)
As many as have been baptized in Christ, have put on Christ. Alelluia”

Congratulations to Amelina, the daughter of Said and Bozena Khozami, on her baptism and union with Christ.

Crown them with glory and honor!

Congratulations to Rayne and Elise Purcell for their marriage!

HAPPY 97TH BIRTHDAY!

Pauline Angelo is the oldest member of our church, and one who still comes every Sunday and is the one of the first ones in Church!!!

Congratulations to PAULINE ANGELO for receiving the Metropolis of Boston Parishioner Award
Philoptochos Year End Dinner

We thank the Philoptochos ladies for all they do throughout the year for our Church and for others!
PARISH COUNCIL

A Happy Summer to all!

I had the pleasure of attending the Metropolis of Boston Ministry Awards dinner on June 12th. Pauline Angelo was honored as one of the recipients. It was a special night for her, and for me as well. I listened intently to the speakers making reference to the honorees, and was particularly impressed by some of the comments that I’d like to share with you.

*These recipients are examples of true Christian characteristics:*

- Their commitment to provide a better future for the Church, their family and for their country.
- They are leaders, workers, and doers.
- The challenge was put forth to inspire all of us to strive for these same commitments and to keep the flame of Christ burning in your hearts.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

On June 6th we had our end of the year dinner meeting in our beautiful hall catered by Michelle. It was enjoyed by all. We had a short meeting to thank Eleni and her crew for making the Easter breads. We raised over $1000. Also a special thank you to Despina for putting together a very beautiful Father's Day booklet to honor the men in our lives, both living and dead. We made $2000. Amazing by only charging $5.00 a name! Thank you to all who donated! We gave Fr Luke checks for our graduates. Congratulations to Smaranda and Adam Rivelli, and our very best for your future endeavors! Also we gave Fr Luke $200/youth who is going to Project Mexico or MBC. A shed was delivered to store our chairs and picnic tables, etc... Thank you to our Philoptochos women for our generous contribution to the church!

Our deepest sympathies to the families of Bertha Constantine, Georgette Nicholopoulos, Olga Petluck, and Stavros Pappas. The deceased members of the Philoptochos society will be sorely missed!

Our next meeting will be in August. We will start planning for the festival. Keep in mind donations for the petas, baklava, breads, etc. and also the center table and baskets items for raffle, and toy items for Donna's children' booth! When you are shopping keep these in mind! Check out the sales!!!

I would like to thank Lisa Healy and all prepared for the visit of the Crying Icon! Thank you to all the women who helped clean the church and hall during the week! Our church and hall looked amazing! We should be so proud of what we have accomplished! It was a beautiful and moving evening! It was very well planned and everything went smoothly. We were prepared for the large crowd that came. Good job parishioners of Sts Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church!!!

Have a healthy and enjoyable summer! See you in August! Check your bulletin for the next meeting.

With much love and gratitude,

*Lisa Healy, Parish Council President*

I hope we can all be challenged to strive for the same commitments, and continue to keep the flame of Christ burning in our hearts so our children, and our children's children will continue to do the same.

I'd like to thank all the ushers who participated in helping on the night Fr Mark Leisure brought the *Kardiotissa (Tender-Hearted)* Myrrh-Streaming Icon of the Virgin Mary to our Church. What an incredible blessing! I'm sure everyone will agree that this was a beautiful and emotional evening. The ushers did a phenomenal job keeping order with the 700 and more people who visited our Church. Thank you all!

Congratulations to those celebrating a special occasion this month.

I wish you a safe and enjoyable summer

God's Blessings on all of you!

*Lisa Healy, Parish Council President*
Our Church will Host a

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Saturday, July 9

Sign up to Give Blood at www.RedCrossBlood.org

We also need volunteers to help on the Day of the Drive.

Contact Neal Neslusan (978-302-5700) or the Church Office for Details!

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OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE
Capital Campaign

99 families or individuals, including 80 Church Stewards (or 52% of our parishioners) have contributed to our Capital Campaign. We have collected $592,113 and are awaiting another $169,290 in pledges over the next two years.

If you have not participated yet, please consider doing so.

Several remaining projects:

- Three Offices and Office Bathroom Renovation $50,000
- Front Church Walkway Pavers $12,000
- Back Patio Pavers $12,000
- Repaving of Parking Lot $30,000
- Additional Parking Spaces $25,000
- Outside Landscaping $10,000
**HAPPY 4TH OF JULY**

“Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”

Every year on July 4th we pay tribute to the founders of our nation. On July 4, 1776 a new nation emerged. That nation grew and expanded as a haven for the poor, the oppressed, the dreamers, the creators and the pioneers from every corner of the earth, representing every nationality, race or creed. They all received and they all contributed—their genius and particular gifts.

The greatness of America is in the freedom and opportunities that she gave to so many immigrants - immigrants like our own parents and grandparents!

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**Metropolis of Boston Summer Camp**

Aug 1-7
Contookcook, NH

*Parents, don’t forget to register your children for 6th week at www.mbcamp.org*

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**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:**

July 3 – Donna Cooney, Athena Cooney, Leah Didonato, Jaime Ross

July 10 – Marie McNally, Christa Benoit, Sandi Kunkel, Mary Seferi

July 17 – Kathy Bilis, Marie Monroe, Charlotte Neslusan, Carolyn Niemeck, Stephanie Quill,

July 23 – Thomai Gatsogiannis, Trish Lareau, Betty Tonna, Deb Raymond, Evangeline Wilson

July 31 – Donna Cooney, Athena Cooney, Leah Didonato, Jaime Ross

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**USHERS & GREETERS SCHEDULE**

July 3 – Marie McNally, Eric Beland, Matt Benoit, Lisa Healy, Nick Seferi

July 10 – Neal Neslusan, Mary Papageorge, Jimmy Karapanos, Cindy Johnson

July 17 – Nicoleta Cojocaru, Zach Gianaris, Garry Ross, Jared Quill

July 24 – Arthur Bilis, Del Monroe, Chris Geotis, Thomai Gatsogianis, Trish Lareau

July 31 – Marie McNally, Eric Beland, Matt Benoit, Lisa Healy, Nick Seferi

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**YOUTH EPISTLE READERS**

July 3- Lily Mueller
July 10 - Maia Beaudry
July 17 Theodora Veronis
July 24 - Panayiota Veronis
July 31 - Olivia Neslusan
Aug 7 - Gabriella Ross
Aug 14 - Zach Beaudry
Aug 21 Maria Mironidis

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Remembering Our Church Family

**Important Dates in JULY:**

Try to make a visit, give a call, or express your congratulations to members of our Church family who celebrate special days during this month.

**BIRTHDAYS:**

- July 2: Zack Gianaris
- July 4: Lorna McWilliam
- July 6: Paris McWilliam
- July 6: Katerina McWilliam
- July 6: Mark Totolos
- July 9: Gideon Ross
- July 14: Carl Mueller
- July 18: Laurie Manthos
- July 22: William Anthopoulos
- July 22: Tatjana Zhuk
- July 24: Mary Seferi
- July 26: Jaime Ross
- July 28: Anton Cojocaru
- July 31: Chris Massie

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

- July 6: Ted & Betty Tonna
- July 11: Mark & Therese Totolos
- July 17: Dimitrios & Claire Milios
- July 24: Debby & Glen Raymond
- July 27: Sam & Evelyn Pappas
- July 27: Nike and Tony Beaudry
- July 30: Zack & Barbara Gianaris

**NAMEDAYS:**

- July 4: St. Loucia
  - Loucis Adamopoulos
- July 11: St Olga
  - Olga Barakililis
  - Olga Pappas
- July 12: St. Veronica
  - Paris Veronica McWilliam
- July 20: Prophet Elias
  - Louis Adamopoulos
- July 24: St. Christina
  - Christine Kiritsis
  - Cristina Enache
  - Kristina Mironides
- July 25: St. Anna
  - Anna Thomas

**THANK YOU!**

In order to accomplish the task of a Father's Day Booklet "It takes a village." I wish to express my sincere gratitude to my Sts. Constantine and Helen "Village": Father Luke, Jamie and Garry Ross, Mary Fatsi, Leah DiDonato, Sandy Kunkel, Evelyn Pappas, Sandy Sanderson and Ann (Condos) Flanagan. Love, Despina Condos
JULY DAILY BIBLE READINGS

July 1  1 Corinthians 12:27-13:8  Matthew 10:1-8
July 3 Romans 2:10-16 Matthew 4:18-23
July 4 Romans 7:1-14  Matthew 9:36-10:8
July 5 Galatians 5:22-6:2  Matthew 11:27-30
July 6 Romans 8:2-13 Matthew 10:16-22
July 7 Galatians 3:23-4:5  Mark 5:24-34
July 9 Romans 3:28-4:3  Matthew 7:24-8:4
July 10 Romans 5:1-10  Matthew 6:22-33
July 11 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 Luke 7:36-50
July 12 Romans 10:11-11:2  Matthew 11:16-20
July 13 Hebrews 2:2-10  Matthew 11:20-26
July 14 Romans 16:1-16 Matthew 11:27-30
July 15 1 Corinthians 13:11-14:5  Matthew 17:24-18:4
July 16 Romans 6:11-17  Matthew 8:14-23
July 17 Titus 3:8-15  Matthew 5:14-19
July 18 Romans 12:4-21  Matthew 12:9-13
July 19 Romans 14:9-18  Matthew 12:14-30
July 21 Romans 15:17-29  Matthew 12:46-13:1
July 22 1 Corinthians 9:2-12  Luke 8:1-3
July 23 Romans 8:14-21  Matthew 9:9-13
July 24 Romans 10:1-10  Matthew 8:28-9:1
July 26 Galatians 3:23-4:5  Mark 5:24-34
July 27 2 Timothy 2:1-10  John 15:17-16:2
July 29 1 Corinthians 4:5-8  Matthew 13:44-54

THE BEATITUDES

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:3-10

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THE LEGEND OF THE CHEROKEE

Do you know the legend of the Cherokee Indian youth's rite of passage?

The Cherokee father takes his son into the forest, blindfolds him and leaves him alone. He is required to sit on a stump the whole night and not remove the blindfold until the rays of the morning sun shine through it. He cannot cry out for help to anyone. Once he survives the night, he is a MAN. He cannot tell the other boys of this experience, because each lad must come into manhood on his own.

The boy is naturally terrified. He can hear all kinds of noises. Wild beasts must surely be all around him. Maybe even some human might do him harm. The wind blew the grass and earth, and shook his stump, but he sat stoically, never removing the blindfold. It would be the only way he could become a man!

Finally, after a horrific night the sun appeared and he removed his blindfold. It was then that he discovered his father was sitting on the stump next to him. He had been at watch the entire night, protecting his son from harm.

We, too, are never alone. Even when we don't know it, our Heavenly Father is watching over us, sitting on the stump beside us. When trouble comes, all we have to do is reach out to Him.