The feast of Pentecost, equal in importance to Pascha and Christmas in the Orthodox Church, describes the time when the Holy Spirit came down upon the apostles, enlightening them and transforming them from illiterate, even cowardly, fishermen to bold, courageous spirit-filled preachers and witnesses of the Good News. On the day of Pentecost, the disciples went into the streets of Jerusalem and Peter preached before thousands of people - baptizing 3000 on that special day!

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Peter and John courageously stood up in front of the authorities that crucified Jesus, and told them that they couldn't stay silent: “We must speak the things which we have seen and heard.” And they went on preaching, even if they would be imprisoned, beaten, and eventually killed.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles proclaimed the Good News, healed the sick, performed miracles, and even raised the dead. Most importantly, though, the Spirit of God gave the early Christians the courage to love their enemies and stand up for what they believed, even when confronted with the threat of persecution and martyrdom.

We contemporary Christians must realize that the gift of the Holy Spirit is just as much a gift for us today, as it was for the disciples of the first century. If we pray sincerely and open up our hearts to the Lord, Christ will come into our lives through His Holy Spirit and transform us!

On Sunday, June 19, which is the feast of Pentecost (as well as Father’s Day), let us especially pray that the Spirit of God fill us with His ongoing presence, with His unconditional love, with His deep joy, with His unflinching courage, with His surpassing peace, and with all His gifts, so that our lives will become as fruitful and inspirational as the early Christians. This is our calling as followers of Jesus!
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
His Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew
His Eminence, Archbishop Demetrios of America
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COME O HOLY SPIRIT, FILL US!

Always remember how Christ told his followers “to be in the world, but not of the world.” He commanded us to be the “salt” that flavors the society in which we live, and to become a “light” shining in the darkness that is around us. This all means that we should not simply accept what our secular society does. Christians should not simply imitate what our neighbors are doing, but we should try to evaluate whether a particular path is one that glorifies God, and then strive to live according to what our Lord teaches us, according to His commandments, even if it makes us a little different from others.

Even if most of society acts in a certain way, or holds particular beliefs, that doesn’t make it right in the eyes of God. The saints were often the minority that struggled to walk the straight and narrow path that leads to the Kingdom of Heaven, often in opposition to the ways of society. Our Lord warned us that the path is easy and the road wide that leads to destruction. We Christians are called to take the difficult, often unpopular and sacrificial path that leads towards God and His Kingdom.

So remember, if you have to make a decision that is unpopular, or take a stance which your friends or even your family may not necessarily understand, pray to the Holy Spirit to enlighten you, comfort you and empower you, just as He did for the first apostles.

May the fruit of the Holy Spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self-control grow in each of us richly as we open up our heart to the Holy Spirit!

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!!!

With love in our Risen Lord Jesus,
+Fr. Luke

Visit of the Miraculous Myrrh-Streaming Icon

On Friday, June 17th, we have the incredible blessing to bring to our Church the Kardiotisa (Tender-Hearted) Virgin Mary Icon from St. George Orthodox Church in Taylor, PA. You can read a few of the miracles that God has done through this holy icon on the next page. A month ago, this icon came to St. George Church in Springfield, where 1000 people came to venerate the icon, listen to the stories from Fr. Mark Leisure, and be anointed by the holy myrrh. We may also have hundreds of people from around Central MA to visit our Church and see this icon. Don’t miss this opportunity to be blessed in a special way by God’s grace! Church may be packed so make sure you come early!!!

- 5:00pm - Fr. Mark will talk about the icon and share stories of the many miracles.
- 6:00pm - We will offer a Supplications Service to the Virgin at which time everyone will be anointed
- 9:00pm - For TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS a special discussion on doubt/faith, skepticism and a time for questions/answers, along with a quiet time with the icon
- 10:00pm-2:00am - An all-night vigil with anyone who wants to spend a night in prayer/reflection
THE MIRACLES OF THE TENDER-HEART MYRRH STREAMING ICON

A man had a massive heart attack while in the church. Two nurses who were present rushed over to him and began to do CPR, while others called 911. As the nurses tried to revive him, he showed no pulse, stopped breathing and actually died. While waiting the few minutes for the ambulance to arrive, Fr. Mark Leisure, the priest of St. George Orthodox Church in Taylor, PA took the Kardiotisa, “The Tender Heart” myrrh-flowing, miraculous icon of the Virgin Mary and held it over the man so that the fragrant myrrh would drip from the icon onto the chest of the man. Immediately, the dead man took a deep breath, opened his eyes, and began singing “Mary, Mother of God Save Me.” By the time the paramedics arrived, he was sitting up and didn’t think he needed to go to the hospital.

The doctor at the Sloan Kettering Cancer Center tells the woman she has Stage 4 cancer, and there is no treatment that will help her condition. They tell her that they can control her pain, but she has little time to live. With little hope, she leaves the hospital. Yet a friend anoints her with the fragrant myrrh flowing from the Kardiotisa icon. She is miraculously healed. The next time she goes to the doctors and gets checked, they are puzzled and amazed that there is no trace of her cancer.

Over the past four and a half years, these miracles have happened again and again – with people finding healing from prostrate cancer, liver cancer, throat cancer, lung cancer, brain lymphoma, and almost every other form of cancer. There is even one oncologist who now, along with his medical treatment, directs his patients to visit the St. George Orthodox Church in Taylor, PA and be anointed by this miraculous myrrh.

One man had a ruptured brain aneurism. While in the hospital’s ICU, he was in a coma with no hope for recovery. The doctors told the wife and family to say their goodbyes. A friend of the family knew a priest who had seen the Kardiotisa icon and had a cotton swab with the myrrh. He came and anointed the man, and the man awoke from the coma, healed. The doctors couldn’t explain what happened.

A woman couldn’t see through her pregnancies. Four times she became pregnant, only to have her baby miscarried at a particular point in the pregnancy. There was a problem where the stem that connected the spinal cord and the brain, and this caused the miscarriage. During her fifth pregnancy, before she went to the doctor for an ultrasound, she was anointed with holy myrrh from the icon. In the ultrasound picture, which we all saw, there was an obvious light that had connected the brain with the spinal cord. The doctor and nurses said they had never seen anything like this before. The woman gave birth to a healthy child.

A young boy is rushed to the hospital with a 105 temperature. There is swelling of the brain and nothing seemed to be working to lower his temperature. His grandmother remembered that she had an old cotton swab from the miraculous icon in her purse. When she pulled it out, it was dry. And yet, she took it and tried to anoint her grandson, asking for the Virgin Mary’s intercession. Shortly thereafter, the boy’s temperature broke and he sat up. The next day, she took out the dry cotton swab again, and discovered that it was now soaked with myrrh and had even formed itself into a heart.

A young 14 year old girl had tried to commit suicide several times, and fallen into utter despair because of the bullying, ridicule and pain she experienced at school. While at a Church Camp near Pittsburgh, she encountered the grace of God through this miraculous icon, and found inner healing and hope. Months later she wrote the most beautiful four page letter to Fr. Mark, which he read to us, describing how her life has turned around by her experience with the Kardiotisa icon.

Every Wednesday night for the past four and a half years, Fr. Mark and his community offered a special prayer service to the Virgin Mary in front of this
icon. Every Monday night, Fr. Mark has a Questions and Answer session in his church. Hundreds and hundreds come every Wednesday. Several dozen come each Monday asking questions. One stranger began to attend on Mondays, and at one point stood up and said, “These icons in the Church are against Allah. They are idolatry.” He argued that Allah was not pleased with these icons. After attending for a few weeks, this man from Iran finally approached the icon. Fr. Mark admitted that everyone was tense because he wasn’t sure what the man was going to do. Over the past three years, Fr. Mark has seen someone pull out a knife and try to stab the icon; others have tried to smash it; some have spit on it; and one person even vomited over the protective case. The man from Iran approached and stood motionless in front of the icon covered with fragrant myrrh. Fr. Mark said the man was like in a trance, and it seemed like a battle was going on in his mind. Slowly a tear formed in his eyes, and he began to cry. He kissed the icon. As he walked out of the church, he stopped by the candle stand and wrote something in the sand in Arabic. Since no one could read Arabic, the priest took a picture of what he wrote and found someone to translate it. The man wrote, “Jesus Christ is Lord.” Months later this man was baptized and is now a pious Orthodox Christian.

Our God is a God of wonders and miracles. He is not bound by the very laws of nature which He Himself has established. Sometimes in our contemporary, secular and materialistic world we try to insist that science and reason are the only source of truth. The Church honors and appreciates science and reason, yet we know that the Creator of all stands above all. We can never try to limit or keep God confined within our own boundaries. The miracle of the Kardiotisa icon is just one small example of the unfathomable mysteries of life and of the Creator of Life, God Himself! Sometimes we can only observe in awe and wonder, and give glory to God for the way He reveals His majesty!

Ultimately, witnessing such a miracle is a sign from God that He is present in our midst, and He and His Mother are watching over us. Witnessing such a miracle won’t necessarily change our lives, but offers an answer to the skepticism and doubts which constantly assail us in our daily lives. It remind us that God is real and still active in our world. After seeing such a miracle, our challenge will be to take more seriously our spiritual disciplines and seek out God each day.

Glory to God for all things!

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**This Miraculous Icon Will Visit our Church**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 17th**

**5:00 Listen to Miracle Stories from Fr Mark**

**6:00pm Supplication Service to Virgin Mary**

**6:00pm Anointing with the Holy Myrrh**

**9:00pm Teen/Young Adult Time w Icon**

**10:00pm-2:00am All-Night Vigil**

The “Kardiotisa” (Tender Heart) Icon of the Panayia from St. George Church in Taylor, PA
The Holy and Great Council
PENTECOST 2016
"He called all to unity"

History of the Holy and Great Council
By Rev. Dr. John Chryssavgis, Archdeacon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate

The Orthodox Church is the church of the apostles, the church of the martyrs, the church of the fathers, the church of the councils. Through the centuries, the Orthodox Church convened local and regional, great and greater, as well as universal or ecumenical councils. Just as every celebration of the holy Eucharist is a confirmation of the communion between each person with his or her community, and that local community with the universal Church, so too, every council is a reaffirmation of the unity between each local and self-governing Orthodox church with the universal Church. In fact, St. John Chrysostom – the renowned fourth-century archbishop of Constantinople – boldly states that “council” is another name for “church.”

In this spirit and from its responsibility and privilege to ensure inter-Orthodox unity and facilitate inter-Orthodox cooperation, the Ecumenical Patriarchate has tirelessly labored to convene a Pan-Orthodox Council since the early 1900s.

Preparations for this council began in earnest in 1961 and continued through the 1960s, while pre-conciliar conferences, tasked with forming the council’s agenda and its rules of operation, met in 1976 through 1986. After a long hiatus created by immense political and ideological changes, as well as the unprecedented social and religious challenges resulting from the collapse of the Iron Curtain, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew revived the process in 2008.

So, after almost a century, the agenda was finalized, the documents were edited, and the process was completed in January 2016.

Never before in the history of the Orthodox Church have so many Orthodox churches – fourteen from around the world – assembled in one and the same place.

Yet, despite hesitation and apprehension, despite reservation and even resistance, the Holy and Great Council is being convened at the Orthodox Academy of Crete—steps from a ninth-century Monastery of the Virgin Mary—from June 16 to June 27, 2016.

He called all to unity. May we respond with charity and generosity.

We fervently ask the plentitude of the Church – clergy and laity, men and women, old and young – to pray for this unique and historical event. We especially ask that you implore God to strengthen and inspire the leaders of the Church to manifest their unity in a world afflicted by conflict and division.

May God bless the Holy and Great Council. And May His abundant grace be with all of you.

- His All-Holiness Bartholomew,
Ecumenical Patriarch
Towards the Holy and Great Council: A Comprehensive Timeline

For the first time in 1200 years, the fourteen autocephalous Orthodox Churches will meet, with a common desire to reinforce their relations and address contemporary spiritual and social challenges in the world.

1961 Sept. 24 - Oct. 1
First Pan-Orthodox Conference, Rhodes

1962 Sept 26-29
Second Pan-Orthodox Conference, Rhodes

1963 Nov 1-15
Third Pan-Orthodox Conference, Rhodes

1968 June 8-15
Fourth Pan-Orthodox Conference, Chambéry

1971 July 15-28
Inter-Orthodox Preparatory Commission, Chambéry

1976 Nov. 21-28
First Pre-Conciliar Pan-Orthodox Conference, Chambéry
  - Methodology and themes for the Holy and Great Council
  - The Orthodox Church's relations with other Christian churches
  - Discussion on the common celebration of Easter by all Christians

1977 June 28 - July 3
Congress on the Common Celebration of the Easter by all Christians on a Fixed Sunday

1982 Sept 3-12
Second Pre-Conciliar Pan-Orthodox Conference, Chambéry
  - Impediments to marriage
  - Adaptation of the ordinances regarding fasting

1986 Feb 15-23
Inter-Orthodox Preparatory Commission, Chambéry

1986 Oct 28 - Nov 6
Third Pre-Conciliar Pan-Orthodox Conference, Chambéry
  - Adaptation of ordinances for fasting
  - The mission of the Orthodox Church in the world

1990 Nov 10-17
Inter-Orthodox Preparatory Commission, Chambéry
  - Orthodox Diaspora

1992
First Synaxis of Primates, Istanbul

1993 Nov 7-13
Inter-Orthodox Preparatory Commission, Chambéry
  - Autocephaly

1995 April 10-13
Canon Law Congress on Regulation for Episcopal Assemblies, Chambéry

1995
Second Synaxis of Primates, Patmos

2000
Third Synaxis of Primates, Jerusalem/Bethlehem and Istanbul/Nicaea

2008
Fourth Synaxis of Primates, Istanbul

2009 June 8-12
Fourth Pre-Conciliar Pan-Orthodox Conference, Chambéry
  - Episcopal Assemblies

2009 Dec. 10-17
Inter-Orthodox Preparatory Commission, Chambéry
  - Autocephaly and Autonomy
  - Diptychs

2014
Fifth Synaxis of Primates, Istanbul

2015 Oct 10-17
Fifth Pre-Conciliar Pan-Orthodox Conference, Chambéry

2016 Jan. 21-28
Sixth Synaxis of Primates, Chambéry

2016 June 16-27
The Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church, Crete

For the first time in 1200 years...

Photos courtesy Archon Dimitrios Panagos and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese.

Official channels of communications
The Holy and Great Council will be held June 16-27 in Crete. For the first time in 1200 years, the primates of all 14 Orthodox autocephalous (or self-governed) Churches, along with more than 300 bishops and others, will meet to pray and discuss issues of common concern. Keep up-to-date by visiting www.orthodoxcouncil.org for daily briefings, and by using the communication channels of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

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HOW A SMALL CHURCH BECAME A MEGA-CHURCH OVERNIGHT

By Chad Bird

This is the story of how a small, country church astounded the experts on church growth by becoming a mega-church overnight. Without even trying.

The gravel parking lot around St. John’s began to fill early that morning. The shadow from the dome cast the image of a cross on the western side of the church. Families from miles around climbed out of Fords and Chevrolets to make their way into the sanctuary.

The priest stood by the front door to greet folks. He asked about Aunt Susan’s broken hip, the Reynold’s new horse, and how the football game turned out in Sunray the other night.

The man of God who shepherded this flock wasn’t much to look at. He had a bit of a gut. And he laughed too loud, especially at his corny jokes. But they loved the man. He had baptized their children, buried their grandparents, and even preached a decent sermon on occasion.

By the time worship was ready to begin, it still hadn’t happened—that shocking influx of worshipers I spoke of. In fact, things looked as ordinary as ordinary could be.

The Pappases, with their five children, squeezed into the next-to-last pew. The choir was ready to sing as they do every week. The Liturgy books were opened to the page where the service would soon begin and everyone was ready for the typical service.

At 9:30 sharp, Fr. Paul walked up front and spoke the same words he did at the start of every Sunday service, “Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.” And the choir and congregation responded with a hearty, “Amen!”

Then, without any warning, it happened.

The floodgates opened. Worshipers streamed in. Before the congregation had finished saying, “Amen,” this rural, small church was transformed into the mega of mega-churches.

Here’s how it all went down.

Through the stained glass windows and the domed roof, seraphim swooped down from heavenly perches. Each sported six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And around the sanctuary they chanted one to another, “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!” The foundations of St. John’s quaked at the sound of their voices. The whole church swam with the smoke of incense.

But that was only the beginning.

Cherubim winged their way down from the heavenly city. Not the cute, chubby Precious Moments’ angels, but manly warriors who stationed themselves like sentinels around the sanctuary. They belted out the words to
the hymns, added their Amens to the divine words read and preached that day.

But the angels were not alone. With them came saints innumerable. Men and women who had fought the good fight, finished the race, and gone on to glory. But here they were, back at St. John’s on this Lord's day. They added their voices to the earthly choir of farmers and ranchers and coaches and teachers who still trod the pathway toward the heavenly Jerusalem.

The pews were packed. Standing room only in the aisles. Some perched on the rafters and peered down with serene gazes upon the altar. There, wonder of wonders, was a throne. And on that throne stood a Lamb, slain yet alive, sacrificed but resurrected. Every face of every worshiper, angelic and human, earthly and heavenly, was fixated upon his face.

There they looked upon the countenance of the merciful Almighty.

With angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, the people of St. John’s lauded and glorified the name of that Lamb, their Lord Jesus, that day.

Sacred songs shook the building as the choirs wed their voices. The Lord’s Supper, Holy Communion, was a reunion meal. The folks on earth and the saints in heaven dined on the feast of feasts and the drink that slakes the deepest thirst.

It was a day to remember. A day to repeat.

The following Sunday it would happen again. And then again. This tiny rural church would bulge at the seams with worshipers from realms seen and unseen, all mixed together in the adoration of the Lamb whose kingdom is without end.

That's how a small, country congregation became a mega-church overnight. Without even trying. They gathered around the Lord Jesus, ate his mystical supper, sang his songs, and offered up their words of prayers and praise.

And Jesus showed up, every Sunday, with all of heaven along for the ride.

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Upon attending a Divine Liturgy at the glorious Church of the Holy Wisdom (Aghia Sophia Cathedral) in Constantinople, the emissaries of Prince Vladimir reported:

“We went into the Greek lands, and were led into a place where they worship their God. While there we did not know where we were, on heaven or on earth. We do not know how to explain what we experienced. All we know is that God lives there with these people and their worship is better than in any other country. We will never forget the beauty we saw.”

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PAULINE ANGELO

Pauline Angelo has been a life-long member for 96 years of our Sts Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Webster. She was baptized, raised, married, and raised her two children Michael and Eleanor within this wonderful Church family.

Throughout her life, she has been a regular Church goer, even now as the oldest member of our Church! Fr. Luke will attest that shortly after he arrives to the Church on Sunday mornings, and only a little after Jimmy Milios and Nick Popiak, Pauline will usually be one of the next people to arrive at Church, always attending the entire Matins and the Divine Liturgy. At 96 years old, she even still drives herself to church every Sunday, drives to attend every Philoptochos meeting, as well as any other church activity she can.

She loves attending every Philoptochos meeting and activity, serving at various functions, making delicious Greek pastries for the annual Festival, and simply offering her loving presence and style. Pauline always supported her beloved husband Vasil when he served as Parish Council president and on the Board for many years. He unfortunately died many years ago, and Pauline has been a widow ever since. Pauline always brings joy and a positive spirit to the Church and wherever else she may go.

PHILOPTOCHOS
FATHER’S DAY CELEBRATION
Sunday, June 19th

Artoclasia Service in Honor of our Fathers
Memorial Service in Memory of our Beloved

Father, Your guiding hand will remain with me forever.  
*Author Unknown*

My father didn’t tell me how to live; He lived and let me watch him do it.  
*Clarence Kelland*
PARISH COUNCIL

Christos Anesti! We are Blessed!

In the past few weeks I have heard numerous comments from visitors that have attended services. I ran into a friend that joined us on Easter Day and she marveled at the beauty of our Church, but more so, the feeling of family and the inspiring sermon. Another person said to me, "I didn't realize your Church was so beautiful, the people are warm and loving."

We are blessed to have built a Church community that is welcoming and by our side to support us through happy and sad times. There may be times of opinion differences or hurt feelings, but if we all take what we have learned from what is written in the Bible, then we will realize those little things (although they seem big) are really meaningless.

Our Church has changed and grown in many ways. We are truly blessed to have been able to make these changes and even more blessed that we have grown into a Christ-like community.

Lisa Healy,
Parish Council President

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

On May 9th we had our monthly meeting. Many women volunteered to make petas and deserts for the church's name day dinner. Thank you to all!

The breads we sold for Easter made over $1000. This money was added to our treasury to meet our obligations. Sandi and I ordered the shed for the back of the church to be used to store many items and clean out things in the trailer that need to be thrown away. We will be asking strong men and women to help organize everything when the shed will be delivered the beginning of June. Thank you Philoptochos women for the donation of the shed!

The Father's Day booklet will be passed out in church on Sunday, June 19th to honor our men past and present. Thank you to Despina Condos and to all who helped her and to all that donated to the booklet. The women voted to use the proceeds from the booklet to buy another proofer to be used to help Eleni and her crew make more breads on a faster level.

We will be asking women to help us do a spring cleaning at the church and hall to prepare for the coming of the Crying Icon. We will let you know when.

On June 6th at 6pm we will be having our end of the year dinner catered by Michelle. Please see Thomai or Debbie to sign up. It will be an enjoyable evening with good food and company and lots of laughs!

Don't forget your dues! Also let us know of anyone graduating from high school so we can offer them a scholarship.

Have an enjoyable summer and we’ll meet next in August to discuss the pastry booth for the festival.

With much love and gratitude,

Evelyn Pappas
Philoptochos President
Holy Week and Pascha
Come and Celebrate our
MISSION SUNDAY
& A LUNCHEON FROM
AROUND THE WORLD
SUNDAY, JUNE 19

On Sunday, June 19, our Church will celebrate its annual MISSIONS SUNDAY. This year, we are sending our 5th Mission Team to PROJECT MEXICO to build a simple home for a poor family, and to visit the St. Innocent Orthodox Orphanage in Tijuana.

Fr. Luke will lead a mission team of 21 members from our Church. They will join 120 other Orthodox Christians from around the country, from July 14-20, to build five homes for desperately poor families. This group will represent our Church in going to fulfill God’s Great Commission in Mexico.

As a fundraiser we will be holding our 10th annual MISSIONS LUNCHEON FROM AROUND THE WORLD. Food from different countries of the world will be offered during Coffee Fellowship following the Divine Liturgy on June 19th.

Please come to Church on this Sunday, and take part in the Divine Liturgy and in our Missions Luncheon.

Everyone is encouraged to participate with our Mission Team in their project to Mexico by offering a donation!

ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

"The goal of the Christian life is the acquisition of the Holy Spirit! Prayer, fasting, vigils, almsgiving are all simply ways of trying to receive the Holy Spirit in our lives. When the Spirit of God descends upon a person and overshadows him with the fullness of his outpouring, then his soul overflows with a joy not to be described, for the Holy Spirit turns to joy whatever he touches."

St. Seraphim of Sarov

“However careless and indifferent the baptized may be in their subsequent life, this indwelling presence of the Spirit is never totally withdrawn. But, unless we cooperate with God’s grace – unless, through the exercise of our free will, we struggle to perform the commandments – it is likely that the Spirit’s presence within us will remain hidden and unconscious.”

Bishop Kallistos Ware
PROJECT MEXICO CAMPAIGN
64 Envelopes = $4000

Please take or send in one of the 64 Envelopes (from $25 to $100 in $5.00 increments) found in the Church hall, and make a donation to our Group of 21 going to Project Mexico.

One way you can help our parishioners go to Mexico and Build a Home for those in need!!!

THANK YOU!!!

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

On June 12, our Parish Nurse, Nicoleta Cojocaru, will check your blood pressure, offer medication management and consult on any health related issue.

She will be at the Church on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 7:30am until the Divine Liturgy begins. She can also meet people after the Divine Liturgy.

To have her visit you in your home, call her at 774-452.1049

THANK YOU

Additional donors for Easter

Easter Azaleas
Three Easter Azaleas in memory of Dina Teguis from her sisters Mary Fatsi, Elanor Teguis, and Roxanne Pappas

In memory of Argyries and Maria Patras from Pauline Mueller

in memory of Gregorios Aglaia Koumoullos and Zenon & Anna Procomenos from Helen Zenon

Church Feastday Flowers
For Glory of God—Nicoleta Cojocaru and Family
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - June 26th
A Reflection from Metropolitan Anthony Bloom

The Saints are people who responded to love by love, people who realized that if someone can die for them, their only response of gratitude is to become such that he should not have died in vain. To take up our cross means exactly this: to turn away from all those things which are Christ's death and crucifixion, from all those things which surrounded Christ with hatred and lack of understanding. We are all free to do this, more than those who lived in His time because they could be mistaken in Him in those days; but in our days, after two thousand years, when we can read the Gospels, and see emerging from the story the stature, the Person of Christ, when we have got millions of witnesses that tell us that He truly gave His life for us, and that the only response we can give is to give our lives for one another in His name - how can't we respond?

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
JEN RICE
Long-Term OCMC Missionary from our Parish

Jen Rice, a Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology graduate, has been coming and serving in our parish for the past two years. She has been teaching Sunday School, while also using her beautiful voice to chant during our Sunday Matins, and to sing in the choir during Divine Liturgy. On May 21st, she graduated with her Master of Theological Studies Degree from HC. She is now preparing for long-term missionary service in Guatemala.

During the summers of 2014 and 2015, Jen participated in several short-term mission teams offered through the Orthodox Christian Mission Center to better discern her call to serve the Church as a long-term missionary. She had the opportunity to engage in the pioneering work of the first music ministry team to offer catechetical instruction on the hymns of the Church to the newly Orthodox faithful of Guatemala. She was fortunate to return the following summer to collaborate with local communities by assisting in the renovation of a building into a future medical clinic in an ongoing effort by the Orthodox Church in Guatemala to tend to both the bodies and souls in the communities she serves. Jen is appreciative of these opportunities as well as the blessing to continue to now also serve in a long-term capacity by drawing on her experience and love for singing the sacred hymns of the Church.

Jen is currently seeking partners to join her in prayer and to thoughtfully consider offering regular financial support as she makes preparations to serve as a long-term missionary for the Orthodox Church in Guatemala. She will first enter into an intensive, six week immersion class in Spanish, and then will begin her fundraising. What will help Jennifer the most, are prayer and financial partners who feel as committed as she feels to the ministry in Guatemala. A support team strongly dedicated to this mission will enable her to more quickly join the Church’s vital work in Guatemala.

Please consider offering a donation to support Jennifer, or even become a monthly financial partner. You can support her either by sending a check to “Sts Constantine and Helen Church” and write “Jen Rice” in the notation, or go directly to www.OCMC.org, under long-term missionaries, and donate to her online.

This past year Jen served as President for the HCHC Missions Committee, while also working in the Office of Student Life and tutoring fellow students in the campus Writing Center. She holds a Master of Science degree in Higher Education from Drexel University, as well as a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential and a Bachelors of Art in Studio Art from California State University, Sacramento. Prior to attending Holy Cross School of Theology, Jennifer assisted in many facets of the youth and young adult ministries and was involved in the chanting of the services at St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church in Roseville, California in addition to her responsibilities as a high school English teacher.
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Remembering Our Church Family

Important Dates in JUNE:

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.

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Congratulations to SMARANDA COJOCARU For being awarded THE PRINCIPAL’S AWARD The Highest Award Given at Bartlett High School
TEN WAYS TO LOVE

1. Listen without interrupting (Proverbs 18)
2. Speak without accusing (James 1:19)
3. Give without sparing (Proverbs 21:26)
4. Pray without ceasing (Colossians 1:9)
5. Answer without arguing (Proverbs 17:1)
6. Share without pretending (Ephesians 4:15)
7. Enjoy without complaining (Philippians 2:14)
8. Trust without wavering (1 Corinthians 13:7)
9. Forgive without punishing (Colossians 3:13)
10. Promise without forgetting (Proverbs 13:12)

SAVE DATES FOR SUMMER
Vacation Church Camp
July 9-13
Metropolis of Boston Camp
Week 6 - Aug 1-7

THANK YOU
John/Eleni Sgouritsas and Lake Pizza for donating the meal for Palm Sunday.

Helen Pappas, Sandi Kunkel donating the meal for the Feastday of our Church and for the Philoptochos Women who made pitas and pastries.

Look for our convenient
in the bottom left corner of our Church webpage
www.schwebster.org
HOLY SCRIPTURE ON PENTECOST

“The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”

John 14:26

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 1:8

“Suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

Acts 2:3-4

DAILY BIBLE READINGS JUNE

June 1 Acts 13:13-24, John 6:5-14
June 3 Acts 15:5-12, John 10:17-28
June 4 Hebrews 7:26-8:2, John 10:1-9
June 6 Acts 17:1-9, John 11:47-54
June 7 Acts 17:19-28, John 12:19-36
June 8 Acts 18:22-28, John 12:36-47
June 17 Acts 27:1-44; 28:1 John 17:18-26
June 18 Thessalonians 4:13-17 John 21:14-25
June 20 St. Ephesians 5:8-19, Matt 18:10-20
June 22 St Romans 1:18-27 Matt 5:20-26
June 25 Romans 1:7-12 Matt 5:42-48
June 26 Mt 28:16-20 Heb 11:33-12:2, Mt 10:32-38; 19:27-
June 28 Romans 4:4-12, Matt 7:15-21
June 30 Corinthians 4:9-16, Matt 9:36, 10:1-8
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RICH AND POOR

To live with need and desperation
In a world of dense population
Not being able to support your family
Despite hours in the fields or the factory

A condition of such helplessness
Amidst color ads of happiness
A world of unjust inequality
Where some live so low and others so free

To billions a good meal is such a rare treat
To others it is just a piece of rare meat
The rich isolate themselves from those who suffer
And enjoy such lives of luxury and buffer

They call the downtrodden lazy and sad
Oblivious to the lives they have had
Judging others without care or compassion
They ridicule those who seek fair ration

Ignoring the story of the rich man and Lazarus
They hoard their wealth and do not share their trust
Blind to the fact that their good fortune is a gift
Wanting more they become spiritually adrift

The Lord told us the poor would always be there
But he taught all people to be kind and to share
What is it that makes a rich person obsessed to want more
When he already has a good life and plenty to store

Nicholas A. Veronis