Christ is Risen!
Christos Anesti!
Krishti u Ngjall!
Khristos Voskresie!
Hristos A Inviat!
Christus ist auferstanden!
Al’Masiah Qam!
Christo ha resucitado!
Kristo Amefufuka!

Why do we proclaim the victory of Christ’s Resurrection in so many languages? On Pascha Sunday, we even read the Resurrectional Gospel in seven languages (and I know of other churches that read it in 15 languages!).

On this most central feast of the year, when we celebrate Jesus conquering the greatest fear of humanity and the greatest evil of history - death itself, we realize that this victory was not only for a certain group of people. It is a message of Good News for all people of all nations.

Jesus was the long-awaited Jewish Messiah who fulfilled the ancient Hebrew prophecies. The Good News of His Resurrection and the radical reign of divine love which He inaugurated with His followers quickly spread beyond “Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the world.”

Saint Paul became the “Apostle to the Nations” as he helped spread the Gospel throughout the Hellenistic world and Roman Empire. Within several decades after Christ’s Resurrection, this tiny Jewish sect, which became known as Christians, was no longer mostly made up of Jewish disciples, but embraced “Greeks and barbarians, free-men and slaves, men and women” of all races and all classes. The Christian Church proclaimed a universal faith which opened its doors to every one and anyone!

Within the first centuries, we see the Church spread all the way from Great Britain to India, among tribes as diverse as the Goths, Huns, Georgians, Iberians, and throughout the Middle EastNorth Africa, Europe, Mesopotamia, Persia.
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
- His Eminence, Metropolitan Methodios of Boston

**Father Luke A. Veronis**  
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The Good News was proclaimed in Aramaic, Greek, Latin, Coptic, Ethiopian, Armenian, Syriac, among many other languages.

From its origins, Christianity was a universal faith which carried a transforming message for all people! No one could ever set bounds or limits to the Good News of Jesus Christ!

This is what the Apostle Peter learned shortly after the Resurrection of Christ, when he entered the house of a foreign Roman Centurion and saw how the Holy Spirit came upon his household. “I see that God shows no partiality, but that in every nation whoever fears Him and acts uprightly is acceptable to God.” (Acts 10:34 -35)

The Apostle Paul understood this when he stated, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. But how can they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how can they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone to preach? And how can people preach unless they are sent? How beautiful the feet of those who bring the Good News” (Rom 10:13-15)

St. John Chrysostom, the great Church Father, even criticized those who didn’t understand the universal vision of the Gospel when he preached, “There are two kinds of bishops. One who says my parish is my universe, and the other who says the universe is my parish.” Chrysostom understood the universe as his parish. The Good News of Christ is for all, and thus, he sent missions outside the Byzantine Empire to Crimea and as far as Kurdistan.

“The Church without a missionary outreach, without trying to proclaim the Gospel beyond our own borders, is a contradiction in terms,” emphasizes Archbishop Anastasios of Albania.

Why do we fly international flags outside of our Church? To give a visible witness of the universal nature of our Orthodox Christian Faith. As we so beautifully proclaim in different languages during Pascha, Jesus Christ’s Resurrection and Victory over death is Good News for all people of all nations!

“Missionary outreach is an inner necessity for the faithful and for the Church. If we refuse it, we do not merely omit a duty, but we deny our very nature as the Christian Church.”

It is in the nature of the Church to spread among all nations. This is why Christianity is the largest and most diverse world religion with more than 2.2 billion adherents.

Christ is Risen, and our Lord’s Victory over death, a victory which He shares with all humanity, is not only Good News, but Great News, for all people everywhere to hear!

With love in our Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
+Luke
WHAT PROFIT TO GAIN THE WORLD BUT LOSE YOUR SOUL?

By Fr. John Limberakis

Our sacred Christian faith, properly interpreted and preached in our midst, was never intended, of course, to soothe or to coddle the moral ills and failures of man. On the contrary, the truly Christian message is a challenging message and not the sweet spiritual lullaby that lulls us to sleep, as some of us have taken the words of Christ.

If the truths of God embarrass us and irritate us, cause us to feel guilty for our wrong doings, then we really ought to rejoice because the Word of God is apparently penetrating the thick shell of our religious indifference and we can therefore hope that in due time, at least, the challenge will be met.

The Son of God was not made man to be subsequently reduced only to a saintly vagabond or a simple story teller to be followed by innocent children or simple minded people and old folks. He came to deliver His Saving Message with His Own Blood. He came to jolt us out of our lethargy, to disturb our false tranquility, to awaken us from a deep sleep that had numbed and paralyzed our moral vigilance, the lethargy that saps away and deteriorates the character and integrity of man, that destroys the possibility of his ever becoming a citizen of God's Heavenly Kingdom.

So jolting was the Lord's message to the Jews and Romans of His time that after three short missionary years in Palestine, His voice was silenced by force, only to make His resounding words echo forever in the great span of time, centuries and centuries.

Well, you can imagine the thoughts that must have run through the minds of His audience when the Lord Jesus Christ was prompted one day to say, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God," and "For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God."

The first reaction to these words of our Lord is probably a jolting one, because it might be inferred here by the fault finders that God condemns the wealthy, or that God will not permit the rich to inherit His Heavenly Kingdom. Nothing, of course, could be further from the truth, if only we will take the time to explore the implications of this revelation uttered by Christ.

Money and wealth of and by itself, its over-abundance or complete absence in one's life, can never become a determining factor, whether or not we shall be deemed worthy to inherit God's Kingdom. The Lord sought simply to emphasize how terribly difficult it would be for people of more than average means to gain Eternal and Everlasting Life, difficult because of the distractions, the great temptations, the false sense of security that wealth invariably creates in the mind of the beholder. You've seen what this sort of temporal independence has done to otherwise pious and God-fearing men and women in our society.

The revelation of Christ is issued as a fair warning, particularly to those of us who, dominated by worldly possessions, have over-emphasized the value of materialism and who have long forgotten the real meaning of life, now and in the hereafter.
When the Lord Jesus Christ said, "How difficult it is ...," He was confronted then by a certain man completely possessed by his material wealth. And despite his wealth he did nothing to alleviate community problems, nothing to encourage noble works. Nothing moved him, neither the needs of the suffering and indigent, nor the misery of the afflicted. Surrounded by his riches, he remained content and unperturbed.

In the race for worldly goods, the man forgot that money and wealth are merely the means to an end, but never the end itself; an instrument to be employed with prudence if we are to climb the ladder of our moral and spiritual enrichment, with acts of mercy and deeds of compassion.

In the race for worldly possessions, the man forgot that God and God alone raises mortal beings to the rank of Steward and as a true Steward of God he is thus commissioned to spread some comfort beyond the limited realm of his own ego and his selfish circle.

What man will claim one, single talent, or virtue that did not come to him from Heaven? What man can honestly say he made it all the way on his own, with no help from anyone, even God? The man who will, is a mortal fool, because what we are, what we hope to be, is but achieved through the Grace of God Who has surrounded us with His Divine Providence and Who has endowed us from the first moment of our conception with countless talents that make us what we are finally.

All these material things, therefore, money, security, worldly goods, the finest and most luxurious that man can own, all these things are but a means to an end, the end finally being our inheritance of God's Heavenly Kingdom -- utilizing the things at our disposal according to God's Will and Divine Commandments. You see, then, how responsible wealth can make man suddenly. How shall he react to it, if he is to prove himself a worthy Steward of God?

You recall the parable of the rich man whose land produced more than his warehouses could hold? He tore them down only to expand them for the surplus. And just as he was settling down one night to relax it was suddenly all over. All his ingenuity couldn't prevent his death. He died just as he began to enjoy life. Yes, of all the material comforts that we acquire, how long can the best last? Hardly long enough when one day we shall be called to leave everything behind, either to continue the good for which it was employed, or the evil, either to honor our memory or to disgrace it.

When the Lord Jesus Christ was prompted to say, "How difficult it is ...," let us appreciate the purpose for which these prophetic words were said. All the good things in his world are granted to man by God but not to be spent selfishly but spent prudently in God's name, furthering God's work in society, in addition to satisfying our own personal needs and wants.

This stewardship, therefore, places a heavy responsibility upon those who are extraordinarily favored by God. These wealthy people have been chosen by Divine Providence to serve in this world as instruments of God's love, compassion and goodness. The needs are many all crying out for attention.

And day by day we draw closer and closer to that threshold that divides this life from the next, and each of us has been born to cross that threshold.

What then will be the record of our stewardship when the grand total is drawn? "For what shall it profit a man," the Lord says, "to gain the whole world and to lose his soul?"
Time after time we hear accounts in the Gospels about people who were healed from illnesses. And in the Gospels this appears so simple and clear: there is a need, and God responds to it. So the question arises: Why then does this happen with all of us? Each of us needs physical healing, or healing of the soul; but only a few are healed. Why is this?

When we read the Gospels, we lose sight of the fact that Christ did not heal each and every person. One person in a crowd would be healed; but many others, also ailing in body or soul, were not healed. And this happens because – in order to receive the action of the grace of God unto healing of body or soul, or of both – we must open ourselves to God. Not to healing, but to God.

We often would like to eliminate sickness from our lives, not only because it makes life more difficult; not only because sickness goes hand-in-hand with pain; but also, or even most importantly, because sickness reminds us of our frailty. It is as if it says to us: “Don’t forget! You are mortal.” Your body is now saying to you: “You do not have power to restore me to health. You cannot do anything. I could die, fade away, deteriorate, wither away – and that would be the end of your earthly life.” Isn’t this the main reason why we struggle with all our strength to recover, and why we want to obtain health for ourselves?

And so, if coming from these preconditions we ask God to heal us, to restore us to a state of wholeness, this means that we are asking only to forget about our mortality instead of using it as a reminder to us, a wake-up call, so that we would realize that the days are passing by, that the time is short, and that if we want to attain the full stature to which we are called, we must hurry to shake off from ourselves everything which is fatal to us. For sickness and death have not only outer causes. We carry within us the sins of remembrance of wrongs, and bitterness, and hate, and greed, and so many other things which kill the life of the spirit in us and do not allow us to live – now, in the present time – the eternal life, which is simply life in the full meaning of the word, life in its fullness.

What then do we do? We must ask ourselves some serious questions; and when we come to God, asking Him to heal us, we must prepare ourselves beforehand for healing. To be healed does not mean to become whole only in order to go back to the same kind of life that we lived before; it means to be whole in order to begin a new life, as if we realized that we died in the healing action of God; that the illness was of the old man in us – that is, the corruptible body which the Apostle Paul speaks about. This old man must die in order for the new man to live. We must be ready to become this new man through the death of the old in order to begin to live anew: like Lazarus, who was called out of the tomb not simply to go back to his previous life but in order that, having lived through something, which cannot be described by any human words, he might re-enter into life with new foundations.

Are we capable of receiving healing? Are we ready? Do we agree to take upon ourselves the responsibility of a new wholeness, in order to enter again, and yet again, into the world in which we live, with knowledge of our renewal; to be light, to be salt, to be joy, to be hope, to be love, to be giving back to God and man?

We must begin to think about this, because we are all sick, in one way or another. We are all frail; we are all weak. None of us is capable of living fully, even in this life which is given to us on earth! We must think about this and begin to become able to open ourselves to God in such a way that He can work His miracle of healing, and make us new; but also so that we may bear this newness, which is truly the renewal of God to the world in which we live.
PAY IT FORWARD

His name was Fleming, and he was a poor Scottish farmer. One day, while trying to make a living for his family, he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. He dropped his tools and ran to the bog.

There, mired to his waist in black muck, was a terrified boy, screaming and struggling to free himself. Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been a slow and terrifying death.

The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scotsman's sparse surroundings. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy Farmer Fleming had saved.

'I want to repay you,' said the nobleman. 'You saved my son's life.'

'No, I can't accept payment for what I did,' the Scottish farmer replied waving off the offer. At that moment, the farmer's own son came to the door of the family hovel.

'Is that your son?' the nobleman asked.

'Yes,' the farmer replied proudly.

'I'll make you a deal. Let me provide him with the level of education my own son will enjoy. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll no doubt grow to be a man we both will be proud of.' And that he did.

Farmer Fleming's son attended the very best schools and in time, graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London, and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of Penicillin.

Years afterward, the same nobleman's son who was saved from the bog was stricken with pneumonia.

What saved his life this time? Penicillin.

THANK YOU

to ALL who offered donations during the Lenten & Easter Season.

Salutation Service Flowers
Nicoleta, Smaranda & Elisabeta Cojocaru
Kathy and Kara Bilis

5th Sunday of Lent Altar Flowers
In loving memory of our son Bruce from Bill and Despina Condos

Palm Sunday Altar Flower
In loving memory of my beloved husband John from Evangelia Panagiotou

Palm Sunday Palms & Trees
For the glory of God from Athena Cooney

Incense & Charcoal (for a year)
Gloria and Aristotle Panagiotou

Circular Resurrection Icon Flowers
For Glory of God from Del & Marie Monroe

Thomas Sunday Altar Flowers
In memory of George Sgouritsas from John/Eleni Sgouritsas

Altar Candles for the Year
In memory of George Sgouritsas from John/Eleni Sgouritsas

White Lilies for Easter
+ In memory of our parents Bessie Koulax and Martin Neslusan from Neal and Charlotte Neslusan
+ For glory of God from John and Eleni Sgouritsas
+ For the glory of God from Sandi Kunkel
+ In memory of our parents from Helen and Chris Constantine
+ In memory of Mary & Argyrie Patras from Pauline Mueller
+ For Glory of God from Leah Didonato
+ In memory of our beloved Blaga and Jim Naum from Ana Naum
+ In memory of my beloved husband Art from Edna Vogel
+ In memory of my daughter Koula from Georgette Nicholopoulos
+ In memory of our parents from Gloria and Aristotle Panagiotou
+ In memory of Nikitas from Demetra Galazoudis
+ For the Glory of God from Vassy Tanko
+ For the Glory of God from Louise Pavlech
+ In Memory of Stella George, Christina Spias & Peter Porra from Sandra Roy
PARISH COUNCIL
PRESIDENT’S CORNER

Christos Anesti! Christ is Risen!

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter! Holy Week was especially meaningful to me this year. Somehow, I was able to push aside the stresses and chores of daily life to really experience the meaning of Holy Week. The laundry waited, the family didn’t starve, and work was still there the next day! I wish I would have done this in the past, but pray I will continue to do this in the future.

Our next few months will be busy preparing for the upcoming festival in September. As part of the festival committee I want you to know how much we appreciate your help the weekend of the festival. Your time is valuable to us! Preparing for the festival can be just as much work, if not more, than on the day of the festival. We are looking for help over the next couple months with getting food donations, advertising, etc.

If you are willing to give an hour of your time, please contact me or one of the festival Chairmen, Joey Glinicki, Cynthia Johnson, or Garry Ross. It might be a simple phone call you make that will help us out tremendously.

We have many parishioners who celebrate special occasions this month, so many good wishes to all of you!

My deepest sympathies to those families, especially the Angelo family, that have lost a loved one recently.

God is with you!

With love,
Lisa Healy
Come and celebrate the
**Feastday of our Saints**

**Constantine & Helen Church**

6:00 pm Vesper Service, TUESDAY MAY 20th

Followed by a COMMUNITY DINNER
offered by Charlie and Helen Pappas in honor of the Church, their feastdays, and all those who celebrate their feast day!

**SAINTS CONSTANTINE & HELEN**

Saint Constantine was the renowned emperor of the Roman Empire, who signed the EDICT OF MILAN in the year 313, which declared that the Empire would be neutral with regard to religious worship, and stop all persecution of Christianity. **This was a decisive step that not only protected Christians, but prepared the way for the legal recognition of Christianity as the eventual religion of the Roman Empire.**

When St Constantine’s father died, he was proclaimed successor to Roman throne. Yet in 312, he faced the threat of an attack by Maxentius and Maximinus. As Constantine marched into Italy with his troops, he saw beneath the sun a radiant Cross with the words: "**By this shall you conquer.**" The following night, Jesus Christ appeared to him in a dream and declared to him the power of the Cross. In the morning, he immediately ordered that a banner be made in the form of a cross, and he inscribed on it the Name of Jesus Christ.

The following day, Constantine defeated Maxentius and entered Rome in triumph as the Emperor of the West, while Licinius, his brother-in-law, ruled in the East. Licinius, however, began persecuting the Christians. Constantine fought and defeated him in 324, and thus became monarch over the West and the East.

Under the rule of Constantine, all persecutions against the Church ceased. After three centuries of suffering, Christianity triumphed through its witness of martyrdom and love, and proclamation of the Good News of Christ.

In 325, Saint Constantine gathered all the bishops of the Church for the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea. This council helped defend the Faith against false teachings, holding firm the Church’s teaching on Christ’s Divinity.

In 324, Constantine laid the foundations of a new capital on the ruins of Byzantium, and named it after himself, “Constantinople.” Since the throne of the imperial rule was transferred from Rome, it was named New Rome, the inhabitants of its domain were called Romans, and it was considered the continuation of the Roman Empire. Right before his death in 337, Constantine was baptized and received the Holy Mysteries. He was 65, and had ruled for 31 years.

As for his holy mother Helen, during her son’s reign she traveled to Jerusalem and found the Holy Cross on which our Lord was crucified. In her zeal to glorify Christ, she erected churches at the sites of the Crucifixion and Resurrection, in Bethlehem at the cave where our Savior was born, on the Mount of Olives whence Jesus ascended into Heaven, and many others sights throughout the Holy Land.
4th Annual “BIBLE BOWL”
All our Sunday School Children and Parents Can Participate!
After Divine Liturgy on SUNDAY, MAY 4TH!

Congratulations to Eleni & Paul Xanthopoulos

On June 8th, Eleni and Paul (Apostolos) Xanthopoulos will be honored at the annual Metropolis of Boston Awards Banquet for their Faithful Church Service.

The Xanthopoulos family have been lifelong, faithful members of our Sts. Constantine and Helen Church Family. They were part of the “Godparents” of the Church when it was consecrated in 1989.

Eleni combines the spirit of “Martha and Mary” - she can be found attending Bible Studies, Retreats and Church Services, while always ready to serve by making the Sweet Breads for our Vasilopita, for Easter, and by cooking and baking for any other Church affair. She has always served with a smile and a most contagious, positive spirit.

Paul has served over the years in various ways as a vice-president and member of our Parish Council, a member of the AHEPA, and one always ready to help at our Church Festival.

In their older age, they love to see their granddaughter Louisa actively participate in the life of our Church. We thank God for their love of God, their Orthodox Faith and their beloved Sts. Constantine and Helen Church Family. May God grant them many more years!
HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA 2014

Learning to Make the Palm Crosses

Palm Sunday Procession

Wrapping Easter Eggs

Thank You for the Beautiful Epitaphio!

Making Pascha/Easter Breads

Let the Easter Egg Hunt Begin!
“Arise O Christ…”

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Christos Anesti!

Krishti u Ngjall!

Hristos a Inviat!

Khristos Voskresie!

Our Myrrh-Bearing Girls Preparing to Sing the Lamentations

Vespers of Love: Proclaiming the Gospel in Different Languages
GOOD FRIDAY
YOUTH VISITATIONS
to Some of our Beloved Parishioners

Visiting John Nicholopoulos

Visiting Stavro Pappas

Visiting Lorraine Vesho

Visiting Charlie and Helen Pappas

Decorating the Salutations Icon

THANKS to our Chantors -
Jimmy Milios,
Joey Gliniecki,
Anestis Jordanoglou,
Loukas Mironidis
for a Beautiful Holy Week!
PARTICIPATE IN PROJECT MEXICO BY MAKING A DONATION

For the fourth time since 2008, our Church is sending 19 people to Tijuana Mexico to build a home for a needy family through Project Mexico. We will go from July 15-21, 2014. We need to raise $15,000, which will pay for the supplies and materials needed to build the house, our food and lodging at the orphanage, our flights to San Diego and the van we must rent for Mexico. In order for this mission trip to succeed, we need many partners. Would you prayerfully consider either participating in this trip, and/or becoming a spiritual and financial partner with us on our mission?

Send a tax-deductible donation to “Sts. Constantine and Helen Church” and write Project Mexico in the memo line. If you are interested in learning more about Project Mexico, please look on their website www.projectmexico.org.

Please keep our group (Veronis Family, Anton, Smaranda and Elizabeth Cojocaru, Neal and Olivia Neslusan, Zoe and Maggie Cremeens, Sophia & Pari Michalopoulos, Amy & Holly Morway, Rachel Veronis, John) in your prayers. Thanks for helping our Church participate in our Lord Jesus’ command to “Go forth to all nations.”
PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

NEXT MEETING
6:00PM, MAY 5TH

Please, if you haven’t paid your dues, please see Sandi Kunkel.

FOR THE MAY 10th CRAFT FAIR
If you know of anyone that would like to have a craft table, please contact Evelyn Pappas.

If you can help bake pastries or pita, bring them Friday evening or Saturday before 9am.

To donate a gift for the Raffle Table, bring it Friday evening, May 9th.

Save Date: June 2 - Year End Dinner

4th ANNUAL
Sts. Constantine & Helen
GOLF TOURNAMENT

1:30 pm, July 26th
at the Webster Dudley Golf Club

Cost: $85/person (includes golf, cart, dinner, and prizes)

Contact Arthur Bilis (508-331-8006) or Victor Apostolou (508-769-4998) to sign up.
“MAY THEIR MEMORIES
BE ETERNAL”

MEMORIAL WEEKEND
PRAYERS
at
MT. ZION CEMETERY

3:00PM—6:00PM
FRIDAY, MAY 23

Call Fr. Luke or Church
Office to arrange time

WEEKDAY SERVICES
DIVINE LITURGIES
9:30am May 14 - Mid-Pentecost
9:30am May 21 - Sts Constantine & Helen

CHURCH FESTA SATDAY VESPERS
6:00pm May 20

Come and Help
SPRING CLEAN UP
DAY at the CHURCH
8:00-12:00
Saturday, May 3rd

If you need any
HANDY MAN WORK
Around the House
(Electrical or Other) Call
ANTON COJOCARU
(508-335-2191)
Cost: Offer a Donation to
Project Mexico

EARLY RISERS
BIBLE STUDY
6:30 am - 7:30 am
Every Saturday

Come Watch our
GREEK DANCE TROUPE
At
Southbridge Cultural Festival
Saturday, May 31

WEDNESDAY
MORNING
BIBLE STUDY
10:30-11:45
Wednesdays
All Are Welcome!
**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:**

May 4 – Donna Cooney, Athena Cooney, Leah DiDonato, Bill Anthopoulos, Jaime Ross

May 11 – Kathy Bilis,
Marie Monroe, Carolyn Niemeck,
Deb Raymond, Stephanie Quill

May 18 – Thomai Gatsogiannis,
Stephanie Quill, Betty Tonna,
Eleni Xanthopoulos,
Kiku Andersen

May 25 – Marie McNally, Christa Benoit, Sandi Kunkel, Mary Seferi

**USHERS & GREETERS SCHEDULE**

May 4
Chris Constantine, Barbara Gianaris,
Deb Raymond, Dan Rivelli,
Alex Seferi

**May 11**
Arthur Bilis, Del Monroe,
Chris Geotis, Thomai Gatzogianis,
Trish Laurea

**May 18**
Marie McNally, Eric Beland, Matt Benoit, Zach Gianaris, Lisa Healy,

**May 25**
Neal Neslusan, Betty Vriga, Leah Didonato, Gus Koulax, Cindy Johnson, Jared Quill

**SAVE THESE DATES FOR THE SUMMER**

**Project Mexico**
July 15-21

**Metropolis of Boston Summer Camp**
Aug 4-10

**Vacation Church Camp**
Aug 11-15

**Church Family Camping at Cape Cod**
Aug 29-31

**YOUTH EPISTLE READERS**

May 4 – Katerina McWilliam
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May 11 – Panayiota Veronis
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May 25 – Hanna Kunkel
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June 22 – Smaranda Cojocaru
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June 29 – Maia Beaudry
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### Remembering Our Church Family

#### Important Dates in MAY:
*Try to make a visit or give a call, to those celebrate special days this month.*

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**HOW MUCH DO I OWE?**

Bill Marianes

“How much do I owe” asked the parishioner. “For what?” I asked. “You know, for my church dues.” I truly did not know what to say next, so I asked a simple question: “How much have you been blessed? “A lot” they said, “but what has that got to do with anything? I just want to know how much of my money I have to give to the church as dues to be a member?”

And that was when I finally realized that, among other things, they got the pronoun wrong. They weren’t really dealing with “their” assets. They are all “His” (i.e., God’s). They failed to understand that Christ’s church does not sell “memberships” or charge “dues” and that everything “they” had was really a gift from God, their Father. Everything! Their life, their talents, their genetic composition, their life experiences, the people who loved them, the opportunities presented them for greatness, the chances to make a difference in the world, their stuff and even their money. None of it was really theirs. They were merely a temporary steward (caretaker) of God’s gifts.

So I replied with what Christ taught us on the subject: “Give it all, I said.” In Matthew 19:16-21 we are presented with parable of the young man who asked Christ: “What good deed must I do to have eternal life?” The young man was focused on the right thing, namely eternal life, and not some temporary success, job promotion or nice lifestyle. Christ responded “If you would be perfect, go sell what you possess and give it to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; and come follow me.”

An endless number of Scripture passages make it clear that our obligation of stewardship over God’s many gifts to us is to give in proportion to the blessings we have received. Indeed the Parable of Talents from Matthew 25:14-30 is all about taking whatever gifts God gives us, putting them out into the world and causing them to multiply, and then giving them back in proportion to what we earned in order to receive the reward of hearing: “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much.”

Charity is first of all a benefit to those who bestow it!

St John of Kronstadt

A rich man is not one who has much but one who gives much. For what he gives away remains his forever.

St. John Chrysostom

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**HOly Scripture**

“The things that are impossible for men are possible for God.”

*Luke 18:27*

“Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

*John 14:27*

“Come unto me all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

*Matthew 11:28*

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and do not lean on your own understanding.”

*Proverbs 3:5*

“If God is for us, who can be against us?”

*Romans 8:31*

“For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”

*2 Timothy 1:7*

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”

*Psalm 46:1*

“I have learned to be content in whatsoever state I am.”

*Philippians 4:11*

“Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”

*Romans 12:2*

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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May 1 Acts 4:23-31, John 5:24-30
May 2 Hebrews 13:7-16 Matt 5:14-19

May 5 Acts 6:8-15, 7:1-5, 47-60 John 4:46-54
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There are **ANGELS** God Puts on this Earth

Who care for us and guide us.
You can feel their love and gentleness
As they walk through life beside us.

They do great things for us every day
They whisper in our ears,
They even hold us in their hearts
When we are filled with all our fears.

They are always there to give a hug
And try to make us smile.
They treat us with respect and love,
they treat us like their child.

God blessed me with an Angel,
I’m proud to call my own.
She’s been with me throughout my life,
Been with me as I’ve grown.

She’s guided me the best she can,
She’s taught me like no other,
And I’m thankful I’m the lucky one
Who get’s to call her... **MOTHER**

Happy Mother’s Day!