Life is full of remembrances and celebrations. We remember the past and lift up those who have touched our lives in a special way. We gather together with loved ones and celebrate our love, our friendship, and the extraordinary events we share together.

Several weeks ago we gathered together as a Church Family and celebrated the greatest event in human history - the Resurrection from the dead of our Lord Jesus Christ and His victory over Satan, sin and death itself! Our celebration of Pascha was not simply a remembrance of a past event, but a participation in our own victory over the evil of the world. We no longer live in fear or anxiety over the darkness of the world and the evil of death itself, but we rejoice that we are united with the Risen Lord and live with the joy, hope & peace which His victory brings!

It’s wonderful to pause and celebrate. This is what breaks up the monotony of life, and in fact, this is what gives ultimate meaning to life!

This month in May, we have a number of special events which we want to remember and celebrate together as a Church Family. First, we have **MOTHER’S DAY** on May 10th. We all have mothers and for most of us, our mothers have been among the most influential people in our lives. We pause to thank God for these mothers, to reflect on how they have often passed on to us the greatest lessons of life and faith, and have epitomized love to us. We also remember our beloved who have passed on to eternity, as well as to rejoice in not only our biological mothers, but other mother-figures who have touched our lives. Let us celebrate their lives and legacies on May 10th by either bringing them to Church and/or lifting them up to our Lord with gratitude and thanksgiving.

A week after Mother’s Day on May 17th, we welcome our spiritual father, His Eminence **METROPOLITAN METHODIOS** to our Church for a Pastoral Visit as well as for a **LUNCHEON CELEBRATION** of our Church Feast Day. We come together to remember what a blessing this Sts...
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

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REMEMBRANCES/CELEBRATIONS

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Constantine and Helen Church Family has been to people for the past 96 years! This spiritual family has nourished us, guided us, inspired us, taught us, comforted us, and blessed us in countless ways - for some throughout their entire lives, and for others in the recent past. Let us celebrate this unique Church Family we have!

The visit of Metropolitan Methodios reminds us also that we are part of a much larger Christian family than simply our small church in Webster. His Eminence represents not only the Boston Metropolis, but also the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, and our global Orthodox Christian Family. Anywhere we go in the world, we can join this family and feel welcomed and comfortable because we are all followers of the same Lord Jesus Christ and His Church! His visit reminds us of the blessing of our global connections and our beautiful diverse, worldwide family!

Three days after His Eminence’s visit, we have the evening VESPERS SERVICE for the actual FEAST DAY OF STS. CONSTANTINE AND HELEN. We typically have numerous clergy and parishioners from other communities in the area come and celebrate the memory of our Patron Saints with us. Let us come together on Wednesday evening on May 20th to honor our patron saints. And of course, we will also have a Divine Liturgy in their honor on May 21st, along with remembering the ASCENSION of the Lord.

This year, the celebration of our Church Name Day coincides with the Ascension. May 20th also marks the last day of the Paschal Season. For the 40 days following Pascha (Easter), we bask in the light of our Lord’s Resurrection. Holy Scriptures teaches us that the Risen Lord revealed Himself to His followers for 40 days after His victory over death. We greet one another with the words “Christ is Risen” and sing the Paschal Hymn during this period.

Well, on the Apodosis or last day of the Paschal Season, we typically celebrate the Resurrection Service one last time. In other words, the liturgical service we celebrated on Pascha night, we do again on this day! In fact, this year, we will have a PASCHA VIGIL at 10:00pm-1:00am on Tuesday evening, May 19th. It is a late evening service in the middle of a working week, and yet, it is a beautiful way to put a close to the Easter season. I hope that some of you will try to attend!

Towards the end of May, we have another meaningful remembrance and celebration in our national MEMORIAL DAY on May 25th. In our Church, we have numerous Saturday of the Souls when we lift up and remember all of our beloved who have died and gone to be with the Lord. Our nation sets aside one day to remember, and we embrace this as another opportunity to thank God for the dear family and friends and forbearers who have gone on before us. I will be in Albania on the actual Memorial Day, but I will be at Mt. Zion cemetery from 8:30am-11:00am on Saturday, May 23 to offer Trisagion Prayers for our departed beloved.

Our month of remembrances and celebrations ends on a high note on May 31st with the FEAST OF PENTECOST. This Feast occurs 50 days after Pascha and marks the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the followers of Jesus Christ. Following our Lord’s Resurrection, Pentecost is possibly the greatest feast day of the Church because it marks God empowering His followers with the presence of the Holy Spirit. This event transformed the disciples into bold witnesses of Christ who courageously traveled the world over to share His Good News with all people! Some look at this event as the birthday of the Christian Church. Of course, the Church is a continuation of ancient Israel, but Pentecost does highlight how divine understanding and power came and comes upon all the followers of Jesus Christ!

We have many beautiful remembrances and celebrations this month of May. I pray that all of us will embrace each special day, participate in the celebrations, and be filled with gratitude for the blessed events we have in our lives!

With love in our Risen and Victorious Lord,

+ Luke
We have heard in the Acts of the Apostles how, as the Feast of Pentecost was approaching, Paul the Apostle had started on his journey to Jerusalem to be there together with all those who on that very day received the Holy Spirit. Of all of them he was the only one who had not been present in the High Room where the first Pentecost actually took place. And yet, God had given him a true, a perfect conversion of heart, and of mind and of life, and had given him freely the gift of the Holy Spirit in response to his total, ultimate gift of self to Him, the God Whom he did not know but Whom he worshipped.

We also are on our way to the day of Pentecost (which we celebrate this year on May 31st) so we will keep this event. When Paul was on his way, he thought of what had happened to himself in the solitude of his journey from Jerusalem to Damascus and in the gift of the Spirit mediated to him by Ananias. And we also, each of us singly and all of us together should reflect on all that God has given us. He has given us existence and breathed life into us, - not only the life of the body, but a life that makes us akin to Him, His life. He has given us to know Him, the Living God, and He has given us to meet, in the Gospel and in life, His Only Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. In Baptism, in the Anointment with Holy Chrism, in Communion to the Body and Blood of Christ, in the mysterious, silent communion of prayer, in the moments when God Himself came near, although we were not thinking of Him, He has given us so much.

Let us reflect on all that is given us, asking ourselves whether we are truly disciples of Christ. We know from Saint Paul what it means to be a disciple: he said that for him, to live is Christ, to die will be a gain, because as long as he is in the flesh he is separated from Christ, Christ Whom he loves, Christ Who has become everything to his life, not only in time but for all eternity. And yet, says he, he is prepared to live, not to die, because his presence on earth is necessary to others. This is the measure of communion he had with Christ. And this is shown so movingly in a parallel between a small phrase in the Acts of the Apostles and in the Gospel:
both the Lord Jesus Christ and His disciple say that they are now going back to the Father, that the time of their departure has come. His life in Christ had culminated in such identification with what Christ stood for, and beyond that with what Christ was, that whatever was applicable to Christ became applicable to him. Indeed, for him to live was Christ, and he longed for his death, but he had learned from God something more than this longing for freedom, for communion with the God Whom he adored and served so faithfully, - he had learned that to give is a greater joy than to receive.

The saints had heard Christ say, 'No one has greater love that he who gives his life for his friends'. Paul, the other apostles, and innumerable saints after them gave their lives, shed their lives day after day forgetting themselves, rejecting every thought, every concern about themselves, having thought only for those who needed God, who needed the word of truth, who needed love divine. They lived for others, they gave as generously as they had received.

Let us think of all we have received from God and ask ourselves: what can we give back to Him so that He can rejoice in us, so that He can know that He has not lived and died in vain.

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We also are called to learn the joy, the exhilarating, the wonderful joy of giving, of turning away from ourselves to be free to give, and of giving on all levels, the smallest things and the greatest things. And this can be taught us only by the power of the Holy Spirit that unites us to Christ, makes us into one body with Him, a body of people, bound with each other in their total togetherness, one with the God who is our unity.

Let us think of all we have received from God and ask ourselves: what can we give first to Him so that He can rejoice in us, so that He can know that He has not lived and died in vain. And what can we give to all those who surround us, beginning with the smallest, the humblest gifts to those closest to us and ending with giving all we can to those who need more.

And then truly Pentecost will come as a gift of life, a gift that unites us, welds us into one body capable of being to others a vision on earth of the Kingdom, but also a source of life and of joy, so that truly our joy, and the joy of all those whom we meet should be fulfilled.
Archimandrite Aimilianos of Simonopetra Monastery on Mt. Athos talks about different stages in “The Progression of the Soul.” The first stage of this spiritual journey is the feeling of exile, the feeling that we are far from God, the feeling that there is a wall between us and God. This feeling of exile is the feeling that Adam and Eve experienced when they were expelled from Paradise. It is the feeling of pain, not of physical pain but the pain of longing, the pain that induced Adam and Eve to listen to the serpent. Although God placed them as lords of all creation, Adam and Eve felt they didn’t have enough, and that somehow God was holding something back from them. Although they were rich, they felt themselves poor and thus were easily deceived by the serpent. Archimandrite Aimilianos describes this painful feeling as something very important missing from our souls.

Of course, something very important is indeed missing. We are all children of the fall. We are born in pain and raised among thorns and thistles. Everywhere we turn we are poked and prodded by needles of want, envy, fear, and desire. Yet we don’t want to admit our pain. We want to explain it away. We say, “It’s someone else’s fault. I’m not really that twisted, at least not as badly mangled as some others. And besides, I could change if I really wanted to, and if I tried a little harder.” And so we keep busy, focusing on things outside of ourselves. We don’t want to feel the inner pain, the pain of exile from God.

The pain that we do not want to feel is the pain of our nakedness. Having been clothed by God in the Garden of Paradise, clothed with God’s glory, the Fathers of the Church teach us that having been clothed with God’s glory, we intensely feel its absence, we feel exposed and unprotected, we feel the cold wind of our existential contingency. Having been called into being from the dirt by God, what are we now that we have lost His glory? St. Augustine spoke of a God-shaped hole in our hearts - a hole only God can fill. The experience of the orphan, or of the lost sheep, are metaphors pointing to this inner feeling of exile, of pain, and of nakedness. It is this very feeling, knowing that we are naked, that Archimandrite Aimilianos says is the first stage of the spiritual journey.

The second stage of the spiritual journey comes when we admit our nakedness; when we confess that we are sinners; when we know intensely that something is separating us from God. Here is the most critical point, according to Archimandrite Aimilianos, because at this moment one of two things will happen. Either I’ll get up and get dressed, or I’ll remain naked. In other words, I’ll either present myself to God in my nakedness and say, ‘I have sinned,’ or I’ll try to hide from God like Adam and Eve. And when God asks: ‘Adam, where are you?’ I’ll say, ‘I hid because I am naked.’

Why do we hide? Why is it so hard for us to present ourselves naked and sinful before God? The simple reason is our pride, our fear to admit that we are nothing.

Do we know what it means to go from thinking that we’re special and important, from thinking that we’ve done great things, from thinking that we are talented, wonderful, good, and charming to recognize that, on the contrary, we’re actually naked? It requires great strength to accept this harsh reality. Too often we try to hide our slightest blemish, to cover up our failures, faults, errors and sins with a lie, or with self-deception.

Some conceal their nakedness by means of an inferiority complex, by acts of aggression, by self-
justification, by donning various masks, or by other means. Such strategies of denial also involve concealment from oneself. Even though we are naked, too many of us live as though we are not. We live a double life. We refuse to grow and change and journey forward. This rejection of reality can only have tragic consequences for us.

Life is full of people who know they’re sinners, know they’re naked, and yet they go through life doing the very things which they hate. Thus they try to silence the terrible cry of their conscience.

Of course, the other option is to honestly address the reality of our nakedness. We can declare our sins and confess our nakedness. And then we can ask God to cover our nakedness and to clothe us with His robe of goodness. Such a decision takes great strength, honesty and authenticity.

Here lies the crucial point - will I accept the painful reality of my nakedness, or continue to live a lie, my version of the “fig leaf?” Many of us are confused about the appropriate role of strength and will in our repentance. Too many invest a great deal of our will power and effort into sewing “fig leaves” to hide our nakedness. We think that we are supposed to cover our nakedness by getting better and doing more. We lie to ourselves and never give ourselves an opportunity to profoundly see and feel how naked we really are.

One of the most common sins sincere believers confess is the sin of laziness. We confess are laziness because we have not been able to cover up our nakedness sufficiently – we have not been able to fast or pray or do good works to the level we think we are supposed to. We misunderstand what our strength and will power are for. St. Paul, however, gives us the answer, when he confessed, “When I am weak, then I am strong” and “God’s grace is sufficient for you, for God’s strength is made perfect in my weakness” (2 Cor 12:9-10)

Archimandrite Aimilianos tells us that true strength is about understanding ourselves and standing naked before God. Godly strength guides us to deny our self-justifying delusions and step out of the bushes naked, presenting ourselves to God without excuse. We admit our weakness, our failings, our dark secrets. This takes great strength. Yet here is where the power of the will is redeemed.

If we imitate St. Paul and learn to glory in our weaknesses, if we offer our brokenness and impotence before God, then we will find the strength needed to look squarely in the mirror of our conscience. Then we have the possibility of being clothed by God, of returning in some small way to the relationship our foreparents had with God in Paradise.

This is a long road, yet Archimandrite Aimilianos says this is the beginning of our spiritual journey. Everything before this point is but preparation. Preparation is important, and the Holy Spirit is active in this preparation, but the turning point, the beginning of our actual return to Paradise begins now. It is by accepting our nakedness and forsaking the various fig leaves we sew to cover ourselves that we can begin a serious journey towards God.

Archimandrite Aimilianos says this path demands great strength, tremendous honesty and sincere authenticity. Not the strength for us to change ourselves, but the strength to admit and accept our weaknesses, and then to turn to God in utter transparency and allow Him to heal us. We need to be strong enough to accept God’s love for us as we are. That’s the beginning.

We have to realize, though, that our journey will not be straight, but will often be circular. We have to constantly gather the courage to step out of the bushes of our self delusions and to stand naked, broken and sinful before God again and again. And even though we have experienced God’s gracious love in the past, each new beginning has its own new insecurities and fears, shame and disappointment. Every new beginning requires renewed strength to stand before God once again and to say:

"O my heavenly Father, I am naked once again. Please clothe me."
The young mother set her foot on the path of life. “Is the way long?” She asked. The angel told her, “Yes, and the way is hard. And you will be old before you reach the end. But the end will be better than the beginning.”

The young mother was happy and she would not believe anything could be better than those early years. So she played with her children and gathered flowers for them along the way and bathed them in the clear streams; and the sun shone on them and life was good. The young mother cried, “Nothing will ever be lovelier than this.”

Then night came, and the storm hit, and the path was dark and the children shook with fear and cold. The mother drew them close and covered them with her mantle and the children said, “Oh, Mom, we’re not afraid, for you are near us, and no harm can come.” And the mother said, “This is better than the brightness of day, for I have taught my children courage.”

And the morning came, and there was a hill ahead and the children climbed and grew weary, along with their mom. But at times she said to her beloved, “A little patience and we will be there.” So the children climbed and when they reached the top, they said, “We could not have done it without you, Mom.” And the mother thought, “This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned fortitude in the face of hardness. Yesterday I gave them courage, but today I have taught them strength.”

And with the next day came strange clouds which darkened the earth, clouds of war and hate and evil, and the children groped and stumbled. The mother said, “Look up. Lift your eyes to the Lord.” and the children looked and saw above the clouds an Everlasting Glory, and He guided them and brought them beyond the darkness. And that night the mother said, “This is the best day of all, for I have taught my children faith in God.”

And the days and weeks and months and years passed by. Now the mother was old and bent over. And her children were tall and strong and walked with courage. When the way was rough they lifted her, for she was as light as a feather. And at last they came to a hill, and beyond the hill they could see a shining road and a golden gate flung wide open. And the mother said, “I have reached the end of my journey. And now I know that the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk alone now, with courage, and fortitude and faith. They will guide their own children, and their children after them.

And the children said, “You will always walk with us, Mom, even when you have gone through the gates. And they stood and watched her as she went on alone, and the gates closed after her. And they said, ‘We cannot see her, but she is with us still. A mother like ours is more than a memory. She is a living presence with us!’”
SATAN’S CONVENTION
A Warning To “Busy” Christians

Satan called a worldwide convention. In his opening address to his evil and dark angels, he said “How can we keep Christians from going to church, or reading their Bibles or discovering the truth about God? We can’t always keep them from forming an intimate relationship with Christ, since He is always pursuing them. So we have to come up with a good plan to break their connection with Jesus. And here’s how we’ll do it! Steal their time! Fill up their days and hours with superficiality, so that they won’t have time to cultivate a serious and deep relationship with Christ!”

“How shall we do this? By keeping them busy in the nonessentials of life. Tempt them to spend, spend, spend, and borrow, borrow, borrow. Persuade them to work long hours, and even six or seven days a week. Convince them to live above their means so they have to work two or three jobs. Keep them from spending time with their children and cultivating serious relations with others. Their family life will deteriorate, soon their home will offer no escape from the pressures of work.

Over-stimulate their minds so that they cannot hear that “still, small voice of the Lord.” Entice them to fill their lives with noise – constant music in their earphones and in the car, TV constantly playing at home, their cellphones always clamoring for their attention, and the internet and computer filling up their time. And see to it that every store and restaurant plays loud music constantly. This will jam their minds and break their union with Christ.

Fill the coffee table with gossip magazines and the latest celebrity news. Pound their minds with the news channels 24 hours a day. Invade their attention on the road with billboards. Flood their mailboxes with junk mail and every kind of newsletter promoting free products, services, and false hopes. Keep skinny, beautiful models on the magazines so that husbands will become dissatisfied with their wives. Ha! That will fragment those families quickly!

“Even in their recreation, let them be excessive. Have them return from their vacations exhausted, disquieted, and unprepared for the coming week. Don’t let them go out in nature to reflect on God's wonders. Send them to amusement parks, sporting events, concerts and movies instead. Keep them busy, busy, busy!

And when they meet for spiritual fellowship, fill their churches with gossip and petty fighting. Crowd their lives with so many ‘good causes’ that they have no time to seek strength from Christ through prayer. Soon they will be working in their own strength, sacrificing their health and family for the good of the cause. It will work!”

It was quite a convention. And the dark and evil angels went eagerly to their assignments enticing Christians everywhere to be busy, busy, busy, rushing here and there, and yet never finding time to dwell in the presence of God.
Come and Welcome
His Eminence
Metropolitan Methodios
Sunday, May 17
A Pastoral Visit for our Church
Feast Day Luncheon Celebration

A Big Thanks to Charlie & Helen Pappas for offering a lunch in honor of our Church and their Name Day celebration!

9:15 Tonsuring of Altar Boys
9:30 Divine Liturgy
11:15 Luncheon with a Short Performance from our Greek Dancers

Feast Day Vespers for Saints Constantine & Helen
6:00 pm Vesper Service, Wednesday MAY 20th
Followed by Light Dinner

DR. MARIA KHOURY
Our Guest Speaker will offer a sermon on
“THE DIMINISHING PRESENCE OF CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND”

Dr. Maria Khoury lives in the only all Christian village in Palestine. She is a graduate from Hellenic College, Harvard and BU. She has written in the international media about the endangered Christian presence in the Middle East. She is also an author of numerous Orthodox Children’s books.
PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

We had our first meeting of the new year in April with a small group but an enjoyable evening. We talked about our new kitchen and upcoming events. We voted to pick up miscellaneous items for the kitchen and hall, including new stainless steel carafes, salt and pepper shakers, plastic tablecloths, clock, seasonal decorations, etc. We also want to buy a proofer ($2000) to be used for making breads and a loukoumades machine ($5000). Father Luke's parents have been very generous bringing a machine from PA every year for our festival, but it's now time to buy our own. If there is anyone, or a few members, who would like to pitch in and buy a proofer or loukoumades machine and donate them, please let me know. These would be a nice addition to our kitchen.

Metropolitan Methodios will be visiting on May 17. We will have a luncheon in our newly renovated hall generously donated by Charles and Helen Pappas to celebrate our Church’s name day! We need women to bake pitas and desserts for the occasion. We will also have a reception on Wednesday night for the Feast Day Vespers. We will need more pitas and desserts to go along with finger sandwiches. Please contact me, Sandi Kunkel or Marie McNally if you can bake for either day. It will be greatly appreciated.

If there are any graduates in our community this year please inform Fr. Luke. There will be no meeting in May, but we will have our year end dinner on June 1st catered in the church hall. Contact Olga Pappas if you plan on attending. The cost is $20. All women in our parish are invited! Come join us for dinner to exchange ideas for our festival and upcoming events.

Please see one of the officers to pay your 2015 dues. Once the kitchen is completely done, we have to unload the pod and put everything back in the kitchen. Please plan on coming and helping out!

Hope all is well. Have a healthy and happy month. Thanks to everyone in advance for all your help and hard work!

Love,
Evelyn Pappas
Philoptochos President
Christ is Risen!
Christos Anesti!
A VISION FOR THE FUTURE
OFFERING A VIBRANT HOUSE OF FAITH AND WORSHIP FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

30 out of 175 Members of our Church Family have given thus far towards our Capital Campaign. Will you please prayerfully consider participating in this project to beautify our Church!

ARCHANGELS ($100,000)
- Charlie and Helen Pappas

ANGELS ($50,000)
- In Honor of their parents Despina and Bill from the Condos Children (George, Lisa, Maria, Ann)
- Emmanuel James Pappas
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- Sam and Evelyn Pappas

PRINCIPALITIES ($45,000 )
- Sandi and Gerry Kunkel
- Stavros and Evangelia Pappas
- Mary Fatsi, Eleanor Teguis, Dina Teguis

GOOD SHEPHERDS: ($20,000- 30,000 )
- Michael and Titi Chito
- Van Thomas
- The Foisy Family

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- Kiku Andersen
- Fr Luke and Pres. Faith Veronis

BENEFACTORS: ($6000 – $10,000)
- Leah Didonato
- In Honor of Demetrios and Hariklia Milios from Celia Milios
- Ted and Betty Tonna

REMAINING NAMING OPPORTUNITIES (donation over THREE years):
- Classroom in new Building: Naming opportunities at $45,000
- Stain Glass Windows in Interior of Church:
  - Large Interior South Wall $36,000
  - 2 Small Narrow South Wall A $6,000 each
  - Back Wall Window $20,000
  - North Wall Window $18,000
  - Altar Window $18,000

FUNDRAISING GOAL: $700,000
TOTAL CASH AND PLEDGED: $569,868
I recently returned from a family vacation and thought the earth was somehow off balance. Sounds crazy doesn't it? Everything was out of sorts. I struggled to get back into the swing of things with work, exercise, and since I had missed a few weeks of Church, I was feeling even a bigger struggle in my life. I kept saying to a friend of mine, "I feel off balance.”

As I was saying these words to myself and trying to figure out a way to get back in balance, I remembered a book I had read a few years ago. "Living a Balanced Life in an Unbalanced World", by Anthony M. Conia-ris. The book was sitting on my night stand, within a foot of me, and as the thought came to mind, I started to read the book again. If you haven't read it, it is a great, easy book to read. It talks about balance in all areas of our life and brings in our Orthodox beliefs. One of my favorite parts in the book refers to a classic movie Fiddler On The Roof.

Remember the Fiddler in Fiddler on the Roof? He was a little man in a long green coat and a cocked hat, standing with one leg on a steep roof, playing the fiddle. The Fiddler is all of us, trying to make some meaningful music out of our lives but lacking a level place to stand on. We are all fiddlers on the roof, trying to scratch out a pleasant little tune without falling down and breaking our necks. And how do we keep our balance? "I'll tell you," sings Tevye in the opening song of the musical, "In one word, I'll tell you, TRADITION! Because of our tradition, everybody knows who he is and what God expects him to do.”

Winds are always threatening to blow us off the roof. New crises are constantly shaking our foundations. What helps us maintain our balance is Tradition, Sacred Tradition which in Orthodox teaching includes the Bible, Liturgy, the writings of the Church Fathers, and all that the Holy Spirit has been revealing in the Church to the Saints who lived before us. To cut ourselves off from our moral and spiritual Tradition is to cut ourselves off from God, to lose our balance on the slippery shingles of freedom.

The earth, or rather my life, is starting to feel in balance again and I will continue to read the book as a reminder! If anyone else is interested in this book, I'm sure we have it in our book store.

We are starting a busy season with the Church's Name Day this month, our annual golf tournament on 7/25/2015, and our festival in September. We appreciate everyone's help and participation, and look forward to the exciting times ahead.

Wishing you all good health and a blessed day!

With love,

Lisa Healy
THANK YOU to ALL who offered donations during the Lenten & Easter Season.

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Holy Thursday Flower Crown
  Grace Milios
Holy Thursday Candles
  Anna Thomas
Holy Friday Epitaphio Candles
  In memory of John Panagiotou from Kostas Panagiotou
Holy Friday Epitaphio Flowers
  Charlie and Helen Pappas
Holy Saturday Rose Petals
  In memory of Maralyn Quillia from Del and Marie Monroe
Holy Pascha Altar Arrangement
  Betty Vriga
Resurrection Candle
  In memory of my father Nunda Nicholopoulos from Leah Didonato
Resurrection Icon Flowers
  Nicoletta and Anton Cojocaru
Circular Resurrection Icon Flowers
  In memory of my husband George from Patty Geotis
Easter Pew Flowers
  Evelyn and Sam Pappas
## Thank You (continued)

### White Lilies for Easter
- In memory of Jim, Michael and Blaga Naum from Anna Naum
- In memory of our parents from Aristotelis and Gloria Panagiotou
- In memory of my wife Evangelia from Stavros Pappas
- In memory of Vasile Angelo from his wife Pauline

### Close of Pascha Vigil
**Relive the Resurrection Service Once Again!!!**
- **10:00pm-1:00am**
- **Tuesday, May 19**

## Save These Dates for the Summer

**Metropolis of Boston Summer Camp** (ages 8-18)
- **2nd Week: July 6 - 12**
  - *New Dates*
  - Register at [www.mbcamp.org](http://www.mbcamp.org)

**Vacation Church Camp** (ages 3-13)
- **July 13 - 20**
  - *New Dates*

**In Memory of** Charles and Loucia Christos from Evelyn/Sam Pappas and Dhimitra/Angelo Adamopoulos
- Two flowers in memory of our beloved parents from Charles/Ann Chito
- Four flowers in memory of George Sgouritsas from John/Eleni Sgouritsas
- Athina Bilis
- Three Flowers - Sandi/Gerry Kunkel
  - Marie McNally
  - Evelyn Aperges

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## 5th Annual Sts. Constantine & Helen Golf Tournament
**July 25th**
- **at Webster Dudley Golf Club**

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

**Contact Arthur Bilis or Victor Apostolou to sign up.**
USHERS & GREETERS SCHEDULE

May 3
Chris Constantine, Nicoleta Cojocaru, Zach Gianaris, Garry Ross, Alex Seferi

May 10
Arthur Bilis, Del Monroe, Chris Geotis, Thomai Gatsogianis, Trish Lareau

May 17
Marie McNally, Eric Beland, Matt Benoit, Lisa Healy, Nick Seferi

Wednesday Night, May 20 (Feast Day)
Neal Neslusan, Mary Papageorge, Jimmy Karapanos, Cindy Johnson, Jared Quill

May 31
Chris Constantine, Nicoleta Cojocaru, Zach Gianaris, Garry Ross, Alex Seferi

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Arthur Bilis, Del Monroe, Chris Geotis, Thomai Gatsogianis, Trish Lareau

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:

May 3 – Donna Cooney, Athena Cooney, Bill Anthopoulos, Jaime Ross

May 10 – Kathy Bilis, Marie Monroe, Carolyn Niemeck, Deb Raymond

May 17 – Thomai Gatsogiannis, Trish Lareau, Stephanie Quill, Betty Tonna

May 24 – Marie McNally, Christa Benoit, Sandi Kunkel, Mary Seferi

May 31 – Donna Cooney, Athena Cooney, Bill Anthopoulos, Jaime Ross

YOUTH EPISTLE READERS

May 2 - Maria Mironidis
(Acts 9:32–42 - page 50)

May 10 - Olivia Neslusan
(Acts 11:19–30 - page 52)

May 17 - Smaranda Cojocaru
(Acts 16:16–34 - page 56)

May 24 - Maia Beaudry
(Acts 20:16–26 - page 60)

May 31 Panayiota Veronis
(Acts 2:1-11)

June 7 - Lily Mueller
(Hebrews 11:33-12:2)

June 14 - Hanna Kunkel
Romans 2:10-16

June 21 - Theodora Veronis
Romans 5:1-10

1st Festival Committee Meeting
6:00pm Wednesday, May 27

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

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
10:00-11:15
Every Wednesdays
## 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 old is our Orthodox Faith?

by Rev. Dr. Miltiades Efthimiou

If you are a LUTHERAN, your religion was founded by Martin Luther, an ex-monk of the Catholic Church, in the year 1517.

If you are EPISCOPALIAN King Henry VIII began your church in 1534 because the Pope would not grant him a divorce.

If you are a PRESBYTERIAN, your religion was founded by John Knox in Scotland in 1560.

If you are a CONGREGATIONALIST, your religion began by Robert Brown in Holland in 1582.

If you are a BAPTIST, John Smyth, launched it in Amsterdam in 1606.

If you are a METHODIST, John and Charles Wesley started it in England in 1774.

If you are a MORMON (Latter Day Saints), Joseph Smith started in New York, in 1829.

If you belong to a "PENTECOSTAL CHURCH," or "Jehovah's Witnesses," your religion is one of the hundreds of new sects founded by men within the past 100 years.

If you are ROMAN CATHOLIC, your church shared the same rich apostolic and doctrinal heritage as the Orthodox Church for 1000 years. Lamentably, in 1054, the Pope of Rome broke away from the other four Apostolic Patriarchates (Constantinople, Alexandria, Antioch and Jerusalem), by tampering with the Original Creed and Faith of the Church. Thus your church as is today is 1,000 years old.

If you are ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN, your Church was founded in the year 33 by Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It has not changed since that time. Our church is now almost 2,000 years old. And it is for this reason, that Orthodoxy, the Church of the Apostles and the Fathers is considered the true "one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church."

“May Their Memories Be Eternal”

MEMORIAL WEEKEND PRAYERS
At MT. ZION CEMETERY
8:30AM—11:00AM
SATURDAY, MAY 23
Call Fr. Luke to arrange time

5th Annual “BIBLE BOWL”
All our Sunday School Children and Parents Can Participate!

Pick up questions and material in Sunday School.

After Divine Liturgy on SUNDAY, MAY 24TH!
The Holy Bible vs Our Cell Phone
I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phones?

- What if we never left our house without it in our purses or pockets?
- What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?
- What if we flipped through it countless times a day?
- What if we spent an hour or more using it every day?
- What if we used it to receive messages from the text?
- What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?
- What if we gave it to kids as gifts?
- What if we used it as we traveled?
- What if we used it in case of an emergency?

This is something to make you go "Hmmmmmmm where is my Bible?"

What if we realize that unlike our cell phones, one plan fits all:
  - Unlimited usage
  - No roaming charges
  - No weak signals
  - And we don't ever have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

May 1 Acts 4:40: 9:1-19, John 6:48-54
May 2 Hebrews 13:7-16 Matt 5:14-19

May 6 Acts 14:6-18 John 7:14-30
May 7 Acts 26:1, 12-20 John 8:12-20
May 8 1 John 1:1-7 John 19:25-28; 21:24-25
May 9 Acts 12:1-11 John 8:31-42

May 10 Acts 11:19-30, John 4:5-42
May 11 Acts 12:12-17 John 8:42-51
May 12 Acts 12:25 John 8:51-59
May 15 Acts 15:5-12 John 10:17-28

May 18 Acts 17:1-9 John 11:47-54
May 19 Acts 17:19-28 John 12:19-36
May 20 Acts 18:22-28 John 12:36-47
May 23 Acts 20:7-12 John 14:10-21

May 25 II Corinthians 4:6-15, Matt 11:2-15
May 29 Acts 27:1-44; 28:1 John 17:18-26
May 30 Thess 4:13-17, John 21: 14:25

May 31 Acts 2:1-11 John 7:37-52;8-12
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A MOTHER’S DAY PRAYER

My mom, I love her
And that's why I pray
Not just today
on this Mother's Day

She believed in me
Inspired me to dream
Nothing was impossible
for me it seemed

But with each remembrance
Of the love she's expressed
My thankfulness
to the Lord I've professed

It was her example
That pointed the way
To the life in Christ
I know today

For my life began
In a warm and safe place
Then grew more secure in
Mom's tender embrace

My mom, I love her
On this Mother's Day
She's the reason I'm taking
this moment to pray

When I was little
She taught me to crawl
Then to walk and run,
and get up when I fall

Mom, I love you
Let her know, dear Lord
Please bless her with the most
abundant reward

Nurtured and cared for
She raised me to stand
Lifted and supported me
by her loving hand

--Mary Fairchild