Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brothers and sisters to dwell together in unity.

Psalm 133:1

Like any family, our Church Family may have its disagreements and arguments from time to time. In fact, for the life-long members of our Church, I’m sure they can recall many times over the years when different parishioners had fights which led to hurt feelings and even grudges.

Of course, once the “Balkan Pride” of many of our people was offended, some people decided to even leave the Church for years on end. That is a sad reality of our own history, as well as the history of too many churches and people.

When I asked my father, who has been a priest for 55 years in the same Church community of more than 500 families, what he considers one of his greatest achievement, he will often mention, “The unity of the Church.”

I appreciate this achievement more and more as the years go by. Unity and harmony do not come naturally, but must be cultivated and nourished by the spirit of the Gospel.

Well, over the past 10 years that Presbytera Faith and I have been a part of this Church Family, we have made it our vision and continual prayer to try and always promote a loving, friendly, vibrant family atmosphere in the Church. We want to pastor a Church family that is truly united - growing in its love for its Creator, its fellow parishioners, as well as its Church Family.
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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as our neighbors in the world around us.

Thank God, we can say that we see this wonderful spirit of love and unity in our Church Family. Over the years, we have seen people who had been absent from the Church for years, come back home. We have seen others grow in their willingness and ability to forgive and overcome the temptations of division. Of course, we still will have some spats and disagreements from time to time, but God’s Spirit of love and unity continue to prevail. I want to thank all of you for making that a reality!

I am writing about this theme of unity now because I think it reflects what I witnessed at our Church Festival a month ago. For all those who helped and attended, you can attest that we experienced a beautiful weekend. It was great to see so many people come out and volunteer, including a number of our fairly new parishioners who helped out for the first time.

Of course, the brunt of the work fell on a smaller group of people in the Festival Committee who tirelessly offered their time and effort weeks and months before the festival, as well as in the week of clean-up following the festival. Thank you so much to our chairpeople - Cindy Johnson, Joey Gliniecki, and Garry Ross - and to all who were on the Festival Committee and to all our people!

When I sit back and evaluate the festival, I determine success from a number of perspectives.

First and foremost for me, our festival was “successful” because it brought out our Church Family and allowed us to share in delightful Christian fellowship with one another!

Second, the festival was a “success” because we had the opportunity once again to offer a beautiful witness to the local community at large. Hundreds of people not only tasted our delicious foods and pastries, but witnessed the warm and friendly Christian hospitality we always show to visitors. The Church is all about being “salt” to the earth and a shining “light” to the world around us. The Festival gives us a great opportunity to offer such a witness!

Third, the Festival helps cover 14% of our Church budget. This year I think we will profit close to $29,000, which will make this one of our most financially successful festivals!

Again, I want to thank each one of you, our parishioners, for your great support which made this success possible.

My prayer now is that all of us will show an equal, if not greater interest in offering our time, talents and treasure as we pursue our spiritual goals - living under the reign of God’s Kingdom in our daily lives! Ultimately, here lies the fundamental and eternal purpose of God’s Family in the Church!

May we all have a blessed Fall Season!

With love in our Lord Jesus Christ,

+Luke
Making the World a Better Place

How many of us read the newspapers or listen to the news and see all the terrible things happening around us? War and violence throughout the world, madness and insanity in school shootings, corruption and dishonesty in our society, unemployment, poverty, suffering, and struggle. When some people hear these things, they lose hope for the future. They turn away from God and question, "If there is a God, why doesn't He do something for us here on earth. If God is so great, why doesn't He help us. Where is God?"

That’s an important question to ask. And our Orthodox faith has a concrete answer. "Why doesn't God do something?" He has! He created each one of us and blessed us in numerous ways, so that we can act as His hands, His feet, and His presence to those in need. Christ has said, “You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last” (Jn 15:16).

If we understand and believe the unlimited potential that lies within each one of us, and the fact that God wants us to use our gifts to serve Him, then the world we live in would be a much better place. Each of us could truly do great things for God. Remember, "without God, we cannot do anything, but without us, God will not do anything.” God uses us to achieve his purposes on earth. Thus, each of us should pray as if everything depends on God, but we need to work as if everything depends on us!

In order to serve God and fulfill the potential that he has given each of us, it helps to understand better who we are. As we understand who we are, then we will better comprehend the potential that lies within each of us.

"Who are we?"

First, we are God's children: Whether we are Greek or American, Russian or Chinese, Albanian or African we are all God's children. Whether we are Christian or Jew, Muslim or atheist, we are all God's children. All humanity has the same origin, and all are children of Almighty God. The most important fact for each of us to understand is that we have a God who loves us far more than our parents. We have a God who cares for us more than we care for ourselves. We have a God who wants us to grow up into responsible Christian adults who will offer a witness of His love to the world around us!

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We are people created in God's image and likeness. This is our distinctive feature from all other animals and creatures in the world. We were created in the image of God, to be creatures of love, of freedom, of reason, and of creativity. This means that we all have the potential to be united with God, and become Christ-like. This means our potential is unlimited. We have an unlimited amount of good within us, and this good can be turned into great things if we allow God to work within us.
We are all potential saints. Yes, you and I can become saints! We can have our picture on an icon in the church, IF we offer our lives completely to God, dedicate ourselves to him as the saints did, and serve him in humility and love. No matter what our natural abilities and no matter what our educational background, each of us can become saints! Remember, in the ancient Church all believers were called saints. They were expected to fulfill that role. In a similar manner, in the Church services today, when the priest censes the Church with incense, notice that he not only censes the icons, but he censes all the people, who themselves may become saints one day!

Thus, we are all special in the eyes of God and He expects great things from every one of his children! Never think you aren't someone very special in God's eyes. You are. And you have special gifts and talents which God wants to use. The key, however, is that you have to give them over to God and say, “Here, these gifts which I possess are yours. Use them in whatever way you wish. I am here to simply serve you!” Expect great things from God, and than attempt great things for God!

I’m sure there are some who read this and say, “I don't believe this. What do I have to offer to God? What difference can I make in the world? I am only one person, and one person can't make such a difference?!”?

Look at history, however, and you will see countless examples of individual people who changed the course of history. The Virgin Mary was a humble, little 14 year old girl when she said “Yes” to God and became an instrument in the change of the whole world. When God wanted to use her to help the world, she simply said, "Here I am, the servant of the Lord. Let it be to me according to your word."

Then we have the twelve disciples, most of whom were poor, uneducated fishermen. These men became bold preachers and teachers, and the first leaders of the Church. What about Saint Paul? He was a great sinner, a persecutor of Christians who spoke evil of the name of Jesus. And yet, he became the greatest missionary and a bearer of good news to the entire world. And there are countless other examples of simple men and women, who offered their lives and their talents to God, and then became saints and shining lights of love, joy and hope into all the world.

Each one of us is only one person, and yet God needs each one of us to help the world become a better place. One person can make a big difference, and that one person can be you! Say to God, "Lord, here I am. Use me in whatever way You want. Whatever gifts or talents I possess, I offer them to you, and ask You to use them in order to help others throughout the world."

If we sincerely offer this prayer, each and every day, our Lord will begin using each of us in surprising and unexpected ways, and slowly the world around us will transform into a beautiful new place.
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The Little Old Man and the Rusty Bucket

Our house was directly across the street from the clinic entrance of Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. We lived downstairs and rented the upstairs rooms to outpatients at the clinic.

One summer evening as I was fixing supper, there was a knock at the door. I opened it to see a truly awful looking man. "Why, he's hardly taller than my eight-year-old," I thought as I stared at the stooped, shrunken body. But the appalling thing was his face, lopsided from swelling, red and raw. Yet his voice was pleasant as he said, "Good evening. I've come to see if you've a room for just one night. I came for a treatment this morning from the eastern shore, and there's no bus 'til morning."

He told me he'd been hunting for a room since noon but with no success, no one seemed to have a room. "I guess it's my face... I know it looks terrible, but my doctor says with a few more treatments..." He paused a moment and then added, "Your children made me feel at home."

I told him we would find him a bed, but to rest on the porch. I went inside and finished getting supper. When we were ready, I asked the old man if he would join us. "No thank you. I have plenty." And he held up a brown bag.

When I had finished the dishes, I went out on the porch to talk with him a few minutes. It didn't take a long time to see that this old man had a big gentle heart crowded into that tiny body. He told me he fished for a living to support his daughter, her five children, and her husband, who was hopelessly crippled from a back injury.

He didn't tell it by way of complaint; in fact, every other sentence was preface with a thanks to God for a blessing. He was grateful that no pain accompanied his disease, which was apparently a form of skin cancer. He thanked God for giving him the strength to keep going.

At bedtime, we put a cot in the children's room for him. When I got up in the morning, the bed linens were neatly folded and the little man was out on the porch. He refused breakfast, but just before he left for his bus, haltingly, as if asking a great favor, he said, "Could I please come back and stay the next time I have a treatment? I won't put you out a bit. I can sleep fine in a chair." He paused a moment and then added, "Your children made me feel at home."
Grownups are bothered by my face, but children don't seem to mind." I told him he was welcome to come again.

And on his next trip he arrived a little after seven in the morning. As a gift, he brought a big fish and a quart of the largest oysters I had ever seen. He said he had shucked them that morning before he left so that they'd be nice and fresh. I knew his bus left at 4:00 a.m. and I wondered what time he had to get up in order to do this for us.

In the years he came to stay overnight with us, there was never a time that he did not bring us fish or vegetables from his garden. Other times we received packages in the mail, always by special delivery; fish and oysters packed in a box of fresh young spinach or kale, every leaf carefully washed. Knowing that he must walk several miles to mail these, and knowing how little money he had made the gifts doubly precious. When I received these little remembrances, I thought of a comment our next-door neighbor made after he left that first morning.

"Did you keep that awful looking man last night? I turned him away! You can lose roomers by putting up such people!" Maybe we did lose roomers once or twice. But oh! If only they could have known him, perhaps their own illnesses would have been easier to bear. I know our family always will be grateful to have known him; from him we learned what it was to accept the bad without complaint and the good with gratitude to God.

Recently I was visiting a friend, who has a greenhouse. As she showed me her flowers, we came to the most beautiful one of all, a golden chrysanthemum, bursting with blooms. But to my great surprise, it was growing in an old dented, rusty bucket. I thought to myself, "If this were my plant, I'd put it in the loveliest container I had!"

My friend changed my mind. "I ran short of pots," she explained, and knowing how beautiful this one would be, I thought it wouldn't mind starting out in this old pail. It's just for a little while, till I can put it out in the garden."

She must have wondered why I laughed so delightedly, but I was imagining just such a scene in heaven.

"Here's an especially beautiful one," God might have said when he came to the soul of the sweet old fisherman. "He won't mind starting in this small body."

All this happened long ago -- and now, in God's garden, how tall this lovely soul must stand.
Fr. Nicholas Andruchow, the Associate Director of Project Mexico and St. Innocent Orphanage in Tijuana, Mexico, and Presbytera Merilynn will offer a presentation entitled “Changing the World: Transformation Through Missions” on Saturday, October 25 at 6:30pm in our Church Hall.

The Andruchows want to show how missions can be a vehicle to make lasting change in the world. Project Mexico and the St. Innocent orphanage will be highlighted as prime examples of this.

Fr. Nicholas will reflect on the change they have witnessed in the boys at the orphanage and in the hundreds of volunteers who participate in Project Mexico each summer. There are many stories of the local families impacted by the homes being built. They will talk about the transformation occurring in the missionaries and interns themselves, and will challenge their listeners to understand how missions in the developing world is not just an option for a select few, but a calling for all of the faithful.

“Our Lord Jesus calls us to become beacons of hope and light to the world around us!” emphasized Fr. Nicholas. “During our visit to your church, and during the week we will be at Holy Cross and at St. Vladimir’s, I want to reflect on the light that is within us, and wrestle with how we can allow that light of Christ to shine brightly for others to see. This can lead to lasting change in the world!”

Fr. Nicholas served in the US Peace Corps for two years in the Dominican Republic, where as a business consultant he helped start 12 businesses for women’s groups in the jungles of that country. He then worked at Project Mexico for three years, establishing a pig farm and teaching the boys in the orphanage entrepreneurial skills.

Following graduation from St. Vladimir’s Seminary, Fr. Nicholas and Pres. Merilynn built up the Holy Cross Mission Church in Flagstaff, AZ for nine years. Since 2011, the Andruchows returned with their three sons to St. Innocent Orphanage and Project Mexico.

Come and Hear about
PROJECT MEXICO & ST INNOCENT ORPHANAGE
from Fr. Nicholas and Pres. Merilynn Andruchow

6:30pm
Saturday, October 25
PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the ladies of our parish for everything they did to make our pastry table at the Festival a huge success. Everyone was very generous in donating of their time, money and or ingredients for the breads, peta, baklava, etc. For this reason the officers of the Philoptochos Society would like to show our appreciation and invite all the women of our parish to

Our First Fall Meeting
With a small dinner
6:00pm Monday
October 6th

We will have a brief meeting on October 6 to kick off our year. In the months of October and November we will be having our Bakeless Bake Sale fundraiser. This is in place of a Bake Sale. Please donate whatever you feel in place of ingredients and baking. Also save the date for our annual Spaghetti Supper on November 22nd. More details will follow. In December we have tentatively scheduled our Christmas party for December 7th at the Sturbridge Public House.

And please, don’t forget your dues. Please see myself or Sandi to stay current up to 2014. See you on the 6th!

With love,

Evelyn Pappas
Philoptochos President

PARISH COUNCIL
PRESIDENT’S CORNER

I recently read this post on Facebook. (Thank you Helen for sharing this!)

“People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway. If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway. The good you do today maybe forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway. Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway. For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.”

Mother Teresa

How powerful are those words! It is very easy to get caught up in what others think and say. Have you ever changed your way just because you were afraid to be judged? I have… and then walked away saying to myself “why did I do that? I know that was wrong!” Next time, I hope I’ll remember Mother Teresa’s message.

If anyone has questions or would like to share their thoughts in “The President’s Corner”, please contact me.

A busy, stressful time of the year fast approaches us. Keep your focus on the basis of the holidays.

Best wishes to all those celebrating a special event in their life.

My prayers to all you.

Let all you do be done in Love,

Lisa Healy
Parish Council President
Brian and Mari McMullen were married on June 29, 2014 at St. Iakovos Church in Valparaiso, IN. Brian was born and raised in San Diego, CA while Mari grew up in Valparaiso, IN. They met their freshman year at Wheaton College (IL) where Brian studied geology, graduating with a Bachelor of Science, and Mari received her Bachelor of Music with a minor in Media Studies.

Brian graduated in May 2012 and moved to Nevada to work for a gold mining company while Mari finished her last semester of school. After realizing he wanted to serve the Church in a different capacity, Brian decided to move to Boston to attend seminary at Holy Cross. Mari decided to join Brian in Boston and began working for the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese in the Center for Family Care. Mari’s ministry equips families with the resources to “affirm the importance of the family as a blessed gift of God and to address the specific needs of families as they try to live in a very challenging culture and world” (Archbishop Demetrios of America).

Mari grew up Greek Orthodox, and served for eight years as one of the head chanters of her home parish, St. Iakovos. (An interesting note is that Fr. Luke and Mari’s parents served together on the first Orthodox Missions Trip to Kenya in 1987). She is thrilled to be a part of the Church on a larger scale. Brian grew up as a non-denominational evangelical Christian, but had a conversion experience through his High School football team Bible Study.

From that time on, he has dedicated to following Christ in a serious manner. He became Orthodox on Bright Tuesday 2012.

Both Brian and Mari have a passion for ministry, particularly in the areas of youth and music ministry. In their free time, they like to sing and playing guitar together, hike, cook, read, and play sports.

Along with teaching Sunday School and chanting/singing at our Church, Brian and Mari are going to focus on doing youth outreach and ministry to the teens and tweens and young adults of our Church.

We warmly welcome them into our Church Family!!!
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WELCOME TO Jennifer Rice

Jennifer Rice is currently in her first year of studies of the Master of Theological Studies program at Holy Cross School of Theology. Jennifer 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.

Jennifer serves as an Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) Ambassador for her home parish of St. Anna Church in Roseville, CA. Prior to attending Holy Cross, Jennifer also assisted in many facets of her church’s youth and young adult ministries, which included the Metropolis Summer Camp at St. Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center and St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival. In June of 2014, she was fortunate to participate in a short term mission trip sponsored through OCMC to offer catechetical instruction on the hymns of the Church to the indigenous Mayan communities in Guatemala. She looks forward to serving the parish of Ss. Constantine & Helen while in the area!
Greek Festival 2014

Thank You to our Chairpeople - Cindy Johnson, Joey Gliniecki and Garry Ross - and everyone who volunteered, donated and helped make our Festival so successful and enjoyable!!!
Thanks to All Who Helped Prepare for the Festival!!!
UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

OCT 4-5: VISIT TO THE “CRYING ICON” in Taylor, PA and Holy Protection Monastery

Oct 25 - PROJECT MEXICO NIGHT
Fr. Nicholas and Pres. Merilynn Andruchow, the Associate Director of Project Mexico and St. Innocent Orphanage, will give a presentation at our church at 6:30pm

Nov 8th “PARENTS NIGHT OUT” DINNER DANCE At Point Breeze

Nov 22 - CHRISTMAS RETREAT with best selling author and U Maine Prof. DR. KYRIAKOS MARKIDIS, the author of the books Mountain of Silence, Gifts of the Desert, and Inner River

All I Ever Wanted to Know I Learned in Kindergarten
by Robert Fulghum

Most of what I really need to know about how to live, and what to do, and how to be, I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain, but there in the sandbox at the nursery school. These are the things I learned:
+ Share everything
+ Play fair.
+ Don’t hit people.
+ Put things back where you found them.
+ Clean up your own mess.
+ Don’t take things that aren’t yours
+ Say sorry when you hurt someone
+ Live a balanced life - learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some
+ When you go into the world, hold hands, stick together. Be aware of wonder.
+ Remember the little seed in the plastic cup. The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that
+ Everything is there somewhere: the Golden Rule, love, basic sanitation, ecology, politics and sane living.
+ No matter how old you are when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.

WEEKDAY SERVICES
PARACLESIS SERVICE & HOLY OIL for HEALING 6:30pm Every Wednesday
SATURDAY VESPERS (5:30pm)
USHERS & GREETERS SCHEDULE

Oct 5
Marie McNally, Eric Beland, Matt Benoit, Zach Gianaris, Lisa Healy, Nick Seferi

Oct 12
Neal Neslusan, Betty Vriga, Leah Didonato, Gus Koulax, Cindy Johnson, Jared Quill

Oct 19
Chris Constantine, Barbara Gianaris, Deb Raymond, Dan Rivelli, Alex Seferi

Oct 26
Arthur Bilis, Del Monroe, Chris Geotis, Thomai Gatzogianis, Trish Laurea

EARLY RISERS BIBLE STUDY

6:30 am - 7:30 am
Every Saturday
Come and Join Us.
We will be Studying the book “Mountain of Silence” and connected Bible Studies.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

10:30-11:45
Every Wednesday
We will be Studying the book “Mountain of Silence” and connected Bible Studies.
All Are Welcome!

YOUTH EPISTLE READERS

Oct 5 - Maria Mironidis
(2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9 - page 95)

Oct 12 - Olivia Neslusan
(Galatians 2:16-20 - page 98)

Oct 19 - Smaranda Cojocaru
(Galatians 1:11-19 page 97)

Oct 26 - Maia Beaudry
(Ephesians 2:4-10 page 102)

Nov 2 - Panayiota Veronis
(Galatians 6:11-18 - page 147)

Nov 9 - Lily Mueller
(1 Corinthians 1:18-24 - page 148-49)

Nov 16 - Hanna Kunkel
(Galatians 2:16-20 - page 151)

Nov 23 - Theodora Veronis
(2 Corinthians 9:6-11 - page 93)

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:

Oct 5 - Kathy Bilis, Marie Monroe, Carolyn Niemeck, Deb Raymond, Charlotte Neslusan

Oct 12 - Thomai Gatsogiannis, Stephanie Quill, Betty Tonna, Kiku Andersen

Oct 19 - Marie McNally, Christa Benoit, Sandi Kunkel, Mary Seferi

Oct 26 - Donna Cooney, Athena Cooney, Leah DiDonato, Bill Anthopoulos, Jaime Ross
# Remembering Our Church Family

**Important Dates in OCTOBER:**

*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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- Oct 10: Angela Koulax
- Oct 10: Harry Jordanoglou
- Oct 11: Debby Raymond
- Oct 11: Nikita Giantsios
- Oct 13: Sandy Sanderson
- Oct 15: Charlie Chito
- Oct 15: Loukas Mironidis
- Oct 15: Donna Cooney
- Oct 19: Sophia Foisy
- Oct 22: Louisa Foisy
- Oct 22: Katie Mironidis
- Oct 24: Barbara Desrosiers
- Oct 24: Dororthy Teguis
- Oct 24: Elisabeth Vriga
- Oct 25: Leah Bouthillier
- Oct 25: Mary Baxter
- Oct 26: Ted Panagiotou
- Oct 27: Rebecca Reynolds

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

- Oct 13: George & Julie Milios
- Oct 18: Kenneth and Nicole Peterson
- Oct 25: Paul & Ramona Geotis

**NAMEDAYS:**

- Oct 10: St Kenneth
- Oct 18: St Luke
- Oct 26: St Demetrios
Try to be Jesus’ love, Jesus’ compassion, Jesus’ presence to each other. All this will be possible if you keep close to Mary the Mother of Jesus and our Mother. She will guide and protect you and keep you only all for Jesus. 

Keep your eyes pure so that Jesus may look through them. Keep your tongue pure so that Jesus may speak with your tongue. Keep your hands pure so that Jesus may work with your hands. Keep your mind pure so that Jesus may think His thoughts in your mind. Keep your heart pure so that He may love with your heart. Ask Jesus to live His own life in you because He is the Truth of humility, He is the Light of Charity, He is the life of Sanctity.

Jesus is the Word to be spoken, Jesus is the Truth to be told, Jesus is the Way to be walked, He is the Light to be lit, He is the life to be lived.

Jesus is the Love to be loved, Jesus is the Joy to be shared, Jesus is the sacrifice to be offered, He is the peace to be given, He is the bread of life. Jesus is the Hungry to be fed, He is the Thirsty to be satiated, Jesus is the Naked to be clothed, He is the Homeless to be taken in, Jesus is the Sick to be healed, He is the Lonely to be loved.

Jesus is the Blind to lead him, Jesus is the Dumb to speak for him, He is the Crippled to walk with him, Jesus is the Prisoner to be visited, He is the Aged to be cared for.

Jesus is the Unwanted to be wanted He is the Leper to wash him, Jesus is the Beggar to give him a smile, He is the Drug Addict to befriend, He is the Prostitue to remove from danger and befriend her in Christ.

Jesus is my God and my Spouse, Jesus is my Life and my Love, Jesus is my All in All, He is my Everything, Jesus to me!

Jesus, I love you and believe in your tender love for me. I belong to You and want to give everything in me to You. Use me to the full.

Mother Teresa’s advise to her Missionaries of Charity
THANK YOU TO OUR STEWARDS

We want to thank each of the following Members of our Church Family for EITHER FULFILLING or PARTIALLY FULFILLING (at least $100 towards) their Stewardship Offering Pledge AS OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2014.

We are still waiting for 80 Stewardship Families/Individuals to offer their pledge.

Kiku Andersen  
Michael and Muriel Angelo  
Steve and Ethel Angelo  
Nick and Rose Angelo  
Pauline Angelo  
Gus and Ethel Anifantis  
Sophia Apostol  
Nike Avlas  
Ted Avlas  
Ann Axtman  
Tom and Mary Baxter  
Nike and Tony Beaudry  
Eric Beland/Aikaterina Sgouritsas  
Frederika Beno  
Athena Bilis  
Arthur and Kathy Bilis  
George and Debbie Carabina  
Rita Carabina  
Charlie and Ann Chito  
Anton and Nicoleta Cojocaru  
George and Laurie Condos  
Bill and Despina Condos  
Barbara Constantine  
Chris and Helen Constantine  
Athena Cooney  
Temmy Creemans  
Arthur and Sara Darlagiannis  
Nick and Athanasia Darlagiannis  
Barbara and Norman Desrosiers  
Leah Didonato  
Mary Fatsi  
Steve and Sophia Foisy  
Paul and Ramona Geotis  
Robert and Sharon Hayes  
Pat and Helen Hazatones  
Lisa and Dan Healy  
David and Cindy Johnson  
Anestis and Evis Jordanoglou  
Harry & Tina Jordanoglou  
Ljubisa & Rozeta Kamceva  
Angeliki Karapanos  
George Kerbici  
Said and Bozena Khozami  
Bill & Christina Kiritsis  
Rena & Tom Klebart  
Ilia & Gulapka Kostovski  
Alexandra Koulax  
Gus Koulax  
Sophia Koulax  
Gus Kraras  
Sandi & Gerry Kunkel  
Kathy and Scott Kunkel  
Trish Lareau  
Helen Lepine  
Jennie Manthos  
Leslie Manthos  
Chris & Alex Massie  
Marie McNally  
Lorna McWilliam  
Helen Metropoulos  
George & Julie Milios  
Demetrios & Hariklia Milios  
Celia Milios  
Bob and Lea Mirandola  
Yanni & Katie Mironidis  
Del & Marie Monroe  
Angelo & Eleftheria Moutoudis  
Carl & Pauline Mueller  
Tom & Marianne Naumovski  
Neal & Charlotte Neslusan  
Georgette Nicholopoulos  
John & Stephanie Nikopoulos  
George Nonis  
Gloria & Aristotelis Panagiotou  
Pace Setters ($1000-2000)  
21 Stewards  
TORCHBEARERS ($2001-4000)  
3 Stewards  
GOOD SHEPHERDS (over $4001)  
3 Stewards  
Helen Tsigaridas  
Fr. Luke & Faith Veronis  
Edna Vogel  
Elizabeth Vriga  
David & Danielle Weiss  
Paul & Eleni Xanthopoulos  
Helen and Bill Zenon  
Tatyana & Yuri Zhuk  
Thank You to those who have, by SEPTEMBER 15, reached these levels of giving:
STEWARDSHIP

“He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. (2 Corinthians 9:6)

Christian Stewardship should be a joyful and easy task. On the parish level, it requires the effort of the entire community in order to be successful and requires from each of us a commitment of self, time, talents and treasures.

Our Stewardship Commitment Program is a means of financially supporting our beloved Church based on true Christian giving and individual responsibility. It is a way to meet the financial obligations of the Church with Christian concern, dignity and equity.

Our Stewardship Program is believing in our Church and wanting to support and perpetuate its mission. It is one way that views the support of our Church as a matter of personal commitment and conscience. The financial support that we pledge for the year will be utilized to help meet our parish's total financial obligations for our programs, ministries, charities and the National Ministries of our Archdiocese.

In making and meeting our Stewardship Commitment, we are not paying for something; we are offering our commitment to the work of Jesus Christ and to his Church, which He has established for us. Our giving is an expression of our love for Christ who gave His life for our salvation and well-being. We give a portion of our resources to continue the work of Christ in the world so that others may be blessed as we have been blessed.

Our Stewardship Commitment reflects our love for God and the Church and expresses our commitment to insure and promote the future of our Church. The success of our Stewardship Program will depend on the grace of God and your support.

"According to the commission of God given to me... I laid a foundation and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it." (1 Corinthians 3:10)

NURSING NEEDS?

If anyone in the parish needs help with their Medications, or Blood Pressure checked, please call our Church Nurse Nicoleta Cojocarou (774-452-1049) who can come to your house and help you.

Look for our convenient

Online Giving

in the bottom left corner of our Church webpage

www.schwester.org

As we approach the end of the year, please catch up with your stewardship offering to support our beloved Church!
**HOLY SCRIPTURE**

You will show me the paths of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

_Psalm 16:11_

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name… And forget not all His benefits; who forgives all your iniquities; who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from destruction; who crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercy

_Psalm 103:1-4_

We do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure.

_2 Corinthians 4:16-17_

For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

_2 Corinthians 8:9_

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**OCTOBER**

Oct 2 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 6:12-19
Oct 6 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 John 20:19-31
Oct 9 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 Matt 9:36-38; 10:1-8
Oct 23 Galatians 1:11-19 Matthew 13:54-58
Thank You to those who sponsor our monthly bulletin!

If you would like to place an ad and support our monthly bulletin, please contact Fr. Luke or the Church Office.

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**October 2014**
There is a story about how the devil gathered all his demons together one day to discuss their plans for spiritual war against humanity.

The devil asked his demons, “What is the best way to conquer the soul of man?”

One demon responded, “Let us send war, famine, and poverty, and thus drive people to despair.”

Another said, “Let us raise up a wicked tyrant to rule the earth and imprison the people under a cruel slavery.”

And other proposals were offered. But Satan vetoed every one of these plans because he knew that God was able to overcome all such evil with good.

Finally, however, one brilliant demon laughed, “Let us send doubt into the hearts of people, so that they will not believe anymore in the supreme power of God. Then we can conquer them easily.”

Satan smiled, and congratulated the demon. “Yes, this is our greatest method to defeat the Lord’s people. God respects the free will of the people. If they choose to doubt, and no longer believe in the power and miracles of God, then we will be able to defeat them easily.”

And Satan has been using this plan ever since with great success.