Thank God and thank you for all the beautiful renovations that have occurred to our Church over the past nine months. Our Church facility has been beautified, updated and expanded in a wonderful way!

During our recent Greek Festival, I heard numerous comments about how beautiful our Church sanctuary looked, about the classy transformation of our Church hall, and the spacious classroom additions. This is reason to celebrate and rejoice! And that is what we want to do at our Vision for the Future Ribbon Cutting Celebration on November 7th. We really hope that everyone in our Church Family will come to this event and celebrate. It promises to be an elegant evening with a delicious meal and an inspiring program!

As I reflect on the next steps for our Church family, though, I think of two things. First, I realize that we still have the final phase of our project to complete - the outside renovations and landscaping. This will beautify our Church from the outside, so that everyone who passes by on Lake Parkway will pause and think about who this community of faith is, and possibly even think about joining our Church Family. Lord willing, we will complete this final phase in the Spring.

The more important next step, however, is to think about WHY we did all these renovations, and WHAT THEY MEAN for our Church Family. We didn’t do these renovations simply for us to have a beautiful, updated facility. The main purpose and vision was for us to have a modern facility in which we could expand our Church ministries serving our own people, as well as creatively developing new programs by which we can reach out and serve the larger community with the love and good news of Jesus Christ!

There are many recent surveys and reports in the news that show the decline of organized religion and church communities. In fact, at our recent Metropolis of Boston Clergy-Laity Conference, Dr. Anton Vrame offered an excellent presentation on the topic “Does the Future Have a Church?” This challenging presentation showed the changing demographics of re-
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REFLECTING ON THE FUTURE

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ligion and religious life in America. A growing number of Americans are no longer identifying with any religious community. The younger generations especially are falling away from Churches and Christianity at an alarming rate.

On one hand, this is depressing news for us as a faith community in America. Yet, from another perspective, it is simply a WAKE UP CALL and a CHALLENGE that stands before us.

Who are we as a Church, and what is our Vision and Purpose? In many ways, this will determine whether we will be a declining and dying church, or whether we will be a relevant, vibrant, life-giving community of faith!

Our new renovations and additions are supposed to be about “A Vision for the Future: Offering a House of Faith and Worship for Future Generations.” Will our Church Family continue to create a community that offers an exciting spiritual home for our children, our families, our single members, our elderly, as well as for the future generations? On November 7th, we are putting into the walls of our new building a Time Capsule that will be opened up in the year 2050. Will our Church still exist in 35 years? This is an important question upon which to reflect!

The answer is YES, we will still be a wonderful Church Family IF we remember WHO WE ARE and KEEP OUR FOCUS on what it means to be the Body of Christ.

No matter how the world changes, Jesus Christ and His Church will always have an eternal message of GOOD NEWS to offer to the world! The mystery of death and the challenges of suffering won’t go away with the passing of time, and our Lord’s victory over death and message of hope will stay relevant! There will always be people in need of healing and comfort, and they will find strength in communities of faith! As our world becomes more and more fragmented, people will look for a place to find healthy, life-giving fel-

lowship and community. And throughout history, people have always looked for answers to the deepest existential questions of life, and found answers when they gathered to worship the Creator of all.

The Church will remain relevant in the future IF we are consciously striving to BE THE CHURCH as it was meant to be, and to ACT AS GOD’S AMBAS- SADORS of His love and mercy, His compassion and caring, His grace and truth to the world at large.

We have to use the renovated and new space of our beautiful church facilities to live out better the mission of our Church. And let us constantly remind ourselves of that sacred mission:

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Let’s work together in creatively thinking about new ways to live out this mission. As the priest, I need your help in developing healthy, fun, relevant, loving ministries that our Church can offer within our Church Family and to the larger community around us. Let’s dream and do great things for the glory of God and for the future of His Church!

With love and gratitude in our Lord Jesus,

+ Fr. Luke
DO YOUR BEST
A traditional American proverb says, “God makes this request of his children: Do the best you can – where you are, with what you have, now.” The story of Jesus Christ feeding the 5,000 illustrates this through the boy’s offering of all that he had – five loaves and two fish. This boy did his best with what he had, and Jesus used it to perform an incredible miracle.

THE ECONOMY OF HEAVEN
The disciples had wanted to send the people away to get something to eat, but Jesus responds, “There is no need for them to go away; give them food yourselves.” The disciples approached the issue from the point of view of earthly economics. To buy food for the people assembled would be too expensive – 200 days’ wages.

Jesus’ response is simple. He asks, “What do you have?” But the disciples don’t realize that they are being called to participate in a miracle by simply giving what they have.

BRING THEM TO ME
Jesus’ disciples tell him that all they have are five loaves and two small fish that a boy has offered. Jesus’ response is the phrase, “Bring them to me.” Jesus then takes the loaves, blesses and breaks them, and feeds 5,000 men plus women and children.

We also bring what we have to Jesus. We offer bread and wine. He returns it to us as His body and blood in Holy Communion. We offer ourselves and we become the Church, His body on earth. No matter how much we give, He cannot be outdone. Just like the boy who offered the loaves and the fish, if we offer what we have – however great or small our gift – with prayer and humility, God will receive our gifts and multiply them to feed His people.

STEWARDSHIP IS ABOUT JOY
We don’t give out of fear of judgment in the afterlife. We give with joy as part of our spiritual growth, putting the emphasis on experiencing heaven now. Stewardship of our gifts can help shape our world and ourselves in such a way that we can experience God’s grace, love and communion in the present. This perspective on Christian Stewardship emphasizes that which
is possible for us as humans—now rather than later. It shifts our focus from fear to the potential for experiencing joy.

Hard work may bring power and success. Only God can bring us joy, peace and love. American writer, Frederick Buechner has written, “Greed is the mathematical truism that the more you get, the more you have. The opposite of greed—the selfless love of God and neighbor—is based on the truth that the more you give away in love, the more you are.”

PUT AWAY THE PIE CHART
Stewardship is not about calculations, portions or percentages. It cannot be reduced to a number of hours of service or dollars offered. We can’t reduce our responsibilities as members of the Body of Christ to paying the bills. Christian Stewardship is a mindset—a way of life. In true stewardship, we do not give to the Church for any specific purpose. We are giving back to God with joy in thanksgiving for what He has done for us. God is never outdone in generosity.

GRACE
The true motivation for giving is grace. Giving is an act of worship in response to the generosity of God. “You are to give,” says Saint Paul, “as God has prospered you.” His Second Letter to the Corinthians teaches us clearly, “He who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.” God blesses those who give with generosity.

THANKING GOD
The question is not, “How much do I give to stay in the club?” or “What are the dues?” The real question we need to ask ourselves is “How do I thank God for my many blessings?”

As Orthodox Christians, we are called to a new way of seeing things—a new way of life. Stewardship is obedience to the greatest commandment to “love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind and strength.” We are called to bring ourselves and others to commit our lives to Jesus Christ in such a way that leads us to the joy of knowing him personally and profoundly.

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Frederick Buechner

GOD’S GENEROSITY
Saint Gregory the Theologian writes, “You will never overcome God’s generosity, even if you give away all that you have. …. And however much you bring to him, always more remains. Nor will you give anything that is your own; for all things flow from God (Or 14.22).

LEAVE THE REST TO GOD
You cannot do everything, but you can do something. God wants you to do your best and leave the rest to him. Saint Theofan said, “Exert all your strength, but rest your concern for success on God.”

The Lord doesn’t expect any more from us than what we have to offer. But He does expect us to be faithful and that we do our very best for Him.

We do our best and leave the rest to Him.
I would like to suggest that dogs are perhaps the greatest things humans have ever accomplished. If my understanding is correct, dogs are essentially gray wolves, or directly descended from a wolf species, beginning somewhere between 60,000 to 100,000 years ago. At some point they were domesticated by us and used as aids to hunting. It has even been suggested that the domestication of dogs gave us an edge in our competition with Neanderthals. Human beings have domesticated any number of animals, generally for purposes of food. But dogs are another matter (I’ll ignore what they do in Korea). And it is this process and its result that I mean to laud as among our finest hours.

We long ago ceased to be serious hunters, but we keep our dogs. The breeding and development of dogs for companionship seems to be a fairly recent thing. Dogs have gone from a wolf-like appearance to the myriad of shapes and sizes we now know. But it is the inner reality of this that interests me: the personality of dogs.

Animals are without sin. Creation, St. Paul says, has been made “subject to futility” on account of our Fall (Romans 8:20), and notes that this was not done “willingly.” Their state is not their fault. God has made Creation subject to death and dissolution for our sake (it directs us towards repentance). But creation itself has no sin – it has not broken its essential relationship with God. The bread that becomes the Body of Christ does not need to first repent of its sins. Repentance belongs to humans alone.

Another way of saying this is that various animal species always act in accordance with their nature (one of the meanings of sin is to act contrary to our nature). Dogs do dog things. Cats do cat things. Squirrels do squirrel things. Dogs do not gather nuts and climb in trees. When human beings domesticate an animal, they do not give them a new nature. At most, we breed and train in a way to accentuate certain aspects of their nature. The instinct of a dog not to soil its own nest or bed is extended by a human being such that we say a dog is “house-trained.” The whole house becomes its bed.

But, my marveling and praise is over what we generally like in dogs. They are wolves and could be made to behave like wolves and be quite dangerous. In some cases, they are still trained for aggressive behavior. But, on the whole, we have chosen very affable traits for development. Dogs are kind, grateful, loyal – all of the things that we celebrate about them.

When we survey the world and creation, there are many things that stand as shameful signs of human occupation. This is particularly the case where the civilizational collapse that we call modernity has had the upper hand. The charm of an English village is the product of a different age. The mind-numbing banality of an American suburb and its
strip malls is the mark of modernity. But then there are dogs.

Dogs seem to be an island that reflects not only their own natural goodness, but human goodness as well.

Of course, there is a darker side. I am not alone in writing about animals and men. George MacDonald, perhaps one of the most profound theological minds in British history, was deeply opposed to the growing practice of experimentation on animals. CS Lewis shared his convictions and often wrote in opposition to “vivisection.” Lewis also pondered freely the meaning of human relationships with animals and suggested that we perhaps had a calling to raise animals towards a more complete and full personal existence. The talking animals in his children’s stories are not cartoon characters — they are a meditation on what Lewis saw as a uniquely human mission. He is very clear that in Narnia, the “Sons of Adam and Daughters of Eve,” rule over the animals, but in a manner that transcends our present domestication. The animals of Narnia are not pets: they are friends. I have always been taken with Lewis’ thoughts in this direction, and have found them fulfilled most nearly in our relationship with dogs (my wife keeps cats).

Animal cruelty is revealed as true evil when we think in this manner. When animals are objectified (the opposite of personified), we turn our minds and hearts away from them and subject them to unspeakable treatment. This is itself part of the depersonalization of the world that often marks our modern lives.

My maternal grandfather was a farmer. In the years that I remember best, his farm was given primarily to the raising of cows. It was a modest farm, with a dog or two and always a bevy of cats who lived by catching mice. But I always remember my grandfather walking slowly among his cows, like a shepherd (or cowherd). Christ Himself exalted the role of shepherd, even noting that a good shepherd “calls his sheep by name” and even “gives his life for the sheep.” David himself served such a role, killing both a lion and a bear in protection of his flock. These are images that go far beyond a mere utilitarian relationship with animals. These animals have names. Interestingly, one of the primary and early uses of dogs was the sharing of this shepherd role.

It is interesting that Christ Himself offered no better image of His relationship with people than to compare Himself to a shepherd. There is something godlike in a proper relationship with animals.

Several years back I chose to take all of this seriously. My family had once had a dog, but it was the children’s dog, something I tolerated in the house. But during a time of reflection I declared that “I want to be the kind of man who has a dog.” I got a small puppy and began to learn the ways of the wolf. I read books (isn’t everything you need to know in a book?). I googled “house-training” (with every failure). I realized that whatever I did with this animal, the results would be there to praise me or accuse me. I wanted to be a man with a dog. I also wanted to become “the kind of man my dog thinks I am.” (I have not managed that yet).

It has been an intense experience. He is a companion. After my heart attack I had to develop a routine of long walks. His needs forced me to take care of myself.

Human beings, at our best, are capable of pets. At our worst, we are capable of cock-fights and faceless, nameless exploitation. God has clearly given animals to us for food, but He has not given them to us for abuse.

It is said that a society can be judged by how it treats its weakest members. I would add to that the treatment of animals. Pets are not necessarily an indulgence in sentiment. They are a movement towards something right and good. We would do well to think often about this and what it means for living rightly in God’s good world.
We all love a good story of an underdog overcoming great odds to emerge as victor. That is why one of the most popular children stories from the Bible is the story of David and Goliath. Goliath, the giant Philistine soldier, taunted King Saul and the army of Israel, for none of the Israelites had the courage to square off with the menacing giant in a dual.

That is, no one had the courage until a young shepherd boy, David, overheard the taunts of Goliath and questioned with righteous indignation: “Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?” (1 Samuel 17:26). With God on his side, the young shepherd boy ran out to confront Goliath with a sling and a stone that struck the Philistine between the eyes and felled him.

On October 27th, the Church celebrates the memory of Saint Nestor (+AD 306) - a new David who overcame another “Goliath” in the person of the giant Roman soldier, Lyaios. Like David, Nestor was an unassuming young man who drew his courage and strength from his faith in the living God. At a time when Christians were being brutally persecuted, Lyaios boasted of the superiority of the pagan gods over the God of the Christians, and challenged any willing Christian to a dual to prove the inferiority of their faith.

Nestor at that time was a disciple of St. Dimitrios, who himself was a distinguished Roman General who had been imprisoned for his faith in Jesus Christ. Hearing the boasts of Lyaios, Nestor ran to his spiritual mentor in prison to seek his prayers and blessing to confront the arrogant giant. Saint Demetrios had taught his disciples that Christians may seemingly be weak and persecuted, but their strength is internal, spiritual, and “perfected in weakness” (2 Corinthians 12:9). Receiving Nestor, the imprisoned teacher gave his young disciple his blessing, sealed his forehead with the sign of the cross, and told him “You will be victorious over Lyaios, and you will be martyred for Christ.” Everything happened as Saint Demetrios foretold. Saint Nestor defeated Lyaios in the stadium and as a result both he and Saint Demetrios were martyred for their faith in Christ.

The stories of David overcoming Goliath and Saint Nestor defeating Lyaios are valuable lessons for us Christians today. The greatest giant that must be overcome before all else is our ego. Once our egos are overcome from within, like David and Nestor, we will have access to the same power from God to bring down the giant evils that torment us from the outside. When the odds are stacked against us, that is not the time to panic and waver in our faith. On the contrary, that is the time to put our faith in God and to ask for his blessing to face our trials and challenges with fortitude and strength.

During this month of October, when we celebrate the memories of Saint Demetrios (Oct 26) and Saint Nestor (October 27th), may we ask for their intercessions to overcome the giant obstacle of our ego, so that we may put all of our trust in God to face our trials and tribulations with courage and conviction that “All things work together for the good of those who love God” (Romans 8:28).
BEWARE OF THE DESTROYER

I destroy homes, tear families apart, take your children, and that’s just the start.

I’m more costly than diamonds, more costly than gold, the sorrow I bring is a sight to behold.

And if you need me, remember I’m easily found, I live all around you, in schools and in town.

I live with the rich, I live with the poor, I live down the street, and maybe next door.

My power is awesome; try me you’ll see, but if you do, you may never break free.

Just try me once and I might let you go, but try me twice, and I’ll own your soul.

When I possess you, you’ll steal and you’ll lie. You do what you have to do, just to get high.

The crimes you’ll commit, for my narcotic charms, will be worth the pleasure you’ll feel in your arms.

You’ll lie to your mother; you’ll steal from your dad, when you see their tears, you feel sad.

But you’ll forget your morals and how you were raised, I’ll be your conscious, I’ll teach you my ways.

I take kids from parents, and parents from kids, I turn people from God, and separate friends.

I’ll take everything from you, your looks and your pride, I’ll be with you always, right by your side.

You’ll give up everything…your family, your home, your friends, your money, then you’ll be alone.

I’ll take and take, until you’ll have nothing more to give. When I’m finished up with you, you’ll be lucky to live.

If you try me, be warned, this is no game. If given the chance, I’ll drive you insane.

I’ll ravish your body; I’ll control your mind. I’ll own you completely; your soul will be mine.

The nightmares I’ll give you while lying in bed, the voices you hear from inside of your head.

The sweats, the shakes, the visions you’ll see; I want you to know, these are all gifts from me.

But then it’s too late, and you’ll know in your heart, that you are mine and we shall not part.

You’ll regret that you tried me, they always do…but you came to me, not I to you. You knew this would

You could have said no, and just walked away, but if you could live that day over, now what would you say?

I’ll be your master; you’ll be my slave, I’ll even go with you, when you go to your grave.

Now that you have met me, what will you do? Will you try me or not? It’s all up to you.

I can bring you more misery than words can tell. Come take my hand, I’ll take you to Hell!

Pray for those who are suffering under the addiction of drugs or the many other addictions that destroy lives. May God have mercy on those who suffer from addictions, and on their loved ones! And may we always strive to reach out and help them.
A BIG THANK YOU

We want to thank Cynthia Johnson, Garry Ross and Joey Gliniecki as the Chair people of our Festival! Also To Chris Geotis, Lisa Healy, Evelyn Pappas and the Festival Committee and EVERYONE who helped out!!!

“I would like to thank all those who helped and donated towards the kids booth!”

Donna Cooney

SPIRITUAL PROGRESS

You must know that progress on the path of spiritual life differs greatly from an ordinary journey on earth. If a traveler stops on his ordinary journey, he loses nothing of the way already covered; but if a traveler on the path of virtue stops in his spiritual progress, he loses much of the virtues previously acquired.

In an ordinary journey, the further the traveler proceeds, the more tired he becomes; But on the way of spiritual life the longer a person travels, the greater the strength and power he acquires for his further progress.

St. Nikodemus of the Holy Mountain.

OUR NEWEST CHURCH WALL ICON

“In Loving Memory of Elizabeth Vriga”. Thank You to the Vriga Family (Tasi Vriga, Ted Vriga, Liz Pavlech, Lorraine Bahl) for donating our newest icon of “The Baptism of Christ” in memory of their beloved sister Elizabeth.

Come to the 1st MBC FALL RETREAT

November 5-7

Enjoy the Summer Camp Spirit in the Fall!

All Youth Sign up for this Fall Retreat at www.mbcamp.org
PARISH COUNCIL
PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I would like to thank all of you for your help at the festival this year. As stressful and tiresome as this can be, we must remember why we are doing this, to help our Church thrive and grow. The sacrifices made in months of preparations, time away from our normal schedules, giving up some of the things we would like to do but realize festival "stuff" must come first, are all worth it, because in the end, we glorify God with what we do!

I asked two of my friends to help out this year for the first time. They agreed and offered to help for two hours. Both have worked for a caterer so I thought they'd be great on the food line. I want to share their comments because I was so touched by what they said.

A response to my "thank you" text to one of the girls: "Thank you for letting me be part of such a wonderful, loving group of people, it was a pleasure spending the day with all of you."

The other friend posted on Facebook "What a privilege to be here today. I am humbled by the sense of community, acceptance and good will. There is nowhere I would rather be right now."

The two hours of help they originally offered turned into NINE HOURS of help. One girl gave up going to her son's football game and had no regrets when she learned he threw a 30 yard completion pass at one of his first high school games.

These comments made me think of how fortunate I am to be a part of this wonderful, loving community. We don't always agree. We sometimes get frustrated with one another, especially when the rice takes too long to cook! But when all those little things are pushed to the side, we should be proud and feel blessed with our Church family!

I know we are all busy, I know we have little to no time in our lives to add another item in the schedule, believe me, I have been through this not once but now twice. Please remember if someone asks you to do a small thing, in the end, the coaches won't be watching, the dance teachers and band directors won't be watching, only God will see.

May God Bless Us All

Lisa Healy

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

I would like to thank everyone for all their help, their time, and their generosity for our festival. We were very successful in that our profits exceeded last years. I don't know about all of you but it took me a while to recoup, but it was all worth it for our church.

At our meeting on the Sept 28th we discussed many things. First I congratulate Sandy Sanderson for accepting to be our Vice President, filling the vacancy of our beloved Betty Vriga. We are excited to have her on our executive team!

We decided to postpone our spaghetti supper until March. We thought it would be too much going on with the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for our new hall on November 7th. Let's concentrate on that dinner and support that ceremony! We talked about doing it a pastichio dinner instead of spaghetti. Think about it! We decided to have our Christmas dinner at our hall catered by Michelle Donovan, tentatively on Sunday, December 6th. The month of November we will do our bakeless bake sale as a fundraiser. Leah Didonato and Thomai Gatsogiannis will be chairmen to collect donations. Also we are thinking of baking breads for Thanksgiving.

We voted on purchasing a shed for the backyard. This will help store lawn mower, festival items etc. We also talked about having a paint night for us ladies, but we will open it up to the public and make it a little fundraiser. Also we hope to get tickets to the Bradley Playhouse to see the play It's A Wonderful Life. We would get a block of tickets and enjoy a wonderful evening together. This will be open to everyone in the Church.

Please come to our next meeting on November 2nd at 6:00 to hear more about all our plans for our holiday season and the upcoming new year!

Have a wonderful month! Stay healthy and happy as we transition from summer to fall!

Love,

Evelyn Pappas
GREEK FESTIVAL 2015
Thank You to Everyone Who Helped Make our Festival A Great Success!
We will have a special celebration in which we hope everyone in our Church Family will take part! You will be receiving a formal invitation to attend a GALA RIBBON CUTTING CELEBRATION on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2015, which will include an elegant and delicious catered meal in our newly renovated hall. During this dinner, we want to do three things:

RIBBON CUTTING CELEBRATION:

We want to thank God and celebrate the attractive renovations and building project that have taken place this past year. As everyone who has seen it can attest, our Church Sanctuary has been greatly beautified, our hall is like a brand new facility, we now have three additional classrooms and a handicapped bathroom in our new building, and the warm and welcoming outside entrance perfectly ties together our Church Sanctuary Entrance with the rest of the building.

TIME CAPSULE DEPOSIT

During this celebratory occasion, we have the special opportunity to place inside the wall of our new building a Time Capsule. Everyone should receive a letter and envelope in which we want every family to put a family picture, a letter to future Church members, a memory stick with a video of you speaking to future generations, or anything else which will fit flatly in the envelope. This time capsule will be opened at the Feastday Vespers of Saints Constantine and Helen on May 20, 2050!!! Please return this envelope by November 1st.

FUNDRAISING FINALE

We want to celebrate the success of our Capital Campaign, and thank all those who have given towards our goal of $750,000. We have raised $625,000 ($402,000 in cash and $223,000 in pledges) thus far from 28% of our Church members. We would like everyone who is a part of our Church Family to take part in this Capital Campaign, in whatever way you can! Our goal is to have 100% participation from Church members. Thus, we are asking everyone who has not yet given to please consider making a three-year pledge. We are hoping that

+ Five Families make a $6,000 pledge ($2000/year for three years or $40/week)
+ 10 Families make a $3,000 pledge ($1000/year for three years or $20/week)
+ 60 Families will make a $1,000 pledge ($335/year for three years or $6.40 per week)
+ You can make it easy with automatic online payments
+ No amount is too little; Every amount will be appreciated. And everyone who gives to the Capital Campaign will be recognized.

You can bring your donation or pledge to the Church or you should have received a letter with an enclosed envelope to send in your donation to the Church office. We are hoping to announce that by November 7th we have reached our goal of $750,000!!! Please help us reach this goal!!!

Please look for an upcoming Formal Invitation and RSVP to our celebration which you should be receiving in the mail shortly. We hope you will reserve November 7th in your calendar, and please respond and attend. We have room for 170 people and we hope to fill up our hall!

In the meantime, please put whatever you like in the Time Capsule envelope and return that to the Church before November 1st. Also, please prayerfully consider how you can participate in our Fundraising Finale, so that we can reach out goal and complete the final stage of our Renovation Project.
A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

RIBBON CUTTING CELEBRATION
TIME CAPSULE DEPOSIT
& FUNDRAISING FINALE

with an Elegant, Delicious
Catered Dinner in our Newly Renovated Hall

6:00pm Saturday, November 7th

Celebrating our New Classroom Building,
Newly Renovated Hall and Entrance,
& Newly Renovated Church!

$40.00 per person for the meal

We hope that all 175 families in our Church
Family will come and celebrate this special event!!!

Call our Church Office or see a Parish Council Member to buy a ticket, or send in your RSVP card and check which will be sent to you. Join us in thanking God for the beautiful new renovations and additions to our Church!
A VISION FOR THE FUTURE
OFFERING A VIBRANT HOUSE OF FAITH AND WORSHIP FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

49 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
- Olga Pappas
- 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
- Neal and Charlotte Neslusan and Family
- Van Thomas
- The Foisy Family

TORCH BEARERS: ($10,000-$15,000)
- Kiku Andersen
- Fr Luke and Pres. Faith Veronis
- Evangeline Wilson
- Anton and Nicoleta Cojocaru
- Steve, Chuck, Jimmy Pappas

BENEFACTORS: ($6000-$9,000)
- Leah Didonato
- In Honor of Demetrios and Hariklia Milios from Celia Milios
- Ted and Betty Tonna
- Harry/Tina Jordanoglou and Ron/Sandy Sanderson
- In Memory of Elizabeth Vriga from Tasi and Ted Vriga, Liz Pavlech and Lorraine Bahl

PATRONS: ($3000-$5000)
- Dhimitra & Angelo Adamopoulos
- Anonymous

SUPPORTERS: ($1000-$2900)
- Pauline Angelo
- Ted Avlas
- Bill and Despina Condos
- Chris and Helen Constantine
- Nicholas and Bertha Constantine
- Said and Bozena Khozmani
- Alex and Chris Massie
- Georgia Metaxa
- Georgette Nicholopoulos
- Helen & Lou Nicozisis
- Aristoteli/Gloria Panagiotou
- Kosta Panagiotou
- Olga Petluck
- Jared and Stephanie Quill
- Paulette Steffa
- Antigone Steffa

FRIENDS: (Up to $999)
- John & Samantha Gatsogiannis
- Susan Emerson Hill
- Kaiden and Hanna Kunkel
- Zinos and Angeliki Mavodanes
- Chris & John Mayo
- Bob & Lea Mirandola
- George Nonis
- Elaine Patrinos
- Garry & Jaime Ross

Thanks also to Eric Beland, Tony Beaudry and Garry Ross for putting in more than 60 hours of labor setting up the new sound system.

FUNDRAISING GOAL: $750,000  CASH Collected: $402,000  PLEDGED: $230,000
**Capital Campaign Giving**

- **GOAL:** We want 100% Parishioner Participation
- **Presently:** 28% of Parishioners Have Given (84% of our Goal!!!)

**REMAINING NAMING OPPORTUNITIES**
(A Donation over THREE years):

- Naming opportunity for Classroom Building at $45,000
- Stain Glass Windows in Interior of Church:
  - Large Interior South Wall: $35,000
  - Back Wall Window: $20,000

**NEW FRONT ENTRANCE TO HALL**

**GOAL:** $750,000
- $632,000 Pledged or Donated Thus Far!

**DEPOSITING A TIME CAPSULE**
Open it AD 2050!!!

We Want Every Family in the Church To Participate!

We will be putting a Time Capsule in the walls of our new classroom building on Saturday, November 7th at our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

We would like EVERY FAMILY to put something in the Time Capsule for our future generations to read! We will mark the Time Capsule to be opened on the Feastday Vespers of Sts. Constantine and Helen on May 20, 2050. We want to include family pictures, letters, a memory stick with a video talking about what our church means to you, and whatever else we can offer to remind our children and future generations of who we were and the living Faith Community we have.

Everyone should have received a letter explaining this project, along with an envelope to return whatever you want to put in. Return it by November 1st.

Plan on coming to our November 7th celebration so we can include your offering to the Time Capsule. Any questions please talk with Nick Seferi.
USHERS & GREETERS SCHEDULE

**October 4**
Neal Neslusan, Mary Papageorge, Jimmy Karapanos, Cindy Johnson,

**October 11**
Nicoleta Cojocaru, Zach Gianaris, Garry Ross, Jared Quill

**October 18**
Arthur Bilis, Del Monroe, Chris Geotis, Thomai Gatsogianis, Trish Lareau

**October 25**
Marie McNally, Eric Beland, Matt Benoit, Lisa Healy, Nick Seferi

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:

**Oct 4** - Kathy Bilis, Marie Monroe, Carolyn Niemeck, Deb Raymond

**Oct 11** - Thomai Gatsogiannis, Trish Lareau, Stephanie Quill, Betty Tonna

**Oct 18** - Marie McNally, Christa Benoit, Sandi Kunkel, Mary Seferi

**Oct 25** - Donna Cooney, Athena Cooney, Bill Anthopoulos, Jaime Ross

EARLY RISERS BIBLE STUDY
7:00am Every Saturday

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
10:00am Every Wednesday

**Come and Learn Your Faith**

**Orthodoxy 101 Class**
6:30pm Thursdays

**Orthodox 201 Class**
7:30pm Thursdays

YOUTH EPISTLE READERS

**Oct 4** - Hanna Kunkel
2 Corinthians 9:6-11

**Oct 11** - Theodora Veronis
Titus 3:8-15

**Oct 18** - Panayiota Veronis
Colossians 4:5-18

**Oct 25** - Olivia Neslusan
Galatians 2:16-20

**Nov 1** - Smaranda Cojocaru
1 Corinthians 12:27-13:8

**Nov 8** - Maia Beaudry
Hebrews 2:2-10

**Nov 15** Maria Mironidis
Ephesians 2:14-22

**Nov 22** - Lily Mueller
Philemon 1:1-25
### 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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FESTIVAL RESULTS
Thank God we had our most financially successful Festival ever!
Our estimated profits are around $33,500!!!

A breakdown of departments:
- Banners - $9200
- Bar - $1887
- Café - $238
- Donations - $3549
- Center Table - $1725
- Food Line - $8755
- Gift/Bookstore - $103
- Kids Booth - $685
- Loukoumades - $1056
- Pastry - $4913
- Raffle - $5340
- Ring Toss - $1295
- Thematic Baskets - $1271
- Vendors - $225
- Expenses - $6200

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE
THANK YOU to the 135 Stewards who have given to our Stewardship Program thus far this year.

We hope our other 40 families will participate this year and give to support the operational budget of our Church Ministries.

As of September 30, we have received $90,285 towards our budgeted goal of $107,700, so we still hope to receive $18,000 before the end of the year!

The average stewardship pledge is $669 per stewardship unit. The median average is just over $500.

Our Stewardship includes:
- 16 Pacesetters ($1000-2000)
- 3 Torchbearers ($2000-4000)
- 5 Good Shepherds ($5000 & up)
VERSES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

Psalm 116:15

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me? I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

Psalm 116:12-13

The Lord is my strength and song, He has become my salvation.

Psalm 118:14

This is the day the Lord has made, Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. For His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 118:29

The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can anyone do to me?

Psalm 118:6

The Lord’s merciful kindness is great toward us, and His truth endures forever.

Psalm 117:2

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

OCTOBER

Oct 2 Tim 1:12-17 Luke 6:17-23

Oct 6 I Corinthians 4:9-16 John 20:19-31

Oct 16 Philippians 3:8-19 Matt 27:33-54

Oct 23 Galatians 1:11-19 Matt 13:54-58

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October 28-30, 2015
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“Hellenic College Holy Cross Reaching Out to the World”
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“Welcome and Introduction to “Speaking to Secular America””
Fr. Luke A. Veronis, Director of the Missions Institute of Orthodox Christianity, Adjunct Instructor at Hellenic College Holy Cross, Priest of Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Webster, MA

“Understanding the Changing Demographics of Religion, Christianity, and Specifically Orthodox Christianity in America”
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