OUR CALL TO “GO FORTH!”

What a beautiful Church we have! During our annual Festival, I heard so many comments about how beautiful our Church looks. People would just sit inside, praying, meditating, and taking in the beauty!

This past month we added five new stain glass windows (see pages 2-4) to the four we recently put up, and we also added a new 10 foot wall icon of the “Great Missionary Saints.”

This icon highlights some of the greatest missionaries who went to all regions of the world to share God’s love and His Good News of hope, salvation and victory over sin, Satan, and death itself!

Every time we enter the church and look at this new icon, I want our Church Family to remember the great privilege and responsibility we have to carry on the legacy of these missionaries. We live at a time when many people in our country are falling away from faith in God, or may have not grown up in a community of faith and know nothing of Jesus Christ. As Orthodox Christians we have the important task to tell people about our faith, and invite them to come to our Church.

The new icon portrays men and women - priests, monks and laypeople - who were inspired by the Holy Spirit and felt compelled to go even into dangerous and difficult places in order to let others know about Jesus Christ. Who are the saints portrayed in this icon?

The APOSTLE PAUL was a Jewish Christian who broke the bounds of the early church by preaching to the larger Greco-
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The mission of Sts. Constantine and Helen Church is to proclaim the Good News of Salvation through the Orthodox Christian Faith for the glory of our Triune God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We are a community of believers who journey towards our Lord Jesus Christ and one another through our WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, SPIRITUAL GROWTH, WITNESS, and SERVICE. We invite all people to join us on this journey in the Kingdom of Heaven.

We are under the jurisdiction of
His Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew
His Eminence, Archbishop Demetrios of America
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Roman world. He suffered much for creating churches with Greeks and non-Jews, yet he understood the necessity to preach to all people everywhere. God cannot be bound by ethnicity or race.

**ST. GREGORY OF ARMENIA** suffered in prison for 14 years because of his faith, until one day when he was able to miraculously heal the King of Armenia. This led to the king’s conversion, and to the entire nation of Armenia embracing Christianity and becoming the first Christian country in the world.

**ST. FRUMENTIOS OF ETHIOPIA** was shipwrecked along the shores of Ethiopia, and became a slave. Yet after he received his freedom, he went back to Alexandria asking the Patriarch to send a bishop to serve the people in Ethiopia. The Patriarch made Frumentios that bishop and he returned to this land where he has suffered much, preaching the Gospel and leading Ethiopia to embrace Christianity!

**ST NINA OF GEORGIA**, was a young woman from Jerusalem who had a dream to go to the pagan country of Georgia to share the Good News there. With passion and boldness she preached, and eventually converted the King, who then led his entire country to embrace Christianity.

**ST. PATRICK OF IRELAND** was the son of a Christian deacon from England, but was captured by Irish pirates who held him captive for six years. He said that these years were formative in his spiritual development. He eventually escaped and returned to his homeland, only to hear God calling him to return back to Ireland to share His Good News. So St Patrick returned and eventually became the first bishop of Ireland, and the founder of Christianity there.

**STS. CYRIL AND METHODIOS**, were brilliant brothers from Thessalonika who went to the Slavic people of Moravia to teach the people in their own language. They created an alphabet, translated Scriptures, and started a movement that led to the entire Slavic peoples embracing Christianity.

**ST. STEPHEN OF PERM** was a Russian inspired by the work of Cyril and Methodios. After living in a monastery for nine years, he felt the need to leave the monastery and go among the pagan Zyrian people, creating an alphabet, translating Scriptures, and leading these pagan people to the true faith.

**ST. KOSMAS AITOLOS** is the greatest modern Greek missionary who left Mount Athos after 19 years in order to travel from village to village during the 18th century Ottoman Empire and help stop the conversion of Christians to Islam. He emphasized the need to read Holy Scripture, and founded more than 200 schools in the villages in which he preached.

**ST HERMAN OF ALASKA** was in the first group of Russian missionaries to travel to Alaska in 1792. He ended up living there 50 years on the small island of Kodiak, defending the native Alaskans and offering a witness of a holy life. He is known as the patron saint and father of Alaska.

**ST. INNOCENT VENIAMINOV** was probably the greatest Russian missionary ever. He served in Alaska after St. Herman for 20 year, learning different languages, creating alphabets and doing translations, even traveling 10,000 miles in one year by kyack and dogsled to visit all the Christians of his diocese. He then served another 20 years as a bishop in Eastern Siberia. He ended his life as the Metropolitan of Moscow, founding the Russian Orthodox Missionary Society.

**ST. NICHOLAI KASATKIN** entered Japan in 1862 as a Russian missionary, following 200 years of extreme Japanese xenophobia. Fifty years later, he left a church with 35,000 baptized Japanese Orthodox Christians.

All of these missionary saints, at one time, were normal Christians like you and me. Yet they kept their hearts open to God’s Spirit, and courageously followed His call to go wherever He needed them. And thus, they offered a powerful witness to the ends of the earth. May we be inspired by their lives, and strive to imitate their actions.

With love and hope in Christ our Lord,
The new stain glass windows that adorn our Church sanctuary not only beautify our Church, but also offer important teachings about our Orthodox Christian Faith. Most of these windows represent different Holy Sacraments, or Divine Mysteries. The Sacraments are mysteries which connect and unite us with God in intimate ways. The grace of God comes upon us through these Divine Sacraments.

Sometimes we are taught that there are seven Sacraments, but this isn't accurate. In the Orthodox Church, there have never been a set number of Sacraments. The Church has understood that there are different ways in which we encounter the grace of God, and we can’t limit them.

**CHI/RO - Alpha/Omega**

The first of our stain glass windows, which will stand at the top of the four windows on the right side of the church as you enter, represents Jesus Christ. The symbolism used is the XP, which are two Greek letters, “Chi” and “Ro.” They represent the first two letters of Christos, the Christ. These two letters were an ancient traditional symbol of Jesus the Christ, the anointed one of God, the Messiah and the fulfillment of Jewish law and prophets.

On either side of the “Chi” and “Ro” are the Greek letters “Alpha” and “Omega.” These are another symbol of Jesus Christ, who is the beginning and the end of all. Jesus is God incarnate, the one who said, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty” (Rev 1:8). Jesus was not simply a great prophet or a wise teacher. He is the living God who became human, who lived among us, who died and rose from the dead. He is the Lord and Savior of the World! So this stain glass window is our first one, to which all the other stain glass symbols find their meaning.

**HOLY EUCHARIST**

The next three windows below this first stain glass window represent the divine mystery through which we unite ourselves to God each and every Sunday and every time we celebrate the Divine Liturgy. Holy Communion is the mystery of the Holy Eucharist. Jesus said, “Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you do not have life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.” (John 6:54-55)

We do not try to explain how this mystery takes place. We believe that we offer simple earthly material to God - bread and wine - and He accepts these gifts that we offer, and transforms them into something divine, through which we are united with Him and Him with us. So our next two stain glass windows represent the gifts we offer—grapes for the wine and wheat for the bread.
HOLY CHRISTMATION

Holy Christmation is the second sacrament we receive as Christians, following our Baptism (Baptism is one of our stained glass windows that hasn’t been completed yet.) It is when the Holy Spirit comes upon us with power, and fills us with the presence of God. Every day the first prayer we say as Orthodox Christians is one asking the Holy Spirit to come and renew itself in us. “O Heavenly King, Comforter, the Spirit of Truth…” The Dove represents the coming of the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit lives in us, it graces us with its fruit of “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, and self-control” (Gal 5:22). May we strive to allow the Holy Spirit’s fruit and grace be evident in our lives each and every day. Come O Holy Spirit!

MARRIAGE

When we decide to marry in the Church, the action is not simply made by a couple. In a Christian marriage, the couple is asking God for His blessing to come upon their love, and committing to a life-long journey together towards the kingdom of heaven. The crowns of marriage represent sacrificial love - the crowns of “martyrdom” - where both partners are willing to crucify their own egotistic desires, and strive to love the other with divine, sacrificial love.

The Gospel reminds the couple that they should live their marriage according to Holy Scripture, allowing Christ to always remain in the middle of their marriage, and constantly striving to live out the teachings of Jesus Christ in their lives.

On top of the Gospel are the two rings, which symbolize the life-long commitment the couple has made to each other, and the glass of wine reminds the couple that in an earlier age, Christian marriages were blessed during the Holy Eucharist.

HOLY CONFESSION

When we turn away from God, when we break our relationship with Him, when we miss the mark of living up to the divine potential God has given each one of us, we sin. Sin is not some legalistic breaking of a rule, but it is separating from our living relationship with God. Whenever we do fall away from God, we are called to repent. The Greek word is “Metanoia,” which means to “turn around,” to turn back towards God. Every day we should reflect on the day, and ask God for forgiveness. Yet there are times when we feel a sin has deeply harmed us, or when some habitual sin overwhelms us. At times like this, we go to the priest and receive the Sacra-
OUR STAIN GLASS WINDOWS

READING HOLY SCRIPTURE

Included among our stain glass windows is one with an open Bible and the Cross. This window reminds us that whenever we read Holy Scripture - a discipline we should try to follow daily - we are listening to the word of God and hearing Him speak to us. This act of reading the Bible could be considered a sacrament, for it can be a means by which we encounter God’s grace.

Too often, we treat our relationship with God in a one-way manner. We pray to God asking something from Him. Yet, authentic prayer is a two-way communication, where we sometimes speak to God and other times listen to Him. One of the ways we hear the voice of God is through reading Holy Scripture. Each time we read the Bible, we should say a prayer asking God to enlighten our minds and open our hearts so that we may hear His voice. “Shine within our hearts loving Master the pure light of your divine knowledge, and open our minds that we may understand the message of your Gospel.”

The Cross behind the open Bible reminds us that whenever we read Holy Scripture, including whenever we read the Old Testament, we read it with an eye to Christ. Jesus is the fulfillment of all Scripture, and we can only properly understand both the Old and New Testaments when we keep in mind the divine actions of Jesus Christ - His life, death and resurrection. As He said in His famous Sermon on the Mount, “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have not come to abolish them, but to fulfill them.” (Matthew 5:17)

THE NEW ISRAEL – Jewish Fulfillment

Our final stain glass reminds us of our roots, our heritage and our tradition. Jesus is the Jewish Messiah, the Anointed One who culminates the divine story of the chosen people of God, Israel. We sometimes forget that the human person of Jesus came from a Jewish family, with a Jewish mother and Jewish disciples. Of course, He did not stay limited within His Hebrew race, but transcended this ethnic identity to become the Savior of the world. He commanded His disciples to “Go forth to all nations and proclaim the Good News to all creation.” (Mark 16:15) As the Apostle Paul stated, “God desires all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.”

The window shows the Star of David, which reminds us that Jesus came from the line of King David. The two tablets represent the 10 Commandments, and how Christ fulfills the Law of Moses. And the menorah can be understood with Jesus’ words “I am the light of the world.”

MORE STAIN GLASS WINDOWS

We still have four more stain glass windows coming within the next weeks - one for the Mystery of Baptism, Holy Orders/Ordination, the symbol of the Fish (which in Greek, represents “Jesus Christ the Savior of the World”), and of a Guardian Angel watching over the children of the world.
Imagine that you had won the following *PRIZE* in a contest: Each morning your bank would deposit $86,400 in your private account for your use. However, this prize has Rules. The set of Rules are the following:

1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.

2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.

3. You may only spend it.

4. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another $86,400 for that day.

5. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time, it can say, "Game Over!" It can close the account, and you will not receive a new one.

What would you personally do?

You would buy anything and everything you wanted right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself - right?

You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?

**ACTUALLY, THIS GAME IS REAL!**

Shocked ??? Yes!!!

Each of us is already a winner of this *PRIZE*. We just can't seem to see it.

The PRIZE is “TIME"

1. Each morning we awaken to Receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of Life.

2. And when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is NOT credited to us.

3. What we haven't used up that day is forever lost.

4. Yesterday is forever gone.

5. Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time WITHOUT WARNING...

**SO, what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds?**

Those seconds are worth so much More than the same amount in dollars. Think about it and remember to Enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than You think.

So take care of yourself, be happy, love deeply and enjoy each of the 86,400 seconds of every day!!
A basic condition for the spiritual life is that we should understand that, on our own, we can do absolutely nothing. No matter how hard we try, the spiritual life is something that someone else gives to us.

And the “someone else” is the Spirit of God, the Comforter, the “treasury of good things and the giver of life”, the treasury from which all the riches of spirituality come forth, the source from which the spiritual life emerges and overflows.

Of course, sometimes we get confused, and think that to be spiritual means to be a “good person”: not to steal, not to kill, not to go to bad places or with bad friends, to go to Church on Sunday, to read spiritual books, and so on. But no, this is not the spiritual life.

A spiritual person, a true Christian, is someone whose entire life is sworn to God. Initially by means of his baptism, and later, in his heart, such a person swears an oath to God, to live for God, and to remain with God forever.

A spiritual person is an athlete who has burst into life, who stands out from the crowds of human beings, and runs with all the speed of his soul to heaven.

A spiritual person is one who with shining eyes and chest thrust forward, has set his course and races to heaven. He is not a “good man”.

A spiritual person knows that, in order to succeed, he needs strong wings: the wings of the Holy Spirit. A spiritual person must therefore do everything possible to attract, to win over, the Spirit of God, because only the Holy Spirit, God himself, has the gifts of the spiritual life. According to St Gregory of Nyssa, the “distribution of the royal gifts” of the Holy Spirit takes place in the Church through the Sacraments.

What do we mean by success? Success by whose standards? Jesus tells us that God is the final judge before whom we shall stand one day. He is the One who will proclaim us “successful” or “unsuccessful.” And the truly successful, according to the Lord, are not those who have only a collection of things to show for their journey through life, but those who are rich in faith and love towards God and other human beings.

Our society, and our ego, instill in us a desire for money, position and fame. We have to remember, though, that one day we will meet a Man who cares for none of these. Christ is not interested in our money, position, or earthly fame. He will not ask how much we accumulated, but He will ask how have we helped others. How have we used whatever our earthly blessings are to help and bless those not as fortunate as ourselves. In God’s eyes, this is the mark of true wealth.

As St. John Chrysostom once said, “The rich man is not one who has much, but one who gives much. For what we give away will remain ours forever.”

Jesus Himself called a rich and “successful” farmer, who built larger barns to store all his wealth and who could retire early, a “fool.” His “success was nothing more than an accumulation of “material things” and in the end of life, he had nothing to show for it but his barns full of stuff.
For several years, I served in a church that was known for its commitment to world missions. Many of our college kids were called into full-time cross-cultural ministry, including a bright young man named Bill. The reaction of his parents, however, caught Bill by surprise. His family had supported missionaries financially, prayed for them, and even fed them Sunday lunch when they were on furlough from the field. But the idea of their son giving his life to overseas missions was too much for Bill’s parents. They wanted Bill to find steady employment and raise a nice Christian family—one that supports missions, of course—like they had.

Bill’s parents are hardly unique. American adults, according to a recent Barna study, are “most likely to point to their family as making up a significant part their personal identity.” Country and God come next. Christians are no exception; natural family has usurped God and his family as the primary identity marker for most church-goers. Most of us prioritize our commitment to family above our commitment to the church. This is unfortunate, because the Bible offers us a different set of priorities.

Many Christians rightly say that God loves family. All throughout Scripture, families are given the task of rearing children in the Lord. Husbands and wives are commanded to be faithful to one another, and children to their parents. Paul writes that “Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever” (1 Tim. 5:8).

Yet in the Gospels, we find a mixed bag of instructions about family. In some places, like Matthew 15:3–4, Jesus appears to be pro-family, questioning the Pharisees’ commitment to the fifth commandment to “honor your father and mother.” But in other places, he seems to be anti-family. For instance, in Luke he says, “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple” (14:26).

While shocking to us, the meaning of Jesus’ statement in Luke would have been especially challenging to his first-century audience. Ancient Mediterranean society was a strong-group culture. The health and survival of the group took priority over the goals and desires of individual members. Loyalty to family constituted the most important relational virtue for persons in the New Testament world.

But following Jesus meant belonging to two families, a natural family and a faith family. Unlike his surrounding culture, what is most important to Jesus is faith family: “Pointing to his disciples, he said, ‘Here am I my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother’” (Matt. 12:46–50).

Jesus’ call to join a new family generates an unavoidable loyalty conflict. Which family do I now owe my ultimate loyalty? Most of us would rank our relationship priorities in this order:

GOD
MY FAMILY
GOD’S FAMILY (THE CHURCH)
OTHERS

Yet both Scripture and Christian history reinforce the idea that the family of God should rank higher than natural family. Jesus did not primarily call individuals into a private relationship with him. He calls us to join a movement, to become part of a new family. The notion that loyalty to God could somehow be separated from loyalty to God’s family would have been foreign to Jesus and the early Christians. As third-century theologian Cyprian of Carthage famously said, “He who does not have the church for his mother cannot have God for his Father.”
A big THANK YOU to all of you who helped out at our Church festival! Thank God it was another successful year of us coming together as one big family, working hard, and having fun.

If only our country could be more like our Church family! I watch the news in the morning and sometimes I wish I didn't turn the TV on. It's very scary that, not only the world, but the country we live in is taking a turn for the worse. How will this ever stop? I wish I had the answers.

I can only suggest that we continue to pray and we do unto others as we would want done to us. We need to remind ourselves, our family, and our friends to act as if Jesus were before us. A very hard task, but one that we must try in order to make the world a better place for us and our children's children. Our town, our state, and our country needs to push aside the differences, join hands and come together for the good of all.

I ask you once again, to Pray for Peace.

My thoughts and prayers go to those who are going through a difficult time in their lives.

Many happy wishes for all of you who are celebrating a special occasion.

My condolences to the Lambiris family for the passing of Dimitroula.

God's blessings on all of you!

Lisa Healy,
Parish Council President

HELP NEEDED!
Is Anyone interested in helping to video the sermons each week and placing them on youtube? We are looking for a volunteer to help? Please contact Fr. Luke if you can help!

SCRAP METAL DRIVE FUNDRAISER

Bring Any Scrap Metal to the Church Oct 14-15.
PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

We have survived another festival! I want to thank all of you that helped in one way or another to make this festival a success! I want to especially thank all the women of the parish and all the members of the Philoptochos for all their hard work in baking and preparing for the pastry table! We did better than ever making over $5500! We should be very proud of ourselves! We couldn't have done that without all your help and generous donations to defray the cost of the ingredients.

Now we are on to our next fundraiser. On October 29, we are having our Craft Fair/Bake Sale. We will have boutique tables at $25.00 a table. Please come browse at the various crafts, jewelry, bags, make up, etc... We will have a center table raffle run by Celia of course. So please bring in a gift item for the raffle. Also we will have a bake sale so please bring in baked items. We would like petas, baklava, finikia, koulourakia, kourabiades, pantespani, etc. to be sold. We will also have a kitchen to purchase lunch that one can eat in the hall or brought home. Lisa offered to make a couple of pans of her famous pastichio. We will also have petas in the kitchen, pizza, hamburgers, and hot dogs.

Please come and support this event! In the past we have done very well. The proceeds from this fundraiser will go to help in our donations to the various ministries and our youth to send to camp. In addition we are going to buy another shed for our parish. The one we just purchased in November proved to be great to store our festival items, chairs, table according to Chris. We would like to get rid of the trailer in the back because it is falling apart and replace it with another new shed to store the remaining items we have.

Our next meeting is October 3rd. We are going to have a pizza party, so come and enjoy! Refreshments by Donna. Let's make this another successful year! Let's come together to discuss the craft fair and other fundraisers we may have. Also we need suggestions for any field trips and or fun things to do. Please try to attend our meeting on the 3rd - members and non-members alike.

We wish a speedy recovery to Presbytera Faith's mother! We missed her and Father Luke's mother making the loukoumades this year. But Presbytera Faith and her crew carried on the tradition very well! Also our deepest sympathies to the loss of Thomai's father and the loss of an old Philoptochos member Mrs. Beatrice Lambiris.

With love and appreciation,
Evelyn Pappas

THANK YOU

The Children’s Booth would like to thank all who helped and everyone who brought gifts for the Kid’s Raffle Table. Thank you all for being there and helping me out before and during the festival. God be with us all!

Donna Cooney
Thanks to All Who Helped Make Our Greek Festival a Success!

Special Thanks to our co-chairpeople Cindy Johnson, Lisa Healy, Marie McNally
The Ladies Philoptochos Society of Sts. Constantine & Helen invites you to their annual Autumn Boutique-Craft Fair & Bake Sale

There will be a variety of delicious pastries for sale including, baklava, pita, and sweet bread, in addition to several craft and boutique tables, offering beautiful and unique items for purchase.

Where: Sts. Constantine & Helen
35 Lake Parkway, Webster, MA

When: Saturday, October 29, 2016

Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Please help! We will be collecting items throughout the month of October for Project Mexico and St. Innocent Orphanage. Please bring in whatever you can from the list below. We need to fill up at least 30 boxes so we can get free shipping of all the goods!

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### Fall Needs List

#### Cleaning Supplies
- Liquid Bleach
- Rubber & Disposable Gloves
- Trash Bags (45 & 55 gal.)
- Spray Air Freshener

#### Kitchen Essentials
- Tupperware (Large)
- Dish Cloths & Dish Towels
- Degreaser/Easy Off
- Grill Cleaning Stone
- Stainless Steel Sponges

#### Medicinal
- Rubbing Alcohol
- Vitamin C
- Pepto Bismol
- Cough Drops
- Baby Aspirin

#### Automotive
- 10W-40 Motor Oil
- Wiper Fluid
- Blue Shop Towels

#### Food
- Low-Sugar Cereal
- Cream of Wheat
- Flour (Wheat & White)
- Dry Pinto Beans
- Dry White Rice
- Canned Green Beans
- Canned Chickpeas
- Canned Tuna & Chicken
- Canola & Olive Oil (Gallons)
- Pasta Sauce & Tomato Puree
- Mayonnaise
- Knorr Chicken Bouillon
- Sugar, Yeast, Pepper, Oregano
- Salt, Cinnamon, Garlic Salt
- Nestea/Gatorade Powder
- Trail Mix & Granola Bars
- Juice Boxes
- Dried Fruit
- Honey

#### Chapel
- Large Taper Beeswax Candles
- 2” Beeswax Votive Candles

#### Paper Goods
- Toilet Paper
- Aluminum Foil
- Wax Paper
- Plastic Wrap
- Disposable Cutlery
- Disposable Plates & Cups
- Paper Napkins & Towels
- Ziploc Bags (Gallon)

#### Toiletries for Men
- Acne Face Wash
- Liquid Soap
- Body Lotion
- Talcum Powder
- Mouthwash

#### Miscellaneous
- Soccer Shin Guards
- Black Shoe Shine
- Insect Killer Spray
- D Batteries
- Dog Food
- Printer Paper (White 8.5x11)
Come and Join our

**YOUTH FALL FEST & CORN MAIZE**

Saturday, October 15th

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**ORTHOODOXY CLASSES**

Thursday 7:00pm on October 6 and 20

Come and Learn the basic teachings of our Orthodox Christian Faith

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**EARLY RISERS BIBLE STUDY**

7:00 am - 8:00 am

Saturdays

Come and Join Us.

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**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

10:00-11:00am

Wednesdays

All Are Welcome!

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**YOUTH EPISTLE READERS**

Oct 2 - Gabriella Ross
Oct 9 - Zach Beaudry
Oct 16 Maria Mironidis
Oct 23 - Lily Mueller
Oct 30 - Maia Beaudry
Nov 7 Theodora Veronis
Nov 14 - Panayiota Veronis
Nov 21 - Olivia Nesluskan

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**WEEKDAY SERVICES**

**DIVINE LITURGIES**

Oct 18 - 9:30am Liturgy for St. Luke
Oct 26 - 9:30 Liturgy for St. Demetrios

**PARACLESIS SERVICE & HOLY OIL for HEALING**

6:00pm Thursday October 20th
LIST OF STEWARDS

We will give thanks to all our up-to-date Stewards of our Church in the November Bulletin.

Please make sure you have offered your stewardship pledge by the end of October so that we can include your name and thank you for supporting our beloved Church.

USHERS & GREETERS SCHEDULE

Oct 2 - Neal Neslusan, Mary Papageorge, Jimmy Karapanos, Cindy Johnson

Oct 9 - Nicoleta Cojocaru, Zach Gianaris, Garry Ross, Jared Quill

Oct 16 - Arthur Bilis, Del Monroe, Chris Geotis, Thomai Gatsogianis, Trish Lareau

Oct 23 - Marie McNally, Eric Beland, Matt Benoit, Lisa Healy, Nick Seferi

Oct 30 - Neal Neslusan, Mary Papageorge, Jimmy Karapanos, Cindy Johnson

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STEWARDSHIP DEFICIT

As of mid-September, our Stewardship is $12,000 BEHIND last year at this time. PLEASE send in your pledges and keep up to date in your stewardship so our operational budget will stay in the black. Thank You!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:

Oct 2 – Donna Cooney, Athena Cooney, Leah Didonato, Jaime Ross

Oct 9 - Marie McNally, Christa Benoit, Sandi Kunkel, Mary Seferi

Oct 16 - Kathy Bilis, Marie Monroe, Charlotte Neslusan, Carolyn Niemeck, Stephanie Quill,

Oct 23 - Thomai Gatsogianis, Trish Lareau, Betty Tonna, Deb Raymond, Evangeline Wilson

Oct 30 – Donna Cooney, Athena Cooney, Leah Didonato, Jaime Ross
Remembering Our Church Family

Important Dates in OCTOBER:

Make a visit, give a call, or express your congratulations to members of our Church family who celebrate special days this month.

**BIRTHDAYS:**

- Oct 1: Loucia Adamapoulos
- Oct 3: Ted Avlas
- Oct 3: Triada Apostolou
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- Oct 13: Sandy Sanderson
- Oct 15: Charlie Chito
- Oct 15: Loukas Mironidis
- Oct 15: Donna Cooney
- Oct 15: Therese Totolos
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- Oct 19: Sophia Foisy
- Oct 22: Louisa Foisy
- Oct 22: Katie Mironidis
- Oct 24: Barbara Desrosiers
- Oct 25: Leah Bouthillier
- Oct 25: Mary Baxter
- Oct 26: Ted Panagiotou
- Oct 27: Rebecca Reynolds
- Oct 30: Christa Benoit

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

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

**NAMEDAYS:**

- Oct 11: St Kenneth
  - Kenneth Peterson
- Oct 18: St Luke
  - Loukas Apostol
  - Fr. Luke Veronis
  - Loukas Mironidis
  - Louis Thomas
- Oct 26: St Demetrios
  - Dhimitra Adamopoulos
  - Dimitri Gatsogiannis
  - James Karapanos
  - Dimitri Kiritsis
  - Dimitrios Milios
  - Dimitri Mironides
  - Demetra Moutoudis
  - Demetra O’Brien
  - Dimitrios James Pappas
  - Ted Panagiotou

**May Her Memory Be Eternal**

**BEATRICE LAMBIRIS**

“I am the Resurrection and the Life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live.”

*John 11:25*
A PRAYER OF PRAISE
Psalm 146

Praise God!
As long as I have breath in my body, I will praise God!

Don’t place your hopes on the genius of men or women.
Their ultimate end is the same as yours, and they become once more like the dust from which they came.

Those who draw their strength from God are secure.
He who created the earth and all upon it is the only One who can heal the wounds and mend the fractures of our disjointed world.

He can break the bonds of addiction and pierce humanity’s stupor with visions of truth.
He tenderly reaches out to those who are oppressed and reveals His concern for those who are lost and lonely.
He watches over His own while the paths of the godless lead to their own destruction.

This is the God who cannot die!
Praise God. Amen.

This comes from the book *Psalms Now*, which is available in our Holy Wisdom Church bookstore. It has sold more than 370,000 copies. It is a beautiful way of restating the words of the Psalms in today’s language. The Psalms are the greatest prayer book of the Church, filled with honest prayers of praise, love, compassion, sorrow, fatigue, frustration, confusion, anger and repentance. Read a psalm from this book daily and you will see how your own prayer life will come alive!
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DISUNITY

Born in God’s image to love all people on earth
The corruption of man seeps in after one’s birth
As children we ignore all color and race
And look to others to play with and embrace

Hatred is not innate but taught by those who fear
Its flames made worse by the ignorant and severe
As adults we are haunted by evil feelings within
Leading us to rash judgment on those with different skin

Failing to see the person who is not like us
We reach conclusions which lack wisdom and trust
Allowing emotions to overwhelm common sense
We act out with violence in situations intense

At our core we are all the same
And just want peace with some acclaim
If we took the time to understand others
We would be more kind and act like brothers

We must respect those who enforce the law
In turn they must be better trained and not flawed
Blame is not going to solve the disunity
Only God’s grace can help us achieve unity

Nicholas A. Veronis