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WE HAVE HOPE IN THE RESURRECTION

In the Gospel on the Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women, Sunday, May 15, we revisit the tomb as Joseph provides for Christ's burial and the myrrh-bearing women come to anoint Christ's body with spices and oils, only to discover that the tomb is empty. They run from the garden, Scripture tells us, "amazed and bewildered." Now, we've walked through the repentance and preparation of forty days of Lent. We prayed and worshipped through the intensity of Holy Week that erupted into the joy and triumph of Pascha, proclaiming that Christ through His death has trampled down death, and we've experienced the celebration and lightness of Bright Week. Why now, then, does the Church return to the tomb? Let's take a closer look.

We find these women watching as Joseph takes Christ's body down from the cross. They have followed Jesus through His passion, witnessing that He was tried and crucified. They have watched as Joseph of Arimathea stepped up and gave Jesus a proper burial in his own tomb. They have seen the stone sealing the tomb. These women loved Jesus, and now they grieve for the loss of their beloved leader. All hope is lost. He is gone.

Yet even in the face of hopelessness, these women act. They buy ointments that will help His body dry out as it decays and sweet spices so that even in death, His body is honored. Their actions show their steadfast love for Christ, that even after hope is shattered, they go the extra mile to honor Jesus. Such is their love for this man, who is now lying in the tomb.

In their actions, we see that the myrrh-bearing women came to anoint Christ not out of a desire for any recognition or reward from Jesus, nothing that they could get out of it. He is dead. The women probably have no recollection that Christ said he would rise again, so they probably have no hope of triumph in Jesus' death. They come not to receive, and probably not consciously to give either, but they are motivated by their love for Him, that they want His body to be blessed with sweet smelling fragrance.

Yet these women are honored with being the first witnesses to Christ's resurrection. They were the first to know the joy that Christ had defeated death, that hope was fulfilled, that despair and grief were not all that was left to them. And, they were the first commissioned with going and telling others that Christ had risen from the dead.

These women were not seeking the excitement of some great commission, but they received this as a result of their desire to love and serve Christ even after death. Now, we know the triumph of Christ. We know the end of the story. We know this even as we walk with these women to the tomb, as they despair, hopeless. Yet still in our lives, we also may deal with despair. Why am I stuck in this job? Why can't I pay my bills? Why can't I be patient with my children? Why do I feel so alone? When we are abandoned, when we try to follow God's will but can't see the way, when we lose someone or something we don't think we can live without, when we suffer, perhaps that is when we experience Christ as dead.

There is a reason why we return to the tomb after Pascha. The Church has specifically set for us, through the lectionary, the imerologion, the church calendar, our return to the experience of Joseph and the Myrrh-bearers after they had lost their hope. The Church brings us back to the worst place of their story. For while we know now of Christ's resurrection, and while we have been given the commission as witnesses to go and tell about the risen Christ, still we, are also in the middle of our own personal story, not knowing how it will end.

It is interesting that the Epistle Reading for this same day tells of the selection of the first deacons of the Jerusalem Church. Perhaps the model for these deacons and the model for all service are the myrrh-bearers. As we will hear in the reading on that day, the deacons were established to serve the widows who were being neglected. So the Church reminds us that in the same way that Joseph took Christ's body down from the cross, as the myrrh-bearers came to honor Christ's body and bore witness to Christ's resurrection, as the deacons began their service by distributing food to the needy, so all of us are commissioned to love the body of Christ, and the body of Christ is the Church.

WE HAVE HOPE IN THE RESURRECTION (CONTINUED)

We know that Christ has trampled down death by death, yet still we live doing battle against this present darkness. We struggle for justice and peace; we fight against ourselves to love our neighbors. But let's be honest. Sometimes we believe the triumph of Christ ultimately, but often we struggle to find the triumph of Christ now in this present day. This lesson of the Myrrh-bearers reminds us that even when we question how our stories will end, whether Christ truly will triumph in us, still we can get up early and bring spices to the Christ that we love, even when all seems lost. Sometimes in our work within the Church, in our attempts to love within our families, within society, it might often feel like we're working with a dead corpse. But we may be surprised to find what we thought was dead is indeed alive. For the love that brought the Myrrh-bearers is not unlike God's love: It cannot be destroyed by death. Christ died but has risen, trampling down our despair, trampling down injustice, trampling down persecution, trampling down sickness, trampling down war, trampling down evil, trampling down death. Christ is victorious. This is the hope that we have, our hope to go on. Not false hope, but hope based on the reality of the resurrection, the message of the angel to the women at the tomb, passed down through the ages, through time and space, delivered to us here today.

We may still be stuck in the worst parts of our stories, but today we are reminded through the Myrrh-bearers of the victory that is truly here, and that is coming when our own story is fulfilled. Christ Is Risen! Truly He Is Risen! Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!

Father Wilson

Very Rev. Archimandrite Agathonikos M. Wilson
(Father Mike)
Cathedral Dean

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Let me wish you all a very Happy Easter, as I write this it has not yet happened but we know with our Lord's blessing it will, hopefully you were able to take advantage of the many Holy Week services that our church provides for us. Thank you to Fr. Mike for really extending himself again. Thank you to everyone who made Holy Week special again this year: the ladies who cleaned and decorated, our chanters and choir for lending their voice, those who organized our youth the girls on Friday and the Altar boys all week, the boards for being here, everyone who came and took part in their church. This is what it's all about our faith, why we are here. I do not want to preach to anyone we all have busy lives but its right there in front of us: our church, our community, our journey a good time for some self-examination let us share your burden be a part of St. George it will do you good.

May will be a very busy month with many events and important days to remember and try to take part in for all of us.

May 7... the OPA dance see the info in this mailing, thanks to Chair John Stavropoulos and his team for another great evening

May 8... special Mother's Day coffee hosted by your Board of Directors come and see us work for all our wonderful Mothers

May 9... the Anagennesis Mother's Day dinner check the mailing for more information thanks to Chair Poppy Tsoutsas and her team

May 15... the 1st General Assembly of 2016 please try and attend, learn about your community, be part of things

May 22... the last day of Sunday school and the graduation program

May 23... the 1st 2016 Glendi meeting, want to be involved then why not start here everyone is welcome

A few thank you's are in order for jobs well done:

Diane LaRoche for again chairing the annual Palm Sunday dinner thanks for everyone who helped make it a top notch event. Tom and Ginny Tsirimokos for again chairing the Pascha evening dinner for those who made it to the end a great reward.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Jason Cote and the Cub Scout troop for the yard cleanup and service project at the Cathedral.

The baking of the Easter Bread, why buy it when we can do it ourselves what a wonderful effort to add something a big thank you to Dorothy Chakas, Angela Dion, Athanasia Robinson and the baking guru Veneta Tatakis....just a great job by all of you.

I want to make sure you all read the write up in this mailing on our outstanding High School Basketball Team who won the very tough prestigious Harry Agganis tournament in Lynn, MA. Thank you to the hard work of the team and its coaches for just an outstanding accomplishment. Please check out the pictures and the names of all the young men who represented St. George on a very big stage. Proving that once again working together will allow us to accomplish great things ,what a concept, seems I've heard that before let's all learn that lesson and take it to heart.

See you at your church; I'll be here how about you.... Happy Easter

Frank C. Comerford
President

61ST ANNUAL HARRY AGGANIS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

This year marked the 61st Annual Harry Agganis Basketball Tournament at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Lynn, MA.

The tournament is referred to as "The Harry," and teams from all over the US and even Greece have come to participate in the past 61 years. The high school division started 16 years ago in 2000, originally "The Harry" was a men's division only. This year a total of 20 teams participated in the 2016 tournament. The tournament was created in honor of Lynn native, Harry Agganis (the Golden Greek), an amazing athlete in high school and at Boston University before spending two years with the Red Sox.

This year our St. George High School Team won the tournament championship defeating St. Nicholas of Flushing, NY. The high school team started the double elimination tournament on Friday April 8 by defeating St. Vasilios of Peabody, MA. They went on to Saturday's games and needed to play four games in one day to reach the finals on Sunday. During Saturday's games, they lost the 1first match

to St. Nicholas of Flushing, NY sending them to the loser's bracket but the team pulled out three amazing wins defeating St. Catherine of Braintree, St. George, and Lynn MA and in the semifinal St. Nectarios of Roslindale, MA. On Sunday April 10 St. George matched up with St. Nicholas again in the finals and in a thrilling back and forth game they won 64-61 to take their 5th Championship in the Agganis Tournament. With this win our St. George High School team now holds the most high school championships with five total in the 16 year high school division, an amazing accomplishment for the boys.

We had two players receive special recognition for the tournament. Nick Mokas won the Priest Award for sportsmanship and Demetri Stamoulis won the tournament's Most Valuable Player Award.

Congratulations to the coaches: Mike Goudouros, Louis Demos, and Ted Rokas.

Congratulations to the players: Eli Kacavas, Nick Mokas, Demetri Stamoulis, George Awad, Alex Beede, Joseph Larocca, and Tim Stamoulis



Lukas and Zachary Demos holding the Harry Agganis Trophy



Nick Mokas receiving the Priest Award

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dear St. George Community,
 Christos Anesti! Christ is Risen! Alithos Anesti! Truly He is Risen! I hope you will join us on May 22 to celebrate the achievements of our Sunday school children! The Sunday school students have been very busy this year. Especially the past few weeks with Lent, Easter and preparing their class prayers for the end of the year program.

The Sunday school is still collecting school supplies. The items will be donated to a local school in Manchester. This is open to the entire St. George community. The items can be dropped off in Sunday school or in the drop off box in the lobby of the community center. With the community's help we can make this philanthropy project a huge success!

The Sunday School students will be visiting a few local nursing homes this month to spread the "Love and Art!" They will be visiting with the residents and handing out art work. It warms my heart that they are taking what they are learning in Sunday School classes and applying it to real world experiences.

Sincerely,
 Athena Moutsioulis Bevan

Sunday School Save the Dates!

Date	Event
May 22	Last day of Sunday School End of year program Sunday School sponsored coffee hour
June 4	Canobie Lake Park trip (weather permitting)

CLASSES SET TO RESUME

After being on break during our Great Lenten Journey, the morning Bible Study and evening Orthodox Life Class will both resume on Wednesday, May 11, 2016. The Bible Study Class will be meeting at 11:00 a.m. and is currently studying the Gospel of Matthew. The Orthodox Life Class will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. and is reading and discussing a wonderful book written by Father Anthony Coniaris, "Introducing the Orthodox Church."

FATHER'S OFFICE HOURS

Father's Office Hours
 Monday – Wednesday – Friday
 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday
 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday and Saturday
 By Appointment

FATHER'S CONTACT INFORMATION

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COMMUNITY NEWS

New Members

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Georgopoulos
Ms. Constantina Papanicolau
Welcome to the family!

Baptisms

Demetrios, son of Christos & Jacqueline Samaras
Congratulations!

Funerals

Doris Christous
Mary Dadasis
Vasilike Juris
Louis Sverkos
May their memories be eternal.

1ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Will be Sunday, May 15th after Coffee Hour in the Community Center. All parishioners are invited to attend.

1ST GLENDI MEETING

Will be Monday, May 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center. Please come and join us. .

SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY JUNE 5

AT ST. GEORGE CATHEDRAL

All high school graduating seniors please submit your names to the St. George Cathedral office.

MOTHER'S DAY COFFEE HOUR

Is being sponsored by the Board of Directors and will take place on Sunday, May 8th.

SCHEDULE FOR MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Father will be visiting the graves of our departed loved ones over the Memorial Day Weekend and offering Trisagion Prayers.

On Saturday, May 28, 2016, Father will be at the New Hampshire State Veteran's Cemetery in Boscawen, NH from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

On Monday, May 30, 2016, Father will be at the Pine Grove Cemetery in Manchester, beginning at 9:00 a.m. We will all meet as a group at the gravesite of George Demos where Father will offer one Trisagion Service for all of our departed family and friends. At the conclusion of the Trisagion Service, Father will be available to visit individual gravesites for anyone wishing to do so. Please be patient as there are many gravesites to visit. Father is planning to be at the cemetery until early afternoon.

Please note that if you have departed family members in another cemetery and would like for Father to offer memorial prayers at their gravesite, please contact Father directly to make arrangements.

GREEK SCHOOL GRADUATION WILL BE SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH AT ST. GEORGE CATHEDRAL

Coffee Hour that Sunday will be sponsored by the Greek School parents.

NOA SCHOLARSHIPS

You can pick up applications at St. George Cathedral office. Please remember that they are due back no later than May 31, 2016. Please return completed applications to St. George Cathedral, 650 Hanover Street, Manchester NH 03104.

CALLED TO BE SAINTS

SAINTS CONSTANTINE AND HELEN, EQUAL-TO-THE APOSTLES, MAY 21



This great and renowned sovereign of the Christians was the son of Constantius Chlorus (the ruler of the westernmost parts of the Roman Empire), and of the blessed Helen. He was born in 272, in Naissus of Dardania, a city on the Hellespont. In 306, when his father died, he was proclaimed successor to his throne. In 312, on learning that Maxentius and Maximinus had joined forces against him, he marched into Italy, where, while at the head of his troops, he saw in the sky after midday, beneath the sun, a radiant pillar in the form of a cross with the words: "By this shalt thou conquer." The following night, our Lord Jesus Christ appeared to him in a dream and declared to him the power of the Cross and its significance. When he arose in the morning, he immediately ordered that a labarum be made (which is a banner or standard of victory over the enemy) in the form of a cross, and he inscribed on it the Name of Jesus Christ.

On the 28th of October, he attacked and mightily conquered Maxentius, who drowned in the Tiber River while fleeing. The following day, Constantine entered Rome in triumph and was proclaimed Emperor of the West by the Senate, while Licinius, his brother-in-law, ruled in the East. But out of malice, Licinius later persecuted the Christians. Constantine fought him once and again, and utterly destroyed him in 324, and in this manner he became monarch over the West and the East. Under him and because of him all the persecutions against the Church ceased. Christianity triumphed and idolatry was overthrown. In 325 he gathered the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, which he himself personally addressed. In 324, in the ancient city of Byzantium, he laid the foundations of the new capital of his realm, and solemnly inaugurated it on May 11, 330, naming it after himself, Constantinople. Since the throne of the imperial rule was transferred thither from Rome, it was named New Rome, the inhabitants of its domain were called Romans, and it was considered the continuation of the Roman Empire.

Falling ill near Nicomedia, he requested to receive divine Baptism, according to Eusebius, and also according to Socrates and Sozomen; and when he had been deemed worthy of the Holy Mysteries, he reposed in 337, on May 21 or 22, the day of Pentecost, having lived sixty-five years, of which he ruled for thirty-one years. His remains were transferred to Constantinople and were deposited in the Church of the Holy Apostles, which had been built by him. As for his holy mother Helen, after her son had made the Faith of Christ triumphant throughout the Roman Empire, she undertook a journey to Jerusalem and found the Holy Cross on which our Lord was crucified. After this, Saint Helen, in her zeal to glorify Christ, erected churches in Jerusalem at the sites of the Crucifixion and Resurrection, in Bethlehem at the cave where our Savior was born, another on the Mount of Olives whence He ascended into Heaven, and many others throughout the Holy Land, Cyprus, and elsewhere. She was proclaimed Augusta, her image was stamped upon golden coins, and two cities were named Helenopolis after her in Bithynia and in Palestine. Having been thus glorified for her piety, she departed to the Lord being about eighty years of age, according to some in the year 330, according to others, in 336.

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- _____ Bible Study
- _____ Adult Religious Education
- _____ Intro to Orthodoxy
- _____ Publications
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- _____ Sunday School Teacher
- _____ GOYA
- _____ Little Lambs
- _____ Hope/Joy
- _____ Scouts
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- _____ Youth Choir

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- _____ Clean-up
- _____ Interior Repairs
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- _____ Choir
- _____ Reader
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- _____ Welcome Team
- _____ New Member Events

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THE HISTORY OF EASTER EGGS

By Rev. Father Nicon D. Patrinos

The egg as a symbol of new life goes back to primitive times and is found in all cultures and civilizations. Polynesian, Chinese, Japanese, Indians, Phoenicians, Greeks, Romans, and Europeans of the Middle Ages, all considered the egg in the nature of the primordial beginning of life. In Greek mythology, the "black-winged night" gave birth to an egg from which sprang Eros, the source of life. The Romans considered red eggs symbols of prosperity and happiness. Roman historians relate traditions by which the birthdays of notable Romans were marked by fowls laying red eggs. A Phoenician myth has Aphrodite being born from an egg, and a similar Greek myth has Helen being born from an egg that fell from the moon.

However, even though the Easter egg is obviously not an exclusive Christian introduction, its significance relates to the birth not of material life but to that spiritual experience enjoyed only in the life of Christ. Its symbolic adaptation to the events of Christ's sacrifice on the Cross, His entombment, and finally His breaking of the bondage of death by His Resurrection, all find a fitting expression to the Easter

egg. The red color of the Orthodox Easter egg signifies the blood of Christ, its shell His three-day entombment, and its breaking His Resurrection by which the "egg of life" brought forth a life, up to then unknown. The cracking of the red eggs among the Orthodox symbolizes a mutual wish for breaking one's bonds of sin and misery and for entering the new life issuing from Christ's Resurrection.

Easter eggs are common among all Christians but with differences in color. In recent years, and obviously for commercial reasons, artificial eggs are being made in sizes larger than that of the natural egg and mostly of chocolate usually stuffed with candies or other gifts. This obviously is a continuation of the European custom by which emperors and other rulers used to distribute after the Easter service gold-plated eggs filled with gifts to members of their cabinets.

The Orthodox custom of decorating the round Easter bread with red eggs at the four edges of the cross on the bread is a custom going back at least to the Twelfth Century. Easter eggs are traditionally dyed on Holy Thursday and in some places a number of them are brought to church to be blessed at the Easter Liturgy. In the Orthodox Prayer Book there is a prayer for blessing Easter eggs.



Party

Monday, May 9th in Community Center

Cocktails 5:30 p.m.

Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Serving Roast Chicken, Baked Potatoes, and Green Beans,
Coffee and Dessert.

\$15.00 per person

For more info call Poppy Tsoutsas at 668-4308

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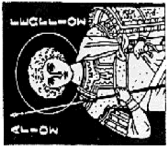
OPA - Dance Night
in Honor of
St. George Cathedral
Manchester NH

Saturday, May 7th
Admission \$20.00
Children under 15 Free

7pm to 11pm
Includes Appetizers
Cash Bar

Information for tickets call office: 622-9113

Music by: DJ Kifi Sounds

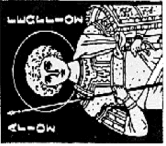


ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

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May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1. Happy Pascha! Vespers 11 am followed by Easter Egg Hunt.	2. Feast of St. George Orthros 9 am. Div. Lit. 10 am. Pre-Sch. 4:30 – 5:30 pm in CC. Adult Greek Sch. 6-7:30 pm in CC.	3.	4. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm in CC.	5.	6. Feast of the Life Giving Fountain Div. Lit. 10 am. Girl Scout Mtg. 6-7:30 pm at Annex.	7. St. George Dance 7– 11 pm in CC.
8. Happy Mother's Day Orthros 9am. Div. Lit 10 am. Sun. Sch. 10 am. Mother's Day Coffee Hr. in CC.	9. Mother's Day Party 5:30 p.m. in CC. Adult Greek Class 6-7:30 pm. BOD Mtg. 8pm At Annex	10.	11. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm in CC. DOP Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Annex	12.	13. Girl Scouts 6- 7:30 pm at Annex.	14.
15. Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit 10 am. Sun. Sch. 10 am. 10-yr. Mem. for Joanne Vlahos & Coffee Hr. 1st General Assembly after Coffee Hr. in CC. Baptism of George, son of Thanasi & Taylor Georgopoulos 1:30 pm.	16. Pre-Sch. 4:30—5:30 pm in CC. Adult Greek Class 6-7:30 pm in CC.	17. Prom set-up in CC	18. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm in CC. Prom Set-up in CC	19. Prom set-up in CC	20. Prom set-up in CC. Girl Scouts 6- 7:30 pm at Annex.	21. West High School Prom in CC.
22. Orthros 9 am. Div. Lit. 10 am. Last day of Sun. Sch. Sun. Sch. Sponsoring Coffee Hr. in CC.	23. Pre- School 4:30 – 5:30 pm in CC. 1st Glendi Mtg. 7 p.m. in CC. Adult Greek Class 6-7:30 p.m. in CC.	24.	25. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 p.m. in CC.	26.	27. Girl Scouts 6- 7:30 pm at Annex	28.
29. Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit. 10 am. 1-yr Mem. for Kosta Kalantzis & Coffee Hr.	30. Memorial Day Holiday (Office Closed). Mem. Prayers at Pine- grove Cemetery 9 a.m. at George Demos Grave.	31.				



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June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm in CC.	2.	3. Girl Scouts 6-7:30 pm at Annex.	4.
5. Orthros 9 am Div. Lit. 10 am. Scholarship Sunday	6. Pre-Sch. 4:30-5:30 pm in CC. Adult Greek Class 6-7:30 pm.	7.	8. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm in CC.	9. Feast of Ascension Div. Lit. 10 a.m. Greek Sch. Rehearsal 4-6 p.m.	10. Girl Scouts 6-7:30 pm at Annex. Rainbow Theatre 4-10 p.m. in CC.	11. Rainbow Theatre 4-10 p.m. in CC.
12. Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit 10 am. 1-yr Mem. for James Staires Greek School Graduation and Coffee Hr.	13. BOD Mtg. 7 p.m. in CC.	14.	15. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm in CC. Job fair set-up in CC.	16. NH Job Fair all day in CC.	17. Girl Scouts 6-7:30 pm at Annex.	18. Saturday of Souls 10 a.m.
19. Father's Day Orthros 9 am. Div. Lit. 10 am.	20.	21.	22. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 p.m. in CC.	23.	24. Girl Scouts 6-7:30 pm at Annex	25.
26. Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit. 10 am.	27.	28.	29.	30.		