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PRESIDENTS LETTER

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

It is hard to believe that this newsletter is for the month of May already! I hope you and your families were able to join us for worship during our Holy Week services here at St. George Cathedral. I also hope you had the opportunity to celebrate Easter with your families.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to extend my thanks to Father Andrew, the Board of Directors, Anagenensis Ladies Members, George Demos, the altar boys, Choir Director Cathy Boisvert, Organist Joyce Trapotsis, the choir members, the Myrofores, Joyce Bourque, and Dan Robitaille for all their work during Holy Week leading up to our Easter services.

The Palm Sunday Fish Dinner was a tremendous success and my deepest thanks go out to all the Anagenensis Ladies, the Board of Directors that assisted with serving and the committee consisting of Diane LaRoche, Kathy Dovas Jaskolka who served as co-chairs and all the Anagenensis Ladies Members. A special thanks to Arthur Pappas and the Backroom Restaurant for another delicious meal.

I am also pleased to report to you that the Cadillac Banquet Committee which consisted of Frank Comerford and Tim Giotas, co-chairs and committee members Dick Anagnost, Alice Comerford, Steve Chakas, Vangie Giotas, Martha Folopoulos, Teddy Karagiannis, John Mokas, Paul Pappas, Anthony Safos, Greg Timbas, Poppy Tsoutsas, and William Varkas brought in a net profit of \$7,944.00. Congratulations on a job well done.

Through the first quarter of the year in 2012, I am pleased to report that attendance in church is up, collections for candles is up, collections for trays is up, dues collection is way up (\$10,000.00 in 2011 vs. \$50,000.00 in 2012), Easter donations are up, and most importantly all the church organizations are working with Father Andrew in a true team effort in order to move our St. George Community forward toward its best future.

As you know with the start of May, our Annual GLENDI Festival will be here before you know it. We are scheduling our first GLENDI meeting for **Monday, April 30th at 7pm** in the community center. For the past 1 ½ months we have been reaching out to businesses in order to maintain the sponsors we had last year, bring back sponsors that were dropped from GLENDI, and seek out new sponsors as we try to find new revenue sources to assist with our budget issues. To date, we have the following sponsors: The DeMoulas Foundation, Manchester/Nashua Harley Davidson, AutoFair,

Spectrum Monthly, Cross Insurance, Phaneuf Insurance, Anagnost Companies, and the NH Motor Speedway. So far, our total sponsor donations are well in the vicinity of \$20,000.00. There are a few other sponsors that we are still working on and we are awaiting final responses from them. We are also enclosing the ad form once again in this newsletter and we would love to have you purchase an ad for this year's GLENDI that would be in line with your financial situation. As you know, we have dropped the ad charges back to the 2010 level with a full page for \$300.00, a half page for \$150.00, a quarter page for \$75.00, and a patron ad for \$25.00. As you know the ad deadline is June 15th, so please respond as soon as you can. With the meeting scheduled for **April 30th at 7pm**, we strongly encourage any new volunteers to step forward. We can use any new volunteers in whatever area you might be willing to donate your time. As I've said before even the Lone Ranger needed Tonto and we need all of you to assist with GLENDI in order to make this year's GLENDI the biggest and best of all time!

On Saturday June 23rd, the St. George Community will be having a Safari Party Food Fest. This event is being brought to you by GOYA, the Sunday School, Little Lambs, Hope, Joy, the Cadillac Committee, and their families. This event promises fun for all and will include Karaoke, Face Painting, a Dress Up Photo Booth, and our mascot Ms. Evelyn the Elephant. Please join us on Saturday, June 23rd from 4pm to 11pm and bring your best voice! We will have plenty of food!

The month of May includes Mother's Day and on behalf of the St. George Community, I want to extend my best wishes to all the Mothers in our community. Although this is your special day, we all feel you are special 365 days of the year! Hugs and Kisses to you all! The Board of Directors is making plans for a very special coffee hour that day in your honor.

The month of May also brings us to our first long summer holiday weekend of the year: Memorial Day. I hope you all get to spend some quality time with your families that weekend. I am sure I will see most of you on Monday, May 28th at Pine Grove as we pray for all our loved ones that have departed. May their memories forever be eternal.

Again, please join us on **Monday, April 30th at 7pm** in the community center as we begin our preparations for GLENDI 2012!

Sincerely yours,

George Copadis

George N. Copadis
President, Board of Directors

Christian History Corner: Mom, We Salute You Mother's Day and Memorial Day were meant to go together

In a resolution passed May 8, 1914, the U.S. Congress established the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. Congress specified that on that day American flags should be flown outside homes and government buildings "as a public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country." But what does patriotism have to do with Mother's Day?

The founder of Mother's Day, Anna Jarvis, saw the connection. Born in Grafton, West Virginia, in 1864, she witnessed the aftermath of the Civil War. Her mother, Anna Maria Reeves Jarvis, had spent the war organizing women to nurse wounded soldiers from North and South and generally attempting to hold her border state community together. After the war, Anna Maria started "Mothers' Friendship Days" to reconcile families divided by the conflict. Throughout her life, Anna Maria modeled ideal Victorian motherhood. She gave up her dreams of college to tend to an older husband and four children. She bore the loss of seven other children with grace. She taught Sunday school in the local Methodist church for 20 years and stayed active in benevolent work.

Anna Maria's death in 1905 devastated her daughter. Two years later, Anna got the idea to found a holiday to remember her mother and all mothers, whom she felt could never be thanked enough. It was also Anna's idea to place Mother's Day near Memorial Day (which had been proclaimed in 1868) in recognition of women's contributions in wartime: sending sons and husbands to fight, tending the wounded, maintaining households alone, and encouraging peace and reconciliation. Memorial Day honored the sacrifices of men; Mother's Day would honor the sacrifices of women.

Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908 in Grafton and Philadelphia, where Anna lived as an adult. The Methodist church in Grafton is sometimes called "the Mother's Day church" in recognition of its place in history. Congress and President Woodrow Wilson recognized the holiday in 1914, perhaps not coincidentally as America began to be drawn into another war.

Today, though, Mother's Day has little if anything to do with the ideals of Victorian womanhood or with patriotism. We can thank, or blame, women's rights activists for the first shift and florists for the second.

Though Anna Jarvis envisioned Mother's Day as a quiet observance centered on church and the home, advocates for causes such as world peace and female suffrage immedi-

ately seized the day for their own ideas. Julia Ward Howe, who grew firmly anti-war after penning "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," encouraged women to rise up on Mother's Day, defy their belligerent husbands, and declare, "We will not have great questions decided by irrelevant agencies, ... We women of one country will be too tender of those of another country to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs."

Other causes followed. In 1968, Coretta Scott King led a Mother's Day march to raise awareness of women and children living in poverty. In the 1970s, the National Organization for Women held Mother's Day rallies in support of the Equal Rights Amendment. The pro-gun-control Million Mom March took place on Mother's Day in 2000.

Still, florists hold primary responsibility for making Mother's Day what it is today. Anna Jarvis originally encouraged people to wear and give white carnations on her mother's holiday, because that was Anna Maria's favorite flower. This custom had the unintended consequence of causing a run on white carnations, so florists instead encouraged grateful children to buy all sorts of readily available blooms.

The marketing effort quickly grew out of hand. Anna Jarvis advised people to rebel, to wear buttons instead of flowers and to refrain from giving Mother's Day gifts at all. "I wanted it to be a day of sentiment," she said, "not profit." Obviously, no one listened. As early as the 1920s, Mother's Day was one of America's biggest commercial holidays, and it remains near the top for flowers purchased, cards sent, and phone calls made. Sue Ellen Thompson's book *Holiday Symbols* (Omnigraphics, 2nd ed. 2000) classifies the observance as "promotional" rather than "religious" or even, like Memorial Day, "national or patriotic."

Depending on the family, any of these categories could apply. Whether motherhood is better celebrated with flags, rallies, or bouquets is a separate question.

This article appeared in Christianity Today early in 2002.

+Father Andrew

GLENDI MEETING

We will be holding our first GLENDI 2012 meeting on Monday April 30th at 7pm. Please come join us so we can discuss how we can improve on our GLENDI Festival. Please bring friends or family members. We need all the help we can get ! Join us so we can make this year's GLENDI the biggest and largest GLENDI of alltime ! Let's try to increase the crowds at this year's GLENDI to even larger crowds than ever before !

GOYA HAPPENINGS

GOYA has been meeting regularly either the first or second Sunday of each month following church services and coffee hour. Our goal is to incorporate spiritual, cultural, charitable and social events throughout the year for members ranging in age of 12 - 18.

GOYA **Candy Sale** to take place on **Sunday, May 6th**. Proceeds to benefit "Blooming Blessings".

Next meeting will be on Sunday, May 6th, following the Candy Sale.

GOYA members will be helping the **Board of Directors** with their duties on **Sunday May 13th**.

Katina Smith is the Chairperson.

Our final meeting of the year is scheduled for Sunday, June 4th following coffee hour.

It will include elections for the 2012-2013 officers as well as an end of year celebration!

Have you heard about the upcoming Safari Party/Plant Sale in June? GOYA will be assisting with the plant sales as part of their annual "Blooming Blessings" which is taking place on Saturday, June 23rd, 9-2. In addition, they will be at the Safari party scheduled later that day to help with some of the fun events planned. Christina Spanos is taking the lead on behalf of GOYA's efforts. All families and members of all ages that are able to help, please let Christina know!

Watch bulletins, emails and Facebook for latest info!



Happy Mother's Day

The Board of Directors are sponsoring a special Mother's Day Coffee hour on Sunday, May 13th in the Community Center following services. We will be honoring all mothers, aunts, grandmothers, and great grandmothers.

Please come to the special event.
Everyone is welcome.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nikki Moutsioulis

We have heard the Good News and our hearts are gladdened!! Christ is Risen!! Truly He is Risen!! Christos Anesti!! Alithos Anesti!! Death has been trampled down!! Giving life to those in the tombs and hope for eternal life for all of us.

It was wonderful to see so many of our children in attendance at Holy Week services with their parents and grandparents. This is how the traditions of our faith will continue! You have been superb teachers—by example. "Book Learning" will only take us so far in life but learning by the example of our elders will take us the rest of the way! This year I had an opportunity to meet and greet former students who returned to church with their families. I was especially touched to see them in church with their children.

Thank you to everyone who helped to set up and serve at the Communion Breakfast on Lazarus Saturday. And a special thank you to everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to attend.

Good Friday found many of our girls participating in the life of the church. Some came in the morning with their Moms and Yiayias to decorate the Epitafio. Some helped out in the Narthex in the afternoon—taking care of candles and running the elevator. In the evening we had girls ages 4-12 who served as Myrofores. I was delighted that the older girls wanted to help the younger girls dress and prepare

Our end-of-the-year program will be held in church on May 20 at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. I hope that you will join us in celebrating our students' accomplishments on that day.

The Annual Sunday School Field Trip to Canobie Lake Park will be held on Saturday, June 9. Children will receive their permission forms in their classes. We look forward to spending a wonderful day at the park!!

ANAGENNESIS NEWS

FOR MAY 2012

Thank You:

Thank you to our parishioners for making the Palm Sunday dinner a success and for your generous donations during Lent.

Community:

Last month, ladies visited Orthodox patients at the surrounding nursing homes and brought them a cross picture stand with a photograph of the Epitafio.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Free Blood Pressure Screening

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month....bring a friend. She will be here on May 9th from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., in the Community Center.

Our Deepest Sympathy

Rose A. Kaled and Fanny Geanis.

May their memory be eternal.

Baptism

Xander, son of Matt and Rita Blanchette, and Harper, daughter of Daniel and Amanda Casey

MOTHER'S DAY COFFEE HOUR

There will be a special Coffee hour to honor all Mothers on Sunday, May 13th in the Community Center sponsored by the Board of Directors.

GRADUATING SENIORS

Please submit the names and addresses of all students who will be graduating from high school this June to the Cathedral office at 622-9113. We would like to invite them to participate in Scholarship Sunday on June 3rd at St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral.

NOA SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATION

You can pick up applications at St. George Cathedral office. Please remember that they are due back no later than May 1, 2012. Don't forget you have to be a paid up member. Your dues of \$25.00 per year must be paid for 2011 and 2012. You can always mail your check to John Nacos, 1302 Island Pond Road, Manchester NH 03109 or send it to St. George Cathedral, 650 Hanover Street, Manchester NH 03104.

LOOKING FOR INFORMATION

Looking for any information on Mary Karalga, Nicholas, Telematis (Ted), and Constantine Karaberis. If you have any information please give the St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral office a call at 622-9113.

SENIOR EXERCISE GROUP

GET IN Shape!!!! Exercise every part of your body while sitting down. One hour of fun every Wednesday starting at 10:00 a.m. in our Community Center. ***Please join us & bring a friend!***

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, October 20th, 2012

*4th Annual
St. George Community
& Friends Fall Dance*

"The Sports Ball"

TRI-OTHRO MEETING

Senior Citizens-55 years and over for all members of St. George Cathedral, Assumption, and St. Nicholas Church's. The meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Refreshments/Lunch are provided. Come and socialize with members and friends. We complete our year with an Elegant Christmas Party. Join Us!

Tri-Othro May Meeting:

Our seniors group will be meeting on Wednesday, May 16th at the Assumption Hall Church at 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be served and social activities are planned. Please join us and bring a friend.

BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers. If anyone is interested in volunteering to help with Bingo one Saturday a month. Please give St. George Cathedral office a call at 622-9113.

URGENT NEED FOR FOOD

The demand for food assistance is at an all time high and food bank supplies are at a record low. Help is needed to fill their shelves and ensure that some of the poorest residents of our community receive food. The greatest needs are: peanut butter, jelly, tuna fish, canned vegetables, canned fruit, cereal, pasta, and sauce. Please drop your items off at the Community Center and we will deliver them to the soup kitchen. New Horizons and the recipients of the food are very grateful for your generous donations.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

To Cathy Boisvert, Joyce Bourque, Tim Giotas, Nola Kalantis, George Kitsis, John Mokas, Nikki Moutsioulis, Joanna O'Brien, Paul O'Brien, Dan Robitaille, Tamam Smith, and John Stavropoulos for participating in the Defibrillator Training Class and becoming CPR/AED Certified. We will try to have another Defibrillator Training Class in the fall.

HOPE/JOY NEWS

The children have been busy this spring. In March, they learned the colors in greek and a nursery rhyme taught by Angela Bourassa. During April's meeting, children made a cute "scrapbooking paper" baby chick and helped turn palms into crosses for Palm Sunday. We are always looking for new friends to join us. Please join us for our May meeting!

Next Meeting Date: May 4th.

SCHEDULE

6:00 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 6:00 arrive-meet in the Annex
 6:15 lesson
 6:30 activity
 7:00 snack
 7:30 closing and clean-up
 We look forward to seeing you!!

St. George Board of Directors	Anagennesis Ladies Society Board 2012
George N. Copadis <i>President</i>	Cathy Moufarge Boisvert <i>President</i>
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How Does YOUR Garden Grow?

Two Day Plant Sale

Saturday, June 16th - 23rd 9:00 a.m.

Need your Indoor and Outdoor transplants.

Dig In: Ask family and friends to share their garden

Easy Way To Help Your Church!

Saturday, June 23rd - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Blooming Blessings"

GOYA's Annual Clean Up and Beautification

(Church Grounds)

Start bringing plants in June 1st.

For more information and to volunteer contact:

Chairperson: Christina Spanos, GOYA V.P. - Christina1996@comcast.net

Liz Stavropoulos - 668-7057

Poppy Tsoutsas - 668-4308

Alice Comerford - 434-8586

Church Office - 622-9113



Available: 24 - Six inch pots and 12 - Twelve inch pots ready for your transplants!

Coming

Saturday June 23rd, to a neighborhood near you, for your community at large.

"Safari Party - Food Fest"

Free Admission

4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Brought to you by: **G.O.Y.A., Sunday School, Little Lambs, Hope & Joy, Cadillac Committee**, and their families.



Karaoke, Your Voice

Music, Greek and American Dancing, Environmental Recycled Art Projects for **all ages**.

Plus: Week of 6/17 start bringing in **your own** recycled projects (photos) to display.

Face Painting

Dress Up - Photo Booth

Meet Our Mascot

Ms. Evelyn the Elephant

Plan ahead, take a walk for a day on the wild side breaking new ground!





GLENDI 2012 PROGRAM AD RATES

Patron (Name) - \$25.00
(Write your name or your family's name on the line below)

Quarter Page \$ 75.00 (ad enclosed)
Half Page \$ 150.00 (ad enclosed)
Full Page \$ 300.00 (ad enclosed)

**Ads can be emailed (preferred method) to
saintgeorge@comcast.net or
mailed to the church office at the address below**

***FINAL DEADLINE FOR ADS IS JUNE 15TH ***

Please make checks payable to:
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & SACRAMENTS MAY 2012

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

2nd Wednesday,	Bible Study in the Annex, 11:30am-12:30pm
5th Saturday,	Baptism of Dobrutchi child, 11am
6th Sunday,	Orthros, 9am; Sunday School & Divine Liturgy, 10am 40 Memorial: James Pleat Baptism of Blevan child, 1pm
9th Wednesday,	Bible Study in the Annex, 11:30am-12:30pm
13th Sunday,	Orthros, 9am; Sunday School & Divine Liturgy, 10am
16th Wednesday,	Bible Study in the Annex, 11:30am-12:30pm
20th Sunday,	Orthros, 9am; Sunday School & Divine Liturgy, 10am Sunday School End of Year Program after Div. Liturgy
23rd Wednesday,	NO BIBLE STUDY
24th Thursday,	ASCENSION of OUR LORD, Divine Liturgy, 10am
27th Sunday,	Orthros, 9am; Divine Liturgy, 10am
28th Monday,	MEMORIAL DAY PRAYERS at Pine Grove Cemetery, 9am

Donations were made in memory of:

St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Beautification Fund:

James C. Pleat	\$1035.00
Mary Lucas	\$35.00
Aspacia Lambrou	\$100.00
Rose Kaled	\$270.00
In honor of Arthur Zetes' 90th Birthday	\$120.00

The Anna Theodosopoulos Scholarship Fund:

Mary Spiro	\$75.00
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The St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Altar Boy Fund:

In honor of Arthur Zetes' 90th Birthday	\$25.00
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**The St. George Greek Orthodox
Cathedral Sunday School Fund:**

In honor of Arthur Zetes' 90th Birthday	\$50.00
Zoitsa Tzimopoulos	\$25.00

The Gregory Pappas Memorial Scholarship Fund:

James C. Pleat	\$100.00
In honor of Arthur Zetes' 90th Birthday	\$25.00

The Greater Manchester Hellenic Scholarship Fund:

John Botop	\$25.00
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Mr & Mrs. James Melas generously donated \$50.00 to the St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Beautification Fund in loving memory of Maria Magerias.

Mrs. Despina (Poppy) Tsoutsas generously donated \$60.00 to the St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Beautification Fund in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Chris Karagianes 60th Wedding Anniversary. Happy Anniversary to both!

Mr. Teddy Demos and Mr. Daniel Demos generously donated \$100.00 to the St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Beautification Fund.

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**First Glendi Meeting
Monday, April 30th 7 p.m.
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