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FATHER ANDREW'S MESSAGE

THE SEASON AND THE NEW YEAR

We are in the time of year, the season, so to speak, that has been set aside to remember the birth of the King of Peace, Jesus Christ, the Son of God. (God who became man so that man may be like God.)

And yet His name these days is so purposefully overlooked to the point that the very celebration of His birth, the Christmas Advent, now begins on a Black Friday, or sooner, and is shrouded in empty salutations of “happy holidays” and “season’s greetings”

We are so caught up in our consume-or-be-consumed society of self indulgence, as Dostoyevsky points out, that we actually “judge others and ourselves by the quantity and quality of the Christmas gifts we give and *are* given. Rather than following the star to adore “the King of Angels” as did the wise men before us, we have foolishly become like Pontius Pilate as we wash away any reference of Christ’s birth as Messiah Lord and Savior. ***“For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”*** (Mark 8:38)

Why is it, I ask, that we *insist* on giving our children everything our parents could not afford to give us and yet *desist* from giving them the priceless things of value that our parents did give us—our faith, culture and legacy? They also seemed to have missed the lessons of self-respect and respect for others.

We buy them apps, but we do not give them aptitude for living. We give them toys, but neglect to give them life’s tools. And we give them the best of cars without giving them the best road to travel through life. Surprisingly and sadly, out of our abundant love we’ve given our children an entitlement mentality as opposed to a gratitude mindset.

The recent tragedies of Hurricane Sandy and the Newtowne, Connecticut school shootings, remind us that we must be ever vigilant to speak the truth in love and take time to tell the people we love that we *truly* love them. We must tell them God’s blessing of health is the greatest wealth and that everything else is fool’s gold.

During the coming year, let us focus on our journey which is a journey toward the Kingdom of God. We do not live in a world created to devour each other and step over the downtrodden and less fortunate. For each and every one of us, dear brothers and sisters, it is a very short fall from grace that could find *us* without shelter, food and proper clothing.

May God’s power, His Holy Spirit, grant each of us the wisdom to follow His example of sacrificial love. May this New Year provide for each of us an opportunity to see the Light provided by the King of Peace.

May our benevolent, loving and compassionate God, bless each one of us, throughout the coming year, with health, prosperity and the knowledge of our proper roles in His world. To Him be the greater glory!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Father Andrew

2012 CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS DECORATION DONATION

Our sincere thanks to Cathedral members
who so generously contributed to our
Christmas Decorations.

- In memory of Christine and Ted Demetrakoulos,
from the Athanas Family
- Mabel Ballas
- Marieta Bardho
- Joanne Bentas
- Diane Bobotas
- In memory of Peter Bobotas, from
Mrs. Peter Bobotas, and Mr. & Mrs. Winston Nye.
- Alice and Frank Comerford
- In loving memory of Judge &
Mrs. Nicholas G. Copadis, Iphigenia Copadis,
from George and Nick Copadis
- Athena Dalber
- Maria Damalas,
in loving memory of her husband, Ted.
- Nancy Daskal
- Harry Dimos
- Marie and John Dovas
- Aprodite Giotas
- Timmy and Evangelia Giotas
- Roger and Ellen Goupil
- Nicholas and Sesun Hartofelis
- Nola Kalantzis
- Dr. Chris and Helen Kehas
- Andrea Kokolis
- Iris Korcoulis
- Thomas Loulakis
- Alice Love
- Alice Lylis
- Stamatia Malatras, memory for husband John
- Aglaia Martin and family,
in loving memory of Matthew Martin
- Effie Mandelos
- Sofia and Philip Plentzas
- Joe and Pauline Poulos
- Dorothy Spanos
- In memory of George Spiro, from Beverly Spiro,
children and grandchildren
- John and Elizabeth Stavropoulos
- Georgia and Leonard Sousa
- Olga Sysyn
- Mr. & Mrs. George Tagalakis and family, in memory of
Mary, Peter, Despou, Ben, Arey, and Stella.
- Billy Timbas and Family
- Poppy Tsoutsas, in memory of beloved mother,
Zoitsa Tzimopoulos
- In memory of Manny Tsiopoulos
with love from his Family
- Mary Tosi
- Bill and Bea Varkas
- Steve and Christine Vizakis
- In loving memory of our son, Michael Vougias,
from Mr. & Mrs. Photios Vougias
- Arthur Zetes
- Georgia Zissi and Family

St. Nektarios, Christmas garland, donated by Dorothy
Spanos, in loving memory of her sister, Margaret Spanos.

And many others, who wish to remain anonymous.

Our thanks and appreciation to Janet Desmaris of Manches-
ter Flower Studio for the many hours she has donated to
decorate our Cathedral for Christmas. Janet is also watering
and taking care of the plants as well. Thank you, Janet!

We thank, Dorothy Spanos, who is always generous and will-
ing to contribute, for her donation to purchase the pillars on
which the flowers are placed. We are appreciative and
grateful to Miss Spanos

Electra Voulgaris Joaquin, Chairman and Katherine Laba-
naris, Co- Chairman

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & SACRAMENTS

January

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| 4th Friday, | Holy Water Blessing at 6pm
(for the Eve of Epiphany
instead of the 5th) |
| 6th Sunday, | Orthros, 9am; Div Liturgy,
Sunday School & Blessing
of the Waters, 10am |
| 7th | No LITURGY for St. John
the Baptist. We will celebrate it
on Sunday, January 6th. |
| 9th Wednesday, | Bible Study in the Annex,
11:30am – 12:30pm |
| 13th Sunday, | Orthros, 9am; Div. Liturgy &
Sunday School, 10am;
VASILOPITA in Community
Center after services. |
| 17th Thursday, | Saint Anthony, Divine Liturgy,
10am |
| 20th Sunday, | Orthros, 9am; Div. Liturgy &
Sunday School 10am.
1-yr Memorial for Edward Crusade |
| 23rd Wednesday, | Bible discussion, in the Annex,
11:30am-12:30pm |
| 27th Sunday, | Orthros, 9am; Div. Liturgy &
Sunday School, 10am. |
| 30th Wednesday, | Three Hierarchs, Divine Liturgy,
10am |
| February | |
| 2nd Saturday, | Presentation of Christ to the
Temple (40 Day Blessing)
Divine Liturgy, 10am |
| 3rd Sunday, | Orthros, 9am; Div. Liturgy &
Sunday School, 10am. |

COMMUNITY NEWS

Free Blood Pressure Screening

The Blood Pressure Screening will be the 2nd Wednesday in January. It will be January 9th from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in the Community Center.

Funeral

Georgia Chekos and Kaliope Millios.
May their memory be eternal.

OLD GREEK 78 RPM RECORD DRIVE

Donate your old 78rpm Greek records to the Church and help us reduce our expenses. DJ Meleti will offer the Church a credit in return for old Greek 78rpm records. The records must be in good condition, without and chips or cracks. The credit we receive will help reduce our expenses for upcoming dances and for our festival. You may bring the records by the office anytime during the day.

OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Outreach Program is forming a group of individuals who are interested in visiting parishioners in nursing homes, those who are shut-ins, or in hospitals. If you are interested in participating, please call the church office at 622-9113 and leave your name and phone number.

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.

ADULT GREEK CLASSES

Anyone interested in attending class. The classes will be every Monday from 6 – 8 p.m. in the Community Center Classroom. If you are interested in joining the class, please give George Kitsis a call at 669-9041

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2012

If you have not paid your Membership Dues in 2012. This is a reminder that a new year has started and 2013 will be due soon. Please make an effort to pay. If you are having a difficult time in paying your dues, please let Father Andrew know.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

The Election will be held on Sunday, January 6th from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the Community Center. Please come and exercise your right to vote.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you have moved or are away for the winter months, please let the office know of any address change. The office hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

VASILOPITA SUNDAY

Will be Sunday, January 13th after services in the Community Center.

GOYA NEWS

The GOYAN's had a busy day on December 16th! They assisted the Board Members at church to greet parishoners and assist with the candles and collections.

Then they participated in the Annual Christmas Pageant! They got things started with a beautiful rendition of Christmas Canaan. What a magical night it was for all who attended!

In the works are a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser, a visit to a local nursing home, and snow tubing. We need everyone's help to make these events a success so we will see you at the next meeting taking place right after church on Sunday, January 6th.

Happy New Year!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nikki Moutsioulis

The children are excitedly preparing for our annual Christmas Pageant which will be presented on December 16 in the evening before the Christmas Concert. They are looking forward to giving back to their community. I hope that many of you will be able to join us on this special evening.

They are learning the lessons of the Nativity. In the ancient Happy New Year!! I hope that everyone was able to celebrate Christmas in good health and to enjoy the holiday season. As we begin this New Year it is a time for reflection, resolutions, and looking forward.

Our children enjoyed their Christmas Party on Sunday, December 16. They were surprised to see Santa's Special Elf who helped escort the children to their tables and helped Santa with the distribution of gifts. We were delighted that Santa and his helper could be with us!

That same evening our children presented the Sunday School Christmas Pageant just before the Community Concert. It was their Christmas gift to our community. They were so excited to be able to participate in a pageant in church. Excitement ran high as hordes of mighty angels, fearful shepherds, the Magi, Herod, innkeepers, Mary, Joseph, and readers gathered and prepared to tell us the story of the Nativity. Instrumentalists graced us with a musical interlude to begin our program. I would like to thank all of the students who participated and all of those who helped the children.

As the old year ends we look back at what has transpired and set our hopes on a better future. In order to make the future better than the past, we must learn from our mistakes and move forward and hope to not make those same mistakes again. It will require attention and effort on our part.

I was recently reminded that God has a plan for us but does not reveal His plan to us. We are not afforded input on His plan but rather are called to follow His plan with faith. Let us help our children to understand His plan for their lives and to help them live their Orthodox faith.

Let us bring our children to church to participate in the Divine Liturgy. While we are there let us be attentive to the prayers that are being offered. Once home let us remember to be prayerful there as well—not just asking for Him to intercede in our lives but thanking Him for that we have in our lives.

Let us open the door to our hearts so that the Lord will enter therein and bring us peace. If His peace abides within us we will have the courage to deal with whatever He may bring our way.

One thing is certain: our Sunday School teachers will continue to work with our children to help them learn about the Orthodox faith. If your children have not been coming to Sunday School it is not too late to join our classes. We would love to have all of the children of our community in our classes.

I hope and pray that this New Year is filled with good health and happiness for all of us.

St. George Board of Directors	Anagennesis Ladies Society Board 2012
<i>Dean of St. George Cathedral: Very Rev. Fr. Andrew H. Mahalares</i>	Cathy Moufarge Boisvert <i>President</i>
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ANAGENNESIS NEWS

Thank You:

As 2012, draws to a close, the board would like to thank you all for your continued support throughout the year.

Thank you to Electra Voulgaris Joaquin and her committee, to Dorothy Spanos and the many others who donated towards the Holiday decorations. Beautiful job, it looks lovely.

Thank you to the ladies who attended the Anagennesis Christmas party last Sunday, a fun time was had by all, and it certainly put us all in the Christmas spirit.

Vasilopita:

The annual Vasilopita will be held on January 13th.

Anagennesis General Assembly:

The General Assembly will be held on January 13th.

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

Donations were made in memory of:

The St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Beautification Fund, by:

John Tsirmokos	\$50.00
Kaliope (Kally) Millios	\$150.00

The Anna Theodosopoulos Scholarship Fund, by:

Mary Spiro \$25.00

The Greater Manchester Hellenic Scholarship Fund, by:

Irene Botop \$100.00

Marie and John Dovas generously donated \$50.00 to the St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Choir Fund.

Mrs. Katherine Mitchell generously donated \$50.00 to the St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Choir Fund in memory of Soc and Deb.

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

Mr. & Mrs. Alfred M. Rodanas generously donated \$100.00 to St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral for Christmas in memory of the Rodanas Family.

Mr. George Demos generously donated the Honey Suckle incense in loving memory Zara Chicaderis.

Mrs. Stamatia Malatras generously donated \$25.00 to the St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral GOYA in loving memory of John Harris.



PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

FREE HEARING SCREENING



Free Hearing Screening

By: Norman Fournier, BC-HIS

St George Cathedral
650 Hanover St, Manchester NH

Date: Wednesday April 10, 2013

Time: 9:30-11:00AM

Register: 603-663-8004

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Come join us for a SPAGHETTI SUPPER!!!



Saturday, January 12, 2013

6:00PM – 8:00PM

St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral
Community Center

Tickets: \$6.00 (sold at the door)

Proceeds to Benefit the Cub Scouts of Pack 92!

Senior Exercise Group

Come Join The Fun!



The Group will start meeting again in January.
Our group meets every Wednesday from 10-11 a.m.
in the St. George Community Center.
Please join us for a class that follows a video
and is done while sitting in chairs.
It is a great time to get out and enjoy this uplifting class.
If you have any questions feel free to call
the Cathedral office at 622-9113.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>6. Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit. Blessing of Water & Sun. Sch. 10 a.m. BOD Elections 10 a.m.—4 p.m. in CC. Greek Dancing 6—8 p.m. in CC.</p> <p>13. Vasilopita Sunday Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit. & Sun. 10 a.m. Anagnnesis General Assembly after Coffee Hr. Greek Dancing 6—8 p.m. in CC.</p>	<p>7. <u>NO</u> Liturgy for St. John the Baptist. 3rd/4th Coed BB 6-7:30 p.m. in CC. HS BB 7:30-9 p.m. in CC. Adult Greek Classes 6-8 p.m. in CC.</p> <p>14. Board of Director Mtg. 7 p.m. in Annex. Adult Greek Class 6-8 p.m. in CC. 3rd/4th Coed BB 6-7:30 p.m. in CC. HS BB 7:30-9 p.m. in CC.</p>	<p>1. Happy New Year (Office closed)</p> <p>8. 5th/6th gr. Boys BB 6-7 p.m. in CC. 7th/8th gr. Boys BB 7-9 p.m. in CC.</p>	<p>2. HS BB 7:30-9 p.m. in CC. Cub Scout Mtg. 7 p.m. in Annex.</p> <p>9 Sr. Exercise 10 a.m.—11 a.m. in CC. Bible Study 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. in Annex. HS BB 7:30-9 p.m. in CC. DOP Mtg. 6:30 p.m. in Annex. Club Scout Mtg. 7 p.m. in Annex.</p>	<p>3. 5th/6th gr. Boys BB 6-7 p.m. 7th/8th gr. Boys BB 7-8 p.m. HS BB 8-9:30 p.m. in CC.</p> <p>10. 5th/6th gr. Boys BB 6-7 p.m. 7th/8th gr. Boys BB 7-8 p.m. HS BB 8-9:30 p.m. in CC. AHEPA Mtg. 7 p.m. in Annex.</p> <p>17. St. Anthony Div. Lit. 10 a.m. 5th/6th gr. Boys BB 6-7 p.m. 7th/8th gr. Boys BB 7-8 p.m. HS BB 8-9:30 p.m. in CC. Helping Hand Stitchers 7 p.m. in Annex.</p>	<p>4. Little Lambs 11 a.m.—2 p.m. in Annex. St. Pius Girls BB 6-7:30 p.m. in CC. Holy Water Blessing 6 p.m.</p> <p>11. Little Lambs 11 a.m.—2 p.m. in Annex. St. Pius Girls BB 6-7:30 p.m. in CC.</p> <p>18 Little Lambs 11 a.m.—2 p.m. in Annex. St. Pius Girls BB 6-7:30 p.m. in CC.</p>	<p>5. Basketball Clinic 9-10:30 a.m. in CC. CYO BB games 10:30 a.m.—4 p.m. in CC.</p> <p>12. Basketball Clinic 9-10:30 a.m. in CC. CYO BB games 10:30 a.m.—4 p.m. in CC. Cub Scout Spaghetti dinner 6 p.m. in CC.</p> <p>19. Basketball Clinic 9-10:30 a.m. in CC. CYO BB games 10:30 a.m.—4 p.m. in CC.</p> <p>25. Little Lambs 11 a.m.—2 p.m. in Annex. St. Pius Girls BB 6-7:30 p.m. in CC.</p> <p>26. Queen City Comedy Bowl in CC.</p>
<p>27. Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit. 10 a.m. No Sun. Sch.</p>	<p>28. Adult Greek Classes 6-8 p.m. in CC. 3rd/4th Coed BB 6-7:30 p.m. in CC. HS BB 7:30-9 p.m. in CC.</p>	<p>29. No Basketball. Cadillac set-up in CC.</p>	<p>30. Three Heirarchs Div. Lit. 10 a.m. No Senior Exercise. No basketball. Cadillac set-up in CC. Cub Scout Mtg. 7 p.m. in Annex.</p>	<p>23. Senior Exercise 10 a.m.—11 a.m. Bible Study 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. in Annex. HS BB 7:30-9 p.m. in CC. Cub Scout Mtg. 7 p.m. in Annex.</p>	<p>24. 5th/6th gr. Boys BB 6-7 p.m. 7th/8th gr. Boys BB 7-8 p.m. HS BB 8-9:30 p.m. in CC.</p> <p>31. No Basketball. Cadillac set-up in CC.</p>	