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AUGUST 2013

FATHER ANDREW'S MESSAGE



DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

AUGUST 15TH

MANY OF US KNOW THAT THERE IS A FEAST, BUT FEW OF US KNOW THE BACKGROUND. SO, HERE IT IS.

INTRODUCTION

The Feast of the Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on August 15 each year. The Feast commemorates the repose (dormition and in the Greek *kimisis*) or "falling-asleep" of the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord. The Feast also commemorates the translation or assumption into heaven of the body of the Theotokos.

BIBLICAL STORY

The Holy Scriptures tell us that when our Lord was dying on the Cross, He saw His mother and His disciple John and said to the Virgin Mary, "Woman, behold your son!" and to John, "Behold your mother!" (John 19:25-27). From that hour, the Apostle took care of the Theotokos in his own home.

Along with the biblical reference in Acts 1:14 that confirms that the Virgin Mary was with the Holy Apostles on the day of Pentecost, the tradition of the Church holds that she remained in the home of the Apostle John in Jerusalem, continuing a ministry in word and deed.

At the time of her death, the disciples of our Lord who were preaching throughout the world returned to Jerusalem to see the Theotokos. Except for the Apostle Thomas, all of them including the Apostle Paul were gathered together at her bedside. At the moment of her death, Jesus Christ himself descended and carried her soul into heaven.

Following her repose, the body of the Theotokos was taken in procession and laid in a tomb near the Garden of Gethsemane. When the Apostle Thomas arrived three days after her repose and desired to see her body, the tomb was found to be empty. The bodily assumption of the Theotokos was confirmed by the message of an angel and by her appearance to the Apostles.

Father Andrew

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I hope that you are enjoying this especially hot summer. We have been busy preparing for Glendi and will step up our efforts during the month of August. Check out the cooking schedule and join us for lots of hard work and fun. Have you purchased an ad yet or signed on as a patron? It's not too late! Have you made a commitment to work in a booth during Glendi weekend? Return the sign-up sheet which is enclosed with the bulletin or call one of the booth chair people. Our parish needs your help.

I would like to thank everyone who has paid their dues. If you are unable to send the full amount please remit whatever portion you are financially able to at this time. We are moving forward with implementing a Stewardship Program in our parish. The Stewardship Committee of our parish will be meeting with the Stewardship Committee from St. Phillip's Church in Nashua for help in implementing that program.

In the past month our parish was saddened to lose two gentlemen who worked diligently throughout their lives for the betterment of our community. Bill Varkas and Charlie Staires served for many years on the Board of Directors and they may be gone from among us but they will never be forgotten. May their memories be eternal.

Sincerely,
Nikki Moutsioulis

GLENDI

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

With summer winding down (you don't know how much it hurts to say that!) by the time you receive this newsletter we will have only 7 weeks before our highly anticipated GLENDI 2013.

As you know the month of August is a heavy month on the cooking schedule and our GLENDI Team will be hard at work making all the wonderful foods our customers look forward to over our special weekend. We want to extend our heartfelt thanks for all your hard work cooking all summer long to ensure the success of our GLENDI. We have also notified WMUR, the Union Leader, and HIPPO Press of our cooking schedule so if you come and assist with the cooking you could be the new celebrity in one of the newspapers or on WMUR! Please consider assisting with our cooking over the month of August. The cooking schedule is attached separately.

The Ad Book: We continue to receive ads and checks for our ad book. If you still have not sent a check in please consider doing so as the deadline is extended to August 16th but this is the absolute FINAL deadline with no exceptions. NO WINK WINK So.....please consider the purchase of a patron ad at \$25.00, a quarter page ad at \$75.00, a half page ad at \$150.00, or a full page ad at \$300.00.

Our sponsor list includes: WMUR, WGIR, ROCK 101, WZID, WFEA, the Mill, Hot Hits, Manchester Harley Davidson, AutoFair, Anagnost Companies, Spectrum Marketing, Bedford Ambulatory Surgical Center, Apple Therapy, Cross Insurance, NH Motor Speedway, and Phaneuf Funeral Home. We offer our deepest thanks for the generosity of ALL our sponsors.

We have one final meeting with ALL Chairs and any volunteers that wish to attend. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 21st at 7pm in the Community Center.

Once again our deepest thanks to each of you that make the GLENDI Festival a must attend event for all our customers.

Thanks again for your past, present, and future support!

George N. Copadis
Dick Anagnost
GLENDI 2013 Co-Chairs

GOYA NEWS

At our last GOYA meeting, we elected our new officers. Congratulations to all of you!

Treasurer: George Tsirimokos
Secretary: Marena Koutroubas
Publicity Coordinator: Nick Spanos
Vice President: Katina Smith
President: Christina Spanos

GOYA plans to attend events as a group such as the Keene Pumpkin Festival, and has already planned a bowling trip for its members. Also, several of the GOYA members are volunteering to counsel at the Vacation Church Camp at the end of July.

GOYA has also done many other things, such as volunteering at a soup kitchen, visiting nursing homes, and take group outings to Lake Sunapee and going to Mel's Funway Park in Litchfield.

GOYA looks forward to a very successful and fun year, and we will kick off the year when Sunday School begins in the fall.

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St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Beautification Fund, in memory of:

Theodosios Boulogiane	\$600.00
Charles Statires	\$220.00
Mary Cosmas	\$205.00
John Harris	\$20.00

The Gregory Pappas Memorial Scholarship Fund, in memory of:

William Varkas	\$1835.00
Ann Gikas	\$50.00

St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Altar Boy Fund, in memory of:

Ann Gikas	\$30.00
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St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Sunday School Fund, in memory of:

Mary Cosmas	\$50.00
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St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Senior Choir Fund, in memory of:

Charles Statires	\$55.00
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Mrs. Maria Sinclair generously donated \$200.00
to the **St. George Greek Orthodox
Cathedral Beautification Fund**
in loving memory of Nicholas and Anna Kriton.

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Hartofelis generously donated
\$100.00 to the
**St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral
Sunday School Fund.**

Mrs. Marianne E. Phelan generously donated
\$50.00 to the
Greater Manchester Hellenic Scholarship Fund
in honor of Franceen Ballas Flynn's birthday.

Mrs. Mabel Covatis generously donated \$25.00 to
**St. George Greek Orthodox
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Mr. Ioannis Kalaitzidis generously donated
\$50.00 to the **St. George Greek Orthodox
Cathedral Beautification Fund.**

ANAGENNESIS NEWS

Glendi 2013 Cooking/Baking Schedule

Koulourakia	Aug. 12, 13, 14	
	Angela Dion, Chair	424-3557
	Cindy Gatzoulis Klinefelter, Co-Chair	315-1573
Kourambiethes	Aug. 22 and 23	
	Angela Dion, Chair	424-3557

We look forward to cooking with you, please feel free to join us. We need your help. Please come for a couple of hours or stay for the whole day, which ever you decide just know you are a vital part of our Glendi celebration. Cooking begins at 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dear Fellow Parishioners,
As I write this letter we are in the middle of a heat wave. I do not know about you, but I am looking forward to some relief from the hot weather. Some of you are getting ready to go away for summer vacation and others are already thinking about the fall and preparing for back to school. With that idea in mind, I want to remind you that fall is also back to Sunday School time at the church!

I encourage all families with children to become active members in Sunday School and church. We are in the process of finalizing details for the upcoming year. A calendar and registration form will be available next month, which will include the first day of Sunday School.

I want to thank Father Andrew, President Nikki Moutsioulis and the entire board for this opportunity. I look forward to serving as the Sunday School Supervisor. An extra special thank you to Nikki Moutsioulis for her commitment and passion to the Sunday School program. I wish her the best in her new role as president of our parish.

I want to take this opportunity to recognize the people who make the Sunday School program a success-our teachers and helpers! Their hard work and dedication to Sunday School and our kids is impressive!

I look forward to seeing you in Sunday School and church this fall! Please join us for worship, learning, fun, friendship and fellowship!

Sincerely,
Athena Moutsioulis Bevan

COMMUNITY NEWS

Free Blood Pressure Screening

The Blood Pressure Screening will be the 2nd Wednesday in August . It will be August 14th from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in the Community Center

Funerals

William Varkas and Charles Staires
May their memory be eternal.

New Members

Welcome new members Ms. Joanna Grimanis
and Mr. Chris Pappas,

Baptisms

Anna, child of Amanda Ladevaia, and Eleni Sofia,
daughter of Joanna Grimanis.
Congratulations!

Weddings

Congratulations!
Jennifer Aboshar and Justin Desfosses.

SENIOR EXERCISE GROUP

Summer is here. Come and 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 and bring a friend!

TUESDAY WORKSHOP

Anyone interested in getting out of the house for a few hours to do crafts with the ladies. Come to Tuesday Workshop. It runs from 10 a.m. – noon under the Church. Everyone is invited to attend.

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.

GLENDI 2013 PROGRAM AD RATES

Patron (Name)	\$25.00
Quarter Page	\$75.00
Half Page	\$150.00
Full Page	\$300.00

* DEADLINE FOR AD IS AUGUST 16TH *

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GLENDI

The dates for Glendi this year are Friday, September 20th from 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Saturday, September 21st from 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 22nd 11 a.m - 3 p.m(**Note time change for Sunday**). Volunteers are needed. There is a form enclosed.

3RD GLENDI MEETING

The 3rd Glendi Meeting will be Wednesday, August 21st at 7:00 p.m. Please make every effort to come and bring relatives and friends.

GLENDI - CASHIERS ARE NEEDED

For Glendi in the Food Tent on Friday afternoon and Saturday afternoon. If anyone could spare a couple of hours, please call the Cathedral office at 622-9113 or Joyce Trapotsis at 669-9441.

GLENDI MINI RAFFLE

DeeDee Tagalakis and Diane Orr will be chairpeople of the Mini Raffle. We would be very appreciative for any monetary donations so that we can purchase bikes and gifts for the booth. Thank you.

GLENDI CENTURY RAFFLE TICKETS

We have tickets available for sale. The cost of the ticket is \$100. The grand prize is \$5000. If anyone is interested in purchasing a ticket, please contact Joyce at the Cathedral office (622-9113) and she will let you what numbers are available.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & SACRAMENTS

August

4th Sunday,	Orthros, 9am; Divine Liturgy, 10am; 1yr Memorial: Anastasia Nictakis
5th Monday,	Paraklisis (Salutations to Virgin Mary), 7pm
6th Tuesday,	Transfiguration of Our Lord, Divine Liturgy, 10am
7th Wednesday,	NO SERVICES
9th Friday,	Paraklisis, 7pm
11th Sunday,	Orthros, 9am; Divine Liturgy, 10am; 1yr Memorial: Nicholas Kacavas and 5yr Memorial: Bill Barber.
12th Monday,	Paraklisis, 7pm
14th Wednesday,	Assumption Vespers at Assumption, 7pm
15th Thursday,	Dormition of the Virgin Mary / Divine Liturgy at Saint George, 10am
17th Saturday,	Wedding Blessing for Adam and Laura Theokas, 4pm
18th Sunday,	Orthros, 9am; Divine Liturgy, 10am Baptism of Eleni, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Fortuna
25th Sunday,	Orthros, 9am; Divine Liturgy, 10am 1 yr Memorial for Matuska Martha Kobashar
28th Wednesday,	Marriage of Jeffrey Timbas and Leiden Kykowski, 3:30pm
31st Saturday,	Marriage of Alex Deris and Michelle Guest, 4pm

I ASKED GOD

I asked God to take away my habit. God said, NO.

It is not for me to take it away, but for you to give it up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole.

God said, NO. His spirit is whole, his body is only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience.

God said, NO. Patience is a byproduct of tribulations;
it isn't granted, it is learned.

I asked God to give me happiness.

God said, NO. I give you blessings; Happiness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain.

God said, NO. Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares
and brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow.

God said, NO. You must grow on your own,
but I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life.

God said, NO. I will give you life,
so that you may enjoy all things.

I asked God to help me LOVE others, as much as He loves me.

God said...Ahhhh, finally you have the idea!

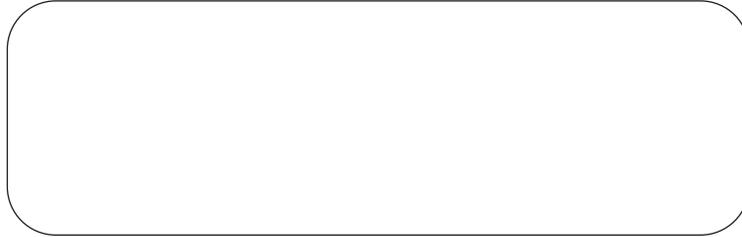
FAREWELL COFFEE RECEPTION

Chuck and Tamam Smith along with their family will be moving to Florida in August. The families who are involved in our youth activities—Little Lambs, Sunday School, GOYA—along with the Board of Directors and the Anagenesis will be hosting a Farewell Coffee Reception on Sunday, August 11. Come wish them well as they embark on their journey.

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4. Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit. 10 a.m. 1-yr. Memorial for Anastasia Nictakis.	5. Paraklisis (Salutations of Virgin Mary) 7 p.m.	6. Transfiguration of our Lord Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.	7. Senior Exercise 10 a.m.—11 a.m. in CC. NO Services	8.	9. Paraklisis 7 p.m.	10.
11. Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit. 10 a.m. 1-yr Memorial for Nicholas Kacavas, & 5-yr Memorial for Bill Barber.	12. Cooking Koulourakia 9 a.m. in CC. Paraklisis 7 p.m. Board of Director meeting 7 p.m. at Annex.	13. Cooking Koulourakia 9 a.m. in CC.	14. Cooking Koulourakia 9 a.m. in CC. NO Senior Exercise Assumption Vespers 7 p.m. at Assumption	15. Dormition of the Virgin Mary Divine Liturgy 10 a.m. at St. George	16. Wedding rehearsal for Adam & Laura Theokas	17. Wedding blessing for Adam & Laura Theokas 4 p.m.
18. Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit. 10 a.m. Baptism of Eleni, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Fortuna at noon.	19.	20.	21. Senior Exercise 10 a.m.—11 a.m. in CC	22. Cooking Koulourakia 9 a.m. in CC.	23. Cooking Koulourakia 9 a.m. in CC.	24.
25. Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit. 10 a.m. 1-yr Memorial for Matuska Martha Kobashar.	26.	27. Wedding rehearsal for Jeffery Timbas & Leiden Kykowski 5:30 p.m.	28. Wedding of Jeffery Timbas & Leiden Kykowski 4 p.m.	29.	30. Wedding rehearsal for Alex Deris & Michelle Guest 5 p.m.	31. Wedding of Alex Deris & Michelle Guest 4 p.m.