FATHER ANDREW’S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

This was sent to me recently via email. It is precious and inspiring and somewhat of a commentary on life today. Please read it carefully. Then, take a look around when you are at worship. If there is someone you see that you don’t know, say hello and welcome them, regardless of their appearance or what you think their status in life might be. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you and yours!

SHOES IN CHURCH

I showered and shaved.... I adjusted my tie.
I got there and sat.... In a pew just in time.
Bowing my head in prayer..... As I closed my eyes.
I saw the shoe of the man next to me...
Touching my own. I sighed.
With plenty of room on either side.... I thought, 'Why must our soles touch?'
It bothered me, his shoe touching mine...
But it didn’t bother him much.
A prayer began: 'Our Father'.....I thought, 'This man with the shoes, has no pride. They’re dusty, worn, and scratched. Even worse, there are holes on the side!'
'Thank You for blessings,' the prayer went on. The shoe man said..... A quiet 'Amen.'
I tried to focus on the prayer...
But my thoughts were on his shoes again..
Arent we supposed to look our best when walking through that door?
'Well, this certainly isn’t it,' I thought, glancing toward the floor.
Then the prayer was ended.....
And the songs of praise began.
The shoe man was certainly loud...
Sounding proud as he sang.
His voice lifted the rafters... His hands were raised high. The Lord could surely hear...
The shoe man’s voice from the sky.
It was time for the offering... And what I threw in was steep.
I watched as the shoe man reached...
Into his pockets so deep.
I saw what was pulled out... What the shoe man put in. Then I heard a soft 'clink' as when silver hits tin.
The sermon really bored me... To tears, and that’s no lie.

It was the same for the shoe man...
For tears fell from his eyes.
At the end of the service.... As is the custom here.
We must greet new visitors, And show them all good cheer.
But I felt moved somehow...
And wanted to meet the shoe man.
So after the closing prayer...
I reached over and shook his hand.
He was old and his skin was dark...
And his hair was truly a mess.....
But I thanked him for coming.... For being our guest...
He said, 'My name is Charlie....
I’m glad to meet you, my friend.'
There were tears in his eyes... But he had a large, wide grin.
'Let me explain,' he said... Wiping tears from his eyes.
'I've been coming here for months...
And you’re the first to say 'Hi.'
'I know that my appearance...Is not like all the rest.
'But I really do try...To always look my best.'
'I always clean and polish my shoes...
Before my very long walk.'
But by the time I get here...
They’re dirty and dusty, like chalk.
My heart filled with pain....
And I swallowed to hide my tears.
As he continued to apologize.... For daring to sit so near
He said, 'When I get here... I know I must look a sight.'
'But I thought if I could touch you...
Then maybe our souls might unite.'
I was silent for a moment... Knowing whatever was said
Would pale in comparison...
I spoke from my heart, not my head.
'Oh, you've touched me,' I said....'And taught me, in part'
'That the best of any man....Is what is found in his heart.'
The rest, I thought, this shoe man will never know.
Like just how thankful I really am...
that his dirty old shoe touched my soul.

Remember, everyone needs a friend.
Someday you might feel like you have no friends at all.
Just remember this and take comfort in knowing that someone out there cares about you.

Live each day as your last, for we never know our time here on earth. Love and Peace My Friends and remember that it is not how we look on the outside but who we are within.
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

I hope that you and your families were able to celebrate a joyous Thanksgiving. This is truly a wondrous time of the year as we prepare for Christmas—the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! It is very easy to get wrapped up in the commercialization of this holiday but I hope and pray that we as Orthodox Christians will focus instead on the Holy Day.

As I reflect on 2013 as a Church Community I will remember the struggles we faced and how we as a Community rose to the challenge. We have chosen to move forward together. Stewardship will become a reality for us in 2014. Greg Timbas and his committee have been hard at work determining how best to make the transition. Individually we can choose to do the bare minimum or we can truly become stewards and do that which is needed to keep our parish not only afloat but vibrant.

God’s greatest gift to us was His only Son. How can we honor His gift to us? What can we do to show our thankfulness? Working together with Christian love and in harmony is a good place to begin. How much time and what talents do you have to bring to our church? Please don’t wait to be asked individually. Come forward and volunteer. Our Church needs us every day of the year not just those three special days in September.

If you have not paid your financial obligations to our church for 2013 it is not too late to do so. I know that some of you wait until the end of the year to take care of your obligations. I would like to thank everyone who has already done so and those who will do so before December 31. Some of you have gone above and beyond the call of duty in this respect. Thank you!

This has been an interesting, exciting, and challenging year for me as a first-time president of a church community. I have been extremely fortunate to have a supportive board of directors, a supportive community and a supportive family. There was much to learn and many who have been willing to teach. Many thanks to all of you who took me under your wing and taught me with love! It proved to me that together we can and will accomplish much.

On behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to wish you and your families a Blessed and Merry Christmas! May the New Year be filled with good health, joy and prosperity!

Sincerely,
Nikki Moutsioulis
President, Board of Directors

ANAGENNESIS NEWS

Thank You: As 2013, draws to a close, the board would like to thank you all for your continued support throughout the year. We look forward to celebrating with you all at the Annual Holiday Party.

Anagenessis Ladies Society General Assembly: Will be Saturday, December 7th during the Annual Christmas Party.

Community: Christmas Card: In lieu of a Christmas card this season, the Anagenessis Ladies Society will be donating to The Santa Fund For The Salvation Army. Additional donations can be made to the Anagenessis Ladies Society Christmas Fund. The deadline for donations is December 15th. Vasilopita: The annual Vasilopita breakfast will be held on January 12th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
Sunday, December 15, 2013 immediately following church service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY
Sunday, December 15, 2013 during coffee hour
Dearest St. George Community,

As I write this note, Christmas is five weeks away. It does not seem possible. Maybe I miscalculated-I pulled out my calendar and counted back from Christmas...no I was right...Christmas is five weeks away! Never mind the regular routine of school, work, church, activities, and household chores. On top of all that, we now have to do the Christmas shopping, bake all the Christmas cookies, wrap all the gifts, decorate the house, etc, etc, etc. Oh, the joys of preparing for Christmas! To be honest, I love all the extra excitement of preparing for and celebrating Christmas. It is a time to honor family traditions and create new traditions. We have to remember why we are doing all of this. It is a time to teach our children that it is not all about Santa Claus and receiving the newest and coolest toy. Christmas is the time to celebrate the birth of Jesus. God gave us the ultimate gift...His Son, Jesus Christ. “Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given...and his name shall be Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.” The Sunday School students have begun rehearsing for the Christmas pageant. I hope you will join us on Sunday, December 15 as we share with you the story of the birth of Jesus. I want to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year!

Athena Moutsioulis Bevan

Sunday School Save the Dates!

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Ongoing until Christmas!
Warm Hearts, Heads & Hands Philanthropy Project

HOPE/JOY NEWS

After a very successful November HOPE/JOY meeting, we are looking forward to meeting again on Friday, December 20th , where again we will follow our regular programming of: Father Andrew speaking about Christmas, a craft to bring home, and then a delicious home-cooked dinner! We look forward to seeing everyone there...the more the merrier! We wish everyone a Joyous, Holy, and Merry Christmas!

Athena Moutsioulis Bevan

G O Y A N E W S

By Nick Spanos

Old News:
In old news, the GOYA group had a meeting on Sunday, 11/17 with Father Andrew and have decided on donating money to the new candles for the Altar Boys.

New News:
Many GOYA members are signed up to read the Epistles during the next following months.

Also, GOYA has spoken about making plans to outreach and help the community, and deciding between helping with Coffee Hour, a nursing home, and a soup kitchen. The details will be worked out in the next meeting.

The next GOYA meeting is Sunday, December 8th at 1pm (following Christmas Pageant Rehearsal).

SCOUTING UPDATE

The Cub Scouts are preparing to enter winter with a Bang! At the end of November, our Cub Scouts raked leaves for Community members that needed help. In December, we will once again be participating in the Manchester Christmas Parade on December 7th (Come and watch as our kids MARCH down Elm Street in the Parade!). On Sunday, December 22nd, we will be Christmas Caroling at Hanover Hill Nursing Home and we will also be preparing for our Second Annual Spaghetti Dinner on January 11, 2014! We will be featuring “Glendi Meatballs” again this year! We hope to see you all there! We wish everyone a safe and MERRY CHRISTMAS !!!

SAVE THE DATE

Monarchs "Pink in the Rink" game on the evening of Saturday, February 8th, 2014. Group rate is $20 per adult; $12 ages 12 and under. More information to follow in the next couple of months.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who attended the Sunday School Pancake Breakfast! It was a great success! I want to especially thank all the volunteers who helped sell tickets, cook, set up, serve and clean! I appreciate all your support!

Athena Moutsioulis Bevan
COMMUNITY NEWS

**Free Blood Pressure Screening**
The Blood Pressure Screening will be the second Wednesday of the month.
It will be December 11th from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in the Community Center.

**Funerals**
Mabel Covatis
Dora Chakas
Dorothea Fasekis
Cleo Doukeris
May their memories be eternal.

**Baptisms**
Trevor John, son of Curtis and Erika Barnes
Brody, son of Daniel and Amanda Casey
Congratulations!

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**SENIOR EXERCISE GROUP**
There will be Senior Exercise every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in the Community Center. Come enjoy a fun time of exercising.

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**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.

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**DONATIONS FOR WINE**
Anyone interested in donating toward the cost of wine should make a check out to St. George Cathedral or call the Cathedral office to charge by credit card. We accept Mastercard, Visa, and Discover for donations.

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**ADULT GREEK SCHOOL**
is from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in a classroom in the Community Center. Anyone interested in attending please give George Kitsis a call at 669-9041.

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS**
Will be Sunday, December 8th from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the Community Center. If you want to request an Absentee ballots please call the Cathedral office at 622-9113 or email saintgeorge@comcast.net.

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**ANAGENNESIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
Will Be Saturday, December 7th during the Christmas Party at Puritan Backroom. The Anagennessis Christmas party is on December 7th from noon – 4:00 p.m.

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**GREEK DANCE FOR ADULTS**
*Bring your dancing feet!*
*BEGINS OCTOBER 20*

Sundays 6:00-8:00 pm
St. George Community Center,
650 Hanover Street, Manchester
Come practice your moves, learn some new dances, good camaraderie.
All welcome. No experience necessary.
*Schedule: Oct. 20, 27
Nov. 3, 17
Dec. 1, 8, 15
Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26
Feb. 9, 16
*$5 per weekly lesson.
Pay for 4 in advance ($20), get 5th free.
For more information, contact Irene Savas (508) 393-3563 or Angela Bourassa (603) 289-2195.*
SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & SACRAMENTS

December

1st Sunday  Orthros, 9am; Divine Liturgy, 10am; NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
3 yr Memorial for Soterios Dakos

3rd Wed.  Bible Study in Annex, 11:30am-12:30pm

6th Friday  Saint Nicholas, Divine Liturgy at 10am

8th Sunday  Orthros, 9am; Divine Liturgy
& Sunday School, 10am
40-Day Memorial for Dorothea Fasekis

11th Wed.  Bible Study in Annex, 11:30am-12:30pm

15th Sunday  Orthros, 9am; Sunday School
& Divine Liturgy, 10am
40 Day Memorial for Mabel Covatis

22nd Sunday  Orthros, 9am; Divine Liturgy
& Sunday School, 10am

24th Tuesday  Vesperal Liturgy of Saint Basil for Christmas Eve, 6pm

25th Wed.  CHRISTMAS DAY--Orthros, 9am; Divine Liturgy, 10am

29th Sunday  Orthros, 9am; Divine Liturgy, 10am
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

CATHEDRAL
CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Please join us with a contribution as we decorate our beautiful Cathedral for the Christmas season. We appreciate any donation that you are able to make.

Please make checks payable to the: Anagennessis Ladies Society 650 Hanover Street Manchester, NH 03104 Attn: Electra Voulgaris Joaquin

Should you have any questions: please call Electra at 603-623-3928 or Katherine Labanaris at 603-669-2655

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MEMORIAL DONATIONS

St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral

Beautification Fund, in memory of:

Mabel Covatis $725
Nicholas Hatzos $140
Nicholas & Elizabeth Hatzos $200
Bessie Kontomaris $400
Helen G. Karatzas $450
John Tsirimokos $200
Helen Spyridakis $250
Athena Pantelis $75
Vasilike Isaak $25

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

Athena Pantelis $105

The Gregory Pappas Memorial Scholarship Fund, in memory of:

Nicholas Hatzos $25
Vissaltos Pavidis $25
Ethel Dakoulas George $25

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

Vissaltos Pavidis $35

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

Mabel Covatis $500
George & Zoitsa Moutsioulis $1,000

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Hartofelis generously donated $100 to the
St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Sunday School Fund.

Mr. & Mrs. Paul O’Brien generously donated $77 to the
St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Altar Boy Candle Holder Fund

Join the Community Singers for a Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 22, 7pm
Performing Christmas favorites and new music with guest artists.
A Holiday performance you won’t want to miss!

Free Admission!
Reception Following the Performance

St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral
650 Hanover Street, Manchester, NH
St. George Gingerbread House Event
Community Center
December 6th
5:30-7:30

Please join us and decorate a gingerbread house with your family!
Sugar cookies, too!!!

Sing a few Christmas songs...Falalala!!!

A family photo by the tree with your completed gingerbread house.....smile!!!

Let's have pizza together.....$6 cheese ....$7 pepperoni

Please bring two bags of candy that can be shared and used for decorating.
(The gingerbread house will already be assembled!)

Please sign up below if you would like to join us and return the form and payment to
the St. George office in an envelope labeled GINGERBREAD EVENT.

Name:________________________________________________________

#coming:____________________________________________________

Contact information:__________________________________________

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