



St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral

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LET US GIVE GLORY TO GOD

Christ Is Risen! Christos Anesti! In the Gospel of John 17:1-13, read on the Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council at Nicea on Sunday, May 28, Jesus Christ asks to be glorified by the Father because the Son is truly God. And Christ wants to glorify the Father, too. Christ will glorify the Father through the preaching of the gospel, beginning with the apostles, and continuing through our own day and beyond. When we, the Church, preach the gospel of salvation, Christ is glorifying the Father through us. It's fair to examine ourselves. Do I bring glory to God? Does my life mark me as a genuine man of faith? Do I rejoice in the things of God?

The Gospel read this day is as follows: "At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made. "I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

In this gospel message is actually the first part of a prayer offered by our Lord. He begins with the words, "Father, the hour is come; glorify Thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee." When Jesus says, "the hour is come," he means that all has been perfectly arranged by God to accomplish the Son's mission to save us.

"As thou hast given him power over all flesh that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him." Christ's power is his authority, for He is the ultimate ruler of all of creation. This fits perfectly with one meaning of the Ascension, for we rejoice in the fact that "the LORD reigns, he is clothed with majesty?" Presuming that we have accepted Christ's authority, don't our lives need to be different from the world around us? Are they different?

Christ's authority was revealed to us in a very special way: through His humility in accepting the Cross. The Cross is God's expression of His love for us. The Lord showed, throughout His earthly ministry, His humility and His love. To be a true servant of God is to be a person of humility and love. These are signs that one has accepted Christ's authority.

There was a purpose behind the Son's authority: "that he should give eternal life" to as many as would hear and keep his words. And what is eternal life? Eternal life is to know God, to know the Son, and to be filled with the Holy Spirit. When we were first created we were meant to live in Paradise. We were to be given eternal life. Our ancestors however lost that privilege, but Christ has reopened Paradise, and eternal life has been offered to us once again. The story of human history is a story of division and separation. What would there be in history books if there were no wars, no strife, and no intrigues? But in Christ? In the Church? Our lost unity has been restored. The Lord means to bring His Church into His eternal Kingdom. In fact, the Church already has, to a degree, experienced this Kingdom, especially in worship. We know from that experience where we are headed.

Everything Christ has done and said is intended to bring us together in the faith, to love Him and to love one another. The Lord intends us to be one in heart, soul, and mind, and to find our true home once again in God. True, we are not yet perfectly one in the faith. Nor have we become perfectly loving. But in Christ we have the Perfect One who has perfectly loved us.

Let us, then, strive to perfect a Paradise-like unity of faith and of love. May we imitate our Lord who has loved us! May this unity in faith and in love become our way to give glory to God, to know Him, and to find eternal life! Christ Is Risen! Truly He Is Risen! Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!

With my paternal love in our Risen Lord,

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Xristos Anesti,

Yes, it has happened again, our faith renewed, once again our church provided the chants, hymns, smells, the visual reminders of the mystery of our beautiful faith, the services to hopefully strengthen our own, resolve to live a bit better, be a bit more tolerant, to spread the word of our Lord's Resurrection through our own actions.... truly He is risen. Thank you to Fr Michael for a long hard week and thank you to all who helped make it possible for all of us to take part in our faith at this most precious time. All the ladies who cleaned and decorated, our chanters, our glorious choir in their new robes looking and sounding just wonderful. The precious young girls on Friday night, the altar boys all week, their parents who got them here, don't the great entrances and processions look so much better with 10 or 12 of them out front. A big thank you to both the Board of Directors and the Anagenesis Board for so much support and hard work all week, from Palm Sunday to the Resurrection you were here demonstrating to one and all what community is all about, it is service, service to the church you love. Thank you to all of you who attended and renewed your own faith as you again supported the church you love. It was a glorious week.

**Many events coming up in
May perhaps our busiest month:**

**OPA Dance on May 13th
Mother Day Coffee Hour May 14th**

**Sunday School Graduation May 21st
1st General Assembly of 2017 May 21st**

**1st Glendi Meeting exact date to be determined,
all will be welcome**

Early June has Scholarship Sunday on June 4th

Greek School Graduation on June 11th

The Metropolis Clergy Laity dinner on the 11th of June, much to my surprise the committee picked me for this year's award, so if you can make it please try to attend it's a pretty good event, we will get a van or two if needed and as the old Beatle song says "I found a driver and that's a start"

Once again Happy Easter, see you at Divine Liturgy,

Frank C. Comerford -President

2017 MINISTRY AWARD RECIPIENT

FRANK C. COMERFORD

**ST. GEORGE GREEK
ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
MANCHESTER, NH**

The Clergy Laity Award Committee and the Board of Directors of St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral are pleased to announce that the 2017 Ministry Award Recipient is Frank Comerford. Frank is originally from Long Island and was raised Roman Catholic. He converted to Orthodoxy being baptized as Theophanis. He has been married for 44 years to the former Alice Safos. They have one son, Brian and they reside in Londonderry, NH.

Once he became a parishioner of St. George, Frank became very involved in the church and community. He has been a member of the Board of Directors for 26 consecutive years. Frank is presently the President for the 7th time. He headed up all the youth programs for several years. He was a GOYA advisor for three years and taught the Creed in Sunday school for six years.

The Metropolitan of Boston Winter Camp was housed at St. George before the camp at Contoocook was built. Frank was the chairman to host the Winter Camp for seven years. He also served as chairman of our successful Glendi Festival for seven years. Frank is also a member of AHEPA Chapter 44 and also served as District Governor for District 9.

Frank is also a US Navy veteran with over 1100 flight hours. Frank currently works in the security products industry for Pasek in So. Boston.

We pray that God will grant him many more years to continue volunteering his services. AXIOS!!!



Dear St. George Parishioners,

Another Sunday School year is coming to an end. Time really does fly by! I hope you will join us on May 21st to celebrate the achievements of our Sunday school children! The Sunday school students have been keeping very busy this year. Especially the past few weeks with Lent, Easter and preparing their class prayers for the end of the year program. I hope you will also join us for the Sunday School sponsored coffee hour on May 21st.

The Sunday school is still collecting items for their philanthropy project. The items will be donated to the Salvation Army. 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!

Sincerely,
Athena Moutsoulis Bevan

Sunday School Save the Dates!

Date	Event
May 21	Last day of Sunday School End of year program Sunday School sponsored coffee hour
June 3	Canobie Lake Park trip (weather permitting)

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

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

Olga Emanouil	\$300.00
Francine Saad	\$25.00
Menelaos "Nick" Lianos	\$100.00
Elaine Magerias	\$45.00

**The Gregory Pappas Memorial Scholarship Fund
in memory of:**

Paul Pappas	\$1805.00
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Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Hartofelis
generously donated \$100.00 to the
St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Beautification Fund
in loving memory of Epokratis Hartofelis.

Mrs. Dorothy Harrises and Family
generously donated \$25.00 to the
St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Beautification Fund
in loving memory of John Harrises.

BEIGE CHAIRS

We are purchasing 200 new beige chairs for the Community Center. We are looking for donations. Every little bit helps. If you want to donate for the beige chairs you can donate by check, credit card, or cash. If donating by check, make checks out to St. George Cathedral.

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**

Cell Phone: (603) 856-6749
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COMMUNITY NEWS

New Members

Mr. Stephen Emanouil, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Dillon
Mr. Stefanos Letares, Mr. & Mrs. Spiro Moulis
Mr. & Mrs. Athanasios Handras
Welcome to the Family!

Funerals

Robert Christy, S. Basil Paras
Paul Pappas, Patricia Xiggoros
May their memories be eternal!

Baptisms

Emily Josephine, daughter of Gregory and Kristine Bonito
Congratulations!

1ST GLENDI MEETING

Will be Wednesday, May 24th at 7 p.m. in the Community Center. Everyone is invited to attend.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are available in the Church Office. The deadline for completed applications is May 1, 2017.

NOA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

You can pick up applications at St. George Cathedral office. Please remember that they are due back no later than May 1, 2017. Please return completed applications to St. George Cathedral, 650 Hanover Street, Manchester NH 03104.

JOHN BOLOS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Application due June 1, 2017

VAN & JOANNA CHRISTY SCHOLARSHIP

Application due May 30, 2017

SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY

Will be Sunday, June 4th. If you are a Senior graduating from High School, please inform the Cathedral office.

MOTHER'S DAY COFFEE HOUR

Is being sponsored by the Board of Directors
which will take place on Sunday, May 14th.

NEW CHOIR ROBES

As you listen to the familiar hymns sung by familiar voices check out our new look! After more than 30 years, we have new robes! We now need your help. Please consider a donation of any amount. If you wish to "purchase" a robe in memory of a loved one, or in recognition of a current or former choir member, the suggested donation is \$150.00. If donating, please make checks out to St. George Senior Choir. Thank you.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE COOKBOOKS

Daughters of Penelope Cookbooks are available to buy. The price is \$20.00 each. They are available in the Cathedral office or by a Daughters of Penelope member.

1ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Will be Sunday, May 21st after Coffee Hour in the Community Center. All parishioners are invited to attend.

GREEK SCHOOL GRADUATION

Will be Sunday, June 11th at St. George Cathedral followed by a Coffee Hour sponsored by the Greek School parents.



Greek Dancing Cardio Fitness Style

Thursday, May 31th at 7:30 p.m.

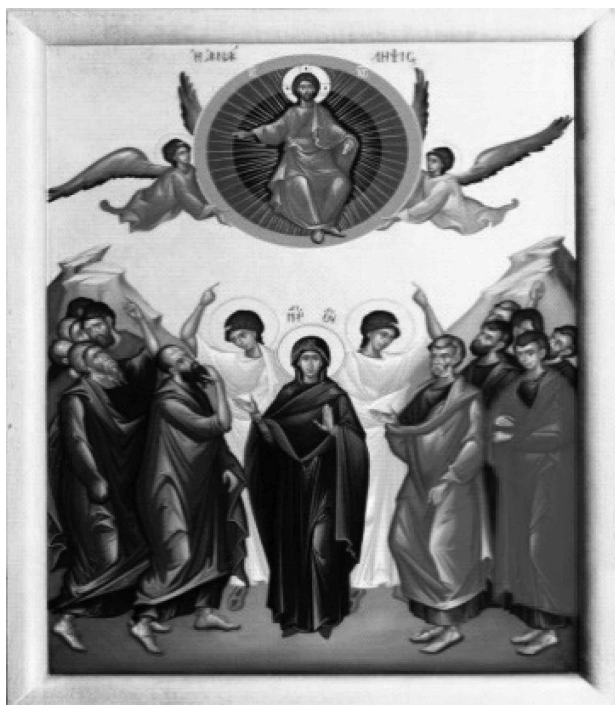
St. George Cathedral Community Center.

Tickets are \$20.00 per person.

If interested, Please contact

Veneta at jimandveneta@aol.com

AN EXPLANATION OF THE FEAST OF ASCENSION



The Lord Jesus passed forty days on earth after His Resurrection from the dead, appearing continually in various places to His disciples, with whom He also spoke, ate, and drank, thereby further demonstrating His Resurrection. On this Thursday, the fortieth day after Pascha, He appeared again in Jerusalem. After He had first spoken to the disciples about many things, He gave them His last commandment, that is, that they go forth and proclaim His Name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. But He also commanded them that for the present, they were not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait there together until they receive power from on high, when the Holy Spirit would come upon them.

Saying these things, He led them to the Mount of Olives, and raising His hands, He blessed them; and saying again the words of the Father's blessing, He was parted from them and taken up. Immediately a cloud of light, a proof of His majesty, received Him. Sitting thereon as though on a royal chariot, He was taken up into Heaven, and after a short time was concealed from the sight of the disciples, who remained where they were with their eyes fixed on Him. At this point, two Angels in the form of men in white raiment appeared to them and said, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into Heaven? This same Jesus, Who is taken up from you into Heaven, shall so come in like manner

as ye have seen Him go into Heaven" (Acts 1:11). These words, in a complete and concise manner, declare what is taught in the Symbol of Faith concerning the Son and Word of God. Therefore, having so fulfilled all His dispensation for us, our Lord Jesus Christ ascended in glory into Heaven, and sat at the right hand of God the Father. As for His sacred disciples, they returned from the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem, rejoicing because Christ had promised to send them the Holy Spirit.

It should be noted that the Mount of Olives is a Sabbath's day journey from Jerusalem, that is, the distance a Jew was permitted to walk on the day of the Sabbath. Ecumenius writes, "A Sabbath day's journey is one mile in length, as Clement says in his fifth Stromatis; it is two thousand cubits, as the Interpretation of the Acts states." They draw this conclusion from the fact that, while they were in the wilderness, the Israelites of old kept within this distance from the Holy Tabernacle, whither they walked on the Sabbath day to worship God.

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 27, 2017, Father will be at the New Hampshire State Veteran's Cemetery in Boscawen, NH from 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

On Monday, May 29, 2017, 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 around 12:00 noon.

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.

Joyful Giving – Stewardship 2017 Pledge Form

My Pledge to St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral in 2017 (Please respond as soon as you can!)

NAME _____ SPOUSE (If Married) _____

STREET _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ MOBILE PHONE _____

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DEPENDENT CHILDREN'S names and birthdates: _____

May we include your contact information in the parish directory? ☐ YES ☐ NO May we add you to our parish email list? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Indicate any information you would like excluded from parish directory: _____

TREASURE

In gratitude for God's blessings, I/we commit to Christ and His Church the following amount for 2017: \$ _____

I WILL FULFILL MY PLEDGE IN THIS MANNER: ☐ MONTHLY ☐ QUARTERLY ☐ YEARLY ☐ OTHER _____

I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MY PLEDGE BILLED TO MY DEBIT / CREDIT CARD. (This is preferred in order to save fees)

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ CCV#: _____

PLEASE BILL MY CARD: ☐ YEARLY ☐ QUARTERLY ☐ MONTHLY

TIME & TALENT

NAME: _____

INDIVIDUAL STEWARDS should indicate areas of interest with a check mark. FAMILIES should mark "H" for HUSBAND, "W" for WIFE, or "C" for CHILDREN.

EDUCATION

- _____ Bible Study
- _____ Adult Religious Education
- _____ Intro to Orthodoxy
- _____ Publications
- _____ Speakers
- _____ Library

YOUTH

- _____ Sunday School Teacher
- _____ GOYA
- _____ Little Lambs
- _____ Hope/Joy
- _____ Scouts
- _____ Basketball
- _____ Youth Choir

BUILDING & GROUNDS

- _____ Garden & Landscape
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- _____ Exterior Repairs
- _____ Hall Rentals

ADMINISTRATION

- _____ Review / Audit
- _____ By-Laws
- _____ Office Help
- _____ Computer / Technical
- _____ Data Entry
- _____ Board of Directors
- _____ Anagenesis

DEVELOPMENT / FUNDRAISING

- _____ Glendi

LITURGICAL

- _____ Sanctuary & Altar Care
- _____ Altar boys / Acolytes
- _____ Baking Prosfora
- _____ Choir
- _____ Reader
- _____ Greeter / Usher

MINISTRIES & PROGRAMS

- _____ Campus Ministry
- _____ Welcome Team
- _____ New Member Events

- _____ Outreach
- _____ Stewardship
- _____ Sunday Fellowship / Coffee
- _____ Visitation – Hospital
- _____ Visitation – Shut-ins
- _____ Feed the Hungry
- _____ Prison Ministry
- _____ Grief Bereavement Group
- _____ Disaster Relief Projects
- _____ Blood Drives
- _____ Project Mexico
- _____ Int'l Orth Christian Charities
- _____ OCMC Mission Center
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- _____ Couples Ministry
- _____ Singles Ministry
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Maria Damalas	Martha Kokkinos	Eugenia Pleat	George & Ruth Zogopoulos
Sturgis Damalas	Andrea Kokolis	Greg & Beth Plentzas	

THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION: THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017

The Feast of the Ascension commemorates the ascending of Jesus Christ into Heaven witnessed by His Apostles. It took place on the Mount of Olives on the fortieth day after the Resurrection. It marks the triumphant close of the post-Resurrection period during which Christ repeatedly appeared to His Disciples and spoke to them of "the things concerning the Kingdom of God". Thus, Christ's human nature was taken into Heaven, wherefrom "He now exercises all power in Heaven and on earth". The Ascension is one of the principal feasts of the Christian year irrespective of denominations. The feast day falls on the sixth Thursday after the day of PASCHA. The Feast of the Ascension will be celebrated on Thursday, May 25, 2017 this year.



St. George OPA Dance Night Celebrating our Name Day

Saturday, May 13, 2017

7pm – 11:00pm

In the church hall

**DJ The Salonica Boys
Greek and American Dancing**

**Variety of Hors D'oeuvres
Cash Bar**

**\$20.00 per person
Children under 16 are free**

**John Stavropoulos at 668-7057
or the Cathedral office at (603)622-911**

THE BIBLE IS THE HEARTBEAT OF GOD

A large hospital in New York City made a very simple but unusual discovery. They were having a problem in the nursery. The crying of some of the little ones was disturbing the other little ones. What could they do to give these newborn babies a sense of security and peace?

They tried soft music but it did not work. Then someone suggested that the heartbeat of a mother be recorded and played over the sound system. It was like a miracle. The little ones who were restless grew still and went peacefully to sleep. The mother's heartbeat was a familiar sound to them. They had listened to it even before they were born. The mother's heartbeat was the sound of security and love. What we have coming to us from the Bible is the sound of the heartbeat of God. Amid all the distractions and the disturbing noises of the world, it is the only sound that can bring us the peace of God's presence and love. For it is the sound, the voice, of God's love.

Truly the Bible is the unique book of God's love for us, God's peace for the world, God's self-revelation to His people, His Creation. The Bible possesses sacramental power, transmitting God's grace, truth, love, peace, and power to the faithful reader. The Bible can bring each one of us to a personal encounter with the living God. For the Word of God becomes the living, powerful Word through the power of the Holy Spirit.

THE FEAST OF PENTECOST: SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2017

This is the fiftieth day after the Resurrection of Jesus Christ when the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles. The Church applied the name "Pentekoste", the fiftieth day, to the feast celebrating this event which may be considered the birthday of Christianity as an organized religion. In days of antiquity, the whole period between PASCHA and the Sunday marking the fiftieth day after it was called Pentecost. During that time, no fast was allowed, prayer was offered by standing, and the alleluia was sung more frequently. Today, however, it is only the week between PASCHA and the Sunday of Saint Thomas, also known as Bright Week, where there is no fasting allowed. This year Pentecost is on Sunday, June 4, 2017. The day is very holy and no memorial services or Sacraments are allowed. On the Saturday before Pentecost we traditionally celebrate the Saturday of the Souls with the Divine Liturgy and Memorial Service. Some consider Pentecost to be the Orthodox Memorial Day. The day following Pentecost is the Monday of the Holy Spirit and is the Feast Day of the Holy Trinity..

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ST. GEORGE SUNDAY SCHOOL



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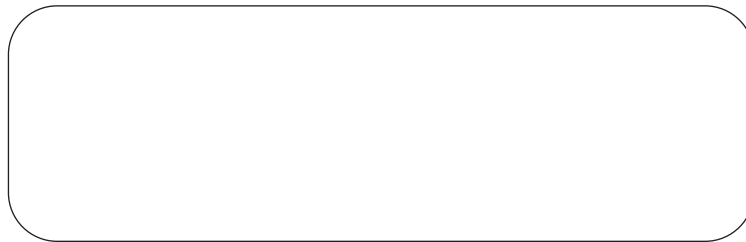
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A PRAYER FOR MOTHER'S DAY

We thank You for our mothers to whom You have entrusted the care of every precious human life from its very beginning in the womb.

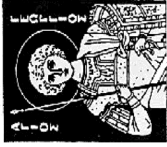
You have given to woman the capacity of participating with You in the creation of new life. Grant that every woman may come to understand the full meaning of that blessing, which gives her an unlimited capacity for selfless love for every child she may be privileged to bear, and for all Your children. Watch over every mother who is with child, strengthen her faith in Your fatherly care and love for her and for her unborn baby. Give her courage in times of fear or pain, understanding in times of uncertainty and doubt, and hope in times of trouble. Grant her joy in the birth of her child. To mothers You have given the great privilege and responsibility of being a child's first teacher and spiritual guide. Grant that all mothers may worthily foster the faith of their children, following the example of the Theotokos, Elizabeth, Mary Magdalene, and the many other holy women who follow Christ. Help mothers to grow daily in knowledge and understanding of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and grant them the wisdom to impart this knowledge faithfully to their children, and to all who depend upon them.

Assist all "spiritual mothers", those who, though they may have no children of their own, nevertheless selflessly care for the children of others -- of every age and state in life. Grant that they may know the joy of fulfilling this motherly calling of women, whether in teaching, nursing, religious life, or in other work which recognizes and fosters the true dignity of every human being created in Your image and likeness.

We beseech You to send Your Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to all mothers who sorrow for children that have died, are ill or estranged from their families, or who are in trouble or danger of any kind. Help grieving mothers to rely on Your tender mercy and fatherly love for all your children.

We ask your blessing on all those to whom You have entrusted motherhood. May Your Holy Spirit constantly inspire and strengthen them. May they ever follow the example of the Theotokos, the mother of Our Lord, and imitate her fidelity, her humility, and her self-giving love. May all mothers receive Your Grace abundantly in this earthly life, and may they look forward to eternal joy in Your presence in the life to come.

We ask this in Your Holy Name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto the ages of ages. AMEN.

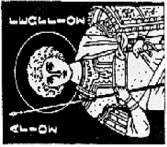


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May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1. No Pre-School in CC. Women's Interfaith Mtg. 6-9 pm in CC.	2.	3. Bible Study 11 am at Annex. Orthodox Life Class 6 pm at Annex. Cub Scout Mtg 6 pm in CC.	4. Girl Scouts 5-9 p.m. at Annex.	5. Rainbow Theatre 5-10 pm in CC.	6. Rainbow Theatre 5-10 pm in CC. Marriage seminar 9 am-3 pm at Annex.
7. Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit 10 a.m. Sun. Sch. 10 a.m. 1-yr Mem. for Demetrios Kanellos & Coffee hr. 40-Day Mem. for Paul Pappas & Co—	8. Pre-School 4:30-5:30 pm. Adult Greek Class 6-7:30 pm. BOD Mtg. 7 pm at Annex.	9.	10. Bible Study 11 am at Annex. Orthodox Life Class 6 pm at Annex. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm in CC. DOP Mtg. at 6:30 pm at Annex.	11. Girl Scouts 5-9 p.m. at Annex.	12.	13. St. George Dance 7 pm in CC.
14. Happy Mother's Day Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit 10 a.m. Sun. Sch. 10 am.	15. Pre-School 4:30-5:30 pm. Adult Greek Class 6-7:30 pm.	16.	17. Bible Study 11 am at Annex. Orthodox Life Class 6 pm at Annex. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm in CC.	18.	19. Barbeque Family Night 6 pm. In CC.	20. Cub Scout Pinewood Derby 1 pm. In CC.
			Joyce on Vacation Office Closed			
21. Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit. 10 a.m. Sun Sch. End of year Program & Coffee Hour. 1st General Assembly after Coffee hr. Baptism of Nikolas, son of George & Melissa	22. Pre-School 4:30-5:30 pm. Adult Greek Class 6-7:30 pm.	23.	24. Bible Study 11 am. Orthodox Life Class 6 pm at Annex. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm at Annex. 1st Glendi Mtg. 7 pm.in CC	25. Feast of the Ascension Div. Lit. 10 am. Girl Scouts 5-9 pm. at Annex. Bedford Junior Investors event 5-8 pm	26.	27. Memorial services at Veteran's Cemetery in Boscawen 12:30 pm.
28. Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit. 10 a.m. Baptism of	29. Memorial Day Holiday Office Closed. Memorial service at Pine Grove Cemetery 9 am.	30.	31. No Bible Study or Orthodox Life Class. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm in CC. Zorba Dance class 7:30 pm in CC			



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June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4. <u>Scholarship Sunday</u> Orthros 9 am Div. Lit. 10 am. Scholarships and bibles handed out after Coffee Hr. in CC.	5. Pre- Sch. 4:30-5:30 pm in CC. Adult Greek Class 6-7:30 pm.	6.	7.	1. Boys & Girls Club Dinner 2-8 p.m. in CC.	2. Girl Scouts 6-7:30 pm at Annex.	3. Saturday of Souls Divine Liturgy & Mem. Ser. 10 am.
11. Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit 10 am. Greek School Graduation and Coffee Hr.	12. BOD Mtg. 7 p.m. at Annex.	13.	14. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm in CC.	15. NH Job Fair all day in CC.	16. Girl Scouts 6-7:30 pm at Annex.	17.
18. Happy Father's Day Orthros 9 am. Div. Lit. 10 am. Coffee hr for Father's Day.	19.	20.	21. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 p.m. in CC.	22.	23.	24. Zorba Dance class 10am in CC
25. Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit. 10 am.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.	