My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Are you a good and faithful servant? As Orthodox Christians, we have been given a sacred trust. We have received the treasure of the Gospel – the Good News of Jesus Christ. With this sacred trust comes the great responsibility to share it.

If we compare ourselves to the stewards in the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30), do we multiply the treasure for which we are responsible and for which we will be held accountable when the master returns? Or do we bury our treasure in the ground, offering back only that which was given to us? Jesus said “As the Father has sent me, so I send you” (John 20:21). At the end of our life, will He say to us, “Well done good and faithful servant”?

As recipients and stewards of this great treasure, we are called to protect it, keeping its message pure. This is difficult to do in a time when knowledge of the faith is formed so much by popular culture. Orthodox Christians in America may rely too heavily on our culture to bind people to the faith, often at the expense of knowledge of the Gospel message and the faith. As each generation becomes increasingly assimilated, these cultural ties become less effective in keeping people engaged in the life of the Church. For many, knowledge of the faith is insufficient to appreciate the unique teachings and traditions of Orthodox Christianity. Without a clear knowledge of our faith, we have become less able to share it as we have been called to do.

We are called to guard the Gospel message, but not to hoard it. We are instructed not to hide our light under a bushel (Matthew 5:15). As Jesus Christ sends us to be His voice in a changing world, we must also remove impediments or perceived impediments to non-Orthodox inquirers that seek His Truth. What messages do we send out intentionally or unintentionally? What might cause the Gospel message to be ignored or misunderstood?

Since the first Orthodox Christians came to America, the local parish has served as a guardian of the faith and also of the culture from which it was transplanted. Parishes must think carefully about how they share the faith with others. Thoughtful and sensitive consideration must be given to our outreach efforts in order to identify what aspects of our parish life may be creating potential stumbling blocks for others.

As we share the voice of Christ, the message we share is one of hope, truth, grace, divine power, life and invitation. In this busy, ever-changing world, His voice of wisdom is needed to guide us in discerning what is good, what is true and what will bring us closer to Him and to one another.

We live in a physical world that places great value on material possessions. Material possessions and wealth may bring power and status. But wealth and possessions can be fleeting. Circumstances change. It is the voice of Jesus Christ and the truth of His Gospel that remain constant. In our spiritual relationship with our Creator, we realize that we are called to be good stewards of His creation. And as stewards of His Gospel, we are called to use our material, worldly possessions to meet the needs of others.

The base from which we serve as the Voice of Christ in a Changing World is the parish. A strong parish provides opportunities for sharing the Good News of Christ, for welcoming those that are searching for a spiritual home, and a base from which we are sent out into the world. The parish also provides a place for worship, community and education in the faith. To be stewards of the Gospel, we need to be stewards of our parish. This requires the vision and inspiration to see the parish, not as it is, but as it could be. We are called to offer ourselves and our treasure to make our local church all that it can be.

We conclude with these words of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America: “…we are called to be the light of the world; we are sent into a changing world to offer the voice of Christ to those who are not connected to the Church. This includes those who have never heard the voice of Christ, others who have not been prepared to listen, and still others who need a new invitation to return to Him. For these and even others who are distracted by disparate and deceptive ideas, the voice of Christ through us offers meaning and purpose in truth and love. In fulfilling our commission from God, we must continue to strengthen our ministries of outreach and evangelism so that our clergy and laity have the guidance, programs, and resources to offer His voice clearly and effectively” (from the Reflections of Archbishop Demetrios of America on the Theme of the Clergy-Laity Congress of 2016).

Christmas is the birth of Jesus Christ, a gift of love in human flesh given to us from our heavenly Father. Christmas is that special day of love, peace, and joy which touches everyone, young and old and makes us smile. It is a season that offers many gifts and blessings, lifts our spirits, cleanses the soul, makes hearts leap for joy and brings light and renewed hope into our lives.
At Christmas time the night does not seem so dark nor does the cold feel as cold, because the Holy Infant of Bethlehem illuminates and warms all things. He, the newly born babe, the only begotten Son of God, renews the world and everyone and everything around us.

May we all, through prayer and fasting, through the reading of Holy Scripture, the singing of the beautiful hymns of the season, through confession and repentance, and in receiving Holy Communion, venture into the deeper meaning and reality of the mystery and the miracle of Christ’s birth and thus truly understand “peace on earth and good will to man.”

May the light of that bright star which illuminated the skies over Bethlehem some two thousand years ago, allowing the world to see the humble birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, guide your every step toward Salvation.

With my paternal love in Christ,

Father Wilson
Very Rev. Archimandrite Agathonikos M. Wilson
(Father Mike)
Dean of the Cathedral and Presiding Priest

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I hope you all had a pleasant Thanksgiving with family and friends as we all have so much to be thankful for in our country and especially here at St. George Cathedral. These are busy times here at your community: Family Nights, Sunday School, Greek School, Cub/Boy & Girl Scouts, and Basketball starting up in full as we are again fielding teams in all age groups. Busy times indeed.

I want to you to be aware of two recent donations we have made. The first was for the Hurricane Relief that was requested by the Metropolis to go to the IOCC. We used the money we all sent donated and sent a check for $2,568 to our Orthodox brothers and sisters suffering in Florida, Texas and Puerto Rico. Well done St. George.

The second donation for $2,500 was voted on by your Board of Directors from the Glendi proceeds, where we have had a long tradition to give something back to the greater community, our friends, neighbors, customers, through a worthy charity chosen each year when money makes it possible. I can recall the New Horizons, the Red Cross, the flood victims in the greater Keene area as recipients of our proceeds in the past. After some discussion, this year we are sending the money to the Hope for Recovery-NH on Wilson Street. The addiction epidemic has touch many of us throughout St. George. The Hope for Recovery is doing wonderful work in the battle, the fight to keep especially our younger generation clean and sober. It is a life-long effort with programs and outreach, we need to pray for their success one person at a time, one day at a time.

We just held our Board elections and I want to thank Kelly O’Brien Hebert, who is stepping off the board, for her service to our church in that capacity, thanks Kelly. I also want to welcome William Hughen who was elected for the first time following in his father’s footsteps. Congratulations Bill! I look forward to serving our beloved cathedral with you. I also want to thank our four returning Directors for putting up with me as we all will be continuing to serve our church: John Stavropoulos, Nikki Moutsioulis, Cathy Mouflarge and George Copadis. Being a Director is an honor our community gives to some of us and we must never forget that, being here early, or late, going to meetings, cleaning up the mess, keeping us on track and focused, moving forward together as brothers & sisters. Mike Zoukis once told me it’s not about being a big shot it is a service job, service to your church. Mike told me 30 years ago and I have not forgotten and pray I always remember those true words.

The Stewardship letters will be going out to many to remind us to complete the final fulfillment of our 2017 pledge, some have always paid at years’ end which is perfectly fine. Maybe we can still generate a few brand-new pledges for 2017, who come but have not yet become a steward of the church. Once the new year arrives the new 2018 commitment will be going out. The message is the same please be generous, it takes a lot of money to pay our bills, run our programs, and maintain our buildings. How about $100 more from each of us, I know I’m just a pushy NY guy but the need is real. We all need to work on what does the church means to you and your family. We need to bring in more people to share the burden, get the young people back. Why not talk to your extended family? Is your brother, sister, adult children members of our church? Were you honored to be asked to be a Godparent years ago? Are they here with you? We all need to spread the word to belong in more than just a few passing comments. Let’s get our own people back into their community, then we can work on the others, we know you’re out there make a commitment. The times demand it.

May the light of that bright star which illuminated the skies over Bethlehem some two thousand years ago, allowing the world to see the humble birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, guide your every step toward Salvation.

With my paternal love in Christ,

Very Rev. Archimandrite Agathonikos M. Wilson
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St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
(CONTINUED)

I do not want to offend anyone of any party allegiance, it really does not matter but I think it is noteworthy that a member of this church, a steward of this community, Chris Pappas, is beginning a run for the Congress of the United States. This is a young man who went to our Sunday school, played basketball in our center, went off to Harvard and then returned to contribute to his family business and to the success our events: appreciation dinners, Palm Sunday, the Glendi. It is notable and meaningful whether you ever vote for him or not, he is one of us, this is something to take some pride in and to tell your children, inform them that working hard, doing their best in school, does indeed still mean something that anything is possible in this wonderful country we all share.

I want to wish you a blessed, safe Christmas and New Year’s, remember your church when enjoying your family and friends, we are part of your extended family. Please join with me in a prayer for our city, all its people and our country as we celebrate once again the birth of Christ, may God bless you all and continue to bless His Cathedral of St. George.

Frank C. Comerford
President

MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION
CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAM

Please help a needy child or family through the Make-A-Wish Foundation gift-giving program. Gift tags will be available during the first week of December. Please return the wrapped gift to the church by Thursday, December 14, 2017. Gift requests are listed by age and gender on the individual tags.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A CHURCH READER?

Any adult or older teenager in the community who is interested in reading the Epistle at the Divine Liturgy please contact Father Mike directly.

THE ANNA THEODOSOPOULOS SCHOLARSHIP

The Anna Theodosopoulos Scholarship is available to High School seniors and must be submitted by April 1. Applications can be picked up in the cathedral office.

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
E-mail: revframwilson@yahoo.com

BOARD MEMBERS UPDATE COMING IN JANUARY NEWSLETTER

THANK YOU TAVERNA NIGHT 2017

Thank you one and all for making Taverna Night a Great Evening! Adults and children danced all night. Many thanks to those who donated their food and time. Tracy, Liz, Marilyn, Louise, Poppy, Steve, Christos, Dan and son, Maria and John, Tim and Vangie, Jim, Ken, and Cindy. Also Veneta for the pumpkins she donated.

With Great Appreciation,
John Stavropoulos.
COMMUNITY NEWS

**Weddings**
Jennifer Aboshar and Andrew Otto
Congratulations!

**Baptisms**
Paisios, son of Theofilos and Angela Vougias
Congratulations!

**Funerals**
Irene Carnavos
Zaferios Mitsopoulos
May their memories be eternal!

CHANGE OF ADDRESS
If your address changes, please give the Cathedral Office a call at 622-9113 and let them know of the change.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

**St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Sunday School Fund**
in memory of:
Christos Kalaitzidis $30.00

**St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Endowment Fund**
in memory of:
Dorothea Price $100.00

**St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Beautification Fund**
in memory of:
Christos Kalaitzidis $70.00
Evangelos Tsingos $250.00
Andrew Keriazes $100.00
Georgia Lodge $25.00

**The Gregory Pappas Memorial Scholarship Fund**
in memory of:
Evangelos Tsingos $250.00

**The Anna Theodosopoulos Scholarship Fund**
in memory of:
Evangelos Tsingos $250.00

**The George Demos Altar Boy Scholarship Fund**
in memory of:
Sophia Plentzas $30.00

John and Maria Dovas generously donated $50.00 to the St. George Greek Orthodox Senior Choir in loving memory of Sophia Plentzas.

Mr. & Mrs. Paul O’Brien generously donated $100.00 to the St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Holy Wine Fund.

Ioannis Kalaitzidis generously donated $50.00 to the St. George Greek Orthodox Beautification Fund.

ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL 2017-2018
SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR
Children will assemble in the church at 10 AM each Sunday for Divine Liturgy and then proceed to classrooms after Communion. Students will be dismissed from class at 11:45 AM. There will be a collection in the classroom each Sunday for Orthodox Christian Missions and charities.

- **November 5**: Family Sunday/NO class - Marathon Sunday
- **November 12**: Regular Sunday - Pancake Breakfast
- **November 19**: Regular Sunday
- **November 26**: Family Sunday/NO class - Thanksgiving
- **December 3**: Regular Sunday - Rehearsal Christmas Pageant
- **December 10**: Regular Sunday - Christmas Pageant and Party
- **December 17**: Regular Sunday - Christmas Pageant and Party Snow Date
- **December 24**: Family Sunday/NO class - Christmas Holiday Break
- **December 31**: Family Sunday/NO class - Christmas Holiday Break
- **January 7**: Regular Sunday
- **January 14**: Regular Sunday - Teaching Liturgy
- **January 21**: Regular Sunday
- **January 28**: Regular Sunday - Godparent Sunday & Gyro Luncheon Fundraiser
- **February 4**: Regular Sunday
- **February 11**: Regular Sunday
- **February 18**: Regular Sunday
- **February 25**: Family Sunday/NO class - Winter Break
- **March 4**: Regular Sunday
- **March 11**: Regular Sunday
- **March 18**: Regular Sunday
- **March 25**: Regular Sunday
- **April 1**: Regular Sunday - Palm Sunday
- **April 8**: Family Sunday/NO class - Easter
- **April 15**: Regular Sunday
- **April 22**: Family Sunday/NO class - Spring Vacation
- **April 29**: Regular Sunday
- **May 6**: Regular Sunday
- **May 13**: Regular Sunday
- **May 20**: Last day of Sunday School
- **End of year program**: SS sponsored coffee hour
- **June 2**: Canobie Lake Park Field Trip (Tentative Date)

ST. GEORGE RUMMAGE SALE
Will be held in the spring. Date to be announced. Save your gently used items—clothing, toys, home goods.
The holy hierarch, Saint Dionysius, who was born and reared on Zakynthos, was the son of pious and wealthy parents, Mocius and Paulina by name. In his youth he entered the ancient monastery of the Strophada Islands, which lie south of Zakynthos, and there he donned the monastic habit. Later, he was appointed Archbishop of Aegina, and adorned its throne for a considerable time. Thereafter he returned to his homeland. One incident in his life especially reveals to what virtue he attained. A man came to him in desperation, witnessing that he had committed a murder, and was being pursued by the slain man's family. He asked Saint Dionysius to give him refuge. The Saint agreed to this, upon learning that it was his own brother whom the man had slain, he said nothing, but concealing the agony of his grief, hid him. When the Saint's kinsmen arrived at the monastery, he told them that the Murderer had gone by such and such a way. When they had departed, he admonished the man concerning the gravity of his sin, instructed him in repentance, and sent him off in peace having forgiven him his brother's murder. According to local tradition, this man later returned and became a monk at this same monastery. Saint Dionysius reposed in peace in 1621, leaving behind his sacred and incorrupt relics as a treasure for his fellow citizens.
STEWARDSHIP 2017

Michael & Donna Aboshar
Mark & Elaine Adam
Arthur Adamakos
Joanne Adamakos
Alex & Agoritsa Agoritsas
Bill Aivalikles
Anastasia Ambargis
Alex Anagnost & Amy Cloutier
Dick & Demetria Anagnost
Stavros Anagnost
Alexander Apostol
Panagiota Arfanakis
Milton & Sally Argeriou
Anastasios & Helen Argiras
Stratos Argiras
James Arvanitis
William & Cheryl Athanas
Brad & Katerina Atkinson
Christos & Alexandra Babis
Christine Ballas
Toula Barber
Ashley Bardwell-Moufarge
Curtis & Erika Barnes
Agapi Baryiames
Helen Benson
George & Joy Bentas
Joan Bentas
William & Susan Berry
Lawrence & Zoya Berube
Donald & Cynthia Bisson
Andrew & Michelle Blake
Philip & Anita Blatsos
Connie Boardman
Diane Bobotas
Peter & Kate Boisvert
Thomas & Joanne Bonito
Mary Booras
Thomas & Paula Borbotsina
Keir & Joanne Bordner
Arthur & Sandra Boujoukos
Christopher & Angela Bourassa
Nancy Timbas Brennan
Rosemary Buder
Fanny Canotas
Vasiliki Canotas & Mark McCue
Brian, Cathy, & Alexis Carr
Daniel & Amanda Casey
Gregory & Meagan Chadis
Dorothy Chakas
Steve Chakas
William & Maria Chaloge
Fran Chiavaras
Stephanie Chiavaras
Christos & Barbara Chrisafides
Dean & Evangeline Christon
William Christy
Marie Clapsaddle
Ronald & Marion Coble
Pamela Colantuono
Brian Comerford
Frank & Alice Comerford
George Copadis
Nick Copadis
Jason & Aspasia Cote
Lynn Cross
Elaine Croteau
Alice Crusade
Andrew & Heather Cummings
Jenny Dakos
Maria Dakos
Julia Damalas
Maria Damalas
Sturgis Damalas
Nancy Daskal
John & Vasoulla Demos
Vivi Desjardins
Victoria Dewey
Cynthia Diamantis
Michael & Demetra Dillon
George & Linda Dimakis
Harry Dimos
James & Alyssa Dimos
Michael & Christina Dimos
Zoes & Athena Dimos
Rob & Angela Dion
Tom & Carol Dionis
Kyriakos & Theologia Dongas
Maria Dongas
Sophia Dongas
Nicholas & Artemis Donis
Michael & Joanne Doukeris
Effie Dovas
John & Marie Dovas
Stephen Emanuel
Koula Fasekis
Michael & Elizabeth Ferrari
Robyn & Alexys Ficek
Nancy Folis
Timothy & Kristine Gagne
George & Besiss Gamas
Adamantia Gatsas+
Matthew & Celia Gatsas
Michael Gatsas
Pauline Gatsas
Theodore & Cassandra Gatsas
George & Olga Gatouulis
Kostas & Varisara Gekas
Demetrios & Stephanie Georgaklis
Philip George
Alexander Georgeou
Gigi Georges & Jeff Oxman
Arthur & Sarah Giavroulas
Stephen & Brenda Gikas
Aphrodite Giotas
Ifigenia Giotas
John Giotas
Nicholas Giotas
Tim & Vangie Giotas
Martin & Caroline Glennon
Roger & Ellen Goupil
John Grammas
Christopher Gregorios
Evangelos & Grace Gribruras
Sophie Grimanis
Peter & Tana Gustafson
Carmelo & Paraskevi Guzzardi
Pamela Hagen
Maria Hand
Athanasios & Vaya Handras
Georgia Karafotias Harb
Nick+ & Louise Hart
Nicholas & SeSun Hartofelis
Olga Haveles
Jeffrey & Kelley Hebert-O’Brien
Stephanie Spanos Honan
Christy Houpis & Dawn McGuire
William & Jennifer Hughen
William & Joan Hughen
John Ine
Alice Ivos
Alexander & Jessica Jasiukowicz
Nicholas Jaskolka
John & Kathryn Jaskolka
Jason & Alexis Jones
Betty Kacavas
Thomas & Irene Kalampalikis
Nola Kalantzis
Nicholas & June Kalipolites
Angeliki Kanellos
William & Orania Kanteres
Christos & Haido Karageorgos
Emilianos & Theodora Karagiannis
Theodore & Panagiota Karametos
John & Barbara Karanasios
Eva Karandis
Rigas & Maria Karoutso
John & Elaine Katsoupis
Chris & Helen Kehas
Anna Kennefick
Peter & Elaine Kiriakoutsos
George & Elizabeth Kitsis
George & Zoitsa Kitsis
Cynthia Klinefelter
Martha Kokkinos
Andrea Kokolis
Ernest Kotekas
William Kotekas
Mary Koukos
Dennis & Anita Kounas
Michael & Effie Koustant
Nicholas & Despina Koustas
Kathy Koutroubas & Family
Johny & Katelyn Kuttab
George & Dafnoula Lalopoulos
STEWARDSHIP 2017

Diane Spiro LaRoche
Michael & Erica Lawton
John & Eudoxia Lazos
Stefanos Letares
Phil Liakos
Stephen & Maureen Liakos
Menelaos & Mary Liannos
Elias & Martha Loukas
Adam Love
Alice Love
Jeanne Lucas
Daniel & Maria Lustenberger
John & Marie MacArthur
Bill & Claire Macenas
M. Kathryn MacPhee
Eleni Magerias+
Stamatia Malatras
Helena Malik
George Mallios
Effie Mandelos
Pamela Manolakis
Joyce Mantia
Soterios Margaritis
Linda Martin
Anthony & Karen Massahos
Charles & Lisa Massahos
Margaret Mathios
Barbara McCabe
Harry & Imelda Mehos
Socrates & Eudoxia Merisotis
Aspa Michalopoulos
Kerri Mikolaities
Olga Mikolaities
Bill & Valerie Millios
Spiro & Maria Millios
David Minkle & Helen Tsiropoulos
Katherine Mitchell+
Demetrios Mitsopoulos
Nikolas Mitsopoulos
Spiros & Sharon Mitsopoulos
Timothy Mitsopoulos
Zachary Mitsopoulos
Zaferios & Roula Mitsopoulos
Soultana Mokas
Marilyn Motowylak
Cathy Moufarge
Bess Mousseau
Elias Moutsisoulis
Kosta & Nikki Moutsisoulis
Nick Moutsisoulis
John Nacos
Leonidas & Georgia Nacos
Hercules & Chrysanthe Nagios
Andromahi Nacos
Doucas & Brunelle Nacos
Mark Nacos
Theodora Nacos
Effie Naum
Julia Naum
Charles, Iris & Nicholas Newdorf
Winston & Ann Nye
Paul & Joanna O’Brien
Michael & Elaine Oleniak
Androniki O’Neil
Joy Osborne
Michael & Joan O'Shaughnessy
Ralph & Voula Paglierani
Demetrios & Maria Palangas
Nicholas Palangas
William Pananos
Costas & Mary Papachristos
Frank & Athanasia Papanicolau
Arthur & Dawn Pappas
Chris Pappas
Paul Pappas+
William & Toni Pappas
Artemis Paras
Kristine Haveles Pelletier
Evangelos & Brenda Pervanas
George & Helen Pervanas
George Petrikas
Euigenia Pleat
Greg & Beth Plentzas
Philip & Sofia Plentzas
Sophia Plentzas+
James & Hayley Politis
Evangelos & Pauline Poulos
Gregory Poulos
Eleni Randos
Chrisoulia Ricard
Giorgio & Denise Ricciardi
Georgia Saitas
Christos & Jackie Samaras
Dimitrios & Christina Samaras
Eleni Samaras
George Samaras
Joanna Samaras
Nicholas & Ann Samaras
Phil & Pam Sapienza
Nicholas & Stella Savvas
Diana Seitz
Michael Seitz
Theodore & Elaine Setas
John & Maria Sinclair
George Sioras
Joyce Skaperdas
Georgia Sousa
Kosta & Tina Spanos
Stergios Spanos & Family
Katherina Springer
Lee Spyridakis
Stephen & Sonia Statires
Vangie Statires
William Statires
John & Elizabeth Stavropoulos
Nicholas & Sarah Stavropoulos
Chuck & Mary Ellen Stergiou
John & Roxann Stergiou
James & Nita Stewart
Eva Stilkey
Visarion & Sotiria Sverkos
Olga Sysyn
Aphrodite Tagalakis+
James & Dorothy Tagalakis
Lisa Tagalakis
Marc Tagalakis
Aphrodite Taris
Andrea Tartsa
Anthy Tartsa+
Vasilios & Nancy Tatsis
Tracy Terrio
Theodora Thanos
Gregory Timbas
Nikolaos & Kylee Tingas
Vasiliki Tolios
Mary Tosi
George & Joyce Trapotis
Vasso Tsingos
Thomas & Virginia Tsirimokos
Hercules & Constance Tsirouvakas
Vasilios & Christos Tsourvakas
Alexandra Tsoutsas
Despina Tsoutsas
George Tsoutsas
Despina Tziros
Panagiotis & Ashley Tziros
Anastasia Vailas
Tom & Cathy Valton
Vasilios & Penelope Vasilopoulos
Christos Veziris
George+ & Constance Viscarola
Stergios Vizakis
Vasilios Vlahos
James & Constance Vlangas
Fotios & Joanna Vouglas
Theofilos & Angela Vouglas
Vasilios & Christina Vouglas
Edward & Cynthia Wade
Matthew & Mary Wade
Argy Walker
Bradley & Pamela Warren
Timothy & Kristen Wheeler
Matthew & Megan Whitney
Michael & Ellen Whitney
Helen Wilcox
Fr. Agathonikos Wilson
Philip & Nicole Wu
Arthur Zetes
Artistotle & Joanna Zevos
Eric & Alyssa Zink
George & Phyllis Ziose
Haidy Ziose
John Ziose
George & Ruth Zogopoulos
TEA PARTY THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who made the First Annual Anagennesis Afternoon Tea Social a great success.
Welcome to our New Members
Litsa Pavlopoulos, Michelle Kapos, Louise Hart and Kathy Daskal!
(Absent from photo: Vasoulla Demos and Helen Minkle).
See you all next year!

FAMILY AND YOUTH BOWLING ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017

From the beginning of Father Mike’s ministry he has had a long running tradition of taking the parish children bowling on the Sunday between Christmas and New Year.

On Sunday, December 31, 2017, Father will be taking our youth and interested parents to Lakeside Lanes at 2171 Candia Road for an afternoon of bowling and pizza. We will meet there at 1:00 p.m. Father pays for the bowling and you are responsible for the shoe rental. Afterwards we will come back to the church for pizza and refreshments. We will all pitch in for the pizza and cold drinks.

In order that the bowling alley knows how many lanes to reserve for us, we need to give them a rough idea of how many people will be coming that day. Therefore, please let Father know that you are coming on or before December 24, 2017.

THE HOME INSTEAD SENIOR CARE “BE A SANTA TO A SENIOR PROGRAM”

The Home Instead Senior Care of Manchester “Be a Santa to a Senior Program” is meant to brighten the lives of lonely or isolated seniors of Hillsborough County and let them know they are being thought of and remembered this Christmas season. The gifts will be delivered to local meals on wheels recipients along with their meals during Christmas week. Gift tags will be available during the first week of December. Generic male/female gifts are all that are needed, to keep it simple and easy. Gifts need to be returned to the church by Thursday, December 14, 2017. Examples of appropriate gifts are listed on the individual tags.
Dear Fellow Parishioners:

It is time to once again to address the subject of our Beloved Coffee Hours.

More volunteers are needed to make this weekly event run smoothly. What is expected of you if you sign up to volunteer? The duties are easy and the work is quick if many hands are making the work go quickly. Everyone is welcomed to become a team member—men, women, and teens! The more people we have volunteer the easier and more enjoyable it will be for everyone.

Here is what you are agreeing to do:

- Arrive at the community center at approximately 9:45 am to begin setting up.
- Duties include making and serving coffee, keeping the beverage table and the buffet table stocked. Serving at special coffee hours.
- If you cannot make it on your week or will be late you need to notify the captain or co-captain of the team so that they will have enough time to find a replacement. (If you have someone who has agreed to take your place, please let captain or co-captain know.)
- Lastly, everyone should stay through clean up to make it as quick as possible.

So, if you attend Coffee Hour regularly, here is your opportunity to give back to your community. Stewardship consists of three parts: Time, Talent and Treasures. Volunteer to help at Coffee Hour and you have used your talents! Get your friends together and create a whole team.

We would like to open the coffee hour patronage to more than just Memorials. Let’s celebrate a happy occasion! Dedicate a Coffee hour to someone’s Birthday, Anniversary, a Big Promotion, or a new Career. Sign up with Joyce in the office just like you would for a memorial.

Below is a list of what is served at each type of Coffee Hour.

**Regular Coffee Hour includes**: cheese and crackers, grapes, two types of pastry, kids’ table offerings, coffee, milk, juice, and paper products – The cost if you sponsor a Regular Coffee Hour is $100.

**Memorial/Special Coffee Hour includes**: cheese and crackers, grapes, three types of pastry, veggie platter and 150 tiropetakia, kids’ table offerings, coffee, milk, juice, and paper products $150 (effective January 1st, 2018)

If you would like to have Sandwiches ordered the additional cost is:

- 36 assorted finger sandwiches $45.00 (prices subject to change)
- 72 assorted finger sandwiches $90.00
- 108 assorted finger sandwiches $135.00... etc.

We would like to extend a Huge Thanks to those who do volunteer their time each week to serve at our Coffee Hours!!

We are always looking for more help, if you would like to Volunteer on a team please contact Tracy Terrio at 623-0847.

God Bless.... The Anagennesis Ladies Board
St. George Gingerbread House Event
Community Center
December 8th - 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Please join us and decorate a gingerbread house with your family!
(The gingerbread house will already be assembled!)

***Gingerbread House Contests***

Fun activities will be set up to design an ornament
or two and decorate the tree.

Join us for some hot cocoa, snacks and dessert!!

Come in your PJ's or comfy clothes and bring a blanket
or sleeping bag to sit on while we watch a holiday classic!

Cost $20.00 per family
*Please bring a bag or two of candy that can
be shared and used for decorating*

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

Name:________________________________________________________

#coming:_____________________________________________________

Contact information:___________________________________________
THE SHEPHERDS AND ANGELS

Why were the Shepherds the first people to find out about the birth of Jesus? And what an amazing way they found out about it!

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.'

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

At that time, sheep farmers were generally seen as having low or little value by other people. The type of sheep the shepherds would have been raising were ‘fat tailed’ (or broad tailed) sheep. They often had lambs in the autumn and winter, rather than in the spring with most sheep in western countries these days.

The shepherds were quietly getting on with their own business when suddenly an angel appeared to them. I’m not surprised they were afraid! The angel’s words to them told them of Jesus and his amazing birth and how they could recognize him in a very crowded town. The words of the hosts of angels is very similar to the words sung during a sacrifice service in the temple when there were three blasts of the temple trumpets.

This is only the second time in the whole Bible that a group of angels rather than one angel had appeared to people, so this proved that they had a very important message to give to them. We don’t know the names of the angels or how many there were of them, but in the Bible it says that there are millions of angels - so it would have been an amazing experience! Having seen the new baby, the Bible says "...they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them."

MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAM

Please help a needy child and or family through the Make-A-Wish Foundation gift-giving program. Gift tags will be available during the first week of December. Please return the wrapped gift to the church by Thursday, December 14, 2017. Gift requests are listed by age and gender on the individual tags.

UPCOMING FAMILY EVENT

Gingerbread House Family Fun Night Fri, Dec. 8th
Family Fun Nights are from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
in the Community Center.
In 1970 if you pledged $100.00 per year to our beloved Saint George Cathedral, that translates into $1,000.00 in today's money. We all tend to forget that inflation has taken a great toll on our money. In 1970, you paid $2,500.00 for a brand new automobile, which today would cost you $25,000.00. The cost of everything has increased continually over the years. Thirty years ago the church paid $6,000.00 to heat the church for the winter season. Last year it cost us $60,000.00 to heat the church.

We offer ourselves as Stewards. Stewardship is our response to God’s grace and moves us from grace to gratitude. Just as we love because God first loved us (1 John 4:14), we give because God first gave to us. The question of the psalmist, “What shall I give to the Lord in return for all His benefits towards me?” (Psalm 116:2), is answered in every Divine Liturgy when the priest calls us to “offer ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.” This is the same thought that we ought to have when we make our stewardship offering to the Church as we do so with humility, appreciation, thanksgiving, joy, respect, and love.

Your 2018 Stewardship packets will be mailed to you very soon. Please reflect upon and consider the gifts that you have received from God and give accordingly to your Church. Please fill out your 2018 Stewardship Form and return it to the Church on or before Sunday, January 7, 2018 – Stewardship Sunday. At the end of the Divine Liturgy a basket will be passed and you will place your 2018 Stewardship Form in this basket in a sealed envelope. All of the stewardship forms returned to the Church prior to this date will also be placed in this basket as well. Father will then take the basket to the Altar and offer a prayer over our stewardship pledges for the coming year.
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31. Orthros 9 am Div. Lit. 10 am. Youth & Family Bowling Lakeside Lanes 1 pm & Pizza following bowling at Church.
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Daughter’s
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Holiday Sign Make and Take Gathering

Best Deal Create 3 signs 4” x 24” at $69.00
2 signs 4” x 24” at $48.00
1 sign 4” x 24” at $25.00

Best Deal Create 3 signs 4” x 12” at $40.00
2 signs 4” x 12” at $28.00
1 sign 4” x 12” at $15.00

When: Sunday December 3, 2017
Time: Noon - During Coffee Hour
Where: St George Community Center
There will be many sayings to choose from
Families Welcome
Can’t wait to see you there.

Your creator Pauline Woodbury
Cell/Text 603-490-4735