



St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral

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HOMILY FOR THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

By Rev. Father Philip LeMasters
Pastor, Saint Vasilios Church
Brunswick, VIC, Australia

Sometimes we all set our sights too low, expecting too little of ourselves and others. When we do so, we sell ourselves short and do a disservice not only to ourselves but to everyone around us. When we aim low, we can't expect to achieve high goals. The season of the Ascension is a powerful antidote to such low expectations, for it reveals the great glory and dignity that Jesus Christ has given us. Through His Ascension, we are raised with Him literally to the heights of the heavenly Kingdom.

Forty days after His resurrection, our Lord ascended into heaven. In Him, humanity and divinity are united in one Person; He goes up into heaven as the God-Man. The Son shares in the glory that He had with the Father and the Holy Spirit before the creation of the world. And He brings our humanity into that glory with Him. There is perhaps no more powerful sign of our salvation than the Ascension, for it makes clear that our Lord has raised us—not only from the tomb, not only from hades—but into the eternal life of the Holy Trinity. We truly become participants in God, partakers of the divine nature by grace, in our ascended Lord.

And we are reminded by the Ascension that Jesus Christ is not merely a great teacher or example or even an angel or lesser god. As the Fathers of the Council of Nicaea proclaimed, He is light of light, very God of very God, of one essence with the Father, the only begotten Son of God. For only One who is truly divine and eternal can ascend into heaven and bring us into the divine, eternal life of the Holy Trinity. That is why the Council of Nicaea rejected the teaching of Arius, who did not think that the Son was fully divine. That is why the Orthodox Church has always disagreed with those who deny our Lord's full divinity or His full humanity. For only One who is truly both God and human can bring humans into the life of God.

Unfortunately, some have set their sights too low in how they view Jesus Christ and themselves. If we want a Savior who merely teaches and models a good life or advances a political agenda, we might become a bit more moral by listening to Him. But human teachers and examples cannot conquer death and cannot raise us with them into eternal life. There apparently always have been, and continue to be, those who want a Lord in their own image: a teacher

of secret spiritual truths to a select few; a social or political activist of whatever ideology; or a rabbi or philosopher who speaks with wisdom. Movies, documentaries, and books come out all the time with the claim to have discovered a true or secret Jesus who is different from the Lord portrayed in Scripture and confessed in the Church.

But countless martyrs, including Jesus Christ's disciples, did not go to their deaths out of loyalty to a mere human teacher. They looked death in the eye and did not blink because they knew that their Lord was God, that He had conquered death and would share His victory with them in heaven. In a matter of days, Christ's disciples went from total despair and defeat at His crucifixion to the astounding joy of Pascha and Pentecost. These were life-changing experiences that gave them the strength to sacrifice their own lives for the Lord. Teachers and good examples die and are ultimately forgotten; generations of martyrs do not give their lives for them. But the life of the risen and ascended Son of God continues in the Church, especially in the witness of the martyrs who share in a victory that is not of this world.

Indeed, we all share in the eternal life of Christ through His Body, the Church. The Son prayed to the Father that His followers "may be one as We are...that they all may be one, as You, Father are in Me, and I in You; that they may also be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one..."

Here is a very high, very exalted view of what it means to be a human being in the image and likeness of God. In Christ's Body, the Church, we are to be one in Him, showing forth the unity of holiness and love that are characteristic of the Holy Trinity. Christ has given us His glory, a share in life eternal, the life to which He has ascended as the Savior of the world. And that glory, that eternal life, is not an individual undertaking; it is the life of unity in Christ, of His Body, of which we are all members by baptism.

Unfortunately, we have all fallen short of the life in Christ. The truth is that we often would rather not ascend in Him to a life of holiness. We prefer to do things which are beneath us, which are not fitting for those created in the image and likeness of God, those who are called to live the life of heaven even now. Instead of dwelling on what is true, noble, just, and pure, we too often dwell on what inflames our passions, our self-centered desires. Instead of recognizing that our salvation is a life together in the Body of Christ, we try to live as isolated individuals, continuing the division from one another that has beset humanity since Adam and Eve.

It might be possible to follow the guidance of a teacher in isolation from others, on our own terms, according to whatever private interpretations seem right to us. But it is impossible to embrace the fullness of life in our Risen and Ascended Lord in isolation or as though our faith means whatever we want it to mean. We can interpret the words of a merely human teacher however we want, but the One Who has conquered death and ascended into heaven requires something different. The point is not to make Him in our image, to water Him down into someone Whom we can accept and understand on our own terms. Instead, the point is to fall before Him in worship, to accept in humility the great blessing of the resurrected, ascended life which He gives us, and to live faithfully in the unity of the Church as we grow in Him.

Let us celebrate the Ascension, then, by embracing the great dignity that is ours in the God-Man Who has gone up to heaven. Let us pay close attention to our thoughts, words, and deeds, and stop doing what is beneath us as those whose are called to the glory of the Kingdom. Let us make of our life in the Church an icon of the Holy Trinity, a Communion of love and holiness.

Yes, we really can live this way because we are not simply following the teachings of a human being; instead, we are participating even now in the eternal life of the One Who has conquered death, the tomb, and hades, and taken our humanity into heaven. If Jesus Christ can do that, we may put no limits on what He can do with our lives, our families, our marriages, our friendships, our relationships with other people, or anything else. For the Lord has ascended into heaven, and He will take us with Him if we will only embrace—with humility and repentance—the great glory that He has brought to us as those created in His image and likeness.

This is not a message for a few select souls, but good news for the entire world, for you and for me, no matter how we have fallen short of fulfilling God's purposes in our lives. We are all called to ascend in Jesus Christ to a life of holiness and to the blessedness of the Kingdom of Heaven. The only question is whether we will answer that call.

May our Risen and Ascended Lord and Savior Jesus Christ raise us too to the heights of the heavens. May He continually bless us in all that we do and may He guide us, guard us, and protect us by His Grace. Christ Is Risen! Truly He Is Risen!

With my paternal love in Christ,



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

MEMORIAL PRAYERS IN THE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

SATURDAY OF THE SOULS SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2018

DIVINE LITURGY & MEMORIAL SERVICE 10:00 A.M.

For Christians, the act of gathering to pray for those who have died goes back to the earliest days of the Church. In particular, martyrs were honored (for example: placing Altar Table of a church upon the site where the relics of a martyr were buried), however, gathering at the burial place of a friend or family member was also common practice among Christians. When we gather today in the Church for a Memorial Service, we are continuing a centuries-old practice.

So, why do we use kollyva? In John 12:24, Jesus says, "Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." The boiled wheat is used in the Orthodox Church as a symbol of our hope in the Resurrection. From the grain that died comes the fruit of eternal life. Why, then, do we call the wheat kollyva? This name comes from a term commonly used during the fourth century, particularly where the following miracle occurred. The Emperor Julian the Apostate tried to have the fruits and vegetables, for use by Christians who were fasting during Great Lent, contaminated. In a dream, Saint Theodore of Tyron appeared to Patriarch Evdioxios and told him to instruct the faithful to consume only boiled wheat. The faithful responded accordingly and were able to continue the fast. This miracle is commemorated annually on the third Saturday of the Souls.

Traditionally the souls were commemorated on Saturday, however, the common practice in the Church today is to hold the Memorial Services on Sunday. It should be noted that, according to the ancient tradition, memorials were held on the third, sixth, ninth, and fortieth day, as well as one year, after someone had died. Most people today celebrate memorials around the fortieth day and the one year anniversary, although one could celebrate a memorial service every year, actually anytime they feel the need.

As we pray, not only for the living (the Church Militant) but for the souls (the Church Triumphant) as well, we are drawn together with our Lord and Savior. Let us come together at all possible opportunities, seeking His blessings and His salvation.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

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 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. It may have been my last time carrying the cross, we will see what the future holds, but like so many of you I enjoyed staying inside on Holy Friday Night.

Many events coming up in May perhaps our busiest month:

OPA Dance on May 5th

Mother's Day Coffee Hour May 13th

Sunday School Graduation May 20th

1st General Assembly of 2018 May 6th

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

Early June has Scholarship Sunday on June 10th

Greek School Graduation on June 7th

The Metropolis Clergy Laity dinner,
any last-minute nominations?

I hope you were able to sing Xristos Anesti and attend Divine Liturgy on the 15th with our Metropolitan and hear his words of faith and encouragement to us all. Thank you to all who provided the nice lunch that followed. Thanks, fellow Ahepans for cooking and Daughters of Penelope for serving this dinner with our honored guests.

Once again Xristos Anesti, see you at Divine Liturgy,

Frank C. Comerford -President



St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral

650 Hanover Street

Manchester, New Hampshire

Invites you to

St. George OPA Dance Night
Celebrating our Name Day

Saturday, May 5, 2018

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)622-9113

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



Dear St. George Community,
 Christos Anesti! Christ is Risen! Alithos Anesti! Truly He is Risen! We are in the home stretch for this Sunday School year! I hope you will join us on May 20th 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 20th.

In addition to the students keeping busy in the classrooms, others have been busy upgrading our classrooms. Upgrades to the classrooms have included new white boards in most classrooms and a fresh coat of paint on the bookshelves. I am very excited for these improvements! More to come!
 Sincerely,
 Athena Moutsoulis Bevan

Sunday School Save the Dates!

Date	Event
May 20	Last day of Sunday School End of year program Sunday School sponsored coffee hour
June 2	Canobie Lake Park trip (weather permitting)

**THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION:
 THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2018**

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 17, 2018** this year.

**THE FEAST OF PENTECOST
 SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2018**

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, May 27, 2018**. 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.

**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 **Monday, May 28, 2018**, 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.

Father will also be visiting the **New Hampshire State Veteran’s Cemetery** in Boscawen, New Hampshire in the afternoon on **Monday, May 28**. He is planning to be there from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. and will visit individual gravesites and offer Trisagion Services individually.

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.

STEWARDSHIP

Christian Stewardship is a life style, which acknowledges accountability and responsibility before God. Becoming a Steward begins when we say we believe in God, to whom we give our love, loyalty, and trust. We affirm that every aspect of our lives comes as a gift from Him. Stewards are motivated as recipients of God's abundant love, to respond by participating and supporting His plan of Salvation and the ministries of the Church, which makes Salvation possible for them and for others.

Thank you to all of you who have so generously contributed your stewardship pledge to our beloved Saint George Cathedral for 2018. If you have not yet submitted your stewardship pledge for 2018, we ask that you please do so as soon as possible. Your Stewardship provides the foundation for our Parish Ministries and supports our efforts in meeting the challenges of spreading Christ's Word and our Orthodox Faith.

**FEAST DAY CELEBRATION
HOLY TRINITY
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**
68 NORTH STATE STREET, CONCORD, NH



**SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2018
GREAT VESPERS AND
ARTOCLASIA 6:00 P.M.**

RECEPTION FOLLOWING IN THE CHURCH HALL

St. George Board of Directors

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September 14th, 15th, and 16th.

GLENDI 2018 PROGRAM AD RATES

Patron (Name) - \$25.00

Quarter Page \$ 75.00 (3.5" w x 4.75" h)

Half Page 150.00 (4.75" h x 7.5" w
OR 3.5" w x 10" h)

Full Page 300.00 (7.5" w x 10" h)

***EXTENDED DEADLINE FOR ADS IS
MAY 31ST**

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COMMUNITY NEWS

New Members

Sophia Koustas
Dorothea Tsiopoulos
Welcome to the Family!

Funerals

Alexander Kohilakis
Androniky A. O'Neil
May their memories be eternal!

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

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

Angelyn Christon	\$175.00
Socrates A. Merisotis	\$25.00
Alexander Kohilakis	\$25.00
Androniky O'Neil	\$25.00

Mrs. Artemis Paras,
and sons Philip Paras and Stephen Paras
generously donated \$300.00 to
The Greater Manchester Hellenic Scholarship Fund
in loving memory of S. Basil Paras.

Mr. William Bookas generously donated \$100.00 to the
St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Beautification Fund
in loving memory of his wife, Doris Alta Bookas.

Mr. William Theodosopoulos
generously donated \$900.00 to the
St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Beautification Fund
in loving memory of parents,
Lambros & Stavroula Theodosopoulos,
and sister, Annetta Theodosopoulos.

1ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Will be Sunday, May 6th after Coffee Hour in the Commu-
nity Center. All stewards are invited to attend.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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

ANAGENNESIS LADIES SOCIETY DUES

The dues will be collected during Coffee Hour in the Commu-
nity Center. The dues this year are \$15.00. Please see
Dorothy Chakas during coffee hour to pay your dues

WE NOW HAVE A TWITTER AND INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT

Here are the tags
Twitter - @SaintGeorgeNH
Instagram - saintgeorgegreekchurchnh



COOKING

Cooking/Baking Schedule for June

June 26th at 9:00 am	Meatballs--Tana Gustafson
June 29th at 9:00 am	Dolmathes--Carol Dionis and Jenny Dakos

Volunteers needed. 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. Coffee and snacks provided.

AHEPA #44 FUNDRAISER

We at AHEPA #44 along with our Sisters at DOP Ilios #51
want to thank everyone who attended our Chicken Dinner
Luncheon. Your support will enable us to plan more events
in the future.

Special thanks to the volunteers who made the event
successful:

Maria Dongas, John Nacos, Tim and Vangie Giotas, Kosta and
Nikki Moutsioulis, Evangelos and Brenda Pervanas, John and
Liz Stavropoulos, Toulia Barber, Angela Bourassa, Angela
Dion, Poppy Tsoutsas, Cindy Gatzoulis, Debbie Sverkos, Vivi
Desjardins, Jimmy Lalopoulos, Greg Timbas, Jim Melas, Bill
Athanas, Steve Chakas, George Bentas, and Rick Macrigeanis.

The Luncheon showed what can be done at St. George with
the support of its Stewards. AHEPA #44 and D.O.P. Ilios #51
are tasked with the planning of the District Convention on
Saturday, June 2, 2018. We are having a Dinner/Dance with
music by The Salonica Boys in the church community center.
Please plan to attend and enjoy the evening.

With Greatest Appreciation,
John Stavropoulos
Luncheon Chairperson

STEWARDSHIP 2018

Michael & Donna Aboshar
Mark & Elaine Adam
Arthur Adamakos
Anastasia Ambargis
Alex Anagnost & Amy Cloutier
Diakaios & Demetria Anagnost
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Panagiota Arfanakis
Sally Argeriou
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John & Marie Dovas
Susan Duffy
Jim & Stephanie Ferro
Robyn & Alexys Ficek
Franceen Ballas Flynn
Nancy Folis
Kristine Gagne

Matthew Gatsas
Michael Gatsas
Pauline Gatsas
Theodore & Cassandra Gatsas
Kostas & Visaria Gekas
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Alexander Georgeou
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Aphrodite Giotas
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John & Kathryn Jaskolka
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Betty Kacavas
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William & Ourania Kanteres
Christos & Haido Karageorgos
Emilianos & Theodora Karagiannis
Theodore & Panagiota Karametros
John & Barbara Karanasios
Eva Karandanis
Rigas & Maria Karoutsos
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Philip Liakos
Stephen & Maureen Liakos
Mary Lianos
Daniel & Maria Lustenberger
John+ & Marie MacArthur
William & Claire Macenas
Stamatia Malatras
Helena Malik
Effie Mandelos
Pamela Manolakis
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Mark McCue & Vasiliki Canotas
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Arthur & Dawn Pappas
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Jason & Heather Parent
Evangelos & Brenda Pervanas
George Petrikas
Eugenia Pleat
Greg & Beth Plentzas
James & Haley Politis
Evangelos & Pauline Poulos
Chrisoula Ricard
Giorgio & Denise Ricciardi
Georgia Saitas
Christos & Jackie Samaras
James & Christine Samaras
Joanna Samaras
Maria Samaras
Diana Seitz
George Sioras
Joyce Skaperdas
Georgia Sousa
Kostas & Tina Spanos
Sergios Spanos
Eva Stilkey
Angelo Suci
Olga Sysyn
Thomas Sysyn
Lisa Tagalakis
Andrea Tartsa
Vasilios & Nancy Tatsis
Theodora Thanos
William Theodosopoulos & Charlene Matthews
Arthur N. Tolios
Vasiliki Tolios
George & Joyce Trapotsis
Vasso Tsingos
Dorothea Tsipopoulos
Thomas & Ginny Tsimokos
Hercules & Constance Tsirovakas
Vasilios & Christos Tsurvakas
Alexandra Tsoutsas
Despina Tsoutsas
George Tsoutsas
Despina Tziros
Peter & Ashley Tziros
Christos Veziris
Sergios & Christine Vizakis
James & Constance Vlangas
Matthew & Darcie Vlangas
Theofilos & Angela Vougias
Vasilios & Christina Vougias
Edward & Cynthia Wade
Matthew & Mary Wade
Jeremy & Argy Walker
Timothy & Kristen Wheeler
Michael & Ellen Whitney
Fr. Agathanikos Wilson
Arthur Zetes
Eric Zink
George & Ourania Zogopoulos

BOYS BASKETBALL



The 5th grade team won the NH State Championship 36-30 against an all 6th grade team from Saint Elizabeth Seton, Bedford.

For the 1st time in St. George history this team will represent New Hampshire as the State Champion in the New England CYO regional tournament.

Congratulations Boys and Coaches on a job well done!

A PRAYER AT GRADUATION

Let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mercy.

Christ our God, You alone are the source of truth, wisdom, and learning. You bestowed wisdom to Solomon and through the Holy Spirit transformed the fishermen into learned proclaimers, teachers, and Apostles of Your Holy Gospel.

We ask that You transform also our high school and college graduates into doers of Your Word. May their beliefs and their learning become a way of life that brings our graduates and their families closer to You.

We thank You for the teachers and professors that taught them, that through Your loving care, brought them to their day of completion in their respective high school, college, and university. Grant that they may continue to learn and to grow in Your Glory. We pray this in Your Holy Name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

THE 44TH BIENNIAL CLERGY-LAITY CONGRESS JULY 1 TO 5, 2018

NEW YORK – The 44th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America will take place July 1 to 5, 2018, in Boston, Massachusetts, hosted by the Holy Metropolis of Boston and His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios of Boston.

Concurrently, the National Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society will hold its biennial convention. The venue for the 44th Clergy-Laity and the Philoptochos Convention will be the Boston Marriott Copley Place Hotel.

The theme of the 44th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress will be **All Things Are Possible to the One Who Believes in Christ** (Mark 9:23). His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America, announced the theme in his recent Encyclical and explained that, *As Orthodox Christians we affirm our faith in Christ, a faith that makes the impossible possible, the unreachable reachable, the non-achievable achievable. We know that our faith in Him leads us in our worship and ministry. We are also led by the example of our Lord in seeing the limitless possibilities of our faith. His life and ministry show us that belief in Him leads to healing, renewal and hope. Belief in Christ defeats the power of sin and death, transfigures our lives, and leads us on the path of salvation.*

The Congress will begin with the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, Sunday July 1, 2018, at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation in Boston. The official opening of the Congress will take place the next morning, Monday July 2, with the Keynote Address by Archbishop Demetrios.

More information on the Clergy-Laity Congress program and the registration process for delegates, observers and other participants will be forthcoming.

UPCOMING FUTURE FAMILY NIGHTS

Friday, May 11th 6pm. -9 pm.

**Friday, June 22nd End of Year
Barbeque**

More info to Come!



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

As I write this letter you have just received we are at the beginning of May. So far, the response from our parishioners and the business community for our GLENDI Ad Book has been wonderful. However, we have much to do before the end of July when the ad book will go to the printer.

As you all know the ad book brings in a tremendous amount of money which greatly assists with funding for our youth program as well as our senior organizations. We need your help in order to keep this momentum going.

I ask each of you:

1. To purchase an ad in accordance with your financial means. If you have purchased an ad in the past we offer our deepest thanks. If you have not purchased in the past please consider 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.
2. Please ask any vendor that you do business with if they would consider purchasing an ad in the GLENDI Ad Book. You can pick up or call Joyce for an extra form to send you for the vendor. Any new ads will greatly assist us in bringing in the most dollars possible in this year's ad book.
3. Any other parishioners, family, or friends that you could approach and ask if they would contribute a \$25.00 patron ad. If we pick up an additional 100 patrons that adds \$2,500.00 to the GLENDI Ad Book total.

The success of this year's GLENDI Ad Book is dependent on each and every one of us. We have three short months in order to get this job done. I hope we can count on you to assist us with this year's book.

We need your help. We need it now! Together we can and will make a difference!

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Also for your information we are enclosing the tax identification number of the church for your records.

TAX ID: #02-0230366

All My Best,
George

SLEEPOUT 2018

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

On March 23rd I participated in the SleepOut2018 held at the Downtown Hotel (formerly the Radisson in Manchester.) Governor Sununu had challenged all the State Commissioners to join him in sleeping outside for one night to bring awareness to youth homelessness. I know it is hard to imagine any child having to sleep outside in the middle of the winter due to an abusive home life, drug issues at home, or no other alternative but sadly this is true. For these kids this isn't a one-night experience but every night experience or close to it.

Child and Family Services is a tremendous agency and they are doing such good work with youth homelessness. In fact, several of our parishioners are employed there. As you may know this is also the single largest fundraiser Child and Family Services does and has done for the past 4 years to combat youth homelessness. With the money they raise they can do the following:

1. \$30.00 provides dental screening for one youth
2. \$200.00 fuels the outreach van for one week bringing survival aid to youth wherever they are
3. \$25.00 provides hunger relief to a homeless youth for one month
4. \$189.00 helps a homeless youth get their high school equivalency

The Governor and the State Commissioners have raised a total of \$32,000.00 under Team Sununu of the \$302,000.00 that was raised. My deepest thanks go out to all of you as I was able to account for \$13,390.00 of the \$32,000.00 thanks in large measure to each of you that gave generously to this very worthy cause. No child should EVER be homeless.

If any of you would still like to make a donation to Child and Family Services to combat the youth homelessness issue you are to go to the link below and click on Team Sununu, then click on my name and contribute or if you'd rather send a check please send a check to Child and Family Services 464 Chestnut St Manchester, N.H. 03105 Attn: Cynthia Gaffney

Here is the link: [HTTPS://www.crowdrise.com/team-governor-sununu](https://www.crowdrise.com/team-governor-sununu)
Again, thanks so much for your financial support of this very worthy cause!

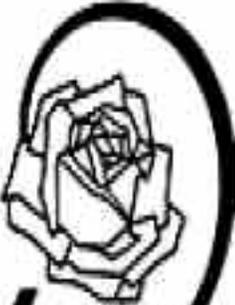
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May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1.	2. Bible Study 11 am & 6:15 pm at Annex	3.	4.	5. St. Georg Opa Dance Night 7 pm in CC.
		Joyce Vacation Church Office closed				
6. Orthros 9 am Div. Lit. 10 am. Sun. Sch. 10 am. 1st General Assembly in	7. Pre-Sch 4:30-5:30 pm in CC. Adult Greek Sch. 6-7:30 pm in CC	8.	9. Bible Study 11 am & 6:15 pm at Annex	10.	11. Family Night 6-9 pm in CC.	12.
13. Happy Mother's Day Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit 10 am. Sun Sch. 10 am, Mother's Day Coffee Hour in	14. Pre-Sch 4:30-5:30 pm in CC. Adult Greek Sch. 6-7:30 pm in CC BOD Mtg. 7 p.m. at	15.	16. Bible Study 11 am & 6:15 pm at Annex	17. Feast of Ascension Div. Lit. 10 am.	18.	19.
20. Orthros 9 am. Div. Lit. 10 am. 30-yr Mem. Cleo Wilson & 34-yr Mem. For George Wilson. Last Day of Sun. Sch. & Coffee Hour	21. Pre-Sch 4:30-5:30 pm in CC. Adult Greek Sch. 6-7:30 pm in CC	22.	23.	24.	25.	26. Saturday of Souls Div. Lit. & Mem. Ser. 10 am.
27. Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit. 10 am.	28. Memorial Day Office Closed. Pine Grove Cemetery 9 am - 12 pm. NH State Veteran's Cemetery 4:00-5:00pm	29.	30.	31. Greek School Graduation Rehearsal 6-8 pm in CC.		



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June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Boy's & Girl's Club Award Night 6-8 pm in CC.				1.	2. AHEPA Convention in CC.
3. Orthros 9 am Div. Lit. 10 am. 1-yr Mem. for James McCarthy.	4.	5.	6. Boy's & Girl's Club Award Night 6-8 pm in CC.	7. Greek School Graduation 6-8 p.m. in CC.	8.	9.
10. <u>Scholarship Sunday</u> Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit 10 am.	11.	12.	13. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm in CC.	14.	15.	16.
17. Happy Father's Day Orthros 9 am. Div. Lit. 10 am. Coffee Hour for Father's Day.	18.	19.	20. Job Fair set-up in CC.	21. NH Job Fair in CC.	22. Family Night Barbeque 6-9 p.m. in CC.	23.
24. Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit. 10 am.	25.	26. Making meatballs 9 am in CC.	27.	28.	29. Making Dolmades 9 am in CC.	30.