



St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral

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S E P T E M B E R 2 0 1 8

FOUR FISHERMEN CALLED TO JOIN CHRIST

Sunday, September 23, 2018 is the First Sunday of Saint Luke in the Orthodox Church. The Gospel reading on that day is Luke 5:1-11, which reads as follows:

“At that time, as Jesus was standing by the lake of Genesaret, he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.”

Now having just read this story, you might think that the main miracle here is the wondrous catch of fish - for amazingly there was such a catch, that two boats began to sink from the number of fish hauled aboard! Certainly this miracle should hold our attention. Yet there is something more to observe here: there was a preparation and readiness to receive this miracle!

“The multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God...” Part of being prepared is to have an eagerness for what is being taught. Consider two piano students of equal talent. One is eager to learn and to practice what he's learned. The other would rather be anywhere than with his teacher or to practice. Which one, do you suppose, will learn to play the piano? How much more those who listen to Christ's words!

We show eagerness for Christ and for his words when we enter into the Scriptures, into worship, and into prayer. But above all those who are eager for Him hunger for His Kingdom. They yearn for that eternal life which Christ brings to them.

St. Peter however was skeptical. He heard the Lords words, “Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” He was skeptical, but he was also obedient: “... nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.” How beautiful is simple obedience to Christ! St. Peter obeyed reluctantly, but even better is to obey out of love, for when we obey out of love we find an overabundance of blessings. Peter “fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, ‘Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!’” Here is another “step” on the way to a wonderful miracle - a step called “humility.” All blessings come from God, and is not due to our plans or our cleverness.

The Apostles accomplished so much during their brief ministries because they were willing to eagerly, humbly, and lovingly follow Christ. This willingness ordered their lives rightly, and such willingness will order our lives rightly, too - even if we face seemingly impossible odds! It is on this willingness to follow the Lord that our faith ultimately stands or falls.

So was the great miracle about these fishermen catching many fish against impossible odds? Perhaps. But maybe the greater miracle is not that the fishermen caught fish, but that the fishermen were caught by God. Perhaps the greater miracle is that when they walked away with the Lord on that Sunday so long ago their hearts really were changed. Perhaps, if we are willing, we, too, may be caught by our Lord. Maybe we, too, can get up and follow Him - and in finding Him, we will find eternal life.

As we enter a new Ecclesiastical year, may we too, like Christ's first followers, His Apostles, be caught by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and may we serve Him with that same eagerness, that same humility, and that same love, that we too may find eternal life.

With my paternal love in Christ,

Father Wilson

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

Presiding Priest and Cathedral Dean

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I was wondering what to write about in this month’s letter, so I thought to myself why not mention the upcoming festival, this thing we call the GLENDI. Yes, you knew it was going to be the final pep talk on the largest ethnic celebration north of Boston, yes and it’s all ours, the GLENDI. I have said this all before but it is worthy of repeating, this is your event, all of us together. I cannot urge you enough to come on out, bring the family, call a couple neighbors bring the extended family back to their church. We need the biggest turnout ever and only you can make that possible.

Everyone should have a job by now, if you do not please call the office and we will find one for you, that you can handle, we have a few areas where we are a bit light in the help department. So please call and be part of your GLENDI, a few hours or most of the day, we have the big tent. St. George is the big tent all are welcome no matter the hour so consider this your invitation to attend, to work, to just come by and buy something. We will be open for business and our thousands of guests on the 14th and we need you to be part of things. You will be conspicuous by your absence. I look forward to seeing you, it belongs to you so take some ownership. Your entire community will be here to welcome you.

I cannot thank all our volunteers enough who have been attending the meetings, working on the ad book, the sponsorships, the cooking and the baking. It takes a lot of work to pull this off and we will do it again--together. As you look through our ad book try and plan to patronize some of those who are helping us, frankly helping to pay our bills, go there for your next meal out, the next new car, the next pizza, hair do, medical visit let’s thank them when you’re there for their support of your church. Look for the write ups in the Hippo and Union Leader, hear the commercials with our media partners on the radio, see the advertising we have tried this year, a few different things. All these efforts are to get out our neighbors to come to the Glendi, we already have you counted as being there and supporting your church so please heed the call.

May God bless this community of St. George one more time, may all our hard work be seen for what it truly is: love of our Orthodox faith, love of our beautiful cathedral, love of our St. George community. Despite some of its imperfections may we see it continue for another hundred years. I will be looking for you.

Frank C. Comerford, President

Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church Philoptochos Society Soteria

Invites you to a Book Signing & Presentation of

The Mental Intruder A Personal Story about Alzheimer’s

By Dr. Niki Karavasilis
Saturday, September 22, 2018
5:00pm – 7:30pm
111 Island Pond Road
Manchester, NH 03109



Suggested Donations at the Door
\$10.00

**Donations to benefit
The Alzheimer’s Foundation**

Refreshments will be served

Book Presentation will begin at 5:30pm,
followed by Questions & Answers

For further information, please contact
info@assumptionnh.org
assumptionnh@aol.com
or
603.623.2045

Many people have a tendency to ignore or exclude from their lives people who have dementia and Alzheimer’s. They only include people who are suitable to their own lifestyle. This, after all, is the social norm. However, have you ever thought what it is like to be taken over by Alzheimer’s?

When we pause and think about the above questions and try to find answers that cannot be found, we can begin to understand the distorted world of Alzheimer’s victims – their experiences, and their feelings in their isolated world. Only then, can we relate better to their environment. Only then, we can understand the difficulties that are facing them daily, as they strive to show others that they are still normal people.

By reading Dr. Niki Karavasilis’ book, The Mental Intruder, you will begin to understand the experiences of one person, Soula, her dearest friend, who taught her so much about her disease before she entered in her own world of Alzheimer’s. Dr. Karavasilis, too, was very ignorant of people with Alzheimer’s and ignored them.

Dr. Karavasilis wrote this book to learn about Alzheimer’s and to inform others about this fast-growing disease. She would also like to inform others that the stigma attached to this disease is unjust. We have stigmatized this disease as something bad and overpowering. It is a disease that is growing very fast in all the corners of the world. The clinical symptoms of Alzheimer’s are apparent, but the cure is a long way from being discovered. For now, the only thing that we can do is to wait and show compassion and love to the persons who have Alzheimer’s and give support to the caregiver.



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

With GLENDI fast approaching I just wanted to reach out to you and give you an update on this year's ad book. First, I want to give a big Thank You to all of you that contributed to the success of this year's ad book. Without your contributions we would never achieve the success we realize with the ad book. Your generosity insures another great start for GLENDI 2018.

I also want to thank out financial sponsors who step forward year after year and support our church with sponsorships from \$3,000.00 down to \$1,000.00. Please keep the following sponsors in mind for your own personal needs: Auto Fair, Manchester Harley Davidson, Dunkin Donuts, Anagnost Companies, Cross Insurance, Spectrum Marketing, Citizen's Bank, Bedford Ambulatory Center, Puritan Backroom, Apple Therapy, Phaneuf Funeral Home, Primary Bank, and East Side Plaza. Also, a special shoutout to all our media sponsors.

With all that said (I know you're all saying get to the punch line) this year the ad book has taken in \$56,525.00 compared to last year's total of \$48,600.00. This year's ad book ranks third in gross dollars raised for the ad book. Again, I can't thank you enough for coming through for our beloved church once again. I am forever grateful!

I also want to extend my deepest thanks to our Administrative Assistant Joyce Bourque. The ad book would never happen without her organizational skills as well as coordination of all the ads. Thank You Joyce!!!

George N. Copadis
GLENDI Ad Book Chair

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

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

Christopher Gregorios	\$1,000.00
Anthy Tartsa	\$500.00
Katherine Labanaris	\$40.00
Vasilios Tsourvakas	\$335.00

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

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

Mr. & Mrs. George A. Hasiotis
generously donated \$500.00
to the Metropolis of Boston Camp Fund for
St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral
children who want to go to camp next year.

COMMUNITY NEWS

New Members

Connie Papanicolau
Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Frechette
Welcome to the Family!

Funerals

Aspasia Demetry
Becky Kokkinos
Katherine Labanaris
Mihai C. Filitis
James & Georgette Psarakis
George Angelopoulos
Vasilios Tsourvakas
Christopher Gregorios
Susan Vergas
May their memories be eternal!

ANAGENNESIS LADIES SOCIETY DUES

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



GLENDI COOKING

Cooking/Baking Schedule for September

Sept. 10th at 9:00 am Spinach Pita- Angela Dion
Sept 11th at 9:00 am Spinach Pita- Angela Dion

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.

WE HAVE A TWITTER AND INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT

Here are the tags

Twitter - @SaintGeorgeNH

Instagram - saintgeorgegreekchurchnh

PRAYER FOR THE CONQUEST OF CANCER

Glory to You, O God and our hope, Glory to You. O Lord, in whose hands are the issues of life and death, we thank You that You are a God of Love. From the gift of our lives to the moment we return to You, we are in Your loving care. We turn to You in times of joy and pain. We are concerned with those in pain, those who suffer from cancer, and those who care for them. Bless, we pray, those who minister to the victims of this dread disease. Give them the skill and knowledge that cures may be wrought. Heal, we pray, those who suffer that their pain may be replaced by joy. Give, we pray, a discovery of the cure for cancer and the knowledge of how to prevent it. Increase, we pray, Your ministry of healing through all who labor and research and the health professions. That one day we may rejoice in a world free from the scourge of cancer in which all may live out their span of life in useful service to You. We pray this in Your Holy Name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

One day, a parishioner complained to his priest that the Church and Christianity is one continual “give, give, give.”

To which the priest replied, “Thank you very much for the finest definition of Christianity I have ever heard. You’re right, Christianity is all about a constant “give, give, give.”

God giving His only Son to the world to show His unconditional love. His Son Jesus giving His life on the cross to forgive our sins and destroy death. Then our Lord’s disciples giving all they had to make sure God’s Good News of love was preached to all people everywhere. They not only gave away their homes and businesses, but even gave up their lives as martyrs in gratitude to God!

STEWARDSHIP 2018

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Mark & Elaine Adam
Arthur Adamakos
William Aivalikles
Anastasia Ambargis
Alex Anagnost & Amy Cloutier
Diakaios & Demetria Anagnost
Stavros Anagnost
Alexander Apostol
Panagiota Arfanakis
Sally Argeriou
Dana & Ashley Arsenault
James & Lynne Arvanitis
William & Cheryl Athanas
Bradley & Katerina Atkinson
Christos & Alexandra Babis
Christine Ballas
Toula Barber
Jaime & Ashley Moufarge Bardwell
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STEWARDSHIP 2018

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Sunday School

Saint George Greek Orthodox Cathedral



Welcome to Sunday School

First day of Sunday School is September 9th!

Students will assemble in church and sit in the the front pews by class. Father Wilson will offer a blessing on the Sunday School. They will proceed to the classrooms after Communion. Students will be dismissed at 11:45.



Don't Forget
to complete the registration form!



Volunteer!
We can always use extra hands in the classrooms



Update your email address!
Please include your current email address on the registration form!

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KOLIVA MAKING

OCTOBER 14

2

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

NOVEMBER 18

3

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

DECEMBER 16

4

GODPARENT SUNDAY

JANUARY 27

SUNDAY SCHOOL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SEPTEMBER 9th @ 12 NOON

LOCATION: Community Center

**Sunday School classes
are dismissed at**

11:45 AM

KOLIVA MAKING

October 14th during class

The students will be making koliva. They will learn the meaning and history behind koliva. Parents are welcome to join us for this special workshop!



Godparent Sunday &
Gyro Luncheon Fundraiser

January 27, 2019

PHILANTHROPY

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM WILL BE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING:

- TOOTHPASTE & TOOTHBRUSHES
- SOAP, SHAMPOO & DEODORANT
- ALL ITEMS WILL BE DONATED TO THE SALVATION ARMY, MANCHESTER.





**ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL, MANCHESTER, NH
2018-2019 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 Christian missions and charities.

September 9	Opening Sunday-First day of Sunday School & Family Ice Cream Social	January 20	Regular Sunday
September 16	Family Sunday/NO class Glendi Weekend	January 27	Regular Sunday Godparent Sunday and Gyro Luncheon Fundraiser
September 23	Regular Sunday	February 3	Regular Sunday
September 30	Regular Sunday	February 10	Regular Sunday/Deliver Valentine's Day cards to nursing homes
October 7	Family Sunday/NO class Columbus Day Weekend	February 17	Regular Sunday
October 14	Regular Sunday/Koliva Workshop	February 24	Family Sunday/NO class Winter Break
October 21	Regular Sunday	March 3	Regular Sunday
October 28	Regular Sunday	March 10	Regular Sunday/Teaching Liturgy
November 4	Regular Sunday	March 17	Regular Sunday
November 11	Regular Sunday	March 24	Regular Sunday
November 18	Regular Sunday Pancake Breakfast	March 31	Regular Sunday
November 25	Family Sunday/NO class Thanksgiving	April 7	Regular Sunday
December 2	Regular Sunday	April 14	Regular Sunday
December 9	Regular Sunday Christmas Pageant Rehearsal	April 21	Family Sunday/NO class Spring Vacation
December 16	Regular Sunday Christmas Pageant and Party	April 28	Family Sunday/NO class Pascha
December 23	Regular Sunday	May 5	Regular Sunday
December 30	Family Sunday/NO class Christmas Holiday Break	May 12	Regular Sunday
January 6	Regular Sunday	May 19	Last day of Sunday School End of year program/ SS sponsored coffee hour
January 13	Regular Sunday	June 1	Canobie Lake Park Field Trip (Tentative Date)

OUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS CHRISTIAN STEWARDS

Saint Phocas the Gardener lived in the late 3rd Century, in the ancient region of Paphlagonia (now northern Turkey). Phocas lived humbly on the sale of fruits and vegetables he would grow in his garden. Through his work, Phocas fed the hungry and gave shelter to those in need. Because of his dedication to his work and his generosity to those in need, he became a Christian example to others. Even the nonbelievers treated him with respect, and by his Christ-like manner, many were drawn to the Christian Faith.

Saint Euphrosynos worked as cook in a monastery in Palestine, serving the brother monks humbly and faithfully. The others were not aware of the depth of his spiritual growth until it was revealed in a dream to a priest-monk of the monastery and then related to the brother monks. Euphrosynos is known to us by his humble work – Saint Euphrosynos the Cook.

In times of trouble or worry, especially over our career, we call upon God to strengthen us, to provide opportunity and to bring us success. When we achieve some measure of worldly success, it is easy to say to ourselves as we read in the Old Testament Book of Deuteronomy (8:17), “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” But the next verse quickly reminds us, “Remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth.”

As Christian Stewards we are called to give back to God from the “first fruits” of our labor. We support our parish and her ministries in an intentional way and not with only what it left after everything else has been taken care of.



September 14, 15 & 16th

FEAST OF THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

The Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross, one of the major feasts of our Church and a strict fasting day will be celebrated with a Vespers Divine Liturgy on Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The procession with cross on the tray of the basil will take place at the conclusion of the service.

TRISAGION ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

On Sunday, September 9, 2018 a Seventeen Year Trisagion Service will be held at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy for the Orthodox Christians who fell asleep in the Lord in the tragic events in New York City, Washington, DC, and in the fields of Pennsylvania on September 11, 2001. May we never forget that day and may their memory be eternal!

ADULT EDUCATION: ORTHODOX LIFE CLASS

Our Orthodox Life Class will be held on Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m., beginning on Thursday, October 4, 2018. This year our class will be an Introduction to the Orthodox Church and will use a text book and study guide prepared by Father Anthony Coniaris. This class provides vital information to the adult learner as you will learn everything about the Orthodox Church that you probably did not learn in Sunday School. This class is really about, “everything I want to know about the Orthodox Church but did not know what to ask”. This class will meet in the Annex Building located on Amherst Street behind the Church.

ADULT EDUCATION: BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Beginning on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 we will have two Bible Study Classes meeting on Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. and again at 7:00 p.m. The morning Bible Study Class will be studying the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Romans this coming year. The evening Bible Study Class will be studying the First Epistle of Saint Paul to the Corinthians. Both classes will be held in the Annex Building located on Amherst Street behind the Church.

ECCLESIASTICAL NEW YEAR: SEPTEMBER 1

For the maintenance of their armed forces, the Roman emperors decreed that their subjects in every district should be taxed every year. This same decree was reissued every fifteen years, since the Roman soldiers were obliged to serve for fifteen years. At the end of each fifteen-year period, an assessment was made of what economic changes had taken place, and a new tax was decreed, which was to be paid over the span of the fifteen years. This imperial decree, which was issued before the season of winter, was named Indictio, that is, Definiton, or Order. This name was adopted by the emperors in Constantinople also. At other times, the latter also used the term Epinemisis, that is, Distribution (Dianome).

It is commonly held that Saint Constantine the Great introduced the Indiction decrees in A.D. 312, after he beheld the sign of the Cross in heaven and vanquished Maxentius and was proclaimed Emperor in the West. Some, however (and this seems more likely), ascribe the institution of the Indiction to Augustus Caesar, three years before the birth of Christ. Those who hold this view offer as proof the papal bull issued in A.D. 781 which is dated thus: Anno IV, Indictionis LIII -that is, the fourth year of the fifty-third Indiction. From this, we can deduce the aforementioned year (3 B.C.) by multiplying the fifty-two complete Indictions by the number of years in each (15), and adding the three years of the fifty-third Indiction.

There are three types of Indictions: 1) That which was introduced in the West, and which is called Imperial, or Caesarean, or Constantinian, and which begins on the 24th of September; 2) The so-called Papal Indiction, which begins on the 1st of January; and 3) The Constantinopolitan, which was adopted by the Patriarchs of that city after the fall of the Eastern Empire in 1453. This Indiction is indicated in their own hand on the decrees they issue, without the numeration of the fifteen years. This Indiction begins on the 1st of September and is observed with special ceremony in the Church. Since the completion of each year takes place, as it were, with the harvest and gathering of the crops into storehouses, and we begin anew from henceforth the sowing of seed in the earth for the production of future crops, September is considered the beginning of the New Year. The Church also keeps festival this day, beseeching God for fair weather, seasonable rains, and an abundance

of the fruits of the earth. The Holy Scriptures (Lev. 23:24-5 and Num. 29:1-2) also testify that the people of Israel celebrated the feast of the Blowing of the Trumpets on this day, offering hymns of thanksgiving. In addition to all the aforesaid, on this feast we also commemorate our Savior's entry into the synagogue in Nazareth, where He was given the book of the Prophet Esaias to read, and He opened it and found the place where it is written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, for which cause He hath anointed Me..." (Luke 4:16-30).

It should be noted that to the present day, the Church has always celebrated the beginning of the New Year on September 1. This was the custom in Constantinople until its fall in 1453 and in Russia until the reign of Peter I. September 1 is still festively celebrated as the New Year at the Patriarchate of Constantinople; among the Jews also the New Year, although reckoned according to a moveable calendar, usually falls in September. The service of the Menaion for January 1 is for our Lord's Circumcision and for the memorial of Saint Basil the Great, without any mention of its being the beginning of a new year.

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THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS: SEPTEMBER 8

The first Great Feast to fall in the Church Year is the Nativity of the Most-Holy Theotokos. It is entirely fitting that at the beginning of the new religious year all Orthodox Christians should come before the highest example of human holiness that the Orthodox Church holds precious and venerates that of Mary, the Theotokos and Mother of God. This day is seen as one of universal joy; for on this day the boundary of the Old and New Covenants was born the Most-Blessed Virgin, pre-arranged from the ages by Divine Providence to serve the mystical Incarnation of God the Word.

The first Old Testament Reading of Vespers speaks of the dream of Jacob, one of the Old Testament Patriarchs, when he fled the wrath of his brother Esau. He saw a ladder extending from earth to heaven, with angels ascending and descending. When he awoke, Jacob blessed with oil the stone on which he had slept and called it Bethel, meaning house of God. The Most-Pure Mother of God is seen here as that ladder between heaven and earth, uniting earth with heaven in her womb. She who carried God in her womb is truly Bethel, none other than the house of God...and the gate of heaven.

The birth of the Most-Holy Theotokos took place in the following manner: Her father, the Righteous Joachim, was a descendant of King David, to whom God had promised that from the seed of his descendants would be born the Savior of the world. Her mother, the Righteous Anna, was the daughter of Matthan, and through her father was of the tribe of Aaron and through her mother was of the tribe of Judah. The spouses lived in Nazareth of Galilee.

Joachim and Anna had no children, and all their life they grieved about this, especially since they were now in old age. Scorn and mockery was their lot, for at that time childlessness was reckoned as a shame. But they never murmured and only the more fervently beseeched God, humbly trusting in His Will.

Once, during the time of a great Feast, the offering which Joachim took to Jerusalem to offer to God in the Temple, was not received by the priest, who reckoned that a childless man was not worthy to bring a sacrifice to God. This greatly grieved the old man and he, counting himself only a sinner among men, decided not to return home, but to flee to a place of solitude in a deserted place.

Anna, having heard how her husband had been humiliated by the priest, began to fast, and in prayer sadly beseeched God to grant her a child. In the wilderness, secluded and fasting, Joachim also prayed to God about this.

The prayers of the Holy Spouses were heard. The angel Gabriel came to them and announced that a daughter would be born to them, whom the whole human race would call blessed. At the command of the Heavenly Messenger, Joachim and Anna returned to Jerusalem where, according to the promise of God, a daughter was born to them, whom they named Mary.

This child, the Most-Holy Virgin Mary, pure and virtuous, surpassed not only all men, but even the angels, being manifested as the Living Temple, the Heavenly Gate, ushering in Christ to the Universe as the Salvation of our souls. The Nativity of the Mother of God pre-announced the approaching time when the great and comforting promise of God concerning the salvation of the human race from the slavery of the devil was to be accomplished. The Mother of the First-Born of all Creation was revealed to all of us as a merciful Intercessor to whom we perpetually run for help in all things.

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THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS: SEPTEMBER 14

An important Feast Day of the Orthodox Church is celebrated on September 14. This is the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross. This important feast day is the only one of the Twelve Great Feasts which does not celebrate an event in the life of Jesus Christ or of the Theotokos. The Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross celebrates four great events about the Holy Cross. The Holy Cross is praised by all Christians. Orthodox, Roman Catholic, and many other Christians make the sign of the cross. The cross is on Churches. Many people wear small crosses around their necks.

The stories of the events for this feast day are found in Church history. The first story of this feast happened to the Constantine in 312 AD. Constantine was preparing for battle with his enemy, Maxentius. It was a very important battle because whoever won this battle would become the ruler of the Roman Empire. The night before the battle, Constantine saw something in the sky. It was a Cross with these words, "By this sign conquer." At this time, Constantine was not a Christian, but he was emotionally moved by this sign. He ordered all of his soldiers to put a cross on their shields before they went into battle. Constantine and his soldiers won and Constantine became the ruler of the Roman Empire.

The second part of this event involves Saint Helen. She was the mother of Constantine and she was a Christian. St. Helen wanted to see for herself the lands where Jesus lived and died. Constantine, who respected his mother, sent her, along with her servants and soldiers to guard them, to Jerusalem. St. Helen made several trips to Jerusalem. On her trips, she had many churches built. But the greatest thing that happened on one of her trips was that she found the Holy Cross on which Christ was crucified. The Holy Cross was found under a mound at Golgatha. The Holy Cross remained with the Church of Jerusalem.

St. John Chrysostom in 395 AD wrote about St. Helen finding the Holy Cross. He tells how St. Helen found at Golgatha a mound. This mound had the herb sweet basil growing on it. When St. Helen had her servants dig up the mound they found three crosses. The cross in the middle had a sign on it with these words, "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." This was the sign placed over the head of Jesus when He was crucified. This told St. Helen that this

was the true cross of Jesus. St. Helen let the Holy Cross remain with the Church of Jerusalem.

The third event, which is remembered on September 14, is called the "Elevation of the Holy Cross." After Constantine had recognized Christianity, he ordered a church erected at the place of the Holy Sepulcher. This is another name for the place of the tomb of Jesus. The Church was named "The Resurrection" and was dedicated on September 14, 335 AD. However, something important happened that day. The Bishop of Jerusalem, Makarios, wanted the people to see the Holy Cross. So he brought the Holy Cross out of the church and raised it up high so everyone could see it. The faithful were so glad, but yet awed to see the Cross that they cried out "Lord, have mercy" – "Kyrie Eleison."

The fourth event takes place several centuries later in 629 AD. This event celebrates the return of the Holy Cross to Jerusalem. In 614 AD the Persians had invaded the Holy Lands and since they were not Christians they had no respect for the Holy Cross. In one hard-fought battle, they took the Holy Cross away from Jerusalem. The Persians knew how important the Holy Cross was for the Christians, who were very upset by this act and they kept on fighting the Persians. This war lasted for fifteen years. Finally, Emperor Heraclitos, in 629 AD recovered the Holy Cross from the Persians and he took it to Constantinople. In a great celebration and a magnificent ceremony at the Church of Hagia Sophia, the emperor lifted up the Holy Cross for all to see and to venerate. The second exaltation of the Holy Cross is also celebrated on September 14.

Now, the Church fathers knew that the Holy Cross was not safe. Foreign invaders were constantly coming into the Holy Land and the Holy Cross was forever in danger of being captured. So, when the Holy Cross was returned to the Christians, a decision was made to cut up the cross. They felt that pieces of the cross would be safe if these pieces were given to the great centers of Christianity. The Church fathers sent sections of the Holy Cross to Jerusalem, Constantinople, Rome, Alexandria, and Antioch. These four events, the vision of the cross seen by Constantine; the finding of the cross by St. Helen; the construction and the dedication of the Church of the Resurrection; and the return of the cross to Jerusalem, make up the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross.

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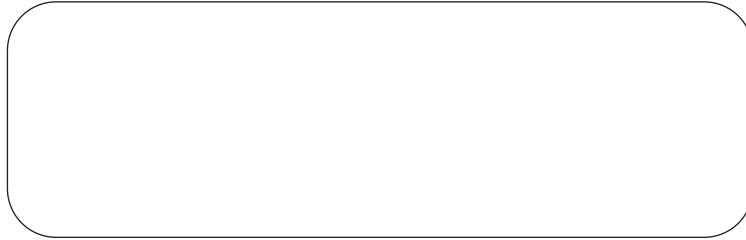
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September 2018

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						1.
2. Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit 10 a.m. 40-Day Mem. For Susan Vergas 40-Day Mem. For Vasilios Tsurvakas	3.	4.	5. Cub Scout Kick Off 6 p.m. at Annex.	6.	7.	8.
9. Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit 10 a.m. Sunday School begins today. 1-yr Mem. for Christos Kalatzidis. 10-yr Mem. for Bill Barber & Coffee	10 Making Spinach Pita 9 a.m. Board of Directors Mtg. 7 p.m. at Annex.	11. Making Spinach Pita 9 a.m.	12.	13. Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross Vesperal Divine Lit. 7 p.m.	14. Glendi Festival 11 a.m.-10 p.m.	15. Glendi Festival 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
16. Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit 10 a.m. Glendi Festival 11 a.m.-3 p.m.	17.	18.	19. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 p.m. in CC. DOP Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	20.	21.	22.
23. Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit. 10 a.m. Sun. Sch. 10 a.m. <hr/> 30. Orthos 9 am Div. Lit 10 am. Sun. Sch. 10 a.m.	24.	25.	26. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 p.m. in CC.	27.	28.	29. Queen City Rotary Road Rally noon-10 p.m. in CC.



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7. Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit 10 a.m. No Sunday School	1. Greek Pre-School 4:30-5:30 pm in CC. Adult Greek Class 6- 7:30 p.m. in CC.	2.	3. Bible Study 11 am & 7 pm. at Annex. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm	4. Orthodox Life Class 7 pm at Annex.	5.	6.
14. Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit 10 a.m. Sun. Sch. 10 am. Greek Dance 6-8 pm in CC.	8. Greek Pre-School 4:30-5:30 pm in CC. Adult Greek Class 6- 7:30 p.m. BOD Mtg. 7 pm at Annex.	9.	10. Bible Study 11 am & 7 pm at Annex. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm in CC. DOP Mtg. 6:30 p.m. in	11. Orthodox Life Class 7 pm at Annex.	12. Pumpkin Carving Family Night 6-9 pm in CC.	13. Taverna Night 7-11 pm in CC.
21. Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit 10 a.m. Sun. School 10 am. DOP Breakfast in CC after Divine Liturgy. Greek Dance 6 -8 pm in	15. Greek Pre-School 4:30-5:30 pm in CC. Adult Greek Class 6- 7:30 p.m.	16.	17. Bible Study 11 am & 7 pm at Annex. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm in CC.	18. Orthodox Life Class 7 pm at Annex.	19.	20.
28. Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit. 10 a.m. Sun. School 10 am.	22. Greek Pre-School 4:30-5:30 pm in CC. Adult Greek Class 6-7:30 pm in CC.	23.	24. Bible Study 11 am & 7 pm at Annex.	25. Orthodox Life Class 7 pm at Annex.	26.	27.
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