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N O V E M B E R 2 0 1 8

GO THEREFORE AND DO LIKEWISE

The Parable of the Good Samaritan, from the Gospel of Saint Luke 10:25-37 and read in the Church on Sunday, November 11, 2018 this year, begins with a theological question. "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" It ends with a description of a person giving first aid on the roadside. It begins with the greatest Christian commandment, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart . . ." and it ends with payment of room and board at a hotel.

Let us take a closer look at this parable which has been called by some the greatest parable Jesus ever told. The Gospel reading is as follows:

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

What Jesus is really saying, through this parable, Jesus was saying to the Jewish people of His day, if a despised Samaritan, whose very name is a curse word, whom you do not even consider a neighbor, and who has an inferior faith compared to yours, if he will not hesitate to go and rescue

a Jew who is in trouble, how much more ought you who are God's chosen people, you who have experienced the love of God, how much more should you be willing to translate your religion into works of love.

Yet Jesus spoke through this parable not only to the Jews of old, but also to us today. What does He say? The first point that Jesus wants us to understand is that most of us are not like the Good Samaritan, most of us are like the priest and the Levite. We may be too busy with ourselves to respond to the needs of others. We may find a thousand excuses not to get involved. We pass by on the other side. We want others to be the Good Samaritans to us, but not we to them.

The sin of the priest and the Levite was the sin of omission. They did nothing when they could have done something. By doing nothing they left the wounded man to die. Is it not of this sin that our Lord speaks when He says, "I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and you did not visit me." Is not the worst sin toward our fellow humans not to hate them, but to be indifferent toward them, to ignore them, to disregard them?

The second point that Jesus makes through this parable is that religion is to be practiced not only in the Church but also on the roadside, in the world that we live in. The priest and the Levite had confined religion to the duties they performed in the temple. Jesus reminds us that the supreme test of religion was right there on the roadside, right there in front of them, and they failed it.

The third point we learn from this parable is that the wounded are still with us today. The wounded among us are not just the physically wounded like this man who lay beaten by the roadside, but also those wounded by misery, by loneliness, by unemployment, by drug addiction, by hunger and homelessness, by contempt, by neglect. A person once made a study of a crowd of people waiting on the corner for the light to change. In this jostling crowd he found a young man heading off to a job interview, a newly widowed woman, a woman heading off to marriage counseling, a man with an incurable disease, a little girl with a toothache, a couple trying to borrow money, and a family on its way to pick out a casket. There you have your neighbor. He may not always be lying on the side of the road. He may be walking, driving, or even running, but he is

wounded nonetheless. He needs someone to be a neighbor to him.

Who is my neighbor? Often we like to answer this question for ourselves. And we sometimes set limits. "This one is my neighbor," we say. "That one is not." To the Jew the Samaritan was not a neighbor. But the answer Jesus gives precludes us from asking, "Who is my neighbor?" For everyone is my neighbor said Jesus. Anybody in need, anybody I come upon by chance.

"Who is my neighbor?" asked the lawyer. He wanted it to be difficult to decide exactly who the neighbor was. He wanted the word to remain obscure. Having told the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus asked him, "Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." There you have the true neighbor. Anyone. Anywhere. In need.

In this world we meet suffering, pain, hardship, addiction, and evil. Not that suffering, pain, hardship, addiction, and evil is God's will. Not that suffering, pain, hardship, addiction, and evil was created by God. He wants to get rid of these things just as much as we do. In fact the Good Samaritan in this Gospel lesson is God Himself. He came into the world to destroy suffering, pain, hardship, addiction, and evil, to cancel out sin which is the source of our suffering. Never did Jesus pass by on the other side of the road. He went wherever He knew there was suffering and need.

Why did God become man? Because He saw and had compassion and He came to His people. The helpless, beaten body on the side of the road was none other than Humanity itself, lost in sin and doomed to death. The act of the Good Samaritan is the act of God stooping in Christ to raise us once more from our pain and suffering. Jesus is still our Good Samaritan. When we are wounded, He heals us. When we have fallen, He lifts us up. When we are lost, He brings us home again. Like the Samaritan, He comes to us when all others have passed us by. As we know, God works through us in the world today. So when we see someone who may be suffering or in pain, do not cross to the other side of the road. Like the Samaritan, go therefore and do likewise.

With my paternal love in Christ,

Father Wilson

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



Dear St. George Community,
It is officially fall! I really love this time of year. The leaves are starting to turn different colors and fall to the ground. It's time to make giant leaf piles and jump right in! It's also time to jump right into Sunday School and "fall" for Jesus!

We are off to a tremendous start in Sunday School! I love seeing so many familiar faces in the classrooms and I love seeing so many new faces too! Welcome to all our new families! If you haven't joined us yet, please consider "jumping into" our program. It is not too late to join us in Sunday School!

I want to thank my mother, Andrea Moutsioulis, for leading the koliva workshop last month! The Sunday School students learned how to make the koliva and the meaning behind it.



The Sunday School students will be participating in a Halloween Candy Give Back Program for Operation Gratitude. The candy will be donated to Operation Gratitude to be included in care packages for Americans who serve. We will be collecting extra/leftover Halloween candy.

I want to take this opportunity to convey my heartfelt gratitude to all the families, teachers and staff who are joining me in Sunday School. I want to thank God for this year and the years to come!
"Be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good." Psalm 100:4-5

My family and I would like to wish everyone a Healthy and Happy Thanksgiving!

Athena Moutsioulis Bevan
Sunday School Save the Date!
November 18th Pancake Breakfast

UPCOMING FAMILY EVENTS

November Family Fun Night Fri, Nov. 2nd
Gingerbread House Family Fun Night Fri, Dec. 7th

All Family Fun Nights are from
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the Community Center.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The Glendi is over and that leads once again into the busy fall season of activities at your community. Please check the various announcements in this bulletin of events coming up and try to be a part of things. Your church is providing a plethora of things to do for all ages: from the Taverna Night to pumpkin carving, Sunday School Breakfast to Bible Study, basketball sign ups and family nights, Cub and Boy Scout Troops, Greek School for youth and adults. No one can say there is nothing to do up there so why bother, no one. Most importantly we have our faith, our faith in our salvation, our faith to come together, pray together as the Body of Christ at our blessed Divine Liturgy, hear our wonderful Choir. Let each of us sustain each other and strengthen our resolve to be the best loving people we can be. We are all family, the St. George family, let's participate with your family at your church.

We just finished our fall General Assembly and your community continues to face the same challenges we always seem to face, many demands on our limited available resources and a lack of interest from so many of our people. Yesterday at the General Assembly we had a small number who bothered to take an hour to listen to the various reports on the health of their church. We have a list of stewards in this monthly mailing, look at the names. Is yours there? What about your brother and sister, what about your adult children with families of their own, are their children in the Sunday school? Yes, a tough question that needs to be discussed openly not buried. We as a Board have this discussion every month for ways to make things better to change things up, to give everyone a reason to belong. There are no easy answers and with St. George everyone has an opinion. While everybody is certainly entitled to that opinion let's try to channel our thoughts in a forward-thinking positive way, the time of doing nothing has passed. If you're reading this I know you care somewhat or did at some point in your life, I have not given up on you, I'm simply asking you to help me, help your church of St. George. Let's get moving together as a family of committed Christian people.

Speaking of Stewardship, we will be sending two letters out to finalize the commitment of those who have made a pledge for 2018 and a second letter to give some others who have not made a pledge a final chance to do so in 2018, to help share in the support their church. I urge you if you get a letter please react in a positive way. When that is complete it will not be long before the pledge letter for 2019 will be sent to all of us once more, to again look in our hearts and then open our heart to our church. We have an average pledge of \$300 and we really need to move that number higher as Stewardship has moved into a more fa-

miliar method of support for everyone. We can accept it in many ways, whatever is easiest for you. Father Michael puts an envelope in the basket every Sunday, others make a monthly deduction from their checking account or charge it to a credit card, some do it quarterly or on a semiannual basis, some use that first letter as their reminder and send in a pledge for the year. Whatever works but we all need to do something if we are to continue to have the healthy community we all desire, what we all deserve. A community with things happening, things going on in a vibrant progressive community, join me.

Some important dates: elections to the Board of Directors will be on November 11th. Please come and exercise your right to vote.

I want to thank John Stavropoulos and his hard-working team for the wonderful Taverna Night just completed. Also, a big thank you goes out to Veneta Tatakis and her dedicated group of moms and dads who are doing such a great job on the family nights, my pumpkin is real scary thanks to you all. Thank you to Angela Dion for everything she does. We just honored George Kitsis. Let him be an example to us all.

Let me thank all of you for putting up with me and my attempts to get some movement here at St. George. We can never forget or thank enough of those who labored for so long before us but this is our time and our generation to lead and we must do everything in our power and with our God given talents to do just that. I see nothing but wonderful times ahead and hope you wish and pray for the same for St. George Cathedral.

May you and your family have a most blessed and Happy Thanksgiving, enjoy your traditions and always remember the church, your church that loves you and wants to be part of that family. May God bless you all and may He continue to bless St. George.

Frank C. Comerford-President

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Saint George's Boy Scouts are selling Christmas wreaths to raise funds for their many activities. The wreaths are beautiful, all-natural pine, fourteen inches in diameter, and double-sided. They will be delivered Thanksgiving weekend, in plenty of time for the holiday. The price for a plain wreath is only \$15. A decorated wreath is only \$20. To order a wreath, please see Tom Tsirimokos or one of our Boy Scouts. Share your Christmas Joy while supporting our Scouts.

DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2018
AT 2:00 A.M.**

At **2:00 a.m.** on **Sunday, November 4, 2018** millions of groggy Americans will turn their clocks back one hour, ending Daylight Saving Time.

A safety reminder: Many fire departments encourage people to change the batteries in their smoke detectors when they change their clocks because Daylight Saving Time provides a convenient reminder. "A working smoke detector more than doubles a person's chances of surviving a home fire," says William McNabb of the Troy Fire Department in Troy, Michigan. More than 90 percent of homes in the United States have smoke detectors, but one-third are estimated to have either dead or missing batteries.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT GENERAL ASSEMBLY OCTOBER 21, 2018

	2017	2018
TOTAL NUMBER OF PLEDGES	327	300
TOTAL AMOUNT PLEDGED	\$113,600	\$102,000
TOTAL COLLECTED	\$111,700	\$109,300
AVERAGE PLEDGE	\$347	\$365
HIGHEST PLEDGE	\$5,000	\$5,000

These figures are as of October 9 in both years cited.

We are blessed to have a community where active stewards are cognizant of the financial needs of our parish and are willing to contribute their time, talents and treasures to the fulfillment of the ministries of the parish.

Fourth quarter reminder letters went out last week to those stewards who had not yet pledged for 2018 and the response, which has been very good, is not reflected in this report.

Stewardship Packets for 2019 will be sent out in late November. A reminder to all who pay via credit card, debit card or automatic deduction from their checking accounts your forms need to be updated and signed annually even if the amount pledged does not change.

TAVERNA NIGHT 2018

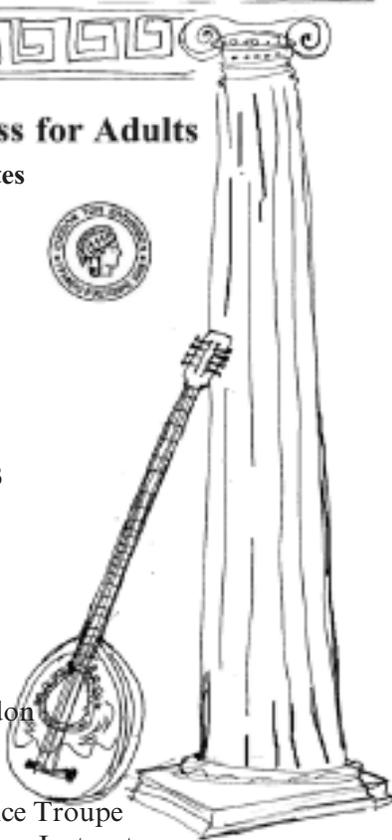
What a Great Night! So many attendees including the many young families. They laughed, danced, and ate the night away.

I would like to thank the following for their donations and help in making this dance memorable. They are: Poppy, Liz, Toula, Dan, Joyce, Eva, Angela, Bill and Claire, Steve, Jim L., Vangie and Tim, Maria and John, Bill H. and Debbie. Their time and donations were greatly appreciated. The attendees showed what a great time can be had by all our Community members.

My Deepest Appreciation to all.
Respectfully,
John Stavropoulos

WE HAVE A TWITTER AND INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT

Here are the tags
Twitter - @SaintGeorgeNH
Instagram - saintgeorgegreekchurchnh



Greek Dance Class for Adults
2018 -2019 Sunday Dates
6pm - 8pm

Nov. 4, 18
Dec. 2, 9
Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27

St. George Cathedral
650 Hanover St.
Manchester, NH 03103

All levels welcome
\$5 per session

Instructors
Irene Savas, Director
Boston Lykeion Ellinidon

Angela Bourassa
Performer of BLE Dance Troupe
Manchester Greek Dance Instructor

STEWARDSHIP 2018

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William Aivalikles
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Diakaios & Demetria Anagnost
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Maria Damalas
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Demetri Papanicolau
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Aphrodite Papazoglou
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Christopher Pappas
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George Petrikas
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Giorgio & Denise Ricciardi
Georgia Saitas
Christos & Jackie Samaras
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Joanna Samaras
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John & Maria Sinclair
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Kalliope Urban
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COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD

It is that time of year when we all start thinking about the upcoming holiday season. Along with the joyous celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ we enjoy wishing everyone a very blessed and happy season.

Please fill out the attached form, along with your donation, and return it to the church office no later than

NOVEMBER 28, 2018.

Please note the deadline as NO NAMES WILL BE TAKEN AFTER THIS DATE IN ORDER TO INSURE DELIVERY.

This year's donation will be fifteen dollars (\$15.00) however, any greater amount you wish to contribute will be most welcomed.

Please make checks payable to

St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral.

Do not hesitate to share this wonderful opportunity with as many relatives and friends as possible.

This year profits from the Christmas Card will be used to fund Youth Ministry Programs.

Thank you in advance for another successful Community endeavor. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

(NAME AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR ON THE CARD)

Name: _____

Street _____

City _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____

Amount donated \$ _____

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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

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

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CALLED TO BE SAINTS . . .

CATHERINE THE GREAT MARTYR OF ALEXANDRIA NOVEMBER 25



Saint Catherine, who was from Alexandria, was the daughter of Constatas. She was an exceedingly beautiful maiden, most chaste, and illustrious in wealth, lineage, and learning. By her steadfast understanding, she utterly vanquished the passionate and unbridled soul of Maximinus, the tyrant of Alexandria; and by her eloquence, she stopped the mouths of the so-called philosophers who had been gathered to dispute with her. She was crowned with the crown of martyrdom in the year 305. Her holy relics were taken by Angels to the holy mountain of Sinai, where they were discovered many years later; the famous monastery of Saint Catherine was originally dedicated to the Holy Transfiguration of the Lord and the Burning Bush, but later was dedicated to Saint Catherine. According to the ancient usage, Saints Catherine and Mercurius were celebrated on the 24th of this month, whereas the holy Hieromartyrs Clement of Rome and Peter of Alexandria were celebrated on the 25th. The dates of the feasts of these Saints were interchanged at the request of the Church and Monastery of Mount Sinai, so that the festival of Saint Catherine, their patron, might be celebrated more festively together with the Apodosis of the Feast of the Entry of the Theotokos. The Slavic Churches, however, commemorate these Saints on their original dates.

MR. GEORGE KITSIS HONORED

On Sunday, October 14, 2018 the Saint George Cathedral Community honored Mr. George Kitsis for his fifty plus years of dedicated service to the community, his work teaching and directing the Greek School program, his service in the music ministry of the Church, singing in the choir and chanting from the chant stand, his service as a member of the Board of Directors, and his teaching of the adult Greek Language Class, which he still continues to do. Congratulations to George Kitsis for a job well done.

*Congratulations to George Kitsis
for his many years of service to the
St. George Community*



Pictured: Frank Comerford, President of Board of Directors, George Kitsis and Father Michael Wilson.

FAMILY OUTREACH SUNDAY: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2018

The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and the Archdiocesan Department of Stewardship, Outreach, and Evangelism are pleased to announce the **14th Annual Family Outreach Sunday**. The program encourages active parishioners to invite inactive family members and Orthodox Christian friends and relatives that have fallen away from active involvement in the Church. Jesus Christ calls each one of us to engage in active outreach to these relatives and friends. His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America refers to this calling as ***“a particular integral aspect of our Orthodox Christian identity that is worth our cultivating, cherishing, and sharing.”***

Some have asked, why is it so important to bring a guest to Church on Family Outreach Sunday. The answer is simple. It is a vital part of our Church’s mission of salvation. Saint John Chrysostom stressed the importance of Church attendance in the late fourth century when he said: ***“Nothing contributes to a virtuous and moral way of life as does the time you spend here in church. Nothing can set your lives straight and make them exactly right so much as can your constant attendance at church and your eager attention in listening to what is said here. What food is to the body, the teaching of God’s word is to the soul. I beg and entreat you, let us not take such poor care of ourselves; let us prefer the time we spend here in church to any occupation and concern. Even if our earthly blessing be many in number and flow to us from every side, they do not go with us to the life hereafter.”***

Each of us knows a family member or a friend who has fallen away from active participation in the life of the Church. We encourage all active members to reach out to inactive family members and Orthodox friends to join us for a special Divine Liturgy followed by fellowship in our Community Center. Please join us for Family Outreach Sunday on Sunday, November 18, 2018.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

Will be Sunday, November 11th from
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
in the Community Center.

THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE: NOVEMBER 21

The Entry into the Temple of the Theotokos, according to Holy Tradition, this took place in the following manner: the parents of the Virgin Mary, Righteous Joachim and Anna, praying for an end to their childlessness, vowed that if a child were born to them, they would dedicate it to the service of God.

When the Most Holy Virgin reached the age of three, the holy parents decided to fulfill their vow. They gathered together their relatives and acquaintances, and dressed the All-Pure Mary in Her finest clothes. With the singing of sacred songs and with lighted candles in their hands, virgins escorted Her to the Temple. There the High Priest and several priests met the handmaiden of God. In the Temple, fifteen high steps led to the sanctuary, which only the priests and High Priest could enter. The child Mary, so it seemed, could not make it up this stairway. But just as they placed Her on the first step, strengthened by the power of God, She quickly went up the remaining steps and ascended to the highest one. Then the High Priest, through inspiration from above, led the Most Holy Virgin into the Holy of Holies, where only the High Priest entered once a year to offer a purifying sacrifice of blood.

Therefore, all those present in the Temple were astonished at this most unusual occurrence. Righteous Joachim and Anna, having entrusted their Child to the will of the Heavenly Father, returned home. The Most Blessed Mary remained in the quarters for virgins, near the Temple. Round about the Temple, through the testimony of Holy Scripture, and also the historian Josephus Flavius, there were many living quarters, in which dwelt those dedicated to the service of God. The earthly life of the Most Holy Virgin Mother from the time of Her infancy to the time of Her ascent to Heaven is shrouded in deep mystery. Her life at the Jerusalem Temple was also a secret. "If anyone were to ask me," said Blessed Jerome, "how the Most Holy Virgin spent the time of Her youth, I would answer, that is known to God Himself and the Archangel Gabriel, Her constant guardian."

But there are accounts in Church Tradition, that during the All-Pure Virgin's stay at the Temple, She grew up in a community of pious virgins, diligently read the Holy Scripture, occupied Herself with handicrafts, prayed constantly, and grew in love for God. In remembrance of the Entry of the Most Holy Virgin Mother into the Jerusalem Temple, Holy Church from ancient times established a solemn Feast day. The Feast of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple foretells the blessing of God for the human race, the preaching of salvation, the promise of the coming of Christ.

COMMUNITY NEWS

New Members

Mrs. Lorraine Hartofelis
Mr. Benjamin Hostetler
Mr. Christos Tsiamis.
Welcome to the Family!

Funerals

Andrea Tsiatsios
Koula "Kay" Fasekis
May their memories be eternal!

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

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

Sophie Konides	\$2,065.00
Nicholas Statires	\$100.00
Anthy Gregorios Tartsa	\$500.00
Christopher Gregorios	\$200.00

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

Mrs. Antigone Evangelou
generously donated \$150.00 to the
St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral
Beautification Fund in remembrance of
James and Georgia Chekos.

Thank you to Nicholas & SeSun Hartofelis
for your generous donation of \$100.00 from the
Senior Choir. God Bless You!

Scratch Ticket Raffle

Just in time for the holidays!
Prize: \$100 worth of scratch tickets

Take your chance on winning big with
30 scratch tickets!
(Values between \$1-\$10.)

Tickets will be sold at coffee hours on:

November 4
November 11
November 18

The winning ticket will be drawn on November 18th.
You do not need to be present to win.

1 ticket-\$1
6 tickets-\$5
15 tickets-\$10
40 tickets-\$20

You must show your ticket to claim the prize.
Proceeds go to Anagenesis.

2nd ANNUAL ΠΙΤΑ ΦΕΣΤ

WHO MAKES THE BEST PITA AROUND?

Do you think you know?

Is it YOU?

Let's find out at our

2nd Annual Pita Fest

Saturday, November 10, 2018

7:00 pm -12:00 am

ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

111 Island Pond Road • Manchester, NH

Sign-up and enter your pita into a
friendly bake-off to earn bragging rights
and a nice little prize or just come to taste
and see which are your favorite pitas

Tickets: \$10 adults

(includes pita samples, desserts & coffee)

Bring your dancing shoes along as there will be
music & dancing for all!

Mezethakia platters & assorted beverages will
be available...donations gratefully accepted.

Hope you get your "pita moves" on and join us!

To enter please contact

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STEWARDSHIP: STEWARDS OF THE FAITH

Having faith can be difficult. Keeping faith in the face of doubt is the ongoing struggle of every Christian since the earliest days of Christianity. We dedicate the first Sunday after Easter to Thomas the Apostle, forever remembered as “Doubting Thomas” because he doubted the first reports of the Resurrected Christ.

In the Gospel of Mark (9:22 NKJV), we read that when the disciples can’t help him, a father brings his epileptic son to Jesus in desperation, saying, “...if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” Jesus replies to the father’s lack of faith, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.” The father’s response is a prayer we can pray every day: “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!”

Faith is our trust in God. Faith is our trust that He watches over us and has a plan for us: “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope” (Jeremiah 29:11 NKJV). Living with the uncertainty of daily life requires faith. Uncertainty also invites doubt. But doubt does not indicate a lack of faith. As theologian and philosopher Paul Tillich has written, “Doubt is not the opposite of faith; it is one element of faith.” Doubt is a part of our journey of faith. We need to face our doubt honestly and directly.

Faith is often accompanied by struggle with doubt. Doubt instills humility. Doubt motivates us to learn and to grow. In spite of his doubt, the Apostle Thomas remained open to the truth of the Resurrection. When he saw the Risen Christ, he immediately believed and became a great apostle of the faith. His doubt led him to a greater faith.

Stewardship of our faith in Jesus Christ calls us to do those things that protect and strengthen the faith that lies within us. Taking time to learn about our Orthodox Christian Faith, praying to God for understanding and guidance, and worshiping with others as the Body of Christ – all these things protect and strengthen our faith. As stewards of the faith, Saint Peter instructs us to “...always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you....” (1 Peter 3:15 NKJV).

Faith is not a big rule book of “dos and don’ts.” It is about loving and seeing Jesus Christ in others. Stewardship of our faith in Jesus Christ calls us to do those things that reflect our faith to others, living our faith through our actions. Jesus tells us, “By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35 NKJV). There is no better way to share the faith that lies within us than to see Jesus Christ in others and to love and care for them.

Through faith, God’s will is accomplished in the world. Our great example is Mary, the Theotokos, the Mother of our Lord. When the Archangel Gabriel came to her at the An-

nunciation, tradition and hymnology hold that all creation awaited her response. In faith and obedience to the will of God, Mary replied to the angel, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be according to your word” (Luke 1:38 NKJV). Mary responds with faith and fulfills God’s will for all the world.

Research has shown that as Christians we seek three things from our church: Transcendence, Significance and Fellowship (*Lost in America*, Clegg & Bird 2001). Transcendence is to know God and to experience His presence. This we do through prayerful participation in the Liturgy and the sacraments. Significance is the desire to have a purpose – to do something meaningful – most often in service to our fellow man. Fellowship is connecting with others through meaningful relationships. The Church offers opportunities for Transcendence, Significance and Fellowship, and in their pursuit, we also serve and support the Church and fully become members of the Body of Christ. To be stewards of the faith we are also called to be stewards of our local church which nurtures our faith and the faith of others. Stewardship is an act of faith.

When we believe, stewardship follows.

Stewardship is faith in action; action motivated by humble gratitude to God for his blessings in our life. As Saint John tells us about all that is written in his Gospel, “...these things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name” (John 20:31 NKJV).

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 **Tuesday, December 18, 2018.** Gift requests are listed by age and gender on the individual tags.

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 **Tuesday, December 18, 2018.** Examples of appropriate gifts are listed on the individual tags.

Saint George Sunday School

Pancake Breakfast



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2018

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

ANNUAL
HARVEST



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

DURING COFFEE HOUR

TO BENEFIT THE

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

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OF TIME &
AT THE DOOR

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR
SUNDAY SCHOOL
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October 14, 2018



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Did you know that Family members have the greatest influence in persuading an unchurched person to come to church?

(Source: Surprising Insights from the Unchurched by Thomas S. Ranier)

Who will you bring to church on

Family Outreach Sunday

A Day of Outreach & Fellowship for Orthodox Christians, Families and Friends

On Sunday, November 18, 2018 our parish will host Family Outreach Sunday

“Each of us has an apostolic mission to arouse the fervor of the Spirit in our brothers and sisters.”

~ Saint John Chrysostom 396 AD ~



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December 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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2. Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am. Sunday Sch. 10 am. Greek Dance Class 6-8 pm in CC.	3. Pre-Sch. 4:30-5:30 pm in CC. Adult Greek Sch. 6-7:30 pm in CC. 3rd/4th Coed BB 6-7 pm in CC. HS BB 7-8:30 pm in CC.	4. 5th/6th Boys BB 6-7:30 pm in CC. 7th/8th Boys BB 7:30-9 pm in CC.	5. Bible Study 11 am at Annex. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm CC. Vespers at St. Nicholas 7 pm. Boy Scouts 7 pm in CC.	6. Div. Lit. at St. Nicholas 10 am. Orthodox Life Class 7 pm at Annex. 5th/6th Boys BB 6 pm-7:30 pm in CC	7. Gingerbread House Family Night 6-9 pm in CC. No Basketball	8. ARC Christmas Party 4-10 pm in CC.
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23. Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am.	24. Holiday (Office Closed) Vespers Divine Liturgy Christmas Eve 7 pm.	25. Merry Christmas (Office Closed) Divine Liturgy 10 am.	26. No Bible Study Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm in CC. Boy Scouts 7 pm in CC.	27. No Orthodox Life Class. HS BB 7:30-9 pm in CC.	28.	29.
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