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2021 AUGUST NEWSLETTER



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10:00 A.M. - 2:45 P.M.

QUESTIONS? CALL OR VISIT US

(FOR OFFICE VISITS PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE)

AUGUST SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

August 1: 6th Sunday of Matthew (CHANGE OF TIME)

- † 8:30 a.m. – Orthros
- † 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
- † **10:45 a.m. – Paraklesis to the Theotokos**

August 4: Paraklesis to the Theotokos

- † 6:30 p.m. – Paraklesis Service to the Theotokos

August 6: Holy Transfiguration

- † 9:00 a.m. – Orthros
- † 10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

August 8: 7th Sunday of Matthew (CHANGE OF TIME)

- † 8:30 a.m. – Orthros
- † 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
- † **10:45 a.m. – Paraklesis to the Theotokos**

August 11: Paraklesis to the Theotokos

- † 6:30 p.m. – Paraklesis Service to the Theotokos

August 15: Dormition of the Theotokos

- † 9:00 a.m. – Orthros
- † 10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
- † **Panigiri Luncheon**

August 22: 9th Sunday of Matthew

- † 9:00 a.m. – Orthros
- † 10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

August 29: Beheading of John the Baptist

- † 9:00 a.m. – Orthros
- † 10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS PANIGIRI LUNCHEON CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15TH, 2021



COME CELEBRATE WITH US THE FEAST DAY OF THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD. IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE DIVINE LITURGY, THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL HOST A TRADITIONAL FEAST FOR THE FAITHFUL. THE MENU WILL CONSIST OF LAMB FROM THE SPIT, ROASTED LEMON POTATOES, AND SALAD WITH A CHOICE OF WINE, WATER OR SODA. SUGGESTED DONATION IS \$20.00/PLATE. ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE CHURCH. PLEASE MAKE ALL EFFORTS TO COME AND OFFER PRAYER TO THE PANAGIA AND TO GATHER WITH YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST.

HIS GRACE'S VISIT TO OUR PARISH



**** MANY BLESSED YEARS ****

**GEORGE GIKAS RECEIVES THE BLESSING OF HIS GRACE
BECOMING AN OFFICIAL AKOLYTE OF OUR CHURCH**

AXIOS!!!!






Saints Mary Magdalene and Markella Greek
Orthodox Church

Sunday school is back!

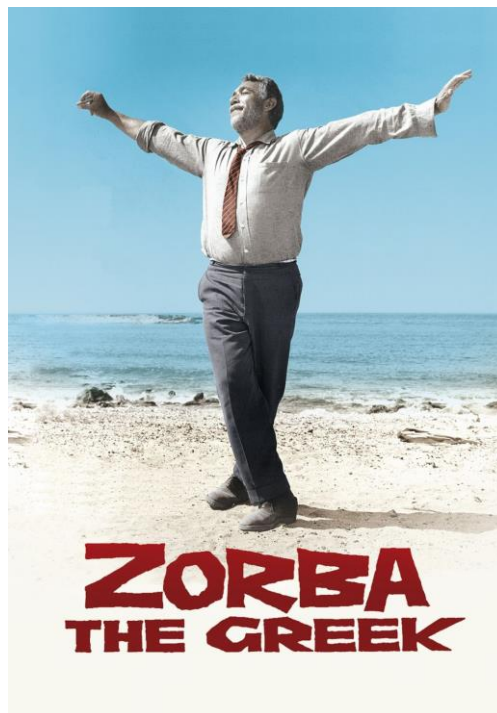
Join us Sunday September 12th for
registration and our first class session
immediately following Holy
Communion. If you have any questions
please contact Presbytera Efstathia or
Nicole Nikitaras



STS. MARY MAGDALENE & MARKELLA GREEK FOLK DANCE LESSONS

*TAKE A TRIP TO THE BEACH
AND
DANCE LIKE ZORBA THE GREEK*

****YOU ARE ONLY A FEW CLASSES AWAY FROM BEING THE ONE IN THIS
PICTURE****



WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT “TA KAMARIA” DANCE GROUP WILL BE STARTING UP AGAIN!!! THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR YOUTH AND ADULTS OF OUR COMMUNITY TO LEARN VARIOUS GREEK FOLK DANCES FROM ALL OVER GREECE.

WE ARE THINKING OF CONDUCTING PRACTICES FOR THE YOUTH ON SUNDAYS FOLLOWING COFFEE HOUR AND FOR ADULTS INTERESTED IN THE EARLY EVENING AT THE CHURCH FUNCTION HALL.

PLEASE EMAIL FATHER IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, AND WHICH DAY OF THE WEEK YOU CAN MAKE IT. WE CAN CHOOSE WHICH EVENING IS BEST WHEN WE GET CLOSER TO THE REGISTRATION DATE ON SEPTEMBER 12TH.

****SO GET YOUR DANCE SHOES READY****

WHEN TO SIT OR STAND DURING THE DIVINE LITURGY

(Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral - Norfolk, Virginia)

People have been asking me the important question of what is the proper etiquette when sitting or standing in Church during the Divine Liturgy. To best explain, I have referenced the guidelines provided by one of our sister parishes, the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Norfolk, Virginia. Their guidelines, which I also agree with, state:

The traditional posture for prayer and worship in the Orthodox Church has been to stand. In the Orthodox “old countries,” there are usually no pews in the churches. Chairs or benches on the side walls are usually reserved for the elderly and infirm. In North America, we have tended to build our churches with pews, and since we have them, we need to figure out when we may sit and when we should stand. It is fully acceptable (even preferable) to stand for the entire service. If you prefer this, it would be better to find a place closer to the back or side of the church so as not to stand out or block someone’s view.

When should you definitely stand? Always during the Gospel reading, the Small and Great Entrances, the Anaphora, the distribution of Holy Communion, whenever the priest gives a blessing, and the Dismissal. In many parishes, the Divine Liturgy books in the pew have suggested times when sitting is acceptable. Follow those instructions (it’s probably safer than to follow what the people are doing in the first couple of rows). It is never wrong to stand in church.

(Note: Many parishes also follow the practice of kneeling on Sundays during the Cherubic Hymn, consecration, and the “Our Father.” Strictly speaking, this is not correct, because every Sunday is a “little Pascha” in which the Resurrection is remembered — hence, no kneeling. The “kneeling prayers” said five weeks after Pascha, are said after the Sunday Liturgy, “reinstating” kneeling for Vespers, Matins, and weekday Liturgies only. If the tradition of the parish you are visiting is to kneel, and everyone kneels, it’s better to do so than to stick out like a sore thumb. If there is a mixture of standing and kneeling, then stand.)



WE WANT TO LET THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY KNOW THAT WE ARE ALSO ACCEPTING ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS FOR YOUR NEXT DONATION TO THE CHURCH. HERE IS A LIST OF DEPARTMENTS THAT YOU CAN DONATE TO:

**BUILDING FUND
CHURCH SUPPLIES
GENERAL DONATION
LADIES OF PHILOPTOCHOS
STEWARDSHIP
YOUTH GROUP**

JUST VISIT THE WEBSITE AND PRESS "DONATIONS." IT IS FAST, CONVENIENT, AND GREAT FOR RECORD KEEPING.

*FOR GREEK SCHOOL, PLEASE SPECIFY BY WRITING THAT IN THE NOTES; OTHERWISE, YOUR DONATION WILL BE ADDED TO THE GENERAL YOUTH FUND.