



# AUGUST NEWSLETTER

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**Dear Community Members,**

As we wrap up another successful festival and enter August—traditionally a quieter month for our community—I find it is the perfect time to reflect on another tremendous year together. From our many programs, fundraising campaigns, and community events, I am extremely proud of all that we have accomplished over the past few years.

Our community continues to grow in both prosperity and success, guided by the unwavering spiritual leadership of Fr. Christian Vela and supported by the tireless dedication of our Philoptochos and Community Council.

However, no amount of planning or meetings could make this possible without the invaluable support of our volunteers. Your time, energy, and commitment are the heart of our community's success.

Our focus will remain on delivering our existing programs while developing new ones. A key part of our strategy is to engage our youth from the youngest possible age, fostering lifelong involvement and connection.

Looking ahead to the new community year, we are excited to introduce new programs for all ages—from our youth to our young-at-heart seniors. Our aim is to build meaningful connections grounded in faith, fellowship, and shared success.

On behalf of the Council, I sincerely thank all of our volunteers for their dedication, and our parishioners for entrusting us with this important responsibility.

I wish everyone a safe and healthy remainder of the summer and look forward to all that we will achieve together in the year ahead.

In Christ,  
President John Psihos

**Church Updates**

As we close out our Window Replacement Campaign, we now look ahead to the next phase of caring for our church building. All of this has been made possible by the generous support of our community, and we look forward to continuing the work of improving and beautifying our church.



## WINDOW CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We're happy to report that our window replacement is 90% complete and should be fully finished by mid-August. A heartfelt thank you to all who contributed—\$172,000 was raised in support of this effort!



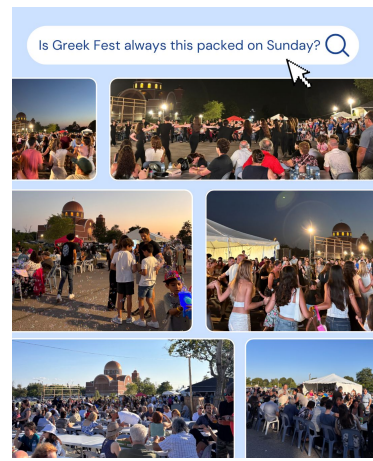
## LOOKING AHEAD

Next, we turn our attention to two important projects: upgrading our aging electrical system, which is expected to cost approximately \$40,000, and replacing the front doors of the church, which is expected to cost approximately \$35,000. If you feel called to support these upcoming efforts, your donations are warmly appreciated.

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## Festival Recap

Another year, another incredible festival in the books! We would like to extend a special thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers as this event wouldn't be possible without you. We were honoured to welcome VIP guests including Mayor Frank Scarpitti and His Eminence Archbishop Sotirios, and to enjoy outstanding performances by our Greek dance groups that filled the weekend with joy and pride. The Neolea Youth Night was a huge success, bringing our young people together for an evening of fun. Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate with us, we can't wait to see you again next year!



## Youth Programs Registration

We're excited to welcome our youth back for another year of learning, faith, and fun! Registration is now open for Greek Dance, Greek School, Sunday School, and Youth Group at Sts. Panteleimon, Anna & Paraskevi Greek Orthodox Church. These enriching youth programs help our children grow in culture, language, and Orthodox faith.

Click the button below to register today!



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## Charitable Updates: Blessing Bags

Earlier this month, a lovely and dedicated group of volunteers gathered to make “blessing bags” for our brothers and sisters in need. They assembled 100 bags, each with a sandwich, apple, some snacks, water and juice. After a prayerful Paraklesis service, they drove downtown and distributed them by hand. The recipients of these bags were extremely grateful - one of them commenting with thanksgiving that there are still people who remember them. Due to the overwhelming success of this event, we will be doing it again on August 20th. To get on the volunteer list, or to make a donation, please contact the Church office.



## Supporting our Parish

Your generosity keeps our church strong. Every donation and act of service helps us grow, care for our space, and continue our mission together. Thank you for being part of the life of our parish. Your support makes all we do possible.

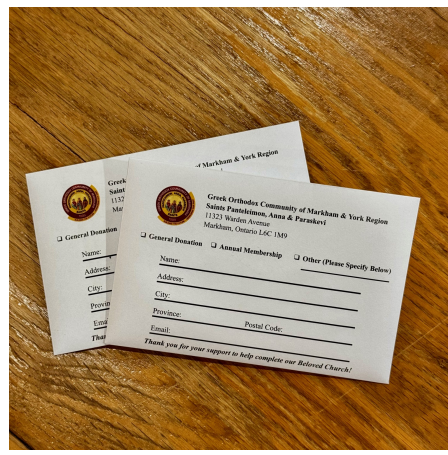
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## Annual Memberships

Your membership helps sustain our programs, building upkeep, and community outreach. If you're not yet a member, we encourage you to join us officially!



## Donation Envelopes

Now located in each pew, these envelopes make it easier to contribute during services and allow for cumulative tax receipts.

[Annual Memberships](#)

## SKIP THE DISKO

### Set Up Monthly Giving Today!

We invite you to "Skip the Disko" — and help support our beloved church in a more consistent and convenient way.

Monthly donations allow you to support our parish without having to search for change on a Sunday morning and the added benefit of an immediate tax receipt. It's simple, secure, and it makes a lasting impact!

Talk to a parish council member or click below to set up your monthly gift today.

[Skip the Disko](#)

## Fanouropita Recipe – 2008 Philoptochos Cookbook

- ❖ 4 cups flour
- ❖ 2 cups sugar
- ❖ 1 cup oil
- ❖ 2 cups orange juice
- ❖ 3 tsp baking powder
- ❖ 1 tsp baking soda
- ❖ 1 cup walnuts

- ❖ ½ tsp cinnamon
- ❖ Grated zest from 1 orange

*Mix all dry ingredients together. In another bowl, mix wet ingredients and then add to the dry ones. Add mixture to a greased pan and bake at 350°F for 45 mins to 1 hour.*

This cake is baked in commemoration of St. Fanourios whose feast day is on August 27th. There is a tradition that the faithful bake a special cake as an offering to pray for the help of St. Fanourios in finding something that they have lost, as he is also known as the Patron Saint of lost articles. "Fanourios" comes from the Greek word, "φανερώνω", meaning "I reveal".

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