



JULY NEWSLETTER



***Panteleimon**, saintly champion and healer, intercede with our merciful God to grant our souls remission of sins.*

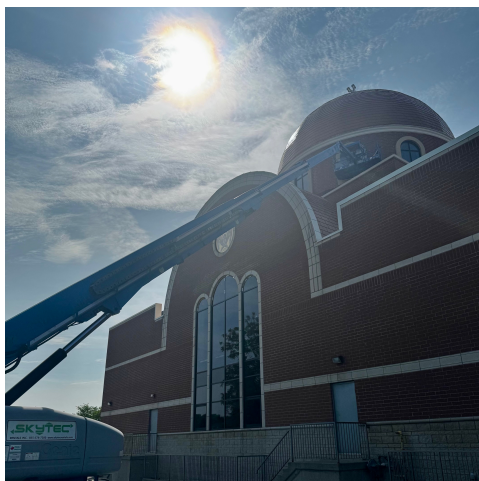
[View our Program of Services](#)

Church Updates

Over the past year, we've made great strides in caring for our church building that we would like to share with you all. These updates are all thanks to the generous support of our community, and we will continue to make improvements and beautify our church moving forwards.

WINDOW CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Our window restoration campaign, which began in the fall, is nearly



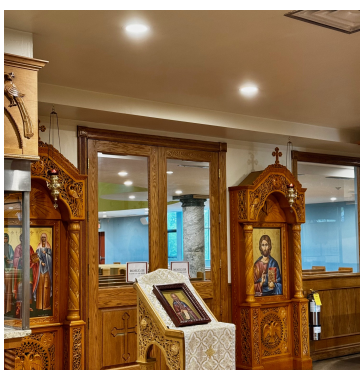
complete! The dome windows are currently being installed, and the finishing touches on the remaining windows are underway. Interior painting will take place over the summer months.

[Donate to our Window Campaign Here](#)



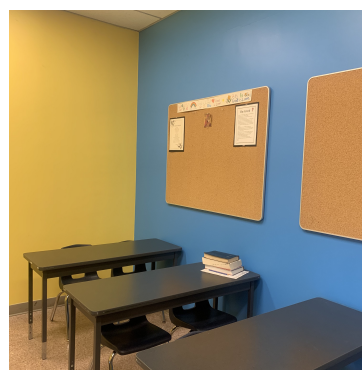
Cleaning & Repairs

Air ducts were professionally cleaned & repairs were made to areas of the roof affected by water damage



Lighting Upgrades

All lighting was upgraded to energy-efficient LED bulbs, supported by a government rebate program



Classroom Refresh

Classrooms were refreshed and improved (see Greek School updates for details!)

Program Updates



St. Panteleimon Greek School End of Year Celebration and Graduation



GREEK SCHOOL

Thank you to all our St. Panteleimon Greek School families for another great year culminating with our End of Year Celebration, Graduation of our 2025 Grade 8 class from our program, and Family BBQ on our last day of school, Saturday, June 14, 2025!

What a fantastic year we had with our Annual Open House and Student Fun Day, Christmas Giving Fair, Christmas, Three Hierarchs, March 25th and Year-End celebrations, and our third Greek School Family Road Trip, this year to Boston! Our students sang, danced, and played outdoors. They learned in class and formed lasting friendships.

This year due to the success of our community's GOCM Lions Hockey game fundraisers we have also been able to make significant improvements to our learning spaces including new ceiling tiles, new lighting, improved sound system, storage cabinets and painting of our upstairs classrooms, and new desks and chairs for our two kindergarten classrooms.

We are pleased to be able to continue offering our program to your children, and building upon our offering in the years to come. Registrations for the upcoming 2025-2026 St. Panteleimon Greek School Academic Year are now open to all families. We continue to welcome existing and new families to our program and look forward to a return to our classrooms on Saturday, September 6, 2025.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday Church School celebrated the end of a successful year on Sunday, June 8th with the distribution of Achievement Certificates to the students by Father Christian and our Family BBQ. Congratulations to all the students and especially to our two Grade 12 graduates!

This past year the students learned about our Orthodox faith, with a focus on the Books of the Old Testament. Highlights of the year include Youth Sunday, the Nativity Pageant, March 25th Doxology, the Family Lenten Retreat, 360Kids Giving and honouring Mother's Day.

We look forward to welcoming returning and new students in September as we live, learn and celebrate our Orthodox faith together. Our focus next year will be on the Saints of the Orthodox Church. We would like to thank Father Christian, the teachers, parent volunteers and all the students and families for your ongoing dedication and support to our Sunday Church School! God bless you all and have a wonderful summer!



GREEK DANCE

It's been a great year for our Greek Dance group! Our final performance of the season will take place at our annual Greek Festival. Registration for next year is now open! Congratulations to all of our talented dancers, and thank you to everyone who supported us throughout the year!



MET YOUTH MARKHAM

The first half of 2025 has been a wonderful time of connection and service for our Youth group. They created and delivered blessing baskets to seniors across York Region, spreading joy throughout our community. They also enjoyed a fun-filled Trivia Night with Father Christian, proudly marched in the Greek Independence Day Parade, and supported the Gymnastics group from Mykonos during their recent competition!

Charitable Updates



SUMMER FOOD DRIVE

Just this last week, Met Youth Markham delivered the food items from their Summer Food Drive. Thanks to generous contributions from our Youth, the Philoptochos, and members of our Parish, we were able to collect an incredible amount of food for those in need. Thank you to everyone who helped us support the Markham Food Bank and our community!



ST. JOHN THE COMPASSIONATE MISSION

Our parish has been blessed to support St. John the Compassionate Mission in Toronto through a dedicated volunteer effort, led by Fr. Christian and our Philoptochos. Volunteers have been gathering in our church kitchen to prepare meals, which are then served by additional volunteers at the Mission. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has generously given their time, energy, and resources to serve those in need—your efforts truly embody Christ's love in action.

To sign up for our volunteer list, please contact the office at:
info@gocmarkham.org

Upcoming Events

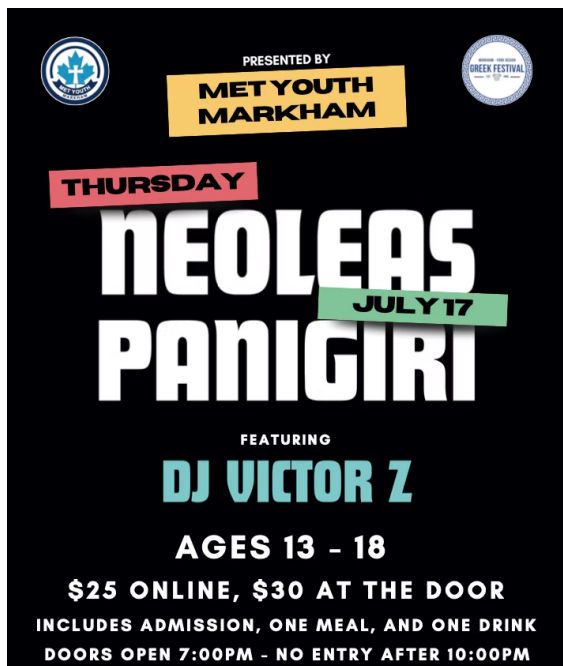


GREEK FESTIVAL

July 18, 19, 20 & 25, 26, 27 2025

For over 30 years, the Church of Sts. Panteleimon, Anna and Paraskevi and the Greek Community of York Region have brought a taste of village life to Canada through their authentic Greek Summer Festival. Thousands of people each year come to the festival to try traditionally made Greek foods and desserts, learn Greek dances or simply enjoy the night life.

www.markhamgreekfest.com



NEOLEAS PANIGIRI

Thursday, July 17th, 2025

Mark your calendars for the Neoleas Panigiri (Youth Night) on Thursday, July 17th at 7:00 PM! Hosted by MET Youth Markham and featuring DJ Victor Z, this exciting evening is open to youth ages 13–18. Admission is \$25 online or \$30 at the door and includes entry, a meal, and a drink. All of our pavilions will be open, so don't miss this fun night on the festival grounds!

[Click Here for Tickets!](#)

A promotional poster for the 50/50 GOC Markham Festival Raffle. The background is a warm, golden-yellow with a subtle pattern of small, glowing circles. On the left, there is a circular logo for the Greek Orthodox Community of Markham, featuring three saints and the text 'PANTELEIMON, ANNA, PARASKEVI SAINTS 1989 BUILDING THE FUTURE - HONOURING OUR PAST'. To the right of the logo, the text '50/50' is written in large, bold, dark red letters, with 'A WIN/WIN WHEN YOU PLAY!' in smaller, bold, dark red letters below it. Further right, the text '50/50 GOC Markham Festival Raffle' is written in a bold, dark red font. Below this, the phrase 'Is back!!!' is written in a large, elegant, cursive script. Underneath, 'You could our next winner!' and 'Let's play today!' are written in the same cursive script. In the center, the draw date and location are specified: 'Draw Date: July 27, 2025 at 10:30 pm at our Markham-York Region Greek Festival'. At the bottom, the website '5050gocmarkham.com!' is listed, and a QR code is positioned on the right. A small disclaimer at the bottom left reads 'Please play responsibly. Licence No. RAF1464901'.

50 / 50 FESTIVAL RAFFLE

Our 50/50 GOC Markham Festival Raffle, now our 6th iteration, is under way! The draw will be held on the last day of our Annual Markham-York Region Greek Festival, Sunday, July 27, 2025 @ 10:30 pm. Tickets can be purchased online at 5050gocmarkham.com or at the Church on any day in the week.

Thus far our Jackpots combined for the six draws have raised a total of \$73,200 with 50%, \$36,600, being awarded to our winners! The proceeds of the 50/50 continue to support our Church and Community Programs.

We hope to see this summer's draw the biggest Jackpot to date with a happy winner on our last day of Festival! Play today at 5050gocmarkham.com!

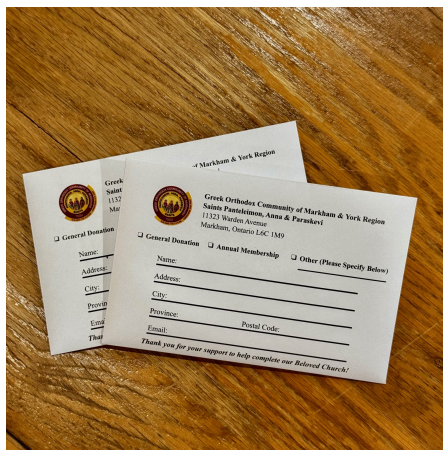
Supporting our Parish

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.



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.

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