



Dormition of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Church

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Upcoming Services & Events

- **Sunday, August 16**
11th Sunday of Matthew
Orthros (matins):
8:55am
Divine Liturgy:
10:00-11:30+am
- **Sunday, August 23**
12th Sunday of Matthew
Orthros (matins):
8:55am
Divine Liturgy:
10:00-11:30+am

A Warm Welcome to Our Guests!

We are glad you are worshipping with us. Please note that participation in Holy Communion is limited to members of the Orthodox Church in good standing, who have prepared through prayer, fasting and confession.

***Our mission...** is to become Disciples of Christ, through thought, word, and deed, humbly submitting to the will of the Father, while seeking the Holy Spirit to achieve Salvation.*

***Our Vision...** with the Grace of God, is to provide a loving community where all belong to Christ, through worship, sanctification, education, witness, compassion and fellowship.*

Sunday, August 16, 2026—11th Sunday of Matthew



The phrase "the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants" (Matthew 18:23) illustrates **the importance of forgiveness and accountability** in the Christian faith.



THANK YOU, YOUR EMINENCE!

On Behalf of the President of PC, Mr. John McQueary and the Parish Council, Past Presidents of PC, the President of Philoptochos, Mrs. Nektaria Grafos Smith and the Ladies of Philoptochos, our Sunday school and Youth and the entire congregation of our beloved community of **Dormition of the Theotokos**, Presvytera Norma and myself, I wish to extend our heartfelt appreciation to **His Eminence Metropolitan Sevastianos, our Spiritual Father**, for His love, guidance and paternal blessings offered to us during His Paternal visit to our beloved community and spiritual home this weekend, as we celebrated in splendor the Holy Feast of our church. Indeed it was a blessing to receive His Paternal blessings. **Εἰς πολλά ἔτη Δέσποτα! Many, many healthy years Your Eminence!**

Bulletin for Sunday, August 16, 2026

THIS SUNDAY'S EPISTLE & HOLY GOSPEL READINGS

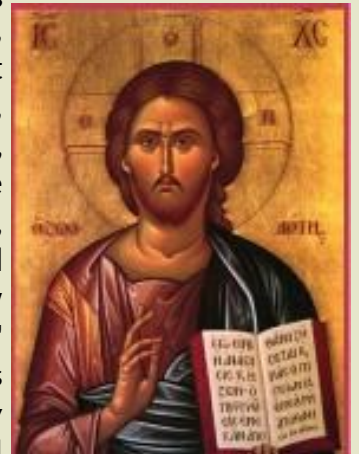
THE EPISTLE READING - St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 9:2-12

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.



THE HOLY GOSPEL READING –The Gospel According to Matthew 18:23-35

The Lord said this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the torturers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



Thank you to all who made this wonderful weekend and the celebration of our Church Feast through your attendance, your support at our luncheon, your generous donations and with your participation of sweet labors a festal celebration. May the Gracious Lord, Jesus Christ, bestow upon all of us through the intercessions of His Holy Mother, the Theotokos many blessings of health, joy and many years.

GOD BLESS YOU!

A Word about the Feast on this Sunday....

What does it mean to forgive? To be forgiven?

Matthew 18:23-35

My Beloved,

Are we merely following a **moral code of conduct**, or is there something more profound and mysterious?

In today's Gospel narrative we are reminded of **the Parable of the Unmerciful Servant**. The servant who had an enormous debt was freed from his debt. This same servant, however, having met his fellow servant, who owed him a very small and insignificant amount, **was unforgiving, and instead of being mindful of his master's love and to show compassion, he chose another path**; and he had him imprisoned and forgot his master's love.

This is unfortunately one of our stumblings: being forgetful of God's forgiveness. God's forgiveness is unconditional, selfless, and it is this unconditional love that we are aspiring to mirror in our lives. Not simply because we're following, as mentioned, a moral code of conduct, but out of gratitude for the Lord's forgiveness and love. His forgiveness is his way of love. Jesus says, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" and his way is through forgiveness, which defines the innermost essence of divine being.

As Christians we believe that divine being is love unconditional, love unimaginable, relational love where one person exists on account of the other: one freely gives, and one freely receives. And it is this that constitutes oneness of being. **His way is through forgiveness; it is the way of the Kingdom of God. "The Kingdom of God", we heard today** in the parable, "is likened unto a man who was a king". Jesus spoke this parable and likened the Kingdom of Heaven to the notion of forgiveness.

Let us learn from this story and let us affirm our faith through forgiveness each time we are challenged by others. **Let us also be mindful of the Lord's Prayer**: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us". God's forgiveness is freely given, but it cannot reach us if we lack compassion, if we remain unforgiving. This is also the message conveyed at the end of today's Gospel. **Jesus said, "So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not everyone his brother their trespasses"**.

Let us also be mindful of the enormous debt we have been freed from. In this context, whether the word used is debt, loan, mistake, weakness, sin, it is one and the same. Language, in this case, is relative. It is the meaning which lies behind the words which matters. **We all have this in common. No one is exempt.**

Whether or not we are referring to our own personal mistakes, or the consequences of the mistakes of others — which we all share and which we, in theological language, call the Fall of Man — the reality is that we are all sharers of this enormous burden. However, our Lord has freed us from this burden through his sacrificial love. Our gratitude should therefore reflect the measure of his love.

So, how do we choose? What example do we follow? The way of the unmerciful servant or the way of our master?



FEASTS of the WEEK

Sunday, August 16th, 2026 – Saturday, August 22nd, 2026

It is exceedingly important for Orthodox Christians to celebrate their Name (Feast) Day *annually*, in the same manner as they celebrate their birthday. For those celebrating their Name-Day this week, we wish them *hronia polla* - **Many healthy and joyful years to all!** Please click on the highlighted dates to read more about the lives of the saints and feasts, so one may imitate them in life to gain eternal life.

- Translation of the Image “Not-Made-By-Hands” of our Lord Jesus Christ from Edessa to Constantinople, the Third “Feast of the Savior in August” **August 16**
- Icon of the Mother of God of the Kiev Caves **August 17**
- Venerable Macarius the Monk of Pelekete **August 18**
- Martyrs Timothy, Agapius, and Thekla, of Palestine **August 19**
- Prophet Samuel **August 20**
- Apostle Thaddeus of the Seventy **August 21**



STAY CONNECTED:

“Whoever refreshes others will be refreshed” (Proverbs 11:25)

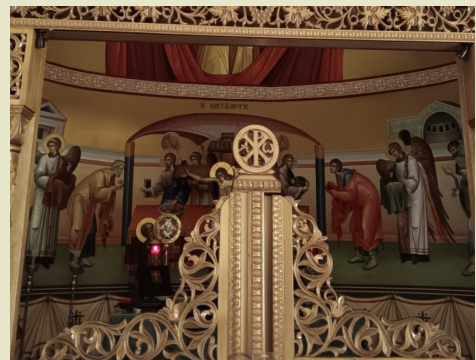
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***In Every Moment of our Lives, PLEASE
KEEP GOD IN MIND. VISIT HIM IN HIS
HOME!***

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GOD BLESS!!!***

The LIGHT above the Royal Doors (double doors) on the Iconostasis



During a liturgical service i.e., Divine Liturgy there are times that it is proper for the faithful to stand and/or not be moving. When the light shines on the icon of the **Last Supper**, it indicates that special moment in the service and **we stand**, when the **light is turned off** then **we sit**. It is there to assist us.

HYMNS OF THE DAY

The Resurrection Hymn (Mode 1) (3X- Greek, English, Gr)

Ἐν τῇ Γεννήσει, τὴν παρθενίαν ἐφύλαξας. Ἐν τῇ Κοιμήσει, τὸν κόσμον οὐ κατέλιπες Θεοτόκε. Μετέστης πρὸς τὴν ζωὴν, Μήτηρ ὑπάρχουσα τῆς ζωῆς, καὶ ταῖς πρεσβείαις ταῖς σαῖς λυτρουμένη, ἐκ θανάτου τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

In giving birth you remained a virgin, and in your dormition you did not forsake this world, o Theotokos, For as the Mother of Life, you have yourself passed into life. And by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

SMALL ENTRANCE HYMN

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead, we sing to You, Alleluia

Hymns After the Small Entrance

Resurrection Apolytikion Hymn (Mode 2) Sung By His Eminence ONLY

The stone having been sealed by the Pharisees and chief priests, * and Your all-immaculate body being guarded by soldiers, * You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. * Then the powers of the heavens cried out to You, O Giver of Life, and shouted, * “Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! * Glory to Your eternal rule! * Glory to Your plan for saving us, only benevolent God!”

Hymn of the Feast (Mode 7)

We venerate Your immaculate icon, O good Lord, and entreat You to forgive our offenses, O Christ our God. By Your own choice you were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, to deliver us, whom You created, from our slavery to the foe. Therefore we cry to You with gratitude: You have filled all things with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world

MEMORIAL SERVICE HYMN CHANTED BY THE PRIEST (IF ANY)

The Church Hymn - Mode 1 (English ONLY)

In giving birth you remained a virgin, and in your dormition you did not forsake this world, o Theotokos, For as the Mother of Life, you have yourself passed into life. And by your prayers you deliver our souls from death

Kontakion Hymn. Mode 6 (BISHOP and Priests ONLY)

Τὴν ἐν πρεσβείαις ἀκοίμητον Θεοτόκον, καὶ προστασίαις ἀμετάθετον ἐλπίδα, τάφος καὶ νέκρωσις οὐκ ἐκράτησεν· ὡς γὰρ ζωῆς Μητέρα, πρὸς τὴν ζωὴν μετέστησεν, ὁ μήτραν οἰκήσας ἀειπάρθενον.

The Theotokos is undying in intercession.* Immovable is our hope in her for protection. * Neither death nor burial prevailed over her. * As she is Mother of Life, she was removed to life by Him, * the Lord who lived in her ever virgin womb..

WELCOME & NARTHEX MINISTRY SCHEDULE

We are grateful to all the Members (Teams) of the Welcome / Narthex Ministry for their dedication and generosity of their TIME and Talents to serve our community during the Sunday services and beyond. Please know that their ministry is sacred and therefore let us follow their directions.

➔ **Special Notes:** The W / N Ministry along with the Parish Council Members request that **ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD IS ALLOWED IN THE SANCUARY!** Thank you for your understanding! Also please handle the antidoron (BREAD) with **MUCH CARE!** Make sure that breadcrumbs stay into your hands. Thank you!

Team 1: Maria Colozzi, Maria Mandalieris, Elena Vierling, Brandon Covey

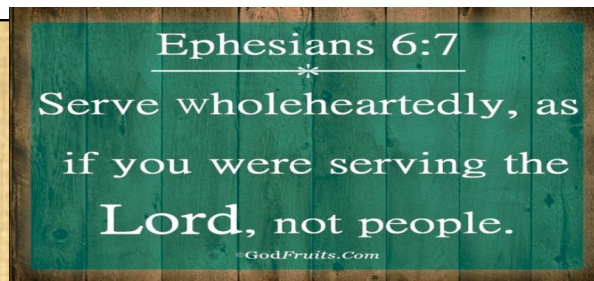
Team 2: John McQueary, Nora Zirps, Charles DePoortere, Julia Macovei

Team 3: Brier Gay, Elaine Gay, Ellen Scaturchio, Pete Graham

Team 4: Shane Rivers, Susannah Rivers, Shadi Zeidan, Reina Zeidan

Team 5: Mary Ann Contogiannis, Abeer Maayeh, Madalina Body, Barbara Sabanis, Ted Angeles

**This Sunday, August 16th, is Team's 4 honor to lead during service.
May the Lord bless their service!**



ACOLYTE SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Group 1:

Joseph, Michael,
Ephraim, Leonidas,
Jonathan, George,
Andrew, Gus

Group 2:

Alex, Mironey,
David, Samuel,
Aiden, Saleem,
Yiannis

This Sunday, August 16th, 2026,

is Group's 1 turn.

As always, **all of the acolytes from group 1 & 2** are welcome to join us in the Sanctuary, to observe and take part in the Great Entrance, even when their group has not been scheduled.

Please aim to arrive before 9:45am. If you arrive during Orthros, please refrain from walking through the Nave to the Sanctuary if Father is reading the Gospel and/or is in the middle of censing.



**THIS SUNDAY'S FELLOWSHIP
HOUR IS SPONSORED BY**

TODAY, WE ARE GRATEFUL TO:

**THE PARISH COUNCIL &
PHILOPTOCHOS**
FOR HOSTING COFFEE HOUR.

THANK YOU FOR SPONSORING THIS
SUNDAY'S FELLOWSHIP HOUR.



SUNDAY SCHOOL *Registration*

2026–2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration for the 2026–2027
Sunday School year will be held on



*“Let the little
children come to me...”*

– Matthew 19:14



in the Church Hall
after the Divine Liturgy.



We invite all families
with children of Sunday
School age to register
for the upcoming year.
We look forward to
another wonderful year
of growing together in
faith and learning.



Rise Up & Build 2026 Stewardship Campaign



\$200,000 Goal

\$150,000

\$100,000

\$50,000

Pledged Stewards: 104

Financial Stewards (No Pledge Card): 46

Pledged To Date: \$203,182

Received To Date: \$148,099

Dormition of The Theotokos Greek Orthodox Church



Lend a Hand and Share a Meal at Urban Ministry!

Join us on **Monday, August 17th** for an evening of service and fellowship as we prepare and serve a meal for our neighbors in need at Urban Ministry. *** 4:30 PM: Meet at the church to prepare the meal together. * 6:00 PM: Meet at Urban Ministry to serve the food and connect with those we're helping.** It's a wonderful opportunity to give back to our community and to build lasting connections with one another. **We need YOU!**

To ensure we have enough food and helping hands, please see Ian Chavez, or email DOTurbanministry@gmail.com to sign up.

Can't volunteer but want to support? Sponsor the meal! A suggested donation of \$400 helps us provide a nourishing and delicious meal.

Let's come together and make a difference!



WORSHIP LIFE AUGUST & SEPTEMBER LITURGICAL CALENDAR

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Sunday, August 23</u> • <u>Sunday, August 30</u> • <u>Sunday, September 6</u> • <u>Tuesday, September 8</u> • <u>Sunday, September 13</u> • <u>Monday, September 14</u> • <u>Sunday, September 20</u> | <p>12th Sunday of Matthew — Orthros: 8:50 am – Div. Liturgy: 10:00+</p> <p>13th Sunday of Matthew — Orthros: 8:50 am – Div. Liturgy: 10:00+</p> <p>14 Sunday of Matthew — Orthros: 8:50 am - Divine Liturgy: 10:00+</p> <p>The Nativity of Holy Theotokos — Orthros: 8:50 am - Divine Liturgy: 9:30+ am</p> <p>Sunday Before the Holy Cross — Orthros: 8:50 am - Divine Liturgy: 10:00+ am</p> <p>The Elevation of Venerable and Life-Giving Cross — Orthros: 8:55a
Divine Liturgy: 10:00+ am</p> <p>Sunday after the Holy Cross — Orthros: 8:50 am - Divine Liturgy: 10:00+ am</p> |
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The above schedule and times supersede any other schedule.

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOST

A Coffee Hour sign-up calendar is posted in the fellowship hall. As a reminder, when there is not a Sunday Host, coffee and a cool beverage will be available in the Hall. Please make note that a Checklist for Kitchen Use and Clean Up is posted on the left wall when entering the kitchen and Directions for making coffee are posted on the wall near the coffee maker. If help is needed making coffee on a Sunday or cupping koliva following a memorial service, PLEASE CONTACT IN ADVANCE, the church office, Monday through Thursday, 9am to 12noon, so a Philoptochos member may be NOTIFIED and AVAILABLE to assist. We are now fortunate to have a cleaning service that will mop floors and wipe down kitchen counters on Sunday evenings. However, THEY DO NOT clean dirty dishes or put away any items left to dry on the kitchen counters or around the sinks. PLEASE help to KEEP our KITCHEN CLEAN and in order, by WASHING, DRYING, and PUTTING AWAY any kitchen items used and wiping down the hall tables. Also, members enjoying fellowship are asked, before they leave, to please help by placing their used plates and beverage cups in a nearby trash can.



Would you like to host a coffee hour?

Coffee Hour can be sponsored to celebrate a name day, a birthday, a special event, to remember a loved one, or just to give thanks to God and share with the community.

ITEMS AT HALL

Coffee (reg & decaf),
powdered
creamer, sugar,
sweeteners, cups
& stirrers

TO BE PROVIDED BY HOST

Refreshments,
plates, napkins,
utensils, cold
beverage, half &
half/creamer

ITEMS NEEDED FOR KOLIVA

Cups (9 oz
plastic
suggested),
spoons



LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS



Did you know we accept food donations all year long? The food donations are distributed to different organizations in the community who have verified distribution points in the city. All donations received during June, July and August will go to the Out of the Garden weekend Backpacking Program so we may help to restock their shelves for the beginning of the new school year. *Suggested items are canned fruit, vegetables, beans, soups, canned chicken, tuna, canned pasta sauces, pasta, rice, dried beans, macaroni and cheese, individual cereal, oatmeal, grits, peanut butter, crackers, jelly, fruit or other healthy bars, and powdered or shelf stable milk. Please NO GLASS JARS and always check expiration dates!*



In addition to our Food Drive, we also do a School Supplies Drive where we collect school Supplies for Children in need beginning July 1st through Sunday August 16. Items to be collected are wide and college rule paper, pens, pencils, erasers, composition books, glue sticks, 17-inch backpacks, markers, binders, notebooks and pencil cases and more.



CONFESSION

The gift of God's forgiveness is received through private prayer, corporate worship, the disciplines of prayer and fasting, penitential services and above all through the sacrament of Holy Confession.

It is also part of our total spiritual preparation during the fast periods leading up to the great feasts of Easter, Christmas, Epiphany, The Apostles Fast and the Dormition of the Theotokos Fast. Fr. Sarantis is available to hear confessions.

For an appointment, please contact Fr. Sarantis directly at
patersarantis@yahoo.com or text
(516) 526-1475

Organization & Ministries

Contact Information

AHEPA—Yianni Varitimidis

Altar Servers Ministry— Matthew Beckett

Bible Study Ministry—Fr. Sarantis Loulakis

Cantors/Music Ministry—Fr. Sarantis Loulakis & Michelle Gilliam

Church Beautification—Chris Mandaleris

Dance Group (s) — Barbara Vaughan, Mary Ann Contogiannis, Emily Mihelich, Erin Blindenbacher

Daughters of Penelope— Su Peterson

GOYA— Abeer Ma'ayeh

Greek Festival—Shadi Zeidan

Greensboro Urban Ministry—Ian Chavez

Myrrh-bearers Ministry—Brittany Beckett

Narthex Ministry—Terry Kokenes & Shane Rivers

Orthodox Fellowship (50+)—Maria Cropper

Philoptochos— Nicki Smith, President

Stewardship—Pete Graham

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YOUR ATTENTION CATECHUMENS & BIBLE STUDY PARTICIPANTS:

We will begin our WEEKLY CLASSES on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th.



Church Office Note...

You may visit or call the office **Monday—Friday from 9am-1pm**. Fr. Sarantis is in the office: **Monday, works remotely, in office by appointment only, Tuesday—Thursday from 10:30am—3:30pm, and Tuesday from 3pm—6pm by appt only for confessions,** extending the office hours. You may also schedule a pastoral appointment with him at any time at home or at the office at your convenience. Although on Fridays Fr. Sarantis is not in the office, one may freely and at any time during the week communicate **DIRECTLY** with him via **phone at (516) 526-1475, text or email at: patersarantis@yahoo.com**. All calls & texts before 7pm will be answered as soon as possible on the same day. All calls and texts after 7pm will be screened and they will be likely answered according to their urgency, so there may be time to respond to the day's emails. Emails are checked **ONLY 3 times a day** (morning, noon and after 7pm) and they will be answered accordingly in the order they have been received within 24 hours. We thank you for understanding! **IMPORTANT: For emergencies kindly ALWAYS CALL, do not text or email.**



SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER BREAK
From classes, YES!

But, NOT from church services!



SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH - SHARE YOUR TALENTS!

Please complete your annual 2026 Stewardship pledge to our church today! Our church ministries may/can be affected by your contribution.

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God bless you!

PASTORAL VISITATIONS

Is anyone among you suffering?

Then he must pray.

Is anyone cheerful?

He is to sing praises.

Is anyone among you sick?

Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with the oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him. (James 5:13-15)

Please call the Church Office or Father Sarantis at (516) 526-1475 to let him know what your pastoral needs are. You can also ask your family members, a social worker, or a Hospital Chaplain to notify the Church so that they can inform Father Sarantis that you need pastoral care.

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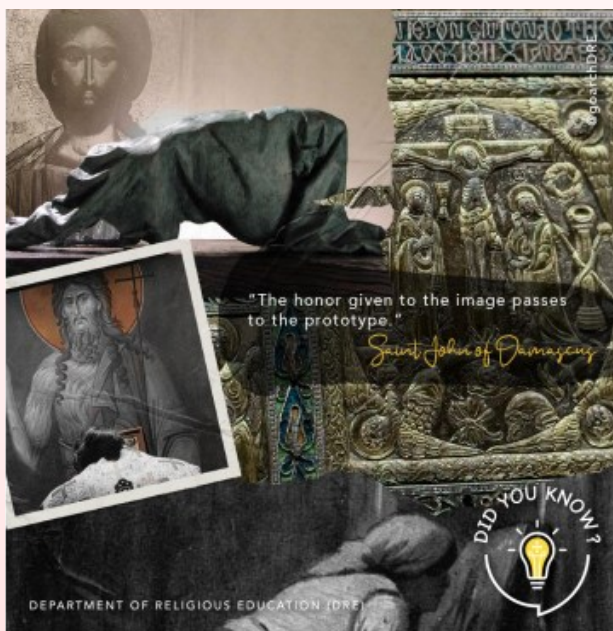
For all others: Though we cannot share Communion with you—since it is an expression of membership and full unity in faith—you are welcome to come forward after the dismissal, receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread with the blessing of the priest. Please also sign our guest book/guest card so we may introduce you to the congregation. We extend to you and your family a warm invitation to our fellowship hour following the Divine Liturgy, where Fr. Sarantis and other members will meet with you.

VENERATING THE ICONS



DID YOU KNOW?

Department of Religious Education (DRE)



Did you know why we bow and venerate icons of the Saints?

In the Orthodox Church, we venerate icons not as gods but as windows into heavenly reality. We're not worshiping the wood and paint when we bow before or kiss an icon. The practice of bowing or kissing icons represents a way to show respect to the depicted Saints, just as we would display affection through kissing photographs of loved ones.

The Seventh Ecumenical Council (787 A.D.) affirmed the veneration (προσκύνησις—proskynesis in Greek) of icons, distinguishing it clearly from the worship (λατρεία—latreia in Greek) due to God alone. As St. John of Damascus beautifully put it: "The honor given to the image passes to the prototype." So when we bow before the icon of a Saint, we're showing respect to the Saint — and ultimately glorifying God, who worked through that person's life.

We often bow or make the sign of the Cross when passing an icon, lighting a candle before it, or offering a prayer — not because the icon is divine, but because it points us to holiness. Prostrations (full or semi full bows to the ground) may also be used, especially during Lenten services, as a sign of humility and repentance before God, often in the presence of icons.

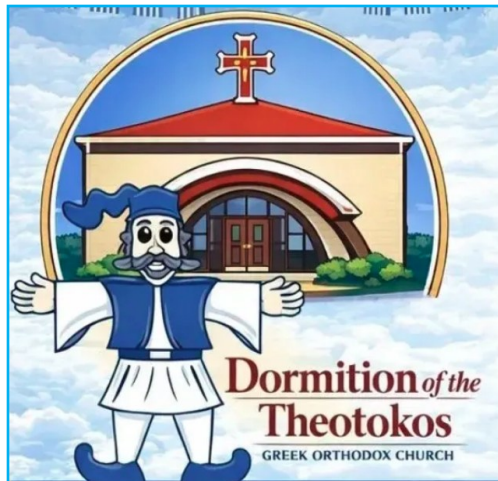
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We will also begin pre-selling \$100 Festival Gift Cards for \$80 starting **Sunday, August 23 thru Sunday, September 20.** To purchase, please see Shadi Zeidan.



GREENSBORO GREEK FESTIVAL

Friday, Saturday & Sunday
September 25, 4pm–10pm
September 26, 11am–10pm
September 27, 12pm–6pm

Volunteer Sign-Up!

DO NOT WAIT — sign up today: <https://app.unison.io/schedules/Qtz9hxBxzvHq83gEOVJ0u>

Our community is in need of volunteers, and we warmly encourage you to make this part of your stewardship. Please sign up today by visiting greensborogreekfestival.com and selecting Volunteer, or by using the direct link.

Thank You to Our Station Sponsors!

We extend our sincere appreciation to the following families and businesses for sponsoring festival stations:

- **Alpha Omega Financial, LLC (Scott & Pete Graham)** — Beer Station
 - **The Kattan and Hanna Families** — Loukoumades Station
 - **The Ross Family** — Coffee Station
 - **Kiki & Kirk Tarasidis** — Frappé Station
- **Anonymous and Ben & Emily Triplett** — Orthodox Bookstore Station
 - **Schermerhorn & Showalter Families** — Wine Station

Want to Sponsor or Donate?

If you would like to sponsor a festival station or make a donation, please see the needs list below & contact Shadi Zeidan directly.

- **Kids Corner** — \$2,000
- **Outside Food Station** — \$5,000
- **Inside Food Station** — \$5,000
- **Pastry Station** — \$5,000

If you prefer to donate toward specific items, here is what is needed:
 (You can donate towards one, or multiple cases.)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount Needed</u>	<u>Price/Case</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Lamb Shank	18 cases	\$165	\$2,970
Pita Bread	50 cases	\$40	\$2,000
Gyro Meat	25 cases	\$125	\$3,125
Crinkle Fries	50 cases	\$40	\$2,000
Chicken ½	17 cases	\$125	\$2,125
Chicken Souvlaki	750 lbs	\$3.5/lb	\$2,625
Pastichio	80 pans	\$45	\$3,600

Thank you to all our volunteers, sponsors, and donors for your continued love and support.
-Shadi Zeidan, Greensboro Greek Festival, Chairperson