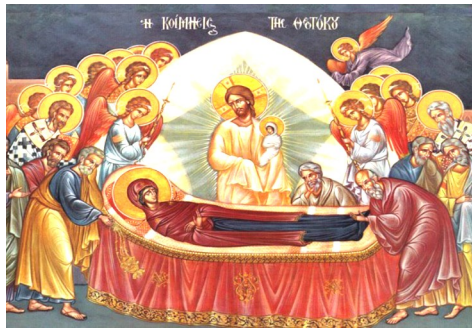




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### Upcoming Services & Events

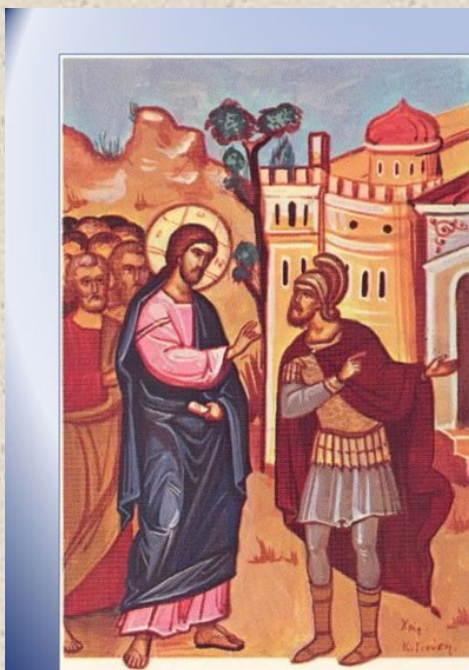
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*Our mission... is to become  
Disciples of Christ, through  
thought, word, and deed, humbly  
submitting to the will of the  
Father, while seeking the Holy  
Spirit to achieve Salvation.*

*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, June 28, 2026**

**4th Sunday of Matthew**



**Lord I am not  
worthy that you  
should enter  
under my roof,  
but only say the  
word and my  
soul shall be  
healed.**

**Dear Stewards,**

*You are  
cordially  
invited...*

**You are cordially  
invited to our  
committee's mid-  
year stewardship  
gathering  
immediately  
following the Divine  
Liturgy this Sunday.  
Refreshments will  
be offered. Bring your questions!**

**Bulletin for Sunday, June 28, 2026**

## THIS SUNDAY'S EPISTLE & HOLY GOSPEL READINGS

### THE EPISTLE READING - St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 6:18-23

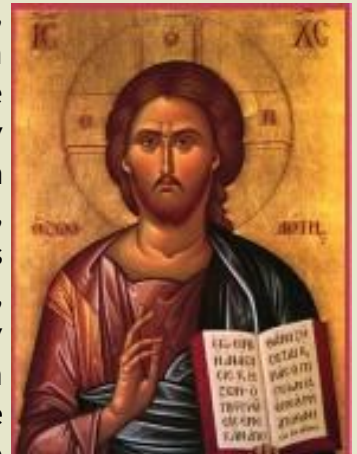
Brethren, having been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



### THE HOLY GOSPEL READING –The Gospel According to Matthew 8:5-13

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.



### **CONFESSIO**

**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](mailto:patersarantis@yahoo.com) or text (516) 526-1475.**

[Confession — Be the Bee — Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America \(goarch.org\)](http://goarch.org)

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

The Fourth Sunday of Matthew is marked by the Gospel reading Matthew 8:5–13, as the story of the Centurion's Faith.

We hear that as Jesus enters Capernaum, a **centurion (a Roman officer with authority over 100 soldiers)** approaches him, pleading for help for his paralyzed servant who is suffering greatly. Jesus offers to come and heal him, but the centurion humbly says, ***"I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed"***. The centurion's faith is so great that Jesus is amazed and declares, ***"Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith"***. Jesus then commands, ***"Go; be it done for you as you have believed,"*** and the servant is healed instantly.

We learn many lessons:

- **Faith beyond boundaries:** The centurion is a Gentile outsider, yet his faith is recognized and honored by Jesus. This reflects the Gospel's message that God's grace is available to all who call upon Him in love and trust.
- **Humility and trust:** The centurion's humility in saying he is unworthy contrasts with his confidence in God's power. This mirrors the call to trust God without needing to be **"worthy" in human terms**.
- **God's inclusivity:** Jesus' response shows that salvation and healing are not limited to the Jewish people but extend to all who believe in Him.
- **Authority of faith:** The centurion's ability to command his soldiers reflects the spiritual authority that comes from genuine faith in God.

### Liturgical and Theological Reflection

In liturgical settings, this Gospel is often paired with Old Testament readings (e.g., Genesis 21:8–21, Psalm 86:1–10, Jeremiah 20:7–13, Romans 6:1b–11) that explore themes of God's steadfast love, **the cost of faithfulness**, and the call to live as those "dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus." **The centurion's story becomes a model for believers to trust God's word and authority, even when they feel unworthy.**

### Practical Application

For Christians today, the Fourth Sunday of Matthew **reminds us:**

- To approach God with humility and trust, regardless of our background or perceived worthiness.
- To recognize that God's grace is available to all who believe.
- To live with the authority of faith, knowing that God's word can heal and transform.

In short, this Sunday's Gospel celebrates a Gentile's faith that surpasses that of many in Israel, [Church goes] showing that in Christ, the Kingdom of God is open to all who believe.



## FEASTS of the WEEK

Sunday, June 28th, 2026 – Sunday, July 5th, 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 Relics of the holy and wonderworking Unmercenaries Cyrus and John [June 28](#)
- The Holy Glorious and All-Praised Leaders of the Apostles, Peter and Paul [June 29](#)
- Synaxis of the Holy, Glorious and All-Praised Twelve Apostles [June 30](#)
- Holy Wonderworking Unmercenary Physicians Cosmas and Damian at Rome [July 1](#)
- Saint John [Maximovitch], Archbishop of Shanghai and San Francisco [July 2](#)
- The Placing of the Honorable Robe of the Most Holy Mother of God at Blachernae [July 2](#)
- Blessed John of Moscow the Fool-For-Christ [July 3](#)
- Saint Andrew, Archbishop of Crete [July 4](#)
- "Economissa" Icon of the Mother of God [July 5](#)



### **STAY CONNECTED:**

***"Whoever refreshes others will be refreshed" (Proverbs 11:25)***

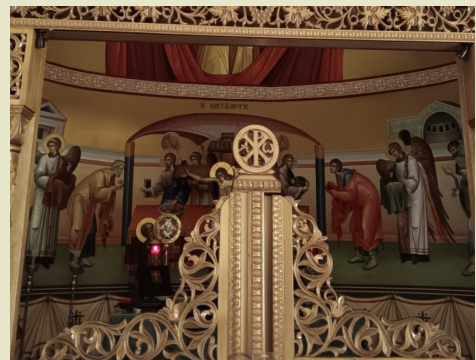
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***In Every Moment of our Lives, PLEASE  
KEEP GOD IN MIND. VISIT HIM IN HIS  
HOME!***

***800 Westridge Rd  
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 is on**, 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 3) (Greek, English)**

**Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια**, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος· ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον· πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο· ἐκ κοιλίας ᾄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

**Let the heavens be glad.** Let the earth rejoice exceedingly. For the Lord has shown strength with his arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead. Out of the belly of Hades, He has rescued us, and to the world He has granted the great mercy.

### **SMALL ENTRANCE HYMN**

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

### **Hymns After the Small Entrance**

### **Resurrection Apolytikion Hymn (Mode 3)**

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## **MEMORIAL SERVICE HYMN CHANTED BY THE PRIEST (IF ANY)**

### **The Church Hymn - Mode 1**

**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 λυτρομένη, 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

### **Kontakion Hymn. Mode 4**

**Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε,** μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης, ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἰκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα αἰεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

**O' Protection of Christians that never fails,** intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you."

## 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

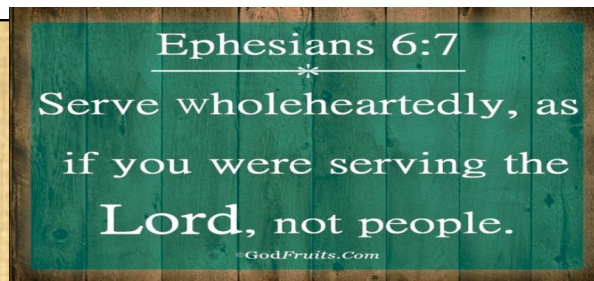
**Team 2: John McQueary, Nora Zirps, Charles DePoortere, Julia Macovei**

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, June 28th, is Team's 2 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, June 28th, 2026,**

**is Group's 2 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 STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE  
FOR HOSTING COFFEE HOUR.**

**THANK YOU FOR SPONSORING THIS  
SUNDAY'S FELLOWSHIP HOUR.**

## WORSHIP LIFE JULY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

- **Tuesday, June 30**                      **Synaxis of the Twelve Holy Apostles (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN SCHEDULE: NO DIVINE LITURGY / CLERGY-LAITY CONFERENCE IN CLEVELAND, OH)**
  
- **Sunday, July 5**                      **5th Sunday of Matthew — Orthros: 8:55 am – Divine Liturgy: 10:00+a**
- **Sunday, July 12**                      **6th Sunday of Matthew — Orthros: 8:55 am – Divine Liturgy: 10:00+a (Martyr Euphemia celebrated today)**
  
- **Sunday, July 19**                      **Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council  
Orthros: 8:55 am – Divine Liturgy: 10:00+am  
(Elias the Prophet celebrated today)**
  
- **Sunday, July 26**                      **8th Sunday of Matthew — Orthros: 8:55 am – Divine Liturgy: 10:00+a (Panteleimon the Martyr celebrated today)**

**\*The above schedule and times supersede any other schedule.\***



### 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. There are multiple dates available. Instructions are below.**

### 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.

#### ITEMS PROVIDED AT HALL

coffee, regular & decaf  
powdered creamer  
sugar, sweeteners  
coffee cups, stirrers

#### ITEMS PROVIDED BY HOST

refreshments, plates,  
napkins, utensils, cold  
beverage, half and half/  
creamer

#### ITEMS NEEDED FOR KOLIVA

Cups (9 oz plastic suggested)  
spoons

# A MESSAGE FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

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**Beloved,**

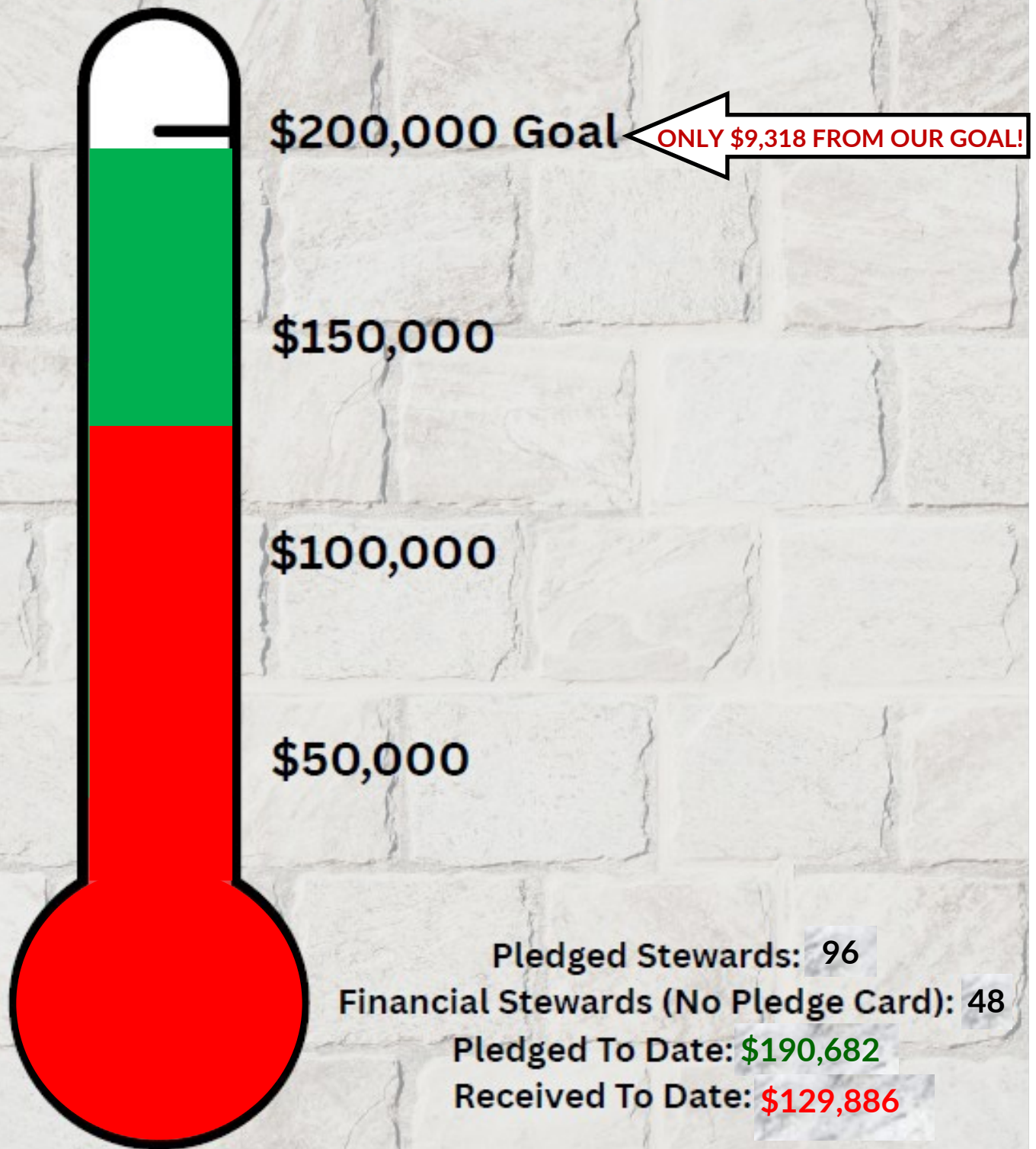
**Just a kind reminder.**

**Have you return in your 2026 Stewardship Pledge to the church office yet?**

**It is important for *your neighbor* and most important to you!**

**Christ is Risen! He is Truly Risen!**

# Rise Up & Build 2026 Stewardship Campaign



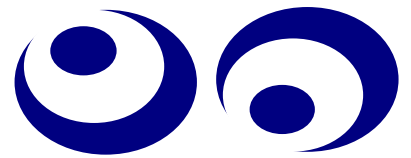
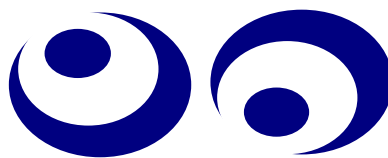
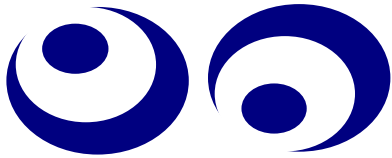
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## **LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS**



**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.



**LUNCH**  
**Monday, July 13 at 1:00 pm**  
**Wall Street Deli**  
7327 W. Friendly Ave.  
Greensboro, NC

**Join us and meet some of our fellow parishioners for good conversation, camaraderie, excellent food, and fun! Wall Street Deli is owned by our fellow parishioners Mikhail & Ginah Soufia**

**Please RSVP:** Maria Cropper  
336-324-5358



**A COMMUNITY-WIDE  
50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION BRUNCH  
HONORING**

**FATHER SARANTIS & PRESVYTERA NORMA  
SUNDAY, JULY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2026  
FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY**

**SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO SHARE  
WHAT YOU WILL BE PROVIDING FOR OUR  
ENJOYMENT**



## 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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## BIBLE STUDY

### YOUR ATTENTION CATECHUMENS & BIBLE STUDY PARTICIPANTS:

Thank you for your devotion and commitment! We will resume our studies again with our

#### **SUMMER SESSION**

**Bi-Monthly on Wednesdays:**

**June 10th & June 24th**

**July 8th & July 15th**

**August 5th & August 12th**

We will study The 11 Resurrection Holy Gospel readings being read during the Sunday Matins service. God bless you!

We will begin our WEEKLY CLASSES on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

## The 2026 Greensboro Greek Festival is September 25-27!

As we approach the end of June, we are officially 3 months away from our annual parish-wide fundraiser, the beloved Greensboro Greek Festival. This event is a cornerstone of our community, and every helping hand truly makes a difference. Let your involvement be part of your stewardship to the Dormition of the Theotokos. We encourage everyone to be present, volunteer, sponsor, and share the festival with your friends, coworkers, and family.

### Stay Connected

**Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/greensborogreekfestival?igsh=dmU4aHhjb2dndGw3>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/share/19tX9FANYc/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

### Volunteer Sign-Up

**DO NOT WAIT — sign up today:** <https://app.unison.io/schedules/QLz9hxBxzvHq83gEOVJ0u>

### 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 Graham & Family)** — Beer Station
  - **The Kattan and Hanna Families** — Loukoumades Station
    - **The Ross Family** — Coffee Station
    - **Kiki & Kirk Tarasidis** — Frappé Station
- **Anonymous** — Partial Sponsorship of the Orthodox Bookstore Station

### Available Festival Station Sponsorships

If you would like to sponsor a festival station, please review the available sponsorship opportunities below and contact Shadi Zeidan directly.

- **Orthodox Bookstore Station/Partial** — \$500
  - Wine Station** — \$1,500
- **Outside Food Station (can be sponsored by multiple families)** — \$15,000
- **Inside Food Station (can be sponsored by multiple families)** — \$15,000
  - **Pastry Station (can be sponsored by multiple families)** — \$15,000
    - **Kids Corner** — \$2,000

### Donate Toward Specific Festival Food Items

If you prefer to donate toward specific items, here is what is needed:

| <u>Item</u>             | <u>Amount Needed</u> | <u>Price/Case</u> | <u>Total Cost</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Lamb Shank</b>       | 18 cases             | \$165             | \$2,970           |
| <b>Pita Bread</b>       | 50 cases             | \$40              | \$2,000           |
| <b>Gyro Meat</b>        | 25 cases             | \$125             | \$3,125           |
| <b>Crinkle Fries</b>    | 50 cases             | \$40              | \$2,000           |
| <b>Tzatziki Sauce</b>   | 30 cases             | \$40              | \$1,200           |
| <b>Chicken ½</b>        | 17 cases             | \$125             | \$2,125           |
| <b>Chicken Souvlaki</b> | 750 lbs              | \$3.5/lb          | \$2,625           |
| <b>Pastichio</b>        | 80 pans              | \$45              | \$3,600           |



### **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 10am—3pm, Tuesday 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.**

**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.

**YOU really CAN make a difference!**

For Your Stewardship Offering Please Visit

[Stewardship | Dormition of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Church \(goarch.org\)](http://goarch.org)

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.

### **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.

**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.



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**In order to assist you with this Church teaching, we have installed a small light over the Royal Doors, (The middle doors on the iconostasis) and when it is lit, then we follow all of these directions, in addition we will find ourselves standing instead of sitting.  
God bless!**

Did you know there are times to enter and to avoid entering the church during Divine Liturgy?

The most important thing is to make it to church, even if we are running late!

If the Divine Liturgy has already started, we can enter the Narthex (Vestibule) ["lobby" of the church building] but we are to avoid entering the Nave (the main temple) of the church during these times:

When the priest is standing in front of the Royal Doors (Beautiful Gate) facing the laity  
When the priest is censuring the congregation  
When the priest is carrying the Holy Gifts  
When the priest is giving the homily (sermon)  
When the Epistle and the Gospel are being read  
When the Small Entrance and Great Entrance are happening  
When the Holy Gifts are being consecrated (the Anaphora)  
When the Creed and the Lord's Prayer are being recited

Also, during these times, we avoid leaving the Nave unless it is for family needs, medical or some other necessary reason.

If you are unsure when to enter or leave the church, ask a church usher or parishioner for guidance.

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