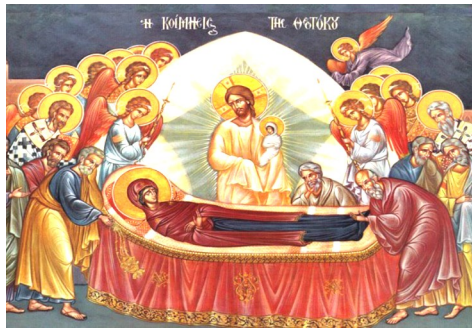




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Upcoming Services & Events

- **Sunday, June 14**
2nd Sunday of Matthew
Orthros (matins):
8:55am
Divine Liturgy:
10:00-11:30+am
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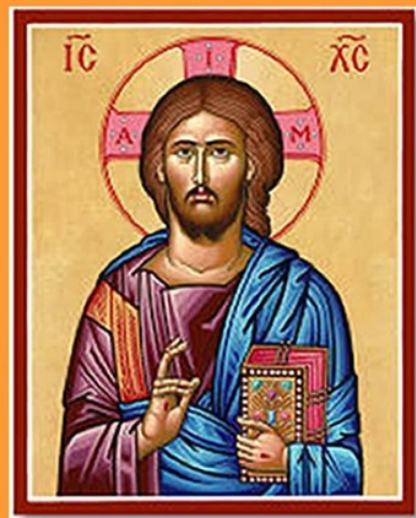
*Our mission... is to become
Disciples of Christ, through
thought, word, and deed, humbly
submitting to the will of the
Father, while seeking the Holy
Spirit to achieve Salvation.*

*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 14, 2026 — 2nd Sunday of Matthew

Second Sunday of Matthew

*"Follow Me
and I Will Make You
Fishers of Men"*



A Stewardship note

Beloved Followers of Christ, our Lord and Savior!

.... Just a kind reminder.

In today's Holy Gospel reading our Lord says to ALL of us (YOU and me): **"Follow me and I will make you fishers of Men."**

In order to follow Him it is exceedingly essential for each and every one of us **to be a member of His church**, The Dormition of the Theotokos. As followers of Christ we must be stewards of His church as well. **We also read that the Apostles as an example to us "sacrificed (gave) all they had, for God and other people."**

Have you returned your 2026 Stewardship Pledge to the church office yet?

It is important for your *neighbor* and most important to you! The community is grateful of your understanding to its NEEDS!

Bulletin for Sunday, June 14, 2026

THIS SUNDAY'S EPISTLE & HOLY GOSPEL READINGS

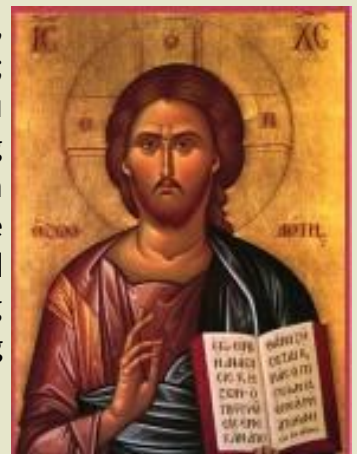
THE EPISTLE READING - St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 2:10-16

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.



THE HOLY GOSPEL READING —The Gospel According to Matthew 4:18-23

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.



WORSHIP LIFE JUNE LITURGICAL CALENDAR

- **Sunday, June 21** **3rd Sunday of Matthew** — Orthros: 8:55 am - Divine Liturgy: 10:00+a
- **Wednesday, June 24** **Nativity of John the Baptist** — Orthros: 8:55 am
Divine Liturgy: 9:30 —10:45 am
- **Wednesday, June 24** **Bible Study** — 6:30pm in Church / Matins
Resurrection Holy Gospel Reading
- **Sunday, June 28** **4th Sunday of Matthew** — Orthros: 8:55 am - Divine Liturgy: 10:00+a

The above schedule and times supersede any other schedule.

Insights from the Holy Gospel Reading or the Feast

The Second Sunday of Matthew: Christ gives us an invitation and awaits our answer.

Through today's Holy Gospel reading **Christ gives all of us an invitation which concerns our life and the course we wish to pursue.**

In the Gospel reading, we hear about **the call of Christ's first apostles and their acceptance of his invitation. Andrew and Peter and the sons of Zebedee, became his first disciples, abandoning all their possessions in order to follow the Lord.** In worldly terms, they might be considered crazy, because **they left everything in order to follow him.** But by the criteria set by Christ, **they gained the supreme gift** which he bestows on people: **eternal life.** These men sacrificed all they had, for God and other people.

The question which Peter addresses to Christ is very much to the point. He says: 'We've given up everything. What will we gain? What benefit will we have?'. And he receives the answer from Christ that: **'Those who abandon everything for my sake will inherit eternal life'.**

But we, too, have received an invitation from Christ.

He's called upon us to become believers in him and to be baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity. We may have accepted this invitation, but in life we've often strayed from his path.

Our life is like the ships which the first disciples abandoned, which they would have had to trim in order to go out into the open waters of the turbulent sea. **The rough waters are the world in which we're called upon to live and survive.**

The Lord sends us messages on a daily basis to follow him properly, to follow him and to make progress along his path, but we close our ears and believe that we'll achieve everything just through our baptism and the occasional participation in Holy Communion.

We shouldn't forget that **some of Christ's disciples were illiterate but had hearts** big enough to make room for **obedience to God.** By taking this decision in their life, they gained everything.

Why?

Because they believed in eternal life. They believed in the Kingdom of God and became Christ's first disciples.

This 'Follow me' is addressed to us today by Christ. It's not an invitation to entertainment and enjoyment. It's an invitation to work hard and dedication to him. It's our free choice to decide whether we'll follow him or not.

It's not an easy path. It's a rough, uneven way, which involves abandoning all worldly goods and comforts and finding the true light which illumines our life and existence. Christ's invitation is open to all of us and to all people; **'for there is no favoritism with God'**, as Saint Paul says. It's the haven where each of us can anchor and find rest from the vanities of this world.

Let us ask God to give us the wisdom and illumination to become aware of this and to follow the path he's called upon us to tread, and that we may become heirs of his kingdom. The answer we give is up to us.

FEASTS of the WEEK

Sunday, June 14th, 2026 – Sunday, June 21st, 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.

- Synaxis of the Saints of North America [June 14](#)
- Prophet Amos [June 15](#)
- Blessed Augustine, Bishop of Hippo [June 15](#)
- Saint Tikhon, Bishop of Amathus in Cyprus [June 16](#)
- Martyrs Manuel, Sabel, and Ismael, of Persia [June 17](#)
- Apostle Jude the Brother of the Lord [June 19](#)
- Venerable Nicholas Cabasilas [June 20](#)



STAY CONNECTED:

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

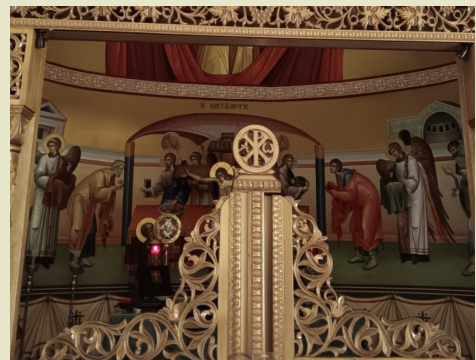
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***In Every Moment of our Lives, PLEASE
KEEP GOD IN MIND. VISIT HIM IN HIS
HOME!***

***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 1) (Greek, English)

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτὴρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

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!

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 1)

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Hymn of the Prophet

The angel incarnate and the Prophets’ pedestal, * the second Forerunner of the coming of Christ, Elias the glorious, * sent down to Elisha the divine grace from heaven. * He drives away diseases and he cleanses lepers. * Therefore he pours out healings to those who honor him.

Hymn of the Hierarch

A rule of faith are you, and an icon of gentleness, and a teacher of self-control. And to your flock this was evident, by the truth of your life and deeds. You were humble and therefore you acquired exalted gifts, treasure in heaven for being poor. Methodius, intercede with Christ our God, and entreat Him to save our souls.

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 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

Kontakion Hymn. Mode 4

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

O’ Protection of Christians that never falls, 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

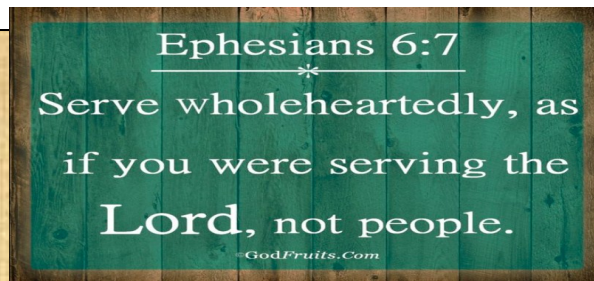
Team 2: John McQueary, Nora Zirps, Charles DePoortere, Julia Macovei

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 14th, is Team's 5 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 14th, 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 PARISH COUNCIL
FOR HOSTING COFFEE HOUR.**

THANK YOU FOR SPONSORING THIS
SUNDAY'S FELLOWSHIP HOUR.

ON JUNE 21 WE WILL BE DOING A POTLUCK STYLE COFFEE HOUR
(SINCE THERE IS NO HOST)



WE ASK EVERYONE WITH LAST NAMES THAT START WITH A & B
TO BRING A DISH OR SNACK TO SHARE.

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



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.

This Father's Day the Ladies Philoptochos have made a monetary donation to sponsor the June Urban Ministry meal in loving honor of our parish fathers, grandfathers, Godfathers, and father figures in our church family. We encourage our Philoptochos sisters and friends to join in the preparation and/or serving of this meal on **Monday, June 15th**. **Cooking begins at 4:30 in our church kitchen, serving the meal at Urban Ministry at 6pm.** Keep a lookout in future weekly bulletins for more information about this event. You may also contact doturbanministry@gmail.com or Nicki at philoptochosdot@gmail.com to let us know if you can help with this meaningful ministry or with any questions you may have. As always, thank you for your continued support in serving our community!

Lend a Hand and Share a Meal at Urban Ministry!

Join us on **Monday, June 15** 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!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The 2026 Greensboro Greek Festival is September 25-27!

Volunteer Sign-Up

Volunteer registration is now open at:

www.greensborogreekfestival.com (click on *Volunteer*)

We encourage everyone to sign up today—every helping hand is needed to make this event a success.

Vendor Opportunity

Parishioners in good stewardship are eligible for a **\$200 discounted vendor rate**.

If you are interested in participating as a vendor, please submit your application at:

<https://greensborogreekfestival.com/vendors>

Sponsorship Opportunities

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

Festival Stations & Suggested Donation

- Louks Station — \$1,000
- Coffee Station — \$500 **SPONSORED**
- Beer Station — \$1,500 **SPONSORED**
- Frappe Station — \$1,500 **SPONSORED**
- Wine Station — \$1,500
- Orthodox Bookstore — \$1,000 **Partially Sponsored (\$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) — \$10,000
 - Kids Corner — \$2,000

Stay Connected

Please follow the festival on Facebook and Instagram, and help us spread the word by sharing with your friends and family.

Purpose of the Festival

Proceeds from the festival support local and national nonprofit organizations, as well as the Capital Improvement Fund of the Dormition of the Theotokos Church.

A Call to Stewardship

We invite everyone to show their stewardship by volunteering, attending, sharing, and sponsoring. Your participation is essential and deeply appreciated.

Greek Dance Program

If you have a child in grades **1–12**, we encourage you to register them for the Greek Dance performance. Please contact one of the dance instructors for details.

Thank you for your continued support as we prepare for another blessed and successful festival!

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!

**The Stewardship Committee will be
hosting Coffee Hour on June 28.**

**Committee Members will be available
with Pledge Cards &
to answer any questions you may have
about Stewardship.**

Rise Up & Build 2026 Stewardship Campaign



Dormition of The Theotokos Greek Orthodox Church

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

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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 9th.



**A COMMUNITY-WIDE
50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION BRUNCH
HONORING**

**FATHER SARANTIS & PRESVYTERA NORMA
SUNDAY, JULY 12TH, 2026
FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY**

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





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.



DID YOU KNOW?
Department of Religious Education (DRE)

**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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