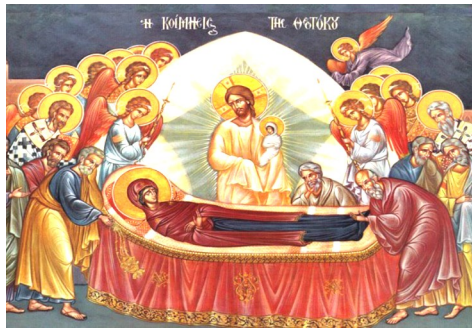




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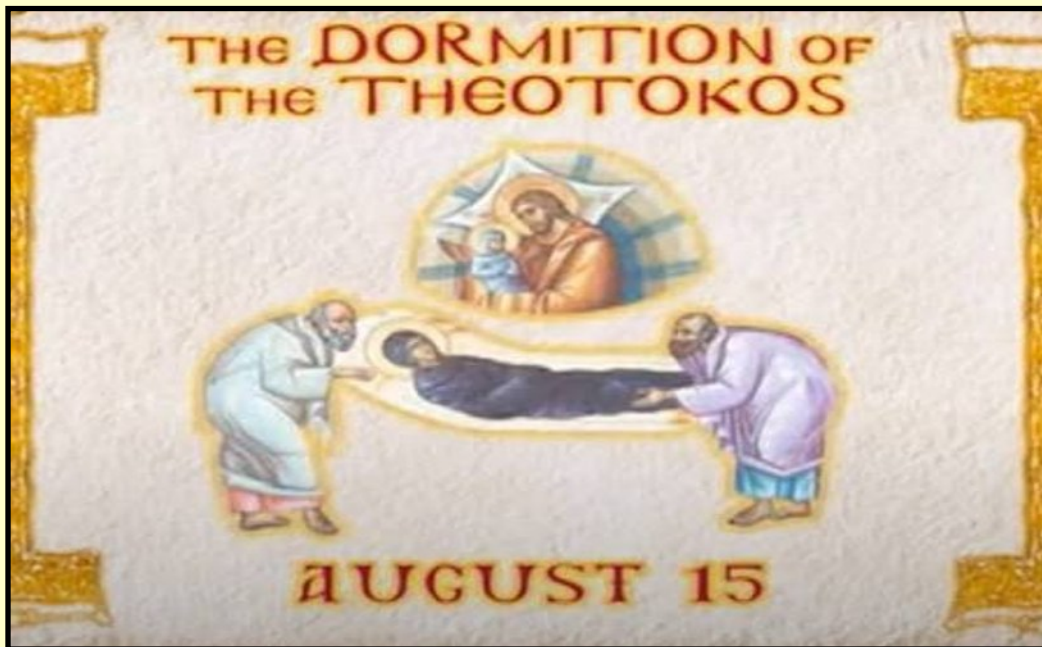
Upcoming Services & Events

- **Sunday, August 9**
10th Sunday of Matthew
Orthros (matins):
8:55am
Divine Liturgy:
10:00-11:30+am
- **Wednesday, August 12**
Paraclesis Service:
6pm-7pm
Bible Study:
7pm -8pm
- **Friday, August 14**
**Great Vespers/Feast of
Dormition**
6:30—8:30+pm
- **Saturday, August 15**
Feast of Dormition
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8:55am
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11th Sunday of Matthew
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10:00-11:30+am

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 9, 2026—10th Sunday of Matthew



The Feast (Name-day Celebration) of our beloved church The commemoration of the Dormition of the Theotokos and the preparation for the Feast begin on August 1 with a period of fasting. A strict fast is followed on most of the days (no meat, dairy, oil, or wine), with the exceptions of fish on the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6) and the day of the Dormition. Oil and Wine are allowed on Saturdays and Sundays.

See Flyer inside
for details



August 15, 2026
1pm to 5pm

In Loving Memory

With the Saints give rest, O Christ, to the soul of Your servants where there is no pain, no sorrow, no sighing, but life everlasting!

A trisagion service for our beloved brother in the Lord, **Andrew William Pinson**, beloved of **Nataliia Ivchyk**, will be chanted this Sunday at the end of Divine Liturgy.

May his memory be eternal!

Bulletin for Sunday, August 9, 2026

THIS SUNDAY'S EPISTLE & HOLY GOSPEL READINGS

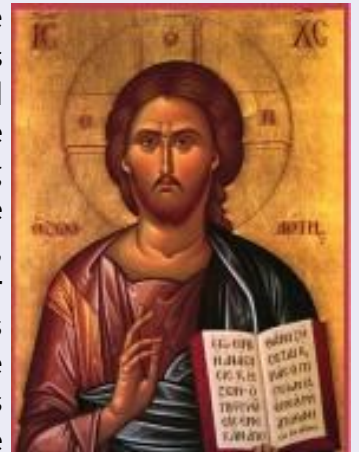
THE EPISTLE READING - St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16

Brethren, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.



THE HOLY GOSPEL READING –The Gospel According to Matthew 17:14-23

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move hence to yonder place,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day."



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.

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



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

The Feast of the Dormition of The Theotokos

In the Orthodox Church, we celebrate the Feast of the Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary every year on August 15th (August 28th on the Julian calendar). This Feast commemorates her repose (Gr. *kimisis*, or “falling asleep”). We sometimes refer to this Feast as the Assumption, because it proclaims that Mary has been “assumed” by God into the heavenly kingdom of Christ in the fullness of her spiritual and bodily existence.

According to Orthodox Tradition, the Theotokos died as all people die: not voluntarily, but by necessity of her mortal human nature. At the time of her death, the Lord miraculously transported the Apostles, who were preaching throughout the world, to her side. Other bishops and women from the Church in Jerusalem joined them. The sole exception was Thomas, who was preaching in India at the time. Jesus Christ Himself descended upon her death and carried her soul into heaven.

The faithful took her body and laid it in a tomb near the Garden of Gethsemane, at her request. **Three days after her death, Thomas arrived in a cloud above her tomb, where he saw her body going to heaven.** He asked her, “Where are you going, O Holy One?” She then took off her girdle and gave it to him saying, “Receive this, my friend,” and disappeared. Thomas went to his fellow apostles, whom he asked to see her grave, so that he could bid her goodbye. When they arrived at the grave, her body was gone, leaving a sweet fragrance.

Her bodily assumption was confirmed by the message of an angel and by her appearance to the Apostles. Orthodox theology teaches that the Theotokos has already undergone the bodily resurrection, which all will experience at the second coming. She stands in heaven in that glorified state which the other righteous ones will only enjoy after the Last Judgment.

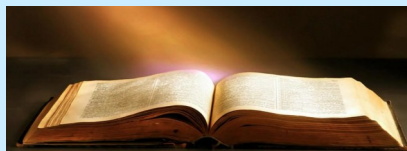
The Dormition Fast

The commemoration of and preparation for the Dormition of the Theotokos begin on August 1 with a period of fasting. A strict fast is followed on most of the days (no meat, dairy, oil, or wine), with the exceptions of fish on the Feast of Transfiguration. (August 6) and the day of the Dormition. Faithful can consume oil and wine on Saturdays and Sundays during the Dormition Fast.

On weekdays before the feast (except for Saturdays and the eves of the Transfiguration and Dormition), parishes either celebrate the Great **Paraklesis (service of supplication)** or the Small Paraklesis. In some places, the weekday services are similar to the services during Great Lent (with some variations).

Significance of this beautiful Feast

This great Feast of the Church celebrates a fundamental teaching of our faith, **the Resurrection of the body**. It is a feast of hope, hope in Resurrection and life eternal. Like those who gathered around the body of the Virgin Mary, we gather around our departed loved ones and commend their souls into the hands of Christ. As we remember those who have reposed in the faith before us and have passed on into the communion of the Saints, we prepare ourselves to one day be received into the new life of the age to come.





PANIGIRI Celebration Luncheon

DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
GREENSBORO, NC

CELEBRATING THE DORMITION TOGETHER

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE DORMITION OF

the Most Holy Theotokos

FAITH • FELLOWSHIP • FAMILY

We are honored to welcome

✦ HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN SEVASTIANOS ✦
who will be with us for this special day!

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TICKETS



AUGUST 15, 2026
1 PM – 5 PM



TICKETS:

\$40 IN ADVANCE | **\$50** DAY OF
KIDS 12 AND UNDER ARE **FREE!**



GREEK FOOD
Delicious favorites
the whole family
will love!



LIVE GREEK MUSIC
Enjoy the sounds
of Greece!



DANCING
Let's dance together
and keep our traditions
alive!

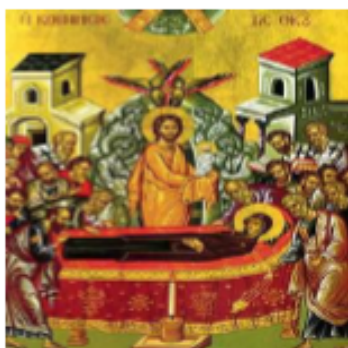
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CAPITAL BUILDING CAMPAIGN



✦ WHERE **FAITH** BRINGS US TOGETHER AND **FELLOWSHIP** KEEPS US TOGETHER. ✦

Dormition of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Church Greensboro, NC



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.
-Apolytikion of the Feast

INVITATION

Join us for a time of worship and spiritual joy of the “**Summer Easter**”, as our community of Dormition of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Church of Greensboro, NC, celebrates the Feast of our Patron Saint, The Dormition of the Theotokos.

His Eminence Metropolitan Sevastianos of Atlanta will be presiding both services, the Great Vespers and the Divine Liturgy.



The Great Vespers that includes the Artoclasia Service along with chanting of **the Lamentations of the Theotokos** will be celebrated on Friday, August 14, 2026, starting at 6:30 p.m.

On Saturday, August 15, 2026, there will be Divine Liturgy, starting with Orthros at 8:45 a.m.

A reception sponsored by the Ladies of the Philoptochos Sisterhood “St. Philothea” will follow at our community social hall at the conclusion of both services.

Rev. Fr. Sarantis P. Loulakis

John McQueary, President of PC • Parish Council

• Ladies of Philoptochos “St. Philothea” • Our Youth and the entire community.

FEASTS of the WEEK

Sunday, August 9th, 2026 – Saturday, August 15th, 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.

- Glorification of Venerable Herman of Alaska, Wonderworker of All America [August 9](#)
- Apostle Matthias of the Seventy [August 9](#)
- Translation of the relics of Saint Maximus the Confessor [August 13](#)
- Icon of the Mother of God "of the Passion" [August 13](#)
- Prophet Micah [August 14](#)
- The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary [August 15](#)



Many healthy and long joyful years to all!
Most Holy Theotokos save us!

STAY CONNECTED:

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

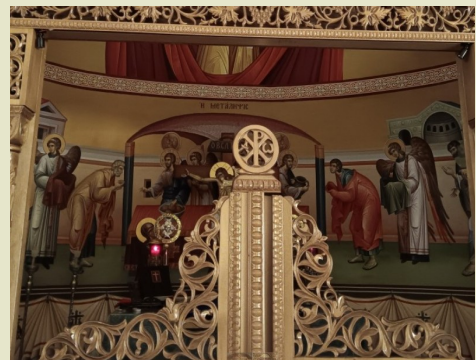
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***In Every Moment of our Lives, PLEASE
KEEP GOD IN MIND. VISIT HIM IN HIS
HOME!***

***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 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 7) (4X- Greek, English, Gr, Eng)

Μετεμορφώθης ἐν τῷ ὄρει Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, δείξας τοῖς Μαθηταῖς σου τὴν δόξαν σου, καθὼς ἠδύναντο. Λάμπσον καὶ ἡμῖν τοῖς ἁμαρτωλοῖς, τὸ φῶς σου τὸ αἶδιον, πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, φωτοδότα δόξα σοι

You were transfigured upon the mountain, O Christ our God, showing to Your disciples Your glory as much as they could bear. Do also in us, sinners though we may be, shine Your everlasting light, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Giver of light. Glory to You.

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)

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)

You were transfigured upon the mountain, O Christ our God, showing to Your disciples Your glory as much as they could bear. Do also in us, sinners though we may be, shine Your everlasting light, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Giver of light. Glory to You

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

Ἐπὶ τοῦ ὄρους μετεμορφώθης, καὶ ὡς ἐχώρουν οἱ Μαθηταί σου τὴν δόξαν σου, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός ἐθεάσαντο, ἵνα ὅταν σε ἴδωσι σταυρούμενον, τὸ μὲν πάθος νοήσωσιν ἐκούσιον, τῷ δὲ κόσμῳ κηρύξωσιν, ὅτι σὺ ὑπάρχεις ἀληθῶς, τοῦ Πατρὸς τὸ ἀπαύγασμα.

Upon the mountain were You transfigured, and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they were able, O Christ our God; so that when they would see You crucified they might understand that Your Passion was deliberate, and declare to the world that in truth You are the Father's radiance.

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

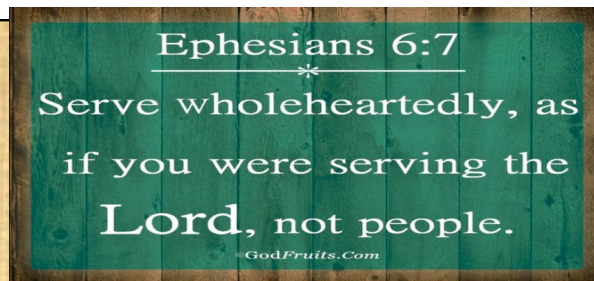
Team 2: John McQueary, Nora Zirps, Charles DePoortere, Julia Macovei

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 9th, is Team's 3 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 9th, 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:

NATALIIA IVCHYK
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.





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!**

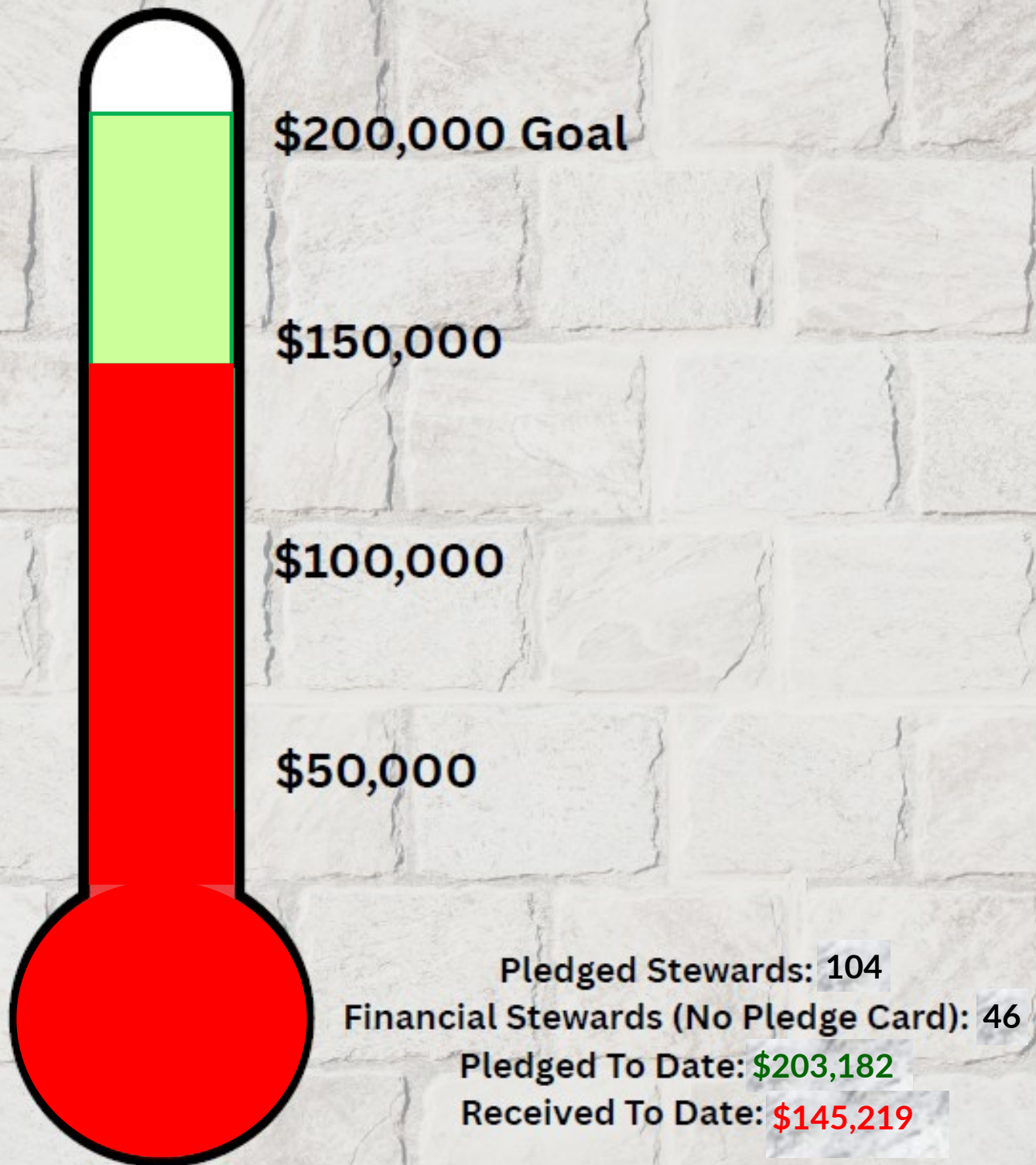
To ensure we have enough food and helping hands, please see Ian Chavez, or email DOTurbanministry@gmail.com to sign up.

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!



Rise Up & Build 2026 Stewardship Campaign



Dormition of The Theotokos Greek Orthodox Church

WORSHIP LIFE AUGUST LITURGICAL CALENDAR

- **Wednesday, August 12** Paraclesis Service 6pm – 7pm / Bible Study 7pm-8pm
- **Friday, August 14** Great Vespers / Feast of Dormition of the Theotokos 6:30p – 8:00p
 His Eminence Metropolitan Sevastianos of Atlanta presiding!
- **Saturday, August 15** The Feast of Dormition of Theotokos — Orthros: 8:55 am - Divine
 Liturgy: 10:00+ am **His Eminence Metropolitan Sevastianos of**
 Atlanta presiding!
- **Saturday, August 15** Our Feast Picnic — 1pm – 5pm
- **Sunday August 16** 11th Sunday of Matthew — Orthros: 8:50 am - Divine Liturgy: 10:00+
- **Sunday, August 23** 12th Sunday of Matthew — Orthros: 8:50 am – Div. Liturgy: 10:00+
- **Sunday, August 30** 13th Sunday of Matthew — Orthros: 8:50 am – Div. Liturgy: 10:00+

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



LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS



FEAST-DAY INFORMATION!

Every year the church celebrates The Dormition of the Theotokos on August 15. It is one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the liturgical year, as well as our church's name day! We begin by decorating the **Kouvouklion in the morning on August 14th for the evening Dormition of the Theotokos Vesper Service**. All women in our parish are encouraged to come and participate. *Please see weekly bulletins or emails for times.*

What: Dormition of the Theotokos Great Vespers Service, Artoclasia Service and Lenten Reception

When: Friday, August 14th

We will have a Lenten Reception following the Great Vespers service on Friday, August 14th. Philoptochos members please bring a Lenten dessert to add to our table. With our many guests from surrounding parishes attending our service, we need your help to make this a lovely and welcoming reception. If you can assist with set up or clean up, please see Catherine Stuman.

What: Dormition of the Theotokos Divine Liturgy

When: Saturday, August 15th

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.



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 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.

YOU really CAN make a difference!

For Your Stewardship Offering Please Visit

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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.

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.

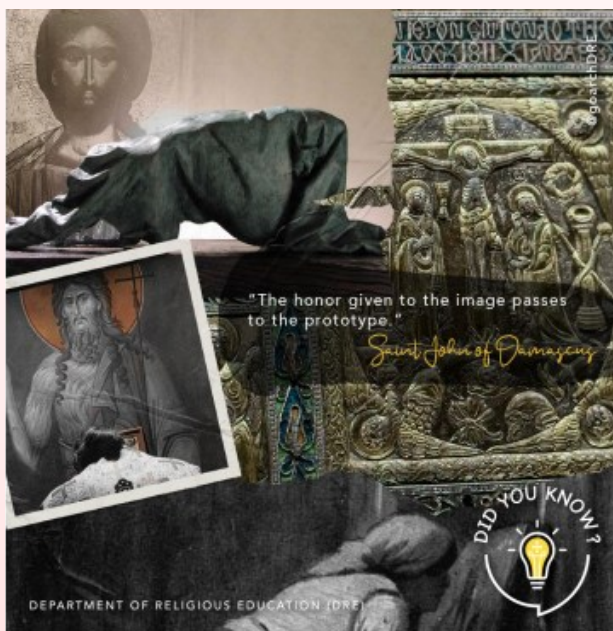
For all others: Though we cannot share Communion with you—since it is an expression of membership and full unity in faith—you are welcome to come forward after the dismissal, receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread with the blessing of the priest. Please also sign our guest book/guest card 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.

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 worshipping 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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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The 2026 Greensboro Greek Festival is September 25-27!

We are just a few 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=dmU4aHhjb2ndGw3>

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 & 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**

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.

- **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>
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
SPONSORED Tzatziki Sauce	30 cases	\$40	\$1,200 SPONSORED
Chicken ½	17 cases	\$125	\$2,125
Chicken Souvlaki	750 lbs	\$3.5/lb	\$2,625
Pastichio	80 pans	\$45	\$3,600