



Dormition of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Church

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Upcoming Services & Events

- **Sunday, August 2**
9th Sunday of Matthew
Orthros (matins):
8:55am
Divine Liturgy:
10:00-11:30+am
- **Wednesday, August 5**
Paraclesis Service:
6pm-7pm
Bible Study:
7pm -8pm
- **Thursday, August 6**
Transfiguration of Jesus Christ
Orthros (matins):
8:55am
Divine Liturgy:
9:30-10:30+am
- **Friday, August 7**
Paraclesis Service:
6pm-7pm
- **Sunday, August 9**
10th Sunday of Matthew
Orthros (matins):
8:55am
Divine Liturgy:
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 2, 2026 9th Sunday of Matthew



... but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Matthew 14:30

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**August 15
1—5 PM**

Bulletin for Sunday, August 2, 2026

THIS SUNDAY'S EPISTLE & HOLY GOSPEL READINGS

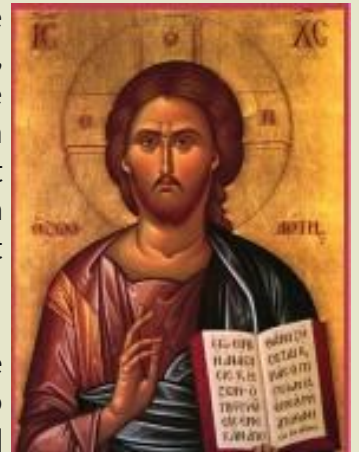
THE EPISTLE READING - St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians 3:9-17

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw - each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.



THE HOLY GOSPEL READING –The Gospel According to Matthew 14:22-34

At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying "Take heart, it is I; have no fear."



And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they entered the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

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 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....

9th Sunday of Matthew Readings

1 Corinthians 3:9-17 and Matthew 14:22-34

In today's Epistle reading, St Paul reminds us of the tremendous gift and privilege that has been given to us as baptized members of Christ's Holy Church. The Spirit of God now dwells within us, and Christ has become the foundation on which we build our lives, a foundation that cannot be shaken or taken away. However, while we should rejoice in that fact, **we must not become complacent**. Although the foundation is there, and we have been given all we need to build upon it, **what we choose to build remains up to us**. The foundation might be unshakable, but what good is that to us if we build upon it a house of cards that will come tumbling down at the slightest gust of wind?

And it is not just a question of effort, but of whether that effort is well spent (building a house of cards is difficult and time consuming precisely because of how unstable it is!). As the Psalmist says, **"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it"** (Ps. 127:1). **In order for the house to stand, we have to be God's co-laborers** (Theou synergoi), and the story told in today's Gospel reading is a perfect illustration of precisely this notion of synergy with God.

Christ, the eternal Word of God made flesh, is seen walking on the water. St Peter calls out to him and says, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water". Peter steps out of the boat onto the sea and begins to walk. At that moment, his foundation was not the water under his feet, which could not have supported him, **but rather his faith in Christ**.

When we are joined to Christ we become, as the same Apostle says in his second epistle, **"partakers of the divine nature"** (2 Peter 1:4), **and this is what allowed Peter at that moment to do what the Lord had done and walk on the water**. We will see this also this coming Thursday (August 6th) when we will celebrate the **Transfiguration of the Lord**, when Peter and the other two Apostles saw Jesus on Mount Tabor shining with the uncreated light. **The Fathers tell us that it was not Christ who was transfigured at that moment, but rather the eyes of the Apostles** which were opened to see Jesus as he truly is; they were granted some form of participation in his divine energies.

However, although this possibility of participation is a gift freely given, **it requires this same cooperation, the synergy that Paul mentions**. The Lord did not withdraw from Peter, he did not take back the gift given to him. **Rather it was Peter who took his eyes off the Lord**, saw the storm, became afraid and lost faith. He stepped off the Rock, which is Christ, and back into the sea and thus immediately began to sink.

The foundation has been laid, the tools are at our disposal, but as for what we build and whether we make use of those tools, the choice is ours. As we work to build our lives, do we keep our gaze fixed on Christ and with him build things that will last into eternity, or do we turn aside to focus on the storm and build something that will only last as long as the temporary concerns and troubles of this life?

More importantly, when we do go wrong, do we cry **"Lord, help me"**, **as did Peter**, or do we choose **to drown in our self-reliance?**





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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TO PURCHASE
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!

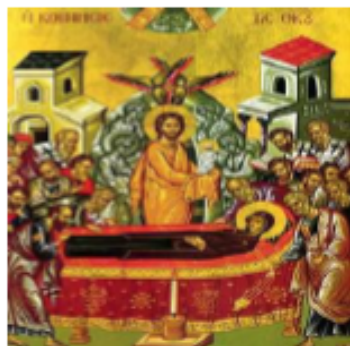
ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS OUR

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 Philotochos 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 Philotochos “St. Philothea” • Our Youth and the entire community.

FEASTS of the WEEK

Sunday, August 2nd, 2026 – Saturday, August 8th, 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 Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen from Jerusalem to Constantinople [August 2](#)
- Venerable Cosmas the Eunuch and Hermit of Palestine [August 3](#)
- 7 Holy Youths “Seven Sleepers” of Ephesus [August 4](#)
- Righteous Nonna, mother of Saint Gregory the Theologian [August 5](#)
- The Holy Transfiguration of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ (the Second “Feast of the Savior” in August) [August 6](#)
- Saint Theodora of Sihla [August 7](#)



STAY CONNECTED:

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

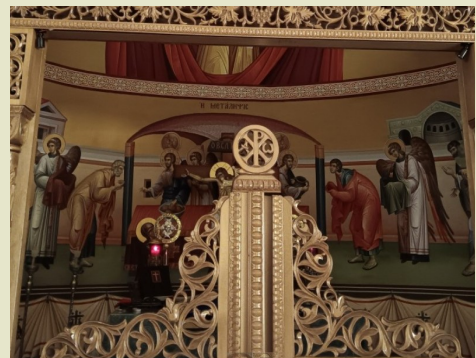
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CHURCH SERVICES, EVENTS AND
OTHER INFO CLICK BELOW**

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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 8) (Greek, English)

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ Εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσῃς τῶν παθῶν.
Ἦ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and consented to a three-day burial, to free us from the passions. O Lord, our life and resurrection, 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 8)

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and consented to a three-day burial, to free us from the passions. O Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to You

Hymn of St. Paraskevi (Mode 1)

O Stephen, a crown of royalty was laid on your head * for contests you courageously endured for Christ our God, * as first among Martyr saints. * You refuted the ravings of the Jews who accused you, * and you saw your Savior at the right hand of the Father. * We pray that you will ever 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

Ἐπὶ τοῦ ὄρους μετεμορφώθης, καὶ ὡς ἐχώρουν οἱ Μαθηταί σου τὴν δόξαν σου, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς 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

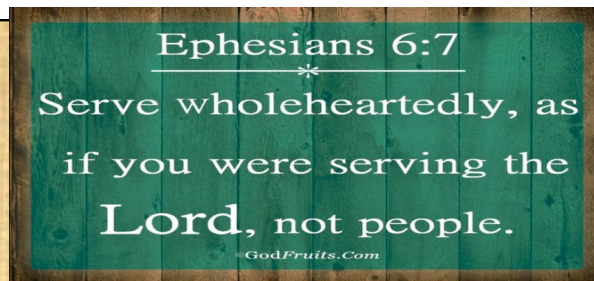
Team 2: John McQueary, Nora Zirps, Charles DePoortere, Julia Macovei

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 2nd, 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, August 2nd, 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 FAMILIES WITH LAST NAMES
STARTING WITH C-J FOR HOSTING
COFFEE HOUR.

THANK YOU FOR SPONSORING THIS
SUNDAY'S FELLOWSHIP HOUR.

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: \$145,219

Dormition of The Theotokos Greek Orthodox Church

WORSHIP LIFE AUGUST LITURGICAL CALENDAR

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wednesday, August 5</u> • <u>Thursday, August 6</u> • <u>Friday, August 7</u> • <u>Sunday, August 9</u> • <u>Wednesday, August 12</u> • <u>Friday, August 14</u> • <u>Saturday, August 15</u> • <u>Saturday, August 15</u> • <u>Sunday August 16</u> • <u>Sunday, August 23</u> • <u>Sunday, August 30</u> | <p>Paraclesis Service 6pm – 7pm / Bible Study 7pm-8pm
 Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
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 Great Vespers / Feast of Dormition of the Theotokos 6:30p – 8:00p
 His Eminence Metropolitan Sevastianos of Atlanta presiding!
 The Feast of Dormition of Theotokos — Orthros: 8:55 am - Divine Liturgy: 10:00+ am His Eminence Metropolitan Sevastianos of Atlanta presiding!</p> <p>Our Feast Picnic — 1pm – 5pm
 11th Sunday of Matthew — Orthros: 8:50 am - Divine Liturgy: 10:00+
 12th Sunday of Matthew — Orthros: 8:50 am – Div. Liturgy: 10:00+
 13th Sunday of Matthew — Orthros: 8:50 am – Div. Liturgy: 10:00+</p> |
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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/
creamers

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.

In Loving Memory of the Departed Servant of God, Elias Matar

The family of the departed servant of God, Elias Matar, extends its deepest gratitude to our beloved church community for the compassion, prayers, and support shown during this time of loss. We are sincerely thankful to all who attended his funeral service, joined us for the mercy meal, sent flowers, offered contributions to the Dormition of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Church, mailed sympathy cards, shared heartfelt messages, visited our home, or sponsored the mercy meal in his memory.

We offer special thanks to the Ladies of Philoptochos for their kindness and dedicated assistance in serving the mercy meal. Your love and generosity honored Elias's memory and brought comfort to our family.

To everyone who reached out, whether by message, phone call, or in person, please know that your support has been a true blessing. Your prayers and acts of love have lifted our hearts and reminded us of the strength of our community.

May his memory be eternal.

— The Matar, Handal, Kattan, Zeidan, and Stephan Families





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.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER BREAK
From classes, YES!



But, NOT from church services!

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

Sunday School— Madalina Body

Website Ministry – Martin Ross

Youth Ministry— Matthew Beckett, Director

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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.



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.

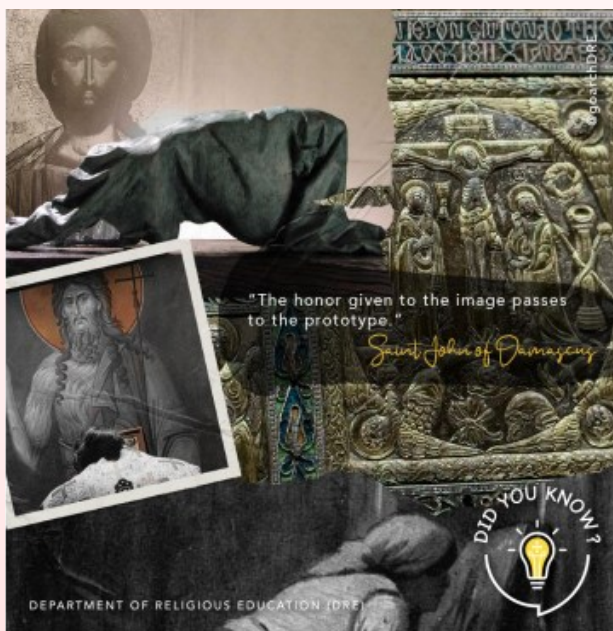
For all others: Though we cannot share Communion with you—since it is an expression of membership and full unity in faith—you are welcome to come forward after the dismissal, receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread with the blessing of the priest. Please also sign our guest book/guest card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

VENERATING THE ICONS



DID YOU KNOW?

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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 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.

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

Volunteer Sign-Up

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

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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**

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.

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

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