



Dormition of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Church

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Upcoming Services & Events

- **Sunday, May 3**
Sunday of the Paralytic
Orthros (matins):
8:55am
Divine Liturgy:
10:00-11:30+am
- **Sunday, May 10**
Sunday of the Samaritan
Woman
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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, May 3, 2026 – Sunday of the Paralytic

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS TRULY RISEN!

Christ is risen from the dead, by death, trampling down upon death,
and to those in the tombs He has granted life.



"Afterward, **Jesus** found him in the temple, and **said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you."** The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him." **John 5:14**

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 **40-day memorial service** for beloved brother in the Lord,
John Kalogiros, husband of Evangelia Kalogiros, and a **memorial
service for Maria, Maria & Aurel**, beloved mother, daughter and father
of Camelia Moraru will be chanted this
Sunday at the end of Divine Liturgy.



May their memory be eternal!



Bulletin for Sunday, May 3, 2026

WORSHIP LIFE MAY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

- **Sunday, May 10** **Sunday of the Samaritan Woman** — Orthros: 8:55 am /
Divine Liturgy: 10:00+ am
- **Sunday, May 17** **Sunday of the Blind Man** — Orthros: 8:55 am /
Divine Liturgy: 10:00+ am
- **Thursday, May 21** **Holy Ascension and Constantine & Helen, Equal-to-the Apostles**
Orthros: 8:55 am - Divine Liturgy: 9:30 – 10:30 am+
- **Sunday, May 24** **Fathers of the 1st Council** — Orthros: 8:55 am /
Divine Liturgy: 10:00+ am
- **Sunday, May 31** **Pentecost** — Orthros: 8:55 am - Divine Liturgy: 10:00+ am

The above schedule and times supersede any other schedule.



May 10th Mother's Day

"She gets up while it is still night; she provides food for her family and portions for her female servants."

(Proverbs 31:15 (NIV): 15)

In honor of mothers, and mother figures, we will have a one-day canned and non-perishable food drive on Sunday, May 10th.

Please bring all goods to the Narthex.



THIS SUNDAY'S EPISTLE & HOLY GOSPEL READINGS

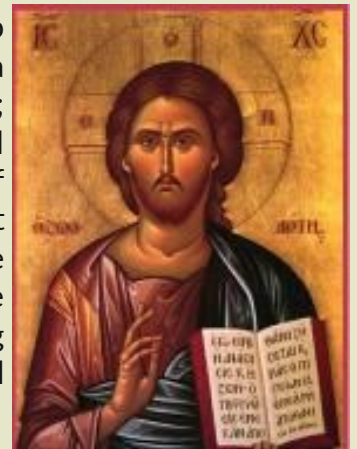
THE EPISTLE READING - Acts of the Apostles 9:32-42

In those days, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.



THE HOLY GOSPEL READING —The Gospel According to John 5: 1-15

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked.



Now that day was the sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.' "They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

**We are grateful for your generous Easter gift to our church.
Kindly remit your Easter Gift envelope to the church office.**



DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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April 30, 2026

INVITATION PARISH ASSEMBLY

Beloved Faithful and Members of Dormition of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Church. Christ is risen!

As we all know it is imperative, as the By-Laws of our church community state, that we call two annual Parish Assemblies every year for the good of our community.

It is with much joy then to invite all of you to our **FIRST annual 2026 Parish Assembly on Sunday, May 17, 2026, immediately following the Divine Liturgy** at our fellowship hall. The agenda of this assembly is shown below for your records.

It is also imperative that as Members of the community to attend the Parish Assembly as our Christian DUTY and OBLIGATION calls, for our benefit, to be informed and in addition to offer our knowledge for the betterment of our community. **Let us attend!**

Parish Assembly Agenda Sunday, May 17th, 2026

1. Call to order & Establish quorum
2. Opening prayer
3. Father Sarantis message
4. Approve minutes from Fall 2025
5. President's report
6. Treasurer's report
7. Ministry reports
 - a. Stewardship
 - b. Youth
 - c. Festival
 - d. Beautification
 - e. Philoptochos
 - f. Facility Maintenance
8. Old business
 - a. 2024 Audit
9. New business
 - a. Review of new building plans and establishment of a capital campaign to fund construction
 - b. Safety and security updates
 - c. Nominations for Board of Elections
 - d. Open Discussion
10. Motion to adjourn
11. Closing prayer

Rev. Fr Sarantis P. Loulakis

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John McQueary, President, P.C.

HYMNS OF THE DAY

The Feast's Apolytikion. (Mode 5) 4Times Gr, English, Gr, Eng)

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι, ζῶν χαρισάμενος.

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

SMALL ENTRANCE HYMN

Bless God in the churches, the Lord from the fountains of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead... We sing to You, Alleluia!

Hymns After the Small Entrance

Resurrection Apolytikion Hymn (Mode 3)

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.

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 8

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες Ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ ἄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν· καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ μυροφόροις φθελγόμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out "Rejoice" to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.



FEASTS of the WEEK

Sunday, May 3rd, 2026 – Sunday, May 10th, 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.

- Sunday of the Paralytic [May 3](#)
- Holy Great Martyr Xenia of Kalamata [May 3](#)
- Virgin Martyr Pelagia of Tarsus, in Asia Minor [May 4](#)
- Great Martyr Irene [May 5](#)
- New Martyr Ephraim [May 5](#)
- Righteous Job the Long-Suffering [May 6](#)
- Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian [May 8](#)
- Prophet Isaiah [May 9](#)
- Sunday of the Samaritan Woman [May 10](#)



STAY CONNECTED:

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

**VISIT OUR CHURCH WEBSITE FOR
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!!!***

SAVE THE DATES

Spring Drive-Thru Food Sale

MAY 8-9, 2026

Greensboro Greek Festival

SEPTEMBER 25-27, 2026

SAVE THE DATE

Insights from the Holy Gospel Reading or the Feast

Today's Holy Gospel reading, **John 5:1–15**, recounts Jesus healing a man who had been an **invalid for thirty-eight years** at the **Pool of Bethesda**, highlighting His authority and compassion, and sparking a **Sabbath controversy**.

Reading Summary

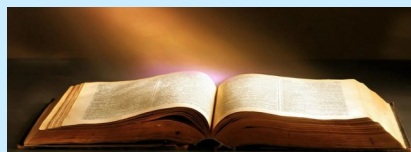
Jesus went to Jerusalem for a Jewish festival and visited the **Pool of Bethesda**, near the Sheep Gate, which had **five covered colonnades** where many disabled people—blind, lame, and paralyzed—lay waiting for healing (John 5:1–3). One man had been an invalid for **thirty-eight years** (John 5:5). Seeing him, Jesus asked, **“Do you want to get well?”** (John 5:6). The man explained he had no one to help him into the pool when the water was stirred, and others always got in before him (John 5:7). Jesus then commanded him, **“Get up! Pick up your mat and walk”** (John 5:8). Immediately, the man was healed and walked, carrying his mat (John 5:9). This miracle occurred on the **Sabbath**, prompting Jewish leaders to challenge him for carrying his mat, which they considered unlawful (John 5:10–12). The man did not initially know who had healed him, but later Jesus found him in the temple and warned him, **“See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you”** (John 5:14). The man then told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had healed him (John 5:15).

Key Themes and Insights

- **Divine Authority and Compassion:** Jesus demonstrates His power to heal and His concern for individuals, even those long afflicted. The man's thirty-eight-year illness may symbolize prolonged spiritual or physical helplessness, emphasizing Jesus as the source of restoration.
- **Sabbath Controversy:** Healing on the Sabbath challenges rigid interpretations of the law, highlighting Jesus' authority over religious rules and His prioritization of mercy and life over ritual observance.
- **Faith and Obedience:** The man's healing required his response to Jesus' command, illustrating the importance of faith and action in receiving God's blessings.
- **Bethesda – “House of Mercy”:** The pool's name reflects God's provision and mercy, and the narrative underscores hope for divine intervention, even when human help is absent.
- **Witness to Jesus' Identity:** The miracle serves as a testimony to Jesus' divine authority, foreshadowing later conflicts with religious leaders over His claims and works.

Historical and Cultural Context

- The **Pool of Bethesda** was a real location in Jerusalem, excavated near the Temple Mount, with five porticoes matching John's description (John 5:2).
- Some manuscripts include verse 4, describing an angel stirring the water, reflecting contemporary beliefs about miraculous healing at the pool, though it may not have been part of the original text (John 5:4).
- The number **thirty-eight** may symbolically parallel Israel's wilderness years, representing long-term suffering and the need for divine deliverance. This passage emphasizes Jesus' **power to heal, His authority over the law, and the call to spiritual and physical renewal**, making it a foundational text for understanding His ministry and the nature of faith.



Paschal Greetings from Around the World

Arabic:	El Messieh kahm!	Hakken kahm!
English:	Christ is risen!	Indeed He is risen!
Greek:	Christos Anesti!	Alithos Anesti!
Romanian:	Hristos a inviat!	Adevărat a înviat!
Russian:	Khristos voskrese!	Voistinu voskrese!
Serbian:	Hristos vaskrse!	Vaistunu vaskrse!
Spanish:	Cristo ha resucitado!	En verdad ha resucitado!
Ukrainian:	Khristos voskres!	Voistinu voskres!

BIBLE STUDY

YOUR ATTENTION CATECHUMENS & BIBLE STUDY PARTICIPANTS:

You deserve a break!!! Thank you for your devotion and commitment!

We will resume our studies again with our **SUMMER SESSION**

(Bi-Monthly / 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month)

starting on the first Wednesday in June 3rd through Wednesday, September 2nd.

We will study The 11 Resurrection Holy Gospel readings

being read during the Sunday Matins service.

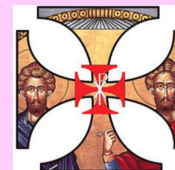
God bless you!

We will begin our WEEKLY CLASSES on Wednesday, September 16th.

Please make a note of this.



LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS



Philoptochos News:

Philoptochos welcomes new members year-round! **Membership for the calendar year is \$35.** Membership supports National, Metropolis and Local initiatives. **Please reach out to Regina Reese to fill out the info form at redajo99@gmail.com.**

Upcoming Events:

May 8th & 9th Drive Through Food Festival - Please sign up to volunteer for the Church Drive Through Food Festival! Volunteers are needed Friday (set up/prep) and Saturday (day of) May 8/9. Sign-ups are in the fellowship hall.

May 10th Mother's Day- "She gets up while it is still night; she provides food for her family and portions for her female servants." (Proverbs 31:15 (NIV): 15) In honor of mothers, and mother figures, we will have a one-day canned and non-perishable food drive on Sunday, May 10th. Please bring all goods to the Narthex.

A little fact about our food pantry ministry. Philoptochos initiated a food pantry in the late 1990's under the Presidency of Toulia Chininis. We have continued to coordinate this ministry since then, collecting, contributing, encouraging our parishioners to donate and then boxing and delivering to the neediest food pantries in our area throughout the year.

Additional Food Bank contributions will be donated to A Simple Gesture. Please consider donating canned and non-perishable goods.

ATTENTION CLASS of 2026 HIGH SCHOOL or COLLEGE GRADUATES!

or parents or friends of graduates in our parish. Please contact Catherine Stuman by email ccstuman@yahoo.com or by phone/text 336-392-4264 by May 3rd, so that we may know you are graduating. Our Philoptochos Chapter is planning to honor and recognize all our graduating seniors this year on Graduation Sunday, June 7th.



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!

Kindly make it as part of your Pascha giving!

Christ is Risen! He is Truly Risen!

Rise Up & Build 2026 Stewardship Campaign



Dormition of The Theotokos Greek Orthodox Church

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



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, beginning in June.

Coffee Hour instructions are above.

Thank 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 Mandaleris, Elena Vierling, Brandon Covey

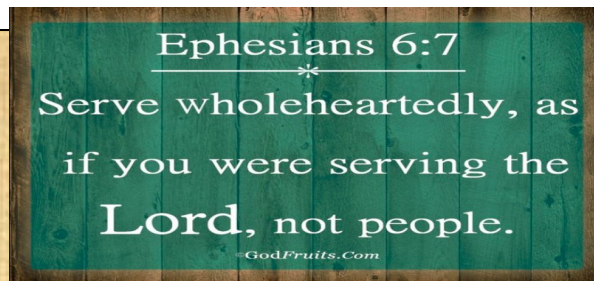
Team 2: John McQueary, Nora Zirps, Charles DePoortere, Julia Macovei

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, May 3rd, is Team's 4 honor to lead during service.
May the Lord bless their service!**



ACOLYTE SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Group 1:

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

Group 2:

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

**This Sunday, May 3rd, 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:

**CHRISTIAN & CAMELIA MORARU
FOR HOSTING COFFEE HOUR IN
HONOR OF MARIA, MARIA & AUREL.**

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



Organization & Ministries

Contact Information

AHEPA—Demetri Dascalakis

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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Sunday School Schedule & Youth Events:

MAY

May 3, 2026 - Sunday School

- Sunday of the Paralytic - Gospel Reading : John 5:1-15

May 10, 2026 - Sunday School

- Sunday of the Samaritan Woman - Gospel Reading : John 4:5-42

May 17, 2026 - Sunday School

- Sunday of the Blind Man - Gospel Reading : John 9:1-38

May 24, 2026 - Sunday School

- Fathers of the 1st Council - Gospel Reading : John 17:1-13



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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 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)



Church Office Note...

You may visit or call the office **Monday—Friday from 9am-1pm**. Fr. Sarantis is in the office: **Monday 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.**

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.



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.

5 things we **don't** do from Easter to Pentecost



we don't kneel

we don't pray
"Heavenly King"



we don't make
long prostrations



we don't keep
a strict fast



we don't abstain
from eating fish
on Wednesdays and Fridays





Spring Drive-Thru Food Sale May 8 & 9 from 11a-8p.

We need your help to make this event a success!

Volunteers are needed for various roles on the days of the sale.

Please sign up using the sheet located on the hall board or contact

Ellen Scaturchio at 336.681.8416

Your support will make a huge difference, and

we appreciate your time and effort!

Thank you for helping us serve our community!