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Upcoming Services & Events

- **Sunday, July 5**
5th Sunday of Matthew
Orthros (matins):
8:55am
Divine Liturgy:
10:00-11:30+am
- **Wednesday, July 8**
Bible Study:
6:30pm in Church
- **Sunday, July 12**
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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, July 5, 2026 5th Sunday of Matthew



And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, **O Son of God?** Have you come here to torment us before the time?"

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 1-year memorial service for our beloved sister in the Lord,
Charlotte 'Cleopatra' Blue, goddaughter & niece of Mike Morfessis,
and a 22-year memorial service for our beloved brother in the Lord,
Telemachos "Mike" Morfessis, father of Mike Morfessis,
will be chanted this Sunday at the end of Divine Liturgy.



May their memory be eternal!



Bulletin for Sunday, July 5, 2026

THIS SUNDAY'S EPISTLE & HOLY GOSPEL READINGS

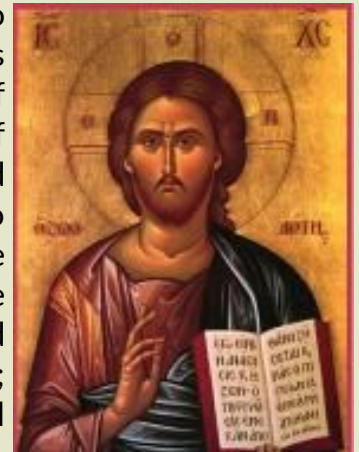
THE EPISTLE READING - St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2

Brethren, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another, no envy of one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.



THE HOLY GOSPEL READING —The Gospel According to Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one would pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.



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....

Matthew 8:29

In today's Holy Gospel reading (*Mt. 8:28 – 34, 9:1*) we are hearing the following:

....**"What do You want with us, Son of God?"**

This phrase is spoken by demons possessing two men in the region of the Gadarenes. The demons recognize Jesus' divine authority and identity as the **"Son of God,"** a title affirming His deity and messianic role. This acknowledgment by spiritual beings highlights the spiritual realm's awareness of Jesus' true nature, contrasting with the often skeptical human perception. ***The title "Son of God" is significant throughout the New Testament, affirming Jesus' unique relationship with the Father*** (Mat 3:17). The demons' question reflects their fear and recognition of Jesus' power over them, as they are aware of His authority to judge and command them.

....**they shouted.**

The demons' shouting indicates their agitation and fear in the presence of Jesus. This reaction underscores the authority and power of Jesus, **as even the spiritual forces of evil are compelled to acknowledge Him.** The loudness of their cry may also reflect the desperation and urgency of their situation, knowing they are in the presence of the one who has the power to cast them out and judge them.

...**"Have You come here to torture us before the appointed time?"**

This question reveals the demons' awareness of eschatological judgment. They know there is an **"appointed time"** for their ultimate punishment, as referenced in [Revelation 20:10](#), where Satan and his followers are cast into the lake of fire. The demons' fear of premature torment suggests their understanding of God's sovereign timeline and their inevitable defeat. This phrase also highlights the tension between the present age and the age to come, where Jesus' first coming initiates the kingdom of God, but the final judgment is yet to occur. The demons' question reflects their dread of Jesus' authority to execute judgment, even before the final eschatological event.

Spiritual warfare is a significant theme throughout the Bible, reflecting the ongoing battle between the forces of good and evil. This concept is rooted in the understanding that beyond the physical realm, there exists a spiritual dimension where battles for the souls of humanity are waged. The Bible provides numerous insights into the nature, participants, and strategies involved in this warfare, emphasizing the believer's role and the divine resources available for victory. **The Bible identifies Satan as the primary adversary in spiritual warfare.** Described as a deceiver and accuser, **Satan's role is to oppose God's purposes and lead humanity astray.** [1 Peter 5:8](#) warns, "Be sober-minded and alert. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour." This imagery underscores the danger and vigilance required in facing such a formidable foe.

Believers are called to be active participants in spiritual warfare. [Ephesians 6:10-11](#) instructs, "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can make your stand against the devil's schemes." The passage goes on to describe the armor of God, which includes truth, righteousness, the gospel of peace, faith, salvation, the Word of God, and prayer. These elements equip believers to stand firm against spiritual attacks. While the battle is ongoing, the Bible assures believers of their position in Christ and the resources available to them. Through faith, prayer, and the application of God's Word, believers are equipped to stand firm against the spiritual forces of evil, confident in the ultimate triumph secured by their Savior.



FEASTS of the WEEK

Sunday, July 5th, 2026 – Sunday, July 12th, 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.

- Venerable Athanasius, **founder of the Great Lavra** and Coenobitic Monasticism on Mount Athos, and his six disciples [July 5](#)
- Venerable Sisoës the Great [July 6](#)
- Venerable Acacius of Sinai, **who is mentioned in the Ladder** [July 7](#)
- Martyr Kyriake of Nicomedia [July 7](#)
- Greatmartyr Procopius of Caesarea, in Palestine [July 8](#)
- Hieromartyr Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina in Sicily [July 9](#)
- 45 Holy Martyrs at Nicopolis in Armenia [July 10](#)
- Greatmartyr Euphemia the All-praised [July 11](#) (NOTE: We will celebrate in church on Sunday, July 12)



STAY CONNECTED:

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

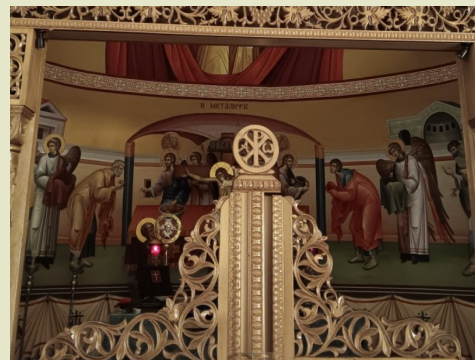
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***In Every Moment of our Lives, PLEASE
KEEP GOD IN MIND. VISIT HIM IN HIS
HOME!***

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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 4) (Greek, English)

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριάι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἡγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

When the women disciples of the Lord heard the Angel joyously proclaim the resurrection, they cast aside the ancestral verdict, and boasting in glory they said to the Apostles, “Death has been despoiled! Christ God has risen, granting the great mercy to the world!

SMALL ENTRANCE HYMN

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

Hymns After the Small Entrance

Resurrection Apolytikion Hymn (Mode 4)

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Hymn of the Celebrating Saint (3)

Angelic hosts on high were filled with wonderment, seeing your life in the flesh: how with your body you courageously went out to wrestle with invisible foes; and to the demonic hordes you inflicted serious wounds. Therefore, Athanasios, you received from the Master Christ, a wealth of gifts. Holy Father, intercede on our behalf with Christ our God, 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 ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμῶντων 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, July 5th, is Team's 3 honor to lead during service.
May the Lord bless their service!**

Ephesians 6:7
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Serve wholeheartedly, as
if you were serving the
Lord, not people.

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ACOLYTE SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Group 1:

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

Group 2:

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

This Sunday, July 5th, 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:

**MIKE MORFESSIS & LILYAN
SCHMITZ**

FOR HOSTING COFFEE HOUR.

THANK YOU FOR SPONSORING THIS
SUNDAY'S FELLOWSHIP HOUR.

WORSHIP LIFE JULY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

- Wednesday, July 8 Bible Study — 6:30pm in Church
- Sunday, July 12 **6th Sunday of Matthew** — Orthros: 8:55 am – Divine Liturgy: 10:00+a
(**Martyr Euphemia** celebrated today)
- Wednesday, July 15 Bible Study — 6:30pm in Church
- Sunday, July 19 **Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council**
Orthros: 8:55 am – Divine Liturgy: 10:00+am
(**Elias the Prophet** celebrated today)
- Sunday, July 26 **8th Sunday of Matthew** — Orthros: 8:55 am – Divine Liturgy: 10:00+a
(**Panteleimon the Martyr** celebrated today)

The above schedule and times supersede any other schedule.



Would you like to host a coffee hour?

Coffee Hour can be sponsored to celebrate a name day, a birthday, a special event, to remember a loved one, or just to give thanks to God and share with the community. There are multiple dates available. Instructions are below.

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOST

A Coffee Hour sign-up calendar is posted in the fellowship hall. As a reminder, when there is not a Sunday Host, coffee and a cool beverage will be available in the Hall. Please make note that a Checklist for Kitchen Use and Clean Up is posted on the left wall when entering the kitchen and Directions for making coffee are posted on the wall near the coffee maker. If help is needed making coffee on a Sunday or cupping koliva following a memorial service, PLEASE CONTACT IN ADVANCE, the church office, Monday through Thursday, 9am to 12noon, so a Philoptochos member may be NOTIFIED and AVAILABLE to assist. We are now fortunate to have a cleaning service that will mop floors and wipe down kitchen counters on Sunday evenings. However, THEY DO NOT clean dirty dishes or put away any items left to dry on the kitchen counters or around the sinks. PLEASE help to KEEP our KITCHEN CLEAN and in order, by WASHING, DRYING, and PUTTING AWAY any kitchen items used and wiping down the hall tables. Also, members enjoying fellowship are asked, before they leave, to please help by placing their used plates and beverage cups in a nearby trash can.

ITEMS PROVIDED AT HALL

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

ITEMS PROVIDED BY HOST

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

ITEMS NEEDED FOR KOLIVA

Cups (9 oz plastic suggested)
spoons

A MESSAGE FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

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Beloved,

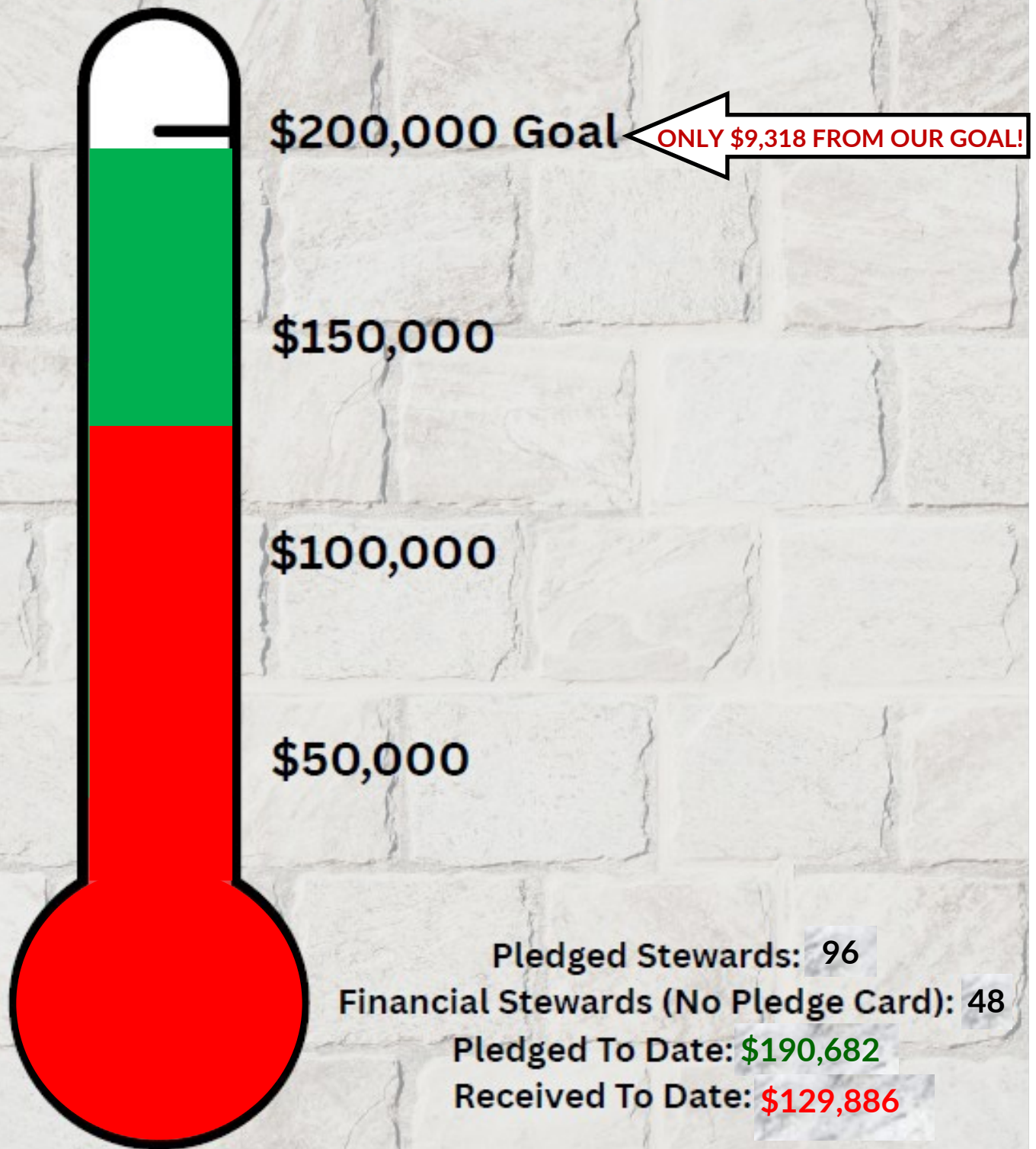
Just a kind reminder.

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

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

Christ is Risen! He is Truly Risen!

Rise Up & Build 2026 Stewardship Campaign



Dormition of The Theotokos Greek Orthodox Church



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.



50+

LUNCH

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

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

Please RSVP: Maria Cropper
336-324-5358


PANAGIA
Name Day
CELEBRATION

8/15/2026

MORE INFORMATION

Coming Soon!



**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**



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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The 2026 Greensboro Greek Festival is September 25-27!

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

Stay Connected

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

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

Volunteer Sign-Up

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

Thank You to Our Station Sponsors!

We extend our sincere appreciation to the following families and businesses for sponsoring festival stations:

- **Alpha Omega Financial, LLC (Scott & Pete Graham)** — Beer Station
 - **The Kattan and Hanna Families** — Loukoumades Station
 - **The Ross Family** — Coffee Station
 - **Kiki & Kirk Tarasidis** — Frappé Station
- **Anonymous** — Partial Sponsorship of the Orthodox Bookstore Station

Available Festival Station Sponsorships

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

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

Donate Toward Specific Festival Food Items

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

<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount Needed</u>	<u>Price/Case</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
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



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!

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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.



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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