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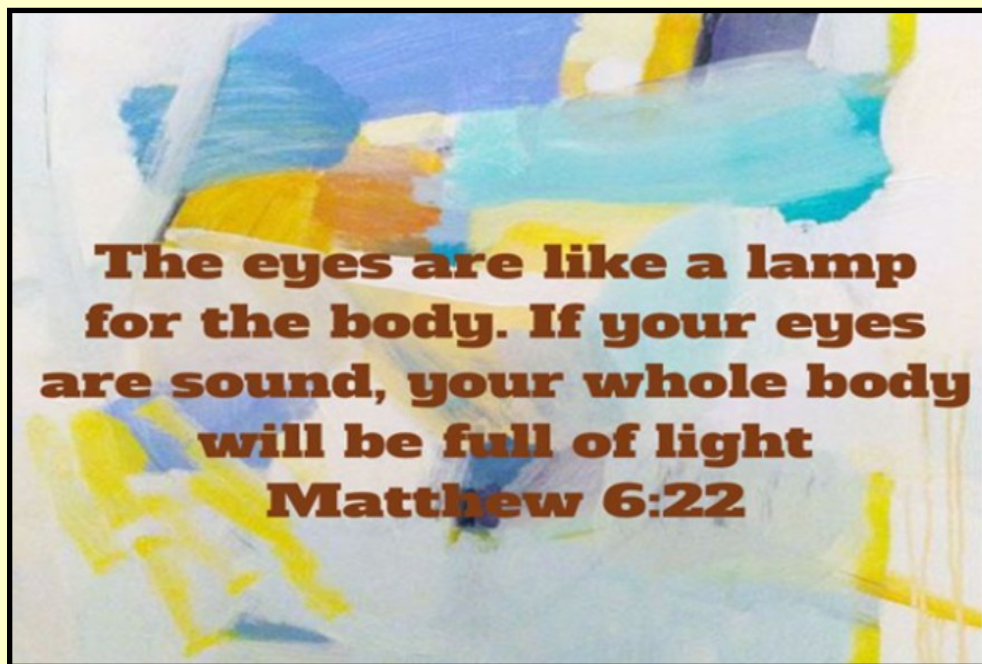
Upcoming Services & Events

- **Sunday, June 21**
3rd Sunday of Matthew
Orthros (matins):
8:55am
Divine Liturgy:
10:00-11:30+am
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Nativity of John the Baptist
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6:30pm in Church
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4th Sunday of Matthew
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***Our mission...** is to become Disciples of Christ, through thought, word, and deed, humbly submitting to the will of the Father, while seeking the Holy Spirit to achieve Salvation.*

***Our Vision...** with the Grace of God, is to provide a loving community where all belong to Christ, through worship, sanctification, education, witness, compassion and fellowship.*

Sunday, June 21, 2026 — 3rd Sunday of Matthew



FROM ALL OF US....



THIS SUNDAY'S EPISTLE & HOLY GOSPEL READINGS

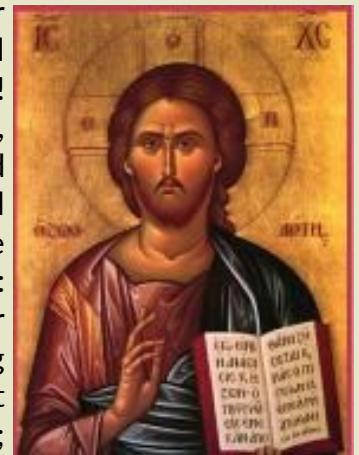
THE EPISTLE READING - St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 5:1-10

Brethren, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man -- though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.



THE HOLY GOSPEL READING –The Gospel According to Matthew 6:22-33

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."



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

In this Sunday's Epistle reading, St. Paul reminds us of this truth today: **we are justified by faith**. It's faith which is lifesaving for us because it is faith, which gives us access into the deifying, life-changing, transformative grace of God.

Now faith is one of those theological concepts in the Church that's sometimes difficult to understand or apply. Consider then this definition of faith from St. Paul in Hebrews: ***"faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen"*** (Heb. 11:1).

St. Paul says in today's Epistle that it's faith that enables us to rejoice in hope of the glory of God. In other words, just like our definition out of Hebrews, St. Paul is here linking faith and hope, hope and faith. God is continuously pouring out His grace on us, drawing us to Himself—as much as we are willing to cooperate with the Holy Spirit. **But that's just it: faith demands action**. The old debate between Lutheranism and Catholicism regarding justification **by faith or works is a false dichotomy**: it's not one OR the other. Instead, both are needed, both are mutually dependent.

Faith can never be a mere verbal pronouncement of belief. At the same time, **the primary work of the Church is not philanthropy but the witness of faith**, of living out the faith in the midst of those who do not yet believe so that they too may come to know Christ and His salvation. This is the example we have from the Apostles and the Saints: some were martyrs, some were evangelists, some were preachers, some were teachers, etc., but all were witnesses of the one, true faith; they're known today because they led others to the knowledge and love of God and His salvation through their witness. **"Faith is the assurance of things hoped for..."** In other words, if our hope is that God will heal us, save us through our participation in His life, which He manifests to us here and now through the Sacraments, through our prayers, then if this is our hope, if this is what we desire above all else, then, we pray and struggle to follow through, to cooperate with what God prescribes for us.

But we must ask ourselves, is this really our aim? Do we want God and participation in His life more than anything else? If we are to find faith, it must be so. Christ reminds us today, "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

WORSHIP LIFE JUNE LITURGICAL CALENDAR

- **Wednesday, June 24** **Nativity of John the Baptist — Orthros: 8:55 am
Divine Liturgy: 9:30 —10:45 am**
- **Wednesday, June 24** **Bible Study — 6:30pm in Church / Matins
Resurrection Holy Gospel Reading**
- **Sunday, June 28** **4th Sunday of Matthew — Orthros: 8:55 am - Divine Liturgy: 10:00+a**
- **Tuesday, June 30** **Synaxis of the Twelve Holy Apostles (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN
SCHEDULE: NO DIVINE LITURGY / CLERGY-LAITY CONFERENCE
IN CLEVELAND, OH)**

The above schedule and times supersede any other schedule.

FEASTS of the WEEK

Sunday, June 21st, 2026 – Sunday, June 28th, 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 Ananias the Iconographer [June 21](#)
- Martyr Agrippina of Rome [June 23](#)
- Nativity of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist, John [June 24](#)
- Saint Dionysios, the builder of Prodromou Monastery, Mount Athos [June 25](#)
- Saint John, Bishop of the Goths in the Crimea [June 26](#)
- Saint Joanna the Myrrhbearer [June 27](#)
- Venerable Xenophon, Abbot of Robeika, Novgorod [June 28](#)



STAY CONNECTED:

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

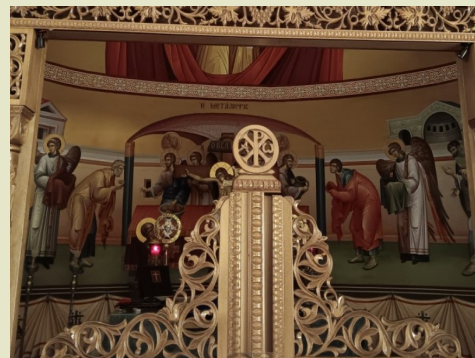
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OTHER INFO CLICK BELOW**

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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 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 2) (Greek, English)

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας, τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς θεότητος· ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεώτας, ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι

When You descended unto Death, O Lord, You who are immortal Life put Hades to death, by the lightning of Your divinity. And when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the hosts of heaven sang aloud to You, “O Christ God, Giver of life, 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, e sing to You, Alleluia

Hymns After the Small Entrance

Resurrection Apolytikion Hymn (Mode 2)

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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, ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα αἰεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν 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 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, June 21st, is Team's 1 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, June 21st, 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 A & B
FOR HOSTING COFFEE HOUR.**

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

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



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

Would you like to host a coffee hour?

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

There are multiple dates available. Instructions are below.

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOST

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

ITEMS PROVIDED AT HALL

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

ITEMS PROVIDED BY HOST

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

ITEMS NEEDED FOR KOLIVA

Cups (9 oz plastic suggested)
spoons

A MESSAGE FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

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Beloved,

Just a kind reminder.

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

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

Christ is Risen! He is Truly Risen!

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

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

Rise Up & Build 2026 Stewardship Campaign



Dormition of The Theotokos Greek Orthodox Church



**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**





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.

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)



Organization & Ministries

Contact Information

AHEPA—Yianni Varitimidis

Altar Servers Ministry— Matthew Beckett

Bible Study Ministry—Fr. Sarantis Loulakis

Cantors/Music Ministry—Fr. Sarantis Loulakis & Michelle Gilliam

Church Beautification—Chris Mandaleris

Dance Group (s) — Barbara Vaughan, Mary Ann Contogiannis, Emily Mihelich, Erin Blindenbacher

Daughters of Penelope— Su Peterson

GOYA— Abeer Ma'ayeh

Greek Festival—Shadi Zeidan

Greensboro Urban Ministry—Ian Chavez

Myrrh-bearers Ministry—Brittany Beckett

Narthex Ministry—Terry Kokenes & Shane Rivers

Orthodox Fellowship (50+)—Maria Cropper

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BIBLE STUDY

YOUR ATTENTION CATECHUMENS & BIBLE STUDY PARTICIPANTS:

Thank you for your devotion and commitment! We will resume our studies again with our

SUMMER SESSION

Bi-Monthly on Wednesdays:

June 10th & June 24th

July 8th & July 15th

August 5th & August 12th

We will study The 11 Resurrection Holy Gospel readings being read during the Sunday Matins service. God bless you!

We will begin our WEEKLY CLASSES on Wednesday, September 9th.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The 2026 Greensboro Greek Festival is September 25-27!

Volunteer Sign-Up

Volunteer registration is now open at:

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

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

Vendor Opportunity

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

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

<https://greensborogreekfestival.com/vendors>

Sponsorship Opportunities

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

Festival Stations & Suggested Donation

- ~~Louks Station~~ — \$1,000 **SPONSORED**
- ~~Coffee Station~~ — \$500 **SPONSORED**
- ~~Beer Station~~ — \$1,500 **SPONSORED**
- ~~Frappe Station~~ — \$1,500 **SPONSORED**
 - Wine Station — \$1,500
- Orthodox Bookstore — \$1,000 **Partially Sponsored (\$500)**
- Outside Food Station (can be sponsored by multiple families) — \$15,000
- Inside Food Station (can be sponsored by multiple families) — \$15,000
 - Pastry Station (can be sponsored by multiple families) — \$10,000
 - Kids Corner — \$2,000

Stay Connected

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

Purpose of the Festival

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

A Call to Stewardship

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

Greek Dance Program

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

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



Church Office Note...

You may visit or call the office **Monday—Friday from 9am-1pm**. Fr. Sarantis is in the office: **Monday, works remotely, in office by appointment only, Tuesday—Thursday from 10am—3pm, Tuesday 3pm—6pm by appt only for confessions**, extending the office hours. You may also schedule a pastoral appointment with him at any time at home or at the office at your convenience. Although on Fridays Fr. Sarantis is not in the office, one may freely and at any time during the week communicate **DIRECTLY** with him via **phone at (516) 526-1475, text or email at: patersarantis@yahoo.com**. All calls & texts before 7pm will be answered as soon as possible on the same day. All calls and texts after 7pm will be screened and they will be likely answered according to their urgency, so there may be time to respond to the day's emails. Emails are checked **ONLY 3 times a day** (morning, noon and after 7pm) and they will be answered accordingly in the order they have been received within 24 hours. We thank you for understanding! **IMPORTANT: For emergencies kindly ALWAYS CALL, do not text or email.**

SUMMER BREAK
From classes, yes!



But, not from church services!



SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH - SHARE YOUR TALENTS!

Please complete your annual 2026 Stewardship pledge to our church today! Our church ministries may/can be affected by your contribution.

YOU really CAN make a difference!

For Your Stewardship Offering Please Visit

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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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