

Cathedral News

Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral



Dean's Desk

The first half of the month of August is devoted to the Theotokos, the Birth giver of our Lord Jesus Christ. Two weeks are dedicated by Fasting and Paraclesis services as preparation for the Feast of the Dormition or the Falling Asleep of the Ever-Virgin Mary.

We honor her because she was chosen by God to bear His Only-Begotten Son. She gave the **humble response to Archangel Gabriel, "Let it be to me according to your word"**. This should also be our response as we follow the teaching of our Lord.

Let us allow this special time to be spiritually meaningful by observing the fast, submitting names of the living, for and attending the Paraclesis Services, and joining together for vespers and the liturgy on August 14th and 15th.

Camp Good Shepherd—Virginia was well attended by the Youth of Richmond from Saints Constantine & Helen



Camp Good Shepherd—Virginia Staffed by Priests from Virginia and the Four Youth Directors of Virginia



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SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2017

Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord

Η ΜΕΤΑΜΟΡΦΩΣΙΣ ΤΟΥ ΚΥΡΙΟΥ

8:15 a.m. Orthros (Morning Prayer)
9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy

Epistle Reading: II Peter 1: 10-19
Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9
Acolytes: Thomas Kowal*, Sam Loucas*, Minas Stathis, Ben Loucas, Spencer Warner, Thomas Halsey, Nikitas Karousos, Connor Andre, Theodore Moss, Nikos Loucas, Nicholas Blankenship
Parish Council Liaison: Dave Meyers
Ushers: Nick Morris, Effie Fotopoulos, Chris Stathis, Scott Hawkins
Narthex Duty: Chris Kalentzos, Lambros Deligan
Welcoming: Mark Chronis

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2017

Tenth Sunday of Matthew

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ Ι ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ

8:15 a.m. Orthros (Morning Prayer)
9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy

Epistle Reading: I Corinthians 4:9-16
Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:14-23
Acolytes: John Vithoukias*, Zack Kovanes, Timothy Tymowski, Theodore Singletary, Blake Georges, Yianni Spears, Christopher Singletary, Andrew Vithoukias, Manoli Loupassi, Anthony Maratos, George Sotos, Luke Branch
Parish Council Liaison: Dave Meyers
Ushers: David Preddy, Joseph Torrice, Alexis Baker, Angelo Phillos
Narthex Duty: Frank Thomas, George Kokorelis
Welcoming: Dianna Gettas

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017

Eleventh Sunday of Matthew

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΙΑ ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ

8:15 a.m. Orthros (Morning Prayer)
9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy
Epistle Reading: I Corinthians 9:2-12
Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:23-35
Acolytes: Nicol Mouris*, Mercer Reed, Daniel Bazianos, Ethan Hawkins, Jimmy Spence, Nikolas Chupp, Ioannis Bissi, Zach Edwards, Christopher Chavez, James Bobrovsky
Parish Council Liaison: Dave Meyers
Ushers: John Toutsis, Tom Kapsidelis, Ricky Baughan, Brian Rafalowski
Narthex Duty: Ted Theofanos, John Ashikis

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2017

Twelfth Sunday of Matthew

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ Β ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ

8:15 a.m. Orthros (Morning Prayer)
9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy
Epistle Reading: I Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel Reading: Matthew 19:16-26
Acolytes: Gabriel Romito*, Patrick Routsos, Peter King, John Galanides, Stamate Theofanos, Yorgos Flegas, James Seevers, Nicholas Spears, Nikolas Stratiou, Christos Rubis
Parish Council Liaison: Dave Meyers
Ushers: Philip Mourtzakis, George Panos, Jonathan Loucas, Jim Katsaros
Narthex Duty: Bill Lucas, Maria Reed
Welcoming: Andrea Junes Baker



Philoptochos Past Presidents Luncheon

Past Presidents or their family representatives were honored guests. Sophitsa Brooker (Espie Stames), Amy Constantino, Dianna Gettas, Sasa Howard, Maria Keritsis, Carol Loupassi, Despina Matzaniyas, Anna Sempeles (Stella Morris & Evelyn Bazaco), JoJo Morris (Helen Morris), Mary Pappas, Vera Rubis (Anastasia Rubis), Joanne Sotos, Georgia Stolte (Pat Sotos), Viola Talley.

June Parish Council Highlights

Steve Julius reported that stewardship was down for the month of May, partially due to the dates of Pascha, and that we **are behind last year's record** pace. Expenditures continue to be in line with the budget.

Maria Reed shared the good news of our record setting Festival. Our volunteers worked hard yet remained in good spirits. Ted Theofanos said the feedback was good from our booth chair persons. For the future, we need more volunteers in the ala carte lines and need to continue to evaluate improvements for credit card purchases.

For our building, Trane is installing a new control system for our HVAC system, which should prove to be more

efficient and enable better access for settings.

Maria Keritsis reported that sponsorships for our 100th Anniversary are off to a great start (see report on page 6 of this newsletter). George Kokorelis said that tickets for the Flying Squirrels game are selling well and it will be a fun night at the Diamond. Maria Tarasidis gave an update on our commemorative album.

Under old business, the Community Awards Luncheon was a success. Our City Council representative gave a meaningful address. Fr. Nick gave an update on the proposed bicycle lanes on Malvern.

For new business, the change in tenants and repairs for 4110 Kingcrest were reported. Approval was given for the Thomas Jefferson Alumni Band to use our facility during the summer. Lambros Deligan reported on behalf of the IT Committee. There has been an upgrade in our Verizon internet service, which was needed to support the expanded surveillance system and new HVAC controls. Chris Kalentzos expressed the need to proceed with interior repair work on 4108 Kingcrest.



Outreach Ministry provides meal; sponsors children at camp

In June, visitors at the Evelyn D. Reinhart Guest House were again treated to a meal generously donated by our annual Greek Festival committee. The guests, who visit loved ones being treated in the intensive care unit at Bon Secours Hospital, have received monthly meals from the Cathedral for two years now. The July meal was provided by the Community Outreach Ministry committee. It had an all-American theme: burgers and hot dogs. If you or your organization would like to sponsor a meal at the Reinhart House, please call Greg Silvestri at 804-787-0955.

In July, the committee also sponsored a fifth-grade students from Cary Elementary School to attend the Westview on the James Camp. The five-night, six-day camp is located on 780 acres along the James River. Participants will spend their nights sleeping in a

Hogan (a traditional dwelling used by the Navajo people) and their days with children of his age in an array of supervised outdoor activities.

From August 20 – September 10, the Community Outreach Ministry will conduct its annual teacher supply drive — to benefit Cary Elementary School and any teachers in the Cathedral family. **Look for the “apple tree” display** in the hallway of the Cathedral on August 20.

The next meeting of the committee in August will be set shortly. All are welcome to attend. For information, please call the chairman, Jim Katsaros at 804-897-7489.

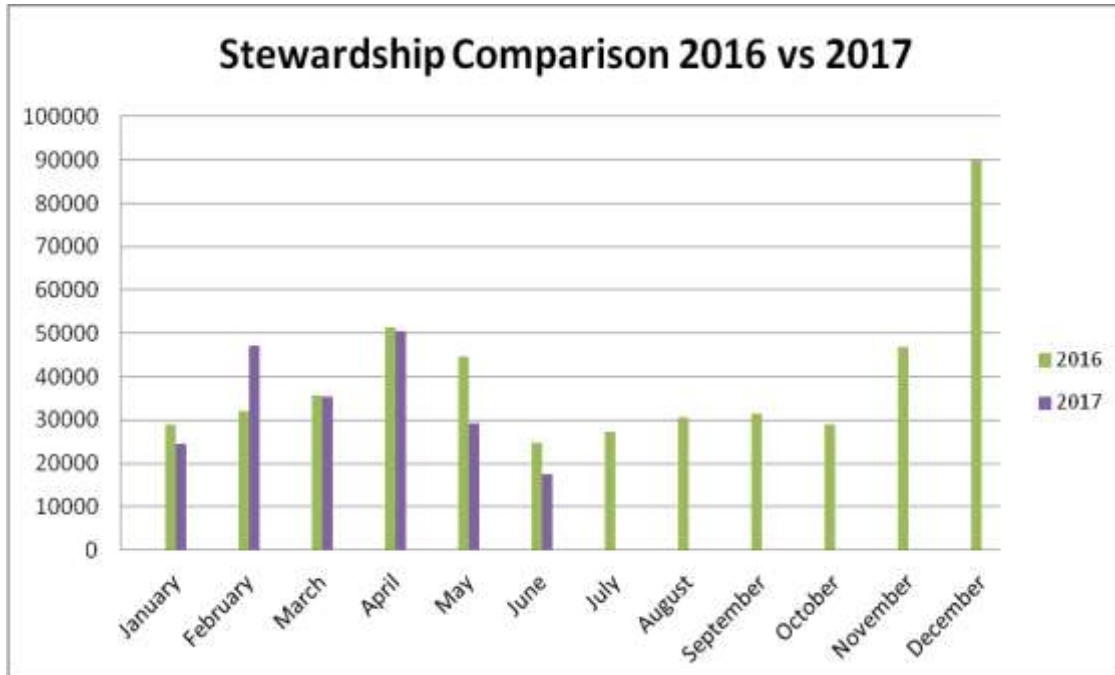


Four Cary Elementary students sponsored at Camp Westview on the James

July 2016 Stewardship Report

**“As the Father has Sent Me,
So I Send You” (John 20:21)**

As we enter the middle of summer, we are experiencing a trend that we have not seen for a number of years – a decline in overall Stewardship giving. Through June, we are \$13K or 6% behind last year’s YTD results (\$7K behind in June alone); a trend that we have been watching for the past 2 months and is concerning since our approved Operating expenses are higher this year.



While it is normal to experience a variance from one month to another, it is not typical for us to have a sustained variance over the course of several months. For 2017, as the chart above depicts, our Stewardship giving has lagged behind 2016 for each month except February. However, I feel we have made a positive improvement thus far in July which should help close this gap.

Over the past few years, we have been blessed to achieve record giving each year and we set a modest increase in our Stewardship target for this year, in line with the budget increase for the year. I encourage everyone to reflect on the significance of what a decrease in giving means to our Cathedral ministries, capital projects, and other potential financial impacts to our Cathedral.

Historically, our Cathedral depends on a strong year-end finish in order to meet our Stewardship needs, but this situation warrants a cautionary posture until it we see a correction. In other words, we have a formidable challenge in front of us in order to take charge of our budget and Stewardship contributions. I again remind everyone that it is our **Stewardship program’s objective to cover 100 percent of our entire Parish Ministries and Operating Budget without** requiring funding through Festivals or other means. Thank you for the love and support you regularly give to our Cathedral.

With Christ’s blessings,

Mike Pantele

2017 Stewardship Chairman



Please reserve the date for our
Centennial Celebration
October 6th, 7th & 8th

Weekend Events

Friday, October 6th at 7:00pm	Welcome Home Reception in the Dombalis Hall
Saturday, October 7th at 10:00am	Optional Tours of Downtown Richmond
Saturday, October 7th at 5:00pm	Centennial Gala at The Omni Hotel
Sunday, October 8th at 10:00am	Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and Memorial Service for our Parish Founders & Forefathers
Sunday, October 8th at 1:00pm	Centennial Picnic at the Carillon Shelter at Byrd Park

For additional details, including lodging at The Omni, ticketing and tour reservations please visit www.vagocathedral.org

Upcoming Centennial Events

August 2017

Sunday, August 6th- *Rising from the Ashes: New Buildings, New Visions, New Faces*

The newest exhibit showcasing our Cathedral's history will open on August 6th. Make sure to take a moment and enjoy our community's rich history and this beautiful exhibit!

Thursday, August 10th at 6:30pm - Faith Night at The Diamond

Help us cheer on Fr. Nick as he throws out the first pitch and enjoy a night at The Diamond watching the Flying Squirrels! Tickets are \$8 and for anyone who cannot drive, a carpool is being organized to depart church at 5:45. If interested in purchasing tickets or carpooling, please contact George Kokorelis or the church office.

September 2017

Saturday, September 16th at 7:00pm - *Hellenic Influences on Thomas Jefferson*

Please join the Hellenic Society Paideia of Virginia in the Dombalis Hall at this unique cultural presentation recognizing the many Hellenic Influences on Thomas Jefferson.

A Special Thank You

The Centennial Exhibits Committee would like to express their heartfelt gratitude and tremendous appreciation for all those who lent items for the *Spanning the Centuries and Finding a Home in Richmond* exhibit. Thanks to your support, fellow parishioners, children, museum fellows, business partners and the many patrons of our Greek Festival were able to read the posters and view the many artifacts detailing the Hellenic contribution to history, civilization and immigrant success in America. Many thanks!

Gala Reminder

The Centennial Gala Committee greatly appreciates all those that have responded so far to the invitations mailed this spring. The excitement is building for this special evening. Please make sure you respond to the invitation by the first of September so that all the details can be finalized. We look forward to being together as a community in celebration on October 7th.



Gala Sponsorship

Even though we are enjoying the rest and relaxation from summer, the Cathedral activities and preparations for our 100th year celebration are in full forward mode. We thank the following members who have responded as sponsors for our 100th Anniversary GALA celebration:

Diamond

The Baker Family
 The Junes Family
 Maria Keritsis
 George and Vicky Kokorelis
 Michael and Mia Kokorelis
 Nicholas & Soula Kyros
 Manuel and Carol Loupassi
 Steven & Catherine Popp
 Collins and Romine Theofanos
 Elaine Tsamouras

Silver

Nick and Carol Athas
 Elisabeth Dunn

Bronze

Tony and Athena Agapis
 William and Lilli Beyer
 Nick Costas
 John and Christina Kyros
 Theodore Rubis
 Ernie and Renee Simopoulos
 Scott and Georgia Stolte

October may seem far away but it will be here before we know it. Receiving your sponsorship now will help in planning for the Gala celebration. Your donation will help cover the expenses for the banquet, including tickets for those who may not be in a position to purchase one.

Should you have any questions, please call the Cathedral office or me.

Thank you for your generosity.

Maria Keritsis
 Sponsorship Chairman

100th YEAR COMMEMORATIVE ALBUM ORDERS & PLEDGES



CALLING ALL MEMBERS...

Get your hardcover 100th Year Anniversary Book with any Patron Pledge! Make a pledge, submit your family photos & story and preserve your spot in history.

Or simply place your book order for your personal copy.

See samples and get details at our Pledge Table during coffee hour, in the Dombalis Hall.

Summer Dates: August 13th & 20th

Fall Dates: Every Sunday, September 10th through October 29th

100TH YEAR COMMEMORATIVE ALBUM

PATRON PLEDGE LEVEL:

GOLD Patron: Full Page \$1,000

(Includes up to 4 photos, text (up to 250 words) & 1 Hardcover Anniversary Book)

SILVER Patron: Half Page \$500

(Includes up to 2 photos, text (up to 175 words) & 1 Hardcover Anniversary Book)

BRONZE Patron:

Commemorative Album Sponsor \$100

(Family Name Printed, Includes 1 Hardcover Anniversary Book)

Pledges & Book Orders, now through Oct 29, 2017

For More Details Contact: Athena Agapis: asagapis@comcast.net (804-379-8720)

Vera Gerard: cmbtov@aol.com or Vicky Kokorelis: vkokorelis@gmail.com



Hellenic Influences on Thomas Jefferson

September 16, 2017

7:00 p.m.

We in Virginia are well acquainted with the many accomplishments of Thomas Jefferson. What we may not realize is the influence of classical Greek ideals and culture in his thinking. He was fluent in classical Greek. He corresponded with the renowned classical Greek Scholar Adamantios Korais from Chios. In his letters, he expressed sympathetic feelings for the cause of Greek Independence. Much more could be written in this article, but it will be better expressed in a presentation by Dr. Gaye Wilson, the Shannon Senior Historian at the International Center for Jefferson Studies. Plan to attend this enlightening presentation in the Dombalis Hall on September 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Gather the Whole Family
Celebrate

Saints Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral
100th Anniversary at
Richmond Flying Squirrels
Faith Night at the Diamond!

Thursday Night, August 10th @ 6:30 p.m.

Fr. Nick will be throwing the opening pitch!

Fireworks after the game.

\$8.00 per ticket

Reserve your tickets by Sunday August 6
by calling the Cathedral 355-3687



Rising from the Ashes:

New Buildings, New Visions, New Faces

The newest exhibit showcasing our Cathedral's history will open in the Spanos Foyer on August 6th. Make sure to take a moment and enjoy our community's rich history and this beautiful exhibit!

Toddler Group

Thursday mornings, we host a Toddler Group. We meet from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Beginning with a simple lesson in church with Dean or Fr. Nick, and follow with an arts & crafts project. For more information or if you wish to participate, please contact Dean at the Cathedral Office 355-3687 or email him at tiggasd@vagogathedral.org.

Greek School News

Teacher Needed

The Greek School needs your help! If you are fluent in the Greek language, please consider donating a few weekly hours to the education of our youth. The after school program is taught by volunteers that are eager to see the continuation of our language and culture in the community. Take pride in your heritage and be a part of our efforts! If you have any questions call Penny Moss at (917) 843-3273.



Greek Dancer Registration

Dancer Registration and the start of dance practice is Monday September 18th.

All three younger groups Apha, Doxa and Neo Kyma will have registration and practice if time allows. Registration material will be available and the registration fee is \$50 a dancer as previous years. New Alpha dancers need to be first graders in school to be able to enter the group. If you have any questions please communicate with Peggy Christofakis at pchristofakis@gmail.com



Congratulations:

Scholarship News:

We congratulate Dimitri Georgiadis for receiving a basketball scholarship offer from the Virginia Military Institute (VMI). We wish him a successful senior season and additional scholarship offers.

Congratulations to Peter King, captain of the Cosby Soccer Team, who was selected to the All-Metro Soccer First team.

Congratulations to Anna Brodzik, number one singles player at Mills Godwin, who was selected to the All-Metro Tennis First Team.

Thank You Note

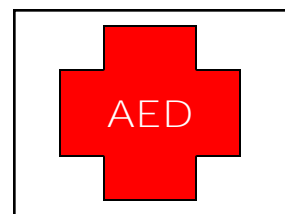
Georgia Vithoulkas would like to thank the ladies of Philoptochos and the community for their cards, letters, and phone calls expressing their condolences for the loss of her brother. She is grateful to have such wonderful friends in her life.



AED Thank You

The Cathedral is outfitted with an AED unit for emergencies. This potential life saving device has been serviced, calibrated and fitted with a new battery. We wish to thank Terry Vithoulkas for providing this service and saving the Cathedral several hundred dollars.

The unit is housed in the corridor from the Spanos foyer to the rest of the facility and is easily accessible.



Philoptochos Corner



*"Accept what is,
Let go of what was
and have faith
in what could be.
God will work it
out."*

—quotation chosen
by President
Dianna Gettas

Summertime and the living is sizzling! Amid heat waves and variable storms, Richmond, Virginia, in the summer months is a perfect time for reflection and planning as we transition to a new Philoptochos President and Board. Many of us recall **January's deluge of snow and** many impassable roads, resulting in the two Vasilopita celebrations, one Sunday apart. Our flexibility and willingness to serve all make us a strong, compassionate philanthropic organization. We know we are fortunate to live here and share Faith and fellowship in our gracious and beautiful House of Worship. As we look to the new year in September, let us welcome our esteemed Board.

Presvytera Vivian Bacalis, Barbara Bambacus, Calypso Bletsos, Irene Calos, Anita Deligan, Toula Halages, Sasa Howard, Cathy Jacob, Maria Keritsis, Elizabeth Morris, Mary Pappas, Elaine Tsamouris, Daphne Tsimpris, Advisor: Dianna Gettas. (The officers for 2017-2019 will be elected following our Oath on August 27.)

A most becoming array of vintage-inspired hats at Centennial Philoptochos Luncheon. It was like stepping back in time. In commemoration of the **Cathedral's 100th** anniversary, Philoptochos sisters were asked to wear fashionable hats to the annual Philoptochos luncheon. They were there in high style: the Pillbox, the inspired Fedora, elegant tulle, beany, beret, clothe, wide-brimmed sun hat, straw hat bedecked with a bed of spring-time flowers, and the Victorian -styled cap with blush colors and ivory rosebuds. From all accounts, our lovely women enjoyed this day of magnificent hats. Note: Fashionable hats are making a comeback so perhaps, we took a step forward!

At the luncheon, past Presidents or their family representatives were honored guests. Sophitsa Brooker (Espie Stames), Amy Constantino, Dianna Gettas, Sasa Howard, Maria Keritsis, Carol Loupassi, Despina Matzaniyas, Anna Sempeles (Stella Morris & Evelyn Bazaco), JoJo Morris (Helen Morris), Mary Pappas, Vera Rubis (Anastasia Rubis), Joanne Sotos, Georgia Stolte (Pat Sotos), Viola Talley. (Photo on page 2) Vangie Vartalemis took pictures of the sparkling event.

Maria Boyer, Metropolis of NJ Corresponding Secretary, also donning a charming hat, gave an inspiring speech about **Philoptochos' service and fervent Orthodox Faith.**

Another wonderful highlight was the slideshow of Philoptochos members and events, with musical accompaniment. *We shared misty-eyed moments and uproarious laughter; all memories were evoked from the finely orchestrated slides that told the story of our chapter through the years.* Our thanks to Barbara Bambacus for putting together such an enjoyable memory.

During the luncheon, two well deserved Sisters of the Year were announced. Congratulations to Ellen Papoulakos and Ruth Catherines!

President Dianna Gettas stated, **"What a beautiful luncheon we had at Westwood Country Club.** All our past Presidents were honored and those who are no longer with us were represented by a family member. A big thank you to Barbara Bambacus, Elaine **Tsamouris, and Toula Halages."**

Dianna said, "I would like to thank each and everyone of you for my amazing four years as your President. We could not have accomplished all that we did without the help of all of you. Y'all are all amazing! Thank you, also, for my wonderful gift!! I

appreciate your thoughtfulness. "

Our Faith, Our Hope, Our National Shrine:

Sister Sasa Howard recently shared the latest news:

On June 17, 2017, National President Maria Logus presented a check to His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America for the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine Philoptochos Fundraising Initiative. With this donation, Philoptochos brings the total amount donated by the Society to over \$1.5 million. For more information: www.philoptochos.org/news/saintnicholas.

*With best wishes for a wonderful summer! Here is a quotation attributed to Helen Keller that perfectly fits **Dianna's inspiring message:***

"Keep your face to the sun, and you will never know shadows."

-Kathryn Helen Geranios

CALENDAR of Events:

- August 10: Flying Squirrels Baseball Game where Father Nick is throwing the first pitch!
- August 13: Coffee Hour
- August 15: Coffee Hour
- August 27: Oath of Office for Board Members



August 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>1</p> <p>Dormition Fast Begins</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Paraclesis Service</p>	2	3	<p>4</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Paraclesis Service</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Transfiguration Vespers in Charlottesville 6:00 p.m.</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Holy Transfiguration 8:15 a.m. Orthros 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Paraclesis Service</p>	8	9	<p>10</p> <p>Flying Squirrels Faith Nite 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Paraclesis Service</p>	12
<p>13</p> <p>8:15 a.m. Orthros 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Philoptochos Coffee Hour</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Vespers for the Dormition of the Theotokos</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Dormition of the Theotokos 8:30 a.m. Orthros 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Philoptochos Coffee Hour</p>	16	17	18	19
<p>20</p> <p>8:15 a.m. Orthros 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:00p.m. Parish Council</p>	22	23	24	25	26
<p>27</p> <p>8:15 a.m. Orthros 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Philoptochos Oath of Office</p>	28	<p>29</p> <p>Beheading of St. John the Baptist 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy</p>	30	31	<p>September 1st</p> <p>Beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy</p>	

Community Registry

<p>Births: A daughter, Gabriella Eleni was born to Maria and David Capparuccini on June 14th. Happy grandparents are Tony and Athena Agapis.</p> <p>A son, Eletherios Loukas was born to Jill & Chris Bletsas on June 21, 2017. Happy grandparents are Eletherios and Athina Bletsas.</p> <p>Baptisms: Demetri Andrew Baker, son of Katie and Drew Baker was baptized on July 1, 2017. John Junes served as the god parent.</p> <p>Matthew Charles Perry, was baptized on July 5, 2017. Vasilios Sotos served as the sponsor.</p>	<p>Nikoline Droniak Roszel, daughter of Mariana and Christopher Roszel was baptized on July 9, 2017. Marina Chernaya served as the god parent.</p> <p>Alexander Wayne Hendrix, son of Chelsea and Phillip Hendrix was baptized on July 9, 2017. Nicole Sopko served as the god parent.</p> <p>Weddings: Elaina Jonson and Kevin Lackaye were joined in the sacrament of Marriage on June 17, 2017. Loukas Jonson served as the koumbaros.</p> <p>Marius Muresan and Loredana Martin were wed on June 24, 2017 Cora Uran-Tuclescu served as the koumbara.</p>	<p>Constantinos Kalentzos and Caroline Birgmann were wed on June 25, 2017 with Dimos Mitas severing as the koumbaros.</p> <p>Novac Damjanovic and Andriana Mazreku were wed on June 27, 2017 with Luka Milanovic serving as the koumbaros.</p> <p>Justin Brannigan and Melissa Mitchell were wed on July 8th, 2017 with Nick Mitchell serving as the koumbaros.</p> <p>Michael Kelly and Laura Benjamin were wed on July 11, 2017 with Andrew Baker serving as the koumbaros.</p>	<p>Deaths: George Tsekouras, passed from this life on June 28th in Athens, Greece. We express our sympathy to his sister Georgia Vithoukias and the family.</p> <p>Ordination: We congratulate Father Andreas Houpos on his ordination to the Holy Deaconate on June 18th, and to the Holy Priesthood on July 16th, with both ordinations taking place at the Shrine Church of Saint Nicholas in Flushing, New York. Fr. Houpos is the son-in-law of our own Sondra Sealine.</p>
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Penelope's Pen

The sisters of Antikleia Chapter have gone in several directions to enjoy some well-deserved rest and recreation over the summer: some to the beach, some to the river, some to Greece and other far-flung locations, and some enjoying a staycation right at home.

After contributing to the success of the Greek Festival in various capacities (food lines, booths, sanctuary, tours, raffle table, and more), sisters gathered on June 7 for an end-of-year celebration dinner with our AHEPA brothers. Looking forward a bit, we are anticipating working with AHEPA to organize the 100-Year

Anniversary Community Picnic to take place in October. More details on this will be forthcoming soon.

In the meantime, we hope everyone has an enjoyable and regenerative summer, no matter where and how you choose to spend it!

Until next time,
Penelope's Scribe
 Shelia Demetriadis



Coffee Hour

June 18, 2017

**HAPPY
 FATHER'S
 DAY!**

Second Sunday of Matthew and Father's Day. Hope all the fathers present enjoyed the coffee hour dedicated to them and may the Lord bless them with many years. Thank you to all that brought something for this special day.

Viola Talley, Dianna Gettas, Popie Gellios, Daphne Tsimpris, Sandra Fotopoulos, Heidi Derdevanis, Kathryn Geranios, Chrissy Fanis, Ero Spears.

July 9, 2017

The Fifth Sunday of Matthew. Thanks to everyone that brought something for the coffee hour. There was a memorial service for George Vlasidis. May his memory be Eternal. Thanks to the Vlasidis family who brought quite a few items for the coffee hour. Thanks also to the following:

Melissa Marrion, Athena Conte, Presvytera Vivian, Barbara Bambacus, Froso Matenopoulos, Rita Constantine, Joanne Sotos, Maria Hamandjian, Heidi Derdevanis, Georgia Vithoulkas, Popie Gellios

Our next coffee hour will be Sunday, August 13th and August 15th for the Dormition of the Theotokos. If you would like to bring something, please let Vangie know at baklava751@hotmail.com. In case you forget to let her know, there will be a sign-up sheet in the kitchen Sunday and Tuesday morning.



Child Size Icon Stand

Many concerned parents and grandparents have approached Parish Council member Maria Tarasidis about donating a children's height icon stand (proskinitarion) for the narthex. This would enable children to venerate an icon without being picked up or falling off the small stepping stool that is presently in the narthex to accommodate children. While in Greece, Maria found an appropriate height stand that can be custom made to match our existing icon stands. If you are interested in more information or in making a donation toward this purchase please contact Maria Tarasidis at ngtponti@comcast.net or 804-937-9649. Order will be placed at the end of August.