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MAY 2024 + DIVINE SERVICES

SEE HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- Sunday 5 @1AM ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY**
@11AM VESPERS OF AGAPE *The Gospel will be read in many Languages*
- Monday 6 *COMMEMORATING: +ST. GEORGE (3-23); +ST. XENIA OF KALAMATA (5-3);*
+ST. IRENE THE GREAT MARTYR (5-5); +ST. EPHRAIM THE HOLY MARTYR (5-5)
- Friday 10 Renewal Friday
- Sunday 12 THOMAS SUNDAY – MOTHER’S DAY**
- Sunday 19 Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women**
MEMORIAL SERVICE AHEPA & DOP | BIENNIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
- Tuesday 21 + STS CONSTANTINE & HELEN, EQUAL TO THE APOSTLES
- Sunday 26 Sunday of the Paralytic**

Sundays: Orthros @8:15AM & Divine Liturgy @ 9:30AM

Weekdays: Orthros @8AM & Divine Liturgy @ 9AM

*Sunday School students attend the Divine Liturgy at 9:30am,
receive Holy Communion and proceed to their classes*

ΜΑΙΟΣ 2024 + ΙΕΡΕΣ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΕΣ

ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΜΕΓΑΛΗΣ ΕΒΔΟΜΑΔΟΣ 2024

- Κυριακή 5 Στις 1πμ Αναστάσιμη Θεία Λειτουργία**
Στις 11πμ Ακολουθία του Εσπερινού της Αγάπης
- Δευτέρα 6 **ΕΟΡΤΑΖΟΥΜΕ – +ΑΓΙΟΥ ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΥ 23/3 ;+ ΞΕΝΙΑΣ ΤΗΣ ΘΑΥΜΑΤΟΥΡΓΟΥ 3/5;**
+ΑΓΙΑΣ ΕΙΡΗΝΗΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΜΑΡΤΥΡΟΣ; 5/5 +ΑΓΙΟΥ ΕΦΡΑΙΜ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΜΑΡΤΥΡΟΣ 5/5
- Παρασκευή 10 +ΖΩΟΔΟΧΟΥ ΠΗΓΗΣ
- Κυριακή 12 Κυριακή Β ΤΟΥ ΘΩΜΑ | ΕΟΡΤΗ ΤΗΣ ΜΗΤΕΡΑΣ**
- Κυριακή 19 Κυριακή Γ’ Των Μυροφόρων**
ΜΝΗΜΟΣΥΝΟ ΑΗΕΠΑ & ΘΥΓΑΤΕΡΕΣ ΤΗΣ ΠΗΝΕΛΟΠΗΣ | ΓΕΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΝΕΛΕΥΣΗ
- Τρίτη 21 ΚΩΝΣΤΑΝΤΙΝΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΈΛΕΝΗ ΊΣΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΙ |
- Κυριακή 26 Κυριακή Ζ’ του Παραλύτου**

Κυριακή – Όρθρος - ώρα 8.15πμ & Θεία Λειτουργία - ώρα 9:30πμ |

Καθημερινές – Όρθρος - ώρα 8πμ & ΘΛ- ώρα 9πμ

*Οι μαθητές Κατηχητικού θα έρθουν στην Θεία Λειτουργία ώρα 9.30πμ,
μετά την Θεία Κοινωνία στις τάξεις τους.*

JUNE 2024 + DIVINE SERVICES

- Sunday 2 SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN**
- Sunday 9 SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN**
- Thursday 13 ASCENSION
- Sunday 16 FATHERS OF THE 1ST COUNCIL - FATHER'S DAY**
- Saturday 22 SATURDAY OF SOULS | *Fr. John will visit the Locust Hill Cemetery to pray for our +Loved ones*
- Sunday 23 PENTECOST**
- Monday 24 MONDAY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT; THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
- Saturday 29 STS. PETER AND PAUL
- Sunday 30 SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS; SYNAXIS OF THE TWELVE HOLY APOSTLES; MICHAEL THE NEW MARTYR OF ATHENS**

Sundays: Orthros @8:15AM & Divine Liturgy @ 9:30AM

Weekdays: Orthros @8AM & Divine Liturgy @ 9AM

ΙΟΥΝΙΟΣ 2024 + ΙΕΡΕΣ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΕΣ

- Κυριακή 2 Κυριακή Ε' τῆς Σαμαρείτιδος**
- Κυριακή 9 Κυριακή ΣΤ' τοῦ Τυφλοῦ;**
- Πέμπτη 13 ΤΗΣ ΑΝΑΛΗΨΕΩΣ
- Κυριακή 16 Κυριακή Ζ' τῶν 318 Ἁγίων Πατέρων τῆς Α' Οἰκομ. Συνόδου**
ΕΟΡΤΗ ΤΟΥ ΠΑΤΕΡΑ
- Σάββατο 22 ΨΥΧΟΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ : *π. Ιωάννης θα επισκεφτεί το Νεκροταφείο στο Ντόβερ μετά την Λειτουργία*
- Κυριακή 23 ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ Η' Τῆς ΠΕΝΤΗΚΟΣΤῆς**
- Δευτέρα 24 ΤΟΥ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΠΝΕΥΜΑΤΟΣ; ΓΕΝΕΘΛΙΟΝ ΤΟῦ ΙΩΑΝΝΟΥ ΠΡΟΔΡΟΜΟΥ
- Σάββατο 29 ἈΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΙ ΠΕΤΡΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΠΑῦΛΟΣ
- Κυριακή 30 ΣΥΝΑΞΙΣ ΤῶΝ ΑΓΙΩΝ ΔΩΔΕΚΑ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΩΝ; ΣΥΝΑΞΙΣ ΤῶΝ ΑΓΙΩΝ ΔΩΔΕΚΑ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΩΝ;**

Κυριακή – Ὁρθρος - ὥρα 8.15πμ & Θεία Λειτουργία - ὥρα 9:30πμ
Καθημερινές – Ὁρθρος - ὥρα 8πμ & Θεία Λειτουργία - ὥρα 9πμ

Christ is Risen?!

Christ is Rise!

One day as I was in the store I walked by the newsstand, and I noticed a peculiar sight — I saw pictures of Christ everywhere. As I approached the newsstand, I noticed that these pictures were actually the covers of some of the nation's most popular magazines — Time, Newsweek, and U.S. News.



Thomas was absent and did not see the risen Christ. Even though all the disciples told Thomas that they had seen Jesus alive — and that Jesus had appeared to them — he would not believe. Rather, Thomas said, *“Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails, and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”*

The three best known news magazines in the country had all chosen to make Jesus Christ their feature story (week of April 8, 1996); or perhaps, to put it a bit more accurately, these three magazines had chosen to make the questions about Jesus Christ their feature story. The questions which the three magazines raise are primarily two-fold: First, *“Who is Jesus?”*, and secondly, *“Did he rise from the dead?”*

Oddly enough, the answers to both of these questions are found in the gospel reading on the Sunday of St. Thomas. In the days following the arrest, crucifixion, and death of Jesus, the disciples had hidden themselves since they were afraid of any aftermath by the Jewish authorities. As the gospel tells us, while the disciples were locked inside a house on Sunday evening, Christ appeared to them. Jesus, whom the disciples knew to have been crucified and dead, now stood among them alive. As proof that it was truly, He and not some imposter, Christ showed the disciples the wounds of his crucifixion and the wound on his side, where the soldier's lance had pierced Him.

There's a twist to the story, however; Thomas, one of the Twelve disciples, was not present when Christ appeared to the other ten.

The gospel then tells us that the following Sunday, the disciples were again locked inside the house. This time, however, Thomas was with the other ten disciples. Although the doors were locked, Jesus once again appeared to the disciples. This time, he called Thomas over to him and told him to behold the marks of His crucifixion; to put his finger in the marks of the nails and put his hand in his side. Upon seeing Christ, Thomas exclaimed, *“My Lord and my God!”*.

On the Sunday of St. Thomas, the Church commemorates the disbelief of Thomas and his subsequent profession of Christ as Lord and God. With the confession of St. Thomas, the church as a whole responds to these articles in Time, Newsweek, and U.S. News, which flooded stores, newsstands, and homes across the nation and answers the questions *“Who was Jesus?”*, and *“Did he truly rise from the dead?”*

St. Paul stated in his first letter to the Corinthians, *“If Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain, and your faith has been in vain.... if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins.”* Saint Paul again stated that if Christ has not been raised, then we as Christians are

the sorriest of the sorry; we are to be pitied above all others because we are fools.

But we as Christians are not fools; we are not to be pitied, for Christ indeed has been raised. As St. Paul declared, *“But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.”* The disciples did not merely see Jesus; it was not some figment of their imagination. Rather, they saw, spoke with, ate with, touched, and proclaimed the risen Christ. St. John the Evangelist declared this when he wrote in his first epistle, *“We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of life.”* Christ has truly risen from the dead. Through his resurrection, Christ conquered the enemy — death itself — so that we, who have faith in Christ, may also be raised up with Him in newness of life.

Today, our Christian faith is under attack. Jesus’ life, his miracles, and above all his resurrection, are being challenged by skeptics. Do not let any of these empty criticisms about the Christian faith deter you in your perseverance. These attacks are unfounded and empty. The Christian faith is precisely that—a faith. It is not based exclusively on the static historicity of an

abstract figure, but in the living relationship with the living God. In order to be understood, the Christian faith must be lived and experienced relationally. Each one of us needs to know in whom we have believed.

If you have any doubts about the resurrection, put them aside today and take courage, for Christ has indeed risen from the dead. Through the witness of the disciples, St. Thomas, who beheld and touched the risen Christ, and through our own experience of the same risen Christ through our faith, we can rest assured that Christ has indeed risen from the dead.

By cultivating a living relationship with Christ, we also can enjoy this same experience. By allowing the risen Lord to raise us up from the depths of sin and all its expressions — hatred, jealousy, immorality, gossip, lying, cheating, and all its expressions — we too can be resurrected with Christ into a newness of life.

Therefore, from now until Ascension of our Lord, remember that exclamation and greeting and declare it. Jesus Christ has risen from the dead and by his resurrection he has revealed himself to be fully human and fully divine. Proclaim with confidence and joy **“Oti Christos Anesti!”**, that Christ has risen from the dead! And respond with conviction **“Alithos Anesti!”** that **“Truly, He has risen!”**



Everyone is welcome to attend our Saint Andrew Thursday evening Bible Study. It takes place at 7:00pm on May 23rd to June 13th. Our theme will be the Acts readings. All are welcome!



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GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA

May 2024

Dear Steward of Saint Andrew,

On behalf of the Parish Council, we cordially invite you to attend a Saint Andrew General Assembly meeting on:

Sunday, May 19th, 2024 @ 12:00pm

According to the Uniform Parish Regulations of the Archdiocese, all parishioners present, and wishing to participate in the discussions and voting, must be active stewards for 2024. This meeting will take place in person at church.

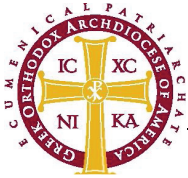
The agenda is as follows:

1. Opening Prayer
2. Nomination and election of Chairperson and appointment of Recording Secretary by the Chairperson for the General Assembly Meeting
3. Approval of the Minutes of the previous General Assembly Meeting
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Stewardship: RECLAIMING THE GREAT COMMISSION
6. Buildings and Grounds
7. Festival
8. Car Raffle
9. Youth Safety Compliance
10. New Business, Comments & Questions
11. Closing Prayer

Yours in Christ,

Rev. John Theodosion, *Protopresbyter*

Nick Monokandilos, *Parish Council President*



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Μάιος 2024

Αγαπητέ Steward του Αγίου Ανδρέου,

Εκ μέρους του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου ευρισκόμαστε στην ευχάριστη θέση να σας προσκαλέσουμε στο Συμβούλιο των Ιερατειών του Αγίου Ανδρέου και Γενική Συνέλευση της Κοινότητας που θα γίνει την

Κυριακή 19 Μαΐου ώρα 12:00μμ

Σύμφωνα με το Ενιαίο Καταστατικό των Ενοριών της Ιεράς Αρχιεπισκοπής όλοι οι παρόντες οικονόμοι (*stewards*) για να έχουν δικαίωμα συζητήσεων και ψήφου πρέπει να είναι ενεργά μέλη για το 2024 Αυτή η Συνέλευση θα γίνει αυτοπροσώπως στην εκκλησία.

Τα θέματα είναι τα εξής:

1. Προσευχή έναρξης
2. Υποψηφιότητες - εκλογή Προέδρου και διορισμός εκ του Προέδρου Γραμματέως Πρακτικών για την Γενική Συνέλευση
3. Έγκριση των πρακτικών της προηγούμενης Γενικής Συνελεύσεως
4. Έκθεση Ταμείου
5. Stewardship: Επιστασία: Ανάκτηση της Μεγάλης Αποστολής
6. Κτίρια και Χώροι
7. Φεστιβάλ
8. Λοταρία αυτοκινήτων
9. Εργαζόμενοι για την Ασφάλεια των Νέων
10. Νέες Επιχειρήσεις, Ερωτήσεις & Παρατηρήσεις
11. Προσευχή

Με αγάπη Χριστού,

Πατήρ Ιωάννης Θεοδοσίου, *Αιδ. Πρωτοπρεσβύτερος*

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Saturday ♦ June 8 ♦ 11am – 11pm

Sunday ♦ June 9 ♦ 12pm – 7pm



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Greek Orthodox Youth Association (GOYA)



The Valentine's Dance was held on the 17th of February at Flemington Church. The beautiful church welcomed GOYANs to join in the dance of affection and friendship. From the spirited movements of traditional Greek folk dances to the contemporary beats of modern compositions, every step taken on the dance floor resonated with the collective joy and unity that define our GOYA family.



In our midst, talented members of our GOYA family embarked on artistic endeavors that showcased the depth and diversity of our cultural legacy at the Sights and Sounds event at Westfield Church. Our esteemed GOYANs played in the band, comprised of gifted musicians whose passion for music knows no bounds. With each note played and each chord struck, they painted a musical portrait of our collective journey, reminding

us of the timeless melodies that bind us together as one. Moreover, our theater group, fueled by a shared love for the dramatic arts, transported audiences to realms both mythical and historical through captivating performances. Their presentations served as a testament to the enduring power of storytelling to inspire, educate, and unite.

We placed Third in Band and Singing.

Best Actress was Karmen Giannikopoulos and also won First place for Senior Solo. Congratulations Karmen!

Niko Sifonios. Placed Second in the solo. Congratulations to all!!

As we bid adieu to February, let us carry forward the memories and experiences that have enriched our lives and strengthened the bonds of camaraderie within our beloved GOYA community. May the Sights and Sounds of this month serve as a beacon of inspiration as we continue our journey together, guided by the timeless values and traditions that define us as proud members of the Greek Orthodox faith. We look forward to the upcoming months and activities.



I would also like to proudly announce that at our last GOYA meeting, it was voted unanimously that our Randolph GOYA will be donating an Icon of Jesus and the children, which will be added to the new iconography on the wall of the sanctuary of the Church. We are blessed to be in a position to donate the Icon, and of course blessed to be in a position to give back to our St Andrew Church!

Written By: Dora Katsanos





Hellenic Afternoon School

The Saint Andrew Hellenic Afternoon School (HAS) students and teachers have worked hard with the language and cultural programs throughout the school year. We are so proud of our students and appreciate our teachers. The 25th of March program was engaging and educational as the students enjoyed their roles in their performances. We continue to do our best to instill the love for the Greek language and culture to our students and encourage the parents to continue with their support at home. Parents play a critical role in their child's Hellenic Afternoon School education, as they encourage Greek language and culture, help their child with the homework and bring on private tutoring services when needed. We also appreciate all the parents support with the PTA which is vital to the Saint Andrew school programs. We look forward for more parents to participate with our PTA in the future.

Please contact the Saint Andrew Director of Education if you want to make a difference, to bring everyone together and delegate for the language and cultural events during and outside school hours. This role is rewarding and is an influential part for our school.

Graduation Day is soon approaching on Thursday, May 30, 2024. Teachers and students are preparing for the last program of the school year. The program theme will be based on the Olympic games. We look forward for parents and teachers' collaboration to complete another successful school year for our children!

HELLENIC AFTERNOON SCHOOL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Fr. John Theodosion, Athena Borzeka, Vasilias Christodoulou, Maria Galvin.

HELLENIC AFTERNOON SCHOOL

Vasilias Christodoulou, *Director*

TEACHERS: Haroula Christodoulou, Vasilias Christodoulou, Alexandra Kontogiannis, Effie Kritharis, Yiota Louca, Stacey Papanikolaw, Nicole Pazvanti, Eleni Zeris





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Total Income	184,623	785,673	768,120
Total Stewardship Income incl tray	110,402	355,877	356,025
Total Expenses	221,148	802,984	806,257
Net Income or Loss	(36,525)	(17,311)	(38,138)
% of Expenses Covered by Stewardship	50%	44%	44%
Number of Stewards ²	407	407	415
Median Stewardship Pledge	500	500	500

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

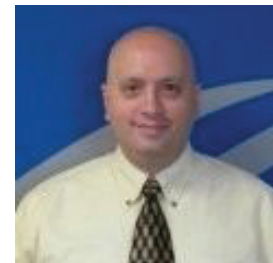
The Financial Stewardship Dashboard above compares the 1st quarter of 2024 to the prior two years. The percentage of expenses covered by Stewardship was flat at 44% for 2022 and 2023. This year we have had a slight improvement as Stewardship covered 50% of the expenses for the first quarter. This upward trend is a good sign. It is the direction that we are looking to move with our round up to 1% on Stewardship. This is encouraging and we pray it will continue for the rest of the year with all your help.

Income fell short of expenses and expenses for the first quarter were slightly higher than the 1st quarter of last year. Unrestricted cash, which is used for operating expenses, is still lower than we would like. We hope that you keep these things in mind when considering support for the community.

We have work to do and together we will get it done.

Thank you,

Thomas J. Borzeka
Treasurer



Introduction

The **third Sunday of Holy Pascha** is observed by the Orthodox Church as the **Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearers**. The day commemorates when the women disciples of our Lord came to the tomb to anoint his body with myrrh-oils but found the tomb empty. As the woman wondered what this meant, angels appeared proclaiming that Christ had risen from the dead.

Biblical Story

About the beginning of His thirty-second year, when the Lord Jesus was going throughout Galilee, preaching and working miracles, many women who had received of His beneficence left their own homeland and from then on followed after Him. They ministered unto Him out of their own possessions, even until His crucifixion and entombment; and afterwards, neither losing faith in Him after His death, nor fearing the wrath of the Jewish rulers, they came to His sepulcher, bearing the myrrh-oils they had prepared to anoint His body. It is because of the myrrh-oils that these God-loving women brought to the tomb of Jesus that they are called Myrrh-bearers.

Of those whose names are known are the following: first of all, the most holy **Virgin Mary**, who in Matthew 27:56 and Mark 15:40 is called "the mother of James and Joses" (these are the sons of Joseph by a previous marriage, and she was therefore their step-mother); **Mary Magdalene** (celebrated July 22); Mary, the wife of Clopas; **Joanna**, wife of Chouza, a steward of Herod Antipas; **Salome**, the mother of the sons of Zebedee; **Mary** and **Martha**, the sisters of Lazarus; and **Susanna**. As for the names of the rest of them, the evangelists have kept silence (Matthew 27:55-56; 28:1-10. Mark 15:40-41.

Luke 8:1-3; 23:55-24:11, 22-24. John 19:25; 20:11-18. Acts 1:14.) Together with them we celebrate also the secret disciples of the Savior, **Joseph** and **Nicodemus**. Of these, Nicodemus was probably a Jerusalemite, a prominent leader among the Jews and of the order of the Pharisees, learned in the Law and instructed in the Holy Scriptures. He had believed in Christ when, at the beginning of our Savior's preaching of salvation, he came to Him by



night. Furthermore, he brought some one hundred pounds of myrrh-oils and an aromatic mixture of aloes and spices out of reverence for the divine Teacher (John 19:39). Joseph, who was from the city of Arimathea, was a wealthy and noble man, and one of the counselors who were in Jerusalem. He went boldly unto Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus, and together with Nicodemus he gave Him burial. Since time did not permit the preparation of another tomb, he placed the Lord's body in his own tomb which was hewn out of rock, as the Evangelist says (Matthew 27:60).

Icon of the Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearers

The icon of the Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearers depicts the biblical story of the women arriving at the tomb to anoint the body of Christ. The angel is seated upon the stone that covered the tomb, and he is pointing to the empty garments showing that Christ has risen from the dead.

Orthodox Christian Celebration of the Feast of the Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearers

The Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearers is celebrated with the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom. On this Sunday and throughout the Paschal period until the Apodosis or leave-taking of Pascha, the day before the Feast of the Ascension, the services begin with the chanting of the troparion of Pascha, "Christ is risen..."

Scripture readings for the feast are the following: At Orthros: Luke 24:1-12; At the Divine Liturgy: **Acts 6:1-7** and **Mark 15:43-16:8**.

Hymns of The Feast

Apolytikia (Second Tone)

When You did descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then did You slay Hades with the lightening of Your Divinity. And when You did also raise the dead out of the nethermost depths, all the power in the Heavens cried out: O Life-giver, Christ our God, glory be to You. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. The noble Joseph, taking Your immaculate body down from the Tree, and having wrapped it in pure linen and spices, laid it for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day You did arise, O Lord, granting great mercy to the world. Now and forever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen. Unto the myrrh-bearing women did the Angel cry out as he stood by the grave: Myrrh-oils are meet for the dead, but Christ has proved to be a stranger to corruption. But cry out: The Lord is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

Kontakion (Second Tone)

When You did cry, Rejoice, unto the Myrrh-bearers, You did make the lamentation of Eve the first mother to cease by Your Resurrection, O Christ God. And You did bid Your Apostles to preach: The Savior is risen from the grave.

1. Biblical Symbolism:

- In the **Christian tradition**, myrrh is prominently associated with the **Nativity** and the **Passion of Christ**.

- During the Nativity, the **Three Wise Men** (Magi) brought gifts to the infant Jesus. One of these gifts was **myrrh**, symbolizing **sacrifice** and **mortality**. It foreshadowed Jesus' eventual suffering and death.
- Myrrh was also used in the **burial process**. After Jesus' crucifixion, Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus wrapped His body in linen cloths soaked in a mixture of myrrh and aloes before placing it in the tomb.

2. Ancient Uses:

- Myrrh has been used for centuries in **incense**, **perfumes**, and **medicinal preparations**.
- In ancient Egypt, myrrh was part of the embalming process and was associated with **purification** and **spiritual protection**.
- It was also used in **religious rituals** in ancient Mesopotamia and other cultures.

3. Symbolism Beyond Christianity:

- Myrrh appears in various **mythologies** and **folklore**.
- In **Greek mythology**, myrrh is linked to the story of **Myrrha**, who was transformed into a myrrh tree after a tragic love affair.
- In **Eastern traditions**, myrrh is used in **Ayurvedic medicine** and **traditional Chinese medicine** for its healing properties.

4. Healing and Anointing:

- Myrrh is believed to have **antiseptic**, **anti-inflammatory**, and **analgesic** properties.
- It was used historically to treat wounds, skin conditions, and as an **aromatic balm**.
- Symbolically, anointing with myrrh represents **healing**, **renewal**, and **spiritual protection**.

5. Metaphorical Meanings:

- Beyond its physical properties, myrrh is often seen as a symbol of **faithfulness**, **endurance**, and **commitment**.
- Just as myrrh was offered to Jesus, it signifies our willingness to offer our best to God. In summary, myrrh embodies a rich tapestry of meanings: from the sacred and solemn to the practical and healing. Its aromatic presence continues to evoke reverence and contemplation across cultures and faiths.

Κυριακή τῶν Μυροφόρων

Τιμοῦμε καί ἐορτάζουμε σήμερα, ἀγαπητοί μου, ἐκείνους τούς ἄνδρες καί τίς γυναῖκες, πού ἐκπλήρωσαν πρός τόν νεκρόν Ἰησοῦν τά τελευταῖο τους καθήκον, νά τόν κατεβάσουν ἀπό τόν Σταυρόν καί νά τόν ἐνταφιάσουν.

Ὁ Χριστός πέθανε ἐπάνω στό Σταυρό σάν κακοῦργος, ἀνάμεσα σέ δύο ληστές. Ἦθελαν οἱ Ἰουδαῖοι μέ αὐτόν τόν τρόπον νά δείξουν, ὅτι ἦταν μεγαλύτερος κακοῦργος, χειρότερος ἀπό τούς δύο ληστές. Τί μεγάλο κακό, τί μεγάλο ἀνοσιούργημα ἔκαναν! Οἱ ἄνθρωποι καταδίκασαν τόν Θεό σέ θάνατο καί ὁ Θεός μᾶς "καταδίκασε" νά εἴμαστε ἀθάνατοι. Μᾶς ἔδωσε ζωή αἰώνια.

Ἔρχεται ὁ Ἰωσήφ, ἀνώτερο μέλος τοῦ Ἑβραϊκοῦ Συνεδρίου καί ζητάει ἀπό τόν Πιλάτο τό σῶμα τοῦ Ἰησοῦ. Μέχρι τώρα ἦταν κρυφός μαθητής τοῦ Κυρίου, ἀλλά τώρα ἀποκαλύπτεται, τά παίζει ὅλα γιά ὅλα. Γράφει τό ἱερό Εὐαγγέλιο, τολμήσας εἰσῆλθε πρός Πιλάτον. Τόλμησε νά παρουσιασθεῖ ἐνώπιον τοῦ Πιλάτου. Ἦταν πολύ τολμηρό καί ριψικίνδυνο αὐτό πού ἔκανε. Ὅποιος ἔδειχνε συμπάθεια στόν κατάδικο Χριστό, κινδύνευε καί ὁ ἴδιος. Ὅλο τό κλίμα ἦταν πολύ ἀρνητικό. Σκεφθεῖτε, ὅτι οἱ ἔνδεκα μαθηταί κρυβόντουσαν διά τόν φόβον τῶν Ἰουδαίων. Δέν τολμοῦσαν νά ξεμουτίσουν. Ὅποιος ἔπεφτε στά χέρια τους, λίγο-πολύ θά εἶχε τήν ἴδια τύχη.

Ὅμως ὁ Ἰωσήφ τό πῆρε ἀπόφαση. Δέν φοβήθηκε τίποτε. Αὐτό, ἡ ταφή δηλαδή, ἔπρεπε νά γίνει. Γι' αὐτό ἀψηφᾷ τά πάντα καί μπαίνει στό διοικητήριο τοῦ Πιλάτου. Ζητάει, χωρίς νά φοβηθεῖ, ζητάει ἐπιμόνως, ἀπαιτεῖ τό σῶμα τοῦ Ἰησοῦ. Καί μαζί μέ αὐτόν ἔρχεται καί ὁ Νικόδημος, πού καί αὐτός ἦταν μαθητής τοῦ Μεγάλου Διδασκάλου, φέρνοντας ἀρώματα περίπου ἑκατό λίτρα.

Ὅταν ὅλοι τόν ἀρνήθηκαν καί τοῦ γύρισαν τήν πλάτη, οἱ δύο αὐτοί ἄνδρες διέσωσαν τήν ἀξιοπρέπεια ὅλης τῆς ἀνθρωπότητας. Ἀγάπησαν τόν Χριστό, τόν πίστεψαν καί τώρα ἦρθε ἡ ὥρα νά τό ἀποδείξουν ἔμπρακτα.

Ἔτσι μᾶς δίνουν τό μάθημα τῆς τόλμης. Νά μή δειλιάζουμε νά φανερώνουμε τίς θρησκευτικές μας πεποιθήσεις. Ὅταν οἱ ἄλλοι δέν ντρέπωνται νά διαλαοῦν τίς ἀμαρτίες τους καί τήν ἀπιστία τους, γιατί ἐμεῖς νά διστάζουμε νά ὁμολογήσουμε τήν πίστη μας στόν ἀληθινό Θεό; Οἱ δύο αὐτοί ἅγιοι ἄνδρες μᾶς διδάσκουν νά μή φοβώμαστε, ἀλλά νά ὑψώνουμε τήν φωνή μας, ὅταν τό κακό θριαμβεύει, ὅταν διώκεται ὁ Χριστός καί ἡ Ἐκκλησία του. Νά τολμοῦμε μέ σύνεση καί θάρρος, χωρίς νά φοβώμαστε στίς ἀντιδράσεις καί τό κόστος.

Ἡ ταφή ἔγινε βιαστικά. Πρῶτον γιά νά μή φέρουν ἐμπόδια οἱ Ἰουδαῖοι. Μήπως πιέσουν τόν Πιλάτο καί ἀνακαλέσει τήν ἀπόφασή του. Τούς σταυρωμένους συνήθως δέν τούς ἔθαβαν. Τούς τιμωροῦσαν ἀκόμη καί μετά θάνατον. Τούς ἄφηναν πάνω στό σταυρό, γιά νά τούς κατασπαράξουν τά ὄρνεα καί τά ἄγρια θηρία.

Δεύτερον, ἦταν ἀπόγευμα τῆς Παρασκευῆς. Ἀπό τό ἡλιοβασίλεμα ἄρχιζε ἡ ἀργία τοῦ Σαββάτου καί αὐτοί σάν καλοί Ἑβραῖοι θά ἔπρεπε νά σταματήσουν κάθε ἐργασία τους. Πόσο πολύ πρέπει νά μᾶς διδάξει καί αὐτή τους ἡ ἐνέργεια! Νά τηροῦμε χωρίς παρεκκλίσεις τόν νόμο τοῦ Θεοῦ. Ἐμεῖς νά τηροῦμε σωστά καί μέ ἀκρίβεια τήν ἀργία τῆς Κυριακῆς. Λόγω τῆς ἀναστάσεως τοῦ Κυρίου, μετέφεραν οἱ ἴδιοι οἱ ἅγιοι Ἀπόστολοι τήν ἀργία τοῦ Σαββάτου τήν Κυριακή.

Αὐτά γιά τούς δύο ἄνδρες. Ὅμως, ὅπως εἶπαμε ἔχουμε καί γυναῖκες ἡρώιδες, τίς ἅγιες Μυροφόρες. Παρακολούθησαν ὅλα τά γενόμενα στόν Γολγοθᾶ. Εἶδαν τήν σταύρωση καί τήν

θεόσωμη ταφή. Κατόπιν έτρεξαν νά έτοιμαστούν. Πρίν βασιλέψει ό ήλιος, άγόρασαν τά άρώματα, πού τούς ήταν άπαραίτητα καί κατά τήν έντολήν (τής άργίας) ήσύχασαν, μάς λέει τό Εύαγγέλιο. Όσο κρατοϋσε ή άργία τοϋ Σαββάτου καί αυτές, σάν θεοφοβούμενες, δέν έκαναν τίποτε. Τήν Κυριακή όμως πολύ ένωρίς, άκόμη ήταν σκοτάδι, πήραν τόν δρόμο γιά τόν τάφο, γιά νά άλείψουν μέ άρώματα τό πανάχραντο σώμα τοϋ Ίησοϋ, όπως συνήθιζαν οί Ίουδαίοι νά κάνουν.

Δέν φοβοϋνται τό σκοτάδι, τήν έρημιά, δέν ύπολογίζουν τούς άγριους στρατιώτες, πού φυλάσσουν τόν τάφο καί είχαν τήν έντολή νά χτυπήσουν όποιον πλησίαζε εκεί. Ένα μόνο σκέφτονται, πώς αυτές, γυναίκες άνίσχυρες, πώς θά παραμερίσουν τόν μεγάλο λίθο, πού έφραζε τήν είσοδο τοϋ μνημείου; Αλλά τί είπαν; Πάμε καί ό Θεός βοηθός. Ασφαλώς σέ κάθε καλό μας έργο έχουμε τόν Θεό βοηθό καί συμπαραστάτη. Νά τό πιστεύουμε καί νά έλπίζουμε σ' αυτό. Άν είμαστε χριστιανοί, όφείλουμε νά ζοϋμε μιά ζωή άξια τοϋ Χριστοϋ.

Πρέπει νά γνωρίζουμε, ότι οί στρατιώται ήσαν δέκα έξι. Τέσσερις τετράδες. Μία τετράδα άναπαύοταν καί οί άλλες τρεις φρουροϋσαν άγρυπνοι. Όποιος δέν έκτελοϋσε σωστά τό καθήκον του, θά είχε άυστηρότατες κυρώσεις. Στην περίπτωση αυτή ή ποινή ήταν μία: Ή σταύρωση. Μετά από αυτό ποιός στρατιώτης μποροϋσε νά κοιμηθεΐ; Ποιόν θά έπιανε ό ύπνος; Πώς μέ τέτοιες προϋποθέσεις θά πήγαιναν οί μαθηταί καί θά έκλεβαν τόν Χριστό; Έκεΐνοι οί δειλοί μποροϋσαν νά τά βάλουν μέ όλόκληρη κουστωδιά;

Ή άνδρεία λοιπόν καί τών γυναικών αυτών είναι άξιοπρόσεκτη καί είναι άπαραίτητο νά γίνει άξιομίμητη. Μάς λένε οί Πατέρες τής Έκκλησίας,

ότι γιά νά συναντηθοϋμε μέ τόν άναστάντα Κύριο, πρέπει νά καλλιεργήσουμε τίς δύο μεγάλες άρετές, τήν άνδρεία καί τήν φρόνηση. Οί άγιες Μυροφόρες έλαβαν τόν μισθό άνδρείας καί τής φιλοθεΐας τους.

Όπως τήν γέννηση τοϋ Χριστοϋ δέν τήν πληροφορήθηκαν οί μεγάλοι γής καί οί πλούσιοι, αλλά οί ταπεινοί καί άπλοί βοσκοί, έτσι τό γεγονός τής άναστάσεως τοϋ Χριστοϋ δέν τό έμαθαν οί ισχυροί καί οί άξιωματοϋχοι, ούτε καν αυτοί οί άπόστολοι. Τό άκουσαν πρώτες οί μυροφόρες γυναίκες. Αυτές πρώτες είδαν τόν άγγελο καί τό κενό μνημείο. Αυτές έλαβαν τήν πληροφορία, ότι άνέστη ό Κύριος. Αυτές πρώτες είχαν τήν μεγάλη τιμή νά δοϋν τόν άναστημένο Χριστό. Έτσι έγιναν οί εύαγγελίστριες τών Εύαγγελιστών, οί άπόστολοι τών άποστόλων, οί διδάσκαλοι τών διδασκάλων.



Άγαπητοί μου,

Ή γενναιότητα δέν κάνει διάκριση φύλων. Ό Χριστός έμπνέει τό ίδιο άνδρες καί γυναίκες. Οί άνδρες άς άτενίζουν στους δύο τολμηρούς άγίους Ίωσήφ καί Νικόδημο. Οί γυναίκες άς έχουν ύπ' όψι τους τίς άγιες ήρωΐδες Μυροφόρες. Όλοι, άνδρες καί γυναίκες, νά προχωροϋμε άτρόμητοι στην έπιτέλεση τών χριστιανικών μας καθηκόντων.

Resurrectional Reality

Christos Anesti! Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is risen!

Jesus' apostles and disciples were hid in the upper room "for fear" when Jesus appeared to them saying "Peace be with you. When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord." (John 20:19-21). The word "glad" somehow fails to capture this amazing meeting! Now Thomas wasn't present and when told of Jesus' appearance said "*Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.*" (John 20:25).



We all must identify with Thomas since we too were not present to Jesus standing before His disciples. In fact, we've been gone a very long time from this event in which a radical new reality became the event for our Orthodox Christian life. Jesus then appeared to Thomas and allowed Thomas to touch His hand and side and told Thomas "*Do not be unbelieving but believing. And Thomas said to Him 'My Lord and God!'*"

Resurrection! I often listen in amazement at how Christians have reduced this event to something "routine" so that, in a strange way, many have removed it from the reality of amazement from our daily life. For many the "radical" reality that the Resurrection ushers in has gotten lost amid religious "language", in "symbolic" language. Sin, justification, sanctification, incarnation, and deification have become "religious" words. These are all treated as "Sunday go to Church" words. Sadly, many, if asked, are unable to give meaningful responses to their meaning in one's daily life.

Each one of us is being asked to respond to the radical reality of Jesus' Resurrection, but what convinces us of something so amazingly real that will have us respond as Thomas did? Is Jesus the "Lord and God" so that we affirm a reality or are we allowing this event to become symbolic of a

Christian life? What sort of "evidence" do you need to be convinced? Let's be honest, Resurrection as a reality shatters our conceptions of the world we live in. It is not unusual to find many Christians struggling with the miraculous in a very scientific world view. Many no longer take seriously the miracles reported in the Old and New Testaments. There is a tendency to find rational explanations, all of which sever us from God acting in the lives through these very real actions. Has Resurrection become "representative" rather than real? Are you still doubting,

waiting for Jesus' presence? How will you know that Jesus is before you? Thomas reminds each of us that it's normal to question such an extraordinary claim as the Resurrection. But what will you accept as Jesus' presence?

Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 15:14-19 "*And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain and your faith is also in vain. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in sins.*" There is no symbolic Orthodoxy. We are not a religion; we are an amazing reality.

What Paul is expressing here is a powerful affirmation of the reality of Christ's Resurrection.

The Church proclaims a risen Christ in the present tense. Jesus "*was*" not risen in a time long gone; Jesus **IS** risen. His Resurrection is the event that has ushered in the real Kingdom of God. We say in the Lord's prayer "*thy Kingdom come on earth as it is in Heaven*" so can we believe this is occurring each day?

Stand as Thomas did, questioning, but once the reality of Christ stands before you, be prepared to fall down in amazement and cry out "My Lord and God"!

Herbert Schuster

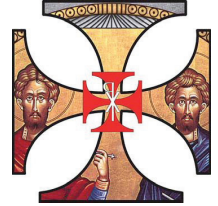


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Dear fellow St. Andrew parishioners,

I hope you all are having a blessed Lent and getting ready to celebrate Pascha!

As the end of our year draws near, the St. Andrew Philoptochos would like to recap some highlights from this past year, and encourage you to think about joining our chapter next Fall. This is when we will start our meetings and activities again. We would also like to express our gratitude to those who renewed their membership for 2024, as well as those who joined us for the first time this year. We appreciate your generosity and willingness to help us assist those in need. The Philoptochos does this locally, nationally and internationally through fundraising and other charitable events. If you are interested in joining us, we meet at St. Andrew on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

One particularly memorable and significant event that we would like to highlight was the Walking with Christ First Seminarian Benefit Luncheon. It was held in Broomall, PA on March 16th, and was a beautiful gathering. St. Andrew's Yianni Tsamutalis is in the seminary and spoke at the luncheon; Eleni Constantinides spoke as well. Metropolitan Apostolos has emphasized the importance of this event as it aids future clergymen.

The St. Andrew Philoptochos has a few end-of-year announcements regarding events and fundraising. We are currently selling tsourekia for Pascha, which are \$10 each. If you pre-ordered yours, you can now pick it up from the church. Please see a Philoptochos Board member as soon as possible if you would like to purchase tsoureki(a) – they tend to sell quickly!

As you most likely know, the Philoptochos' biggest fundraiser of the year, our Tricky Tray, is taking place on May 10, 2024. Doors will open at 6:00 PM and calling will begin at 7:30. Tickets can be purchased by pre-sale only. Please reach out to any of the members of the Tricky Tray Committee to see if tickets are still available.

Finally, we would like to recognize Melissa Dobias as the St. Andrew Philoptochos honoree for the 2024 Northern New Jersey Grand Banquet taking place on May 13th at the Venetian. Melissa is a passionate Philoptochos member who has worked tirelessly to support our efforts to raise funds for those in need. Our successful Tricky Trays serve as a testament to her dedication. Congratulations, Melissa!

I wish you all a wonderful and joyous Pascha.

In the service of the Lord,

Kia Paskas

“Walking with Christ” First Seminarian Benefit Luncheon was held in Broomall, PA on March 16th



Scholarships:

- SAINT ANDREW PHILOPTOCHOS SCHOLARSHIP Applications available online (*due May 3*) Scholarship Announcement & Distribution on June 2, 2024.
- ANASTASIA K. MICHALS MEMORIAL PHILOPTOCHOS SCHOLARSHIP Applications available online (*due June 15*) Scholarship Announcement & Distribution by August 1, 2024

HONOREE GRAND BANQUET

Monday, May 13th @ 6:00 pm THE VENETIAN in GARFIELD, NJ
If you wish to attend the banquet, please contact the church office.

Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox church will honor only a few of the many hard working and dedicated parishioners of our community. This year the following people were chosen to be honored by our church and will receive an award at the banquet.

The Community Honoree is **Athena Borzeka**

Parish Council Honoree is **Chris Tsamutalis**

Philoptochos Honoree is **Melissa Dobias**

GOYA Honoree is **Christos Kalavriziotis**

Religious Education Teacher Honoree is **Herbert Schuster**

Greek Education Teacher Honoree is **Vasilia Anton Christodoulou**

Youth Worker Honoree is **Diana Sedereas**

our most Senior Steward being honored is **Robert Ardis**

We would like to thank them all for their services and contributions to the success of our ministries. Please join us on **Sunday, May 19th** after church services when we will represent their plaques to our honorees.

*We are happy to honor **Ellen Manetas** as a Special Saint Andrew honoree.*

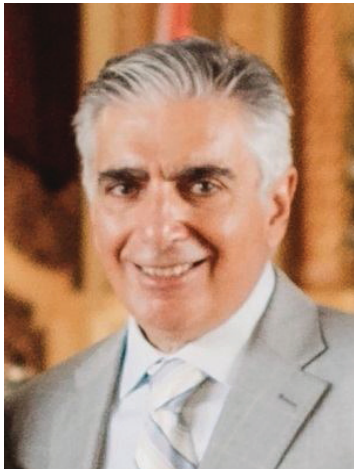
THE SAINT ANDREW COMMUNITY HONOREE 2024 ATHENA BORZEKA

Athena Borzeka was born and raised in New Jersey and has been a lifelong member of St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church. She grew up actively involved in the Sunday School Program, the Greek School program and GOYA. Throughout her life she has served the church in many different capacities, as a Sunday school teacher, GOYA advisor, dance instructor and summer camp co-director. Athena is currently the Vice President of the parish council of St. Andrew. She is an active member of the Philoptochos and the Daughters of Penelope currently serving as Secretary of the District 5 Board. Athena has also volunteered her time to serve as a judge for both parish and district Oratorical Festivals in NJ as well as Mr. and Miss Jr. GOYA Pageants in New York.



Athena has had a 20-year career in education having worked as a special education teacher and a guidance counselor. She is currently in her 10th year as the Director of Student Services & Special Education for the Morris County Vocational School District in Denville, NJ.

THE SAINT ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL HONOREE 2024 CHRIS TSAMUTALIS



Chris Tsamutalis and his wife Eleftheria have been blessed to be part of the Saint Andrew community since 1991. By raising our family in this wonderful church, we have made many lifelong friends that share our Orthodox faith. Over the years, Chris is active in promoting Hellenic Culture and is a strong advocate for sharing our faith and culture with the larger community. Chris is grateful to have served the church in various capacities including as a parish council member, GOYA advisor and coach, choir member, member of the Stewardship committee, festival volunteer, and past President of the Saint Andrew Parish Council. Chris and Eleftheria are devoted to continuing the

positive impact of Saint Andrew on all the families whose lives we touch.

THE SAINT ANDREW PHILOPTOCHOS HONOREE 2024 MELISSA GOUGAS DOBIAS

Melissa Gougas Dobias was born and raised in New Jersey and has been blessed to be lifelong member of the Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox community. Melissa's chapters of life always included Saint Andrews, where she attended Sunday school, Greek school, dance, and GOYA. Later in life, she married her husband, James and they baptized their daughter, Eleni at Saint Andrew.

Today, Melissa continues to serve the community as an active member of the Philoptochos where she was an executive board member. She is also a member of the Daughters of Penelope as well as volunteering her



time at various church activities. The Saint Andrew community has always been a cornerstone in her life. Melissa's spiritual journey started under the guidance of Father Konstantine Tsigas and today it continues under Father John Theodosion.

Melissa graduated Adelphi University in New York with a degree in Business Management and International Business. She has had an extensive career in Supply Chain Management and spent 20+ years at Tiffany & Co. in New York City. Today her career continues at Ferrero in Parsippany NJ. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends. She loves to travel, especially to Greece and Cyprus. Currently Melissa, resides in Morris Plains, New Jersey with her husband James, daughter Eleni, mother Eleni Gougas, and their dog Niko.



THE SAINT ANDREW GOYA HONOREE 2024 CHRISTOS KALAVROUZIOTIS

Christos Kalavrouziotis, a junior at Morris County School of Technology, is deeply immersed in his studies of Global Supply Chain within the Business school. Despite his academic commitments, he thrives on the soccer field, representing his school team with passion and skill. Off the field, Christos finds joy in the company of family and friends, fostering meaningful relationships. His altruistic spirit shines through his hobby of DJing, particularly when he entertains residents at the local nursing home. Every summer, he eagerly anticipates his visits to Greece, where he reconnects with his cultural heritage and explores new adventures. Notably, Christos served as the president of GOYA for the 2023-2024 term, showcasing his leadership and commitment to community involvement. Through GOYA, he collaborates with other Greek teens, organizing engaging activities and community service events, further strengthening bonds within his culture and community. Whether on the field, in his studies, or within his community, Christos embodies dedication, leadership, and a zest for life.

The Saint Andrew Religious Education Teacher Honoree 2024 Herbert Schuster

Herb was baptized into the Orthodox Faith by Father George Mamangakis (of blessed memory) from St. Constantine & Helen in 1979. Within a short time he was asked to become a teacher in the religious education program. Father George knew that this would be my path to becoming a practicing Orthodox Christian. I quickly grew to love the Orthodox emphasis on deification.

Once my wife, Maro, and I had a family we became members of St. Andrew where I continued teaching at all levels. For the past twenty years I have focused on the high school levels where I have presented Biblical foundations and interpretive guidelines for our Orthodox faith.

I enjoy teaching and work very hard at connecting with the developing spiritual questions our youth are struggling to resolve in our postmodern condition. The challenge to keep our



Orthodoxy a reality and not a symbolic alternative continues to engage me with teaching. And as Father George knew, teaching has brought me into deeper, more spiritual, path to salvation.

THE SAINT ANDREW GREEK EDUCATION TEACHER HONOREE 2024 VASILIA ANTON CHRISTODOULOU



Vasilia's experience and interest in education began in her early childhood years in New York City, where she was born and raised. Growing up as the middle child of four brothers and two sisters, her parents emphasized the importance of education which led her to appreciate and achieve in higher education. Her experience goes back to teaching in the New York City public schools, the Pittsburgh private schools, and the New Jersey public and private schools in elementary and secondary levels in English and Greek language. Teaching is a challenging and rewarding profession, one that Vasilia continues to be passionate about. She is an avid reader and believes in self-education, to never stop learning. She believes all children are unique and learn differently, but their natural curiosity and an innate ability to learn are what they have in common. She is patient with students and identify

students' strengths and weaknesses to be able to spark their interest that will motivate them to learn to their best abilities. Her belief in building solid relationships and connections with parents and students can bring communication and collaboration for enhanced student learning for success.

THE SAINT ANDREW YOUTH WORKER HONOREE 2024 DIANA SEDEREAS

Diana Sedereas has been an active member of our St Andrew Community since 1996. Diana and her husband Peter firmly believe that their Faith and Church must be the center of their family and in their home. Her children, Evgenia, Constantine and Despina, have all been baptized and raised in our St Andrew community, all being active members of our various youth ministries, and graduating from St Andrew Greek and Sunday Schools.

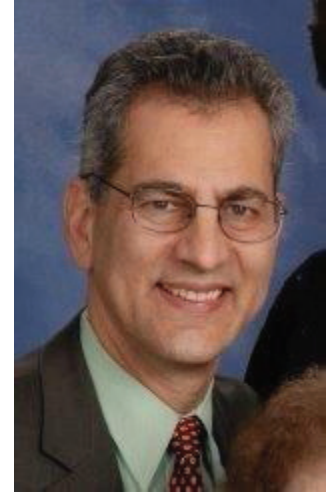


Truly working with our youth, Diana has been a GOYA advisor the past 6 years, served as President of the Hope Group for 8 years, President of JOY Group for 5 years and was a teacher for Mazi me tin Mama class and a Sunday School Teacher. She can be found many Sundays running Coffee Hour and has helped prepare and serve food for the Faith Soup Kitchen.

THE SAINT ANDREW MOST SENIOR STEWART HONOREE 2024 ROBERT ARDIS (not available)

THY WILL BE DONE

Among Christians, certainly the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:5-15) is the most recognizable of all of Christ's prescriptions. Found in both the Gospel of Matthew and the Gospel of Luke, in simple, declarative sentences, our Lord provides a basic plan for life. In thinking critically about these words, I was struck by the significance and importance of one phrase in particular-thy will be done.



But how do we know God's will? In exploring this question with friends and colleagues, several suggestions arose.

One friend commended us to scripture, where he claimed all the answers lie. Yet the Bible is a long and complicated work which can at times offer seeming contradictions. The Old Testament has God urging the Israelites to exact vengeance on people occupying the promised land (Numbers 31:1-12), while the over-arching message of the New Testament is Love-God's love for us, and Christ's message to love one another, to turn the other cheek. (Matthew 5:38-48).

Another friend directed us to the Ten Commandments. (Exodus 20:1-17). While this is surely an excellent place to start, there are many situations in life that cannot be addressed by those ten precepts.

A third friend recommended quiet prayer. In those silent moments, he felt God's will was revealed to him. This suggestion echoes the idea that we should listen to that small voice inside of us, as that is God talking to us. As prayer in its essence is talking with God, and should be a part of everyone's daily life, prayer could be the primary source of determining God's will.

Perhaps the most obvious approach is to focus on the actual words of our Lord. Christ provides us with so much instruction in the four Gospels. His guidance is clear, unmistakable, beautiful, and unerring. The beatitudes are a powerful example. (Matthew 5:1-16).

There are no easy answers here. It seems clear that God's will is not to be found in one sports team's victory over another. Or in one warring party's clash with another. God gave us the gift of intellect and inquiry, and we should use these gifts, in mindful engagement with our family, friends and clergy, and in daily prayer, to discover God's will.

Anthony Boyadjis

A.H.E.P.A. MORRIS CO.# 300 CHAPTER NEWS

Although our A.H.E.P.A. chapter has not been in the limelight it is far from being inactive. Our main event, the Cigar Night, is in our rear-view mirror but plans are underway for the next one on Sept. 12. The venue will be at the Meadow Wood in Randolph. The event is open to anyone as it is our major fundraiser. This year we will focus more on making it a couples event as food and drinks will be available inside. The cigars will be smoked outside in an area reserved by the Meadow Wood. This promises to be an expanded and enjoyable event for husbands and wives.

Plans are under discussion for other activities. The current focus is on a river cruise on the Hudson River. Manhattan and/or the lower Hudson Valley would provide scenic backdrops. Another event under discussion is a trip to a minor league ballgame. It may be to see either the Somerset Patriots or Sussex Miners. Both are within

\$2,000 of the proceeds from the Cigar Night went to the Goryeb Children's Hospital at the Morristown Medical Center. Here Tom (T.J.) Borzeka is handing a check to Geraldine King who is the Major Gifts Officer at the Foundation for Morristown Medical Center.



\$1,650 of the proceeds from the Cigar Night went to the A.H.E.P.A. Service Dogs for Warriors. The chapter has a goal to donate a total of \$6,000 which would enable us to acquire and name a dog to give to a veteran.



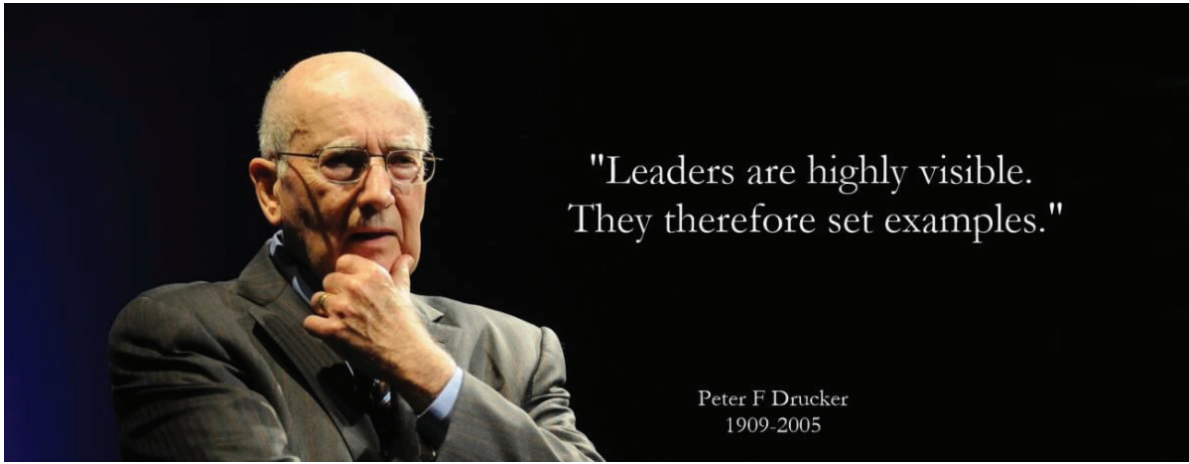
convenient driving distances and would make for an enjoyable family day.

Our chapter is growing and would welcome new members. Any input with fresh ideas would be an asset, so if you are not a member, or would like to reinstate your membership, please consider joining us. Our next meeting will be on May 8 in the Social Hall at St. Andrew. Also present will be a contingent of the District 5 Lodge. There is a strength in numbers that makes our Greek voice more effective on the local, state and national level. For more information you may contact either Peter Tsilios (Pres.) or Tom (T.J.) Borzeka (Treas.).

The following pictures show how our past events are utilized to help in civic and educational ways which is our charge as a Hellenic Order. Additionally, as Orthodox, a number of our members attended the Pre-Sanctified liturgy on April 10.

The Randolph A.H.E.P.A. chapter offers a \$500 scholarship to a worthy student each year. Here Evangelos Clapsis, recipient of 2023's A.H.E.P.A. scholarship receives his check which he will put to use while attending Morris County College. He intends to become a computer game designer. Pres. Peter Tsilios presented the check, looking on are his proud father and member, Sotirios Clapsis (r) and Treas. Tom Borzeka (l).





Your Leadership is Unique

Good News: There is no one "leadership personality."

Peter Drucker

I have been working with organizations of all kinds for fifty years or more—as a teacher and administrator in the university, as a consultant to corporations, as a board member, as a volunteer. Over the years, I have discussed with scores—perhaps even hundreds—of leaders their roles, their goals, and their performance. I have worked with manufacturing giants and tiny firms, with organizations that span the world and others that work with severely handicapped children in one small town. I have worked with some exceedingly bright executives and a few dummies, with people who talk a good deal about leadership and others who apparently never even think of themselves as leaders and who rarely, if ever, talk about leadership.

The lessons are unambiguous.

The first is that there may be "born leaders," but there surely are far too few to depend on them. Leadership must be learned and can be learned ...

The second major lesson is that "leadership personality," "leadership style," and "leadership traits" do not exist. Among the most effective leaders I have encountered and worked with in a half century, some locked themselves into their office and others were ultra-gregarious. Some (though not many) were "nice guys" and others

were stern disciplinarians. Some were quick and impulsive; others studied and studied again and then took forever to come to a decision. Some were warm and instantly "simpatico"; others remained aloof even after years of working closely with others, not only with outsiders like me but with the people within their own organization. Some immediately spoke of their family; others never mentioned anything apart from the task in hand.

Some leaders were excruciatingly vain—and it did not affect their performance (as his spectacular vanity did not affect General Douglas MacArthur's performance until the very end of his career). Some were self-effacing to a fault—and again it did not affect their performance as leaders (as it did not affect the performance of General George Marshall or Harry Truman). Some were as austere in their private lives as a hermit in the desert; others were ostentatious and pleasure-loving and whooped it up at every opportunity. Some were good listeners, but among the most effective leaders I have worked with were also a few loners who listened only to their own inner voice.

The one and only *personality trait* the effective ones I have encountered did have in common was something they did *not* have: they had little or no "charisma" and little use either for the term or for what it signifies.

What leaders know

All the effective leaders I have encountered-both those I worked with and those I merely watched-*knew* four simple things:

1. The only definition of a *leader* is someone who has *followers*. Some people are thinkers. Some are prophets. Both roles are important and badly needed. But without followers, there can be no leaders.
2. An effective leader is not someone who is loved or admired. He or she is someone whose followers do the right things. Popularity is not leadership. *Results* are.
3. Leaders are highly visible. They therefore set *examples*.
4. Leadership is not rank, privileges, titles, or money. It is *responsibility*.

What leaders do

Regardless of their almost limitless diversity with respect to personality, style, abilities, and interests, the effective leaders I have met, worked with, and observed also *behaved* much the same way:

1. They did not start out with the question, "What do I want?" They started out asking, "*What needs to be done?*"
2. Then they asked, "*What can and should I do to make a difference?*" This has to be something that both needs to be done and fits the leader's strengths and the way she or he is most effective.
3. They constantly asked, "What are the organization's *mission* and *goals*? What constitutes *performance* and *results* in this organization?"
4. They were extremely tolerant of diversity in people and did not look for carbon copies of themselves. It rarely even occurred to them to ask, "Do I like or dislike this person?" But they were

totally-fiendishly-intolerant when it came to a person's *performance, standards, and values*.

5. They were not afraid of *strength* in their associates. They gloried in it. Whether they had heard of it or not, their motto was what Andrew Carnegie wanted to have put on his tombstone: "Here lies a man who attracted better people into his service than he was himself."
6. One way or another, they submitted themselves to the "*mirror test*"-that is, they made sure that the person they saw in the mirror in the morning was the kind of person they wanted to be, respect, and believe in. This way they fortified themselves against the leader's greatest temptations-to do things that are popular rather than right and to do petty, mean, sleazy things.

Finally, these effective leaders were not preachers; they were *doers*. In the mid 1920s, when I was in my final high school years, a whole spate of books on World War I and its campaigns suddenly appeared in English, French, and German. For our term project, our excellent history teacher-himself a badly wounded war veteran-told each of us to pick several of these books, read them carefully, and write a major essay on our selections. When we then discussed these essays in class, one of my fellow students said, "Every one of these books says that the Great War was a war of total military incompetence. *Why was it?*" Our teacher did not hesitate a second but shot right back, "Because not enough generals were killed; they stayed way behind the lines and let others do the fighting and dying."

Effective leaders delegate a good many things; they have to, or they drown in trivia. But they do not delegate the one thing that only they can do with excellence, the one thing that will make a difference, the one thing that will set standards, the one thing they want to be remembered for. *They do it.*

*Peter F. Drucker was an author, professor, consultant,
and founder of the Peter F. Drucker Foundation for Nonprofit Management.*

LIFE'S PRIORITIES

Life's priorities! A profound concept, and one that I have wrestled with my entire adult life.

At one time I considered my family as my top priority, followed by my faith in Jesus Christ, followed by all the other necessities of life. I have come to believe, however, that Jesus Christ as my Savior has really been my top priority all this time, for without Jesus Christ, none of our other priorities in life would even matter. We all have priorities in our daily lives; educating our children, providing a nice house for the family, reliable cars, etc, etc. But to keep things in perspective we can remember the words of our Lord who said in the Gospel of Mark chapter 8, *"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?"* Worldly things mean nothing without the love of Jesus Christ.



One way we can show our love for Jesus Christ is committing to be good stewards of our Church. Although Stewardship can be offered in one of three ways, time, talents and treasure, in order to determine the priority of your Stewardship offering, I would like to offer the following scenario and ask you to consider your priorities. We all have wants and needs in life but sometimes we confuse the two so that wants become needs when they really do not need to be.

For example, every family has a cell phone(s). The approximate cost is \$250 per month per family. Every family has cable tv/wifi. Again, the approximate cost is, \$250 per month. Together the cost of these "very important" priorities in our lives is \$500 per month. We don't like spending so much on these things but we do it because we consider these things to be necessities.

What about our Faith and our Church? Aren't they necessities? What if we were to consider giving the same for the stewardship of our church as we do for our cell phone and cable. Is \$500 per month reasonable? That would be \$6000 per year! Maybe you would consider about half that amount - \$3000 per year?

When you are considering your next stewardship pledge, stop, pray, and thank God for all the blessings you have in your life and then consider giving even \$3000 per year.

Stewardship offerings from all of us in this amount would show God the importance of the church as a priority in our life and ensure the good work and ministries of Saint Andrew will continue to grow and flourish for us, for our children and for the whole community.

God bless us All



*BIBLE VERSES
ABOUT
MOTHER'S LOVE*

*1. She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her
tongue.* *Proverbs 31:26*

*2. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it
does not boast, it is not proud.* *1 Corinthians 13:4*

*3. Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let
her works bring her praise at the city gate.*
Proverbs 31:31

*4. Love is always supportive, loyal, hopeful,
and trusting.* *1 Corinthians 13:7*

*5. Her children arise up, and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her.*
Proverbs 31:28

*6. Love is not rude, is not selfish, and
does not get upset with others. Love does not
count up wrongs that have been done.*
1 Corinthians 13:5

7. Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13:8

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PARENTS' CORNER

By Alexandra Protopapas

"MAY - 2024 – TEEN GAMBLING"

XRISTOS ANESTI!

Most of us in New Jersey experienced our first EARTHQUAKES, (at least I did), saw 80% of the SOLAR ECLIPSE, prepared for Easter May 5th, and now time to enjoy the good weather and outdoor sports. Unfortunately, some of our teenagers are on their devices thinking about gambling instead of getting out into the fresh air. We talked about teen jobs last month, did we not? Well, some teens will use their money "unwisely".

This month we will think about "Teen Gambling" as March Madness and April gave us Men's and Women's Basketball to think about, and now Baseball begins. In the Fall football madness starts again.

There are

May is the month about enjoying a prom, or GOYA, thinking about the beach time soon, and playing sports, not following them. Parents, do not overlook the fact that gambling can be as dangerous as drugs and alcohol. Let's think about some scenarios before you give them that credit card and cash.

Besides baseball, on television, you see enticements about how easy it is to gamble online on baseball, Texas Hold "EM games, or video games that need money to proceed to the next level. PARENTS BE AWARE OF THE DANGERS OF TEEN GAMBLING! Research from the Harvard School of Public Health and the Annenberg Public Policy Center indicates that there has been a 600% increase in teen gambling in the past ten years. There is no need to sneak to Atlantic City anymore as what is physically at the casinos, can now be on their phones. Yes, they can lie about their age and get away with it. Baseball this time of the year is the most popular sports gambling of the schools and office pool! Gambling can start innocently with a little competition but then it can become a habit. The lottery is also an area that entices youth, and who needs cash? Everything can be done with a credit card and who checks age?

Parents worry more about drugs and alcohol; not teen gambling and figures now show that teen gambling has become a problem in the United States! Many of our teens who engage in gambling activities find themselves in debt. They hide their addiction which creates stress, lying, maybe stealing, and they are caught up in an addiction that takes time away from school and family. Parents, look for signs! Greek Mom or dad do not be an enabler.

Below are some "signs of a teen gambling addiction which comes from the source, *"Teen+Gambling =Trouble", UConn Health Center in the News. Office of Communication.*

Signs of a teen gambling addiction

There are a few signs that a teenager may be involved in a gambling addiction. Here are some of the red flags:

- *Begins to sell personal belongings.*
- *Borrows money from friends and family and does not repay it.*
- *Steals and lies.*
- *Has a large amount of cash that cannot be explained.*
- *Has a great deal of debt that cannot be explained.*
- *Strangers call on the phone with increasing frequency.*
- *Withdraws from his or her regular social groups and activities.*
- *Makes "900" number calls to gambling numbers.*
- *Appears distracted and anxious; can be moody or depressed.*
- *Unexplained absences from school or work.*
- *Breaks curfew regularly.*
- *Spends hours on online gaming sites.*
- *Obsession with sports scores can indicate a sports gambling addiction*

This does not make one more thing to worry about. Just be aware.

This month's Table Prayer Guide is from a **Prayer for Special Occasions: Easter (Pascha)**

"Let all then enter into the joy of our Lord. First and last receiving their like reward; rich and poor rejoice together. Sober and slothful, celebrate the day. You that have kept the fast, and you that have not, rejoice today; for the Table is richly laden. Fare royally on it. The calf is a fatted one. Let no one go away hungry. Let all partake of the cup of faith. Let all enjoy the riches of his goodness. Let no one grieve at his poverty; for the universal Kingdom has been revealed."



Saint John Chrysostom – Fourth Century, Antioch – Easter Sunday Service

Wishing you all A BLESSED EASTER TIME with family and friends, and good weather, and if you see me during our social time in church, come say hello!

Feel free to e-mail me with your comments and suggestions for our "Parents' Corner" at: alexandraproto@gmail.com - Have a good month and a Blessed Thanksgiving! | (You can also find me on Facebook & Messenger under my name Alexandra Alex Protopapas) |

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OBITS & FUNERAL SERVICES - ΝΕΚΡΟΛΟΓΙΕΣ & ΚΗΔΕΙΕΣ

Panagiotis Pittas, 62, of Dover, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Wednesday, April 3, 2024. He was born in Eleftheriani, Greece to George and Vasiliki Pittas. At the age of 5, the family moved to Dover where he attended grade school. He graduated high school in Athens, Greece and went on to get a bachelor's degree at Drew University and a master's degree of Science from NJIT.

Apart from his academics, Panagiotis was a caring son, brother, uncle, and friend. He touched the lives of all who knew him, not only with his knowledge, but with his kindness and generosity. He loved everyone in his life and will be remembered for his devotion to his family and friends. He will be deeply missed by everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

Panagiotis leaves behind his mother Vasiliki Pittas, brother Nickolas Pittas, sister-in-law Evangelia Pittas and two nieces Vasiliki and Georgia Pittas. He is predeceased by his father George Pittas.



A visitation was held on Tuesday, April 9th, 2024 at Tuttle Funeral Home, in Randolph. The **Funeral services** for the repose of his soul took place on Wednesday, April 10th at 10:00AM at St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church. **Interment** followed at St. Mary's Cemetery, Wharton, NJ



Constantina (Nee Frintzilas) Langis, 93, of Dover, passed away on Monday, April 15, 2024, at Excel Care, Dover. She was born in Sparta, Greece to the late Athanasios and Stamatios Frintzilas.

She is survived by two children Patricia of Dover and John on Long Island, NY; five grandchildren Nicholas, Steven, Steven, Michael, and Christopher; one great grandson Lucas; sister Pauline Bellesis; sister-in-law Nicoleta Frintzilas. She is predeceased by husband Steven in 1994.

Funeral Service for the repose of her soul took place on Monday, April 22, 2024, at 10:00AM at St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church, Randolph. Interment followed at Succasunna Presbyterian Cemetery, Succasunna. All arrangements by Tuttle Funeral Home, of Randolph, NJ.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Scripture Talk Tue @7-8 pm Weekly Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88548756745>

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS IN MAY: 5/5 PASCHA- NO COFFEE HOUR, 5/12 PARISH COUNCIL, 5/19 DOP, 5/26 BAKALIKO

- 5/5 **GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA**
- 5/10 **TRICKY TRAY** – Philoptochos
- 5/11 PTA *Medieval Times TBA*
- 5/11 NNJYC *Indoor Olympics*
- 5/12 **MOTHER’S DAY**
- 5/13 NNJ Honoree Grand Banquet / Venetian @6pm
- 5/14 @6pm DOP EOY Dinner
- 5/16 @6pm Stewardship Meeting
- 5/16 @7:30pm Parish Council Meeting
- 5/17 NNJ YC GOYA PROM St Nicholas, Wyckoff
- 5/18 @10am Baptism @11:30am Baptism
- 5/18 @4PM PANAGAKOS_ AMARTULA WEDDING
- 5/19 AHEPA & DOP Memorial Service
- 5/19 Re-presentation of St Andrew Honoree Plaques
- 5/19 GENERAL ASSEMBLY @11:30am
- 5/23 @11:30AM THURSDAY AGAPE LUNCH (NEXT 6/20)
- 5/23 @7PM BIBLE STUDY “ACTS” Thursdays until 6/13
- 5/25 - FAITH KITCHEN Parish Council hosting
- May 25-26 NNJYC *Metropolis Indoor Olympics- Monmouth University – West Long Branch NJ*
- 5/27 **MEMORIAL DAY**
- 5/28 @7pm Philoptochos Meeting
- 5/30 4:30pm HELLENIC AFTERNOON SCHOOL GRADUATION

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS IN JUNE: 6/2 PHILOPTOCHOS, 6/9 FESTIVAL NO COFFEE HOUR, 6/16 DOP, 6/23 BAKALIKO

- 6/1 @11:30AM BAPTISM
- 6/1 @3PM NICOLAOU_ ROGGENKAMP WEDDING
- 6/2 AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS & GRADUATION RELED
- 6/2 @1:30pm Baptism

6/4 @6PM GOYA SENIOR SEND OFF

June 7_8_9 BIG GREEK FESTIVAL

- 6/15 @12pm Baptism
- 6/15 @3PM GIZAS_ RECENELLO WEDDING
- 6/18 Philoptochos EOY Dinner
- 6/22 – SATURDAY OF SOULS – Trisagion Locust Hill Cemetery
- 6/22 - FAITH KITCHEN Philoptochos hosting
- 6/23 - @2:30PM KAVALOS_ FIOTAKIS WEDDING
- June 23-29 CAMP GOOD SHEPHERD
- June 30-July 5 National Clergy Retreat

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS JULY & AUGUST SUMMER SCHEDULE
Summer Coffee Hour: It is our summer tradition that all coffee hour trays will benefit our Ministries. We all share the responsibility of bringing food. Please bring a cake, cookies, fruit, etc. to church with you from time to time to add to our coffee hour table. Or, arrange to host a COFFEE HOUR by contacting the church office. **If we do not have someone host and/or sponsor the coffee hour, we will not be able have one on that particular Sunday.** Thanking-you in advance for your participation this summer

- 7/7 @12:30pm Baptism
- 7/20 +Fallen Cypriots 7/20/74 Turkish invasion Cyprus
- 7/27 - FAITH KITCHEN GOYA hosting
- 7/28 @12:30pm Baptism
- 8/24 - FAITH KITCHEN DOP/AHEPA hosting
- 8/24 @3PM SIMONIS_ LITTLE WEDDING
- 8/26 @4PM HOLLAR_ SAVVA WEDDING
- TBC 9/6, 9/7& 9/8 ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE
- 9/8 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHOOL AGIASMOS
- 9/12 @4:30PM HELLENIC AFTERNOON SCHOOL AGIASMOS
- TBC 9/15 METROPOLIS HOLY CROSS CELEBRATION AT ASBURY PARK
- TBC 9/15 GOYA Divers at Asbury Park @1pm
- 9/19 GREEK DANCE IN SOCIAL HALL | ANGELO GERGATSOU LIS GROUP 1 @6:30PM | GRP 2@7:15PM | GOYA DANCE @ 8PM

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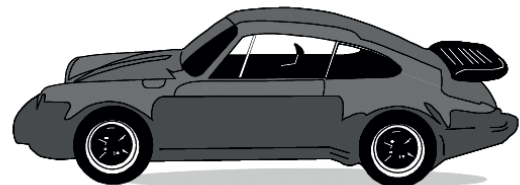
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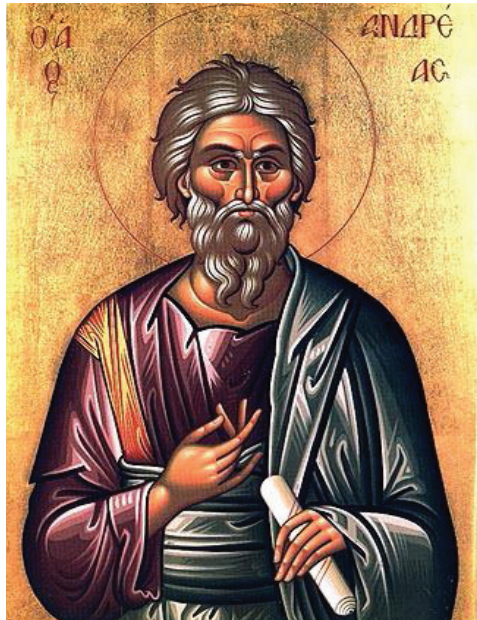
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✠ Christ is risen from the dead, by death,
trampling down upon death, and to those in the
tombs He has granted life.

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✠ Χριστός ανέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ
θάνατον πατήσας,
καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι ζωὴν χαρισάμενος.

✠ *Hristos anestee ek nekron, thanato
thanaton pateesas*

ke tis en tis mneemasee, zoin harisamenos

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As first called of the Apostles and brother
of Peter the Preeminent, O Andrew,
intercede with the Master of all to grant
peace to the whole world, and great
mercy to our souls.

ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΟ ΤΟΥ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΥ ΑΝΔΡΕΟΥ

Ὡς τῶν Ἀποστόλων πρωτόκλητος,
καὶ τοῦ κορυφαίου ἀγιάδελφος,
τον Δεσπότην τῶν ὅλων Ἀνδρέα ἰκέτευε,
εἰρήνην τῇ οἰκουμένη δωρήσασθαι,
καὶ τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν τὸ μέγα ἔλεο.

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