Church Services

Sunday
- Orthros: 8:45am
- Divine Liturgy: 9:45am

Weekdays
- Orthros: 9:00am
- Divine Liturgy: 10:00am

Κυριακή
- Ορθρός: 8:45μμ
- Θεία: 9:45μμ
- Λειτουργία

Καθημερινές
- Ορθρός: 9:00μμ
- Θεία: 10:00μμ
- Λειτουργία
Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
Reverend Protopresbyter Michael A. Kouremetis
George Stavropoulos, Chanter
Heidi Mason, Choir Director  Ona Calogrias, Organist

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Beloved in Christ,

I once was given short a story by a Southern Baptist Minister about a young woman who was converted and transformed, by God, to his Church. He stated that “she was filled with the Grace of God and that she was humbled by this great gift.”

The story reads as follows; “a young woman was recently converted, and whose holy life was noted in the church. She once sang a beautiful solo, at one of the services, that brought many blessings upon the congregants. Following the hymn, the minister commented extensively on the solo, at length. On leaving church building, at the close of that same service, she was overheard saying to the minister, “if you please sir, I don’t want you to praise me.” “Oh,” said the minister in a surprised tone, he asked, “why not”. “Because it is Christ I want to glorify, since I found Him as my Savior, I want everything about me to point to Him, and when I sing, I want people to see Him.”

This is a beautiful and moving story of a person’s understanding of humility and the realization that all we have comes from God.

In one of the prayers, proceeding the consecration of the Holy Gifts in the Divine Liturgy, we give thanks to God for “gifts known or unknown that are bestowed upon us... gifts seen and unseen.” We give praise to Him for all that we have and we give thanks to Him who gives us all. We need to glorify God, not ourselves, to receive His blessing and salvation.

I pray that the Holy Mother of God protects us all.

In His Love,
Father Michael
Γιατί ο Θεός επιτρέπει τις δοκιμασίες;
Ο Αγ. Ιωάννου του Χρυσοστομίου,

Έχετε ακούσει πολλούς να αναρωτιούνται τα εξής: Γιατί άραγε ο τάδε, παρ’ όλο που είναι μετροπαθής και επιεικής άνθρωπος, καθηµερινά σύρεται στα δικαστήρια από κάποιον άλλο παράνομο και πονηρό και υποφέρει μέριµα δεινά, και γιατί ο Θεός το επιτρέπει; και για ποιόν λόγο άλλος, αφού συκοφαντήθηκε, πέθανε με άδικο τρόπο; Ο δείνα, λένε, πνίγηκε στη θάλασσα, άλλος τσακίστηκε στον γκρεμό· και πολλούς αγίους έχουμε να αναφέρουμε, συγχρονούς μας και προγενέστερους, που υπέμειναν πολές και διάφορες θλίψεις. [...]

Για τις κακουχίες των αγίων τις ποικίλες και προερχόμενες από παντού, οκτώ αιτίες έχουν να απαριθμήσουμε στην αγάπη σας. Γι’ αυτό ακούστε με προσοχή όλοι, γνωρίζοντες ότι δεν θα έχουμε στο εξής ουδεμία συγγνώμη και δικαιολογία όταν σκανδαλίζομάστε για όσα συμβαίνουν, εάν βεβαια, ενώ υπάρχουν τόσες πολλές αιτίες, πρόκειται να θορυβούμαστε και να παραζομάστε ωσάν να μην υπήρχε ουδεμία. Πρώτη, λοιπόν, για να μην επιφέρατε και παραφρονήσατε εξ’ αιτίας του μεγέθους των θαυμάτων και των κατορθωμάτων, τούτος αφήνει ο Θεός να κακοπαθούν. Δεύτερη, για να μην έχουν υπάρξει οι άλλοι γι’ αυτούς ότι είναι πιο πάνω από την ανθρώπινη φύση και νομίζου ότι είναι θεϊκ τή χρήση του Θεού, επισκέψουσα τους ασθενεικούς και τους δεσμίους και δι αυτών αυξάνουσα το κήρυγμα. Τέταρτη, για να γίνει πασιφαρής η υπομονή αυτών των ιδίων, καθότι δεν δουλεύουν για την ανταμοιβή από τον Θεό αλλά επιδεικνύουν προς αυτόν τόση πολλή ευγνωμοσύνη, ακόμα και μετά από τόσες συμφορές.

Πέμπτη, για να φιλοσοφούμε περί της Αναστάσεως· διότι όταν δεδεμένη δίκαιο και γεμάτο από αρετές να παθαίνει μέριµα δεινά, και με τέτοιο τρόπο να αναχωρεί από εδώ, ακόμα και χωρίς να το θέλεις θα αναγκαστείς να αναλογιστείς κάτι για την μέλλουσα κρίση. Γιατί εάν οι άνθρωποι δεν αφήνουν αυτούς που κοπάσασαν γι’ αυτούς να φύγουν χωρίς μισθούς και αμοιβές, πολύ περισσότερο ο Θεός δεν θα ήθελε να αφήσει αστεράνωτους αυτούς που τόσα πολλά υπέφεραν· κι αν δεν ήθελε να τους στερήσει την αμοιβή των πόνων τους, τότε αναγκαστικά υπάρχει κάποιος καιρός μετά τον εδώ θάνατο, κατά τον οποίο θα απολάβουν τις αμοιβές των εδώ πόνων τους.

Έκτη, για να έχουν ικανή ανάπαυση και παρηγοριά όλοι όσοι πέφτουν σε συμφορές, προσβλέποντες σε αυτούς και ενθυμούμενοι τα δεινά που τους συνέβησαν. Εβδομή, ώστε όταν σάς παρακαλούμε να μην αρωτείς την αρετή εκείνων, και λέμε στον καθένα «μιμήσου τον Παύλο» και «ήξεψε τον Πέτρο», να μην τεμπελάσετε έγοντας την εντύπωση ότι εξ’ αιτίας των υπερβολικών τους κατορθωμάτων μετέχουν αυτοί κάποιας άλλης φύσεως. Όγδοος, για να μάθουμε, όταν πρέπει να καλοτυχίσουμε ή να ταλανίσουμε, ποιούς ηυπό νέ βρήκαν να θεωρούμε μακάρους και ποιούς άθλους και ταλαίπωρους.

### 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Hungry Friends**
  - Thursday, October 8th
- **Fall General Assembly**
  - Sunday, November 15th
- **Annual Tree Lighting/Potluck Dinner**
  - Saturday, December 5th but pending
- **Parish Council Elections**
  - Postponed to December 2021 per Clergy Laity Congress
- **Sunday School Christmas Pageant**
  - Sunday, December 20th but pending
## OCTOBER SERVICES

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## NOVEMBER SERVICES

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Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Fr. Michael, and the parish council, I hope that you and your families continue to be safe and in good health as we all navigate through the uncharted waters that the COVID-19 pandemic has confronted us with. During these unprecedented times there has been much sorrow and despair. In just the past six months, 24 families in our parish have grieved over the loss of their loved ones, and we as a parish have been saddened by the loss of our friends. The most difficult part, due to the lockdown, was that we were not able to properly say our goodbyes. However, as long as we remember those who fell asleep in the Lord, they will always be in our thoughts and in our hearts. “May the memory of all our Brothers and Sisters in Christ be eternal”.

I would like to welcome you all back as we begin our new ecclesiastical year. I wish our youth a fruitful and successful upcoming school year as they contend with the realities of COVID-19, be it by virtual learning or a hybrid method.

Over the past six months, your parish council has been extremely proactive identifying and addressing the ongoing needs and concerns of the church during the pandemic. Continuing with renovations, the bathrooms were completed during this time frame. PPP cares act application was submitted and we received approximately $16,000.00 in needed payroll funds that we believe will be forgiven. Additionally, hard decisions had to be made by your parish council as to whether or not to conduct our church’s fundraising events in light of COVID-19. We had to balance between the valid concerns individuals expressed regarding the pandemic, thereby canceling all events and relying on our reserve accounts to cover the costs of our church’s obligations or to conduct in a safe, allowable and legal manner our fundraising events to close the gap between our revenues and expenses and not having to rely on using our reserve accounts.

I am pleased to inform you that by delaying our Golf Tournament from June to August 2020, we realized our third highest overall net profit for this event totaling $16,800.00. Our Hungry friends event has also been moved from May to October 2020, and we anticipate to raise between $17,000.00 to $18,000.00 in net proceeds.

Finally, your parish council ran a successful scaled down Gyro Festival To Go with only curbside pick up in September. Those gross and net result figures will be made available at our combined Spring & Fall General Assembly on November 15, 2020.

Though we have had good results by our proactive approach, I would be remiss if I did not tell you that our daily operations as well as our church’s finances have been impacted due to the pandemic. Through your Acts of Philotimo and Acts of Generosity the Light of Christ, is very bright in our parish. Despite COVID-19, we found ways to live our lives and at the same time service our church and our mission to one another. Thanks to all of you, I am hopeful that our income will exceed our expenses in this very difficult year.

I would also like to thank Stefania Calogrias, George Theo-dossiou and Paula Tsimopoulos, who week in and week out were dedicated to broadcasting the live streaming into our homes, providing us with weekly services, Holy Week and Paraklesis.

Important upcoming dates that we look forward to seeing everyone attend, subject to COVID-19 limitations:

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2020**
Spring & Fall General Assembly to take place in the Philoxinia Room following the Divine Liturgy.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 05, 2020**
Annual Tree Lighting 6:00pm

“A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.”
- Saint Basil

Respectfully yours,

Nicholas H. Babanikas
Parish Council President

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

| October 13th | November 10th | December 8th |

**MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT DONATIONS YTD SEPTEMBER 11, 2020**

- AHEPA $3,000
- AGOC Ladies Philoptochos $2,300
- Mr. & Mrs. William Alexopoulos $500
- Anonymous $100
- Mr. & Mrs. Nick Babanikas $570
- Mrs. Stella Bulgaris $100
- Dr. Diana Calogrias $200
- Mrs. Demetra Cariofiles $50
- Dr. & Mrs. Chris Constantinou $50
- Dr. & Mrs. Dino Constantinou $250
- Mr. & Mrs. George Costas $500
- Mr. & Mrs. Romolo Debaggis $50
- Mr. & Mrs. Evangelos Demetriades $100
- Ms. Jean Fisher $25
- Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gagne $200
- Ms. Paris Kampanellas $100
- Mr. & Mrs. Paul Konstantilakis $1,500
- Mr. & Mrs. Bill Kotopoulou $500
EASTER OFFERING

Mrs. Thalia Aftosmes $25
Mr. & Mrs. William Alexopoulos $200
Mr. Nicholas Anastos $150
Anonymous $100
Mrs. Sia Antoniou $30
Mr. & Mrs. Thodoros Apostolidis $40
Mr. & Mrs. David Bazarian $150
Mrs. Stella Bulgaris $100
Mr. & Mrs. Tony Calogrias $100
Mrs. Stella Cariofiles $25
Mr. & Mrs. George Spyropoulos $200
Ms. Vicky Syrniotis $100
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Theos $1,400

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT DONATIONS CONT.
Fr. Michael & Presv. Cyndy Kouremetis $500
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Livanis $200
Mr. & Mrs. Vasili Lucas $1,000
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Marathas $25
Mr. Irakli Savas $12,227
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Savas $3,000
Mr. & Mrs. George Spyropoulos $200
Ms. Vicky Syrniotis $100
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Theos $1,400

EASTER OFFERING CONT.
Ms. Theodora Psilekaris $25
Mr. Thomas Psilekaris $50
Mr. & Mrs. Telis Roussopoulos $30
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Savas $75
Mr. Irakli Savas $500
Mr. Steve Siogros $200
Mrs. Jeanette Skenas $25
Ms. Vicky Syrniotis $50
Mr. & Mrs. Zahos Tsilis $100
Mrs. Elizabeth Yiannakos $100

OTHER DONATIONS
Cappy’s Pizza $1,000
Mr. & Mrs. George Costas $200
Mr. George Deliyanis $100
Mrs. Tulla Giannaros $50
Mr. Philip Hasouris $900
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Jamoulis $500
Ms. Paris Kampanelas $100
Mrs. Penny Kazis $100
Ms. Sophie Koutsoundolas $50
Mr. Theodore Kyriakides $50
Mr. & Mrs. Rick Lascuola $100
Mr. & Mrs. John Lagadinos $5,000
Mr. & Mrs. Vasilious Lucas $150
Mr. & Mrs. Christy Mihos $100
Mr. & Mrs. James P. Mihos $400
Mr. & Mrs. Ted Ntakoulas $100
Mr. & Mrs. John Papadopoulos $500
Mr. & Mrs. Ilias Potsis $200
Mr. & Mrs. George Poulos $500
Mr. & Mrs. Spyros Savas $160
Savas Family Trust $16,079.05
Mrs. Margarita Sayce $100
Ms. Evangelia Stavropoulos $100
Mrs. Maria Theofilou $500
### DONATIONS AS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

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Stewardship isn't a subcategory of the Christian life. Stewardship is the Christian life. After all, what is stewardship except that God has entrusted to us life, time, talents, money, possessions, family, and his grace? In each case, he evaluates how we regard what he has entrusted to us and what we do with it.

—— Randy Alcorn ——

Mihos, Mr. & Mrs. James P.
Mitchell, Dr. George
Mitoulis, Mr. & Mrs. Dimitrios
Mitoulis, Mr. & Mrs. Harry
Morosas, Mr. Christopher
Nanos, Mr. & Mrs. Odysseas
Nasiopoulos, Mrs. Roseann
Nasios, Mrs. Stephanie
Nickandros, Mr. & Mrs. George
Nicholaides, Mr. & Mrs. Harry
Nikolakakos, Mrs. Despina
Ntakoulas, Mr. & Mrs. Ted
Odeirno, Mr. & Mrs. Randy
Orphanos, Mr. & Mrs. John
Palantzas, Mrs. Vasiliki
Palantzas, Ms. Vicky
Palioglou, Mr. & Mrs. Iordanis
Panagoulopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. George
Papadopoulos, Mr. Alexander
Papadopoulos, Dr. Andrea
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Papigiotis, Mrs. Alexandra
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Sedell, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur
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Whowell, Mr. & Mrs. Frederick
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2020 STEWARDS YTD SEPTEMBER 15, 2020
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It costs over $1,400 per day to operate our parish. Regardless of the amount that you decide to pledge, we ask only that you consider the church’s needs and your financial ability, prior to completing the following portion of this form.

☐ EYERITHEΣ
BENEFACTOR $600
For a Family with (1)
Orthodox member
and child/children

☐ PROSOTHEΣ
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$500 _____ $100 _____ $50 _____ $25 _____ OTHER $_________

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2020 ☐

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Please join us for the FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY on Sunday NOVEMBER 15, 2020 following Church Services.

ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

COMBINED SPRING & FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15th, 2020
Immediately following the Divine Liturgy

AGENDA

Opening Prayer and Reflection

Secretary’s Report:

2019 Fall General Assembly Minutes

Treasurer’s Report:

Financials:
- January 01, 2019 to December 31, 2019 year end results
- January 01, 2020 to October 31, 2020 year to date
- 2020 Food Festival Results
- Vote to approve proposed 2021 budget as presented

Fr. Michael A. Kouremetis’ Remarks

President’s Remarks

Old Business:

- Iconography Committee report
- Strategic Planning Committee report by committee chair—Ilia Potsis
- Renovations of upstairs bathrooms and installation of multi camera live stream system

New Business:

- 2020 Auditor’s Report
- Board of Elections Nominations
- Discussion of new ministries to be offered at our parish
- Discussion with Assembly as to the future needs of our Parish
- Transact on any business that comes before the Assembly

Fr. Michael A. Kouremetis
Proistamenos

Nicholas H. Babanikas
President, Parish Council
The Opening Prayer and Blessing was offered by Father John Kiramarios. Meeting called to order 12:06 P.M.

**Motion to elect the Chairman of the Fall 2019 General Assembly** was: Nicholas Babanikas
Made by: Stephen Passias Seconded by: James P. Mihos
Unanimous

**Nicholas Babanikas is appointed Chairman of the Fall 2019 General Assembly**

President Babanikas welcomed all to the Fall General Assembly and before the dinner was served, he spoke about the recent Clergy/Laity conference held on November 9, 2019. Noted was the fact that our Diocese commitment will remain the same as it has been for the last 3 years. Also, noted was the fact that a Diocese Cori security is being implementing in each parish. Our parish will compose a roster of all who are involved with the youth and a Cori check will be made, at a cost to the parish. Those involved with the youth, need to watch a mandatory video presentation. Also mentioned was that the New Hampshire camp site is building a field house for rental for the Orthodox faithful and to other organizations.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Treasurer Calogrias reported on the following financial reports:

- All financials: 
  - The Year to Date January 1, 2019 to October 31, 2019;
  - The Profit and loss through January 2019 with 2018 comparison
  - The cash balance for the current month.
- 2019 Food Festival results:

Vote to approve proposed 2020 budget as presented:

**Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report and the proposed 2020 budget**, made by: George Alexis Seconded by: Alexandra Alexopoulos
Unanimous.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT OF THE SPRING 2018 GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

This 2019 Spring General Assembly minutes were read by Heidi Mason at the request of Parish Council Secretary, Joanna Stellakis. There were no corrections to the 2019 Spring General Assembly minutes.

**Motion to accept the 2019 Spring General Assembly report**, made by: Avraam Vardaxis Seconded by: Patricia Giannakoulis
Unanimous.

**Fr. Michael Kouremetis’ Remarks**

Father mentioned that it has been 18 months and 7 days that he had come to our Parish and has fallen in love with each and every member of the Parish. “You are a Parish who that faces each and every problem and finds an answer for every challenge” Father thanked the members of the Parish Council for all their endeavors and strong positive attitude. He thanked the Philoptochos for all the caring and endeavors. He thanked both the Philoptochos and the Ahepa for their donations to the new sound system being installed. He thanked the choir and chanters. “It is a joy to serve the Orthros and Liturgy with them.”

The young people are doing well and have wonderful leaders and directors.

The Basketball teams have started with the Diocese and Father thanked Steve Passias for taking the lead with the program.

Regarding the Altar Boys, they need to be in Church by 10:00 am.

“Stewardship membership has gone up since 2015 to the present membership of 317 units.”

Regarding Sacraments, there has been 10 Baptism, 2 weddings with 4 planned for next year and 18 funerals. Father noted that there were 2 cremations in which our Church does not allow, but prayers can be read at the funeral home prior to the cremation. Father explained that our Church does not allow cremation because it mutilates the body.

Father presented several get well cards that were made by the GOYA for Presvetera Cyndy. “We need to support our remarkable young people, they will lead the way for our future”

**President’s Remarks**

President Babanikas introduced the members of the Parish Council and thanked them for all their hard work. He also thanked Father Michael for his dedication and commitment to our Parish.

Nick outlined the projects that have been completed this year:

The men’s bathroom has been completed. He thanked all those who volunteered their time. Noted was that the women’s bathroom will start mid-January.

The sound system in the Church has been completed.
The new laser projection in the Lounge will be installed with an easier button system for selecting programs. “The Lounge renovation project, whose cost was donated by the Ahepa and Ladies Philoptochos, will consist of a new projection system and speakers for use by our parish ministries as well as a possible rental, to increase revenue. Regarding the Iconography, we have met with an Iconographer who took measurements. He will contact his superior for a plan. Donations have already been made to the Iconography project. There is no cost for the original draft plans. Nick spoke about upcoming events. The Tree Lighting on November 30 with a pot luck dinner. December 8 will be the Breakfast with Santa for our youth, “At the conclusion of this Assembly the application to join the Parish Council will close, please consider applying for the Council” Nick ended his comments with the following message. We should never say he, you, she or I, but rather (we) We are all here to serve the many ministries of the Church. All that we do is for one purpose and that is to serve our Church, our Faith and our Lord.”

Old Business
Long Term Planning Committee: George Alexis spoke about the hiring of an engineer whose findings were that we have 5 acres of buildable land. The committee will meet with different entities to see what can be done. Eventually brought before the General Assembly for a vote.

New Business
Board of Elections Nominations: Nominated were Katherine Malone, Perry Savas and Pegi Ciulla who accepted the nomination. They will serve on the Board of Elections.
Board of Auditors Nominations: Nominated were Irene Economos, James Sarantopoulos and Gerry Bellas who accepted the nominations. They will serve on the Board of Auditors.
Discussion with Assembly as to the future needs of our Parish:
Rocky Savas commented on the budget that donation to charity was only $1000.00 and that it should be more. Nick Babanikas clarified that by saying that the reason it showed $1000.00 was that a check was made out to St. Basil’s Academy and we anticipate doing it again. That is why it was logged in that way. Nick Babanikas stated that there are many charitable Donations that our Church does. On December 8, two doctors will be present at the Breakfast and will be presented with around $28,000.00 for cancer research from monies raised by the “walk for cancer cure” hosted by our Parish. Our Church will offer our kitchen and hall to a group who will feed 1,600.00 needy families on Thanksgiving.
The Philoptochos prepares lunches for 100 homeless people once a month and our Church runs a have a heart luncheon for at least that past 15 years where we have raised $5000.00 and as high as $25,000.00 per event for the Children’s Cardiac Fund. Transact on any business that comes before the Assembly
Chrisoula Potsis presented the idea to convert the gym into a Community Center. Nick Babanikas stated that it had been brought up 18 years ago and was defeated three times by Parishioners because it fell short of the 67% vote needed. It also caused problems within the community. Nick Babanikas further said that if the General Assembly votes to having a gym conversion then and only then, should the Council look into it to avoid future problems among the Parishioners.
George Alexis stated that we have a Strategic Planning committee and to give them a chance to come up with plans. Georgia Babanikas suggested we follow the idea of the Diocese Camp and build a field house to use and rent.

In regard to converting the Gym into a Community Center, Steve Passias noted that there has been a growth in interest from our youth for the Diocese Basketball programs.
“We could convert the Gym into a Function Hall, but we need to consider the needs of our youth.” Nick Palantzas. “We need to take care of ourselves first and then look into the use of the land behind the building.” Aliki Sarantopoulos commented that years ago, persons would put $1.00 in the collection tray and that the same $1.00 is being put in the tray today. The value of the dollar has gone down, expenses have gone up, but the $1.00 donation has remained the same.

Motion to adjourn made by Ona Calogrias Seconded by Alexandra Alexopoulos
Father Michael offered the closing prayer and the hymn “Se Imnounme”

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Joanna Stellakis Joanna Stellakis, 2019 Parish Council Secretary
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