



# Saint George Greek Orthodox Church

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## January 2013

### Services Every Sunday / Κυριακή

Matins (Ορθρος) 9:15-10:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy (Θεία Λειτουργία)

10:00-11:30 a.m.

### Worship Services in January

Sunday, January 6: The Theophany of Our Lord;

St. Basil the Great

Epistle: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Sunday, January 13: Sunday after Epiphany

Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17

Sunday, January 20: 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke

Epistle: Corinthians 4:6-15

Gospel: Luke 17:12-19

Sunday, January 27: 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke

Epistle: Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

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### Prosforo (Πρόσφορο) Bakers

January 6: Maria Glimenakis

January 20: Janet Harrison



### Calendar at a Glance

**Vasilopita - St. Basil's Bread**, Sunday, January 6

**Epiphany/Θεοφάνια**, Sunday, January 6

Service of the Blessing of the Waters

**Stewardship Sunday**, January 6

Stewardship 2013 kickoff

**Daylight Saving Time begins**, Sunday, March 10

**Beginning of Great Lent**, Monday, March 18

**Palm Sunday**, April 28

**Good Friday**, May 3

**Holy Pascha (Πάσχα)/Easter Sunday**, May 5

A calendar of events can also be found on our website at [www.stgeorgekeene.nh.goarch.org](http://www.stgeorgekeene.nh.goarch.org)

*Happy New Year*

*Ευτυχισμένος ο  
Καινουργιος Χρονος*

**2013**

## Thank You for Caring

### *By The Parish Council*

We extend heartfelt thanks to the St. George community for your generosity and caring. One of our traditions during the Christmas season is to support Project Share. Due to the generous donations of our parishioners, Christmas gifts were distributed to many local children in need.

Your food contributions to the Community Kitchen help provide nutritious meals to hungry people in the Monadnock Region. We will continue to collect non-perishable food for the Community Kitchen. Please look for the designated box in Hellenic Hall.

Thank you, too, for your donations to Hurricane Sandy relief.

Your participation in these projects demonstrates the true spirit of Christmas.

Blessings in the Lord for the New Year!

### *By Merope (Popey) Pitsas*

I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who attended our December 6<sup>th</sup> luncheon at Papagallos. The generosity of all those who attended the luncheon and brought wonderful gifts for the Southwestern Community Service, Inc. – Head Start Program is amazing.

It has been a difficult time for many and we continue to find it in our hearts to help those in need and I cannot thank you enough.

To all those who attended, thank you very much for your loyal support and your friendship.

I wish you and your families a Happy New Year with good health and happiness.

Please use this list to pray for members of our community who are sick or in need of God's care.

- **Hristianna Lanoue**
- **Donald Doubleday**
- **John Bardis**
- **Mark Raheb, for healing**



From time to time, we may remove names that have been on the list for a while. If you feel a name should remain on the list, or if you would like a new name placed on the list, please contact the bulletin editor.

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## *Thank You, 2012 Bulletin Sponsors!*

January: D. J. Bardis Family (Calif.)

March: John G. Bardis

April: Panos and Merope Pitsas

May: Presvytera Evelyn Bacopulos

June: Bradshaw Family

August: John G. Bardis

September: Chris and Anna Tasoulas

October: Ernie and Rachel Conides

November: Family of Perry Anastas Kiritsy

## Obituary: Constance Golfin Johnson

*From the Daily Hampshire Gazette, Dec. 5, 2012*



Constance Golfin Johnson, 84, (mother of Diane Golfin Raheb) passed away Dec. 3, 2012, at Holyoke Healthcare Center after a long illness.

She was born Nov. 10, 1928, to Lucien and Florida Laurin in Holyoke, where she was raised.

Although she lived in Amherst for most of her adult life, she married in Miami Beach, Florida, and lived there in the late 1940s.

She graduated from Precious Blood Grammar School and Holyoke High School. Part of the first generation of her family to have attended college, she achieved her bachelors degree in two years, summa cum laude, from The University of Massachusetts, Amherst, where she went on to obtain her masters degree and ABD Ph.D. in French literature, while she was teaching high school in Chicopee. She taught later in the Amherst school system, which she loved.

From her 20s onward, she was a member of Beta Sigma Phi, an international women's social, cultural and service organization. She played violin from the age of four, and in her later years she played at all family holidays.

Vacations at the ocean, her pet cats, and of course, her grandchildren never failed to elicit her dazzling smile. Always a determined, strong, and independent personality with a lifelong love of learning, she greatly influenced all those around her.

She was predeceased by her parents; her sister, Cecile E. Laurin; her first husband, Andrew S. Golfin, Sr.; her second husband, Archibald R. Johnson; and her son, Mark Andrew Golfin.

She is survived by her children, Diane Golfin Raheb of Charlestown, N.H. and Andrew S. Golfin, Jr. of Canton, Conn. and his wife, Peggy Golfin; as well as her grandchildren, Mark Raheb, Bay Golfin, David Golfin and Liam Golfin.

Douglass Funeral Service of Amherst, MA was in charge of the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, and in keeping with her lifestyle, memorial contributions may be made to Jones Library, 43 Amity St., Amherst, MA 01002.

## Proud Grandparents Panos and Merope Pitsas

Peter and Lori's girls – Dina, Adelle, and Devany have been having some great years at the Milford (NH) schools.

Dina a senior, and Adelle a sophomore, have been starting on the Varsity Soccer Team this past fall, which won the State Championship in October. Dina was the Captain of the team and was selected for the first team – All State. At the soccer banquet in November, Dina received the Coach's Award, and was selected by her teammates to also receive the Character and the Most Valuable Player Awards. Adelle was selected to Captain next year's team.

Dina is also the Basketball Captain and along with Adelle is starting for the Varsity Basketball Team this winter.

The youngest, Devany, an eighth grader, started on the "A" Soccer Team this past fall and is currently the Captain of the Middle School "A" Basketball Team.

All three girls have been honor and/or high honor students every semester during the school years.

In addition, Dina has been honored by being selected as the N.H. girl to receive the Wendy's High School Heisman Award. This is given annually to a high school senior for their hard work, dedication and exceptional records in academics, athletics, and community leadership. Dina also serves as this year's President of the school's National Honor Society.

Both Dina and Adelle have been teaching Sunday School at St. Philip Greek Orthodox Church in Nashua.

Keep up the good work, girls.

Papou and Yiayia



From left to right: Dina, Devany, and Adelle

## Stewardship

***“I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit.” John 15:16***

This is just how Jesus Christ speaks of suffering in His famous parable of the Vine in John 15. “I am the vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, so that it will be more fruitful.”

We as Orthodox Christians are branches on the grapevine that is Jesus Christ. Which branches have it the easiest? The ones that bear lots of grapes? Or the ones that just do their own thing, soaking up sun and rain, but yielding only leaves?



Jesus tells us that pruning – the painful, repeated, unwelcome pruning – happens to the GOOD branches, to the BEST branches. These get the knife so that they bring forth all the more fruit for the joy of the vineyard’s Master. The lazy, unfruitful branches? They get lopped off, cast into brush pile, and burned. The Heavenly Horticulturist sees in you the potential for greater fruitfulness. So it was for the prophet Job in ancient times, and so may it be for us today.

### ***Sweet Wine... Not Bitter Whining***

Let us kick off 2013 stewardship by becoming a prudent steward of God’s gifts, protecting and growing them in order to return to God that which He has entrusted to you. Please join us on Stewardship Sunday, January 6, 2013.

Happy New Year,

Kathy Nikiforakis

Stewardship Chairperson

## *Stewardship Sunday, January 6, 2013*

Stewardship Sunday will be held January 6, 2013, which is when we will also observe Epiphany and St. Basil / Vasilopita.

Stewardship packets of information and pledge cards were mailed in mid-December. If you did not receive a stewardship packet, contact Kathy Nikiforakis, Stewardship Chairperson.

Please fill out your pledge card and bring it to church on Stewardship Sunday.

THANK YOU (ευχαριστώ) for your stewardship!

## 2012 Stewards of St. George Greek Orthodox Church

*Listed below are the parishioners who have made a commitment as of November 20, 2012.*

|                                      |                                     |                                       |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
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|                                      | David Maydwell                      |                                       |

### *Stewardship Update as of November 20, 2012*

Total Pledges: \$38,126.00

Total Pledges Paid: \$32,216.00

Balance Due: \$5,901.00

## Christmas Bazaar and Pastry Sale – December 1, 2012

*By Sue Kolivas*

A great big thank you to the many people who made the 2012 Christmas Bazaar a huge success! To the many people who baked the scrumptious pastries; the kitchen crew who served lunch and beverages and kept the pastry trays full; and the many ladies who worked preparing and packaging the goodies the day before the Bazaar and arranged the St. George and Yiayia's Attic Treasures tables, you are appreciated!

A special thanks to the many restaurants that donated food and goods. Kudos to all who donated to Yiayia's Attic Treasures and made monetary contributions. We also appreciate the work of those who put up the tree and tables and had everything back in place for the Sunday fellowship hour.

This is a huge fundraiser and when everyone contributes in some fashion, it is the community of St. George that is the winner.

Thank you all.



In addition to the delicious Greek food and good cheer, some of the highlights of the day included a visit from a Greek-speaking Santa Claus. As always, the arts and crafts by local craftspeople were a major attraction.

More color photos can be found at [www.stgeorgekeene.nh.goarch.org/pictures](http://www.stgeorgekeene.nh.goarch.org/pictures) - scroll down to 2012 Christmas Bazaar.

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*In Loving Memory of Our Much Beloved*

*Parents, Grandparents, and Great Grandparents*

***Dimitrios "Jim" Bardis (1889-1949) - Aikaterini Bardis (1903-1985)***

*From Their Six Children (In California):* John, Evelyn, Ellen, Katherine, Elias, Chris

*From Their Fifteen Grandchildren:* Michael, Tom, Bob, John, Diane, Peter, Bruce, Gale, Glenn, Karen, Audrey, Rachel, Anne, Tom, Katherine

*From Their Twenty-six Great Grandchildren:* Nikole, Greg, Claire, Stephanie, Jackson, Daniel, Joe, David, Nathan, Ted, Chris, Margaret, Dana, Jessica, Kevin, Ryan, Lawrence, Elizabeth, Patrick, Elias, Joshua, Madeline, Sawyer, Ana Katina, Alexander, Markos

*Αἰώνια Ἀυτῶν ἡ Μνήμη!*

*(Eternal Be Their Memory!)*