



Saint George Greek Orthodox Church

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September 2013

Services Every Sunday / Κυριακή

Matins (Ορθρος) 9:00 -10:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy (Θεία Λειτουργία)

10:00-11:30 a.m.

Prosforo (Πρόσφορο) Bakers

September 1: Maria Ioannou

September 15: Lambrini Tsitonis

September 29: Vicky Balkanikos



Worship Services in September

Sunday, September 1: Ecclesiastical New Year
St. Symeon the Stylite; 40 Virgin Martyrs & St. Ammoun
Epistle: I Timothy 2:1-7
Gospel: Luke 4:16-22

Sunday, September 8: Sunday before Holy Cross
The Nativity of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos
Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18
Gospel: John 3:13-17

Saturday, September 14: Exaltation of the Holy Cross
See page 4.

Sunday, September 15: Sunday after Holy Cross
St. Nikitas, Great Martyr
Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20
Gospel: Mark 8:34-38, 9:1

Sunday, September 22: 1st Sunday of Luke; St. Phocas the Martyr, Bishop of Sinope; St. Phocas the Cyprian
Epistle: I Corinthians 16:13-24
Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Thursday, September 26: The Translation of the Evangelist, Theologian and Apostle John

Sunday, September 29: 2nd Sunday of Luke
St. Cyriacus the Hermit of Palestine
Epistle: II Corinthians 1:21-24; 2:1-4
Gospel: Luke 6:31-36

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Calendar at a Glance (non-liturgical)

Ecclesiastical New Year, September 1

Paraklesis to Mother of God, Tuesdays, 6:00 PM
September 3, 10, 17, 24; (see page 5 for details)

Lunch and Lives, Thursday, September 5, noon

Paraklesis to St. George, Thursdays, 6:00 PM
September 5, 12, 19, 26; (see page 5 for details)

Lunch and Lives, Thursday, September 19, noon

Special Fellowship Hour, Sunday, October 6
In honor of Ernie Conides' 90th birthday

Pumpkin Festival Fundraiser, Sat., October 19

Daylight Savings Time Ends, Sun., November 3

Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 28

A calendar of events can be found on our website at
www.stgeorgekeene.nh.goarch.org

Father Leo's Ledger

Christ the King Hospital

By Fr. Leo Schefe



As you may have recognized in past sermons, I have used a plethora of analogies to illustrate the many facets of the essence of the Church.

I have compared the Church to a family, an illustration of God Who is our Father, the Theotokos who is our mother and Christ the only-begotten Son with the members of the Church, the adopted sons and co-heirs with Christ, as we read in Galatians 4:5. The Holy Liturgy is our perpetual family gathering and the Eucharist is shared as the essential food of eternal life. In His nurturing love, God sets His banqueting table before us. Those voluntarily opting out of the Banquet of Love have removed themselves, being out of fellowship with Christ and His Church, either knowingly or in ignorance. To those in fellowship with Christ; the luscious banquet. To those out of fellowship with Christ and His Church; TV dinners, cheese and crackers, off by themselves.

I have taught that the Church is like a military battalion (i.e., the Church militant) where Christ is our commanding officer. For those keeping in the struggle, medals and for those who give up, court-martial. For those who continue in the on-going struggle of the Christian life, there will be rewards, crowns and everlasting glory. Victory is promised, but not without wounds along the way as we are continually on the spiritual battlefield in this life. However, for those who walk away from the spiritual battle - i.e. the life we are called to as Christians, the loss sustained would be felt not only in this life, but the one to come as well. In real life, a deserter from military service is subject to court-martial. It is far wiser and infinitely better to remain in the battle with Christ by our side than to suffer the consequences of forsaking the spiritual life.

I have compared the Church to a naval vessel, not the "Love Boat," rather, a Greek trireme where we all must pull on the oar given to us by God and be saved together. The helmsman is none other than Christ himself, the only one who can bring us safely to our port of safe haven.

With an economic view in mind, I compared the Church to the work place where we all fit somewhere on a full spectrum, at one end a slave (who works so not to be beaten) and the other end a son (who works because he shares in the enterprise) with the employee (who works for rewards) in between; any of us occupying a point on the spectrum at any given time. If one serves in the mentality of a slave in the Household of Faith, then be a good slave; if an employee, i.e., seeking rewards in the Household of Faith, then be a good employee; however, if one is found as a son, be a good one.

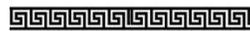
We can also consider the Church as a biological organism, where we are the Body of Christ as Ephesians 1:23 tells us plainly. We are all members of the Body, performing necessary functions for its well-being. Some parts of the Body are easily and routinely seen and appreciated for their on-going work, others labor in the background, seldom seen and often unappreciated for their vital contributions. Nevertheless, God sees all the parts and will render each one due reward. As it reads in Matthew 20:16, the ones who are first will be last and the last will be first. In short, God highly prizes the humble and will extol the meek with salvation.

Now my analogy is of the Church as a hospital for the soul. When we consider the Church as the hospital for the soul which is sick and burdened from its many sins, we can take comfort from the fact that Christ has died for our sins and that they are forgiven, now and forever. However, the soul still languishes as it is defiled by sins in this life, both voluntary and involuntary, and needs the care of the Church for both cleansing and healing. It is up to us to take stock of our soul's condition and come to the place of healing, i.e., the Church, for our afflictions and wounds. The Lord has established His Church to heal the sick-His greatest concern being the sickness of the soul. Our bodies will suffer in this life and eventually return to the dust from which we were made. Although bodily healing is what most of us seek, we would be wise to

recognize that the Lord has a different priority. When we think of the Church as a hospital we should keep in mind that it is a hospital for the soul, that which is most precious, that which will endure along with the resurrected body (completely regenerated) throughout all eternity.

Can you envision this scenario? When we rebel against Christ and His church, we sever ourselves from the body of Christ; we have cut ourselves off from communion with Him. We no longer have fellowship with Him. Biologically this is distressing and leads to death. How can a severed limb be re-attached? Repentance! Confession! A surgical procedure is necessary. Christ is our physician. Repentance is the ride in the ambulance. Confession is the name of the procedure. Christ, the physician, re-attaches us to His body; puts us back in communion with Him. The ordained presbyter is the attending nurse. The Church is the hospital. All the people are fellow patients. If Christ can raise the dead, can He not restore us unto Himself? This is the God ordained medicine for the soul. And then there is a prescription to take home with you – that is to say, follow the life of the Church for the full and eventual healing of your soul. Continue to confess your sins, partake of the Divine Eucharist, pray daily, do not forsake the gatherings of the faithful on holy days, fast according to the tenets of the Church, give of your resources for the building up of the Body of Christ, remember the poor by being an alms-giver, extend hospitality to the stranger, show love to others for Christ's sake. All these holy works are the prescription remedy to lessen the disorder of acute sin and to help restore the soul to health. These are the practices or spiritual disciplines that will fit our souls for the Kingdom of God. Truly, the Church has everything one needs for life and salvation. It is all here. And it is all available to you.

Yes, the Church is a hospital - the Hospital of Christ the King. All your brothers and sisters in the Lord are fellow patients. Let us not forget - Jesus "... sent the [Disciples] to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick" Luke 9:2.



Αγιος and Χρόνια Πολλά

On Sunday August 18th, we celebrated Fr. Leo's anniversary of ordination to the priesthood and also the Name Day of all those who have the Theotokos as their Namesake.

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Prayer List

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**
- **Constantine (Dean) Eleftheriou**



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 Fr. Leo.

Stewardship

Stewardship Update as of August 15, 2013

Total Pledges: \$38,365.00

Total Pledges Paid: \$29,989.00

Balance Due: \$8,376.00

2013 Stewards of St. George Greek Orthodox Church

THANK YOU (ευχαριστώ) for your stewardship!

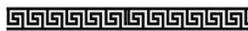
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Lunch and Lives

This noon-time meeting is open to both men and women who would like to know more about the lives of Orthodox Christian Saints. To date, we have learned about the lives of the parents of the Virgin Mary, Theotokos: Saints Joachim and Anna; the life of St. Paraskevi of Rome; the events surrounding the Dormition of the Theotokos; and the role of St. Thomas the Apostle at the time of Panagia's Dormition.

Reminder: The group meets every other Thursday from noon until 1:00. Bring your own lunch. Dessert and beverages are provided.

For details, please contact Presbytera Candace.

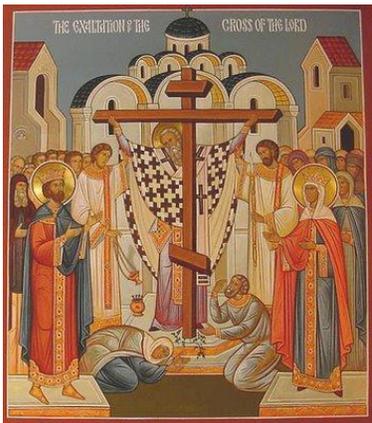


Exaltation of the Holy Cross

(Saturday, September 14 - Strict Fast Day)

Matins (Ορθρος) 9:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy (Θεία Λειτουργία) 10:00 a.m.



It is traditional to decorate and elevate a Cross between the service of Orthros and Divine Liturgy on the day of the Feast. A Cross is placed on a tray decorated with fresh flowers and fresh basil, blessed and elevated during the service. The faithful are invited to venerate the cross and receive both flowers and basil to take home as a blessing. This Feast is one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church and not to be missed, if at all possible. *If you are willing to donate basil and/or flowers or are willing to decorate the tray on the day of the Feast, please let Fr. Leo know.*

The Orthodox Metropolitanate of Hong Kong and South-east Asia (under the Ecumenical Patriarchate) offers a beautiful explanation of this Holy Feast on the following link: <http://www.omhksea.org/2012/09/the-orthodox-celebration-of-the-power-of-the-cross/>

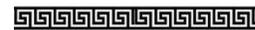
Two Paraklesis Services Each Week

Please join us to offer praise and to ask the intercessions of both Panagia (Mother of God) and St. George here in our church each week.

Paraklesis to Panagia is held every Tuesday evening and Paraklesis to St. George every Thursday evening. Both services are held at 6:00 PM. It has been wonderful to see increased participation over recent weeks!

What should you do to participate? Attend in person and exercise a prayerful attitude by uplifting your heart to God during either or both services.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a list of names for Fr. Leo to remember during the service. Please provide only names of the living (and for these services, you can give names of *anyone* among the living). Be sure to include *your own name* on the list as well.



Thank you!

Thank you to the Truman family and Nina Schefe for weeding and tidying around the exterior of the church on Sunday afternoon, August 11th!

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Sunday, October 6, 2013

Everyone is invited to help Ernie Conides celebrate his 90th birthday.



With thanks to the Conides family for hosting fellowship hour.

Keene Community Kitchen Needs Our Help

FEEDING THE HUNGRY IS A GREATER WORK THAN RAISING THE DEAD, wrote St. John Chrysostom. Beloved, this is something we can all achieve and be remembered by God for doing.



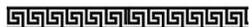
Just a few minutes from our church, Keene's Community Kitchen is accomplishing an amazing work by feeding the needy five nights a week and every Sunday afternoon. Not only does the Kitchen provide hot meals, they also provide pantry services every Wednesday and Thursday. Visit this link to see what they are doing: <http://www.thecommunitykitchen.org/OurPrograms.htm>

Most of the Kitchen's outreach is done purely with volunteer help. Things that seem so easy to do are so much appreciated. For instance, could you spare an evening now and then to serve food from 5:00-6:30 PM? Would you enjoy helping prepare a meal--it could be as simple as cleaning/chopping vegetables during a morning or afternoon. Let the Kitchen know that you'd like to come by on a particular day to help.

The Community Kitchen has a **wish list** for items that they do not receive an abundance of and could really use to round out the pantry boxes they distribute weekly. They can always use:

- ◆ cooking oil
- ◆ canned protein (e.g., fish, meat, poultry)
- ◆ canned stews or soup containing protein, boxed dinners (e.g., Hamburger Helper)

Our own Margaret Ioannou is the Kitchen's Hot Meals Program Volunteer Coordinator. Call her (or stop by) if you'd like to volunteer: (603) 352-3200. The Kitchen is located at 35-37 Mechanic Street.



Blog Posts

Please visit this link for Presbyteria Candace's posting for the Dormition Feast:

<http://www.blogger.com/blogger.g?blogID=4311585164758714541#editor/target=post;postID=7780126992345299230;onPublishedMenu=allposts;onClosedMenu=allposts;postNum=1;src=postname>

Also visit the Ortho Thought blogspot for over a year's worth of daily inspiration: <http://otftd.blogspot.com>



Altar Boy Retreat

In early August, Fr. Leo and Joe Truman hosted a mini-retreat attended by three of our acolytes. Fr. Leo gave an overview of altar service, highlighting various details for the boys. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed a pizza dinner and the movie, *My Side of the Mountain* together. We look forward to doing something like this again soon. Photos by Joe Truman.



Obituary: Clara Nicon

Clara Chakos Nicon was born in 1914 in Everett, Washington, a small mill town with many “rough edges” which may have contributed to her tenacity in later years. Her name varied from Katherine to Cleanthi to Clara, the latter given by her godfather who was enamored with a woman by the same name. Her parents died when she was very young and her uncle “Shushu” cared for the family. In 1920 Clara and her two brothers moved to live with their older sister and brother-in-law, Effie and Peter Wells.



Clara grew up in an extended family environment in Seattle’s Wallingford neighborhood. She graduated from Lincoln High School in 1932 and married Spiro Nicon in 1934. Raising her children, working in the family restaurants, volunteering at her church and her children’s schools were the main activities of her early life. She was Parent Teachers Association president at the 50th anniversary of her Alma Mater. The family traveled extensively: a 7000-mile driving trip around the US in 1951 and another to Acapulco, Mexico, and back in 1956. She and Spiro traveled even more. In 1959 they shipped a car to Great Britain and drove it all the way to Greece. They drove to and from Alaska and 21 times cross country to and from Boston. Their adventures took them to Greece several more times and also to Australia.

Once her children were grown, Clara really came into her own. She was the first woman parish council president at Seattle’s Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. A few close friends affectionately knew her as “the General.” She liked to get things done. She used neither guilt nor persuasion but would simply state what needed to be done and asked for help. If no one was available, she’d do it herself. The pastel napkins and decorations on the tables at church events were either placed by, or planned for by Clara. Her work with Philoptochos, the women’s auxiliary, is legend. She always seemed to be carrying some envelopes, a note or two or a contribution toward some purpose. She created “Clara’s Corner” where her handiwork of cloth napkins, aprons and embroidered dish towels were sold to benefit the church’s philanthropic work. At 96 years young, Clara was selected for the Philoptochos AGAPE award from the San Francisco Metropolis which was presented to her at the 2010 National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. She was a member of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Leadership 100 as one who gave generously to her church and its missions. She was also a long-time steward of our St. George Greek Orthodox Church.

While Clara slowed a bit in her 90s she continued to operate on overdrive in her mind. She worked the newspaper crossword puzzle and read from the bible every morning. She enjoyed a good Scrabble game and was an avid reader. She exercised regularly through a program at Group Health Cooperative. She was a Mariners fanatic. She possessed an incredible optimism and an unshakeable spiritual faith. She did not judge. She never wore black; red suited her better. She kept the US Postal Service and Hallmark in business by sending hundreds of greeting cards to her friends and acquaintances. She kept in regular contact with her family. She made quilts for AIDS babies while watching ball games. She took naps every afternoon and after giving up vodka-tonics enjoyed a glass or two of Chardonnay before or with meals.



Clara was preceded in death by her husband, Spiro in 1994 after 60 years of marriage. She is survived by her son, John Nicon and daughter-in-law Joann, her daughter Faye Stylianopoulos and son-in-law Rev. Theodore, six grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers remembrances may be made* to the Church of the Assumption building fund, the International Orthodox Christian Charities, or to a charity of choice.

What a life! What a wonderful life! What a wonderful woman! May her memory be eternal. We extend sincere condolences to the Nicon, Stylianopoulos, and Moore families at the passing of their beloved mother and Yiayia.

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Obituary: Michael E.J. Blastos

Michael E.J. Blastos, 80, of Keene, one of Keene's longest-serving and one of the most beloved mayors, passed away peacefully Aug. 12, 2013, at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, after a sudden illness. He was born in Malden, Mass., Sept. 13, 1932, son of James K. and Sophie A.



(Bardis) Blastos. He grew up and attended schools in Windsor, Vermont, and was a graduate of Windsor High School. He attended the University of Maryland, Florida State University, and was a graduate of the University of Vermont.

He served with the U.S. Air Force as a staff sergeant with the 3550th Combat Crew Training Group at Moody Air Force Base in Valdosta, Ga. He was selected as "Airman of the Month" in December 1954. This honor is only given to those "outstanding Airmen who excel in the qualities of military bearing, neatness, efficiency, courtesy and character and to those who are highly qualified to perform their job." His colonel stated that "men of this caliber are a valuable asset to the United States Air Force." He was honorably discharged in 1960.

Mr. Blastos was the driving force in his family, a great leader of the community and kind and generous to all. For more than 24 years, he served the "Great City of Keene" with distinction, everlasting passion and commitment. He was Keene's first four-term mayor in more than 100 years.

He was a member of St. George Greek Orthodox Church, Gordon-Bissell American Legion Post 4 in Keene, the Keene Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks 927 and the Keene Lions Club, and was an honorary member of the Keene Kiwanis Club.

Mr. Blastos served as a selectman in Ward 1 in the 1960s and as a city councilor in the mid-'70s and was re-elected in 1986 and served until 2000, and in his 18 years of service he never missed a single meeting. In 2000, he became a member of the newly formed Heritage Commission and spearheaded the Save the Mill Buildings program, for which the state of New Hampshire awarded him the Preservation Alliance Award.

He helped to establish the Downtown Historic District, where more than 200 buildings were surveyed. The city of Keene was awarded a grant to preserve and save the Cheshire Railroad Stone Arch Bridge. In 2001, he served on the task force on child care and created the Child First Program working with the New Hampshire governor. In 2005, when Keene was spared major damage from the flood, he manned the command post at City Hall under the direction of the emergency management director, Gary Lamoureux. He assisted in helping to relocate families in need of housing and food.

He served on the Sundance Commission — a group of 47 mayors in small communities. Some of the accomplishments included adding a bicycle patrolman, energy audit of city buildings, green gas emissions survey, the new sewer treatment plant and several other energy projects.

He was instrumental in setting up the first comprehensive Master Plan Committee, establishing the German city partnership and the city of Keene's 250th anniversary celebration.

He was also instrumental in the downtown beautification project, the city of Keene's roundabouts, outdoor basketball courts and helping the Swamp Bats to come to Keene. Mr. Blastos was involved in many endeavors to make Keene and the surrounding communities a better place to live. He also received many awards and accolades for his untiring efforts.

He was a gracious host and was a true entrepreneur. He was the proud owner of The Pub Restaurant and Caterers in Keene, which he operated since 1969.

Survivors include his wife of 10 years, Carolyn (Chaisson) Blastos of Keene; four daughters, Sophia M. Santerre and her husband, Paul A., of York, Maine, Merri E.B. Howe and her husband, Kenneth N., of Keene, Stephanie K. Cyr and her husband, Gregory B., of Exeter, R.I., and Kimberly A. Ioannou and her husband, Kosta, of Nelson; a brother, Alexander J. Blastos and his wife, Lee Ann, of Milford; two sisters-in-law, Jean Blastos of Peabody, Mass., and Jacqueline Blastos of South Carolina; four grandchildren, Branden M.D. Howe, Dustin R. Howe, Cameron R.M. Cyr and Aiden M. Ioannou; several step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

nieces, nephews and cousins. His brothers, Louis Blastos and Col. Constantine J. Blastos, U.S. Army (retired), and a sister, Kathryn Costes, and her husband, George Costes, died earlier.

On Friday, August 16, a morning prayer and remembrance service was held at St. Bernard's Church for the general public. In the afternoon, an Orthodox funeral service was conducted for the deceased and his immediate family at St. George Church prior to prayers offered at the grave site. Fletcher Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Rhode Island in honor of Mr. Blastos' grandson, Cameron R.M. Cyr. Cameron was diagnosed with Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia in 2011. The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society funded the research that led to the discovery of a medicine called Gleevec, which Cameron takes daily. Today, Cameron is in remission and living a healthy life. Without the support of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, none of this would have been possible. Mr. Blastos always put family first, and nothing would make him happier and more proud than for memorial contributions to be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Rhode Island, 1210 Pontiac Ave., Cranston, R.I. 02920 (www.llsri.org).

From The Keene Sentinel, August 14, 2013



Obituary: George E. Michaelides

George E. Michaelides, 84, of Keene died Aug. 6, 2013, at home.

He was born in Bayonne, N.J., Dec. 6, 1928, son of Eleftherios and Calliope (Alexander) Michaelides.

A graduate of Bayonne High School, he went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Georgetown University, a master of business administration



from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and a doctorate in education from Nova University.

He married Mary H. Loukides at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in New Brunswick, N.J., in December 1954. In 1966, the family moved to Keene. He was a professor of economics at Franklin Pierce College (now Franklin Pierce University) for 26 years, retiring as emeritus in 1996.

He was a member at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, where he served on the parish council. He was a former N.H. House representative from Ward 5 in Keene, a member of Gordon-Bissell American Legion Post 4, a member of the Keene Senior Center and of the Keene Senior Swingers. For many years he served as a volunteer driver for veterans needing transportation to the VA Hospital in White River Junction, Vt. He was a passionate lover of nature, retiring often to Vershire, Vt., where he and his family enjoyed hiking and swimming and the serenity of the surroundings. A favorite pastime was riding his tractor through the meadows and visiting with the neighbors.

In Bayonne High School, he was a member of the relay team that won a national championship. As track coach of an Elizabeth, N.J., high school, he was especially proud of his star sprinter, Ron Freeman, who, along with three teammates, won gold and bronze medals at the 1968 Summer Olympics in Mexico City.

Survivors include his wife, Mary H. Michaelides of Keene; a son, Lee G. Michaelides, and his wife, Marga Rahmann, of Norwich, Vt.; two daughters, Nia Michaels of Seattle and Adele Michaelides Thomas and her husband, Terry Thomas, of Keene; a granddaughter, Alexandra Rahmann of Norwich, Vt., and Brookline, Mass.; and a sister, Athena Alexander of Red Bank, N.J.

The family is planning an afternoon of remembrance in September. Fletcher Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a local charity, including the Monadnock Humane Society, 101 West Swanzey Road, Swanzey 03446 and MAPS Counseling Services, 19 Federal Street, Keene 03431.

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Plans are in process for this year's Sunday School program. Stay tuned and check the weekly bulletin for upcoming details.



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*Loving uncle, Nouno,
brother-in-law, and great friend*

May his memory be eternal

*Chris, Anna, Georgia, John, Roe-Ann, Piper, and Mack Tasoulas
Peter, Maria, Sarah, and Anna Bradshaw*