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June 2016 Newsletter

Services Every Sunday / Κυριακή

Matins (Ορθρος) 9:00 a.m.

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

Prosforo (Πρόσφορο) Bakers

June 5: Cornelius Szuster

June 19: Mary and Julia Booras



Worship Services in June

Sunday, June 5th - Sunday of the Blind Man

Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34

Gospel: John 9:1-38

Sunday, June 12th - Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18, 28-36

Gospel: John 17:1-13

Sunday, June 19th - Holy Pentecost

Feast of Thaddeus (Jude) the Apostle & Brother of Our Lord

Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

Gospel: John 7:37-52; 8:12

Sunday, June 26th - Sunday of All Saints

Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30

Notable Feast Days in June

June 1: Martyr Justin the Philosopher

June 4: Martha and Mary, sisters of Lazarus

June 9: Holy Ascension

June 11: Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas

June 14: Prophet Eliseus and Methodios the Confessor

June 18: Saturday of Souls

June 24: Nativity of Saint John the Baptist and the feast of Elizabeth, his mother

June 27 & 28: Apostles' Fast

June 29: Feast of Saints Peter and Paul (fish permitted)

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Calendar at a Glance (non-liturgical)

Greek Dancing Lessons, June 6, 13, 20, 27

Greek Festival Planning Committee meeting,
Thursday, June 2, 7:30 PM

Ladies & Gents Luncheon Reservation Deadline,
Friday, June 3rd – see page 4

Recognition Day, for Sunday School and Greek School students during Fellowship Hour, Sunday, June 5th

Ladies & Gents Luncheon, Friday, June 10th, 1:00 PM
At Papagallos, see page 4

Father's Day, Sunday, June 19th

Greek Festival Planning Committee meeting, Sunday,
June 26th at noon

Outdoor Divine Liturgy & Church Picnic, Sunday,
July 10th, 10:00 AM, Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, NH

Indoor Yard Sale, Saturday, August 20th, In Hellenic Hall

OPA! Keene's Greek Festival, Saturday, Sept. 24th,
11 AM to 8 PM

Paschal Reflection of Metropolitan Methodios

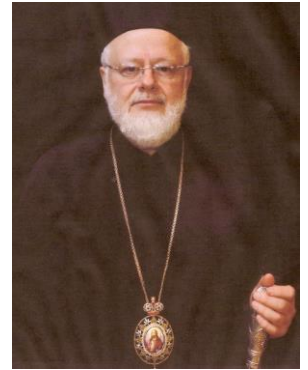
Thousands of faithful are attending services tonight throughout the six New England states. They gather at the life-giving tomb of our Savior to light their Easter candles.

They gather to experience the dawn of a new day, one that has no sunset.

They gather to hear and, in turn, to share the most joyous news ever heard by humanity.

They gather in our churches to hear the angel inform the frightened myrrh-bearing women, "He is not here. He is risen (Matthew 28:6)."

They gather to proclaim to all creation the victory of life over death, of love over evil, of light over darkness.



This year, our paschal celebration is observed several weeks following that of our brothers and sisters of the Roman Catholic Church and Protestant communions. Orthodox Christians celebrate Easter in accordance with the decision taken at the First Ecumenical Synod in Nicaea in 325 AD. That decision mandated that Easter is to be celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the vernal equinox and always after the Jewish Passover. Astrological calculations and mandates of tradition are certainly important. We respectfully abide by them. But really, it doesn't matter so much WHEN we celebrate the "feast of all feasts and the festival of festivals", but HOW we celebrate it! How we are TRANSFIGURED by it! In fact, we believe that every time we commune the precious body and blood of our Lord and Savior, (as Saint Basil declares, echoing the words of St. Paul) we "proclaim His death and confess His Resurrection" (1 Cor. 11:26).

As we gather this night in our churches, Christian brethren in the middle east and northern Africa are being persecuted, tortured, and killed for their faith. A genocide is taking place before our very eyes. In those lands where Christianity first appeared and then flourished for many centuries, Islamic terrorists are determined to wipe the earth of any evidence our faith ever existed.

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Savior, we cannot ignore the colossal humanitarian crisis created by the spread of violence and armed conflict, nor the persecution and displacement of religious and ethnic minorities whose human dignity and freedom have been violated.

Let us pray for all those brethren – regardless of faith – who have been unjustly torn from their families and friends. Those who have been forced to leave their homelands to migrate to unknown lands, hoping for a better future where they could live in dignity, free to worship without fear of reprisals. Let us pray for those who died in the cold waters of the Aegean on their way to homelands where they could "live peaceful and serene lives in all piety and holiness" to quote from the Liturgy of St. Basil.

My beloved in the Lord, fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God (Eph. 2:19),

All types of darkness hang heavily in our world, shrouding our lives with guilt, with fear and loneliness, with addiction, with pain and resentment. Darkness permeates dysfunctional families, broken friendships and marriages. Darkness encircles the world in an endless cycle of violence. Darkness is injustice. It is racism. It is hunger. It is homelessness. It is crime. This is the darkness that is overcome by the radiant light which emanates from the empty life-giving tomb. It is THIS light that you will receive momentarily. It is the light of Christ, the Savior of the world. It is light of the Risen Lord Himself who brings about a "newness of life". He is "the light which shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5). It is this blazing light that we are called to share with those disenchanting and disenfranchised. Those overcome by sin, by apathy, by spiritual hopelessness. It is this unwaning light that we are called to share with those who continue to be mired in the "region and shadow of death" (Matthew 4:16). St. Paul urges all "to cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light" (Romans 13:12). Tonight, the Risen Lord comes to resurrect us to new life. To lead us in our celebration of hope, of truth, of reconciliation. Tonight, the Lord rises from the dead to resurrect hope in our hearts and in the hearts of all those who suffer throughout the world.

Come then, "receive the light from the unwaning light and glorify Christ who rose from the dead" (Paschal Hymn). Let us advance fearlessly into the world, armed with the radiant light which emanates from the life-giving tomb. May its glow penetrate the darkness. May it ignite every human life.

Stewardship Update

By Nick Lupinin, Stewardship Chairman

From the website of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America / Stewardship Ministries
www.goarch.org/archdiocese/departments/stewardship

Orthodox Christian Stewardship is a way of life, which acknowledges accountability, reverence, and responsibility before God. A primary goal of Stewardship is to promote spiritual growth and strengthen faith. Becoming a Steward begins when we believe in God, to whom we give our love, loyalty and trust and act on those beliefs. As Stewards, we affirm that every aspect of our lives comes as a gift from Him. Stewardship calls on the faithful to cheerfully offer back to God a portion of the gifts with which they have been blessed.



An Orthodox Christian Steward is an active participant in the life of the Church. The parish encourages all who accept the Orthodox Faith to become practicing Stewards. Each year the Steward is expected to carefully review his or her personal circumstances and make a commitment of time, talent, and treasure to support the Parish and her Ministries, which in turn support the National Ministries of our Archdiocese, Metropolises, and institutions.

Effective stewardship ministry is not a single event or project. Rather, it is going out to our people wherever they are in their walk with Christ, listening to their concerns, helping them to realize their importance as branches of the True Vine and encouraging them to offer their gifts in His service. We use various resources to support our efforts, but unless we meet with our people personally, sincerely listen to their ideas and concerns, and share a vision for the future of the parish, our efforts will not reach their full potential.

Stewards of St. George Greek Orthodox Church as of May 16, 2016

2016 Stewards: 77 ♦ 2016 Pledged: \$40,985 ♦ 2016 Paid: \$27,979

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| Harry & Angeline Ackerman | Chris and Fotini Glimenakis | Peter & Estelle Merzi |
| Theo Anagnostaras | Sue Glimenakis | Mary Michaelides |
| Panayiotis & Avey Andonellis | Tony and Maria Glimenakis | Bill & Flo Nestor |
| Peter Antonopoulos & Ellen Spielberg | Maria Goodman | George & Cindy Nikiforakis |
| John & Sandra Apostoles | Peter Gundelfinger & Suzanne Smiley | Paul & Kathleen Nikiforakis |
| Michael & Christa Athanasopoulos | Janet Harrison | Angelo & Tasia Pananas |
| Charalampos & Vasilissa Balkanikos | Despina (Evelyn) Hubal | Christofily Papadopoulos |
| Aspasia Ballas | Margaret Ioannou | Lena Pappas |
| James Bardis | Maria Ioannou | Maria Pappas |
| Edward & Tina Beloyianis | George & Sigrid Karabakakis | Stephen & Joan Pappas |
| Carolyn Blastos | Stella Kiritsy | Roger & Connie Phelps |
| Chris Booras | Alexandra Kolivas | Panos & Merope Pitsas |
| Julia Booras | Anastasia Kolivas | Diane Raheb |
| Anna Bradshaw | Louis & Sue-Ellan Kolivas | Alan & Heather Riley |
| Peter & Maria Bradshaw | Nicholas Kolivas | Karen Schwindt |
| Sarah Bradshaw | Marya Koskoris | George Simopoulos |
| Wayne & Jennie Canwell | Paul and Barbara Koutras | George & Youla Skipitaris |
| Don & Irene Cheek | Paul Koutroubas | Cornelius (David) Szuster |
| Heather Eakin | Chris and Soula Lakin | † Chris Tasoulas |
| Dean Eliopolous | Athanasios (Tommy) Leristis | Georgia Tasoulas |
| Bill & Elaine Ellis | Dimitri Leristis | Joe Truman |
| Peter Espiefs | Stavroula Leristis | Elias & Lambrini Tsitsonis |
| Maria Georgiadis | Christene Libbares | Douglas Walker & Andrea Polizos |
| Charles Glimenakis | Giota Livanis | Kevin & Lisa Warren |
| | Nickolas Lupinin & Susan Karalekas | Lazaros Xanthopoulos |
| | Sophia MacKinnon | Morfia Zahos |
| | Susan Maydwell | |

Obituary - Chris Tasoulas

Chris John Tasoulas, 88, of Keene passed away on Good Friday, April 29, 2016, at his home surrounded by his loving family.



He was born in Keene on February 10, 1928, son of John Ernest Tasoulas and Mary Vlahogianni. He attended Lincoln School and graduated in 1946 from Keene High School. He started Chris J. Tasoulas Realty in 1956 and remained active in his family business throughout his life. He married Anna Libbares on July 29, 1956, at St. George Greek Orthodox Church and they shared 57 years together.

Mr. Tasoulas was a hardworking, humble family man who cherished his Greek heritage.

This was reflected in his active dedication to both the church and his community. He served his church as the president of the parish council for many years. He served his community as a city councilor for Ward 1 from 1966 to 1971 and state representative from 1967 to 1970. He served his nation in the Army National Guard from 1948 until 1971, retiring as major.

Survivors include his daughter, Maria E. T. Bradshaw, her husband, Peter, and their children, Sarah and Anna; his daughter, Georgia A. L. Tasoulas; his son, John C. Tasoulas, his wife, Roe-Ann, and their children, Piper and Mack; and his sister, Patricia Blastos. His wife, Anna, his infant son, Spero, and his siblings, Ernest, Anthony, and Helen, all died earlier.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 2 at Saint George Greek Orthodox Church. Fletcher Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Keene was in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Saint George Greek Orthodox Church.

May his memory be eternal.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Maria, Peter, Sarah, and Anna Bradshaw, Georgia Tasoulas, John, Roe-Ann, Piper, and Mack Tasoulas, and Patricia Blastos.

Last Call for Reservations! Ladies and Gents Luncheon at Papagallos Restaurant



Friday, June 10, 2016 ♦ 1:00 p.m.

Assorted menu selections such as seafood, chicken, and salads.

Cost of luncheon including tax and gratuity: \$13.50
(Includes Coffee or Tea and Dessert)

We are again asking for donations back-to-school clothing for young children that will be distributed to the Southwestern Community Services / Head Start Program serving six towns in Southwestern New Hampshire. Specifically, we welcome:



Sizes 3 to 6:
shorts, long pants,
short sleeve shirts,
long sleeve shirts



Sizes 4 to 10:
Sneakers

We welcome donations from those who are unable to attend the luncheon but would like to donate. We were hoping that our gifts at this.

Please reply to Popey Pitsas at (603) 827-3775 by Friday, June 3rd if you will be attending. Popey can also address any questions you might have. We hope you will be there.

Outdoor Divine Liturgy & Church Picnic

Sunday, July 10, 2016

Rain or Shine

Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, NH



Indoor Yard Sale

Saturday, August 20th in Hellenic Hall – Rain or Shine!

The yard sale is a major fundraiser for our church, and it's all profit because everything is donated. We will be selling food and beverages during the yard sale and we will also have a bake sale.

- *Donations of saleable items in good/working condition.*
Note that we cannot accept large pieces of furniture, large appliances, TVs, and clothing.
- *Donations of canned brand name soda and bottled water.*
- *Donations of bags (plastic or paper grocery size)*
- *Start dropping off items at Hellenic Hall any time.*
Contact us if you need help getting items to Hellenic Hall.
- *Donated items accepted until Sunday, August 14th.*
- *Baked goods for the Bake Sale.* Drop-off time to be announced.
- *Volunteers needed to:*
 - Help with setup after fellowship hour on August 14th
 - Serve as cashiers during the yard sale
 - Help in the kitchen
 - Staff the baked goods table
 - Help with cleanup and setting up Hellenic Hall for Sunday, August 21st



For more information or to sign up to help, please see Heather Riley at church or contact her at (603) 352-0173 or heather@mds-nh.org

OPA! Keene's Greek Festival

Saturday, September 24, 2016 ♦ 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM

The printed ad booklet will contain Festival information, such as the menu, times of activities, and a bit about our church. We would also love to include a personal message from your family or an ad for your business.

| | Full Page | ½ Page | ¼ page |
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| Personal/family messages | \$200 | \$100 | \$75 |
| Business Ads | \$400 | \$250 | \$175 |

**OPA!
Keene's**

Greek Festival

Ad Booklet Sponsorship Form

Yes! Please reserve my space in the sponsorship booklet!



Name: _____

Contact Name (businesses): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Ad Type: Personal / family Business Amount enclosed: _____

Ad Size: Full Page ½ Page ¼ Page Date sent: _____

Please make your check payable to Saint George GOC

Write "2016 Greek Festival" in the memo line

Mail completed form and check (Attn: Greek Festival Committee) to:

St. George Greek Orthodox Church ♦ P.O. Box 392 ♦ Keene, NH 03431

Message or artwork (pdf or jpeg format preferred) must be received by July 15, 2016.

(603) 352-6424 ♦ greekfestivalkeene@stgeorgekeene.org



Calling All Graduates...

We are looking for graduation news for our July bulletin.

In addition to high school and college graduations, we will publish other noteworthy achievements, milestones, and awards.



Please bring information and photos* to church, attention: Susan Karalekas or submit via e-mail to Susan at susan@bridgesinn.net.

* Hard copy photos will be returned.

Submission deadline is June 12th

If you have questions, please call Susan at (603) 358-6958



Metropolis of Boston Summer Camp:

Family Camp: June 29-July 3

Session 2: July 4-10

Session 3: July 11-17

Session 4: July 18-24

Session 5: July 25-31

Session 6: August 1-7



Located in Contoocook, NH, three different types of ministry are offered through one camp!

- Youth (ages 8-18)
- Families (all ages)
- Campers with special needs through the Embracing Children Program.

To register and for more information, go to www.mbcamp.org or call (603)746-4400.

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Newsletter submissions and questions can be sent to church, attention: Susan Karalekas; e-mailed to susan@bridgesinn.net; or call Susan at (603) 358-6958

Sponsorship submissions and questions can also be sent to Susan.

Community Prayer List

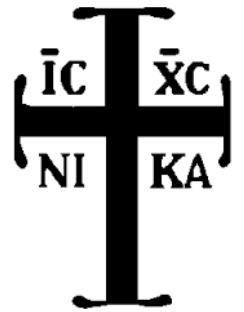
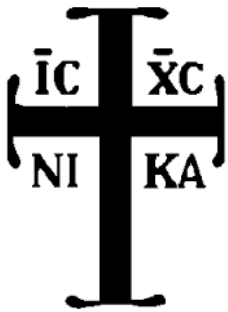
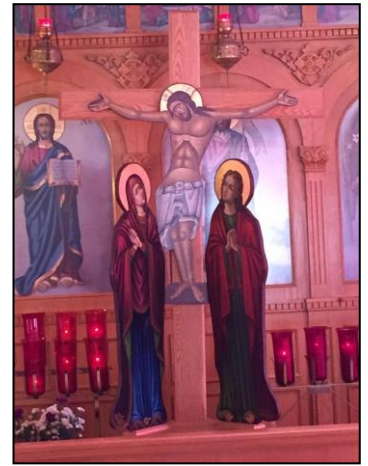
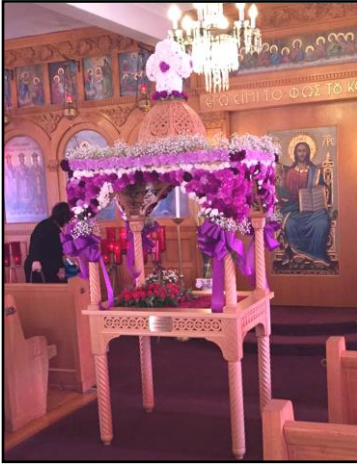
Please use this list to pray for members of our community who are sick or in need of God's care.

- Presvytera Evelyn Bacopulos
- Carolyn Blastos
- Pat Blastos
- Jennie Canwell
- Bill Ellis
- Margaret Ioannou
- Jim Jangarathis
- Maria Korfiatis
- Katherine Koutras
- Hristianna Lanoue
- Peter Merzi
- Vasiliki Moore
- Eugenia Petrou-Karabakakis
- Diane Raheb
- Mark Raheb



We strive to keep this list current. If you feel a name should be removed from the list or if you would like a new name placed on the list, please contact Susan Karalekas (contact information is on the left).

Photos from Good Friday and the Resurrection Service



Volunteers Needed

In the spirit of Christian Stewardship, please consider volunteering your time and talents to your church. We currently need help in several areas. We will provide training and support.

Newsletter volunteers, including Editor. Contact Susan Karalekas (603-358-6958).

Coordinator for St. George Christmas Card. Contact Maria Bradshaw (603-357-2143).

Church School teachers, all levels, for the school year beginning September, 2016. We provide the curriculum. Contact Avey Andonellis (603-354-0181).

Fellowship Hour hosts. The menu can be simple. contact Maria Bradshaw (603-357-2143).

Fellowship Hour volunteers. We need assistance from setup to cleanup and to help as needed. Contact Maria Bradshaw (603-357-2143).

Readers for Sunday services. There are opportunities to participate in Divine Liturgy by reading the Epistle (in Greek or English) and saying the Communion Prayer. Contact Avey Andonellis (603- 354-0181).

OPA! Keene's Greek Festival volunteers. There are plenty of ways to help prepare for this event, scheduled for September 24. Please contact Cornelius at (603) 812-9592.

To all those who give your time and talents, thank you / ευχαριστώ!



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Return Service Requested

 **Recognition Day!!!** 
**For students of
Sunday School and
Greek School**
Sunday, June 5th, during Fellowship Hour
*Breakfast will be served
to the students*
 

*In Loving Memory of
David Maydwell*

Beloved Father, Grandfather, and Uncle

Katherine Maydwell

Beloved Mother, Grandmother, Aunt, and Sister

*Always in our hearts
May their memory be eternal!
Αιωνια Αυτων η Μνημη!*