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O glorious, wonderworking physicians, having received the grace of healing, you reach out and restore health to those in need. But also, by your visitation you cast down the arrogance of the enemy, healing the world through miracles.

November, 2018

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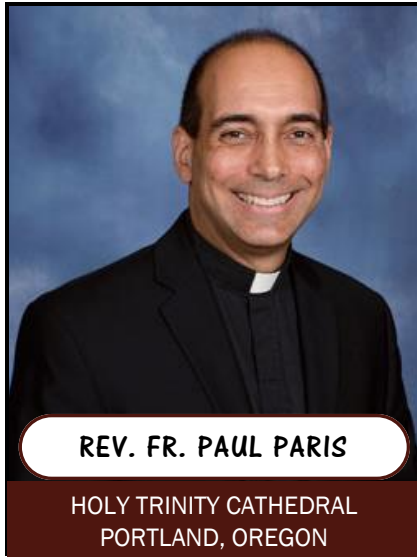
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THE INSPIRATION OF ST. GERASIMOS



On October 20th we celebrated the feast of Saint Gerasimos of Cephalonia. I had the opportunity in the Summer of 2016 to visit the church of this saint while traveling with the campers from Ionian Village. I remember going down to the cave where the saint spent much of his time. As we came down the stairs we saw others from our group that were waiting to come up. They were breathing heavily because there is not much air in the cave and it quickly becomes uncomfortable to breathe.

There is a second and even smaller cave that you get into by crawling through a small hole. At first the hole almost looks too small to get through. We made it through and had a brief moment inside because it was still hard to breathe and there were others waiting to enter.

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It was quite an experience and the whole time I kept thinking, how did Saint Gerasimos spend so much time down here? It would take great inner strength not to feel anxious from the lack of oxygen and not to feel claustrophobic. Reflecting on this experience and relating it to our lives leads me to the following question. Don't we all have feelings of anxiety and often times feel like the pressures of our lives are closing in on us, so that we can hardly breathe?

This is true and the way that we can overcome these fears is by resting in the presence of God. I suppose that Saint Gerasimos, being in the presence God, was not anxious living in that space. Now, I don't know that we should all find such a cave, but I do know that we all need to find a quiet place where we can quiet ourselves and feel the presence of God and allow Him to take up our burdens.

When I was a seminarian I remember a particular moment that changed me. I was walking from my room toward the chapel and I crossed paths with Bishop Gerasimos of Abydos who lived with the students at that time. I was a young man and he was an old man. As I passed him I heard him say faintly, "You walk like an old man". I quickly realized that I was carrying the weight of all my burdens and they were crushing me. I knew immediately that I had to give my worries over to God and allow Him to be my strength.

All these years later I remember Bishop Gerasimos of Abydos whenever I begin to feel overwhelmed and I remember the need to rest in the presence of God. It is important to keep in mind the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew 11: 28-30, ***"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly of heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."***

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In the Gospel of Mark (1:32-39) after an evening of healing the sick and casting out demons, Jesus gets up early in the morning before dawn and finds a solitary place to pray. Our Lord gives us a beautiful example of taking time to pray that He might gather his strength to carry forward to the next towns to preach.

Reflecting on this passage in Mark, Henri Nouwen offers the following that I think is a helpful in closing, ***“Somewhere we know that without a lonely place our lives are in danger. Somewhere we know that without silence words lose their meaning, that without listening speaking no longer heals, that without distance closeness cannot cure. Somewhere we know that without a lonely place our actions quickly become empty gestures. The careful balance between silence and words, withdrawal and involvement, distance and closeness, solitude and community forms the basis of the Christian life and should therefore be the subject of our most personal attention.”***

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Fr. Paul Thomas Paris has been the *Proistamenos* of the Holy Trinity Cathedral since December 1, 2014. He holds a BA from Hellenic College, an M.Div. from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology and a Master of Arts in Youth Ministry from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Fr. Paul and his family served parishes in California and Minnesota before returning to Portland where his wife (Presbytera) Stephanie grew up and where they were married in 1995.

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NOVEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:45 am Matins ~ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy ~ 4:00 pm Vespers



Thursday, November 1 / Sts. Cosmas & Damianos

8:45 am Matins
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Epistle: I Corinthians 12:27 - 13:8
✠Gospel: Matthew 10:1, 5-8

10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Epistle: I Corinthians 4:9-16
✠Gospel: John 1:43-51

Thursday, November 15 NATIVITY FAST BEGINS

Saturday, Nov. 3

4:00 pm Great Vespers

Friday, Nov. 16 / St. Matthew

8:45 am Matins
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Epistle: Romans 10:11-21; 11:1-2
✠Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13

Sunday, Nov. 4 / 5th Sunday of Luke

8:45 am Matins
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10
✠Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Saturday, Nov. 3

4:00 pm Great Vespers

Monday, November 5

10:30 am Prayers at the 3rd Hour

Sun., Nov. 18 / 9th Sunday of Luke

8:45 am Matins
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-7
✠Gospel: Luke 12:16-21

Thursday, November 8 / Synaxis of the Archangels

8:45 am Matins
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Epistle: Hebrews 2:2-10
✠Gospel: Luke 10:16-21

Monday, November 19

10:30 am Prayers at the 3rd Hour

Friday, November 9 / St. Nektarios

8:30 am Matins at St. Demetrios GOC
9:30 am Liturgy at St. Demetrios GOC
Epistle: I Thess. 5:9-13, 24-28
✠Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

Wednesday, November 21 / Entrance of the Theotokos

8:45 am Matins
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Epistle: Hebrews 9:1-7
✠Gospel: Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

Sun., Nov. 11 / 8th Sunday of Luke

8:45 am Matins
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Epistle: II Corinthians 4:6-15
✠Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Sun., Nov. 25 / 13th Sunday of Luke

8:45 am Matins
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Epistle: Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5
✠Gospel: Luke 18:18-27

Tuesday, November 13 / St. John Chrysostom

8:45 am Matins
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Epistle: Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2
✠Gospel: John 10:9-16

Monday, November 26

10:30 am Prayers at the 3rd Hour

Wednesday, November 14 / St. Philip

8:45 am Matins

Friday, Nov. 30 / St. Andrew

8:45 am Matins
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Epistle: I Corinthians 4:9-16
✠Gospel: John 1:35-52





FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Please stay for a while after Liturgy and join us for refreshments. All are welcome!

Hosted in September: **Steve & Popi Peppes, George & Penny Peppes, and Mike & Elaine Newton and their family.** Hosted in October: **Louie & Stella Apostolou and George, Emmanuel & Paul Flemetakis and their families; Greeks in Washington and the members of the St. Catherine Philoptochos.** Thank you all for your labor of love! We greatly appreciate your contributions to our church community.

Thank you to those hosting in November and December:

In November, we have two Sundays available to host:

- November 04: **AVAILABLE TO HOST**
- November 11: **The Papahronis Family (celebrating Papou and Trifon's birthdays!)**
- November 18: ***AVAILABLE TO HOST***
- November 25: ***Members of St. Catherine Philoptochos***

In December, we have two Sundays available to host:

- December 02: ***AVAILABLE TO HOST***
- December 09: ***Helen Exarhos & Family***
- December 16: ****OCMC (Missions) Fundraiser sponsored by Carolyn Evangeline****
- December 23: ****OCMC (Missions) Fundraiser sponsored by Carolyn Evangeline****
- December 30: **AVAILABLE TO HOST**

Please note: Dec. 23rd Carolyn Evangeline is open to having a co-host with refreshments on this Sunday.

*Fast Day: Fish Allowed. *Fast Day: Wine & Oil Allowed.

Thank you for planning your food offerings within the Church's fasting guidelines.

Invite someone to host a Fellowship Hour with you. It's a great way to **honor a loved one** for their Nameday, Birthday, Anniversary or any special occasion. It's a labor of love!

If you would like to host a Fellowship Hour, please contact me at (206) 713-8169, and leave a message, or email me at ingymoe@me.com.

Thank you for serving,

Ingrid Papahronis

Coordinator - Fellowship Hour

USHERS & READERS

Sunday, November 4

Ushers: Cristina Pappas
& James Prekeges
Close: Gus Mehas
Reader: Stephanie
Pulakis Stafford

Sunday, November 11

Ushers: Jim Cox & Justin
Franklin
Close: Chris Pamboukas
Reader: Stella Athans

Sunday, November 18

Ushers: Kosta
Pamboukas & Cristina
Pappas
Close: Kosta Pamboukas
Reader: Laurie Skandalis

Sunday, November 25

Ushers: James Prekeges
& Jim Cox
Close: Niko Pamboukas
Reader: George
Bariames





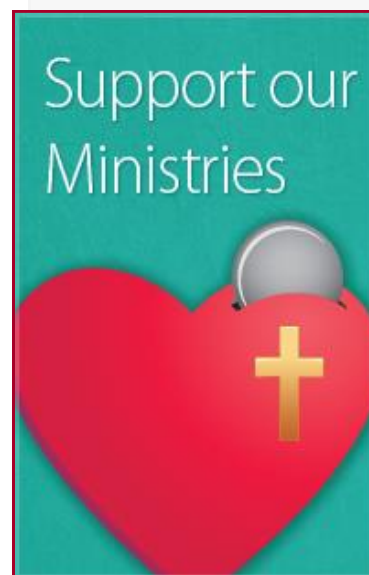
BOOKKEEPER'S SUMMARY



<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>
REVENUE		
Stewardship Collected	\$28,299	
Repair & Renovation Fund	1,615	
Memorial/Beautification Fund	206	
Other Revenue	6,944	
TOTAL REVENUE	37,064	
TOTAL EXPENSES	(49,619)	
NET LOSS	(12,555)	
YTD REVENUE (through 9-31-18)		\$374,665
YTD EXPENSES (through 9-31-18)		(364,737)
YTD NET PROFIT		\$9,928

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

# of Steward Families through 10-26-18	239
2018 Budgeted Stewardship	\$280,000
Stewardship Pledged	241,800
Pledges needed to meet Stewardship Goal	38,200
Stewardship Collected (through 9-14-18)	
Regular Stewardship	\$187,350
Budgeted to Date	210,000
Unpaid Pledged Stewardship Balance	\$54,449



"I am the vine, you are the branches..." John 15:5



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Faithful STEWARDSHIP

ANONYMOUS (1)
 AIGNER, Rob & Tina Pappas
 ALLAMANO, Ann
 AMORATIS, Anthony & Sophie
 ANDREWS, Rothopi
 APOSTOLOU, Elias & Stella
 APOSTOLOU, K.G. & Kostoula
 ARGERES, Peter & Diana
 ARGUE, Cliff & Theodora
 ATHAN, Art & Maria
 ATHAN, Steve & Anna
 ATHANS, Eleni & George Bariames
 ATHANS, Emmanuel
 ATHANS, John & Stella
 AVERKIOU, Michael & Xenia
 AVGERIS, Christine
 BARBACHAN, Hugo & Popee
 BARBAS, Ethel
 BAROKAS, Marie
 BAROKAS, Vasso
 BARTON, Roger & Mary Lou
 BASS, Steve & Stella
 BAXTER, Deborah
 BEKRIS, Christos & Manda
 BLACKSTONE, Cleo
 BLACKWELL, Neena
 BOLLMAN, Maria
 BOULIERIS, Andrew & Rosalie
 BOYD, Raymond & Christine
 BRATSANOS, Rose
 BULBULA, Girma & Alemitu Wakene
 BURKE, Mark & Maria
 CARDARAS, Vlasios & Voula
 CARMEL, Alex & Roula
 CHACHARON, Claire
 CHARONI, Nancy
 CHARONI, Tim & Rene
 CHARONIS, Mark
 CHRISTOFILIS, Mike & Dora
 CHRISTOFILIS, Dino & Jessica Schweitzer
 CHRISTOFILIS, Margo
 CHRISTOPHILIS, Petros & Tristan
 CHRISTOU, Ted & Barbara
 CONOM, Molly
 COOLIDGE, Trilby
 COSMAKOS, Nick & Cheryl
 COSTACOS, Tock & Terry
 COSTACOS, Jerry & Eva

COSTACOS, Marianne
 COX, Jim
 COX, Maria
 COZZA, Bernardo & Michelle
 DALLAS-SMITH, Mary
 DELAROSE, Ron & Teresa
 DELEGANS, George & Alexandra
 DELIMITROS, Katie
 DEMENEGAS, Emmanuel & Sapfo
 DENNIS, Demetra
 DIAMOND, Maria
 DIAMOND, Nitsa
 DIEL, Angeliki
 DIMITRIOU, Ted & Kiki
 DODD, Voula
 DOTIS, Takis & Kiki
 DUBINETS, Konstantin & Julie
 DUDUNAKIS, Kenny & Kris
 EMMONS, Tom & Nancy
 ESTEP, Charles & Lina
 EVANGELINE, Carolyn
 EVANS, Jr., Peter
 EXARHOS, Helen
 FARMASONIS, Petros & Colleen
 FARMER, Joanna
 FLY, Larry
 FOOTE, Maria & Sophia
 FRANGOS, Olivia
 FRANKLIN, Justin & Nicole
 FRANKS, ✱John & Soula
 GEOKEZAS, Demetrios & Eryn
 GEOKEZAS, Maria & David Howard
 GEOKEZAS, Mel & Theodora
 GEORGE, Nick
 GEORGES, Helen
 GIANETSAS, Xenia
 GINOS, Alexander & Carey Ann
 GOULOUMI, Dora Roula
 GRAY, James & Andrea
 GREENE, Marke & Angela
 HONRADO, Marco & Yishan Lin
 HOWE, William & Maro
 HULBERT, Michael & Jodie
 ILES, Catherine
 INNIS, Connie
 JEWELL, Gavin & Emily
 KALASOUNTAS, Helen
 KAPAKOS, Peter & Candace Wall

KARIS, Terry & Hannah
 KATSIS, Dimos & Alexis
 KAZAKOS, Georgia
 KAZAKOS, Laki & Greta
 KAZAKOS, Stephano
 KEHAYES, Naya & Philip Head
 KLAPAKI, Nektaria & Taso Lagos
 KLIEROS-MERCOURIADIS, Pipena
 KOEMAN, Henry & Heleni
 KOHNKE, Ioanna
 KOHNKE, Vicky
 KOKKONIS, Nick & Jennifer
 KOLIOS, Alexandre & Leta
 KOSTAKIS, Constantine & Ann
 KOULDUKIS, Betty
 KOULDUKIS, George
 KOULDUKIS, Fr. Dean & Pres. Val
 KOUMANTAROS, Yannis & Jenadee
 KOURTIS, Angelo & Aphrodite
 KOUTROULIS, Stavros & Leslie
 LACKIE, Randy & Athena
 LAGIAS, Dimitrios & Soledad Jorge
 LEE, Nancy & Stuart Anderson
 LEMELSON, Alexandra & Kathy
 LENES, George & Rita
 LENTGIS, Dean & Kathleen
 LINARDOS, James & Janet
 LING, Maria & Thomas Fath
 LIVIAKIS, Lea & Sam Nadler
 LORD, Tim & Debby
 LOTAKIS, Greg
 LOUKAS, Ioannis & Dena
 LUCAS, Greta
 MACVICAR, Kyle & Marina
 MALESIS, Louis & Mary
 MALLOS, Steve & Sophia
 MANAOIS, Collin & Demetra
 MANN, Philip & Andrea
 MANOLAKAS, Stacy & Stuart Macaskill
 MANOLIDES, Andrew & Anastasia
 MANOLIDES, Nancy
 MANOLIDES, Steven
 MANZIERIS, Christos & Kathy
 MARTIN, Nicholas
 MASCHINSKY, Dan & Teresa
 McMILLAN, Michael & Elizabeth
 MEHAS, Gus & Kristina
 MENTIS, Gail

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STEWARDSHIP - continued

MICHAELIDIS, Michael & Elaine
 MICHAELIDIS-SMITH, Christina & Darin
 MITALAS, Pat
 MITCHELL, Cameron & Sofie
 MOORE, Georgia
 NEWTON, Michael & Elaine
 NICHOL, Thomas
 NICON, John & Joann
 O'NEIL, Katie
 OSBON, Joymarie
 PALLIS, Chris & Vicki
 PAMBOUKAS, Chris & Glyka
 PAMBOUKAS, Kosta
 PAMBOUKAS, Niko & Rachael
 PAMBOUKAS, Niko & Sonia
 PAMPOUKAS, Evangelos & Tasoula
 PANTAGES, Tarsi
 PAPADOPULOS, Erasmia
 PAPAHRONIS, Basil
 PAPAHRONIS, Michael & Ingrid
 PAPANTOS, Spero & Tina
 PAPPAS, Cristina
 PAPPAS, George & Ann
 PAPPAS, George & Lora
 PARALIS, Panagiotis & Asimo
 PAULO, Elena & Berhane Tesfamariam
 PEPPE, George & Penny
 PEPPE, Steve & Popi
 PETRAKOS, Bill & Reiko Hisamatsu
 PIERIDES, Voula
 POULOS, Pete
 PRAGGASTIS, Brenda
 PREKEGES, James

PRINEAS, Michael
 PULAKIS, Joanna
 RAKUS, Dianna
 RAKUS, Tom
 RONDOS, Sam
 SAITES, Betty
 SAKELLARIS, John & Penny
 SARANTINOS, George & Athena
 SARIDAKIS, Arthur
 SAVVIDES, Kay
 SAYLES, Katerina
 SEBOK, Evangelia
 SERPANOS, Alexandra
 SERPANOS, George & Meropi
 SERPANOS, Niko & Inna
 SIATERLIS, Dimitrios & Christina
 SIDERIS, Panagiotis & Voula
 SKANDALIS, John & Laurie
 SKEPETARIS, Demetre
 SKEPETARIS, Evanthia
 SKEPETARIS, Tom & Teresa
 SMETHERAM, Sofia
 SOLOMON, Karen
 SORONSON, Maria
 SOUDAS, John
 SOUKAS, George & Ritsa
 SOURAPAS, Steve
 SPAULDING, Caroline
 SPYRIDIS, Tom & Mary
 SPYROPOULOS, Straton
 STAFFORD, Stephanie Pulakis
 STAMATOYANNOPOULOS, *George & Thalía
 STAMATOYANNOPOULOS, John

STOCKER, William & Georgi
 STRONG, Brian & Despina
 STUBBS, Sue
 TAGIOS, Constantinos & Sophia
 TALERICO, Ed & Joyce
 TAYLOR, Valerie Ann
 TEKLE, Selamawit
 THOMAS, Panagiotis & Georgia Tsaroucha
 THOMPSON, Chuck & Niki
 TOURAS, Antonios & Antonia
 TOURAS, Nikolas
 TRAPALIS, Eleni & Dina
 TREMBANIS, Sophia
 TRIGGS, Nektarios & Vasiliki Loukas
 TSALAKY, Molly
 TSITSIS, Nick & Stacy
 TUCCI, Alfonso & Esther
 TURNER, Frederique
 TZIOTIS, Dometios & Georgia
 TZIOTIS, Ourania
 TZIOTIS, Yiannis & Katerina
 VASILATOS, Katheryn
 VELIS, Stan
 VISINTAINER, James & Irina
 VLAD-ORTIZ, Catalina
 WATSON, Rob & Katherine
 XENOS, Spiro & Voula
 XYDIS, Jason & JoAnn
 XYDIS, John & Janice
 ZAFFEE, Maria
 ZAFIROPOULOS, John & Adreanna
 ZANIDES, Fran
 ZARKADES, Joanne

ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE TO THE ONE WHO BELIEVES IN CHRIST

Having faith can be difficult. Keeping faith in the face of doubt is the ongoing struggle of every Christian since the earliest days of Christianity. We dedicate the first Sunday after Easter to Thomas the Apostle, forever remembered as “Doubting Thomas” because he doubted the first reports of the Resurrected Christ.

In the Gospel of Mark (9:22 NKJV), we read that when the disciples can't help him, a father brings his epileptic son to Jesus in desperation, saying, “...if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” Jesus replies to the father's lack of faith, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.” The father's response is a prayer we can pray every day: “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!”

Faith is our trust in God. Faith is our trust that He watches over us and has a plan for us: “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope” (Jeremiah 29:11 NKJV). Living with the uncertainty of daily life requires faith. Uncertainty also invites doubt. But doubt does not indicate a lack of faith. As theologian and philosopher Paul Tillich

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has written, *"Doubt is not the opposite of faith; it is one element of faith."* Doubt is a part of our journey of faith. We need to face our doubt honestly and directly.

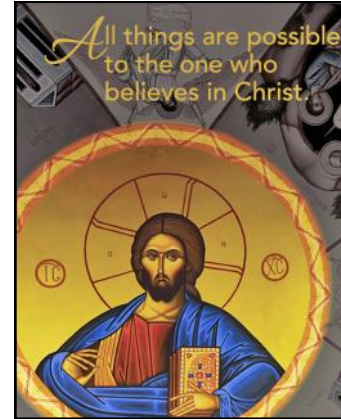
Faith is often accompanied by struggle with doubt. Doubt instills humility. Doubt motivates us to learn and to grow. In spite of his doubt, the Apostle Thomas remained open to the truth of the Resurrection. When he saw the Risen Christ, he immediately believed and became a great apostle of the faith. His doubt led him to a greater faith.

Stewardship of our faith in Jesus Christ calls us to do those things that protect and strengthen the faith that lies within us. Taking time to learn about our Orthodox Christian Faith, praying to God for understanding and guidance, and worshipping with others as the Body of Christ – all these things protect and strengthen our faith. As stewards of the faith, Saint Peter instructs us to *"...always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you...."* (1 Peter 3:15 NKJV).

Faith is not a big rule book of "dos and don'ts." It is about loving and seeing Jesus Christ in others. Stewardship of our faith in Jesus Christ calls us to do those things that reflect our faith to others, living our faith through our actions. Jesus tells us, *"By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another"* (John 13:35 NKJV). There is no better way to share the faith that lies within us than to see Jesus Christ in others and to love and care for them.

Through faith, God's will is accomplished in the world. Our great example is Mary, the Theotokos, the Mother of our Lord. When Archangel Gabriel came to her at the Annunciation, tradition and hymnology hold that all creation awaited her response. In faith and obedience to the will of God, Mary replied to the angel, *"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be according to your word"* (Luke 1:38 NKJV). Mary responds with faith and fulfills God's will for all the world.

Research has shown that as Christians we seek three things from our church: Transcendence, Significance and Fellowship (*Lost in America*, Clegg & Bird 2001). Transcendence is to know God and to experience His presence. This we do through prayerful participation in Liturgy and the sacraments. Significance is the desire to have a purpose – to do something meaningful – most often in service to our fellow man. Fellowship is connecting with others through meaningful relationships. The Church offers opportunities for Transcendence, Significance and Fellowship, and in their pursuit, we also serve and support the Church and fully become members of the Body of Christ. To be stewards of the faith we are also called to be stewards of our local church which nurtures our faith and the faith of others. Stewardship is an act of faith.



"Stewardship is the offering to God as children of faith rather than as hired servants. Children of God make offerings to God as expression of authentic love, whereas, hired servants simply fulfill legalistic duty. Christian stewardship is a manifestation of our love for God through the holistic offering of time, talent, and treasure to Him, through Christ's Holy Church. By this offering of love to our Father in heaven, He further extends the healing experience of His Church to His children, through Her ministry."

Father Luke Palumbis
St. Basil the Great Church,
Houston, TX





2019 STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT FORM

information

NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

OCCUPATION _____

NAME OF SPOUSE (IF MARRIED) _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

OCCUPATION _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE _____

HOME PHONE _____

MOBILE PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS OF SPOUSE (IF MARRIED) _____

Dependent Children's names and birthdates:

May we include your contact information in the parish directory?

☐ yes ☐ no *If yes, please indicate any information you would like excluded:*

☐ Please add me to the parish email list.

☐ To help keep expenses down I no longer wish to receive a paper copy of the monthly bulletin in the mail.

Is Assumption your primary place of worship?

☐ yes ☐ no

If no, where is your primary place of worship?

treasure

In gratitude for God's blessings, I/we commit to Christ and His church the following amount:

\$ _____ per ☐ week ☐ month ☐ year.

Expected total for the year 2019: \$ _____

I/we will make stewardship payments by:

☐ check

☐ one-time credit card charge for the full amount

☐ credit card charged on the 10th of each month

☐ other: _____

The bank requires us to re-authorize credit cards each year. Please provide the following info:

Type of Card: ☐ Visa | ☐ MC | ☐ AmEx

Card # _____

Exp Date: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____ CVV: _____

Cardholder's Name as shown on card: _____

Signature required for authorization: _____

Dollar-A-Day Program (\$30 per Month)

All parishioners are asked to participate in this program to help pay for the planned church renovation.

☐ Begin my participation in the dollar-a-day program (if not already enrolled), using the payment method selected above (you will be automatically re-enrolled in following years).

☐ Please increase my participation by an additional \$ _____ a ☐ day ☐ month ☐ year.

time & talent

Individual stewards should indicate areas of interest with a check (✓). Families should mark "H" for husband, "W" for wife or "C" for children.

EDUCATION

— Bible Study

— Adult Religious Education

— Intro to Orthodoxy

— Publications

— Speakers

— Bookstore

— Library

LITURGICAL

— Sanctuary & Altar Care

— Altar boys / Acolytes

— Preparing Proctors/Koliva

— Choir/Chantier

— Reader

— Greeter/Usher

YOUTH

— Church School Teacher

— Church School Administration

— Youth Leader

— Vacation Church School

— Camp Counselor

MINISTRIES & PROGRAMS

— Campus Ministry

— Welcome Team

— New Member Events

— Outreach

— Stewardship

— Sundry Fellowship / Coffee

— Drive Aged/Shut-ins

— Garden & Landscape

— Plumbing

— Electrical

— Clean-up

— Interior Repairs

— Exterior Repairs

— Roofing

— Hall Rentals

— Building Security

— Parking Lot Monitoring

BUILDING & GROUNDS

— Cooking for Homeless

— Festival Baking

— Philopotos

— Dance Ministry

— Sundry School Student

— Short Term Mission Trips

— Int'l Orth Christian Charities

— OCMC Mission Center

— Seniors Ministry

— Men's Ministry

— All Saints Camp

— Meals for New Moms

ADMINISTRATION

— Accounting/Audit Team

— By-Laws

— Development / Fundraising

— Office help

— Computer / Technical

— Data Entry

COMMUNICATIONS

— Web site & E-mail

— Bulletin & Newsletter

— Public Relations

Any other talents or information on items listed above:

planned giving

☐ Please send me information on making a planned gift to the Church





PARISH ASSEMBLY

On Sunday, November 18th, immediately following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, our final winter Parish Assembly will be convened. Please make every effort to attend this event and share in the administration of our beloved parish.

AGENDA

Opening Prayer and Scripture Reading

(Fr. Dean)

Election of Chair

(James Prekeges)

Approval of Minutes from October 21, 2018 Meeting

(Christina Siaterlis)

Budget for 2019 – Discussion and Approval

(Demos Katsis)

Church Interior Renovation

Continuing Discussion of Window Options and Vote

(Committee Member)

Election Committee Report – Parish Council Nominations

(Committee Member)

Audit Committee Nominations for 2018 Audit

Old Business

New Business

Comments for the Good of the Community

Fr. Dean's Comments

Adjourn

Closing Prayer

(Fr. Dean)





GOCA FAMILY

Harvest Festival

SAT., NOVEMBER 3rd

5:00 - 8:00 pm | GOCA Fellowship Hall

Bring your whole family, and friends, to enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship!

Suggested donation is \$25 per family at the door.

Fun for all Ages!

FOOD AND PRIZES

FACE PAINTING

GAMES

PIE EATING CONTEST

CRAFTS

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Questions? Call the Parish Office at (206) 323-8557

Greek Orthodox Church of the Assumption
1804 13th Avenue, Seattle, WA





Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Presents:

MY BIG FAT GREEK DANCE!

Join us for a night of Greek Dancing, Fellowship and Fun.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 PM

\$10/PERSON FOR ENTRY. DISCOUNT FOR FAMILIES!

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED



Assumption Greek Orthodox Church ~ 1804 13th Ave. ~ Seattle





HOLIDAY FEST BAKE SALE



HOLIDAY PASTRY / SPECIALTY FOOD BAKING SCHEDULE

Thank you to Maria Geokezas, Athena Sarantinos, Penny Peppes, Peter Argeres, Katerina Tziotis, Barbara Janjic, Manda Bekris and Tom Swanton for agreeing to lead our baking for the 2018 Holiday Fest Bake Sale. Please take a look at the below finalized schedule and plan to help where you can:

NOVEMBER

- Nov. 04 (Sun): Koulourakia - Athena Sarantinos: Mix, Assembly & Bake - After Liturgy to 6:00 pm
- Nov. 05 (Mon): Kourambiedes - Penny Peppes: Mix, Assemble & Bake - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Nov. 12 (Mon): Paximadia - Barbara Janjic: Mix, Assemble & Bake - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Nov. 17 (Sat): Spanakopita/Tiropita - Peter Argeres: Mixture Preparation - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Nov. 18 (Sun): Spanakopita/Tiropita - Peter Argeres: Assemble - After Liturgy to 5:00 pm
- Nov. 19 (Mon): Melomakarona - Manda Bekris: Assemble & Bake - 10:30 am to 5:30 pm
- Nov. 19 (Mon): Spanakopita/Tiropita - Joanne Zarkades: Assemble - 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Nov. 20 (Tues): Melomakarona - Manda Bekris: Add syrup to baked cookies - 10:30 am to 1:00 pm
- Nov. 20 (Tues): Spanakopita/Tiropita - Joanne Zarkades: Assemble (IF NEEDED)
- Nov. 26 (Mon): Tsourekia - Katerina Tziotis: Prep, Assemble & Bake - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Nov. 27 (Tue): Tsourekia - Katerina Tziotis: Prep, Assemble & Bake - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Nov. 28 (Wed): Tsourekia: Package - 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Nov. 28 (Wed): Package Bake Sale Orders - 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

PLEASE PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR & JOIN US
"MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK"

Questions? Contact Joanne Zarkades at (206) 763-9628 or e-mail: jzarkades@q.com.

Joanne Zarkades

Holiday Fest Bake Sale Lead





HOLIDAY FEST GREEK DINNER

It's that time of year again! With the holidays quickly approaching, we have been very busy preparing delicious Greek pastries and breads for you and your families for the Christmas season and New Year.

We would like to express our appreciation to those of you who have been supporting us year after year and welcome new friends hoping that our baked goods will be to your satisfaction and that you will continue to support us for the years to come.



An order form describing our baked goods and frozen entrees has been mailed to you so you should be receiving yours any day now. Order forms for baked goods and for making reservations for our Greek Dinner are also available in the Fellowship Hall at the church.

The dates of our Assumption Holiday Bake Sale are Friday, November 30th, Saturday, December 1st, and Sunday, December 2nd. On Saturday evening, December 1st, we will again be offering our delicious three course Greek dinners with your choice of Lamb, Chicken, or Salmon Plaki. The dates and times for the Bake Sale order pickup and Dinner reservations are listed on our order forms.



To order your baked goods or make dinner reservations, please fill out the order forms and send them back to us with your check payable to GOCA. The yellow copy of the baked goods form is for your records. It is

very important that you order early! Alternatively, if you wish to order online with your credit card, simply navigate to: <http://shop.assumptionseattle.org>.

All baked goods orders and dinner reservations must be pre-paid and received by November 28th. It is very important to submit your dinner reservations early to assure your time slot desired.

Please note: Holiday Bake orders will not be shipped. You must pick up your order at the church on any of the days and times listed on your order form.

Thank you again for your support!

The Holiday Fest Committee





O.C.M.C. - MISSIONS

GOCA 5th ANNUAL GREEK FOOD & GROCERY FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT THE ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN MISSION CENTER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16th & 23rd
12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

ENJOY YOUR FAVORITE GREEK FOOD & GROCERY ITEMS
INCLUDING:

Olive Oil · Cheeses · Olives · Honey · Baklava · Dried Figs · Dolmas · Phyllo ·
Pasta · Wine · Seasonings · Beans · Grape Leaves · Chocolates · Cookies ·
Preserves · Coffee & Tea ·

GIFT BASKETS:

Pasta · Wine & Chocolate · Sweets ·
Tea & Preserves · Coffee

Pre-order baskets for everyone on your Christmas list!
Call Carolyn Evangeline at (401) 617-1109 to place your order.

All proceeds will benefit OCMC
220 Manatee Way
St. Augustine, FL 32086
<https://www.ocmc.org/>

For those of you who are unable to join us at this year's event, we are accepting your monetary donation on behalf of the OCMC in support of Orthodox missionaries. Checks may be made payable to GOCA, and write OCMC Fundraiser on the memo line.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Carolyn Evangeline
GOCA Ambassador to the OCMC





2019 EPISTLE READERS

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A READER?

When the Epistle Readers go to the Solea during Liturgy and read the Epistle, have you ever said to yourself, *"I would like to be a Reader too...but I don't know how."* Sunday, Nov. 4th, after Liturgy, we will be meeting in the Assumption Library at 12:15 PM to walk through this process. We will talk about: How to volunteer to be a Reader in 2019; the schedule for the year; how a Reader knows what to read on any given Sunday, etc. Fr. Dean will give a mini-class on the actual protocol a Reader follows when it is time for them to go to the Solea and read, etc.

We would love to have you stop by if you've ever wanted to be part of this group or if you think you may wish to be a Reader sometime in the future. All Junior and Senior High Students are eligible to participate as Epistle readers.



Save the Date

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CHOCOLATE
& WINE BALL

a benefit for
Camp Agape Northwest

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11
2018

Wine • Chocolates • Dinner • Dancing
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ST. CATHERINE PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Philoptochos General Membership Meeting Dates

Mark your calendars!! The Philoptochos general membership meeting dates for the Ecclesiastical year are set. All meeting will be held on Sunday after Divine Liturgy:

- Sunday, November 18th
- Sunday, January 13th
- Sunday, March 17th
- Sunday, May 19th (election meeting)

Over \$1,300 Collected for Hurricane Relief!!

While the lasting effects of hurricanes Florence and Michael are being evaluated and more hurricanes are on the way, it is certain that financial help will be needed from a patchwork of public and private entities. Through your generous support, Philoptochos will be a significant part of the kindness network, offering emotional and financial support that will help carry those in need through the coming weeks and months of recovery. On Sunday, September 30th, **the Newton family** hosted Fellowship Hour where they took up a collection and received over \$1,300 for the National Philoptochos 2018 Hurricane Relief Fund. 100% of the donations collected will go directly to the International Orthodox Christian Charity (IOCC) for the hurricane relief efforts. IOCC has been there for millions of people over the years and they are in the Carolinas and Florida now.

If you were unable to join us in September, it's not too late to join in the efforts of the Philoptochos. Additional contributions to the National Philoptochos 2018 Hurricane Relief Fund can be given [here](#):

https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=tYgT1GfNxRUldiimiHMvOf91IlzS-FMvHdawj3XhtyTbto7rg8irlX1_lb7hFlma2evTpo0mld6BrVzd2nGOp2kQi2_IDRJ6l5t0kR3dyn8=&ver=3

Photos of Service Men and Women



Ted Dimitriou - U.S. Navy

On Sunday, November 11th, in honor of Veteran's Day, Assumption Philoptochos would like to honor all those members of the community, and their relatives, who have served. If you or a family member has served in the military (U.S. or foreign) or is currently serving in the military, and you would like to honor them with inclusion in our slide show, please email a picture along with their dates of service and branch of the military to **Kristina Mehas** at kmmehas@gmail.com, or lend a photo so she can scan it into the presentation. If you have been included in past years' slide shows, you do not need to re-submit your photo. It would be incredibly meaningful to see all of the members of our community who are serving or who have served represented.



GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION



NOVEMBER 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat															
<p>Fasting Symbols:</p> <p>✠ Strict Fast</p> <p>🍷 Wine / Oil Allowed</p> <p>🐟 Fish Allowed</p>				<p>1</p> <p>STS. COSMAS & DAMIANOS</p> <p>8:45 am Matins</p> <p>10:00 am Liturgy</p> <p>9:30 am St. John the Almsgiver (Cooking for the Homeless)</p>	<p>2✠</p> <p>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>3</p> <p>4:00 pm Great Vespers</p> <p>5:00 pm GOCA Family Harvest Festival</p>															
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You can help us spread
warmth! Simply go through
your closets and pull out your
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women and children). Bring
them to Assumption and place
them in the bin labeled 'One
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collect will be donated to
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