

## Father's Message

*You have ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Your disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit; and they were assured by the blessing that You are the Son of God & Redeemer of the world. -Apolytikon for Feast of the Ascension*

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

**Christ is Risen!** Holy Scripture tells us that, on the fortieth day after His Resurrection, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ ascended into Heaven. I imagine that I am not the only one to find the feast day that celebrates this event bittersweet. First of all, it means that the joyous paschal season is over. We no longer sing "*Christos Anesti*." The Crucified One is put back up on the large Cross behind the altar table, and the Resurrection Banner is put away. At the same time, though, it also means, historically, that the Risen Lord in His resurrected body has left the earth, to be with His Father in heaven. Prior to this, He could be seen and touched. Afterwards, He can only be apprehended in visions (as by St. Paul on the road to Damascus), but not in the flesh.

One would assume that Jesus' disciples would have felt bereft, having lost their Master. Yet, this is not so. On the contrary, Luke (24:52-53) reports that, ". . .they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God." How come? What was the reason for their joy?

For one thing, they understood exactly what the Empty Tomb represented, now: Jesus Christ, their Master, had vanquished death by death. Nothing would ever be the same, whether on earth or in heaven. Furthermore, two "men in white" (angels) appeared soon after He vanished into the clouds, and told them that they could expect the Lord to return eventually from heaven in the same way he left (i.e., at the Second Coming). Most importantly, however, before Jesus left the earth, He had carefully explained to His disciples the reason for His departure: so that the Holy Spirit might be sent to them. In His discourse to them at the Last Supper, He states, "It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper [the *Paraclete*, or Comforter] will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you" (John 16:7). He promises that the Holy Spirit will help them to understand better who He is, not just as the Messiah, but as God's Son: "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me" (John 15:26). And again, "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you" (John 16:13-14). In all of this, He was referring to what would happen on Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit would descend on the Apostles in the form of tongues of fire and would enlighten them, so that they would be able to begin spreading the Gospel.

While it is true that the Lord did breathe on the disciples when He first encountered them after His Resurrection and told them, "Receive the Holy Spirit" (John 20:22), this encounter seems to have been more focused on Him commissioning them to continue His work on earth, including authorizing them to forgive sins. The miracle of Christ emerging alive and transformed from the tomb was enough to convince them of His power and divine origin (as Thomas the "Doubter" admitted, confessing, My Lord and my God" when He finally saw Him in the flesh), but they still had to await the coming of the Holy Spirit to be able to put all the pieces together in order to fashion a credible account of who Jesus is, and why we should believe in and worship Him.

There is another point to be made: as He was the first to rise from the dead to eternal life, so also, our Lord was the first to open the gates to heaven to humanity. As A Monk of the Eastern Church puts it, *Jesus does not return to his Father in isolation. It was the incorporeal Logos which came down among men. But today it is the Word made flesh, both God and true man, who enters the kingdom of heaven. Jesus brings into it the human nature which he had assumed. He opens the door of the Kingdom to humanity. As if by proxy, we take possession of the benefits which are offered and made possible to us. 'God hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.' There are places destined for us in the kingdom, if we are faithful. Our presence is desired and awaited. (The Year of Grace of the Lord, pp. 199-200)*

As Fr. Georges Florovsky declares, "In the Ascension resides the meaning and the fullness of Christ's Resurrection." (Quoted on "OCA - Feast and Saints" website) It was not enough for humanity to emerge victorious from the tomb; it was also necessary for the Lord in His divinized humanity to assume the place prepared for Him at the right hand of the Father in heaven. He led the way out of the grave; now He leads us, as well, into the heavenly places.

According to Matthew's account, Jesus also left His disciples with an important job to do – we call it the "Great Commission:" "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matt. 28:18-20). And, following the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, they did exactly that. Their work continues to this day, every time a baby is baptized or a new convert is received into the Church. May it ever be so, until the Lord returns again in glory!

With prayers and supplications to the Risen Lord, who ascended into heaven in the presence of His apostles and disciples for our salvation and who sits at the right hand of the Father, I remain,

With Love in Christ, Father Christopher Bender

*Rev. Christopher H. Bender*

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Nicholas  
Greek  
Orthodox  
Cathedral

MAY 2017  
Newsletter

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## The Mary E. Moorhead Volunteer Excellence Award

This award was established to recognize, honor, and reward outstanding volunteer service. Mary Moorhead was a unique woman of compassion, courage and leadership who believed that she and other volunteers could make a difference in the lives of the poor, sick and injured. They wanted to make comfort, compassion, and quality the hospital's first specialties...so they did. The traditions Mary Moorhead began in 1866 continue today in the many volunteers who give to UPMC Shadyside.



This year, our own Denise Daugherty was chosen as the recipient of this prestigious award! One of the judging committee members even said "Denise is Mary Moorhead!" This is how much they Believe Denise embodies the vision of Mary Moorhead! Denise is an all-around AMAZING person we are blessed to claim her as part of our Parish, CONGRATS DENISE!!



### **JOIN CHAPTER ICAROS for the 42ND ANNUAL Memorial Weekend Mini Convention Dance**

Sunday, May 28th from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Dormition of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Church Hall  
12 Washington Ave., Oakmont 15139

**Adults-\$20 Children (12 & under) \$5**

Cash Bar, Mezethes \$8 per plate,  
Raffle: 1st \$200, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$50, Chinese Raffle!

~Live Music with the Panigiri Orchestra~  
featuring Victoria Mavrogeorgis on Violi!

Contact Michelle Kotsagrellos at  
412-680-1416 or mmk8317@hotmail.com

### **JOIN CHAPTER ICAROS for the 17TH ANNUAL Steve Manners Icarian Open**

Saturday, May 27th—825 Commonwealth Ave., W. Mifflin, 15122  
www.westwoodlinks.com Don't be left out! Get a foursome together... We will make foursomes as best we can for the rest!

**\$110 includes greens fee, cart, snack at the turn, beer & dinner!**

#### **Agenda:**

**Noon—Registration, 1 p.m.—Shotgun Start**

**6 p.m. Dinner with emcee Mike Aivaliotis**

Contact Anna Aivaliotis 412-310-7290 or annaca@pitt.edu

Dress: collared shirts, no cut-offs.

Reminder: PA LCB does not allow you to bring your own beer!



Get trained. Save a life. You'll be glad you did.

## **NOTICE FOR ALL AGES**

We all know to call 911 in case of an emergency, but there are situations that require immediate action even before the paramedics arrive. Do you know what to do in the case of a serious injury or if someone loses consciousness?

On **JUNE 11** the Sixty Club is sponsoring a demonstration on **FIRST AID and CPR**; this program will be open to **all ages including teenagers**. However, since this will be a hands-on presentation the number of participants must be **limited to 20**.

We will begin a half hour after Liturgy (the exact time will be posted in the Sunday bulletins). This will give us time for our usual coffee hour before reporting to the **Crystal Room** for approximately 1½ to 2 hours. The cost is \$5 per person, payable to St. Nicholas Sixty Club. To make reservations please contact Alice Flocos at 412-731-4282 or Virginia Fekaris at 412-687-4804.

### **From the Church school Desk**

Thank you to **Linda & Jim Hages** for organizing a delicious **Communion Breakfast** after the Divine Liturgy Saturday, April 8, 2017, (St. Lazarus Day) and to the **Kotsagrellos Family** for organizing the **Agape Service**



**Coffee Hour & Easter Egg Hunt** on Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017!

A special thank you to our **Myrophores (Myrrh Bearing Women)** **Lena Drapas, Yanna Mavrogeorgis and Sarah Pasquella** who participated in the Good Friday evening service, our **GOYA young women** who **received and distributed the light** at the Anastasi Service, and to the **Altar Boys**.

As with all "school" years, Church School must end. **Church School Graduation** will be **Sunday, May 21, 2017**. All students present will receive their graduation certificate and an icon. The teachers and staff will receive a gift, too. Special books will be given to the Kindergarten class (The Bible for Young People) and the High School Graduates (the New Orthodox Study Bible (Old & New Testament)).

I appreciate the support from all of you and thanks for sharing your children with us every Sunday!

Yours in Christ, *Miss Michelle*

## Keeping up with Philoptochos

PHILOPTOCHOS' MISSION: Your time, talent and treasure, is needed so we can continue to help those individuals in need.

*Christ is Risen, Truly He is Risen!*

Philoptochos is continuously preparing for fundraisers and our on-going outreach programs, which is the very essence of Philoptochos. You are cordially invited to participate in our efforts. **Please take a minute to see what Philoptochos is all about!**

### OUTREACH

**FOOD BANK** - The Food Bank supports several of our 'parishioners and continues to need your support. You can donate by making a check payable to the "St. Nicholas Philoptochos Food Bank" or through United Way by designating the St. Nicholas Food Bank through your employers United Way contribution. Just designate #3288. Questions: contact Elaine Andrianos (412-731-4334) or Denise Daugherty (412-508-1326).

**FUNDRAISERS** - To fulfill our mission of helping those in need, our **fundraisers continue to be the primary source of income for Philoptochos**. Besides making our traditional spanakopita rolls and Easter Bread, new ideas for fundraising are needed. If you have an idea, please contact any member of Philoptochos.

**MOTHER'S DAY & FATHER'S DAY CARDS**—This popular fundraiser honors Mothers/Fathers, Aunts/Uncles, Nounas/Nounos, Yiayias/Papous and "special" women/men, both living and those who have passed. A card is sent to the honoree and their name is also listed in the bulletin on Mother's/Father's Day (and the Ecclesia). It is a wonderful way to honor and remember those who are thought of in a loving way.

**SPANAKOPITA LOGS** - Philoptochos has a limited quantity of our delicious Spanakopita Logs available for sale.

**ONLY \$9 PER LOG; GET YOURS TODAY!**

### Ypapanti Active Senior Opportunities Unlimited

Join Yasou, Thursday & Friday, May 25-26, 2017 Yspanti Travel by comfortable transportation to Kentucky. Visit the "ARK", walk and see life as Noah and his family lived during 40 days of the great flood. The Ark is built according to the dimensions given in the Bible. Enjoy a casual dinner at a local restaurant. Then we will be transported to our Holiday Inn for an overnight. The next day enjoy a buffet breakfast, then to the "Creation Museum". Tour the museum at your leisure. Later in the day we will start our return to Pittsburgh.

**Single cost-\$370, Double cost-\$300**

Call Tootie Pranis at 412-373-1270 or email MPranis@msn.com for reservations. Rooms are limited.

All checks made payable to  
YASOU and sent to:

M. Pranis, 517 MacBeth Dr., Pgh 15235.

**On Sunday, May 21, 2017, Philoptochos will be passing a second basket to benefit the Heart to Heart Campaign (Aid to Greece & Cyprus).**

**FEEDING THE HOMELESS**—Be on the lookout when we will be making lunches again, as well as, cooking and serving dinner on a Wednesday this summer for FOCUS Pittsburgh!



**PARISH DIRECTORY**—Philoptochos will be updating our Parish Directory this year as a Service Project. The last update was December of 2013. Please be on the lookout for the Directory Listing Form and Sponsorship Letter later this summer.

**PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON, EASTER EGG DYING AND ANASTASI MEAL**—Sunday, April 9, 2017, Philoptochos sponsored the Palm Sunday Luncheon (which has become a tradition). A special thank you goes to Vasili Copetas, John Frentzos and Dean Panagulias for preparing the delicious fish plaki lunch with all the fixings (rice, green beans, salad and peach crisp); thank you to all the Philoptochos women for helping set-up, cook, serve and clean-up. Thank you to Denise Daugherty, Estair Kotsagrellos, Annette Kukunas and **Anna Kukunas** who dyed, polished and wrapped 30 dz. eggs for the Anastasi and Agape Services.

Again, the Anastasi Meal was sponsored by Philoptochos. Lamb (prepared by Nick Lefcakis), rice, Avgolemono soup (compliments of Ritter's Diner), cheese & olives (compliments of Stamoolis Brothers, too), Tsoureki and dessert were shared by the St. Nicholas Family and His Eminence Metropolitan Savas.

### MEETINGS

**GENERAL MEETING AND BOARD ELECTIONS**—The next **General Meeting and Board Elections** will be **Monday, May 22, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.** in the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Conf. Room.

*Yours in Christ, Michelle Marie Kotsagrellos, President*

Thank you, **John Peterson**, for mulching the beds in front of the church and community center! Everything looks so clean, crisp and well-manicured!



**Thank You!**

It makes a world of difference!

2017 dues may be paid to Lillie Panagulias or Elaine Andrianos. Your \$10 dues sustain the maintenance of our Forbes Avenue lawn, our trees, shrubs and flowers.

***We thank you in advance!***

## *Celebrating Mother's Day*

*Please make check payable Philoptochos and note "Mother's Day" in the memo section.  
Please send to St. Nicholas, 419 S. Dithridge St., Pgh, PA 15213.*

I would like to celebrate Mother's Day by honoring someone special to me. **(Minimum gift of \$5 per name please.)**  
Enclosed is my gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ *(all donations are tax deductible)*

Your Name AND Address \_\_\_\_\_

Honorees will receive a special Mother's Day acknowledgement card. *(The amount of your gift will NOT be disclosed.)*

- Please accept this gift in HONOR of*                       *Please accept this gift in MEMORY of*

Name AND Address \_\_\_\_\_

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*(Please list any additional names on a separate piece of paper, remember to indicate in HONOR or MEMORY of.)*

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**St. Nicholas Philoptochos believes in honoring the women & men in our lives. Honor your wife or husband, mother or father, grandmother or grandfather, godmother or godfather, sister or brother, aunt or uncle or special friend with a gift to Philoptochos. Your donation will enable us to continue our work of charitable giving to individuals and families in need, area food banks, shelters for the homeless, social-service agencies and countless research efforts in the battle against cancer and other catastrophic diseases. Join us on Mother's & Father's Day by honoring someone you love with a gift to Philoptochos.**

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# FOOD FESTIVAL NEWS

**Voted BEST FOOD FESTIVAL  
by City Paper Readers Two Years in a Row**



56th Annual St. Nicholas Greek Food Festival

Sunday, May 7 thru Saturday, May 13

Delicious Greek Food • Luscious Sweet Pastries  
Lively Greek Music • Wonderful Greek Dancers  
Outdoor Patio Grill • Food Certificates Available

Credit Cards Accepted

**SERVING HOURS:**  
Sunday: Noon to 8 pm • Monday thru Thursday: 11 am to 9 pm  
Friday & Saturday: 11 am to 10 pm (music till midnight)

\*TAKE-OUT available Monday thru Friday 11 am to 2 pm / 5 pm to 8 pm  
\*Saturday take-out - dinner only 5 pm to 8 pm.

ON-LINE ORDERS Monday thru Saturday 11 am to 2 pm / 5 pm to 8 pm

Go to [foodfestival.stnickspgh.org](http://foodfestival.stnickspgh.org)  
for online ordering

Because of the amazing turnout we've had this year with our food festival preparations, we are now all set to GO!  
for our BIG Festival week—  
**Sunday, May 7-Sat., May 13. Now all we need is YOU!**

Countless hands are needed throughout the day and throughout the week. We open at 11 a.m. and remain open 'til late night. Help is needed to serve our over **28,000 guests**.

Food Line? Pastries? Takeout? Online ordering? Bar? Coffee? Welcome table? Choose your favorite area, time slots & days!

Give us a head up as to when you can volunteer.  
Contact by phone, email or text:

**Elaine Andrianos**  
**412-726-4334 or elain\_pa@hotmail.com**  
**Marcie McGuire- 412-719-0339**  
Church office-412-682-3866 OR church@stnickspgh.org

Did you suddenly realize you have some free time?  
Just stop in and lend a helping hand.  
We can achieve so much together!



## GOYA NEWS

### St. Nicholas GOYA Volleyball Tournament

The St. Nicholas GOYA was honored to host the first Metropolis volleyball tournament of the season on Saturday, March 11th. 18 teams from 14 parishes attended this one day event. With the help of many volunteers, we were able to provide a great venue for the volleyball games and served 275 people a Lenten lunch. Trophies were distributed for both junior and senior divisions.

Thank you to all those who volunteered, donated food items for the concession stand, and desserts for the lunch table. Thank you to John Dakis for preparing a beautiful Lenten lunch. Thank you to all the former GOYAnS and GOYA parents who volunteered to be line judges and score keepers. Thank you to Michelle Kotsagrellos and Cathy Pandeladis for registering all the GOYAnS. A big thank you to Ed Guminski for donating his time refereeing the entire day and securing the additional official.

Thank you to our own St. Nicholas GOYAnS. They did an outstanding job welcoming so many people from our sister parishes. Many were there Friday evening for set up and then back at church Saturday morning for 8 a.m. registration until 6 p.m. in the evening. Great job guys!! Two of our own St. Nicholas teams won 3rd place trophies. At the conclusion of the tournament, the Sportsmanship Trophy was presented to the Archangel Michael GOYA, Campbell, OH. What a wonderful opportunity this even was for promoting Orthodox fellowship among our young people. They are a great example for all of us.

HOLY TRINITY, Canton, OH, Volleyball Tournament: The St. Nicholas GOYA also attended the 2nd Tournament in Canton, on Sunday, March 26th. We drove up early Sunday morning and attended church in Canton. The luncheon and tournament followed liturgy. Two teams from St. Nicholas participated with 15 GOYAnS. It was a beautiful day full of worship, fellowship and sportsmanship. It was great seeing many of our fellow GOYAnS from Ohio parishes. Both St. Nicholas teams won first place trophies in the Sr. and Jr. divisions. Thank you to Coach Jimmy Machin for all his time spent at both tournaments and all the practices!

**(Pic. 1-St. Nicholas Tournament; Pic. 2-Jr. Team receiving 1st place in Canton; Pic. 3-Sr. Team receiving 1st place in Canton)**

# ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

*You are the Voice of Christ in a Changing World "As the Father Has Sent Me, So I Send You" - John 20:21*

(And the theme of the 2016 Clergy-Laity Congress) If you have already submitted your 2017 Stewardship Commitment, **THANK YOU!** If not, please take the time to make your financial Stewardship Commitment today and complete the talent portion of the card to enable **OUR** Community to grow and carry on the mission of our faith.

## **HELP US REACH/EXCEED OUR GOAL!!**



<i>2017 STEWARDSHIP</i>		<i>4/31/2017</i>
<b>Total Stewards</b>		<b>159</b>
<b>Total Amount Pledged</b>		<b>\$113,110.00</b>
<b>Average Pledge</b>		<b>\$711.38</b>
<b>% Parish Participation to Date</b>		<b>53%</b>
<b>2016 Stewards (GOAL)</b>		<b>300</b>
<b>% of Total Budget to Date</b>		<b>65%</b>
<b>2016 Budget (GOAL)</b>		<b>\$175,000.00</b>
	<b>Giving to Date:</b>	<b>\$36,427.48</b>
	<i>AS OF 2/28/2017</i>	<b>\$ 27,678.00</b>
<b>Income: Pledges &amp; Basket Collection and Food Festival</b>	<b>\$66,562.00</b>	
<b>Expenses: Salaries, Utilities, Maint., Commitments, etc.</b>	<b>(\$38,884.00)</b>	

**With Appreciation (a new occasional series):** GOYA (Greek Orthodox Youth of America) is a ministry of our Archdiocese that has an impressive history of service to our young people over many years. In its current form, it serves youth in grades 7-12. Leadership is provided by the officers, who are elected by the members of the group. Their parents assist them with support, direction, and long hours behind the scenes, helping out in a variety of ways. We are grateful to them, and to all our parents, because their participation and support makes the GOYA ministry possible. Without their cooperation, the group would not be able to thrive and accomplish its goals.

There is another category of adult leaders, however, whose contributions are just as vital to the life of each GOYA chapter. These are the volunteer advisors, coaches, and instructors. Sometimes they are also parents, but often they are not. They try, to the best of their ability, to facilitate and assist the GOYAnS so that they may carry out a successful program each year. Prime among them are our two GOYA advisors: Linda Hages and Debbie Leventopoulos. Linda and Debbie have been serving in this capacity for quite a few years. They keep the program going, working behind the scenes to make sure that attention is paid to details both large and small, and that every GOYAn remains informed about what is going on. They help each new crop of officers grow into their role, offering advice and guidance along the way, as needed.

Another important member of the leadership team is Deacon Robert Lykos, who is present at every meeting and other events, when possible. Our youth appreciate his participation and inspiring words, and respect him for his example of what it means to live a life in the world (as a lawyer) that is still dedicated to the service of Christ and His Church (as a Deacon). He assists Fr. Christopher in making sure that Christian faith and values remain front and center in the GOYA program.

We have two main dance instructors for our renowned Senior Greek Dance Troupe, which is primarily made up of GOYAnS: Kelly Gary and James (Jimmy) Machin. Kelly is the heart and soul of the group, serving as choreographer, teacher, role model, and director. Over her many years in this role, she has challenged the dancers to reach ever higher standards, both artistically and athletically. That is why, year after year, they have continued to amaze and delight every audience that has watched them. She strives to include every dancer – young or old – as long as they have demonstrated firm knowledge of the dance steps (for safety's sake). Jimmy has taken over the separate instruction of the boys, so that they can spend more time concentrating on their particular moves. He creates a learning atmosphere that is fun and respectful for all. Jimmy is a young man of faith and integrity, who truly cares about the young people he works with and serves as an excellent role model. He also assists the priest as the Sexton inside the Altar on Sundays, where he helps to keep the service running smoothly and the altar boys in line.

Our basketball program is far and away the most popular with the kids. Senior boys coach Peter Leventopoulos has been coaching GOYA basketball most of his adult life, and his experience shows in how he runs his practices and conducts himself at games. He sets the good example, treating every player with patience and respect, regardless of their level of experience. He is assisted, once again, by Jimmy Machin. Yianni Leventopoulos also assists, and keeps the statistics tally for the senior team at tournaments. The senior boys had a particularly good basketball season this past year. The junior boys are jointly coached by Ted Hages and Nicholas Strauch, whose dedication have kept them involved in the program despite their increasingly challenging academic programs. The girls are coached by John Powers and Maria Krinis, whose skill and hard work have helped the girls to achieve impressive results on the court in recent years. After basketball in the spring comes volleyball. Jimmy Machin coaches this co-ed sport, which is fun for players at any level. Our GOYA hosted the first tournament this year, and fielded three teams! They also won big at the second tournament in Ohio, and had a great time along the way. The end result of all this effort by so many parents and other volunteers is that our children have become close friends to one another, have had some wonderful experiences together, have begun to feel like they are a cohesive whole, and have remained active in the Church at an age when many others fall away. Thank you to our dedicated GOYA volunteers and to all who serve our youth, and may the Risen Lord bless you always. **(Next: the 6o Club)**



**AMERICAN LEGION HELLENIC POST 595, DECEASED MEMBERS – May 5, 2017**

**KILLED IN ACTION**

1	James	Annis	II
2	Nicholas E.	Aspromigos	K
3	Eleftherios S.	Bukes	II
4	James S.	Bukes	II
5	John N.	Coumountzis	II
6	James N.	Dristas	II
7	James N.	Elenis	II
8	Xenophon	Evgenides	II
9	Elias N.	Gianaris	II
10	Charles F.	Kiragis	II
11	George	Kiragis	II
12	George A.	Kontogiannis	I
13	Paraskevas P.	Mandros	II
14	James J.	Maniatis	II
15	Michael C.	Manos	II
16	Nicholas M.	Manos	II
17	Zacherias L.	Mavronicolas	I
18	Anthony G.	Morrison	K
19	George C.	Mugianis	I
20	Othon A.	Tremis	II
21	Dean P.	Trigonides	II

I = WWI  
 II = WWII  
 K = KOREA  
 P = PANAMA  
 V = VIETNAM

**DECEASED MEMBERS**

1	George J.	Alevizos	
2	Arthur	Ananias	
3	George M.	Andrews	
4	Harry N.	Andrews	
5	Louis N.	Andrews	
6	Mike	Andrews	K
7	Chris	Andrianos	
8	Anastasios	Andromalos	
9	Mennel G.	Anthon	
10	Anthony P.	Antonopoulos	
11	Paul	Apostolos	
12	Peter A.	Arvanitas	
13	Angelos	Aspromigas	
14	George L.	Banes	
15	Gust	Bardakos	
16	Frank	Beldecos	
17	Harry R.	Bender	
18	Leo P.	Birris	
19	James	Bistolos	
20	Emmanuel	Bolarakis	
21	James A.	Boumbouras	
22	Peter A.	Boumbouras	
23	Sophocles	Boumbouras	
24	William M.	Buck	
25	David E.	Calhoun	
26	Peter A.	Caloyer	

27	Anargyros E.	Camarinos	
28	Louis	Captain George	
29	Theodore	Captain George	
30	Peter H.	Cardiges	
31	John N	Chirigos	II
32	Nicholas J.	Chirigos	
33	Gregorios	Christodoulou	
34	Peter M.	Chronis	
35	John N.	Clothakis	
36	William	Contis	
37	Alex C	Copetas	K P
38	Charles L.	Copetas	
39	James	Cosmides	
40	Anthony	Coutsoumbis	II
41	George N.	Dakis	K
42	Gus	Dakis	
43	Paul	Davliakos	II
44	James P.	Demas	
45	John N.	Demas	
46	Nicholas P.	Demas	II
47	George J.	Dermaris	
48	John	Dermaris	
49	Sotirios N.	Diacoyanis	
50	George Lakos	Diakos	
51	Andrew A.	Dordas	
52	George D.	Dragonas	
53	Rocco A.	Duranti	
54	George	Fafalis	
55	George	Fekaris	
56	Steve J.	Fekaris	
57	Frank	Filis	
58	George N.	Flocos	
59	Nicholas Ted	Flocos	
60	James N.	Fotis	
61	Nicholas W.	Frangis	
62	John	Frentzos	
63	Thomas J.	Frentzos	
64	William J.	Futules	
65	Nick C.	Ganas	
66	George	Gannis	
67	Roy A.	Gartaganis	
68	Thomas	Gatakis	
69	George	Gavaletas	
70	Clifford T.	Geanopulos	
71	Pasquale	Gennaro	
72	Demetrios	Georgalas	
73	Harry	Georges	
74	James	Georgetson	



**HAPPY  
 MEMORIAL  
 DAY !**

*We owe all our veterans, past and present, a debt of gratitude for all their sacrifices in service to our country. We will once again bring to mind all our deceased service members listed here, along with the our other loved ones, with a Trisagion service at the conclusion of divine liturgy on Memorial Day, May 29th at Homewood Cemetery.*

*May God grant them eternal rest.*

*Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:30 a.m.*

**AMERICAN LEGION HELLENIC POST 595, DECEASED MEMBERS – May 5, 2017 (Cont.)**

75	George D.	Gianakos	
76	Gust	Gianopoulos	
77	John G.	Gianos	
78	Sam P.	Gidas	
79	Nicholas P.	Gobos	
80	Emanuel	Gregory	
81	Nick	Hadgis	
82	Eleutherios	Hages	
83	Clarence R.	Halleran	
84	Ann P.	Halkias	
85	Nicholas	Halkias	
86	Peter	Haritos	
87	Walter J.	Hartig	
88	Steve	Hilas	
89	Rev. Timothy	Houtras	
90	Nicholas	Kalmer	
91	Peter	Kapernaros	
92	George	Kappas	
93	James A.	Karabetos	
94	Stanley	Kastanis	
95	Basil P.	Katsafanas	
96	Dinos W.	Katsafanas	
97	Nicholas P. (Perry)	Katsafanas	
98	Peter W.	Katsafanas	
99	Steve P.	Kavalis	
100	George	Kokinakis	
101	Louis P.	Kontos	
102	Samuel G.	Kotsenas	
103	James P.	Kourakos	
104	Nicholas O.	Kratsas	
105	Thomas V.	Kricos	
106	Aristoclis	Kristakis	
107	Donald P.	Ladakos	
108	Christ S.	Lardas	
109	James C.	Lardas	V
110	Konstantinos N.	Lardas	
111	Clarence	Lazaros	II P
112	Christ D.	Lebesis	
113	John S.	Levendos	
114	George D.	Lickas	
115	Constantine	Lihos	
116	William C.	Limberiou	
117	Jack N.	Loizes	
118	Theodore N.	Loomis	
119	A. James	Lozos	
120	Peter G.	Machedon	
121	George	Mageras	
122	Michael G.	Manesiotis	
123	Christ D.	Manner	

124	James C.	Manos	
125	Theos E.	Manos	
126	Thomas E	Marcinko	II
127	Jack P.	Margaros	
128	Nicholas J.	Mastros	
129	Marinos G.	Matgouranis	
130	Apostolos	Mellas	
131	Nicholas	Michopoulos	
132	George	Migias	
133	George	Mitchell	
134	Nicholas	Mustakis	
135	John W.	Nassikas	
136	George P.	Nichols	
137	John	Nickolas	
138	Michael	Nicoloudis	
139	Andrew	Nodaras	
140	Michael	Orfanopoulos	II
141	C.J.	Panagoulas	
142	Paul C.	Panagoulas	
143	George	Papapetrou	
144	Mike J.	Papas	
145	George	Papazis	
146	Pete G.	Pappas	
147	Nick L.	Pastikos	
148	Antonios	Paterakis	
149	John N.	Patikas	
150	George H.	Petousis	
151	Harry G.	Petropoulos	
152	Nicholas	Petrou	
153	William P.	Phaturios	
154	George	Pigounakis	
155	James J.	Plakidas	
156	Gregory	Plemenos	
157	Michael M	Polimus	
158	Gust M	Politis	II
159	Spiros G.	Raftis	II
160	George	Retetagos	
161	Christ	Rigos	
162	Bill N.	Roomeliotis	K
163	William S.	Rukutis	
164	Kim N.	Sappas	
165	William	Sarhosis	
166	James	Savouras	
167	Robert P.	Skarlis	
168	Michael J.	Scoulos	
169	Robert S.	Sefer	
170	Paul M.	Sergakis	
171	George	Shorall	
172	Eleftherios	Silvestros	

173	Anthony	Sotereanos	II
174	George	Sourias	
175	Evangelos P.	Stamoolis	
176	Peter	Stathopoulos	
177	Nicholas L.	Stefanelis	
178	Demetri	Stephanou	
179	Gregory E.	Stratakis	
180	Mike	Supertzi	
181	James C.	Tangalos	
182	Dan	Thimoleas	K
183	George	Thimoleas	
184	George N.	Thomas	
185	William L.	Torlidas	K
186	Spiro G.	Trahanis	
187	Xenophone	Trikalitis	
188	Peter J.	Tsakonas	
189	George D.	Tsounos	II
190	Angelo	Tsourekis	
191	Emanuel	Tsouris	
192	Peter T.	Tsuris	
193	Elias G.	Tzotzos	
194	Antonios	Vasillas	
195	Stelios	Vassilaros	
196	John	Vassos	
197	Alex L.	Vellis	
198	Paul P.	Verghies	
199	George	Vlahakis	
200	Harry J.	Vlahos	
201	David A.	Walthour	
202	Anthony A.	Zachos	
203	Louis E.	Zambelas	
204	James	Zanos	II
205	Simon	Zaferson	
206	James N.	Zafris	
207	Evangelos	Zanicopoulos	
208	Peter J.	Zikos	
209	George	Zorbas	
210	Nicholas	Zorbas	
211	Steven	Zorbas	K
212	Theo G.	Zorbas	
213	Gus L.	Zozos	K

**SACRAMENTAL LIFE**

**IN MEMORIAM**

*Our deepest condolences to the families of:*

**Nicholas Kartsonas**, who fell asleep in the Lord on March 24. His funeral took place on March 27 at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church in Mt. Lebanon.

**Donald LoCascio**, who fell asleep in the Lord on March 30, 2017. His funeral took place on April 3.

**George Lykos** (father of Deacon Robert Lykos and a former member of this parish), in South Carolina on April 20. His funeral took place on April 26 at Sts. Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church in Glenview, IL.

*May their memory be eternal – Αιωνία η Μνήμη Αυτών!*

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Candle Prep



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Easter Egg Hunt



Good Friday



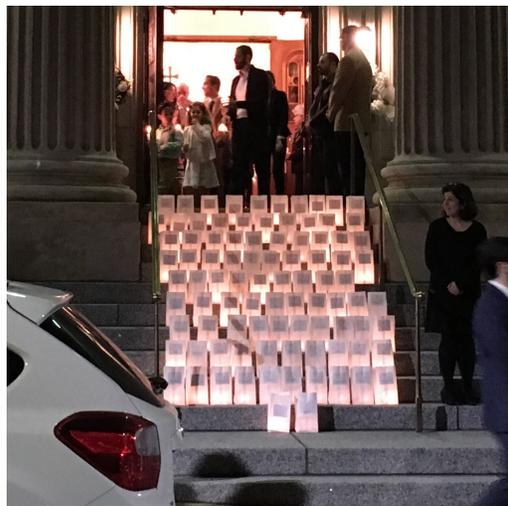
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Holy Thursday



Procession



# May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Orthodoxy 101 7 p.m.	4 Living Orthodoxy 11 a.m.	5	6 Greek School 10 a.m.
7 <i>Sunday of the Paralytic</i> Orthros, 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.	8	9	10	11	12	13 Greek School 10 a.m.
<b>FOOD FESTIVAL - 11 a.m.–9 p.m. - PLEASE VOLUNTEER!</b>						
14 <i>The Samaritan Woman</i>  <b>Mother's Day</b>  Orthros, 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.	15  Philoptochos General Mtg./ Elections 7 p.m.	16	17	18	19	20 Greek School 10 a.m.
<b>-Father Christopher Away-</b>						
21 <i>Sunday of the Blind Man</i> Orthros, 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.  Church School/ Greek school graduation	22  Parish Council Meeting 7 p.m.	23	24  Orthodoxy 101 7 p.m.	25 <b>HOLY ASCENSION</b> Orthros 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.	26	27
28 <i>Fathers of 1<sup>st</sup> Ecumenical Council</i>  Orthros, 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.	29 <b>Memorial Day</b> Divine Liturgy/ Trisagion at Homewood Cemetery, 9:30 a.m.  Trisagion at Wilkinsburg Cemetery, 12 Noon	30	31  Orthodoxy 101 7 p.m.			

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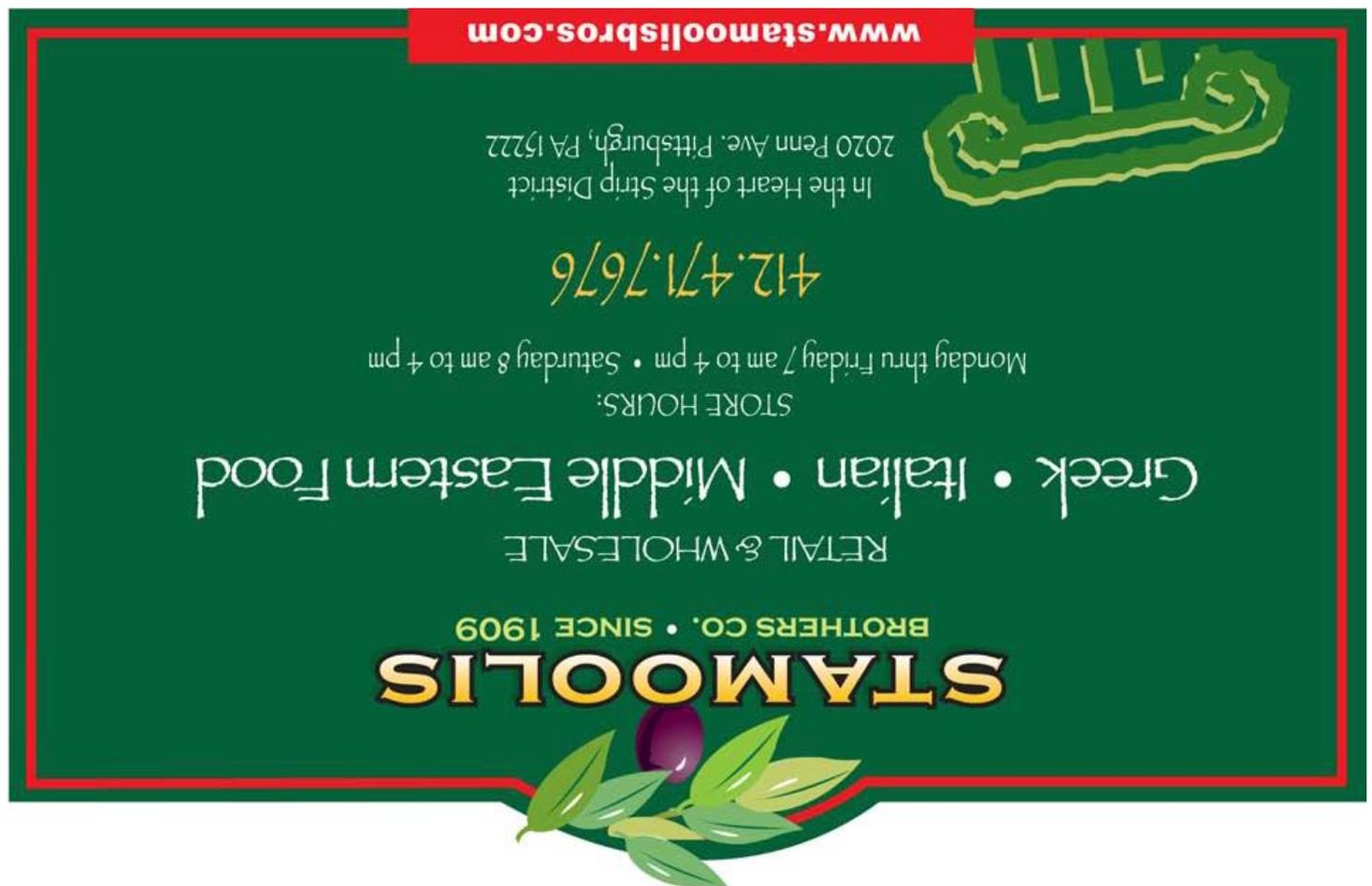
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