Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Greetings to all! I pray that everyone’s summer has been restful with at least one good vacation trip or time off so far. Thanks to our youth minister Nathaniel Kostick for putting together a fun and fruitful Vacation Church School program in June. Also to him and Adam Fuller for serving as counselor staff at our recent Summer Church Camp the first week of July at Camp Wapo in Amery Wisconsin. Several campers from St. George shared their experiences in church with the worshippers on Sunday July 9th including Alec Eidsvold, Miriam Jordan, Jonathan & Sophia Paraschou, Parry & Billy Paraschou, John & Mark Simon. Everyone had a great time and I invite them to share their experiences in writing through Glad Tidings and our youth newsletter! As always the involvement of youth in Church worship, activities and programs is dependent on parents prioritizing and planning ahead. Parents: please do not let other things interfere with your child’s relationship with God in His Church.

The Fast of the Dormition is August 1-15 and is an appropriate time for increased prayer, fasting, repentance and confession. Several Paraklesis services are scheduled at various times to accommodate different schedules. This service of supplication to the Virgin Mary is one of the most melodic and beautiful of our Orthodox worship services. Please be sure to participate in at least two or three during the two week period, and bring the list of living people in order that the priest may pray for their spiritual and physical health. The Transfiguration of our Lord falls on a Sunday August 6th and the Dormition/Kimissis Feast of the Theotokos on Tuesday August 15th. We encourage everyone to attend St. Mary Greek Orthodox Church on Monday August 14th for the their Parish Feast Day Vespers.

We are looking forward once again to our annual Greek Festival. Thank you to our chairpersons Alexis Bighley, Phyllis Kapetanakis and Jon Kennedy for all their hard work in preparing the rest of the booth chairs and volunteers. For those who attended our Lenten Retreat in March with Fr. Barnabas Powell, you may remember that he related how their Greek festival at St. Raphael, Nicholas & Irene Greek Orthodox Church (www.stsrni.org) in Cummings, Georgia is geared towards outreach. Most their converts and new members first encountered their parish at their Greek festival. In the eighteen years that I have served our parish, I am not aware of a single convert or new member coming from or through our Greek festival.

We need to make our Greek Festival primarily and outreach and evangelism tool. Our primary purpose should not be to make money and in reality, we are not making that much. Our festival and our Festival of Nations fundraisers together are nowhere near the amount of stewardship contributions given by our own members. Stewardship income is about eight times greater than these fundraisers. Nevertheless, the Greek Festival effort can be very profitable spiritually but making it an outreach and evangelism tool and here’s how we are going to do that.

First, every volunteer who has contact with a “customer” will ask, “Have you been to our church tour?” If the person says, “Yes,” the volunteer can reply with something like, “Great, I hope you enjoyed it. Thank you for coming and we hope to see you on a Sunday in the near future!” If the person says, “No,” the volunteer can reply by saying something like, “Please go, we like to share our Faith as well as our food. You’ll enjoy it. It’s very informative!” Hopefully, this will raise awareness, interest and participation in the church tour portion of our festival.

Second, during the actual church tours, conducted by Fr. Rick, Ron Adkins and Steve Arsenault, the presenters will encourage and invite participants to come to a future Sunday Divine Liturgy to experience Orthodox worship. They will also ask participants to complete and submit the contact card in the parish welcome brochure so that we may follow-up with them.

Third, we will need a handful of volunteers to distribute and collect the welcome brochures and contact cards. They will also be available before, during and after the church tours (near the entrance to the nave/sanctuary) to answer basic questions about the Orthodox Faith and our parish.

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They will also direct participants to the free literature as well as the reading material and icons for sale in the bookstore.

Finally, I know that change, even positive change, is always stressful but I am confident this new parish outreach through our Greek Festival will be fruitful. This is in accordance with our overall necessary goal of outreach as outlined in the recent Archdiocesan study shared in the June/July Glad Tidings. In the study, a distinction is made between exemplary and normal parishes. Exemplary parishes offer more inclusive, engaging and meaningful experience of Orthodox worship than the normal parishes. One of the key characteristics for an exemplary parish: “Majority of parishioners involved in all aspects of parish life and who embrace evangelization as a parish way of life.” http://www.assemblyofbisishops.org/news/2017/evangelization-study-report

When we put God first, everything else finds its proper place as God blesses us.

God bless you, +Fr. Rick
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Registry

40-Day Churchings
June 18 Sophia Pachito and baby Nicholas

Baptisms
May 28 Margaret Gabrik

Memorials
June 11 Nick Leaskas (40 days)
June 25 Ringo George Cender (1 year)
July 2 Dimitri Dokos (40 days)

Funerals
May 25 Dimitri Dokos

Address Changes
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Nancy Skalkos 1638 Paulina Street Chicago, IL 60622-1404

Festal Icons Needed

Please donate a Festal Icon (11” x 14”) in memory of a loved one. The cost is $75.00 per icon. The icons are displayed in the church nave and are put out for veneration on the Feast Day of the Saint or event they represent. To donate an icon, fill out a form (found on the revolving bulletin board in the social hall) and return it to the office.

Seven Maccabean Children August 1
Saint Natalia August 26
Saint Irenaios of Lyons August 23

Submissions for upcoming issues are due by the 10th of the preceding month.
Memory Eternal: Anna Baffa fell asleep in the Lord on May 21st. Funeral was Friday, May 26 at St. Mary’s GOC.

Roselawn Cemetery Lots: are still available for parishioners at a 15% discount off list prices. 2017 discounted prices are: Monument Lot (2 graves) $5,865.00; Flat Lot A (2 graves) $3,485.00; Flat Lot B (1 grave-limited availability) $2,040.00. If interested in learning more or to purchase a lot, please contact the church office.

Sympathies to Fr. Theodore Filandinos at the passing of his wife Presvytera Ione on June 12. Funeral was June 21 at St. Mary Greek Orthodox Church. Pres. Ione was always faithful in her calling to serve the Church as the wife of a priest. May her memory be eternal!

Mural Icons: Thank you to all for designating memorials of departed loved ones and making additional significant personal contributions: Resurrection Icon - Presvytera Miriam Paraschou in memory of Fr. Parry; Crucifixion Icon - Christ Kontenakos & family in memory of Antonia Kontenakos; Nativity Icon - Irene Loudas in memory of Basil Loudas; and Pentecost Icon - Mary Arvanitis in memory of Loucas Arvanitis, Nick and Frances Arvanitis, Michael Eric, and Aphrodite Arvanitis.

Prothesis Project: The masonry work for the new antiprothesis/skeuophylakion project is complete. This is the first phase. After sealing and painting, the next is the installation of the new carved wood cabinets for both the original prosthesis in the north niche and the new antiprothesis in the south niche. Each will have a special carved panel, one of St. George and the other a Lamb with a Cross. Additional work includes marble tops and an icon in the south niche. This will be a beautiful addition to our sanctuary space and provide practical storage, display and preparation space for the worship services. Stay tuned!

Greek Festival Update

Purchase tickets! Buy them in the social hall on Sundays after liturgy, in the office on weekdays from 9am-4pm, or online at https://sites.google.com/view/stgeorgegreekfestival/.

Volunteer for one or more shifts! Sign up in the social hall on Sundays after liturgy or online at http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ca5ad2babff2-2017. For more information, contact the office at 651.222.6220. There are several volunteer opportunities that do not involve standing, such as the Hospitality Desk and Coffee Hostess.

Saturday, August 19 11am-10pm
Sunday, August 20 11am-5pm

Baptized into Christ: Margaret Gabrik, daughter of Rena Sarigianopoulos & Scott Gabrik on May 28th. Godparent is Nouna Anna Christoforides. Congratulations to all!

Thank you! to everyone who expressed sympathies and condolences and support when Dimitri fell asleep in the Lord. Thanks also for the memorial gifts, flowers and anonymous gifts given in his memory. May his memory be eternal! -Becka Dokos and family.

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Lexington Parkway Improvements: Concrete and brick crosswalks are being replaced with blacktop and new pedestrian accessible curbs are being added at intersections. Watch for lane shifts and closures.

A Child is Born! Michael-Paul Ioannis to Dean Natto and Joanna Tzenis on June 15, 2017. Congratulations!

Festival Baking: Help make delicious Greek sweets! Contact Nanette Gomez or the office for dates and times.

New Metropolitan of Chicago: the Trisopon (list of three candidates) selected by the Holy Eparchial Synod of America was forwarded to the Patriarchal Synod in Constantinople. Unofficially, it appears that the list has been rejected and a new list must be selected. Please continue to pray.
that God grant us a worthy successor and chief shepherd. Until then, Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit is serving as locum tenens.

**Stewardship 2017:** Theme is *You are the Voice of Christ in a Changing World: As the Father Has Sent Me, So I Send You* (John 20:21). We have received **115 pledge cards** for 2017 with a **total of $170,842** and an **average of $1,485**. Be sure to increase your pledge, even if only a few dollars. This reflects spiritual growth and overcomes stagnation. We encourage everyone to give a minimum of 2% pledge of gross yearly income to become a self-sustaining community, far less than the biblical ideal of tithing or 10%.

**75th Anniversary Album Update:** Thank you to everyone for their patience as the album is reaching its final stage of production. Thanks to all who submitted materials including family pages. Thanks also to Dawn Lampros, Denise Smith and Julie Delton for their tireless efforts to bring forth a top quality history of our parish. It is very typical for parish anniversary publications to take a year or more to complete. We anticipate a finished product by late summer--well within normal parameters.

**Great Vespers of the Dormition at St Mary’s GOC:** Everyone is invited for the Great Vespers of St. Mary’s Feast Day on Monday, August 14 at 6:00 PM. We will sing the Lamentations to the Virgin, have the Five Loaves Service, and refreshments/fellowship to follow.

**χρόνια πολλά!**

**AUGUST NAMEDAYS**

**August 6:** Sotirios Paraschos; **August 8:** Milam Paraschos; **August 14:** Fr. Micah Hirschy; **August 15:** Melina Chadwick, Mary Giavassis, Maria Hatzis, Maria Kontinakis, Margery Makredes, Mariano Negron, Maria Paraschou, Marie Paulos; **August 16:** Alkiviadis Morellas, Stella Hofrenning, Angie Kelsey, Stamatios Morellas, Stamatios Pothos; **August 20:** Samuel Syvertson; **August 30:** Alexander Chadwick, Alexandros McMahan, Alexander Tsobanakis.

**AUGUST WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Mark & Kalley Johnson, August 7; Philip & Judy Barbatis, August 14; John & Marina Antoniou, August 16; Rob & Lani Hatling, August 19; Thansi & Panarea Contolatis, August 20; John Alexis, August 20; Paul & Wendy Loudas, August 23; Gordon & Sandra Thole, August 23; George & Gayra Eliou, August 25; Mark Flumerfelt & Stephanie George, August 26; Fred & Katerina Madsen, August 27; Jason & Mersina Van Cleave, August 28; Vassilios Morellas & Venetia Laganis, August 30; John & Carol Alexis, August 31.

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Caroline Alexis, August 25; Diane Anastos, August 19; Lucy Angelis, August 9; Judy Barbatis, August 29; Alexis Bighley, August 9; John Bighley, August 18; Susan Boosalis, August 10; Ethan Canas, August 25; Alex Chadwick, August 4; Samantha Crowther, August 20; Peter Drivas, August 22; Scott Gabrik, August 25; John Georgolopolos, August 7; Richard Gnetz, August 20; Evie Jordan, August 31; Miriam Jordan, August 1; Dimitrios Kaniamos, August 14; Louis Kazaglis, August 16; John Lake, August 17; John Lambros, August 28; Nancy Lambros, August 5; Wendy Loudas, August 5; Andreas Mantoles, August 9; George Mastrogiorgis, August 3; Maud McCullough, August 2; Tamara Mekouris, August 12; Elizabeth Mhiailidis, August 20; Frank Mortari, August 14; Mariano Negron, August 15; Leo Nemeth, August 19; Pres. Miriam Paraschou, August 9; Parry Paraschou, August 22; Sophia Paraschou, August 1; Sophia Pathos, August 12; Nicholas Petanitis, August 17; Sue Poulos, August 11; Christine Roumel, August 28; Christ Rozikes, August 22; Krisandrea Ballas-Rylander, August 9; Lila Simon, August 24; Evanthia Thomaidis, August 17; Dena Tortorelis, August 18; Brian Youso, August 5.

**AUGUST BAPTISMS/CHRISMATIONS**

Joanne Creamer, August 1; Maria Kontinakis, August 6; Dawn Lampros, August 10; Lazaros Christoforides, August 11; John Speros, August 11; Mary Ellen Arvanitis, August 18; Eleni Christoforides, August 20; Yeoryia Christoforides, August 20; Michelle Berge, Steve & Minda Arvanitis, August 21; Dan & Jackie Matuska, August 21; Demetrios Merkouris, August 25; Dimitrios Pitsavas, August 26; Marianne Dye, August 27; Frank Mortari, August 29.

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If your name does not appear or it is listed incorrectly, please contact the church office at office@stgeorgegoc.org.
Letter from the Youth Director: To our Beloved Community,

As stated many times in the past, our goal in the youth program has been to encourage our youth to be involved not only in youth activities, but also responsibilities within the church. For example, we encourage children to help behind the altar as an acolyte, sing in the choir, or read the epistle on Sunday. The greatest way that our children (and adults) can grow in the faith is to actively participate in it, even though sometimes it may seem difficult.

This year at St. Mary’s Summer Camp, our camp theme was “Faithful Still.” We learned about the difficulties the Saints had to endure as followers of Christ, and reflected on the difficulties we face as Christians in this day and age, and how we can center our focus on Christ in times of adversity. Camp has always been a very powerful event for our youth, as it allows us to live in an environment that is centered on our faith for an entire week, with those who share the same beliefs. At camp, we attend chapel twice a day, eat wonderful meals provided by the Camp Wapo staff, play games together as a camp, craft, swim, boat, shoot bow and arrows, climb rope courses, ride horses, meet bishops and nuns, participate in Orthodox Live and Q&A’s with priests, and so much more. It really is a week full of Joy, sometimes making it difficult to want to come home.

At St. George, the JOY also had their annual Vacation Church School. This year, the VCS theme was “Jesus Christ, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.” We learned about Christ’s life as he was growing up, and events that happened before the crucifixion, introducing us to those Christ met, and about the fulfillment of the Old Testament. It was a wonderful week full of wonderful craft projects, games, and Bible lessons.

This month we have the St. George Greek Festival and all children are welcome to come and help. Often, kids in school or other extracurricular activities are required to volunteer for a specific number of hours. If this is a need and your child would like to volunteer in any way for the upcoming festival, I would be more than happy to sign whatever forms are needed. Anyone may volunteer in the children’s area by speaking with me, or in any other role by signing up online. We look forward to seeing you!

Finally, as the school year begins, we start up our weekly youth nights once again. On the first Saturday of the month, we will host our JOY youth events while GOYA will meet on the third Saturday. This will follow the same schedule as last year. Thank you,

Nathaniel Kostick

p.s. We’re always in need of volunteers and chaperones. If you are interested in coming to our youth events, please contact me by phone or email.

Great Week! This year’s Summer Church Camp for youth at Camp Wapogasset in Amery WI was enjoyed by all especially the kids from our parish. The theme was “Faithful Still.” Thanks to youth minister Nathaniel Kostick and Adam Fuller for serving on the staff. Spread the word and bring your friends next year!
Ed note: parishioner Katie Knocke recently attended the 7th Conference on Orthodox Music, held in Joensuu, Finland, June 6-11, 2017. The theme was “Liturgy and Music.”

The participants at the conference represented 17 countries, including Japan, India, Australia, Portugal, Austria, Bulgaria, and Romania. There was Vespers or Liturgy nearly every day of the conference, and since the choir was made up of such multinational attendees, the services were sung in as many languages as could be supplied, and as many musical styles as possible, from Georgian to German.

The conference theme was “Liturgy and Music”, a broad topic that welcomed a wide variety of papers, including: studies of musical adaptation for missionary work in Chuvashia (Russia) and Japan; technical postmodern analyses of Orthodox-influenced concert music; the theology of wordless Byzantine chant (kratimata); descriptions of choral traditions in Serbia and at the Valaam monastery; and an excellent, albeit dense, musical/anthropological discussion of the pitfalls of borrowing music from multiple other Orthodox traditions simultaneously (“musical pastiche”). The presenters and audience were very kind to each other, especially when the papers maybe were a little weak or the presenter was saying things that were controversial.

My paper, titled The Dwindling Liturgy: Sober Reflections on the Condition of Parish Choirs in the United States, was an analysis of the factors causing the general decline in music quality in parishes in the US (shrinking choirs, secular music education declining, dropping church attendance, etc.). I quickly discovered in my talks with people that choral problems are fairly universal, particularly in countries that are not historically Orthodox and thus have no set precedent for the quality of the music or the training expected of musicians. I closed the paper with two strategies for addressing the problem: the creation of liturgical music education programs that are able to reach multiple parishes simultaneously; and the creation of a chant repertoire idiomatic to America and the English language, chant being both easier to teach (no harmony parts) and requiring fewer people.

Even more special than the various papers were the discussions that happened during the coffee breaks and meals. I was able to discuss the process of adapting Byzantine chant into Romanian 200 years ago, and how that process could inform the current efforts to adapt it to English—with expert chanters in both languages. Other fruitful discussion topics included last year’s symposium in Minneapolis; the pitfalls of volunteer-only music vs. having paid positions for key musicians; and the accessibility and appropriateness of the different ways of singing movable liturgical texts.

It was a joy for me to be at the conference with people from around the world who were so devout, so kind, and such intelligent musicians. There is a false dichotomy found in many American parish choirs that pits the quality of the music against piety: basically, the idea is that, the worse the choir sounds, the less proud and more prayerful the music is (this is bogus: failure to improve is a sign of carelessness, not piety). What I loved most about the conference was the clear sense that everyone present was very serious about their faith and their skill as musicians—their disciplined approach to being a musician was inseparable from, and as committed as, their active practice of the Orthodox Faith.

To see Katie’s Powerpoint presentation, click on https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B6SY_9rZiQq_a0FCUVFEeqlsYU1U/2FWVFJtdXR0WTRDZEpV/view?usp=drive_web
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WEEKDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 6
Transfiguration
Vespers 6:00 p.m.

Monday, August 14
Dormition of Theotokos
Vespers 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 15
Dormition of Theotokos
Orthros 8:00 a.m.
Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, August 29
Beheading of Forerunner
Orthros 8:00 a.m.
Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Please see our online calendar and bulletin for latest schedule updates:
http://stgeorgegoc.org/calendar/

REGULAR WEEKLY SERVICES

Holy Confession: By Appointment

Vespers: (Oct. - May) Saturday 5:00 pm

Orthros: Sunday 8:15 am

Sunday School: (Sept. - May)
following Communion

Divine Liturgy: Sunday 9:30 am

Also visit our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgegoc.saintpaul.mn
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Parish Council Meeting Minutes Summary June 20, 2017

I. Call Meeting to Order – 6:35 p.m.

II. Opening Prayers and Readings –

III. Submission of past Parish Council Meeting Minutes – Stephen Arsenault – 6:40 p.m.

Motion: To accept the Parish Council Minutes of May 18, 2017.

Moved by Nanette; Seconded by Diane. Motion passed unanimously

IV. Treasurer’s Report and Update on Investments – John Simon - 6:45 p.m.

### Financials as of 31 May 2017

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- John Simon reviewed tonight the figures for month ending May 31, 2017: revenue, expenses, investments and transfers from the Investment Accounts.

- The Parish Council wishes to thank Tom Lampros for his efforts with the Festival of Nations.

- Discussion related to the reporting of the investments monthly and how we can monitor the funds. The Investment Committee will be working on the positions of our funds and reporting to the Parish Council

Motion: To accept the Treasurer’s Report. Moved: Nanette; Seconded: Lily. Passed unanimously.

V. Committee Reports –

A. Stewardship Report – 7:13 p.m.

Motion: to accept the Stewardship Report Passed unanimously

B. Scholarship Committee – Lily & Andrea. 7:14 p.m.

A report will be presented at next month’s meeting.

C. Landscaping/Grounds Report – Nanette – 7:16 p.m. –

There was a discussion on the setting of the lawn sprinklers by Valedez Co. and garden weeding.

D. Website Projects Report – Andrea - 7:17 p.m.

There is a need for the Greek Festival on the websites – being worked-on.

E. Missions and Benevolence (M & B) Report – Jon – 8:12 p.m.

Discussed FOCUS, Loaves and Fishes

Friday, 6/23/2017, at St. Mary’s Greek, St. George will be cooking a meal and providing two hours of fellowship for Families Moving Forward. This is a new M & B program start time 5:30 p.m. There is a need for food servers. Anastasia is cooking.

F. Capital Projects – Jon Kennedy - 7:50 p.m.

(See Capital Improvements Timeline handout) The Council considered each of the capital projects that are short-term, longer-term, and pending in progress.

Discussed tonight is the breakdown of the refrigerator. Consensus is that we only need two refrigerators only during the Greek Festival. Considered tonight is purchase versus rental for the Festival. Jim Theros will look at costs. Discussed is the pricing and the prioritizing the projects. Suggested is that the Capital Projects Committee look into fundraising efforts for these projects.

Priority projects mentioned tonight: tuck pointing of the exterior of the church, the proposals for the lighting, and the conference room repairs.

Members of the new Restoration Projects Committee are Jon, John, Nanette, Lily. Restoration Projects initial work is the exterior wall issues. The Committee will get bids and evaluate options and make a recommendation to the Parish Council and the Parish Assembly.

G. Iconography: - Stephen Arsenault – 8:30 p.m.

- There are new committee members: Nanette and Frank Nemeth

H. Building Cleaning – 8:32 p.m.

Thanks to Petko, Steve A. and Lana for their work on cleaning the kitchen.

I. Greek Festival – Jon 8:34 p.m.

Three committee chairpersons have met and moving forward. They have met with numerous vendors.

J. Young at Heart Senior Program – Lily 8:40 p.m.

Next meeting: July 11 at the Pancake House in Roseville for a breakfast event and meeting.

VI. New Business

A. Denise Smith Refurbishment Proposals. – Nanette 8:46 p.m. deferred.

B. Lower Door Proposal and Ted’s Painting of Exterior Doors – Nanette

The Parish Council wishes to thank Ted Roungou for his efforts at painting the outside doors.

VII. Other Business.

VIII. Adjournment: 09:04 p.m. Moved: Seconded Passed unanimously. Submitted by Stephen Arsenault, PC Secretary
Parish Council Meeting Minutes Summary, May 16, 2017

I. Call Meeting to Order – 6:44 p.m.


IV. Submission of past Parish Council Meeting Minutes – Stephen Arsenault – 7:45 p.m.

Motion: To accept the Parish Council Minutes of April 18, 2017. Passed unanimously

V. Treasurer’s Report and Update on Investments – John Simon - 7:50 p.m.

VI. Committee Reports –

A. Stewardship Report – Fr. Rick - 8:13 p.m.  (see enclosures)

Fr. Rick presented statistics on the membership and stewardship and the trends of our parish.

B. Scholarship Committee –Lily & Andrea- 8:17 p.m.

Working on the John Pitsavas Scholarship

C. Landscaping/Grounds Report – Nanette – 8:18 p.m. –

Tom Fisher Landscaping has been very responsive to our needs. Work is going well.

D. Website Projects Report – Andrea - 7:48 p.m.

A schedule is being established for monthly meetings for projects.

E. Missions and Benevolence (M & B) Report – Jon – 9:12 p.m.

Jon presented a brief description of Families Moving Forward, a new M & B initiative at St. Mary’s Greek.

F. Capital Projects – Jon Kennedy - 8:50 p.m.

1. Back door to the basement is rusted. – Nanette 8:20 p.m.

Associated Exteriors quote for replacing of the door, frame and glass is $16,810. Part of the problem is the water runoff from the porch and the social hall north door above.

Motion: That we get two more bids for the basement door, frame, and window project and water issue and discuss the project at the next Parish Council Meeting.

Moved: Steve A, Seconded: Jim. Motion passed: Nanette opposed.

Also, discussed is the new key pad procedure and use of the parking lot door

2. Lexington Apartment Building Offer: This property is already sold. Discussion was around finding ways to move on similar real estate opportunities for the church. We need a procedure to follow for the future real estate offers. We need a way to move quickly when there is an offer, including Parish Council discussion, making an offer and deposit, informing the church community, informing the bishop, and coming to a parish vote.

Formed tonight is a new committee to work on a procedural proposal to purchase properties for a ministry of the church. Jon, Jim, and Steve are on the committee.

G. Iconography: - Stephen Arsenault – 9:30 p.m.

A new iconography committee is to be formed to consider the issues for completing the festal icons. Previous committee members will be invited and others interested will be recruited.

H. 75th Anniversary Projects Update – deferred

I. Building/Cleaning committee Report –

Church Cleaning Contract - Petko and Fr. Rick discussed was the billing for the social hall floor.

J. Greek Festival – Deferred

VII. New Business

A. Young at Heart Program Report -

B. Denise Smith Refurbishment Proposal. – Jon 8:43 p.m.

Lighting Proposals. Deferred decision to the June Meeting. Jon and Father will talk to Denise about points of clarification.

VIII. Adjournment: 10:00 p.m. Moved: Seconded Passed unanimously. Submitted by Stephen Arsenault, PC Secretary
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<td><strong>2017 Stewardship Pledges Received</strong></td>
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<td>Thank you to the following faithful servants who have submitted their stewardship pledge cards for 2017 (as of July 18). Please join them today!</td>
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- Dr. Ronald & Reva Adkins
- John & Carol Alexis
- Diane Anastos
- Fr. Rick & Pres. Jane Andrews
- Maria Andrews
- Jesse & Christina Andrist
- Lucy Angelis
- George & Christy Antoniou
- John & Marina Antoniou
- Stephen & Minda Arsenault
- Bob Baffa
- Philip & Judy Barbatsis
- Scott & Michelle Berge
- Alexis & John Bighley
- Tom & Patricia Bombolis
- Evelyn Boosalis
- Dr. Peter & Susan Boosalis
- Tina & Jeff Bovis-Fuller
- Drs. George & Shannon Canas
- James Canelake
- Eric Chadwick & Andrea Faches
- Evelyn Charnell
- Iulian & Adelina Ciuta
- William Clemons
- Dino & Stephanie Contolatis
- Katina & Robb Dahl
- Evelyn Daltas
- George Dendias
- Becka Dokos
- Nick Eftikides
- Georgia Ehrich
- George & Gayra Eliou
- Vesna Ellingson
- Louis & Mary Ellis
- Mark Flumerfelt & Stephanie George
- Adam Fuller
- Chris & Mary Georgantones
- John Georgolopoulos
- Dca. Rhonda Gilliland
- Richard & Sue Gnetz
- Michael & Nanette Gomez
- Kiki Gore
- John & Mary Grant
- Caroline & Aaron Hareid
- Robert & Lani Hattling
- Eleni Hoffhines
- Peter & Stella Hofrenning
- Petko Ivanov
- Harold & Cecelia Johnson
- Mark & Kalley Johnson
- Lisa & Misael Jordan
- George & Rita Kanavati
- Richard Kanavati
- Stephen Kanavati
- Dimitrios & Dimitra Kaniamos
- Emilio & Phyllis Kapetanakis
- Svetlana Kartak
- Louis & Tabitha Kazaglis
- Jon & Peggy Kennedy
- Dina Kiprose
- Thomas & Joan Knocke
- Angie Kontenakos
- Mathew & Ellene Kritikos
- James Lake
- John & Kara Lake
- Stella Lake
- Thomas & Dawn Lampros
- Georgia Lucas
- Jon & Anastasia Maier
- Mary Makredes
- Michael & Margery Makredes
- Georgia Mann
- Joann Mann
- Michael & Christina Manos
- Sophronis & Anna Mantoles
- Dan & Jackie Matuska
- Patricia McAdams
- John & Lerah McCullough
- Thomas Moran
- Katerina & Savvas Nikolaides
- Chris Panayotou
- Dr. Tasso & Carey Pappas
- Milam & Maria Paraschou
- Pres. Miriam Paraschou
- Soule & Vicky Paraschou
- James & Sally Pathos
- Nik & Karen Patronas
- Mike & Jill Patrou
- Spero & Lana Payton
- Lampros & Karen Petanitis
- Dimitri & Sofia Pitsavas
- Theologia Pitsavas
- Nikola & Rada Popov
- Athanasios Poulos
- Paul & Elizabeth Poulos
- John & Sue Poulos
- Dr. Nicholas & Effie Psimos
- Mariya & Plamen Radeva
- Steve & Rallou Rice
- Theodore Roungou
- Tina Sageotis
- Fr. Daniel & Pres. Eileen Simon
- Daniel Simon
- John Simon & Rafif Khabazeh
- Clark & Denise Smith
- James Therios
- Dean & Dena Tortorelis
- Peter & Dana Tountas
- Louis & Kathy Trigas
- Kostas & Naomi Tsantir
- Joanna Tzenis & Dean Natto
- Mersina & Jason Van Cleave
- Andrea Walkush
- Caryl Wedes
- Joe Weiser
- Lily Zahariades
**DINNERS**  
(dinners include rice, salad & pita)

- Lamb Souvlaki Dinner $15.00
- Pork Souvlaki Dinner $12.00
- Gyro Dinner $12.00
- Chicken Gyro Dinner $12.00

**A LA CARTE**

- Gyro Sandwich $8.00
- Chicken Gyro Sandwich $8.00
- Souvlaki Sandwich $8.00
- Pork Souvlaki (shish kebab) $4.00/skewer
- Lamb Souvlaki (shish kebab) $8.00/skewer
- Saganaki (flaming cheese) $7.00

- Greek Salad $7.00
- Greek Salad w/ Gyro $9.00
- Spanakopita (spinach pie) $5.00
- Greek Fries-small $4.00
- Watermelon $2.00
- Tzatziki with Pita $2.00

**BEVERAGES**

- Greek Wine $6.00
- Greek Beer $5.00
- Domestic Beer $3.00
- Soda, Water, Lemonade $2.00

**COFFEE CAFÉ**

- Frappe (Iced Greek Coffee) $4.00
- Coffee $2.00
- Baklava Sundae $4.00
- Loukoumades (Honey Puffs) $4.00
- Ouzon Float $4.00
Wouldn’t you love to spend a summer weekend getaway in beautiful Greece? Greece is a world famous summer vacation destination. People flock from all over the world to experience the amazing Mediterranean food, the music, the dancing, touring ancient Churches and Monasteries and spending time with Greek people.

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