



A Word from Father Rick



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Christ is Risen! Spring has finally, finally arrived. It is no coincidence that the **Resurrection of our Lord** occurred in the Spring time when warm weather returns and flowers bloom and birds chirp. All of them are signs of renewed life. Through His Resurrection, Jesus Christ has granted/bestowed on us new life, a life from above, eternal life. Reflecting back on Holy Week, I am thankful for everyone's efforts to celebrate the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord. Everything went very well despite the unseasonably cold weather. It was the first time in my 19 Holy Fridays here at St. George parish that we were not able to process with the Kouvouklion outside around the sanctuary. However, I could not help but notice how many people did not participate in the celebrations, especially those who came for Holy Friday but did not participate in any Holy Saturday or Paschal services. Holy Friday is beautiful and moving but it's not the peak or pinnacle. We should think of **Great Lent and Holy Week** like a marathon. It's long and difficult, but we would never think of joining a marathon at mile 13 or mile 24 as our starting point. And no matter where we joined the race, we would never think of stopping at mile 24 or 25. No matter where you start, finishing the race is the most important part. Think of the example we set for our god/grand/children.

We also had a wonderful celebration of our **parish feast day** for *St. George the Great-martyr*. Thank you to *Jim Theros, Mike & Nanette Gomez* and *Howard Vansteenburgh* for preparing a delicious meal to celebrate on Sunday evening after Vespers and to all who brought food to share after liturgy on Monday *April 23rd*. Thanks to *Fr. John Kostas* for giving the homily at Vespers and to *Fr. Mircea Vasiiu* for concelebrating Divine Liturgy. As a community, we must do better at remembering and honoring St. George on his feast, our parish feast day. We have so much to be thankful for and through his prayers, God has richly blessed us. It's necessary for us to stop our usual activities and go to church to give thanks. This requires planning and sacrifice. We lose our spiritual path to God when we neglect to do this on a regular basis.

Festival of Nations is coming soon this month on *May 2-6*. Please be sure to sign-up and volunteer for this important even to share our food and our culture. We will have a **Spring Cleaning** at church on Saturday *May 12th*, 10am to 1pm. The end (Apodosis) of the Paschal season will occur on Wednesday *May 16th* and it will be our last day to sing the triumphant hymn "Christ is Risen...!" The next day, Thursday *May 17th*, we celebrate another great feast, the **Ascension of our Lord**. And the

great feast of **Pentecost** comes just ten days later on *May 27th*.

On *Saturday May 19th* we will have our first ever **blessing of the pets/animals** service here at our parish. This is not a traditional Orthodox service but it's not sacrilegious to pray and to bless any good thing that God has given to us. We will hold the service outdoors. Please be sure that your pet is leashed and does not tussle with other pets and parishioners. We look forward to this unique opportunity. Everyone is invited!

Because Pentecost falls on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, we will celebrate Saturday of Souls **liturgy and a memorial service on May 26th**, both at **Roselawn Cemetery**. This will be our first Divine Liturgy celebrated on the altar of our cemetery section. Please spread the word because we will **not** have our usual memorial service on Sunday that weekend.

On *June 11th* both **Patriarch Bartholomew** and our new **Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago** will celebrate their namedays. That's because the saints Apostle Bartholomew and the Apostle Nathanael are one and the same person, according to tradition. Please be sure to send them greetings and especially prayers to God for them.

The Archdiocese **Clergy-Laity-Philoptochos** Congress is this summer *July 1-5* in Boston. For more details, see www.clergylaity.org. **Summer Youth Camp** will take place the same week. Registration has already begun. Please encourage you god/grand children to participate in this special and impactful youth ministry.

Our **2018 Stewardship Drive** continues as we focus on our renewed commitment of Time, Talent and Treasure to God's Holy Church. The 2018 theme is "*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart as working for the Lord and not for men*" (Colossians 3:23). If you have not already, please meditate on how, through stewardship to the Church, you can love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your mind and all your soul and all your strength, and your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:35-40). Three simple principles for treasure/financial commitment: 1) give generously, 2) give sacrificially, and 3) give purposively. Three practical guidelines: 1) give at least 3% of gross income (biblical model of stewardship is tithing or giving 10%), 2) be sure to increase giving from previous year, and 3) budget your stewardship first—then budget everything else.

Truly He is Risen!
+Fr. Rick

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Agape Vespers



Holy Friday youth retreat



Holy Week & Pascha 2018



Descent from Cross Vespers



Holy Friday



Agape Vespers



Lazaros Saturday youth retreat



Holy Friday



Tom Germann was baptized and chrismated on Saturday April 14th at St. Grigoriou Monastery, Mount Athos, Greece. His godparent is Nouno George Kalyvas

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Submissions for upcoming issues are due by the 10th of the preceding month.

Registry

Baptisms

April 15 Kostandina Negron;
(Godparent: Angie Kontenakos;
Parents: Eric & Dina)

Funerals

April 13 Adella Daltas

Memorials

April 22 Helen (1 year) & Chris (6 years) Zubulake
Nick Leaskas (1 year)
George Leaskas (2 years)
Charles Zubulake (8 years)



Address Changes

Michael & Tamara Merkouris
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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.



Saint Theodosia
May 27



Prophet Job
May 6



Apostle Simon the Zealot
May 10



Many Years! to *Joan Spell* who celebrated her 100th birthday last month. Joan and her husband Peter were members of our parish for many years. May God grant her health and beautiful memories of a blessed life!

Festival of Nations (FON) May 3-6: This event is a fun way to celebrate culture and the proceeds benefit our church and its ministries. To volunteer at the Greek Café, sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/2018FON-Greek> or contact *Tom Lampros*.

Thank you! To everyone who helped clean and decorate our sacred temple for the Holy Week services. Thanks also to chanters, choir, acolytes, readers, myrrhbearers, and others who helped during the worship services!

Pitsavas Scholarship: Congratulations to *Kharissa Maehren*, winner of the 2017-18 John Pitsavas Memorial Scholarship. Thank you to the generosity of *Theologia Pitsavas* for creating and sustaining this scholarship!

Many years! to *Father Ted Filandrinos*, who turned 90 years old on *March 30, 2018*.

Graduate Info Needed- Graduation Sunday is *May 20*. Please send your high school or college graduate's info to the church *by May 14* and include name of school, degree/diploma, awards/achievements and future plans.

IOCC Job: US Administrative Project Assistant needed, for job in Minneapolis field office: <https://www.iocc.org/careers/us-administrative-project-assistant>. Also, summer accommodations needed for intern working in the Edina office. Please contact *Dan Christopoulos*, DChristopoulos@iocc.org.

Basketball Update: thank you to *Luke Simon* who coached and coordinated the Men's YAL Team. His leadership and recruitment efforts ensured St. George's participation at both the Adult and GOYA levels.



Greek flag over the State Capitol building on March 25, 2018

Save the Date: Lyn Olson Medical Crisis Program Annual fundraising Gala on Sunday, *September 16, 2018, 4-7pm* on the terrace of the Stillwater Public Library.

Memory Eternal: The servant of God *Adella Daltas* reposed in the Lord on Holy Wednesday, *April 4th*. The funeral was on *April 13th*. Sympathies to daughter *Kathy Viola* and sister-in-law *Evelyn Daltas*.

The servant of God *Christ Rozikes* reposed in the Lord on *April 13th*. Sympathies to his wife of 71 years, *Vi Rozikes*,

and many children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Axios! *Novice Jon Kanavati* was tonsured a Monk with the name *Kyrillos* (Cyril) recently at St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Monastery in Florence, Arizona where he now resides. For more info about the monastery: www.stanthonysonastery.org.

Safety & Security: At our recent meeting, the parish council discussed the issue of security for our community. On a trial basis, starting from Holy Week, the council has approved having an off-duty St. Paul Police Officer on Sundays, *9:30am-12:30pm* through the end of June. During this time, we are inviting parishioners to give the council input and feedback about armed security and other security issues so the council can consider them as we formulate an overall emergency preparedness plan. We look forward to and thank you for your input.

Parish Directories Available: Pick up a copy in the social hall.

St Alexis Toth Lecture: Sunday *May 6, 7:15pm*, at St Mary's Orthodox Cathedral. *Richard Custer*, author of *The Carpatho-Rusyns of Pennsylvania*, will speak on "The Becherov Factor: How One Village's Natives Led the Carpatho-Rusyn American Return to Orthodoxy." Further information at [\(612\) 781-7667](tel:6127817667).

Lecture: Sunday, *May 6* following Liturgy. *Margie Pearson* will speak about the newly renovated State Capitol building designed by Cass Gilbert. For more info, contact *Lily Zahariades* at (651) 646-0872.

Pan-Orthodox Young Adult Retreat: Friday-Sunday, *May 18-20*, at the Karos family cabin in northern MN.

Χρόνια πολλά!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Sophia Boosalis, May 5; John Borzeka, May 18; Melina Canas, May 6; Melina Chadwick, May 20; Lazaros Christoforides, May 26; Patricia Corbera, May 13; Panos Delton, May 17; Kally Fuller, May 8; Anthony Gouletas, May 18; Evy Hatjistilianos, May 30; Stella Hofrenning, May 18; Amalia Hummel, May 16; Mark Johnson, May 2; Michael Keifer, May 2; Kara Lake, May 8; John Larson, May 29; John McCullough, May 23; Dina Negron, May 14; Katerina Nikolaidis, May 29; Patricia Nodes, May 31; Benjamin Pachito, May 15; Nicholas Pachito, May 5; Sally Pathos, May 17; John Poulos, May 21; Vi Rozikes, May 26; Dan Simon, May 3; Luke Simon, May 23; Anna Sitorengo, May 7; Clark Smith, May 13; Denise Smith, May 31; Naomi Tsantir, May 31; Niki Youso, May 14; Athan Zahl, May 23; Nicholas Zubulake, May 27.

MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Chris & Mary Georgantones, May 17; Daniel & Patricia Nodes, May 29; Nikola & Rada Popov, May 14; Clark & Denise Smith, May 17; Fr. Rick & Pres. Jane Andrews, May 18; Steve & Minda Arsenaault, May 4; Scott & Michelle Berge, May 7; Sotirios & Christine Parashos, May 27; John & Kelly Speros; May 27.

MAY NAMEDAYS

May 5: Rena Sarigianopoulos, Irene Loudas, Melanie Loudas, Irene Mihailidis, Dana Tountas, Irene Tsengas; **May 8:** Amalia Zahl; **May 9:** Chris Christoforides, Christopher Ploumidis; **May 17:** Andrea Faches; **May 21:** Lani Hattling, Elena Condos, Eleni Christoforides, Eleni Hoffhines, Eleni Kassar, Helen Nachicas, Eleanore Eliou, Eleni Van Cleave, Ellene Kritikos, Dean Natto, Dena Tortorelis, Dina Negron, Dina Kipros, Clark Smith, Constantina Cender, Tina Sageotis, Connie Tzenis, Dino Contolatis, Dean Tortorelis, Dean Dovolos, Kostas Tsantir; **May 22:** Emilio Kapetanakis

MAY BAPTISMS/CHRISMATIONS

Sandy Manson, May 29; Luke Rylander, May 20; Dean Tortorelis, May 26; James Canelake, May 1; Rena Sarigianopoulos, May 4; Anastacia Zahl, May 7; Georgia Tsepelis, May 5; Chris Tountas, May 10; Teddy Andrews, May 14; Paul Smith, May 6; Katharine Chadwick, May 11; Tess Chadwick, May 10; Danielle Pathos, May 8; Jessica Berge, May 25; Athena Pitsavas, May 3; Alexandra Rylander, May 1; Jason Van Cleave, May 29; Emily Hattling, May 21; Miriam Jordan, May 10; Ethan Canas, May 8; Melina Chadwick, May 30; Dimitrios Van Cleave, May 1; Dimitrios Paraschou, May 18; Blien Kibrom, May 15, Margaret Gabrik, May 28; Daniel & Patricia Nodes, May 29; Stephanie Contolatis, May 25.

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➔ If your name does not appear or it is listed incorrectly, please contact the church office at office@stgeorgegoc.org.

Weekend speaker is Fr. Jonathan Proctor from Holy Trinity OCA. Cost is \$15. For details, see posting in social hall or <http://www.stmarysgoc.org/yal-retreat/>. Questions? contact Jamie Zaine at jamiezaine@gmail.com.


Next Game Night: Saturday, May 12 at 7pm, hosted by St. George GOC. Join adults 18+ to learn a new game; play a classic; teach a game, have fun! Contact Nikki Beauchamp at 612.910.2943 with questions.

Stewardship 2018: Theme is "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart as working for the Lord and not for men" (Col.3:23). 101 pledges have been received averaging \$1,530, total \$154,594. Three things to do: 1) pray for God's inspiration and guidance, 2) plan-budget stewardship first, 3) give generously and sacrificially, at least three percent (3%) of gross yearly income. We thank you for supporting the ministries of our parish!

Estate Planning Presentation Postponed: due to weather; please stay tuned for reschedule date.

Greek Independence Day!





St. George Youth

Letter from the Youth Minister:

Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!

First off, blessed Pascha to everyone! I hope everyone is celebrating the resurrection

of our Lord Savior Jesus Christ. During this time, the head priest of my former church told everyone as we left the church, "Do not fast! Partake in the feast." We are called to celebrate the resurrection of Christ!

One misconception people mistake in the Orthodox Church is the idea that Lent and Holy Week (especially Holy Friday) is a time for mourning. While yes the church remembers the death of Christ on the cross, we also as believers know what is coming. We understand that the death on the cross and the resurrection are truly one in the same. They both show the love that God has for us. It shows God's understanding of human suffering, as He is one of us.

I am very proud this year of all of the youth volunteering to serve St. George in so many ways. Many joined us on Lazarus Saturday to clean the church and make palm crosses. Many attended our Holy Friday retreat, and many children celebrated at our Paschal Midnight Service. It was so wonderful to see how important families are making Orthodoxy a part of their lives. As it has been mentioned, if we wish for the church to continue to grow and for our kids to remain a follower of Christ, it is essential that they are taught how to do that as kids. It is essential that these habits are instilled in them while they are young because it is very difficult to make time and form new life habits as one grows older.

Please thank all of our kids for the faith they have shown throughout this year!

Not involved in our program? Call or email me, or just join us for one of our youth events!

Youth Event Dates

May 19 - ALL YOUTH BLESSING OF THE PETS @ St. George GOC – 6:00-8:00pm (Bring all of your cute pets!)

In Christ,
Nathaniel Kostick
Youth Minister

Summer Camp Registration: now open at www.stmaryscamp.com. Fees are \$430 from 4/17/2018-5/4/2018 and \$480 from 5/5/2018- 5/24/2018. Dates for this year's camp are *June 30-July 6, 2018*. St. George Greek offers the

James Nikitas Camp Scholarship to help our kids attend Summer Camp. Contact Fr. Rick for more info.



Manoli Mastrogiorgis with Metropolitan Nathanael at Metropolis Youth Oratorical in Hammond Indiana on April 14th.

Youth Oratorical- Congratulations to all our participants on their excellent and heart-felt offerings about the Faith. We recognize also those selected to represent the parish at the Metropolis level: *Parry Paraschou* (Senior Division) and *Billy Paraschou* (Junior Division). They were not able to, and the next place finisher, *Manoli Mastrogiorgis*, was selected.

Chiganos Scholarship for Greek Orthodox Youth: graduating high school seniors who have been active participants in a Metropolis of Chicago Sunday Church School program or as an acolyte are eligible to apply. Applicants must be entering an institution of higher learning in fall 2018. Applications available in social hall; deadline is *May 31st*.

Save the Date: *Sunday, June 3, 2018, at 11:30am*, come join the Greek school at our "end of the year" party! We plan to do a potluck, so bring a dish to share. Participate in Greek games that kids in Greek schools play at recess. There will also be some craft making. You do not need to speak Greek to participate; all ages welcome. Children should be accompanied by an adult. Refreshments will be provided.



Greek School students performed on Independence Day, March 25, 2018.



To aid the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the imprisoned, the widowed, the handicapped, the victims of disasters, to undertake the burial of impoverished persons and to offer assistance to anyone who may need the help of the Church through fund raising effort

—From the Mission Statement
of National Philoptochos



The Ladies of the Philoptochos would like to honor the women of our church for Mother's Day. Please consider a donation to Philoptochos to honor the special women in your life. It can be your wife, daughter, mother, mother-in-law, godmother, granddaughter, sister or just a special woman you feel close to, living or deceased. The Philoptochos will send your honoree a Mother's Day card to announce your donation in her name. Any donation will be accepted. If your honoree is deceased their name will appear in a special Mother's Day recognition, in the Sunday bulletin on Sunday, *May 13th*. Forms are available at church now through Sunday, *May 6th*.

If you believe that it's good to be blessed but better to be a blessing, we warmly invite you to join us at our next meeting, which will be held on Sunday, *May 6th* following Divine Liturgy. We will close out the year with our traditional start of summer dinner/decades birthday event at Fabulous Fern's, on Thursday, *May 31st* at 6:00 p.m. We would love for you to join us. Please RSVP to *Evelyn Boosalis* at 651-429-7859 by *May 25th*, and be sure to mention if you are celebrating a 'decades birthday' this year!

In Christ's service,
Vicky Paraschou



From the Parish Council President Alexis Bighley

Dear fellow parishioners,

We have a very busy month ahead in May.

The Festival of Nations takes place for four days starting Thursday *May 3* through Sunday *May 6*! It is actually one of my favorite church events to volunteer for because it is an opportunity to serve and interact with high school students, and they are a delight. *Tom Lampros* is the chair for this event and is looking for additional volunteers @ <https://tinyurl.com/2018FON-Greek>. Please consider helping as the shifts are fairly short and very easy work, plus the benefit of the profit (which was just under \$ 14,000 in 2017) helps cover the operating expense of the parish along with the Greek Festival and our stewardship program.

Spring is in the air and St. George will have a spring cleaning event primarily for the outside grounds on Saturday *May 12*...what a great opportunity for our younger members to work with a variety of parishioners on a common goal.

Sunday *May 13* is Mother's Day...we honor all mothers, grandmothers and godmothers on that day with a single rose as a heartfelt thank you for all the love and support you provide.

On Sunday *May 6* after social hour, the Young at Heart committee will host a speaker who is an authority on the Minnesota State Capitol construction and renovation. This group hopes to follow up with a tour of the capitol at a later date...thank you *Lily Zahariades* for coordinating this.

St. George will install a new sound system in the near future, which is funded by anonymous donors. Thanks to the time, talent and installation skills of parish council member *Milam Paraschou*, we will save almost 50% from other bids.

The St. George parish council and I thank you for your support of the church we love.

Yours in Christ,
Alexis Bighley



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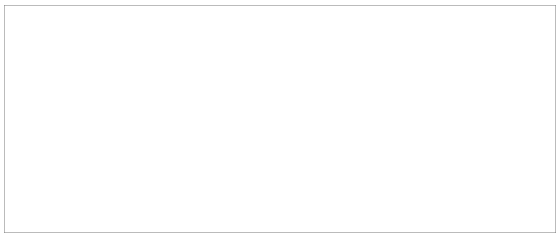
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Glad Tidings May 2018



WEEKDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 16
 Apodosis of Pascha
 Orthros 8:00 a.m.
 Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
 Ascension of our Lord
 Vespers 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 17
 Ascension of our Lord
 Orthros 8:00 a.m.
 Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Monday, May 21
 Sts. Constantine & Helen
 Orthros 8:00 a.m.
 Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

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

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Please see our online calendar and bulletin for latest schedule updates:
<http://stgeorgegoc.org/calendar/>
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May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 +PROPHET JEREMIAH	2 +FAST DAY	3 12pm OCF at UST (UST)	4 +FAST DAY	5 +ST. IRENE 5pm VESPERS
	METROPOLIS CLERGY RETREAT			FESTIVAL OF NATIONS		
6 +5TH SUN. PASCHA - SAMARITAN WOMAN Festival of Nations 8:15am ORTHROS 9:30am LITURGY 12pm Philoptochos Meeting, State Capitol Presentation, & Youth Ministry Mtg. 7pm St. Alexis Toth Annual Lecture (St. Mary OCA Cathedral)	7	8 ST. AMALIA & ST. JOHN THEOLOGIAN	9 +FAST DAY +PROPHET ISAIAH	10 +APOSTLE SIMON THE ZEALOT	11 +FAST DAY	12 10am-1pm Spring Church Cleaning 5pm VESPERS 6pm Orthodox Game League (St George Greek)
13 6TH SUN. PASCHA THE BLINDMAN 8:15am ORTHROS 9:30am LITURGY 4:30pm Greek Dance Practice	14 6pm Missions & Benevolence Cmte Mtg.	15 11am MEOCCA Mtg. 6:30pm Parish Council Mtg.	16 +APODOSIS OF PASCHA +FAST DAY 8am ORTHROS 9am LITURGY 6pm VESPERS	17 +ASCENSION OF OUR LORD 8am ORTHROS 9am LITURGY 7pm Ahepa Mtg	18 +FAST DAY Young Adult Retreat at Karos Cabin	19 Young Adult Retreat at Karos Cabin 9:30am Divine Liturgy in Eau Claire, Wisc. 5pm VESPERS 6pm Family Night - Blessing of the pets
20 +7TH SUN. PASCHA HOLY FATHERS Young Adult Retreat at Karos Cabin 8:15am ORTHROS 9:30am LITURGY 11:30am Graduation 4:30pm Greek Dance Practice	21 +STS. CONSTANTINE & HELEN 8am ORTHROS 9am LITURGY	22 10am Welcome & Outeach Mtg.	23 +FAST DAY	24 10am Glad Tidings Mailing	25 +FAST DAY Office Closed	26 +SATURDAY OF SOULS 9am LITURGY & MEMORIAL at Roselawn Cemetery 5pm VESPERS OF PENTECOST
27 +PENTECOST+ 8:15am ORTHROS 9:30am LITURGY 11am KNEELING PRAYERS	28 MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY Office Closed	29 Office Closed	30 Office Closed	31 6pm Philoptochos Decades Dinner (Fabulous Ferns)	COMING IN JUNE... 3 ALL SAINTS 4 – 29 APOSTLES' FAST 4 Loaves & Fishes 11 ST. BARTHOLOMEW – Patriarch's NAMEDAY 29 STS PETER & PAUL 30 12 HOLY APOSTLES	
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Parish Council Meeting Minutes Summary, March 20, 2018 6:30 p.m.

- I. Call meeting to order – 6:32 p.m.
- II. Opening prayers and readings: Isaiah 40:18-31, Gen. 15:1-15, Prov. 15:7-19
- III. Submission of past council meeting minutes-Steve Arsenault – 6:45 p.m.
Motion: to accept the minutes. Moved: George; seconded: Jim; Passed unanimously
- IV. **Treasurer's report**-John Simon – 6:47 Deferred. The Audit Committee is meeting April 14, 9 a.m.
- V. **Committee reports**
 - A. **Stewardship report** - Alexis Bighley and Fr. Rick 6:52 p.m.
Stewardship Totals Goal: **2018- \$250,000**
Totals 2018-Pledges Received thru FEBRUARY Month End
85 Parishioner Pledged-\$**127,664** (Previous Year 89 / \$ 145,707)
Of which **22** increased for a total of \$ **13,330**. **5** Parishioners Decreased their pledges by \$**4,150**.
Total Dollars received was \$ 12,681 thru the month of FEBRUARY
 - B. **Fr. Rick update** - 7:00 p.m.
 1. **Enthronement of Archbishop Nathanael** to be Metropolitan of Chicago
 2. **75th Anniversary Book.** Julie has agreed to put in more hours with pay to work on the book.
 3. **Update on the lamb dinner on Pascha.** –
 4. Fr. will be doing the **IOCC front line** April 26-28, then April 30 to May 3 Metropolis **clergy retreat.**
- VI. **New business**
 - A. **Pascha worship schedule** - PC members are urged to be present as much as possible to worship and help out. Diane will be coordinating and training the ushers.
Church Cleaning for Pascha, March 31 in the morning.
 - B. **Capital Campaign** – Nanette 7:20 p.m.
Formation of the Committee & Goals: Nanette is looking for people to staff a committee to work to raise money for the tuckpointing project. Acme start date, late spring or early summer. They do not expect a down payment, just payment on completion. 105,802 + sealants 7,270 = 113,072.
 - C. **Staff Policy Updates Paid Time Off (PTO)** – New Laws & Recommendations for Change- Alexis.
There is new law in Saint Paul regarding the benefits and hours calculations. Vicky Paraschou researched the new laws. This policy affects Julie and Nathaniel.
Motion: to accept the PTO policy as presented. Moved: Steve K; Second: Nanette.
 - D. **Andrea Walkush Resignation- Available Seat on Council** which would be voted by the Parish Council. This is a nine-month position.
 - E. **Luncheon reception Tickets- reception Honoring New Metropolitan Nathanael**–
Request by Father for 2 Tickets. Total of \$250. There will be an additional hotel expense.
 - F. **Saint George Feast day** – Jim presented the idea that we should have a dinner and invite all the *Georges* in the parish. There is a budget line item for this event.
 - G. **Parish Assembly Meeting, Sunday April 29, 2018** - Alexis
Presented is the agenda for the Assembly. A light meal will be part of the Assembly.
 - H. **Discussion Oratorical Presentation** – George 8:03 p.m.
Discussion is on the lack of judged presenters at the presentation. In future it was felt that we should support the national ministry and encourage students to participate with the judging process.
Motion: that we contact the three judges, provide audio support to evaluate the oratorical festival presentations, and report back to the candidates, so that eligible presenters may be passed to the next level. Moved: George; Seconded: Dino; Passed unanimously.
- VII. **Other**
 - Coordination of Youth Events Update**– John Simon 8:30 p.m.
Discussed tonight is the communication of the youth activity schedule in various media, including more advanced notice, parental informing. Concern is made that we should be tracking the attendance of the youth at the events.
- VIII. **Adjournment: 8:35 p.m.** Moved: Nanette; Seconded: Steve K; Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted: Stephen Arsenault, Parish Council Secretary

2018 Stewardship Pledges

Received: *thank you to the following faithful servants who have submitted their stewardship pledge cards for 2018 (as of April 24). Please join them today!*

Ronald & Reva Adkins
John & Carol Alexis
Diane Anastos
Fr. Rick & Pres. Jane Andrews
Lucy Angelis
George & Christy Antoniou
John & Marina Antoniou
Steve & Minda Arsenault
Bob Baffa
Philip & Judy Barbatsis
Scott & Michelle Berge
John & Alexis Bighley
Tom & Patricia Bombolis
Evelyn Boosalis
Peter & Susan Boosalis
Jeff & Tina Bovis-Fuller
George & Shannon Canas
James Canelake
Eric Chadwick & Andrea Faches

Evelyn Charnell
William Clemons
Dino & Stephanie Contolatis
Robb & Katina Dahl
Evelyn Daltas
Becka Dokos
Louis & Mary Ellis
Adam Fuller
Stephanie George & Mark
Flumerfelt
John Georgopolos
Lama Ghazi
Rhonda Gilliland
Richard & Sue Gnetz
Mike & Nanette Gomez
Kiki Gore
John & Mary Grant
Rob & Lani Hattling
Eleni Hoffhines
Peter & Stella Hofrenning
Amalia Hummel
Petko Ivanov
Harold & Cecelia Johnson
Misael & Lisa Jordan
George & Rita Kanavati
Richard Kanavati
Stephen Kanavati
Dimitrios & Dimitra Kaniamos

Svetlana Kartak
Jon & Peggy Kennedy
Anne Knocke
Katie Knocke
Angie Kontenakos
Mathew & Ellene Kritikos
James Lake
John & Kara Lake
Stella Lake
Tom & Dawn Lampros
Georgia Lucas
Jon & Anastasia Maier
Mary Makredes
Michael & Margery Makredes
Georgia Mann
Jo Ann Mann
Michael & Christina Manos
Dan & Jackie Matuska
Patricia McAdams
Thomas Moran
Eric & Dina Negron
Savvas & Katerina Nikolaides
Benjamin & Sophia Pachito
Chris Panayoton
Isodoros Papaconstantinou
Stella Papaconstantinou
Milam & Maria Paraschou
Pres. Miriam Paraschou

Soule & Vicky Paraschou
James & Sally Pathos
Mike & Jill Patrou
Spero & Lana Payton
Lampros & Karen Petanitis
Dimitri & Sophia Pitsavas
Theologia Pitsavas
Athanasios Poulios
Paul & Elizabeth Poulios
John & Sue Poulos
Nicholas & Effie Psimos
Steve & Rallou Rice
Ted ROUNGOU
Clark & Denise Smith
Fr. Daniel & Pres. Eileen Simon
Kathy Strenglis
James Theros
Gordon & Sandra Thole
Dean & Dena Tortorelis
Peter & Dana Tountas
Louis & Kathy Trigas
Kostas & Naomi Tsantir
Georgia Tsepelis
Joanna Tzenis & Dean Natto
Andrea Walkush
Joe Weiser
Christina Withers
Lily Zahariades

**Save the Date
for our**

Annual Fundraising Gala

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th
4 – 7PM**

Terrace of the Stillwater Public Library
224 THIRD STREET NORTH
STILLWATER, MN 55082



NATHANAEL

By the grace of God, Metropolitan of the Holy Metropolis of Chicago

Pascha 2018

To the Reverend Clergy, Monastic Communities,
and blessed people of the Holy Metropolis of Chicago.

Beloved fathers and brethren,
Beloved children in the Lord of the Metropolis of Chicago,

During this joyous and triumphant season of the Resurrection of Christ, as I extend to all of you my festal and paternal embrace, I greet each of you personally with the most profound message in history:

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Together, as a metropolis family, we glorify the Risen Christ “with all our soul and all our heart” because we have been found worthy, especially this year, to celebrate His Resurrection, having also received a foretaste of the joy and grace of Pentecost. Our Pentecost preceded the feasts of Pentecost and the Resurrection, and we remain with the same feeling shared by the Apostles on that day when they descended from the upper room of Jerusalem. During these last few weeks, the Holy Spirit—just as in the early days of Christianity—illuminated and guided the successors of the Apostles as they elected your new Metropolitan, and through the mystery of the Archpriesthood, the Spirit also descended to ordain your new Chief-Shepherd and to enthrone him in his holy see. I express my gratitude to all of you for your prayers and concerns during the period following the repose of Metropolitan Iakovos of blessed memory. I particularly thank you for your participation and your expressions of love during the recent important days in our local Church, namely, my hierarchal ordination and my enthronement. As one body of clergy and laity you revealed how worthy indeed you are to partake in both Pentecost and the Resurrection. You are worthy to receive both the joy that flows from the universal message of Christ’s Resurrection and the most beautiful harmony that emanates from the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

On these blessed days, a passage from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians comes to mind. Therein, as the Apostle to the Nations speaks of the Resurrection of Christ, he notes: “Now, that [Christ] ascended, what is it but that He also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same who also ascended up far above all heavens, that He might fulfill all things” (Eph. 4: 9-10). Through these words of the Apostle we understand the magnitude of Jesus Christ’s journey between two extremes: the descent into Hades—the lowermost point—and the ascent into the heavenly throne of God—the uppermost point. The cosmos stands in awe as it faces the height and depth of the mystery of our salvation, and through this mystery, we perceive the extent of Christ’s love for the world.

Christ descends into Hades and announces the gospel of salvation to “those held captive.” On that day, we all experience the pain of the Cross in silence. Indeed, during the silence of Holy Friday we do not celebrate the Holy Eucharist because the entire world is in mourning and plunges into the silence of its heart. For man, it is a day of mourning; however, for Hades, Pascha has already commenced. Death has already been conquered and eternal life has been proclaimed. And Christ, following this perfect descent to the deepest corners, emerges, not merely from the grave, but from the dead. Christ is vested in glory! And on the day of the Resurrection, His halo, as depicted in Orthodox iconography, is not limited to His head, but surrounds His entire body. This indicates that Christ has already reached the glory of heaven, even as He lifts Adam and Eve from Hades.

My beloved children,

I consider you all my friends and my brethren, and I invite you to walk with me as we confront our common struggles, and in so doing, reach the height of God’s Kingdom together. You need my help, and I need yours—we need each other. The choice of isolation and self-centeredness leads to the deepest point of corruption—Hades. The choice of unity and love leads to the other end of the spectrum, namely, the glory of the Risen Christ. Come, therefore, let us walk together for His glory and for the glory of our Church. As I urged you on the day of my enthronement, let us unite and walk together on this new day for our local Church.

As I embrace all of you—clergy, monastics, and pious faithful of the Metropolis of Chicago—I pray that your life, your family’s life, and your Godly works may abound with the joy of the Risen Christ.

With Paschal prayers and paternal love,

Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago



Mother's Day Honorees

The Ladies of the Philoptochos would like to honor the women of our church for Mother's Day. Please consider a donation to Philoptochos to honor the special women in your life. It can be your wife, daughter, mother, mother-in-law, godmother, granddaughter, sister or just a special woman you feel close to, living or deceased. The Philoptochos will send your honoree a Mother's Day card to announce your donation in her name. Any donation will be accepted. If your honoree is deceased their name will appear in a special Mother's Day recognition, in the Sunday bulletin on Sunday, May 13th.

Please use the form below to announce your honoree(s). There will be a table in the social hall set up to collect your forms on Sunday following Divine Liturgy.

If you have any questions, please contact Vicky Paraschou at 763-785-8882.

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Mother's Day Honorees Form

Is the honoree living ____ or deceased ____

If living, name and address of Honoree:

Your name and address:

Donation Amount \$ _____