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Father Konstantinos and the Parish Council would like to wish our parishioners and their families a joyous Lenten season and a happy Easter!

Special points of interest:
- Bakaliaro Luncheon
- Palm Sunday Luncheon
- 2018 Easter Program
- St. Lazarus Retreat

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- Konstantinos Kouiroukidis
- Stelios Sfikas
- Kostas Tomadakis
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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Every year during the Holy Week we listen to the invitation of our Redeemer to experience the purpose of His Passion, which is our salvation in Christ. It is then, within the liturgical environment of our worship, that the faithful become sanctified.

Our Holy Church reenacts for us the Divine Passion, the death on the Cross, the three-day burial, and the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through scriptural readings, appropriate hymns and divine services.

The whole atmosphere of the Holy Week creates in our soul contemplation, piety, repentance, purification, and therefore initiates us to the deeper meaning of the Divine Passion and sacrifice on the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us participate with piety and reverence in each and every divine service in order to be able to feel all these emotions, and enjoy the Inextinguishable Light and the ineffable beauty of His Resurrection, while we preach to the rest of the world the message of the Angel: "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is not here. See the place where they laid Him" (Mark 16:6).

Please accept my warmest wishes for a Holy Blessed Easter Season.

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**Reflections**

19. 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, 20. teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and always, even to the end of the age." Amen. (Matthew 28:19-20)

Dearly beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

I prayerfully invite you to remember once more, that first and foremost, a Church’s identity is as a sacred place of worship. The Orthodox Church is where God gathers His people to make them holy. The Church guides, sanctifies, and teaches the faithful. This is its Mission in the world and therefore it's our Mission too. We must make new disciples and teach them to observe what He has commanded us!

With this in mind, and since we are in the period of Great Lent when confession and self-examination are of paramount spiritual importance, we need to pose a few questions to ourselves. After 100 years of existence as a parish in Somerville, how are we bringing people to Christ? Have we been effective? Are we meeting the needs of parishioners? Do we need to evangelize more, network more, or offer different programs? Are new members welcomed and embraced like they were Christ Himself? Our goal as the Church is very tall – we desire for each person to become a saint. Therefore a parish needs continuous self-assessment on whether it is furthering its spiritual vision and goals or whether it is stagnant and needs to grow in deeper conversion to Christ.

Of course every parish is like a business. Every business must have a vision and goals. Likewise we need to prepare a balanced budget for the yearly operations. Financial tidying is a basic obligation which we already achieved quite successfully, thanks to the hard work of President Vangelis Kechris and the members of our Parish Council. I thank them warmly for their efforts.

However these efforts are not enough; more is needed. Financial independence must be integrated to our Visionary process. A steady income, enough to financially sustain the Dormition for the next 50 years needs to be achieved. We must be able to cover capital improvement expenditures, asset replacement, programs and staff development that will help reach our spiritual Vision, our sanctity. In other words we need to take care of the place we inherited from the previous generation of orthodox forefathers and pass it on to the next.

Along these efforts, we must start implementing new programs that encourage the spirituality and education of the parish. That serve those in financial and spiritual poverty around us. We need to seek, welcome and teach new and former parishioners, diverse religions, peoples and age groups in all aspects.
Και στα Ελληνικά ....

Αγάπητοι εν Χριστώ αδελφοί,

Η Αγία και μεγάλη Εβδομάδα είναι η πρόσκληση του Θείου Λυτρωτού να βιώσουμε το νόημα του Πάθους, δηλαδή της εν Χριστώ σωτηρίας, μέσα στη λειτουργική ατμόσφαιρα της λατρείας μας, όπου ο πιστός αγιάζεται.

Η Αγία μας Εκκλησία μας προσφέρει την αναπαράσταση των Θείων Παθών, του Σταυρικού θανάτου, της τριημέρου Ταφής, και της λαμπροφόρου Αναστάσεως του Κυρίου και Θεού και Σωτήρος ημών Ιησού Χριστού με τα αγιογραφικά αναγνώσματα, τους κατάλληλους ύμνους, και τις ιερές ακολουθίες.

Η όλη ατμόσφαιρα της Μ. Εβδομάδος δημιουργεί στις ψυχές μας την κατάνυξη, τη συντριβή, την μετάνοια, την κάθαρση, ώστε να μας μυσταγωγεί στο βαθύτερο νόημα του Θείου Πάθους και της Σταυρικής θυσίας του Λυτρωτού μας Ιησού Χριστού. Ας μετάσχουμε με κατάνυξη και ευλάβεια στις ιερές ακολουθίες για να αισθανθούμε όλα αυτά τα συναισθήματα, ώστε να απολαύσουμε το αόσβετο Φως και το άρρητο κάλλος της Αναστάσεως Του, διαλαλούντες και εμείς το μήνυμα του Αγγέλου: «Μη εκθαμβείσθε, Ἴησούν ζητείτε τον Ναζαρηνόν τον Εσταυρωμένον. Ηγέρθη, ουκ ἐστίν ὃδε, ἵδε ο τόπος ὑπὸ τούς έβηκαν αὐτὸν» (Μαρκ. ιστ´, 6).

Με θερμότατες ευχές γιά ένα ευλογημένο Αγιο Πάσχα

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We are in need of more educational opportunities. Parishes with an abundance of educational opportunities grow more because they train the people as to how to be Orthodox Christians by choice. They help the people become Orthodox Christians on purpose and answer their questions about problems of life. They assist their members understand their spiritual identity and embrace it consciously. Parishes that put an emphasis on preaching and teaching grow both spiritually and also in numbers, because the people are inspired to draw closer to God.

We must start thinking outside the box. We have a “product” that we are not marketing. Apple has their I-Phone. Mac Donald’s their Mac. Coca-cola their Coke. On the other hand the Orthodox Church has the Historic Faith and Worship it has preserved for two milleniums and which it offers to those seeking to enter the Kingdom of God. The Orthodox Church, of course, has a far greater and more valuable “product” than any of these companies.

However, these businesses spend hundreds of millions of dollars every year advertising the special products they have. And yet, in our parish we don't even have a single penny allocated in the budget for the promotion of the parish and our faith to the surrounding community. This is totally contrasting with the Commission of Christ and the Mission of the parish as we have discussed in the beginning. We do have the greatest “product” but we are not “marketing” it to the world around us. People are seeking what we have, but we are keeping it a secret.

My proposal is, that we seriously consider allocating money for the promotion of the parish and our Orthodox Faith to the “Faith Seekers” who are looking for authentic Christianity through some essential programs. A few, suitably educated people, are needed to undertake this important, ongoing task of parish life. We will shortly have in place an Outreach ministry that will help us carve a road towards a more spiritual future. It will help fulfill the Mission of the Church for the proclamation of the Gospel and offering salvation to those who seek it. It will also help grow the parish in membership and provide more resources for the continuation of the work of Mission and Evangelization.

Like we may all understand, ultimately, our church needs to grow not only by acquiring modern and renovated buildings, or hosting numerous secular events, or serving the best quality of food, but it must grow in the number of the faithful who are joining it in order to share the Good News, the news of Salvation.

With brotherly love in Christ,

Protopresbyter, Rev. Fr. Konstantinos Manetas
19 πορευθέντες μαθητεύσατε πάντα τὰ ἔθνη, βαπτίζοντες αὐτούς εἰς τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ Πατρὸς καὶ τοῦ Υιοῦ καὶ τοῦ Ἁγίου Πνεύματος. 20 διδάσκοντες αὐτούς τηρεῖν πάντα δόσιμα τοῦ Χριστοῦ. Αὐτή ἡ ἑρμηνεία ἐπιτύχη, καὶ οἱ ἄνθρωποι ἐφεξήγησαν τοὺς πατέρας τοὺς. Αὐτὴ ἡ Ἑκκλησία διδάσκοντες αὐτούς, γινόμενα εἰς τῆς συνετίς τοῦ Χριστοῦ. Ἡ Ἑκκλησία διδάσκοντες αὐτούς, γινόμενα εἰς τὴν συνετίς τοῦ Χριστοῦ, εἶναι ὑπάρχεισάς τις ἕως τῆς συντελείας τοῦ αἰῶνος. Ἀμήν. (Ματθ. 28:19,20)

Αγαπητοί εν Χριστῷ αδελφοί καὶ αδελφές,

Σας προσκαλεῖ να θυμηθούμε για μια ακόμη φορά, ότι η πρώτη και κύρια ταυτότητα της Εκκλησίας είναι σαν ενός ιερού τόπου λατρείας. Η Ορθόδοξη Εκκλησία είναι το μέρος όπου το Θεός συγκεντρώνει τον λαό Του για να τον κάνει άγιο. Η Εκκλησία καθοδηγεί, αγίαζε και διδάσκει τους πιστούς. Αυτή είναι η Αποστολή της στον κόσμο και επομένως αυτή είναι και η δική μας αποστολή σαν γνήσια τέκνα της. Να διδάξουμε τους συνανθρώπους μας όσο ο Χριστός μας πρότασε να κάνουμε!

Έχουντας αυτές τις αλήθειες κατά νου, και δεδομένου ότι διερχόμαστε την περίοδο της Μεγάλης Σαρακοστής, όπου η εξομολόγηση και η αυτοεξέταση είναι ύψιστης πνευματικής σημασίας, καλούμαστε να αναπτύξουμε σε μερικές ερωτήσεις. Μετά από 100 χρόνια παρουσίας μας σαν ενορία στο Somerville, πώς ελκύουμε τους ανθρώπους κοντά στον Χριστό, είμαστε αποτελεσματικοί; Αντιμετωπίζουμε τις πνευματικές ανάγκες των ενοριτών και ιδιαίτερα της νεολαίας; Χρειάζεται άργος να προσπαθήσουμε περισσότερο, να οργανώσουμε καλύτερα καθενός να δημιουργήσουμε διαφορετικά προγράμματα; Αγκαλιάζουμε αυτούς που έρχονται για πρώτη φορά κοντά μας σαν ήταν ο ίδιος ο Χριστός; Ο στόχος μας σαν Εκκλησία του Χριστού, είναι πολύ υψηλός - επιθυμούμε να γίνει αυτός ο πρόδρομος. Επομένως, η ενορία μας έχει ανάγκη από μια ειλικρινή αυτοεξέταση προκειμένου να διασταύρωσε αυτό που προάγει το πνευματικό της Οραμα και τους στόχους της, ή αν παραμένει στάσιμη και πρέπει να αναπτυχθεί κάνοντας μια βαθύτερη μεταστροφή προς τον Χριστό.

Φυσικά κάθε εκκλησιαστική κοινότητα είναι σαν μια ιδιωτική επιχείρηση. Κάθε επιχείρηση οφείλει να έχει όραμα και στόχους. Ετσι κι εμείς οφείλουμε πρώτα να προετοιμάζομαι εν σωστό προϋπολογισμό για τις ετήσιες δραστηριότητες μας. Η χρηματοοικονομική σταθερότητα της ενορίας αποτελεί μια βασική υποχρέωση του Ενοριακού Συμβουλίου την οποία έχουμε ήδη ολοκληρώσει με επιτυχία ο Πρόεδρος.

Μας περιμένουμε όμως πολλά άλλα. Πρέπει να κάνουμε τις κατάλληλες κινήσεις για να εξασφαλίσουμε ένα υψηλό στάδιο χρηματοοικονομικής σταθερότητας. Αυτή η χρηματοοικονομική σταθερότητα της ενορίας αποτελεί μια βασική υποχρέωση του Ενοριακού Συμβουλίου την οποία έχουμε ήδη ολοκληρώσει με επιτυχία ο Πρόεδρος.

Σας προσκαλούμε και ευχαρίστημε νέα προγράμματα που θα μας εξασφαλίσουμε ότι θα πετύχουμε και το πνευματικό μας Οραμα, την αγιωτάτη μας. Με άλλα λόγια, πρέπει να φροντίζουμε και να μεταβιβάσουμε στις επόμενες

πως τον αγιασμένο τόπο που κληρονομήσαμε από τις προηγούμενες γενιές των ορθοδόξων και να τον μεταβιβάσουμε στις επόμενες.

Παράλληλα με αυτά, είναι εξαιρετικά σημαντικό να υιοθετήσουμε νέα προγράμματα που θα ενθαρρύνουμε και τον πνευματικό της Οραμα, την αγιωτάτη μας. Με άλλα λόγια, πρέπει να φροντίζουμε και να τον μεταβιβάσουμε στις επόμενες.

Χρειάζομαι μαθητεύσατε πάντα τὰ ἔθνη, καὶ τοῦ ᾿Αγίου Πνεύματος. ἵνα μεθ᾽ ὑμῶν εἰμι πάσας τὰς ἡμέρας ἕως τῆς συντελείας τοῦ αἰῶνος. ᾿Αμήν. (Ματθ. 28:19,20)
Τι θα μας ρωτήσει ο Θεός

1. Ο Θεός δεν θα μας ρωτήσει τι μάρκα αυτοκίνητο οδηγούμε. Θα μας ρωτήσει πόσους ανθρώπους μεταφέραμε με το αυτοκίνητό μας, όταν δεν είχαν μέσο συγκοινωνία να μετακινηθούν.

2. Ο Θεός δεν θα μας ρωτήσει πόσως τετραγώνια είναι το σπίτι μας. Θα μας ρωτήσει πόσους ανθρώπους φιλοξενήσαμε σ' αυτό.

3. Ο Θεός δεν θα μας ρωτήσει για τα επώνυμα και ακριβά ρούχα που έχουμε στις ντουλάπες μας. Θα μας ρωτήσει πόσους φτωχούς ντύσαμε.

4. Ο Θεός δεν θα μας ρωτήσει πόσο μεγάλο μισθό παίρνουμε. Θα μας ρωτήσει εάν συμβιβάσαμε τον χαρακτήρα μας για να τον αποκτήσουμε.

5. Ο Θεός δεν θα μας ρωτήσει τον τίτλο ή τα αξιώματα της εργασίας μας. Θα μας ρωτήσει εάν εκτελέσαμε την εργασία μας με ήθος και με προσοχή.

6. Ο Θεός δεν θα μας ρωτήσει πόσους φίλους έχουμε. Θα μας ρωτήσει με πόσους ανθρώπους είμαστε φίλοι.

7. Ο Θεός δεν θα μας ρωτήσει σε ποια γειτονιά μένουμε. Θα μας ρωτήσει πώς φερθήκαμε στους γείτονές μας.

8. Ο Θεός δεν θα μας ρωτήσει για το χρώμα του δέρματος μας. Θα μας ρωτήσει για το περιεχόμενο της καρδιάς μας.

9. Ο Θεός δεν θα μας ρωτήσει σε πόσα μέρη του κόσμου ταξιδεύσαμε και διασκέδασαμε. Θα μας ρωτήσει εάν επισκεφτήκαμε φτωχικές συνοικίες και αν προσφερθήκαμε να βοηθήσουμε.

10. Ο Θεός δεν θα μας ρωτήσει αν είμαστε επώνυμοι και ισχυροί. Θα μας ρωτήσει αν είμαστε ταπεινοί και εάν συγχωρούμε τον πλησίον...

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Με αδελφική αγάπη εν Χριστώ,
Πρωτοπρεσβύτερος,
π. Κωνσταντίνος Μανέτας
My dearest Parishioners,

We welcome 2018 with a great New Year’s Eve celebration. Almost 200 parishioners and friends filled the Social Hall which was elegantly decorated in gold, silver and black. We danced and celebrated the New Year all night with the Orfeas Band. At 1:00 AM nobody has left yet. Congratulations and thanks to Chairperson Diane for an outstanding job and to Cookie, Dora, Louise, Christina, Maria, Sevi and Phillipa, who spent many hours decorating the hall and ironing table and chair covers. We are grateful to Mike and Stelio who did an amazing job with the food. Thank you to Kosta, Philippa, and Taso for helping with food serving and Bill for setting up the bar.

We have reached Sarakosti and we are moving very rapidly towards Holy Week. We have events that approaching at the speed of light. On Saturday March 24th we will be at the Somerville City Hall to commemorate the 197th Anniversary of the Greek Independence day and pay tribute to Gorge Dilboy, hero of WWI. This year mark the 100th year from his death. Please take few hours from your busy schedule to join us in the festivities. It is important to remember and honor all those who make great sacrifices for us to be free and independent today. Sunday March 25th we will celebrate the Annunciation of The Virgin Mary with a Divine Liturgy in church and afterwards our Greek school students will have a great program for us to enjoy at the Social hall. At the conclusion the Bakaliaro luncheon will be served. It is important that we all come and support our students with our presence. Please buy tickets for the Bakaliaro and Palm Sunday luncheon to support our church.

I am very pleased to announce that after a very lengthy bargaining the Parking Lot Committee has finally reached an agreement with the CHA to renew our Parking Lot Lease. The committee members are, Isidoros Rozakis, chairperson, Fr. Konstantinos, Kostas Tomadakis, Petros Tsourianis, Nick Boulas, Paul Loutraris and yours truly. I would like to congratulate Richard, Father and every member of the committee for an outstanding effort. The negotiations were very difficult and at times very emotional and very stressful. They have worked very hard for this lease. I would like to express my deepest gratitude and wholeheartedly appreciation to two outgoing PC members, Danny Kourafalos and Paul Loutraris. Danny’s is his second call of duty at the PC where he has served as a member for many years. He has been a major contributor to festival success, helping during all days of the festivals, in every festival food preparation, and in all events the church had. He was ready to help in any capacity he was asked to contribute. He is a very faithful servant of god. Paul has been in the PC for many years. Has been taking care of the bar alone all these years and he has been also a major contributor to our festival success over the years. He was always getting and organizing the festival supplies and he was working all days in the gyro line, the kitchen or the grill. He has served in many capacities and he was always ready in whatever he was asked to contribute.

I would like to welcome two new members to the Parish Council, Domenica Karavitaki and Kostas Kouiroukidis, and thank them for their commitment and willingness to serve our church.

Following the recommendations of the Strategic Planning Committee our Real Estate and Development (RED) team is working very hard for the realization of our plans. Chairperson Andy has a very informative report on this Koinotis Issue. The Editorial Board’s work will be completed by April 1st and while Father is gone for 2 months to Greece, the album will be proofread, printed, bound and ready for release the week after Father’s return. (July 8th). The Editorial Board unanimously agreed for Father’s return before the album is released.

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Πολυαγαπημένοι μου Ενορίτες,

Καλωσόρισαμε το 2018 με μια μεγάλη γιορτή Πρωτοχρονίας. Περίπου 200 ενορίτες και φίλοι γέμισαν την Κοινωνική αίθουσα η οποία ήταν όμορφα διακοσμημένη σε χρυσό, ασήμι και μαύρο. Χορέψαμε και γιορτάσαμε το Νέο Έτος όλη τη νύχτα με την Ορχήστρα Ορφέας. Στις 1:00 πμ δεν είχε φύγει για την Ορχήστρα Ορφέας. Είναι ευχαριστούμε τον Φίλιππα, τον Ελπιδοφόρο και τον Στέλιο οι ευγνώμονες στον διακοσμ

Είναι σημαντικό να υπάρξει ένα υπόγειο και μεταβλητές στον Χρόνο του μπακαλίαρου και την παρουσία μας. Σας ανακοινώω ότι μετά από έγκριση θα να σερβιριστεί το γεύμα με την Κοινωνική αίθουσα. Στο Ενοριακό Συμβούλιο, το Εκκλησιαστικό Συμβούλιο και το Ενοριακό Συμβούλιο, το Σχολείο θα έχουν ένα υπέροχο με την Επιτροπή για μια εξαιρετική εκκλησία και κατά μήκος της επιτροπής για τη ΓΣ έχει ήδη αποπελέσθηκε. Μια επιστολή για υποστήριξη της επιτροπής για την εκκλησία και τον Ισίδωρο, τον Πατέρα Λουτράρης και Βαγγελής Νίκος Μπούλας, Παναγιώτης Κωνσταντίνος Μανέτας, Κώστας Τομαδάκης, Πέτρος Τσουριάνης, Νίκος Μπουλάς, Παναγιώτης Λουτράρης και Βαγγέλης Κεχρής. Τρεις ήταν οι ιδρύτες της επιτροπής για μια εξαιρετική προσπάθεια.

Οι διαπραγματεύσεις ήταν πολύ δύσκολες και μερικές φορές πολύ φορτισμένες και πολύ αναγκαστικές. Έχοντας δουλέψει για αυτή τη μίσθωση, θα ήθελα να εκφράσω για την έλλειψη ευγνωμοσύνης μου και την ολόκληρη εκτίμηση μου σε κάθε μέλος της επιτροπής για την προσπάθεια, υπομονή και τη διαμόρφωση τους. Τους ευχαριστώ πολύ. Η επιτροπή έθεσε ομόφωνα τη σύσταση της στο Ενοριακό Συμβούλιο, το οποίο μετά από έγκριση θα να ζητήσει στη Γενική Συνέλευση (ΓΣ) για έγκριση από τους ενορίτες. Μια επιστολή γι’αυτή τη ΓΣ έχει ήδη αποσταλεί.

Σύμφωνα με τις συστάσεις του Στρατηγικού Σχεδιασμού, η ομάδα μας για την Ακίνητη Περιουσία και την Ανάπτυξη (RED) εργάζεται σκληρά για την υλοποίηση των σχεδίων μας. Ο πρόεδρος Ανδρέας έχει μια πολύ ενθαρρυντική έκθεση σχετικά με αυτό το θέμα στο Κοινότητα.
Το έργο της Συντακτικής Επιτροπής θα ολοκληρωθεί την 1η Απριλίου και ο Πατέρας Κωνσταντίνος θα φύγει για 2 μήνες στην Ελλάδα. Το άλμπουμ θα είναι διορθωμένο, τυπωμένο, δεμένο και έτοιμο για κυκλοφορία μια εβδομάδα μετά την επιστροφή του Πατρός Κωνσταντίνου, δηλαδή την Κυριακή, 8 Ιουλίου. Η Συντακτική Επιτροπή συμφώνησε ομόφωνα για την επιστροφή του Πατρός Κωνσταντίνου προτού κυκλοφορήσει το άλμπουμ των 100 ετών.

Θα ήθελα να καλωσορίσω δύο νέα μέλη στο Ενοριακό Συμβούλιο (ΕΣ), την Δομένικα Καραβιτάκη και τον Κώστα Κουιρουκίδη, και να τα ευχαριστήσω για τη δέσμευσή τους και την προθυμία τους να υπηρετήσουν την εκκλησία μας.

Θα ήθελα να εκφράσω τη βαθύτατη ευγνωμοσύνη μου και την ολόψυχη εκτίμησή μου σε δύο απελθόντα μέλη του Ενοριακού Συμβουλίου, τον Διονύσιο Κουράφαλο και τον Παναγιώτη Λουτράρη. Ο Διονύσης ήταν στη δεύτερη θητεία του στο ΕΣ όπου έχει υπηρετήσει ως μέλος για πολλά χρόνια. Έχει συμβάλει σημαντικά στην επιτυχία του φεστιβάλ, βοηθώντας όλες τις μέρες, σε κάθε προετοιμασία φαγητού του φεστιβάλ και σε όλες τις εκδηλώσεις που έχει η εκκλησία. Ήταν έτοιμος να βοηθήσει σε οποιαδήποτε θέση του ζητήθηκε να συνεισφέρει. Είναι πολύ πιστός υπηρέτης του Θεού.

Ο Παναγιώτης υπηρετήσε στο ΕΣ εδώ και πολλά χρόνια. Έχει φροντίσει μόνος του για το μπαρ ολα αυτα τα χρόνια και έχει επίσης συμβάλει σημαντικά στην επιτυχία του φεστιβάλ μας. Εκανε και οργανώνει πάντα τις προμήθειες του φεστιβάλ και εργάζονταν όλες τις μέρες στην γραμμή του γύρου, στην κουζίνα και στην ψησταριά. Έχει υπηρετήσει σε πολλές θέσεις και ήταν πάντα έτοιμος για ότι του ζητήθηκε να συνεισφέρει. Θα ήθελα να τους ευχαριστήσω για τις αμέτρητες ώρες που πέρασαν βοηθώντας την εκκλησία μας, τη γενναιοδωρία και την αγάπη τους. Έμαστε ευγνώμονες και στους δύο. Θα μας λέιψουν απο το ΕΣ. Και οι δύο έχουν υποσχεθεί ότι θα συνεχίσουν να βοηθούν και να στηρίξουν την εκκλησία μας.

Θα ήθελα να σας ευχαριστήσω για τις αμέτρητες ώρες που πέρασαν βοηθώντας την εκκλησία μας, τη γενναιοδωρία και την αγάπη τους. Είμαστε ευγνώμονες και στους δύο. Θα μας λέιψουν απο το ΕΣ. Και οι δύο έχουν υποσχεθεί ότι θα συνεχίσουν να βοηθούν και να στηρίξουν την εκκλησία μας.

REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT TEAM (RED) REPORT...

The Real Estate Development (RED) Team continues to actively and cautiously research various construction options, and is closely working with architect Ms. Lynne Spencer, from Spencer & Vogt Architects (Charlestown, MA). Lynne is an experienced architect who specializes with church renovation and redesign projects and was the primary architect who successfully oversaw the church renovation project for St. Vasilios Greek Orthodox Church (Peabody, MA). She has also worked on several new construction and renovation projects in Somerville, MA and has extensive knowledge with the application process for receiving Federal or State construction grants.

For the record and to date, Lynne’s company, Spencer & Vogt Architects is not on contract yet but they continue to gather technical information and research construction options regarding our entire church facilities. On 23 Feb 2018, Lynne and three additional engineers performed a second site survey of our facilities. They were provided a set of architect drawings and other technical documents regarding our church facilities. Spencer & Vogt are in the process of soon documenting their findings and providing us their recommendations along with a quote for hiring them.

In addition, the RED team and Spencer & Vogt Architects recommend that the entire church facilities, including 9 Central St. and the lower parking lot be surveyed by a professional, state licensed land surveyor soon. To date, we have received a few quotes and anticipate a couple more soon.

The RED team is focused and dedicated to the success of this entire project, and will continue to closely work with Spencer & Vogt, and to provide important updates to our parishioners.

Sincerely,
Andy Galbadis
RED Team Chairman
Greetings from the PTO Committee. Lent has begun. We wish everyone a pleasant Lenten journey. The Committee has planned several events. Please mark them in your calendar. We hope you will support the youth of the Parish by attending these fun events. As always, everyone is welcome.

On Saturday, February 24, 2018, families went out to the movies at the AMC Theater, Somerville, MA. The children and parents had plenty of laughs watching PETER RABBIT.

On Saturday, March 24, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. please come celebrate Greek Independence Day at Somerville City Hall with the parish students, our community and the citizens of Somerville, our Veterans and local political leaders. Come and support this long standing tradition, so that it will remain a vibrant part of our culture and faith for generations to come. Show your Greek pride. Live free or die!

On Sunday, March 25, 2018, after liturgy, the students of the Homer Greek School will be performing their poems, songs and dances at the annual Greek School Independence Day Celebration in the upper hall. We invite you all to join us. Support the children. Celebrate this joyous and historic occasion which is part of our Greek Heritage. Should you be interested in attending the Bakaliaro Lunch, as well on this day, then please see Diane Karavitis for ticket(s) at $25.00 per adults and $10 per child at 508-574-9862 or diane-karavitis@netzero.net. If you have any special food requests or allergies then please contact as early as possible Diane Karavitis for assistance.

On Saturday, March 31, 2018, after the liturgy, Father will conduct a liturgy teaching seminar for the children. Afterwards, about 11 a.m., we will be hold the St. Lazarus retreat and pot luck lunch. Bring the whole family to learn how to make Lazarakia and palm crosses. Please bring a Lenten dish to share with the entire community.

On Sunday, April 8, 2018, Easter Sunday we will hold our annual Easter Egg Hunt after the Agape Service on Church grounds for the children. Rain or Shine. Which lucky child will find the Golden Egg this year?

Please mark your calendars, on Sunday, April 22, 2018, the Greek Independence Day Parade will be held in Boston, MA. Kindly reserve your spot on the trolley, as soon as possible, which will depart from the Church at approximately 11:30 a.m. Seats are on a first come and first serve basis. Please contact the Church office to make your reservation in advance. The entire parish and all of our ministries are encouraged to march. Help keep the parade organized by the FHASNE alive. Show your Greek pride. Come honor the sacrifices made by our Greek ancestors.

On Friday, April 27, 2108, at 5:00 p.m. we will have our annual bowling outing at Lucky Strike Social located at Assembly Row, Somerville, MA. The cost per child, ages 6 to 17, for up to 2 hours of bowling and dinner is $15.00. Parents MUST REGIS TER and pay in ADVANCE no later than April 22, 2018 to guarantee your spot as the bowling lanes are limited. Kindly follow these important instructions and adhere to this DEADLINE so you will not be left out. All families are welcome, on a first come, first serve basis, to this new and popular venue for an evening of bowling and fellowship. Who will rack up the most strikes?

On Sunday, April 29, 2018, the PTO will hold its’ annual Bake Sale Fundraiser. We hope that you will purchase many tasty treats in order to support the children and activities organized throughout the liturgical year by the PTO Committee for the youth. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

On Saturday, May 12, 2018, the GOYANS will hold the Annual GOYA Mother’s Day Dinner Dance at the Church Upper Hall in the evening. Food, dancing and fun await. More details to follow from the GOYA representatives and advisor. Please support our GOYANS!

On Sunday, June 17, 2018, the Homer Greek School and the Sunday School will hold their graduation ceremonies. Please come and congratulate our graduates and see the Greek students perform.

Back by popular demand, on Monday, June 25, 2018, the PTO Committee will hold its’ annual field trip to Canobie Lake Park, located in Salem, NH. We will depart from the Church at
Χαιρετισμούς από την επιτροπή του ΠΤΟ. Καθώς ξεκίνησε η σεζόν, ευχόμαστε σε όλους καλή Σαρακοστή. Η Επιτροπή έχει προγραμματίσει διάφορα γεγονότα. Ελπίζουμε ότι θα στηρίξετε τη νεολαία μας συμμετέχοντας σε όσο το δυνατόν περισσότερες εκδηλώσεις. Οπως πάντα όλοι είναι ευρπόσδεκτοι.

Το Σάββατο, 24 Μαρτίου, 2018, ελάτε να γιορτάσουμε την ημέρα της Ανεξαρτησίας στο Δημαρχείο του Somerville. Ελάτε να υποστηρίξετε αυτή την μακρόχρονη παράδοση, ώστε να παρατηρήσετε ένα ζωντανό κομμάτι του πολιτισμού και της πίστης μας για τις επόμενες γενιές. Δείτε την ελληνική υπερηφάνειά σου.

Την Κυριακή, 25 Μαρτίου 2018, μετά τη Θεία Λειτουργία, οι μαθητές του Ελληνικού Σχολείου Όμηρος θα παρουσιάσουν πoιήματα, τραγούδια και χορούς στην Εορταστική Ημέρα της Ελληνικής Ανεξαρτησίας στην αίθουσα στο κάτω όροφο. Ελάτε να υποστηρίξετε αυτή την χαρούμενη και ιστορική περίσταση που αποτελεί μέρος της ελληνικής μας κληρονομιάς. Ποιο τυχερό παιδί θα βρει το Χρυσό Αυγό φέτος;

Την Κυριακή, 29 Απριλίου 2018, το ΠΤΟ θα πραγματοποιήσει το ετήσιο BAKE Bake ημέρα. Οι θέσεις είναι ευρπόσδεκτες. Ολές οι οικογένειες είναι ευπρόσδεκτες.
SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We will be having a teaching Liturgy, on the Saturday of Lazarus. This liturgy will allow everyone to participate, observe and ask questions during the service. Following the liturgy we will be having a potluck lunch and Lazarakia.

In December Father along with the Sunday School teachers visited the Russian Icon Museum in Clinton, MA. It was a great trip and hopefully we can visit again in the future with the Sunday school children and their parents.

I would like to remind everyone that children should be in church sitting with their classes by 9:30am. Sunday school includes the liturgy as we discuss the Gospel in many classes. The children also learn to sing the hymns and recite the Creed and the Lord’s Prayer.

Have a Happy Easter
Eleni Raschi
Sunday School Director

Και στα Ελληνικά ....

Θα έχουμε μια Διδακτική Λειτουργία, το Σάββατο του Λαζάρου. Αυτή η λειτουργία θα επιτρέψει σε όλους να συμμετάσχουν, να παρακολουθήσουν και να υποβάλουν ερωτήσεις κατά τη διάρκεια της. Μετά τη λειτουργία θα ακολουθήσουν τα Λαζαράκια και ένα νηστίσιμο γεύμα Pot Luck.

Τον Δεκέμβριο, ο Πατέρας Κωνσταντίνος μαζί με τους καθηγητές του Κατηχητικού επισκέφθηκαν το ρωσικό Μουσείο Εικόνας στο Κλίντον, ΜΑ. Ήταν ένα σπουδαίο ταξίδι και ελπίζουμε να μπορέσουμε να το επισκεφθούμε και πάλι στο μέλλον με τα παιδιά του Κατηχητικού και τους γονείς τους.

Θα ήθελα να υπενθυμίσω σε όλους ότι τα παιδιά θα πρέπει να είναι στην εκκλησία με την τάξη τους στις 9:30 π.μ. Για το Κατηχητικό Σχολείο σε διάφορες γειτονιές και λίγοι έχουν την ευκαιρία να τραγουδούν το Ευαγγέλιο σε πολλές συναντήσεις μας. Τα παιδιά μαθαίνουν επίσης να παρακολουθούν τους άγιους και να απαγγέλλουν το Σύμβολο της Πιστεως και την Κυριακή Προσευχή.

Σας ευχόμαστε ενα Ευλογημένο Πάσχα
Ελένη Ράση
Διευθύντρια
του Κατηχητικού Σχολείου
Great Lent as we know it today, is the product of a long and rather complex historical development. In the middle of the second century the church knew only a very short fast before the celebration of Pascha. By the time however of the first ecumenical council in 325 A.D., it appears that the 40 day lent had become an established tradition. The more or less final shape of lent was the result of reforms carried out in the ninth century by the monastery of Stoudio at Constantinople. It is at that time that the Lenten Triodion, which to this day remains the liturgical book in the Orthodox Church appeared. It is so named because during this season the canons normally consist of three odes rather than the usual nine.

For the poets of the Lenten hymns this is a return to normal life, to that fasting, that abstinence which Adam and Eve violated, thus introducing alienation and sin and death into the human condition. Thus we are called to welcome lent as a spiritual spring time. This is the first of two events in the Bible which help us to discern the uniquely Christian content of fasting. The first had to do with the breaking of fast by Adam when he ate of the forbidden fruit. This is the metaphor, the image by which man’s original sin is revealed to us. The image becomes a symbol of the new dispensation, as Christ, the second Adam according to Saint Paul, begins by fasting. Adam was tempted and succumbed to temptation. Christ was likewise tempted and overcame it. The consequence of Adam’s failure is expulsion from Paradise and death. The fruit of Christ’s victory is the conquest of death and our return to paradise.

But why is the story of Original Sin reduced for us to terms of an act of eating? Food is the means of life, it is what keeps us alive. That of course is the biological meaning of life, a physical life, that depends on food. We call it mortal life because mortality, death, is always at work in it. What Adam received from God’s quickening breath was immortality. God created no death we are told. Why then is death the one absolute certainty? The church replies because man rejected life as it was offered under God’s covenant and preferred a life depending not on God alone, but on bread alone.

Satan came to Adam in paradise. To Christ he came in the desert. To both he said in effect, eat because your hunger is proof that your life is in food and it is good. Adam believed and ate. Christ rejected the temptation, and said it is written man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Thus by citing what is explicit in the old covenant, Jesus restores the proper relationship between food and life, the relationship which God intended and which Adam distorted. Which we ourselves distort every day, especially during the prescribed fasts.

What then is fasting for us as Christians? It is the means by which we participate in that moment when the Lord himself declares man to be not totally dependent on food, on matter, on the world. Thus the very act of fasting is our personal renunciation of that imperfect order, a declaration of our independence from life by bread alone. We affirm that we do in fact find a true life in every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

It is highly significant that Satan came to Jesus while he was fasting. Does he not do the same with us? Significant too that Jesus later said of demons that they cannot be overcome except by prayer and fasting. Fasting becomes in this sense, a hand to hand combat with the evil one. We must not forget that the Lord spoke of the two forces combined, prayer and fasting. The inference is clear, fasting without the ancillary power of prayer will prove futile. And our Lenten worship reminds us constantly that lacking a spiritual orientation, fasting is not only meaningless, it is doomed to fail.

The Lord’s words sound both as invitation and command, at once judgment and consolation. They ring with special resonance at the start of Lent, for the way is long, and we would be disheartened if we did not know that He was on pilgrimage with us. He himself fasted for 40 days, then confronted Satan face to face.

Enjoy a blessed Great Lent
ENDOWMENT FUND CHECK PRESENTATION

GREEK SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

DORMITION NATIVITY
2018 GOYA
(Anna Mersina is missing from the photo)

PHILOPTOCHOS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
THE FEAST OF GREEK LETTERS & THE THREE HIERARCHS AT THE MALLIOTIS, JAN. 28

FR. MANETAS OFFERING THE BENEDICTION DURING THE INAUGURATION OF SOMERVILLE MAYOR JOSEPH CURTATONE JANUARY 1, 2018

OMIROS GREEK SCHOOL CHILDREN PERFORMING AT THE MALIOTIS CENTER

VISIT TO THE MONASTERY OF CHRYSOVALANTOU

FR. KONSTANTINOS’ SPEECH AT THE MALIOTIS

OMIROS GREEK SCHOOL CHILDREN PERFORMING AT THE MALIOTIS CENTER

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GREEK SCHOOL CHILDREN AND THE FOUR VASILOPITA WINNERS

ELECTION RESULTS, DECEMBER 17, 2017

THEMIS CAULFIELD—88 VOTES
EVANGELOS KECHRIS—80 VOTES
STELIOS SFIKAS—79 VOTES
KYRIAKH KARAVITAKI—77 VOTES
ANASTASIOS DRES—73 VOTES
KONSTANTINOS KOUROUKIDIS—63 VOTES
KONSTANTINOS TOMADAKIS—61 VOTES
DIONYSIOS KOURAFALOS—46 VOTES
THEODOROS MENOUNOS—36 VOTES
ISITHOROS ROZAKIS—26 VOTES
St. Catherine’s Philoptochos Society will be holding its **ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY – KOKKINO AVGO**

On Saturday, May 19, 2018 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

We welcome all current and new members to our Philanthropic Organization. **Please come** to our **Kokkino Avgo** to learn more about us. Light refreshments will be served. The **dues amount is $25.00** out of which **$15.00** is sent to the **National Philoptochos Society** in New York, **$5.00** is sent to the **Metropolis of Boston Philoptochos**, and **$5.00** is for our **St. Catherine’s Philoptochos Treasury**.

If you are unable to attend, but would like to become a member of our St. Catherine’s Philoptochos Society for 2018, please ask for a membership form and mail it, along with a check for $25.00 made out to **St. Catherine’s Philoptochos**, for:

**St. Catherine’s Philoptochos**  
Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church  
29 Central Street
Every year we ask our Parishioners for donations that are needed in order to beautify our Church and Social Center during the Easter Season. Please notify the Church Office at 617-625-2222 as to what you would like to donate. THANK YOU in advance for your generosity.

Κάθε χρόνο κατά την περίοδο του Πάσχα ζητάμε απο τους ενορίτες μας να δωρίσουν χρήματα γιά την διακόσμηση της Εκκλησίας μας και του Κοινωνικού Κέντρου. Παρακαλείστε να ενημερώσετε το γραφείο της εκκλησίας στο 617-625-2222 ως προς το τι θα θέλατε να προσφέρετε. Σας ευχαριστούμε!

CANDLES

Two Axion Estin Iconostasion Candles—$20 ea. For:
- Saturday of Lazarus
- Palm Sunday
- Nymphios Sunday Night
- Nymphios Monday Night
- Nymphios Tuesday—Troparion Tis Kassianis
- Holy Wednesday Evening
- Holy Thursday Morning
- Holy Thursday Evening
- Good Friday Afternoon
- Good Friday Evening
- Holy Saturday Morning—Resurrection Service
- Holy Saturday Evening—Anastasi

FLOWERS

Carnations for Holy Cross Sunday—$150
Palms for Palm Sunday—$250
Wreaths for Crucifix—$100
Nymphios Icon Flowers—$80
Crucifixion Icon Flowers—$80
Sm. Resurrection Icon—$80
Resurrection Lavaron Icon—$150
Floor Vases—$80 (8) for:
  *Nymphios Sunday Night
  *Holy Thursday Evening
  *Holy Saturday Evening—Anastasi
Bay Leaves—$250
Lily Plants & other plants—$25
Epitaphio Flowers—$1000

Additional Donations

Priest’s Paschal Candle—Anastasi $100
Incense from Holy Mountain—Two boxes @ $70 each
Olive Oil for oil lamps

Also Needed—Monetary Easter Donations
In loving memory of James Pentikis

$50  Angela Perris
$20  Chris & Mary Argys ● Ioannis & Angela Moutsatsos

In loving memory of papou Nickolas Sfikas

$100 Evangelos & Marlene Kechris ● Dionyssios & Jeanette Kourafalos
$50  Anthi Dragoumanos
$40  Theodore & Pauline Karavakis
$25  Michael & Georgia Ververis

Altar Fund

$500  Fr. Konstantinos Manetas
$100  Anonymous ● Evangelos & Marlene Kechris ● Katina & Alex Biliardis
$50  Dionyssios & Jeanette Kourafalos ● Andreas & Anna Galbadis ● Fr. Konstantinos Manetas (offered by Maria Nassiopoulos)
$30  Dorotheos & Frances Cicalis
$20  Alexandra Havanidis

Dormition Family Table

$500  Anastasios & Haralambia Tzanoudakis
$250  Fr. Konstantinos Manetas
$240  Konstantinos Kouiroukidis
$100  Fr. Konstantinos Manetas (offered by Dimitra Murphy)
$80  Fr. Konstantinos Manetas (offered by Demetrios Dalianis)
$50  Evangelos & Marlene Kechris (In memory of Ethel Bressette) ● Mercina Stefanou
$30  Sophia Milonopoulos

Christmas Donations

$2000  James & Doreen Miminos
$250  William & Evelyn Bozaglu ● George Nassiopoulos
$200  Evangelos & Marlene Kechris
$130  Christos & Theodora Karavitis
$100  Spiros Kermet (In memory of parents John & Artemis Kermetzoglou) ● Penny Karageorge ● Anastasios & Kyriaki Tsaousidis ● James & Dimitra Sparages ● Demetre Evangelinellis ● Maria Nassiopoulos ● Andreas & Anna Galbadis ● Phillipos & Sevasti Dres ● Dionyssios & Jeanette Kourafalos ● Acrivi Vlahakis ● George Tsardounis
$50  Gregorios Menounos ● Peter & Elizabet Hatzis ● Athanasios & Katina Maloutas
$30  John & Fotini Tivinis
$25  John & Esther Kappos
$15  Lillian Gogos (In memory of parents) ● Lillian Gogos (In good health of son and self) ● Lillian Gogos (In good health of daughter and family)

General & Memorial Donations

$5000  Demoulas Foundation
$500  George Kacos (In memory of Charles & Despina Kacoyanis)
$200  Metaxakis family (In memory of Irene Metaxakis)
$100  Evangelos & Marlene Kechris (In memory of Stelios Tomadakis) ● Lambrini Menounos ● Con-
stance Spinos
$50  Michael & Theodora Topouzoglou (In memory of Konstantinos Moustakas) ● Evangelia Patsios ●
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Easter Donations

$150  William & Evelyn Bozaglu
$100  Guy & Joanne Bressette ● Phillipe & Sevi Dres
$20  Stergios Tsouloufas (In memory of wife Vasiliki)

ΗΜΕΡΑ ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΕΩΣ

Ποιά μέρα έχει το καμάρι σου
Τή δόξα και τή χάρι σου
Ημέρα εαυ των ημερών
και στόλισμα των εποχών.

Χαρά δίνεις στόν πλούσιο, χαρά και στό φτωχό
Και στίς ψυχές χαρίζεις παντού το λυτρωμό.
Ημέρα σάν και σε δεν είναι άλλη,
ημέρα με τή χάρι σου και με τά τόσα κάλλη.

Έρχεσαι μές την άνοιξη και μέσα στά λουλούδια
και φέρνεις πάντα τις χαρές και πάντα τά τραγούδια.
Κι ο κόσμος όλος ψάλει (Χριστός ανέστη εκ νεκρών)
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PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR DUES, YOUR CHURCH NEEDS THEM!!

If you have not already paid your 2017 or 2018 dues, please make arrangements to send your payment to the church office as soon as possible. The Parish needs to meet its financial obligations. The 2018 dues are the same as the 2017.

The dues are as follows:

- Family $ 350.00
- Single $ 300.00
- Seniors $ 150.00

Thank you for your continuous support.
CHRISTIAN UPBRINGING OF CHILDREN

Excerpt from Fr. Konstantinos’ speech during the Greek letters feast at the Malliotion Cultural Center

The three Hierarchs are considered as undisputable pedagogues and exemplars for priests, teachers and parents who should follow their teachings.

Highly educated themselves, they conceive and highlight early on the importance of education, particularly for the “new man” of their time, the Christian man. For the Three Hierarchs, education also goes beyond the simple acquisition of knowledge – instead, education means the cultivation of the human soul – the “morphosis” - the formation - of young children’s virtuous characters. Gregory calls Education an "Art of the arts and science of sciences, to guide the human beings".

What we hear from these giants of faith is that when dealing with children, parents and teachers should be guided by prayer. St. John Chrysostom reminds us that our family itself should be a micro church. We should have our houses blessed, and use icons and incense at home. An icon stand, a special place for the family’s icons with a lit vigil lamp can easily become each home’s holy altar, a place for prayer.

St. John Chrysostom, writing about how to teach children to speak properly, says something which is very important for every aspect of Christian parenthood: that the parent’s example is everything. For instance, the words they use and their manner of speaking will influence the child’s own speech. Saint John says that if children hear their parents speaking in an insulting or aggressive manner they will learn to speak in this way too.

When children are being brought up they should learn obedience from a very early age, as a natural part of life. It is much easier to train a child in obedience from the beginning. Here also the example of the parents is of supreme importance: if they are not seen showing obedience and respect for each other’s will, the child will not learn obedience.

Modern behavioral teaching is in line with St. John Chrysostom speaking about reprimanding children. He says that a parent should shape a child’s behavior more by the tone of his voice and by warning, rather than by physical violence. Our love for our children must be for them an image of God’s love for mankind. He also suggests mealtimes as a good occasion to introduce stories and examples from Scripture into the conversation with children. Unfortunately television and busy schedules have spoiled the mealtime in many homes today and the consequence is the breakup of a family’s unity.

From a very young age children should be encouraged not least by example, to consult a spiritual father. It does not matter what a child wants to say to him or what form the meeting takes. The important thing is that the priest has an opportunity to show his love and interest and that the child learns to trust him.

The aim of Christian parents and teachers, which they should always keep in the back of their minds, is to inspire the children to love Christ and His Holy Mother. The religious education of children is mainly brought about by example, and by the atmosphere of love and prayer in the home. This example is more effective than words when leading children to God. What is most necessary is that the parents give an example of regular prayer as a natural part of their day and that the children see how they benefit from it.

In this context of good imitation lays the feast we celebrate today (τιμή Ἁγίου ἰσον μίμησης Ἁγίου...). And the Three Hierarchs are forever present in every church during the liturgies when we glorify God: the Divine Chrysostom and Basil the Great with the texts of the three liturgies, Gregory the Theologian with his poetry. In venerating them we honor the Tri-solar Divinity, the God of all Who showed them to be magnificent luminaries of the world, for our sake, and for the sake of all people.

For to Him belongs all glory, honor and worship unto the ages of ages, amen!
Greek Independence Day Celebration

Annual Bakaliaro Dinner

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018
Immediately following the Divine Liturgy)

MENU CHOICES

Old Fashioned Fried Bakaliaro, or Baked Plaki (unsalted cod), with Tomato Sauce, or the Dormition traditional baked breaded fish
All fish choices served with Skordalia, Greens & Beets

One Carafe of Wine per Table & Soda
Coffee & Dessert
Children’s Plate – Macaroni & Cheese

Adult tickets - $25  Children under 12 - $10

ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY!
NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR
Please do not miss out!

For tickets please contact the Diane Karavitis at 508-574-9862 or Email: dianekaravitis@netzero.net

Happy Greek Independence Day!
ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY
FISH DINNER

Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish which you have just caught.”

John 21:9-101

Join us immediately following the Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 1, 2018

Adult Tickets - $25.00
Children under 12 years of age - $10.00

Menu — Baked Fish, Potatoes & Roasted Mixed Vegetables
Children’s Plate—Macaroni & Cheese

Complimentary—One carafe of wine per table
soda, coffee & dessert

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## OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2018

**SUNDAYS**  
**THEMES / GOSPEL READING**  
**HOW TO PARTICIPATE:**

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Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 10-15  
Gospel: Luke 18: 10-14 | Trust in God, not yourself!  
Ask for His help before every task this week! |
| **FEBRUARY 4th** | The Prodigal Son Returns  
Reading: 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20  
Use up/freeze meats this week. |
| **FEBRUARY 11th** | The Last Judgment  
Reading: 1 Corinthians 8: 8-9: 2  
Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46 | Pray facing East this week.  
Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him!  
Use up/freeze dairy this week. |
| **FEBRUARY 18th** | Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise!  
FORGIVENESS SUNDAY  
Reading: Romans 13: 11-14: 4  
Gospel: Matthew 6: 14-21 | Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed. |
| **FEBRUARY 25th** | SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY  
Reading: Hebrews 11: 24-26, 32-12: 2  
Gospel: John 1: 43-51 | Bring an icon to church for a procession. |
| **MARCH 4th** | ST GREGORY PALAMAS  
Reading: Hebrews 1:10-2:3  
Gospel: Mark 2: 1-12 | Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today!  
Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week. |
| **MARCH 11th** | VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS  
HALF WAY TO PASCHA!  
Reading: Hebrews 4: 14-5: 6  
Gospel: Mark 8:34-9: 1 | Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow! |
| **MARCH 18th** | ST JOHN of the LADDER  
Reading: Hebrews 6: 13-20  
Gospel: Mark 9: 17-31 | Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross! |
| **MARCH 25th** | ST MARY of EGYPT  
Reading: Hebrews 9: 11-14 & Heb 2:11-18  
Gospel: Mark 10: 32-45 & LK 1:24-38 | Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week. |
| **FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY!** | ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM  
Reading: Philippians 4: 4-9  
Gospel: John 12: 1-18 | Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car! |
| **APRIL 1st** | GREAT AND HOLY WEEK BEGINS  
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY  
APRIL 6th  
CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE | Refrain from TV, Internet, & Phones to honor Christ's Death. |
| **APRIL 8th** | FEAST OF FEASTS!  
HOLY PASCHAI! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)  
Epistle: Acts 1:1-8  
Gospel: John 1: 1-17 | Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight! |

*ITALICS: ORTHODOX VESPERS.*
# April 2018 Calendar

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