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CANDLE COUNTER (Παγκάρι) SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, February 28

John Rogers
John Pnevmatikos
Pam Katsiris
Costa Partaledis

SUNDAY, March 7

Dionisios Pissios Meni Frangias Steve Stephanides Ted Stephanides

DATES TO REMEMBER

CELTICS GAME WITH GOYA FRIDAY, MARCH II

St. Vasilios Goes Skiing March 18-20

PHILOPTOCHOS Greek Independence Day Dinner Friday, March 25

Greek Independence Day Program Sunday, March 27 @ 12:00 Greek Independence Day Parade Sunday, April 3

> PHILOPTOCHOS AUCTION SATURDAY, APRIL 9

> > ST. VASILIOS PTA MAY DAY DANCE SATURDAY, MAY 7

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Sunday of the Prodigal Son



Join Us For Our Parish Oratorical Festival

On **Sunday, March 6** please join us in the Educational Center during coffee hour as students of our parish from grades 5-12 will be presenting essays that they have written about their faith. The presentations will begin promptly at 10:30 AM and the students are enthusiastic to share!

We look forward to having you join us.

FEBRUARY 28, 2016

Sunday, February 28, 2016 Hymns Following the Gospel (Small Entrance)

Apolytikion Resurrectional Mode

When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You resurrected from the dead. O Lord, glory to You.

St. Vasilios 1st Mode

Your message was carried throughout Βασιλείου (Hxoς α') the world . As it received your mighty Ei_{ς} $\pi \hat{\alpha} \sigma \alpha \nu$ $\tau \hat{\eta} \nu$ $\gamma \hat{\eta} \nu$ $\epsilon \xi \hat{\eta} \lambda \theta \epsilon \nu$ δ word. By which you divinely made manifest And clarified the nature of existing things You set in order the customs of men, You who are royal priesthood! Holy Father, intercede with Christ our God To grant us His great mercy.

Seasonal Kontakion 3rd Mode

O Father, foolishly I ran away from $T\tilde{\eta}\zeta$ Your glory, and in sin, squandered the riches You gave me. Wherefore, I cry ἐσκόρπισα, ὄν μοι παρέδωκας out to You with the voice of the Prodi- πλοῦτον ὅθεν σοι τὴν τοῦ Ἀσώτου, gal, "I have sinned before You Com- φωνην passionate Father. Receive me in re- ἐνώπιόν σου Πάτερ οἰκτίρμον, pentance and take me as one of Your δέξαι με μετανοοῦντα, καὶ ποίησόν hired servants."

2nd Απολυτίκιον (Ηχος β΄)

Άγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνῆμά φυλάσσοντες καὶ οί άπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἵστατο Μαρία έν τῶ τάφω, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄγραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἅδην, πειρασθείς αὐτοῦ. ύπ' Παρθένω, ύπήντησας τῆ δωρούμενος την ζωήν, ὁ ἀναστὰς έκ των νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Απολυτίκιον του Αγίου

φθόγγος σού ως δεξαμένην τον λόγον σού Δι' οὖ θεοπρεπῶς ἐδοὖ μάτισας Τὴν φύσιν τῶν ὄντων έτράνωσας Τὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἤθη κατεκόσμησας Βασίλειον ιεράτευμα. Πάτερ ὅσιε Χριστὸν τὸν Θεὸν ικέτευε δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖ ν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Κοντάκιον (Ηχος γ΄)

πατρώας, δόξης σου, ἀποσκιρτήσας ἀφρόνως, ἐν κακοῖς κραυγάζω. "Ημαρτον με, ὡς ἕνα τῶν μισθίων σου.

GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2016 @ 6:00 PM

Greek Independence Day is a national holiday celebrated annually in Greece on March 25th. It also coincides with the Greek Orthodox Church's celebration of the Annunciation to the Theotokos. We as Orthodox Christians commemorate both the divine initiative of God and Mary's response to follow His Will. In keeping with our Faith, the Philoptochos' decided to change the luncheon, previously held on Sundays to the actual day in favor of keeping our traditional teaching on fasting. This year's Greek Independence Day Dinner is scheduled for Friday, March 25th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fr. Andrew Demotses Educational Center. Please fill out the form below for your reservation. Take out is also available. Email to tracey.franggos@perkins1.com or mail to Tracey Franggos, 41 Pearson Drive, Byfield, MA 01922. You may also leave a message on 978 463 8135 with your name and reservation information and how you will be paying for your reservation.



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GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA 2016-2017 UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

NEW YORK – Applications and instructions for three scholarships administered by the Department of Philanthropy of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America are available for awards to be made for the 2016 -2017 academic year. The George & Naouma (Gioule) Gioles Scholarship and the Katina John Malta Scholarship are for undergraduate studies, and the Paleologos Scholarship is awarded for graduate work of a non-theological nature. Each of these scholarships was established through generous gifts from dedicated Greek Orthodox Christians who wanted to provide financial assistance towards the education of young people from our Orthodox Christian community.

Applications can be accessed by visiting the <u>scholarship web page</u>. For more information, please email <u>scholarships@goarch.org</u> or call <u>212-774-0283</u>. The deadline for submitting an application for any of these scholarships is **May 6, 2016**.

(www.goarch.org/archdiocese/administration/chancellor/2016)

THE PHILOPTOCHOS GIVING TREE

The Philoptochos Auction Giving Tree is displayed in our foyer of our Educational Center. We have various themed items available for donating. Anyone wishing to donate, please stop and take a look. You can drop off your donation in the Philoptochos box outside the church office. Deadline is March 13, 2016. Auction is to benefit UNICEF - end child trafficking and Crittenton Women's Group. We hope you will consider making this Auction a success with a generous and much appreciated donation.

With Sisterly Love Always, Meni Frangias Philoptochos President

PANAGIA'S GARDEN SUMMER DAY CAMP PROGRAM

This year our program will run from Monday, August 1-Friday, August 5th from 9am-4pm. Children ages 4-10 are welcome to attend. Please contact Fr. Anthony Tandilyan (<u>franthony@stvasilios.org</u> or 978-531-0777) or Rita Constantinou (<u>ritaconstantinou@yahoo.com</u> or 978-852-0137).

EPISTLE READING

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 6:12-20

Prokeimenon. Mode 6

Save O Lord your people and bless your inheritence Verse: To you O Lord have I cried O my God.

Brethren, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" -- and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.

Πρὸς Κορινθίους α' 6:12-20

Προκείμενον. Ήχος Πλ Β΄ Σώσον, Κύριε, τον λαόν σου και ευλόγησον την κληρονομίαν σου. Στιχ. Πρός σέ, Κύριε, κεκράξομαι, ο Θεός μου

Άδελφοί, πάντα μοι ἔξεστιν, ἀλλ' οὐ πάντα συμφέρει· πάντα μοι ἔξεστιν, ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐγὼ ἐξουσιασθήσομαι ὑπό τινος. Τὰ βρώματα τῆ κοιλία, καὶ ἡ κοιλία τοῖς βρώμασιν· ὁ δὲ θεὸς καὶ ταύτην καὶ ταῦτα καταργήσει. Τὸ δὲ σῶμα οὐ τῆ πορνεία, ἀλλὰ τῷ κυρίω, καὶ ὁ κύριος τῷ σώματι· ὁ δὲ θεὸς καὶ τὸν κύριον ἤγειρεν καὶ ἡμᾶς ἐξεγερεῖ διὰ τῆς δυνάμεως αὐτοῦ. Οὐκ οἴδατε ὅτι τὰ σώματα ὑμῶν μέλη Χριστοῦ ἐστιν; Άρας οὖν τὰ μέλη τοῦ Χριστοῦ ποιήσω πόρνης μέλη; Μὴ γένοιτο. Οὐκ οἴδατε ὅτι ὁ κολλώμενος τῆ πόρνη εν σῶμά ἐστιν; Έσονται γάρ, φησίν, οἱ δύο εἰς σάρκα μίαν. Ὁ δὲ κολλώμενος τῷ κυρίω εν πνεῦμά ἐστιν. Φεύγετε τὴν πορνείαν. Πᾶν άμάρτημα ὁ ἐὰν ποιήση ἄνθρωπος ἐκτὸς τοῦ σώματός ἐστιν· ὁ δὲ πορνεύων εἰς τὸ ἴδιον σῶμα άμαρτάνει. Ἡ οὐκ οἴδατε ὅτι τὸ σῶμα ὑμῶν ναὸς τοῦ ἐν ὑμῖν άγίου πνεύματός ἐστιν, οὖ ἔχετε ἀπὸ θεοῦ; Καὶ οὐκ ἐστὲ ἑαυτῶν, ἡγοράσθητε γὰρ τιμῆς· δοξάσατε δὴ τὸν θεὸν ἐν τῷ σώματι ὑμῶν, καὶ ἐν τῷ πνεύματι ὑμῶν, ἄτινά ἐστιν τοῦ θεοῦ.

GOSPEL READING

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

The Gospel according to Luke 15:11-32

The Lord said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never dis-

PHILOPTCHOS AUCTION

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The Time is Now... bring HOPE to those in NEED

Philoptochos Auction Saturday, April 9, 2016

Angelica's Restaurant
Rt. 114 - Middleton, MA
TIME: 6:00 p.m. till11:00 p.m.
PRICE \$45.00 - includes BUFFET

LIVE and SILENT AUCTIONS WINE/LIQUOR RAFFLE - LOTTERY TREE BASKETS/GIFT CERTIFICATES

100% of profit to BENEFIT: UNICEF - End Child Trafficking and CRITTENTON Women's Union

(helping women and their families achieve economic independence)

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Auction Committee Volunteers - Please contact Brandon Simpson at Brandonsimpson1171@gmail.com or 978 223 0317

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HOSPITAL VISITS

Due to HIPAA privacy rules, hospitals no longer provide a list of Orthodox patients to us. Therefore, if you or a loved one are, or will be, in the hospital, please contact the church office for a pastoral visit. Also, please notify the office if a friend or family member is in a rehab center, nursing home, assisted living facility or under hospice care.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Please join us for Coffee Fellowship Hour today immediately following the first divine liturgy in the Educational Center.

This month's coffee hour supplies have been generously donated by Niki Nikolouzos in loving memory of her mother, Paraskeve Hantzopoulos, her father, Kostandinos Hantzopoulos and her brother, Antonios Hantzopoulos.

USING KNEELERS IN CHURCH

Please exercise care when lowering your kneeler in Church. If you are using your foot to lower the kneeler please have your foot support the kneeler until it gently touches the floor. The multiple banging of the kneelers is a great distraction at the most solemn moment of the Divine Liturgy. Thank you for your attention to this issue.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

1st Saturday of the Souls Saturday, March 5 8:00 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy

2nd Saturday of the Souls Saturday, March 12 8:00 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy

ΚΑΘΗΜΕΡΙΝΕΣ ΙΕΡΕΣ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΕΣ

Ψυχοσάββατον ΣΑββάτο, 5^η Μαρτίου 8·00 π.μ. "Όρθρος 9·00 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία

Ψυχοσάββατον Σαββάτο, 12^η Μαρτίου 8·00 π.μ. "Όρθρος 9·00 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία obeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 15:11-32

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τήν παραβολὴν ταύτην ἄνθρωπός τις εἶχε δύο υίούς. καὶ εἶπεν ὁ νεώτερος αὐτῶν τῷ πατρί πάτερ, δός μοι τὸ ἐπιβάλλον μέρος τῆς οὐσίας. καὶ διείλεν αὐτοῖς τὸν βίον. καὶ μετ' οὐ πολλὰς ἡμέρας συναγαγών ἄπαντα ὁ νεώτερος υίὸς ἀπεδήμησεν εἰς χώραν μακράν, καὶ ἐκεῖ διεσκόρπισε τὴν οὐσίαν αὐτοῦ ζῶν ἀσώτως. δαπανήσαντος δὲ αὐτοῦ πάντα έγένετο λιμός ἰσχυρὸς κατὰ τὴν χώραν ἐκείνην, καὶ αὐτὸς ήρξατο ύστερεῖσθαι. καὶ πορευθεὶς ἐκολλήθη ἑνὶ τῶν πολιτῶν τῆς χώρας ἐκείνης, καὶ ἔπεμψεν αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς ἀγροὺς αὐτοῦ βόσκειν χοίρους. καὶ ἐπεθύμει γεμίσαι τὴν κοιλίαν αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ τῶν κερατίων ὧν ἤσθιον οἱ χοῖροι, καὶ οὐδεὶς ἐδίδου αὐτῷ. εἰς έαυτὸν δὲ ἐλθών εἶπε· πόσοι μίσθιοι τοῦ πατρός μου περισσεύουσιν ἄρτων, ἐγὼ δὲ λιμῷ ἀπόλλυμαι! ἀναστὰς πορεύσομαι πρὸς τὸν πατέρα μου καὶ ἐρῶ αὐτῷ· πάτερ, ήμαρτον εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ ἐνώπιόν σου. οὐκέτι εἰμὶ ἄξιος κληθηναι υίός σου ποίησόν με ώς ένα τῶν μισθίων σου. καὶ αναστάς ήλθε πρός τὸν πατέρα αὐτοῦ. ἔτι δὲ αὐτοῦ μακράν ἀπέχοντος εἶδεν αὐτὸν ὁ πατήρ αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐσπλαγχνίσθη, καὶ δραμών ἐπέπεσεν ἐπὶ τὸν τράχηλον αὐτοῦ καὶ κατεφίλησεν αὐτόν. εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ υίός· πάτερ, ἥμαρτον εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ ἐνώπιόν σου, καὶ οὐκέτι εἰμὶ ἄξιος κληθῆναι υίός σου. εἶπε δὲ ὁ πατήρ πρός τους δούλους αὐτοῦ· ἐξενέγκατε τὴν στολὴν τὴν πρώτην καὶ ἐνδύσατε αὐτόν, καὶ δότε δακτύλιον εἰς τὴν χεῖρα

αὐτοῦ καὶ ὑποδήματα εἰς τοὺς πόδας, καὶ ἐνέγκαντες τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτὸν θύσατε, καὶ φαγόντες εὐφρανθῶμεν, ὅτι ούτος ό υίός μου νεκρός ήν καὶ ἀνέζησε, καὶ ἀπολωλώς ήν καὶ εύρέθη. καὶ ἤοξαντο εὐφραίνεσθαι. Ἡν δὲ ὁ υἱὸς αὐτοῦ ὁ πρεσβύτερος ἐν ἀγρῷ· καὶ ὡς ἐρχόμενος ἤγγισε τῆ οἰκία, ἤκουσε συμφωνίας καὶ χορῶν, καὶ προσκαλεσάμενος ἕνα τῶν παίδων ἐπυνθάνετο τί εἴη ταῦτα. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῷ ὅτι ὁ ἀδελφός σου ήκει καὶ ἔθυσεν ὁ πατήρ σου τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτόν, ὅτι ύγιαίνοντα αὐτὸν ἀπέλαβεν. ὡργίσθη δὲ καὶ οὐκ ἤθελεν εἰσελθεῖν. ὁ οὖν πατὴρ αὐτοῦ ἐξελθὼν παρεκάλει αὐτόν. ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθείς εἶπε τῷ πατρί· ἰδοὺ τοσαῦτα ἔτη δουλεύω σοι καὶ οὐδέποτε ἐντολήν σου παρῆλθον, καὶ ἐμοὶ οὐδέποτε ἔδωκας ἔριφον ἵνα μετὰ τῶν φίλων μου εὐφρανθῶ· ὅτε δὲ ὁ υίός σου οὖτος, ὁ καταφαγών σου τὸν βίον μετὰ πορνῶν, ἦλθεν, ἔθυσας αὐτῷ τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτόν. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῷ τέκνον, σὺ πάντοτε μετ' ἐμοῦ εἶ, καὶ πάντα τὰ ἐμὰ σά ἐστιν' εὐφρανθῆναι δὲ καὶ χαρῆναι ἔδει, ὅτι ὁ ἀδελφός σου οὖτος νεκρὸς ἦν καὶ ανέζησε, καὶ απολωλώς ἦν καὶ εύρέθη.



SECOND TRY WILL BE PASSED TODAY

As we approach the Veneration of the Holy Cross a second tray will be passed for Holy Cross Seminary.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Dorothy, Sofi, Jim, Gus, Maria, Christos, Penelope, Irene, Helen, Sophia, Vasiliki, Stacia, Nicholas, Stephen, Jimmy, Nina, David, James, Christopher, Denton, Christine, Steven, Ariana, Hannah, Alex If you wish to add or remove a name from the list, please call the Church Office.

CEMETERY VISITS

Due to the number of sacraments, 40 day blessings and memorials on Sundays it is difficult to make cemetery visits on Sundays after liturgy. If you would like a Trisagion at the graveside during the week you are kindly asked to make an appointment by calling the church office.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Everyone is welcome in the Orthodox Church and may receive the blessed bread (antidoron) at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Sadly, the divisions in the church prompt us all to work towards reunited Christianity. The culmination of this reunion will be the ability of all Christians to receive the Eucharist together. Until that blessed day arrives, only Orthodox Christians who are in good sacramental order are permitted to receive Holy Communion in the Orthodox Church. If you have any questions or concerns please speak with Father Chris.

ALTAR DONATIONS

VIGIL LIGHTS

In loving memory of Michael C. Lignos.

Jan Terzakis & Family in memory of husband & father Andrew Terzakis.

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TODAY'S MEMORIALS

We commemorate today the blessed memory of the following members of our parish who have fallen asleep in the Lord:

40 day Rose Vajames

Trisagia

Katerina & Dimitri Karagiozie
Constantinos, Stamatia & Christos Vajames
Maria & Michali Vajames
Euthokia DiNicola