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On Our Cover

GLORIOUS Summer! The light of each day extends well into the evening hours. The final ring of the school bell, often means our early morning alarm clocks don’t have to be set, and there is an opportunity to slow down and breathe in stillness. Here in the Ocean State, we especially enjoy summer for we have the OCEAN nearby.

The beautiful ocean waves always bring ashore seashells as appearing on our cover. I am sure many of you bring some home...I know my grandchildren always collect them each time at the beach. The roll of the tide and the crashing of the waves often times leave these seashells broken or less than perfect. What a magnificent underwater treasure when we find a seashell that has been washed ashore that is still beautiful - in fact, perfect - and worthy to keep!

In the Book of Psalms we read:

"Your path led through the sea, your way through the mighty waters, though Your footprints were not seen."

(Psalm 77:19)

Life can take twists and turns that may feel like we are in a crashing storm on the sea. The winds are violent around us, the waves are crashing in on every side and feels like possibly we may drown, But, then, just like the waters are calmed, God steps in and calms our personal storm as well.

Summer can often be this time for calmness, for solace and reflection. It is a relaxing time as well...go and sit by the water...walk barefoot on the beach...go into the water - let the Lord bath you with His creation and freshness. Take evening walks hand in hand with those we love and open our hearts to God.

The rhythm of summer time can allow us a chance to slow down and soak in God’s abundance, mercy and love. So, do not neglect summer. Daydream, smell the flowers, pack a picnic, take an afternoon nap in the yard (or at the beach), include summer worship in church as well. Know that the God's abundant love will fill up your tank and fill your soul with much needed rest!

- Fr. Andrew
What Has Our World Come to For Our Growing Children?

Well, really that is up to us as parents, grandparents, and all other family members that make a family.

Either we are raising children or have already raised our children and now are helping with grandchildren, the influence we have on a child makes a difference.

Children at a young age develop habits, good and hopefully not bad habits, children are very influenced and guided by our example.

A child now going off to school and hoping they come home safe (is at times) an uncertainty (never say, not us).

We, more so now more than ever in this society, as adults, need to involve our children in programs to educate them towards personal safety, security and Godly ways.

We need to keep their minds busy in an educational, creative, fun way.

Church involvement is a stable surrounding for children, learning religion, bonding with Christ and so much more at a young age.

This year - really think about our Vacation Church School program here or other camps where your child can learn and develop into a strong individual that you will have no worries of being out in our society today.

Prepare them now to always make the right decision in all situations.

The guidance they have needs to come from the home they were raised in but also a camp, Sunday School program they were involved in, as a child.

A child becomes a teenager and they need to know what not to get involved in and to be the better person, in all aspects of life today.

It is never too late to start—get involved.

*Think of your child's future that you would want for them; it's important today!*

By Fran Lewis

REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE:

Why I Come to Church

The relationships we form throughout our lives help shape who we become. This is especially true of those relationships I’ve formed while attending church. As a youngster I wanted to spend as much time as possible with my Yiayia and Papa. They attended church every Sunday and so I loved going to church because I loved spending time with them. As an altar boy I enjoyed hanging out with the other boys while serving the liturgy. As a young adult in Northern VA, my wife’s and my church friends were very near and dear to our hearts and have become as close to us as family. Now in my mid-30s, my wife and I returned to Annunciation to share the faith with our two young daughters and their Yiayia and Colonel. The specific details throughout my church life have changed as I’ve gotten older, but the underlying thread has been the same: relationships. I attend church for the relationships that I have formed with our church community. As we are all individually icons of Christ, it’s the relationships we form with each other in our church community that help build our relationship with Christ.

By Alex Carr
Thank You for thinking of our Church
We would like to extend our great appreciation to
Elias, Simon & Evangelos Tsimikas
for the donation of a food warmer given to our church.
An item we will make such great use of with our Annual Festival.

Thank You for the beautiful Church Grounds
With great appreciation Thank You Mr. & Mrs. Harry Nicoloopoulous
for the outdoor flowers and soil donated.
A path of beautiful colorful flowers enhances our day of prayer.
Also for the tent you donated to help out our Food Fair.
We thank you for your continued generosity.

Courtes
Please do not use the office computers for any flyers, personal use etc.
There is a computer in the library that you may use.
We thank you for your consideration of the church office property.
Thank you, Administrative Assistant and the Bookkeeper

Help Wanted
We have a parishioner who is looking for someone to care for their elderly (age 97)
relative. This elderly person will be going back to their home in Pawtucket, RI
in a few weeks. The family is looking for someone to live in and care for the
relative. Greek speaking is preferable.
Please call the office if you are interested for further information.

ONE WEEK SUMMER CLASSES AT HELLENIC COLLEGE
Mon. June 25—Friday June 29— To register
Contact <jostrosky@hchc.edu> or 617-850-1261
Reading Scripture through the Church year: 9-11am
Introduction to Orthodox Spirituality: 1-3pm
Both classes inclusive of food & lodging $650.
Both classes excluding lodging but including food $325.
LEARN MORE AT www.hchhc.edu/summer

SAVE THE DATE—SUNDAY AUGUST 26
OUR PARISH GOLF TOURNAMENT
Watch for details soon!
Dr. Mary Despina Lekas Endowment Fund News
Financial Report for the period ending June 12, 2018
Endowment Fund Portfolio $949,203.05
Endowment Fund Checking Account $2,080.40

A donation has been made to the Endowment fund by:
Julia & Walter Almeida, Louis, Barbara & Matthew Barboza, Stan & Elaine Brown,
Builders & Contractors Exchange Inc., Al & Debra Centracchio, Kay Chapas,
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Haralambides, Christine Haveles, John Haveles, M/M Michael Haveles, Olga Haveles,
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M/M James Karpeichik, Panagiotis Kasidakos, George & Freda Kouliou, M/M
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Mihailides, Jean Mihelakos, M/M George Nonis, M/M Christo Pakuris, M/M Michael
Papigiotis, M/M Arthur G. Pappas, M/M Polydoros Petrou & Family, M/M Thomas
Pontikes & Family, M/M Steven Richard, M/M Andrew Rougas, M/M Constantine
Rougas, Anna Stappas, Richard & Marion Sipka, Pashalia Strekouras, Virginia
Srekouras, Sarkis & Minar Tarbinian, M/M Kostas Trikoulis, M/M Aristotelis Tsonis,
M/M Frank Vassiliadis, M/M Peter Vassilopoulos, M/M Kenneth White, Carole
Xanthakis, Drs. John & Eleni Pappas-Zervos
In Memory of Elizabeth “Betty” Marses

A donation has been made to the Endowment fund by:
M/M Constantine Rougas & Philoptochos Society
In Memory of James Demetriou

“Be Proud”

We are proud to say that this generation has laid the
groundwork for the future financial security of our parish
through our Endowment Fund! Yes be proud!

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Samaras,
Endowment Fund Secretary
Endowment Fund Committee

Thank You, A Holy Week Liturgical Donation was also made by
Kostas & Eleni Trikoulis
2018 PLEDGE PROGRAM REPORT

We have to date 318 parishioners with the pledge of $160,274.00
The actual amount received to date is $128,560.32
Here are our 2018 Pledges since our last issue:
John Alexion, Pauline Alexion, M/M Dionysius Argeris, Haralambos Bablenis,
Barbara Botsaris, Donna Broccoli, M/M Gregory Demetrakas, Janice George, Helen
Georgeon, Argiri Ghionis, M/M Spiro Haritos, M/M Demetrios Harritos,
M/M Richard Kidd, M/M Spiro T. Kyriakakis, M/M Nicholas Lambros, M/M James
Lazarides, M/M Paul Mihailides, Christopher Mitreli, M/M Harry Nicolopoulos,
John Psikakos, Mr. & Dr. Youssef Rizk, M/M Raymond Sinapi, Jr., Cynthia Springer,
M/M Stefanos Svitlitsas, Haido Titelis, Christos Vasiladiadis, M/M Frank Vasiladiadis,
M/M Russell Wheatley, M/M Nondas Zarokostas.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PHASE 2

Our Capital Improvement Fund Raising efforts continue. Since the printing of
our last Annunciator we have received 2 new pledges from the following people:

Demetra Lambros and Vasilios & Vasiliki Melanis. Thank you very much for
your donations.

We have now received a total of 155 donations totaling $289,592.00.
Of this total, $258,734.50 has been paid and deposited.

If you have not yet submitted a pledge donation, please do. We will need more
donations to complete the final projects. The remaining projects involve the re-
moval of the existing boiler and the installation of a new boiler and new HVAC
system.

Every dollar that is pledged is one less dollar
we will need to borrow from the bank. Thank you very much.
Submitted by James Silva

RECENT DEATHS

James Demetriou age 90 of Westerly, RI passed away on 5/16/18, his funeral and
burial was held privately on 5/21/18. Catherine Boretos age 96 of Providence, RI
passed away on 5/31/18, her funeral and burial was held on 6/8/18. Christos Kirios
age 24 of Johnston, RI passed away on 6/10/18, his funeral and burial was held on
6/15/18. Also our former parishioner (and choir member) Anastasios (Tom) Philis,
passed on recently.
FESTIVAL PREPARATION IN FULL "TSIFETELI MODE"

The first planning meeting for the Festival was recently held...the next meeting will be Thur July 12 at 7:30PM. All are welcome to come.

The following are this year’s key overall chair people:
Theofanis Markos – continues as chairman
Kevin Phelan, council president – Co-Chair
New – joint co-chair – Evan Andrikos
Treasurer – James Silva’s
Assistant Treasurer - Jason Maintainis
NEW - Festival secretary for meetings – Marianne Phelan

TO EVERYONE:
Four festival baking dates have already passed—thank you to all who came!

THE REMAINING ONES WILL BE IN AUGUST & SEPTEMBER
PLAN TO COME HELP FROM NOW

Mark your calendars: (Beginners hands are needed.
Male and female, parishioner and non-parishioner
From age 14 and up!

AUGUST
Sat. Aug. 18 – Diples – 9:00am
Tues. Aug. 21 – Koulourakia – (4:00pm prep) – 6:00pm Baking
Wed. Aug. 22 – Koulourakia – (4:00pm prep) – 6:00pm Baking
Tues. Aug. 28 – Kourambiedes (4:00pm prep) – 6:00pm Baking
Wed. Aug 29 – Melomakarona/Karydopita (4:00pm prep) – 6:00pm Baking

SEPTEMBER
Tues. Sept. 4 – Honey Diples/Melomakarona – 9:00am
Wed. Sept. 5 – Packing Pastry – 6:00pm
ΣΑΛΠΙΣΜΑ ΑΔΕΛΦΟΣΥΝΗΣ

Ε ΤΗΝ ευκαιρία τής έορτής τῆς κορυφαίων Ἀποστόλου τῶν Ἐθνῶν, τοῦ Παύλου, ἀξιώζει νὰ σταθοῦμε σὲ ἕνα σημείο τῆς κοινωνικῆς ασκαλίας του. Ὅ,τι ἔχει Ἀπόστολος δὲν ἦν κάνει λόγοι μερικές ἐξωτερικές μεταρρυθμίσεις. Κηρύξει πρωτοφανεῖς γιὰ τήν ἐποχή τῆς ἀποπνέασης τῆς ιστορίας τῆς αγάπης, που γκρεμίζει τὰ χαριτωτά τῶν διαφόρων και κοινωνικών διακρίσεων τοῦ νόημα τῆς ευγενείας. Αρχεῖι νὰ μεταφέρθη τῆς ἐν τῆ ἐποχή τοῦ ἀποστόλου Παύλου. Τότε ἐν αντίθεση τῷ πρωτόκοκκῳ μήνα μῆνα τῆς ἄληθῆς ἰδιότητος καὶ ἀδελφίσματος ἀνάμεσα στοὺς Ἰρσίους: «Οὐκ ἔνι ίουδαιοι οὗτοι Ἕλληνες, οὐκ δούλοι οὗτοι ελέους ἑθέρεροι, οὐκ ἔνι αἵρεσιν καὶ ὑπ’ πάντες γὰρ ὑμεῖς εἰς ἑστὸ ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ» (λάτιμ. ἐν γ’ 28).

Ποῦς, ὁλίγεια, ἃ τὰ μηροῦσε νὰ φαντασθῇ μία σα ἀντικρητή νὰ ἀντικρητῇ σὲ μία ἐποχή ποῦ ἦν πιὸ φυσικό πράγμα οἱ ἄνθρωποι νὰ χωρίζονται βαδίες ἐχθρικές διαφύλαξες γραμμές. Σὲ μία χείρ ποῦ οἱ ἄνθρωποι δὲν ἀναγνωρίζονται καὶ ὡς ριζώνται ἀδρασίαις χώρησαν τοὺς ἄνθρωπους. Μηροτά ἢ ἡ κατάστασις ο ἄποστολος Παύλος ὑψώνει τὸ οἰκουμενικό ἀνάστημα τοῦ κηρύσσει τήν παγκοσμιότητα τῆς αγάπης τοῦ ποῦ. Οἱ ἡμερίδες καὶ συμβάσεις. Δὲν κανεὶ ἡ μερικές παρασυνάξεις, γιὰ νὰ βολέψη κατασκεί, ὅπως κάνουν ὑπὸ πίεση ὅτι ἴση τῆς γής, σύμφωνα ὑπὸ τῶν ἀνθρώπων μηροτά στὰ μάταια τῆς Θεοῦ εἶναι τὸ πιστεύου του. Κανένας ἄνθρωπος πρέπει νὰ περιορίζεται, ἀρκεῖ ὅλοι εἶναι παράδοση Ἰδίου Παύλου, προκιμείονται μὲ ἀδάντα περισσεύει ἣ σταυρική θυσία τῆς Θεανθρώπους, ποὺ ἔγινε ἄνθρωπος γιὰ ὁλους ἔνανθρωπος.

Ὁ Χριστός δὲν ἦλθε στὴ γῆ, γιὰ νὰ σώσῃ μία ἡμερίδες κατηγορία ἀνθρώπων. Ἡ γῆ γιὰ νὰ σώσῃ ἀνέξαιρετος τοὺς ἄνθρωπους. Ὁ Χριστιανικός δὲν εἶναι ἡ θρησκεία ἐνός μόνο λαοῦ, ὅπως ὑποδεικνύει. Ὅ,τι Ἰσραηλεῖτες ἦσαν τὸν Θεὸ γιὰ ἀποκλειστικά τοὺς χρήση καὶ ἀπεκτέλει ἀπὸ τὴ σωματική δύνας τοὺς ἄλλους λαοὺς. Καὶ ὁ ἀπόστολος Παύλος δὲν ἔκανε διακήρυξε, ὅτι ἡ Ἐκκλησία τοῦ Χριστοῦ ἀποτέλεσε μία μεγάλη ἐκοινωνία μὲ κοινὸ Πατέρα τὸν Θεό καὶ ἀδελφούς ὅλους τοὺς πιστοὺς.

Καὶ αὐτὰ στὴν πρωτοχριστιανικὴ Ἐκκλησία δὲν ἦταν θεωρία. Ἡ ἄνοιξη καὶ ἡ ἐπίκριση ἀνάμεσα στὴν κοινωνία που ἔδω ὁ Χριστιανισμὸς στοὺς πιστοὺς καὶ σ’ ἐκείνη ποὺ πρόσφερε ὁ ἀπάνθρωπος παγανισμός: Στὴν εἰδωλολατρία οἱ σκλάβοι δὲν εἶχαν τὸ δικαίωμα νὰ μετέχουν στὶς περισσότερες ἐρωτευμένες τελετές. Καὶ σὲ πολλὲς ἄλλες. Στὸν Χριστιανισμὸ δὲν γίνεται καμιά διάκριση. Οἱ δούλοι, ὅρως καὶ οἱ κύριοι, μετέχουν μὲ τὰ ἴδια δικαίωμα στὸν κύριο καὶ σὺν καθοδότες τὸν σκληρὸ θεωμί στὴν θηλεία. Ἀπὸ τὴ στήλη ποὺ ὁ σκλάβος ἔχει τὴν ἱδία θρησκεία μὲ τὸν κύριο του ποὺ προερχόταν μέσα στὸν ἱδίῳ νὰ μαζί του, ὁ σκληρὸς βρισκεται πολὺ ὑπό το τέλος της, ὁριζότα τὸ νόμις τῆς ἐκκλησίας, ἐνεργητάντα στὸ Μυστικὴ Σύμβολο τοῦ Χριστοῦ. Καὶ σὲ ἔνα σώμα δὲν γίνονται διακρίσεις. Υπάρχουν μία διαφορετική λειτουργία, ποὺ ἔχουν τὴν ἑξία τους. Στὸ σώμα υπάρχει ἀλληλεγγύη ὃ ἀντανακλάτικα ἢ ἀποτίμηση.
GREEK LANGUAGE SCHOOL GRADUATION 2018


AWARDS

Ahepa: Alexander Vanikiotis, Savvina Arsenis
Paideia/Hellenic Cultural Society: Yiannis Fotopoulos, Christopher Vanikiotis
Good Samaritan Philoptochos Society: Efthimia Eliopoulos, Magdalene Despines
Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church: Elisabeth Halkidis, Christine Vanikiotis
Volunteer: Niki Malatos Bousquet

Greek Language Education aims at instilling in the minds and hearts of our youth, the spiritual, moral and cultural values of the Greek Orthodox heritage. By helping our children understand the historic roots of the Greek culture upon the world and its continued relevance today, the students of Greek Education become well informed, responsible and progressive members of our Greek Orthodox Faith in their adulthood.
Local Youth Go NATIONAL!
The Rhode Island College 4x100m relay team, comprised of sophomore Jacklyn Xavier (Cumberland, RI), junior Eleni Grammas (Cranston, RI), junior Nicole Grammas (Cranston, RI) and sophomore Emma Landroche (Warwick, RI), earned National Runner-Up and All-American honors as they notched a second-place finish (46.82; new program record) in the finals at the 2018 NCAA Div. III Women's Outdoor Track & Field National Championship at Roger Herring Field on May 26, 2018 in La Crosse, Wisconsin.
NATIONAL ORATORICAL NEWS

ONCE AGAIN (as many times in past years), a teen from our parish was ranked to speak at the Archdiocese St John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival. Pictured here in Des Plaines, Illinois on June 9 at the St John the Baptist Parish, are Katherine Mitrelis of Coventry, RI and her dad, John, with Archbishop Demetrios, at this national event. Her talk focused on the theme of gun control based on “topic # 2” of the official listing “Christ’s disciples made a commitment to follow Him without knowing what the outcome might be. What does it mean to follow Christ today?” Katherine was ranked 3rd place in the Sr Division of the program. Congratulations – Eis Anotera....(onto higher success)!
In Honor Of Our Graduates

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to our 2018 graduates. They have accomplished a great deal in completing an important segment of their education. We pray that the Lord our God continues to bless their future, with much happiness and greater achievements. These graduates will be honored June at our special “Graduates Coffee Hour” sponsored by Yal.

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College & Universities

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YOUTH PAGE

St. Spyridon Orthodox Film Festival—Sat July 14
Films By Us, About Us, For Us
Festival films are welcome from all Orthodox Christians in the New England and NY state areas. Children 18 and under compete in the Junior Division. The Senior Division encompasses all others. Specialty Awards are not restricted by age. Submitted films must be 5—20 minutes long. Arrival time is 9:30am. Viewing at 10 am followed by a free luncheon and awards ceremony, and then all festival registrants attend a free two hour sail on a Captioned and Crewed Yacht in Narragansett Bay.

~Open to All~

End of Year Washington DC Trip
Tuesday July 24th -Thursday July 26th
We are thrilled to announce that the End of the Year Goya Trip was completely sold out. We have a group of 25 people attending this trip and we couldn’t be happier. We will be visiting many different sites through out DC including the White House, the Smithsonian, and the Air and Space Museum. We were lucky enough to find a very inexpensive flight to Washington DC where we will be spending the night at a hotel less than a mile from the White House. On our return trip we will be taking an Amtrak train back into Rhode Island.
Goya looks forward to sharing this wonderful experience with all.

“Sincere Appreciation to Elaine Otto”
Elaine has stepped down from serving these past 4 years as our Church School Coordinator. Previously she was a classroom teacher for 27 years from when she arrived to our parish from Boston.
We extend our heartfelt appreciation for her dedication and consistency with thanksgiving to God for her ministry to the youth of our parish.
In just becoming a 1st-time yiayia and 2 more grandchildren due in July, she will be travelling to be with each of them—all of them being out of state.
NEW LAW – HANDS FREE DRIVING
We post this with love and concern for all our young drivers out there. Our phones are a big part of our daily routine. The State of RI has made a law that you may not drive and hold a device while driving. If found, the penalty is a $100.00 fine. Please be very careful that you are not doing this, not only for the penalty, but for your safety on the road. No text message or phone call is that important for you to take your eyes off the road, that cannot wait until you stop your vehicle.

YOUR LIFE IS IMPORTANT.
God Bless & Be Safe, Be Alert, Be Smart

Quotes from our Greek School Students
First year student, Peter Kritikos stated..."I like the concept of learning our Greek heritage at this school and the importance of it"; 2nd grader Jason Cabral said..."I am here because a want to able to speak with my family in Greek and make my family happy that I learned the language"; Harrison Barakos (4th grade student) said..."I love all the awesome teachers here. Sometimes they are strict, but that's because they want us to learn correctly, they are all nice!"

Graduating 6th graders said the following: Christopher Vanikiotis that he “especially liked learning the various plays and giving the programs every year” and his twin brother Alexandros expressed his pleasure in recess time. Vasilios Eliopoulos liked greatly the plays and poems. Maggie Despines especially enjoy doing "Greek only conversations" to each other in the classroom this past year. Ilianna Arsenis expressed she loved the various plays from March 25.

We thank each of these students for sharing their thoughts. May their witness inspire other students to register in September. Be reminded that our Greek Language School welcomes students from (public school grade 2) and older, even current teenagers are able to attend who may not have done so in their younger years. Parents of registered Greek school students are also encouraged to attend.

Faith Nursery School
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Orthodox faithful from various parishes around the Pawtucket-Boston area gathered on June 2 for Vespers and an IOCC benefit dinner. The “Around the World with IOCC” theme allowed guests to enjoy dishes that featured a delightful mix of flavors and cultures. Development Officer Lou Zagami gave updates on IOCC’s work in Haiti, the Middle East, Greece, Serbia with special attention given to IOCC’s response in Houston Texas after hurricane Harvey. Albert Sawalha, an IOCC volunteer, who recently moved from Houston to Massachusetts, shared his experience “mucking out” a home in Houston back in September.

More specifically:
Thanks to IOCC donors, IOCC has been sending aid in a variety of ways to the people of Greece. Since 2012, in cooperation with Apostoli (the humanitarian arm of the Holy Archdiocese of Athens), the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, and Greek-American organizations, IOCC has already provided over $23 million to the people of Greece. Progress has been made, but the crisis is far from over. Your continued donations will:

- Help families put more food on the table with dry food parcels and prepaid grocery cards
- Provide heating fuel for the most vulnerable: orphans, the elderly and people with disabilities
- Increase food production through the development of farm cooperatives and producers associations
- Send more life-saving medical supplies to public hospitals and clinics throughout Greece
- Provide basic necessities for refugees and migrants who continue to arrive.

In Haiti, we are currently in the process of rehabilitating St. Jean de Freres Orthodox Elementary School. Nearly 400 students attend this school free of charge and it has made a huge difference in the lives of many families. "If it were not for the school, most of the parents have told me that it would mean an end to their children's formal education," said Father Barnabas who runs the school.

Our response to the Syrian crisis is our largest effort to date. Over $126 million dollars has been distributed in Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and others.

Agricultural programs are active in Serbia at this time. IOCC offers training, equipment, and technical assistance to increase productivity and sustainability of small farms and household gardens.

Here in the U.S, our hurricane relief efforts continue in Texas and Florida. Close to $1 million dollars of needed supplies has been distributed throughout the area, a number of trained “IOCC Frontliners” were deployed to give “Emotional and Spiritual” care, 150 “Muck Outs” have been finished and we are currently gearing up for a number of “builds” this summer! We are reaching out for volunteers now! https://www.iocc.org/take-action/join-action-team

Thank you again! Without donors, this ministry of humanitarian assistance in the name of Orthodoxy in America would not be possible!

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June / July 2018

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APOSTLES LENT CURRENTLY—thru June 28
Fr. Andrew will be away Mon June 18—Thur June 28
Fr Manny away Fri June 22– Fri June 29

Mon June 18—Philoptochos SUMMER Pot Luck—6PM
Tues June 19— AHEPA-6:30PM (Fountoulakis home) / Parish Council—7:30PM
Wed June 20—Revitalization Initiative—7PM
Thu June 21—Boy Scout Troop 6 PUND RAISER for Albright Scholarship 7PM—8:30PM
Sun June 24—Sun 4 of Matthew / Nativity of John Baptist - visiting priest here
Mon June 25— Special 1 week summer program begins at Hellenic College / Holy Cross
Wed June 27—Greek Heritage Night @ the Red Socks
Sun July 1—Sun 5 of Matthew / Healers Kosmas & Damian—regular services in Cranston

Archdiocese Clergy-Laity Congress in Boston—
Opening Synodal Liturgy at Boston Cathedral - OPEN TO ALL
Tues July 2—Congress Cultural Event—OPEN TO ALL with Ticket
Thur July 5—Congress Grand Banquet—OPEN TO ALL with Ticket

Sun July 8—Sun 6 of Matthew / Great Martyr Procopios / Theophilos Myrrh-Gusher
Mon July 9— Goya Advisors & Officers—6:30PM
Thu July 12—Phase 2 Plaque Committee—6:30PM / Greek Festival Planning—7:30PM
Sat July 14— St Spyridon Film Festival—9:30am (Newport)

Sun July 15—Sun 7 of Matthew / Kerykos & Julietta / Vladimir—Equal-to-The Apostles
MEMORIAL: Catherine Boretos—40days
Mon July 16— Cranston week at Metropolis Summer Camp—Fr Andrew in and out
Tues July 17— Parish Council—7:30PM
Fri July 20— HELLENIC FEST IN NEWPORT / 4-11PM
Sat July 21— HELLENIC FEST IN NEWPORT / 12Noon—11PM
Sat July 21—BIG SCREEN MOVIE NIGHT here in Demetrakas Hall—6PM
“Chariots of Fire”

Sun July 22—Sun 8 of Matthew / Mary Magdalene / Virgin Martyr Markella
Tue July 24—Thur July 26 = GOYA sponsored trip to Washington DC
Fri July 27—St Panteleimon the Healer & Great Martyr—services at usual morning hours

Sun July 29— Sun 9 of Matthew / Martyrs Kallinikos, Theodota & children
Mon July 30— VCS Week (Vacation Church School Program) - DAILY 9:30am-2:00pm
Wed Aug 1—DORMITION LENT BEGINS / 6PM Paraklesis Service
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