MAY Flowers will hopefully bring peace, hope & joy to our world that we need so badly to be somewhat normal again. With the virus epidemic we are trying to keep everything as normal as possible and ongoing for the parishioners. We are live steaming our services, holding meetings via zoom and facetime. Through all these means, your parish is staying connected to you!

“Have no fear your Church Parish is still here”
The rapid spread of the Coronavirus is certainly overwhelming to us all and we must take every precaution to protect ourselves and our neighbor by adhering to the prescribed preventative measures.

We also must recognize that the love of Christ our Lord, who suffered while on earth Himself, does not cease in times like this and in fact is more active. We must trust in Him that this will pass and also that multiple good will come from it to benefit mankind whom of course He created in His own Image as well as the natural environment in which God placed us.

St Paul, so correctly wrote in Hebrews 2: 13 & 16 the following that I present for your meditation:

“I will put my trust in Him…..for indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham.”

In this time of worry and fear, we need to remember God’s promises to us. Here is a sampling good for us to pray daily and memorize.

Isaiah 41: 13 = For I am the Lord your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, do not fear, I will help you.

Zephaniah 3:17 = With His love, he will calm all your fears.
Psalm 55:22 = Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you.
Psalm 138:8 = Your mercy oh Lord endures forever
Romans 8:28 = We know that in all things, God works for the good of those who love Him.
Philippians 4: 6-7 = Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, be prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

With this last passage….present your requests to God… we can say simply “tell God what you need” …. I think we all wish to say that this coronavirus depart from us, be eradicated totally. Let us together trust in Jesus that this will indeed happened and pray that it does so quickly!

Fr Andrew +
In Loving Memory of

Antonia Vanikiotis
May the glory of the Lord uplift you!
May His radiance embrace you!
May His mercy walk with you, all the days of your life!
For Christ is Truly Risen Indeed!

The Pentecostarion Period Has Arrived

We have now reached the next liturgical period of time of our Orthodox Church...the PENTECOSTARION Period (the 50 days between Pascha and Pentecost). This period is a well-spring of insight and continued renewal, that aids us in harvesting the fruit of Great Lent. We need during the Pentecostarion Period to stay focused and to be watchful to continue on with the renewal that we hopefully gained during Great Lent, for the various Lenten disciplines that are a focus during Lent, (serving as a time for enhancement) are not something for just the six weeks of Lent and Holy Week, but rather year round (and life long). The good habits and virtues that grew during Lent must now be harvested. Although less time is spent in church in the Pentecostarion and the ability to eat freely is a reality, we must not lose our self-control in all things, nor should we ignore alms giving and the performance of good works, regular prayer and study; nor the Wednesday and Friday food fasting of Orthodoxy. We need to be sure to be the “NEW PERSON” that Christ came to develop. We need to be people with a new mind and a new heart, or else, Christ’s suffering and death was wasted.

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

Join us for our six-week session that began
Thursday, April 30th at 7:00PM
as we anticipate the Feast of Holy Pentecost!
This period in the Church is known as the Pentecostarion. Like the Triodion period, we are presented with readings, feast days, and themes which allows us to reflect on what the Resurrection of our Lord means to us and where we go from there.

Join us as we look at the Church as a 3-D incarnational reality and experience that we are to realize, grow, and dwell within!

If you are interested in participating, please E-Mail Fr. Nick at fr.nick@annunciationri.org and he will e-mail you the Zoom Link and login info.

Thank you,
Fr. Andrew and Fr. Nick
This Year’s Challenge—10% Increase Over Your 2019 Giving

2020 PLEDGE PROGRAM REPORT
We have 275 to date parishioners with a pledge of $163,600.00
The Actual Amount Received as of $128,330.00

Since our last newsletter here are our additional names for 2020
Karen Aliferakis, M/M Dionysius Argeris, Kyriaki Arsoniadis, DM/M Savvas Arsoniadis,
Dimitri Benekos, Steve Brun, M/M Michael Campopiano, Florence Chartrand,
Dr. & Mrs. Chris Chihlas, M/M Thomas Coyne, M/M James Degaitas, Priscilla Delis,
M/M Gregory Demetrakas, Deena Ethridge, M/M Theodoros Fotopoulos, Stavros Gabriel,
M/M Gregory Gatos, Constance Georgeadys, Argiri Ghionis, M/M Nicholas Gorgievski,
Olga Haveles, Dr. & Mrs. James Karon, Niki Kyrou, M/M Demetrios Ladas,
M/M James Mainitis, M/M John Massenzo, Gina Michaels, M/M John Mitrelis,
M/M Harry Nicolopoulos, Dr. & Mrs. James O’Hair, M/M Theodoros Panagopoulos,
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M/M Basilios Tsimikas, M/M Dimitrios Tsimikas, M/M Soterios Tsimikas,
M/M Kenneth White, M/M Charles Xynellis.

Financial Support More Crucial Then Usual
In light of the unprecedented Coronavirus and general uncertainty, we wish to urge our faithful to continue their financial support of our parish and the other wonderful Orthodox ministries through the USA and elsewhere. Thank you first of all to all who have submitted the 2020 Stewardship Response card (273 of you thus far) and the offerings towards those pledges already. The same for those who used the Epitafios and Easter envelopes as well. With no gathering in church for services, we have no offering tray collections and with the cancellation of the Spring Food Fair, that source is also lost for our own budgetary needs. We understand as well those who find themselves currently unemployed, may need to step back currently in their giving. But for others who are in their normal stable status, we pray you will certainly offer your financial gifts and if possible do even more.

Besides the challenges in our various parishes, let us consider as well donations to our Metropolis of Boston Ministries, the Camp & Retreat Center also the good work of our Hellenic College / Holy Cross and our St Basil Academy.

Our Sunday School sponsored child in the village of Taybeh in the Holy Land for his school tuition the various missionaries out in the field and the newest one ahead Steve Sariganis, the son of our former parishioner Florence Salonikios going to Albania as we discussed in church back on March 1st when he visited here and of course Missionary Jesse Brandow in Guatemala who inspired us back in October with his presentation.
The emergency assistance given by the IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities) for natural disasters is even called upon.

SO MANY GOOD MINISTRIES and more.....
Crisis times like this are the time for those with financial sustenance blessed by God, to share widely and generously.
Dr. Mary Despina Lekas Endowment Fund News
Financial Report for the period ending
Endowment Fund Portfolio: $1,141,803.00
Endowment Fund Checking Account: $2,000.00

A donation has been made to the Endowment Fund by:
Alan Shawn Feinstein in honor of the Samaras Family

A donation has been made to the Endowment Fund by:
Dr. & Mrs. Peter Baziotis, James Cimino, M/M Constantinos Dafoulas, Haralambos Dafoulas,
Vivian Dafoulas, Argiri Ghionis, Dionisia Grammas, M/M James Harritos, Julie Karahalios,
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M/M Emmanuel Mihailides, Mary Samaras, M/M Jason Savoie, M/M James Silva,
M/M Peter Vassilopoulos, Therese Vezeridis,
in memory of Antonia Vanikiotis

A donation has been made to the Endowment Fund by:
M/M Arthur G. Pappas in memory of Georgia Psilopoulos

A donation has been made to the Endowment Fund by:
Dr. & Mrs. James Manis, Mr. David & Dr. Golfo Wernette
in memory of Harry Bablenis

Christos Anesti!

Thank you for your ongoing support!

The Endowment Fund Committee
Mary Samaras, Secretary

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Thank you for the Holy Week Special Liturgical Donations
Anonymous Donation was made for the continued good health for Fr. Andrew & Fr. Nick.
M/M Lakis Andriotis in memory of Stella & Bill Pappas from great grand-children.
Bobby Dafoulas in memory of the people who have passed away and the people alive, well being & health.
Gabriel Daiaa Family.
Estelle Demars in memory of Fred Demars.
Dr. & Mrs. James Manis & The Manis Family in memory of George & Helen Manis,
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Vikki Poulos in memory of parents William & Bessie Poulos, M/M George Stamatakos & M/M James Poulos.
M/M James Silva in memory of M/M Manuel Silva & M/M Andrew Tsomi.

We Thank All of You for your Generosity
Office & Janitorial Hours
Please note that with the virus our office hours have been limited to allow the office employees to stay safe. The office secretary is in from 8:30am to 3:30pm...Lunch from 1-2pm. The bookkeeper is in on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday only for a few hours each day that vary. Janitor is here upon project requests. If you need requests, please email of call within these hours. Please allow us to get back to you, this epidemic has left everyone in panic, we are trying our best to keep everyone calm and keep the daily operations of the office functioning.

Those who have keys to the center should not use them without first calling the office for direction of your transaction.

We Thank You.
A table is set up in the hallway to transact business and social distancing safety.

Prayer for many is helping. Stay & Be Well.

This Year’s Graduates—in Next Annunciator
Please submit the names of parishioner graduates from high school, college, university, vocational schools and graduate degree programs to the parish office by May 24 so that we may list them in the June issue of the Annunciator, sharing in the joy and success of each household with a graduate. Be sure to state name of school, degree received and future plans. These can be e-mailed to the parish office at <office@annunciationri.org> or sent in by regular mail “Attention Newsletter”.

Concerning Parish Scholarships
Applications for the “Annunciation Scholarships” (which encompasses the Christelis Goya, Stella Pappas, George Pakuris and Andrew/Helen Vican Awards) will be available after May 15. The application process includes the submittal of the academic transcript and the writing of an essay. Deadline date to submit is June 15 ///
The Savvas Savvides Scholarship is a separate standing application process administered by a different committee as it has been for the past 40 plus years. These applications will also be available after May 15 and also requires an academic transcript.
Deadline date to submit is June 15. ///
Note that the local Ahepa Scholarship is also a separate application process, handled by the Sophocles 106 Chapter themselves. Contact Lakis Andriotis directly at (401) 451-1046.

RECENT DEATHS
Antonia Vanikiotis age 91 of E. Greenwich, RI passed away on 3/31/20. Her funeral and burial was private on 4/4/20. Alice Carnegis age 89 of Providence, RI passed away on 4/11/20. Her funeral and burial was private on 4/15/20. Vangel Thomas Benno (Father of Elaine Otto) age 96 of Boston, MA. passed away on 4/16/20. His funeral and burial was private in Boston on 4/22/20. Demetrius Sampalis age 76 of Johnston, RI passed away on 4/18/20. His funeral and burial was private on 4/24/20.

~May their Memory be Eternal~
**Easter Offerings**

Josephine Aliferakis, Eliane Allendorf, Evan Andrikos, M/M Christodoulos Andriotis, M/M Ilias Antonakos, M/M Dionysius Argeris, M/M Dimitrios Arsenis, Nicholas Bouris, M/M James Brubeck, M/M Michael Campopiano, M/M Gerald Carignan, Sherri Cesario, Aphrodite Christopoulos, M/M George Coclin, M/M Thomas Coyne, M/M Constantinos Dafoulas, M/M Gaby Daiaa, M/M James Degaitas, Estelle Demars, Marissa Distalo, Carolyn Evangeline, Olivia Frangos, M/M George Fidas, M/M Hercules Fircanis, Georgia Fortunato, M/M Theodoros Fotopoulos, Rev. Andrew George, Argiri Ghionis, M/M Nicholas Gorgievski, M/M Constantine Grammas, Dionisia Grammas, M/M Demetrios Harritos, M/M Vasilios Harritos, Ann Heberg, M/M Joseph Howard, Margaret Janikies. Dr. & Mrs. Apostolos Kallis, Julie Karahalios, Niki Kyrou, Demetra Lambros, M/M Constantine Marses, Jean Mihelakos, M/M Harry Nicolopoulos, M/M Richard Otto, M/M John Paraskevakos, Stoyanka Passaretta, Mary Pereira, M/M Polydoros Petrou, John B. Quinn, Mary Quinn, M/M Stamatos Revis, Mary Samaras, M/M Peter Simone, M/M Michael Sotirakos, M/M Leon Stamatakos, Ethel Strekouras, M/M Edward Tarbox, Mr. Thompson & Dr. Tryforos, M/M Soterios Tsimikas, M/M Aristotelis Tsonis, Sophia Tzanetos, M/M Frank Vasiliadis, David Wernette & Dr. Golfo Tzilos, Carole Xanthakis, Leona Zachos

Total: $4,365.00

**Epitafios Donations**

Pauline Alexion, Josephine Aliferakis, Elaine Allendorf, M/M Stephen Antoniou, M/M Dionysius Argeris, M/M Dimitrios Arsenis, Karen Bablenis, M/M Gerald Carignan, Dr. & Mrs. Stephen Carr, Andrew Coclin, Demetra Coclin, M/M George Coclin, M/M Gaby Daiaa, Estelle Demars, Rosemary Demetriou, M/M Robert Devlin, M/M George Fidas, Nicholas Filippou, M/M Hercules Fircanis, Rev. Andrew George, Argiri Ghionis, Dionisia Grammas, Carl Hague, M/M Spiro Haritos, M/M Demetrios Harritos, Margaret Janikies, Julie Karahalios, M/M Arthur Kazianis, Angelo Lazarides, Peter Manis, Jason Maininis, M/M Emmanuel Mihailides, M/M Peter Mihalos, Diane Mitrelis, M/M Theodore Moran, M/M Harry Nicolopoulos, Dr. & Mrs. James O’Hair, M/M Richard Otto, M/M Christo Pakuris, Carole Panos, M/M Michael Papigiotis, Helen Pappas, M/M Gus Pappas, Thomai Petropoulos, M/M Polydoros Petrou, John B. Quinn, Mary Quinn, M/M Nickiforos Revis, Mary Samaras, M/M James Silva, M/M Peter Simone, M/M Leon Stamatakos, Ethel Strekouras, M/M Edward Tarbox, M/M Georgios Theodosiou, Christos Thraskias & Gianna Tansarli, Angelos Trombettas, M/M Soterios Tsimikas, M/M Aristotelis Tsonis, Sophia Tzanetos, M/M Peter Vassilopoulos, M/M Socrates Zafiriades Jr.

Total: $3,660.00

We would like to **Thank Everyone** for their donations, during this time. The entire world having such financial difficulty. The Annunciation Church is grateful, we have such dedicated parishioners, that have remembered their Church at such a crucial time.
Ποτέ φράση δεν ἀγαπήθηκε τόσο, δεν προφέρθηκε με πιο φωτεινό πρόσωπο, δεν παρηγόρησε πιότερο ἀπό ὅ, τιδήποτε ἄλλο μισοσβημένα ἀπό τὸν πόνο μάτια καὶ καταφάρμακα-κωμένα ἀπό τὴν ὀδύνη τοῦ πιό πικροῦ θανάτου χείλη.

Λόγος φτερωτός καὶ παντοδύναμος. Γιατί διαλαλεῖ τὴν πιὸ μεγάλη νίκη τῶν αἰῶνων καὶ αἰωνίζει τὸ πιὸ μεγάλο θαύμα: τῇ θείᾳ Ἀνάστασι καὶ τὴν ἀνθρώπινη Ἑλπίδα.

Κι ἀνοίγουν τὰ μνήματα τοῦ μαύρου Ἄθι καὶ Ζωή καινούρ-για, ἀθάνατη «πολιτεύεται» στὸ φῶς. Ἡ χαρά, ποτάμι ἀσυγκράτητο, ἀρδεύει εὐφράσιννα τὴν καψαλισμένη ἀπὸ τὴ φλόγα τῆς ἀμαρτίας γῆ τῶν ψυχῶν καὶ μᾶ τῆς καινῆς κτίσης» χορεύ-ει πασίχαρη.

Καὶ σηκύνουν οἱ ψυχές στὸ θεϊκὸ ἀσπασμό, ποὺ λαχταροῦσαν, μά τὰς χώριζαν οἱ καταχθόνιες ἀνθρωποκτόνες δυνάμεις τοῦ Ἐχθροῦ.

Τώρα «... Νέοι, γέροι καὶ κόρες ὅλοι, μικροί, μεγάλοι, ἔτοιμαστήτε μέσα στὶς ἐκκλησίες τῆς δαφνοφόρες μὲ τό φῶς τῆς χαρᾶς συμμαζωχθῆτε· ἀνοίζετε ἀγκαλίες εἰρηνοφόρες ὁμπροστά στοὺς Ἀγίους καὶ φιληθῆτε... Πέστε, Χριστός ἀνέστη, ἔχθροι καὶ φίλοι». (Δ. Σολωμός)

‘Ὁ πιὸ γλυκὸς χαιρετισμὸς καὶ ἡ πιὸ χαριμόου διακήρυξη. Χριστός ἀνέστη! Καὶ ὁ ἀνθρωπος ἀνέστη!”
Προσευχή διά πάσαν λοιμικήν νόσον

(Αφορμή διά τὴν σύνταξι τῆς ἀνωτέρω προσευχῆς ὑπήρξε ἡ ἐπιδημία τοῦ κορωνοϊοῦ.)

Κύριε Ἡσυχαστή, Ἡ χάρις ἡμῶν, ὁ διὰ τὴν πολλήν σου ἀγαθότητα ποιήσας τὸν ἀνθρωπον, ὁ ἱατρὸς τῶν ψυχῶν καὶ τῶν σωμάτων ἡμῶν, πρόσεχε νῦν ἔπι τὴν δέσσαν τῶν τέκνων σου, καὶ ῥύσαι ἡμᾶς τῆς ἐπελθούσης τῶν κόσμων σου ἀπειλῆς· ὅτι νόσος ἐνέσκημε δεινή, καὶ φόβος θανάτου ἐκύκλωσεν ἡμᾶς. Πλεῖστοι ἡμᾶς θένησαν, καὶ ἰκανοὶ ἐκ τοῦ λοιμοῦ ἐκοιμῆθησαν, καὶ οὐκ ἔστιν ὁ λυτροῦμενος μιλήν σου, Κύριε.

Οἶδας μεν, ἁγαθε, ὅτι πρὸς νουθεσίαν ἡμῶν ἐπήγαγες ταῦτα ἐφ' ἡμᾶς· ἀλλὰ νῦν ἐπιστρέφοντες, ἐν μετανοίᾳ κραυγάζομεν· τὴν νομὴν τοῦ λοιμοῦ ἀνάστειλον, καὶ πάντας ὡς οἰκτίρμων θεράπευον· τοῦ δὲ Θανόντας ἀδελφοὺς ἡμῶν ἐν ταῖς σκηναῖς σου ἀνάπαυσον. Εἰρήνην τῇ οἰκουμένῃ δώρησαι, καὶ γνώτωσαν πάντες ὅτι Σὺ εἶ Θεὸς μόνος, καὶ οἱ πιστεύοντες εἰς Σὲ οὐ δεδοίκας Θάνατον.

Ὅτι σὺ εἶ ἡ ἐλπίς ἡμῶν, καὶ εἰς χείρας σου ἡ ζωὴ ἡμῶν ἀπασά, καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν, σὺν τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Ἠγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. ἀμήν.

Ἑτὶ δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ τοῦ διαφυλακῆται τὴν ἀγίαν Ἐκκλησίαν (ἡ τὴν Μονήν) καὶ τὴν πόλιν (ἡ χώραν, ἡ κώμη, ἡ νήσον) ταύτην, καὶ πᾶσαν πόλιν καὶ χώραν, ἀπὸ λοιμοῦ, λιμοῦ, σεισμοῦ, καταποντισμοῦ, πυρὸς, μαχαιρας, ἐπιδρομῆς ἀλλοφύλων, ἐμφυλίου πολέμου καὶ αἰφνιδίου θανάτου· ὑπὲρ τοῦ Ἰέων, εὐμενῆς καὶ εὐδιάλλακτον γενέσθαι τὸν ἀγάθον καὶ φιλάνθρωπον Θεόν ἡμῶν, τοῦ ἀποστρέφει καὶ διασκεδάζει πᾶσαν ὅργην καὶ νόσον τὴν καθ' ἡμῶν κινουμένην, καὶ ρύσουσθαι ἡμᾶς ἐκ τῆς ἐπικειμένης ἡμῖν δικαίας αὐτοῦ ἀπειλῆς, καὶ ἔλεησαι ἡμᾶς.
CORONAVIRUS PROTECTION PRAYER

O Lord, our God, pre-existing before all ages and remaining forever; who are as great in compassion as you are in uncontainable power; who because of your ineffable mercy bowed the heavens, came down on earth and became man for the salvation of sinners; who put on and immortalized our nature and ascended with it to the place from which you descended; hear from heaven and become merciful to all those who cry out to you with a broken heart.

You, O Master of all, lend your ear and hear us. We know your undefeatable love for your creation and your inexhaustible goodness. Hence, we throw ourselves into the ocean of your compassions and entreat you: turn not your face from us nor cast us away from your countenance; protect us from the coronavirus which surrounds us.

Look upon us with your compassionate eye. Place in us a power from on high; encompass us with your almighty right hand; keep us under the protection of your wings; fortify us with love for one another and grant us unshakable peace.

Before all and above all, instill in us honor to you and your love that your holy name may also be glorified in us. Upon you alone we look, on you alone we have placed our hopes, and to you we send up the glory, together with your Father, who is without beginning, and the life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Adapted from: Prayer in a Time of Attack of Enemies by St. Gregory of Palamas in Voices in the Wilderness: An Anthology of Patristic Prayers by Nikolaos S. Hatzinikolaou. Published by Holy Cross Orthodox Press, Brookline, MA.
Annunciation Youth Ministries  
From the Desk of Fr. Nick  

Youth News  
Christ is Risen! This Paschal joy is still in each and everyone of our hearts as we reflect how much we miss all of you. We cannot wait until it is safe to see each other again. At the same time, we have been enjoying the participation we have had with our Youth in various Virtual Meetings! In March, our GOYA met virtually for their monthly meeting via Zoom. Elizabeth Grammas led an activity in which the GOYANS shared positive experiences and showcased their homes in MTV Cribs GOYA Edition. Iakovos Harritos also led us through a game of Pictionary. In addition, we had a wonderful Zoom Discussion with our Annunciation Parents. Finally, on Holy Friday we held our Virtual Retreat with 40 of our youth participating! Thank you to Maria Leroux and Iakovos Harritos for hosting various sessions. Thank you for sending so many Palm Sunday Photos of your Palm Crosses.

On Holy Pascha, we showcased a video of various youth who shared with us a Paschal Greeting! It was truly a joy to see our youth proclaiming the Resurrection of our Lord. Thank you so much to Maria Coclin and Constantine Coclin for preparing the video!

Oratorial Festival  
Our Oratorical Festival has been canceled from the Parish, Metropolis, as well as Archdiocesan Level. This saddens us greatly as we know that are youth worked hard to prepare. At the same time, we would love for our Youth to send us their Oratorical Essays so that we may feature them in our Newsletter and across various platforms. Please send your essays to Fr. Nick at fr.nick@annunciationri.org. We are proud of each and everyone of you!

Virtual School @ Our Parish  
We are pleased to announce that we are now holding Virtual Sunday School Classes via Zoom! Our sessions will begin on Sunday, May 3rd. We look forward to continued learning and to reuniting with our Sunday School Students virtually. Our Greek School has done this now for a few weeks and we hear good things about it.

Friday Hangouts  
In addition to Sunday School, our youth will have the opportunity to meet on Fridays Virtually! Please stay tuned for more details.

YAL News  
Our Young Adults have been meeting virtually for various meetings. In March, we held a game night “Orthodox Jeopardy” for our Orthodox Christian Fellowship Game Night. This was led by Alexis Arsenis. In addition, we held a Young Adult Meeting via Zoom instituted our “Companions For Christ Ministry” We have 15 Young Adults assigned to various senior citizens to call on a weekly basis to “check in”. If you would like to participate in this ministry please contact Fr. Nick at fr.nick@annunciationri.org

Virtual Orthodoxy on Tap-Providence  
Our Orthodoxy on Tap-Providence Group is gearing up to have a meeting virtually We look forward to participation of Orthodox Young Adults across various jurisdictions!
Christos Anesti! A few months back, we asked our Philoptochos sisters and our parishioners to assist us with welcoming back to Providence a young mother from Greece for additional surgery for her on-going medical condition. We want to give you an update on Georgia.

First, we thank you all for the overwhelming response to our request. Your monetary donations, gift cards, and household items to ready her apartment have been amazing. **THANK YOU!!!** Unfortunately, Georgia’s surgery has been delayed because of the Covid 19 virus. She was admitted into the hospital, had her prep tests, but the doctors thought it best to postpone the surgery at that time. She has been quarantined in her apartment since her arrival on March 3rd with her parents and her husband, Yianni. Yianni returned to Greece a few days ago. They have a young son, and Yianni had to return to work. No date has been set for Georgia’s surgery. They are hoping for a date sometime in May.

**Meanwhile, Philoptochos has been doing what we do best…helping those in need.**

From National Philoptochos, to the Metropolis Philoptochos, to our local Chapter, to our individual members, we have been reaching out to Georgia in so many ways. Grocery shopping, specific needs, Easter goodies, phone calls, name day greetings, reaching out in any way we can. We have not left them alone.

Thank you to Betty Ann and Lakis Andriotis, Vikki Poulos, Maria Kontomerkos, Karen Aliferakis, Koula Rougas, Mike & Bessie Papigiotis, who continue to reach out to Georgia and her family. Thank you also to Georgia Pappas and Denise Grammas who assisted in setting up the apartment and readying it for Georgia upon her arrival. Thank you to ALL who answered the call for help. Georgia will be here for the next few months. Meanwhile, we will continue to be her **“family away from home”** as she goes through yet another detour in her life.

*God Bless You All! Be Safe, stay well and we hope to see you all very soon.*
MAY WE ALL PRAY FOR MOTHERS

Loving God, we ask your blessings on all mothers & grandmothers. May they be inspired with your mercy, wisdom, strength and selfless love.

Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good.

We Thank the Grandmothers for setting the family examples. May we also remember the Mothers who are not with us on this day.

God Blessed us with their knowledge and guidance. We pass on to our families.

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May 5th GivingTuesdayNow - Help Support Mission Priests Affected by COVID-19

The contributions you make for GivingTuesdayNow will go to the priests of our Support A Mission Priest (SAMP) program around the world, who have been most affected by COVID-19. OCMCs GOAL: $10,000

Many of missionary priests were already living and ministering with limited resources before the pandemic hit. Now, life is that much more difficult for them. We can help carry them and their communities through these extremely difficult times.

“We thank God for everything, for all of you. May this pandemic unite us rather than divide us, may it be a blessing rather than a curse... God save your people and bless your inheritance! Amen!” -His Grace Bishop Neofitos of Nyeri, Kenya

Sunday, May 17th at 11:30 am join Dr. Bill Black, OCMC’s only long-term Missionary to Kenya

Dr Bill will present via ZOOM link thru St Gregory website: http://www.saintgregorythetheologian.org/

Dr Bill has been serving to Kenya since 2015. He is currently on furlough from OCMC missions, and raising awareness in the U.S. thru presentations, gaining prayer partners and seeking financial support. His visit with us provides a valuable opportunity for the Faithful to hear how God is moving through the Orthodox Church to the people of Kenya from the mission field.

OCMC Missionary to Guatemala Jesse Brandow and his new bride Juanita!

The couple was married on December 27th in Guatemala within the context of liturgy with the entire town surrounding them! We pray them long and fruitful lives!

... We have relocated to Juanita’s family village in Aguacate. They lived through the Guatemalan civil war so they will be ok and even if things do get difficult here in Guatemala, the people here in the village will soldier on. It is SO inspiring to be with people of such great faith and prayer. I’m continually amazed by the depth of faith that my in-laws and other people in the village have ... excerpts from Jesse’s email 4/9/20

OCMC tells us that the Guatemalan government has issued a nation-wide call to prayer and fasting, dedicating Saturday as a day of solidarity for people of all faiths to pray together during this crisis. Churches have been asked to suspend their physical gatherings, move their services online, and the Orthodox churches have been doing so.

For more information about OCMC Missions Corner, or to be a part of the OCMC Missions Ministry, please contact Carolyn Evangeline, OCMC Ambassador at cevangeline@outlook.com

Orthodox Christian Missions Center - OCMC is the official international missions agency of the Assembly of Bishops. http://www.ocmc.org

"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." (Matthew 28:10)
May - June 2020

Divine Services (year round) Orthros (morning prayer) 8:15 am / Liturgy 9:30 am

Under the current coronavirus restrictions
Services are live streamed via YouTube (annunciationri)
or Facebook live

As we go to press, we are in the process of scheduling various zoom meetings of our parish organizations and ministry groups; refer to the google calendar for more accurate information and changes

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Sun May 3—Sun 3rd of Pascha—Myrrh-Bearing Women / Peter Archbishop of Argos
Thu May 7- Bible Study “Christ Is Risen; Now What? - 7PM by Zoom
- Marriage Preparation Seminar (Part 1) - 7PM by Zoom
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Sun May 10—Sun 4 th of Pascha—Paralytic Sunday / Apostle Simon Zealot—Righteous Laurentinos
Mother’s Day—Health, Safety & Joy

Wed May 13- Feast of Mid-Pentecost—service per usual morning hours
- Live Stream

Thur May 14- Bible Study “Christ Is Risen; Now What? - 7PM by Zoom
- Marriage Preparation Seminar (Part 2) - 7PM by Zoom
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Sun May 17—Sun 5th of Pascha—Samaritan Woman / Apostle Andronicos, Athanasios the New
Mon May 18- Philoptochos Meeting—awaiting determination
Tue May 19- Parish Council—7:30PM by Zoom

Thu May 21- Ss Constantine & Helen—Service per usual morning hours
- Live Stream
- Bible Study “Christ Is Risen; Now What? - 7PM by Zoom
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Sun May 24—Sun 6th Pascha / Blind Man Sunday / Symeon the Syltite

Mon May 25—MEMORIAL DAY—OFFICE IS CLOSED
- Awaiting determination on Cemetery visits due to coronavirus

Thu May 28- ASCENSION DAY (40 days after Pascha) -
- Bible Study “Christ is Risen: Now What? - 7PM by Zoom
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Sun May 31—Sun 7th of Pascha / Fathers of the 1st Council / Martyr Hermeiast
Thu June 4- Bible Study “Christ is Risen: Now What? - 7PM by Zoom (last class)
Sat June 6- Sat of Souls for Pentecost—Services per usual morning hours with Memorials
- Live Stream
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Sun June 7—Trinity Sunday—Pentecost / Descent of the Holy Spirit Upon the Apostles
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Sun June 14—All Saints Day / Sun 1st of Matthew—Prophet Elisha /Methodios, Patriarch CP
The official lockdown started March 23 and will likely end May 1st. That is EXACTLY 40 days. The Latin root of the word "quarantine" is "forty". So what does the Bible say about 40? The flood lasted 40 days. 40 years Moses fled Egypt. 40 days Moses stayed on Mount Sinai to receive the Commandments. Exodus lasted 40 years. Jesus fasted for 40 days. 40 days for a woman to rest after giving birth. Optimum number of weeks for human gestation is 40. A group of theologians thinks the number 40 represents "change". It is the time of preparing a person, or people, to make a fundamental change. Something will happen after these 40 days. Just believe and pray. Remember, whenever the number 40 appears in the Bible, there is a "change". Please know that during this "quarantine" rivers are cleaning up, vegetation is growing, the air is becoming cleaner because of less pollution, there is less theft and murder, healing is happening, and most importantly, people are turning to Christ. The Earth is at rest for the first time in many years and hearts are truly transforming. Remember we are in the year 2020, and $20 + 20 = 40$. Also, 2020 is the year of the United States Census. Jesus Christ, the savior of the world, was born during a census. Lastly, 2020 is perfect vision. May our sight focus on the Lord and living according to His perfect vision for us knowing He holds us in the palm of His hand. May these days of "quarantine" bring spiritual liberation to our souls, our nation, and our world.❤️❤️❤️❤️️