On Our Cover
The Mystical Supper

At the Mystical Supper in the Upper Room Jesus gave a dramatically new meaning to the food and drink of the sacred meal. He identified Himself with the bread and wine: ‘Take, eat, this is my Body. Drink of it all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant’ (Matthew 26:26-28). Food had always sustained the earthly existence of everyone, however, in the Eucharist the Lord gave us a distinctively unique human food—bread and wine—that by the power of the Holy Spirit, has become our gift of life.

Consecrated and sanctified, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. This change is not physical but mystical and sacramental. While the qualities of the bread and wine remain, we partake of the true Body and Blood of Christ. In the eucharistic meal God enters into such a communion of life that He feeds humanity with His own being, while still remaining distinct. In the words of St. Maximos the Confessor, Christ “transmits to us the divine life, making Himself eatable.” The Author of life shatters the limitations of our createdness. Christ also acts that “we might become sharers of divine nature” (2 Peter 1:4).

From the moment Christ instituted this Mystery, the Eucharist became the center of the Church’s life, and her most profound prayer. The Eucharist is both the source and the summit of our life in Christ. It is in the Eucharist that the Church is changed from a mere human community into the Body of Christ, the Temple of the Holy Spirit, and the People of God. The Eucharist is the pre-eminent sacrament, as it completes all of the other sacraments and recapitulates the entire economy of salvation. Through the Eucharist our new life in Christ is renewed and increased. The Eucharist imparts life and life it gives is the life of God.

The Church is that place where heaven and earth are united, and where we can live as we were meant to be, as before the Fall. The Church’s Divine Liturgy is that place where the disunity that came with the Fall is put aside, and communion with God is restored. Our participation in the Divine Liturgy is the moment when we are restored to the Garden of Eden, and God and man walk together. The Divine Liturgy unites us to the Heavenly Banquet that is taking place before the Throne of God.

The Divine Liturgy transcends time and space, uniting believers in the worship of the Kingdom of God along with all the heavenly hosts, the saints, and the celestial angels. To this end, everything in the Liturgy is seen as symbolic, yet also not just merely symbolic, but making the unseen reality manifest in our midst.

We do not attend the Divine Liturgy, but participate in the Divine Liturgy, for in communing with God, we receive the Bread of Life. The Liturgy itself lifts us up above the disordered and dysfunctional world, and we are placed on the path to restoration and wholeness, healed by the self-emptying love of Christ, and communion with God is restored.

With love in the risen Christ,
+Rev. Dr. Emanuel S. Chris, M.D., M. Div.
In Loving Memory of our beloved,
Grandma Stella Pappas (25 years) and
Poppa Bill Pappas (8 years)
You are with us in our hearts.

With Love
Your Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

Farewell to Fr. Gregory
We extend respect and best wishes to Fr. Gregory Houlakis (monk-priest) residing in Pawtucket, well known throughout RI for a good 47 years, chaplain at the Hellenic Nursing Home & Rehabilitation Center of Canton, MA, frequent visitor as well to our parish. Fr. Gregory has reached age 90 and has decided to return to his homeland of birth, the island of Crete. He departs on May 7 for this next stage of his life. We send with him our prayers and respect for his wonderful witness to Orthodoxy.

REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE:

Why I Attend Liturgy by Denise (Kanelos) Zavota
As a young child I attended church each Sunday, because my dad drove us to church and that was what was expected of us. We never questioned, we did as we were told.

As the years passed by, and now that I am much older, I choose to attend church as regularly as possible.

With all of the demands put upon us each day, we are easily caught up in the rushing around, endless errands, stressful situations, and every day routines.

Arriving at church for Liturgy each Sunday, or other Holy Day services when I am able, helps me to realize that what I perceived as problems during the week, are trivial matters.

As the Liturgy continues, my heart is touched and my mind is put at peace by the magnificent hymns both the psalti and the choir sing.

As the service progresses, I find myself achieving a calmness, and inner strength.

I have come to realize that I need to be more thankful for all that I have and to be more appreciative of my blessings also.

As I leave church, I am inspired, refreshed, and ready to take on the challenges of the week ahead. Many of the things that I worried about during the week are no longer present in my mind and many of them have been resolved.

I am very blessed and thankful to be able to attend the church of my choice and to practice my religion freely.

Any parishioner at large (youth or adult) is invited to write a reflection.
Metropolis Award

James and Nancy Harritos to be this year’s recipients from our parish of the Metropolis of Boston Award. This honor is for service to the local parish in recognition of their long-time volunteering in so many areas of parish life, over the years. The Awards Banquet will be held on Sunday June 3 at Lombardo’s in Randolph, MA and is open to the public. Reception is at 5:30PM and dinner at 6:30PM. Donation is $75.00 payable to the “Annunciation Church”, memo line ‘Metropolis Awards Dinner.” Please submit your check to the parish office before June 3 to reserve your seat.

Recent Deaths

Elizabeth (Haveles) Mares, age 79, of Cranston, RI, passed away on 5/1/18, her funeral and burial was held on 5/5/18. The father of Christos Xenophontos, Savvas Xenophontos passed away in Cyprus. The brother of parishioner Zoe Mitrelis, Politvios Michalopoulos, passed away in Greece. May their memory be eternal.

BIBLE STUDY HAS RESUMED

We have begun the weekly Thursday Bible Study with the Theme “Resurrection Passages in the Bible” 7:30-9pm, Presently thru May 17th.

Sunday Church School’s FAITH ARTS CELEBRATION Expands – Sun May 20

Now in its 3rd year, this special event will expand to be a “full program” connected with Church School Recognition Sunday. Instead of the brief recognition that has taken place in church at the end of the church school year, the bestowing of certificates will take place in the Demetrakas Hall. It will become part of the FAITH ARTS CELEBRATION in which Sunday school children will present “their faith” in various forms (similar to a science fair). See flyer at page 10. Parishioners will be able to view the various table displays and listen to what will be presented on stage. This will take place prior to the serving of coffee hour. Come and rejoice in our youth’s faith commitment and celebrate with them!

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
Parish Scholarship applications are due on May 25. Request application from the parish office or download from the parish web site.

Additional Oratorical Festival Review 2018

Congratulations to the Elementary Division

Omitted accidentally were Michael Baziatis and Calista Leroux; we commend you for your participation.

SAT MAY 12, 2018

Goya will be hosting its first ever Movie Night on Saturday May 12 at 6pm open to all parishioners and non-parishioners of all ages.

We will be watching the film “God’s Not Dead” a spiritual movie about how one student’s beliefs are tested by his philosophy professor at college.

Light refreshments will be served.

Entrance into this event is free but donations will be accepted.

All donations will be put toward Goya's End of Year Trip to DC.

SAVE THE DATE

JULY 23–26, 2018

We are happy to announce that our 2018 Goya End of Year Trip will be to Washington DC.

The trip is open to all incoming 6th through 12th grade youth and family members. The trip will take place from the evening of Monday July 23rd through the morning of Thursday July 26th.

The price for 6th through 12th graders is $175. Parents fee is $260.

This includes breakfast and dinner for the entirety of the trip, accommodations, transportation, and entrance into all attractions.

Any questions please call Christopher Mitrelis at 401-632-8752.

METROPOLIS OF BOSTON CAMP / SUMMER 2018

Session 1: July 9–15 / Session 2: July 16—22 / Session 3: July 23—29 / Session 4: July 30—Aug 5

The July 16 week is the “Cranston Week” at camp when Fr Andrew will hopefully attend, but parishioners may register for any week good for them.

Register today at: metropolisofbostoncamp.org.
Philoptochos Good Samaritan Chapter News

Monday May 21st—Next Monthly Meeting: All members, including prospective members, are invited to attend our monthly, General meeting. On the agenda is planning our June meeting Pot Luck Supper (YUM!!) in honor of our “Senior”, “Honorary” members! Also, we will continue to plan for a Progressive Dinner in August to enjoy seeing our members and friends in a social and fun setting. We ask all members to check their emails and our Facebook pages for spontaneous gatherings, such as bowling in Pawtucket and viewing of “Mamma Mia”, filmed in Greece.

Thank You!: We thank all who volunteered their time and talent for our Holy Week projects and for the wonderful Senior Citizen Luncheon, where the food was delicious and the company was happy to be together!

Change of Plans: We have voted to cancel the New York City trip, BUT, Pavlo is coming to CRANSTON! The secret is out and Pavlo will be joining us for an after-performance meet and greet! Stay tuned for more details!

July 1-5, 2018 National Clergy-Laity Congress and National Philoptochos Biennial Convention: Our Metropolis is honored to host the National Philoptochos and Clergy-Laity Congress at the Boston Marriott Copley Place. We look forward to an informative and rewarding session, where we can share ideas with representatives from around the country and can feel reassured by the fellowship of everyone’s efforts toward our mutual charitable goals.

Stewardship & St. Basil Dues: Members! Don’t forget to pay your Chapter dues! Please mail your separate Stewardship & St. Basil’s Sisterhood ($5) checks payable to “Philoptochos” to the Parish Office. Each year, we are required to submit to National our Per Capita (annual dues) of $15 per member and our Metropolis Per Capita of $5 per member. Any additional money that you kindly submit to us is used by our Chapter for its many charities and is greatly appreciated. Call Mary Samaras at (401) 781-5528 if you have any questions about your Stewardship payments and Carol Rothemich at (401) 787-5496 about your St. Basil’s Sisterhood donations.

Parish Directory Project: Due to popular demand, our Philoptochos will sponsor the printing of a new Parish Telephone Directory. We have started the project and are looking forward to seeing an updated book in the near future, spearheaded by Committee members Anne Heberg, Anna Demetrakas, Bessie Papigiotis & Georgia Pappas.
2018 PLEDGE PROGRAM REPORT
We have to date 289 parishioners with a pledge of $148,674.00
The Actual Amount Received $114,242.00
Here are our 2018 Pledges since our last issue:
M/M Zisis Arsoniadis, Yiota Bertrand, Elaine Crabtree, Andreana Dermatis, Olga DiChiara,
Drs. Nicholas & Sadie Elisseeou, M/M George Fidas, Rev. Andrew George, Anthony George,
George Hantzakos, M/M Nicholas Hantzakos, M/M Alexander Kanelos, M/M Basil Karanikos,
Dr. & Mrs. James Karon, M/M Mark Lavoie, M/M Alexios Nikolaidis, Bill Panagako,
Nicoletta Panos, Angeliah Papantonis, Nicole Papantonis & Matthew Noury, M/M Gus Pappas,
M/M Demetrios Petrou, M/M Anthony Piscopio, Flora Popovici, Angela Provost,
M/M David Rawlinson, Lydia Regopoulos, M/M Nikola Sifakis, Jeanne Stappas, Anne Stevens,
M/M Nicholas Tantinos, M/M Andrew Tsimikas, Evanthia Theodoridis, Mr. Thompson & Dr. Tryforos,
M/M Dimitrios Tsimikas, M/M Soterios Tsimikas, M/M John Turini II,
Dr. & Mrs. Michael Vezeridis, M/M Peter Xiarhos.

Some of our parishioners have been giving to the church for 50 years on our 50th Anniversary. That is something to be so proud of yourself for.
Let's make our 50th year the largest stewardship year ever.
Your contribution is not measured, it is what you give from your heart. Being part of the stewardship program, you are taking care of God's home and God will always take care of you.

Corporate Pledge
Thank you to Quick Stop, Steven Drager,
Alexandra Drager, Casandra Drager and Stephanie DiSumma

Thank you to the Volunteers at the Spring Greek Food Fair
Another year of prep work and timeless hours from all our volunteers, which allows us to present our Spring Greek Food Fair event that was enjoyed by all. Volunteers set the stage for it all, their great attitude in giving the time they do and with grace they get the job done.
We Thank You and Commend You. God Bless all of You.
The total for Saturday & Sunday was $38,900.26 although bills yet to be paid.

Festival June Baking Dates 2018
YES, WE ARE GETTING READY, THE TIME IS COMING:
Tue & Wed June 5 & 6 — Spanakopita (Tyropita)
Mon & Tue June 11 & 12 — Baklava (Kataifi)
PREP @ 4PM / Baking @ 6PM
33rd Annual Greek Festival / September 7, 8, 9,
Είναι γνωστό τι κάνει ο ἄτεσς, γιά νά ἐκπαι-
δεύτε τα μικρά του. Πάρτε τα ἀπότομου του-
καὶ τὸ ὀδηγεῖ ὡς τὸ ἄτρομο του γκρεμου. Καὶ ἀπὸ ἐκεῖ τὰ σηπρόχινα γιά νά δοκίμισουν τὰ φτερά
tους καὶ νά ἀποκτήσουν δύναμι καὶ αὐτοπεπο-
ήσαν γιά νά πετοῦν. Σὲ ὅποι ἀπὸ τὴν προσπα-
θεία τους τὰ παρακολουθεῖ προσεκτικά. Καὶ εἶναι ἕτοιμος, δν διατήρησαν κίνδυνο νά ἐπετέλεσε, γιά νά το σπάνε στὰ δύναμες τοφέρα του.
Πολλὰ ἂν μποροῦσε νά μᾶς πεῖ τὸ παράδειγμα αὐτό. Ποῖος δίδαξε στὸν ἄτεστο αὐτὸ τὴν τεχνική καὶ τὴν τακτική; Ποῖος τοῦ βάλε μέσα του αὐτή τη φροντίδα καὶ τὴ στοργὴ γιὰ τὰ μικρά του; Ποῖος ἄλλος ἀπό τὸν πάνωφο Δημητριακό; Απὸ Ἀὐτόν ποῦ μᾶς προτείνει νά μας προσπελάσαμε στὸ μεγάλο σχολεῖο τῆς φύσεως καὶ νά διδάσκουμε τὴν σοφία του καὶ τὴν θεία πρόνοια: «Ἐμβλε-
ψάτε εἰς τὰ πεπεινὸν τοῦ οὐρανοῦ...» Ο Ἰδίος ποῦ βάλε μέσα στὸν ἄστο τῆς ἐνατικδόχες αὐτός ἰδιότερες ἐνδιαφέρειται, ἕνδιαφερόμεθα στὸ πολὺ πε-
ρισσότερο γιὰ τὰ παιδία του. Τὰ δημιουργήσα ἡ Ἰδίατερης ἐγκυίας Του ποῦ τὸ προκύψει μὲ τὴν πνοή Του, τὴν ἅδονα τῆς ψυχῆς.
Μᾶς ἐκπαιδεύει, λοιπόν ἅ Ἰησοῦς. Μᾶς γυμνάζει. Μᾶς ἐκπαιδεύει καὶ μᾶς παιδαγοῦν, ὡς στο-
γκόκος Πατέρας, «εἰς τὸ μεταλαβὲν τῆς ἄγιο-
τος αὐτοῦ» (Ἑβρ. ἐβ’. 10). Γιὰ νά γίνουμε μέτοχοι τῆς ἄγιοτος καὶ τῆς δόξης Του. Θέλει νά ἰσχυ-
ροποιήσουμε τὰ φτερά μας. Μᾶς ἐκπαιδεύει νῦν, πανικόζουσιν, ἀπατομαλάκτως στὶς δοκιμασμέντος τῆς ζωῆς καὶ στὶς προσβολὲς τοῦ Πονηροῦ. Ποὺς ὅμως θὰ γίνει μιὰ τέτοια ἐκπαιδέυση; Ποὺς θὰ μποροῦμε καὶ μᾶς νά ἠπαλαμβάνουμε μαζὶ 
μὲ τὸν ἀπὸ τὸν Παῦλο τὸν «πάντα ἵκου εὐς τὸν 
ἐνδυνάμωτον μὲ Χριστὸν» (Φληπ. δ’. 13).
Εἴπαμε, ὅτι ὁ ὸρεῖς μᾶς ἐκπαιδεύει καὶ μᾶς 
παιδαγοῦν μὲ διάφορα φορά. Σκληρά 
φαίνεται έκ πρώτης ὅψεως καὶ ἐκπαιδεύσεων ποὺ ἐφαρμόζε 
ὁ ἄτεστος. Τοὺς ὅμως ἀραπαίρετα, ἐκπαιδεύονται 
tὰ ἀπότομα, γιὰ νά μᾶς πετοῦν καὶ νά 
κατακτῶν τὰ πανούρθες κορφῆς."Οἱ τοῦ κοτό-
pουλα γιὰ νά ραβμίζουν πίπτοντα στὶς αὐθές καὶ 
στὰ κοτόταια."Εἴτε καὶ στὰ πνευματικὰ ἀθλήματα. 
Ποὺς προσποντής γυμνάζει τοὺς ἀθλητὲς τοῦ 
μέσο σὲ ἀνέσεις καὶ καλοπέρας; Τὸς κατερβάζε 
στὸ σέβη καὶ ἐκεῖ τοὺς ταλαιπωρεῖ κυριολεκτικά 
μὲ κοπάστεκα καὶ κυκλά ἐξαντλητικὲς ὀξύκεισις. 
Αὐτὸ τοῦτο καὶ ὁ ἱερὸς Χρυσόστομος καὶ τὸ 
προτείνει στὸὺς πνευματικοὺς ἀγώνες: «Οἱ 
ἀπώδουμες καὶ ἀλεξίλλουμε, γράφει, ἄκουν 
ἐπιτήδεια. Εἰ δὲ ἄκουν ἐπιτήδεια, τα ἄκουσαν. Τὰ τὰ 
χέρια ἀνήκαβαν» ἢ ἀλλὰς ἢ ἄκουσαν. Αὐτὸ 
τὸ ὧν ἐπιτήδεια φιλοσοφεῖ καὶ κινήσει στὸ σέβη 
δὲν ἔπαιρε ἄνεσις. Αὐτῷ ἄκουσε, καὶ ἔβγαζε τὰ 
ῥόοντα καὶ σκόκους τὰ 
xειρία σου γιὰ νά παλαίφησες.
THE PHASE 2 CREW
Your time, efforts, late nights, dedication, in making our church a beautiful place to come.
A peaceful, quiet time to pray and be thankful for all God has given to us.
To each and every one of you that have donated to this project we
Thank You All Tremendously.
Without people like yourself, projects sit and nothing gets done sometimes, but here all was planned out, people set apart the time to get the job done.
Now we can enjoy our beautiful surroundings when entering and say “Look What We Have Accomplished.”
Your souls are truly the heart of the Annunciation Church.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PHASE 2
Our Capital Improvement Fund Raising efforts continue. Since the printing of our last Annunciator we have received 12 new pledges from the following people:

Dr. Stephen & Demetria Carr, M/M Gregory Demetrakas, James & Cheryl Hosey
M/M Mark Lavoie, M/M Demetrios Melanis, Anne Morrell, George & Beverly Panas
Frederick C. Promades, George & Gina Promades,
Christopher & Maribeth Promades, Carole-Anne S. Sanchas, Marilyn J. Weiner

We now have 152 families who have pledged a total amount of $287,012.00. Of this amount $249,617.00 or 86.9% of pledges have been paid.

Thank you to all who have pledged a donation. If you have not yet made a pledge please do so. Every dollar that is pledged is one less dollar we will need to borrow from the bank.

Submitted by James Silva
“Faith Arts Celebration”

It's time to "show" off your faith and God-given talents!

Who:  All Sunday School Students
When:  May 20, 2018 (following Liturgy)
Where:  Demetrakas Hall

Your Sunday School teachers will tell you all about it!

This event will be similar to a school science fair, but instead of creating a science project you will be showcasing your faith and special talent.

Painting • Drawing • Mosaics • Photography • Sculpture
• Dance • Theatre • Film • Music • Architecture •
Creative Writing • Culinary
Easter Offering Donors / We Thank You
Josephine Aliferakis, Karen Aliferakis, Elaine Allendorf, Dr. & Mrs. James Andriotis, M/M Dionysius Argeris, M/M Dimitrios Arsenis, M/M Gordon Birmingham, Nicholas Bouris, M/M Thomas Bovis, Zoe Bruno, M/M Richard Campanella, M/M Michael Campopiano, Rebecca Cardillo, Sue Cimino, Demetra Coclin, Dr. & Mrs. Spiros Constantinides, M/M Thomas Coyne, M/M Constantinos Dafoulas, M/M Gaby Daiaa, M/M James Degaitas, M/M James Demetriou, Louis Dostou, M/M George Fidas, M/M Hercules Fircanis, Drs. John & Melissa Gaitanis, M/M Antonis Gavrielides, Dr. Constantine Georas, Fr. Andrew George, M/M Constantine Grammas, Dionisia Grammas, M/M Michael Haralambides, Dr. & Mrs. Apostolos Kallis, Julie Karahalios, M/M Arthur Kazianis, James Kripotos, M/M Spiro Kyriakakis, Nikki Kyrou, Cecilia Maliangos (in memory of Dennis), Dr. & Mrs. James Manis, Peter Manis, M/M Christos Mantsos, Elizabeth Marses, Marianthi Mastriano, M/M George Melanis, M/M Vasilios Melanis, M/M Emmanuel Mihailides, M/M George Mihailides, M/M Andrew Mitrelis, Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Morrissey, M/M Harry Nicolopoulos, Theodore Nicolopoulos, M/M Ernest Pappas, M/M John Paraskevakos, Mary Pereira, M/M Kevin Phelan, Dr. & Mrs. Demetrius Photopoulos, Angela Provost, John B. Quinn, Mary Quinn, M/M Stamatios Revis, M/M Steven Rothemich, Arthur Samos, Christopher Sheehan, M/M James Silva, M/M Peter Simone, M/M Raymond Sinapi Jr., M/M Michael Sotirakos, Elle Strekouaras, Ethel Strekouaras, Virginia Strekouaras, M/M Edward Tarbox, M/M Richard Towne, M/M George Trikoulis, M/M Basilio Tsimikas, M/M Soterios Tsimikas, Antonia Vanikiotis, M/M John Vanikiotis, Katherine Xiarhos, Leona Zachos, M/M Socrates Zafiriades Jr., M/M Frank Zavota.

Total Amount $4080.00
Christos/Anesti

Thank You to our Holy Friday / Royal Hour Readers
Anastasia Coclin, Constantine Coclin, Maria Daiaa, Nektarios Daiaa, George Grammas, Elisabeth Halkidis, Nicholas Lambros, Thea Marses, Christian Mitrelis, Katherine Mitrelis, Alexandra Nichols, Nathaniel Nichols, Demetri Petrou

Parish Spring Assembly—Sun June 10– Agenda to be issued soon

Job Opportunity
CPI Controls in Pawtucket is looking to hire a part-time position for Shipping/Receiving. The Applicant should forward their resume to: njruggieri@cpicontrols.com
Nikki Ruggieri Lehourites

Help Wanted
A part-time position is available in a private home (2nd floor) in the East Greenwich area. Assisting a woman with light housework, outdoor errands, market, pharmacy, etc. Also minimal personal care. Please call the office at 401-942-4188 for further information.
OUR PARISHIONERS

Congratulations to Presvytera

Presvytera Evangelia Chris, a Clinical Social Worker at Worcester Recovery Center and Hospital, has been awarded Employee of the Month for May 2018. She has made an outstanding contribution to the hospital, anticipating needs and providing support and as a result has earned lots of appreciation from her patients and their families. Evangelia has been described as a “valuable team member who willingly takes on added responsibilities such as volunteering for coverage and assisting staff by providing support.” You have a warm and welcoming spirit and take challenges head on with a smile. You are truly an inspiring team member.

G. Eric Carpenter/Chief Executive Officer

Retirement of Dr Photopoulos

What an extreme milestone to have been able to achieve such a working career. We would like to congratulate Dr. D. James Photopoulos for his 50 years of serving countless people in his practice of dentistry. May God Bless you with good health, so you may enjoy your retirement years you so well deserve.

Dr. Stephen R. Carr has been named

"Top Doctor" in Rhode Island Monthly's 2018 survey of doctors, as voted by their peers. (listed with other doctors in the May 2018 issue).

Dr. Carr is director of the Prenatal Diagnosis Center and Maternal–Fetal Medicine Diagnostic Imaging at Women & Infants, co-director of the Fetal Treatment Program, a cooperative effort of Women & Infants and Lifespan, and a professor of obstetrics and gynecology at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. Dr. Carr earned his bachelor's degree at Middlebury College and his medical degree from the University of Hawaii. He completed his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Illinois in Chicago and his fellowship in maternal-fetal medicine at Women & Infants.

Dr. Stephen Carr has spent more than 30 years working with his colleagues to provide the highest level of care through the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine to high-risk pregnant women and their developing babies. He’s an accomplished physician, a meticulous surgeon, an inquisitive researcher, and a respected teacher. In addition, Dr Carr is Colonel in the RI National Guard as well as State Air Surgeon, the senior-most medical officer in the Rhode Island National Guard.

Dr. Carr, married to Demetria James Carr, has been a parishioner of Annunciation Church since 1986 with his family-Alexander (wife Jennifer), Nicholas (wife Kelley), Olivia (engaged to Nicholas of Virginia), and of course his two granddaughter's-Katherine and Liliana.
Dr. Mary Despina Lekas Endowment Fund News

Financial Report for the period ending April, 2018
Endowment Fund Portfolio $925,754.70
Endowment Fund Checking Account $3,205.40

A donation has been made to the Endowment Fund by:
M/M Thomas Coyne in memory of Viola Degaitas

A donation has been made to the Endowment Fund by:
Camille Gregorian & Albert Musard III, Louise Janigian, Arthur Samos
in memory of Gregory Demetrakas

1/year Anniversary

A donation has been made to the Endowment Fund by:
Argiri Ghionis, M/M John Vanikiotis, Antonia Vanikiotis
in memory of Stamatia Dafoulas

A donation has been made to the Endowment Fund by:
Mary Samaras & M/M John Vanikiotis in memory of Eleni Tanionos

A donation has been made to the Endowment Fund by:
Mary Samaras in memory of Nick Stappas

Our Legacy
Thank you for your continued support! Nothing is impossible when the spirit is willing!

Respectfully Yours,
Mary Samaras, Endowment Fund Secretary

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We Thank Mr. & Mrs. Michael Haralambides for the
Lenten Floral Icon in memory of all the deceased family members.

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Donation for Holy Week in Memory of:
M/M Lakis Andriotis in memory of Stella Pappas
Bobby Dafoulas in Memory of Stamatia Dafoulas & Persephoni Tsoni
Anna Demetrakas in Memory of husband, Gregory Demetrakas
Sylvia Ghionis in Memory of husband, Peter Ghionis
Betty Marse in Memory of husband Efthathios & Andrew & Georgia Haveles
Thomai Petropoulos in Memory of husband, Arthur Petropoulos
Vikki Poulos in Memory of parents William & Bessie Poulos,
M/M George Stamatakos & M/M James Poulos
Diana Psilopoulous in Memory of husband Dennis Harry
Jim & Kate Silva in Memory of M/M Manuel Silva & M/M Andrew Tsomi
Theodore Vaphiades in Memory of Basil Vaphiades

Holy Week Liturgical Donations also made by,
Josephine Aliferakis, Jean Daras, Fr. Andrew George, Dr. & Mrs. James Pascalides,
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I thought it would be interesting to share with you the financial results for Holy Week 2018. In fact, I can provide you with a summary of Holy Week finances during the past six years. You will see that from year to year, the financial numbers are very consistent.

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As you can see the total receipts we receive year to year do not vary much. In fact, total receipts have average $12,691 each year over the past six years.

Unfortunately, attendance during Holy Week services appear to be declining. Particularly on Holy Friday and Holy Saturday. We no longer need to place extra seats inside the church to accommodate everyone. It appears, therefore, fewer people are attending services but offering more money at each service. Wouldn’t it be great if attendance could increase in the future and we would need to place more seats inside the church again?

Thank you. Submitted by James Silva

PASCHA 2019
Having had an early Pascha this year, next year it will be rather late, Sunday April 28. The Triodion will begin Feb 17,

Great Lent will begin Monday March 11, with Palm Sunday on April 21.

Mark your calendars from now. Plan to be in worship and adoration in church.
**Mid-May - Mid-June 2018**

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

Sun May 13—Sun 6 of Pascha (Blindman Sun) / Virgin Martyr Glykeria / Confessor Sergios

**MOTHER’S DAY / GOYA YOUTH SUNDAY**

Mon May 14- Goya Advisors & Officers—6:30PM
Tue May 15- Parish Council Meeting—7:30PM
Wed May 16- Revitalization Initiative—7PM
Thu May 17- **ASCENSION OF OUR LORD (40days after Pascha) - usual morning hours**

Sat May 19- Graduation at HC/HC- Orthros/Liturgy 7:30am / Commencement– 11am

Sun May 20—Sun 7 of Pascha (Father’s of 1st synod) / Martyr Thallelaios / Martyr Asterios

Church School Recognition Sunday (in hall) & FAITH ARTS CELEBRATION

Mon May 21- **Sts Constantine & Helen—services at usual morning hours**

Tue May 22- AHEPA—7PM
Thu May 24- Marriage Preparation Seminar (part #1)- 7PM

Sat May 26— **Sat of Souls of Pentecost—services at usual morning hours with Memorials**

Sun May 27— **Trinity Sunday / Pentecost / Kneeling Prayers following Liturgy**

Mon May 29- Memorial Day—Visit to Cemeteries (if heavy rain—prayers in church at 10am)

9:15am—Swan Point / 10am North Burial (old Greek Section) /

11am- North Burial (new Greek Section)

Thu May 31- Marriage Preparation Seminar (part #2) - 7PM

Sat June 2- **Pan-Orthodox IOCC Benefit / Assumption Parish—5:30PM Vespers then Dinner**

Sun June 3—Sun 1st of Matthew (All Saints) / Martyrs Loukillianos, Paula and their 4 infants

- Greek School Graduation & End of the Year Program

Mon June 4— **Apostles Lent Begins (thru June 28)**

Tue June 5- Festival Baking (Spanakopita)- 4PM-Prep / 6PM-Baking
Wed June 6- Festival Baking (Spanakopita & Tyropita)- 4PM-Prep / 6PM-Baking

Sun June 10—Sun 2 of Matthew / Alexander & Antonina Righteous Theophanes

- MEMORIAL— Nick Apostolou– 1 yr
- SPRING PARISH ASSEMBLY—after coffee hour
- METROPOLIS AWARDS DINNER- 5:30PM Reception (Lombardo's--Randolph.MA)

Mon June 11 — Festival Baking (Baklava) - 4PM-Prep / 6PM Baking
Tue June 12— Festival Baking (Baklava & Kataifi)- 4PM-Prep / 6PM Baking

Sun June 17— Sun 3 of Matthew / Martyrs Manuel & Sabel Martyrs Isaurus & Basil

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