

# The Desert



# Messenger

*“Behold, I send My messenger before Your Face, who shall prepare Your way...” (Matthew 11:10)*

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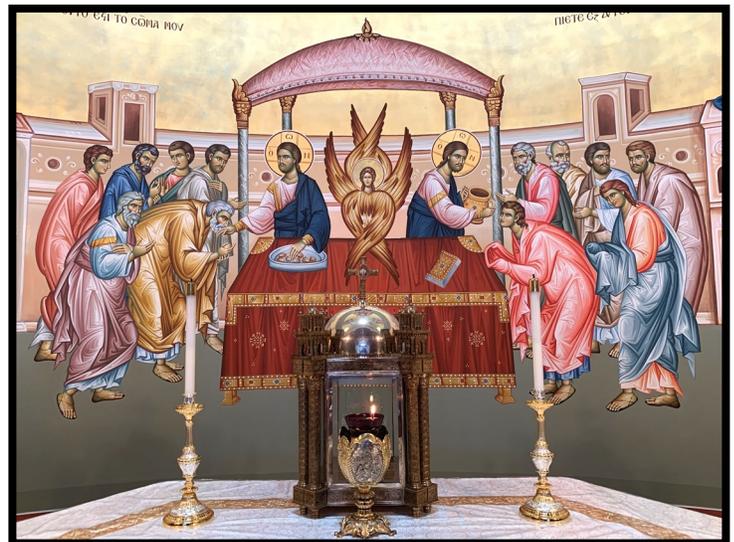
June 2020

**From  
Father  
John**

Beloved in Christ:

As we approach the *Great Feast of Holy Pentecost on Sunday, June 7* – which is celebrated fifty days after Holy Pascha – we, like the Holy Apostles, will experience the descent of the Holy and Life-Giving Spirit both in the Divine Liturgy and the Kneeling Vespers which will follow. Best of all, we are anticipating doing so together again in the Church – albeit in a safe and socially distanced manner for the time being – following over two months of restrictions which kept us from gathering as the Body of Christ due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Except for a handful of us who have been allowed to worship on behalf of our large Greek Orthodox community and for live-streaming purposes, the vast majority of us have been deprived of the Holy Mysteries (Sacraments) for an extended period – so much so, that I feel it is prudent for me to address the centrality of the Divine Mysteries in the life of the Church.

During His Passion, our Lord Jesus Christ washed the feet of His Disciples and supped with them, during which He instituted the Holy Eucharist: *“He who eats My Flesh and drinks My Blood has eternal Life . . .” (John 6:54)* After partaking of the sacred meal, Judas Iscariot left to betray Him – and our Lord, knowing that His time had arrived to become the Sacrificial Lamb for the life of the world, then engaged in a long dialog, which included His promise that He would not leave them orphans: *“But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My Name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.” (John 14:18, 26)*



The fulfilment of our Lord’s promise occurred on the Day of Pentecost: *“They were all together in one place. . . And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit . . .” (Acts 2:1-4)* After being ordained with the Life-Giving Spirit, the Holy Apostles were emboldened to preach the “good news” of the Crucified and Risen Christ in various languages to the many pilgrims who had gathered in Jerusalem. On that very day, in accordance with our Lord’s command, the Holy Apostles Baptized 3,000 people with water and the Holy Spirit – and celebrated the Divine Liturgy and offered the Holy Eucharist, just as He had instructed them. For almost 2,000 years, the Holy Mysteries have been integral to the spiritual life of all those who are received into the Body of Christ through Baptism. Along with Baptism, the Holy Mysteries are Chrismation, Confession, Communion (Eucharist), Ordination, Unction (Prayer Oil) and Marriage. Through these Divine Mysteries we freely receive the gifts of God’s Kingdom, grace upon grace, healing, forgiveness, sanctification, and moreover union with Him and our fellow Orthodox Christians.

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

*Sundays: 8:45 am Orthros - 10:00 am Divine Liturgy*

*All our Divine Services are Available on Live-Stream!*

*Access the Live-Stream on <http://youtube.com/vegasgreekorthodox>  
or through our Website: [www.vegasgreekorthodox.com](http://www.vegasgreekorthodox.com)*

Saturday, June 6/*Saturday of Souls*

*9:00 am Divine Liturgy and General Memorial for All Departed Parish Members (No Kollyva - Please Do Not Submit Names)*

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17

Gospel: John 21:14-25

Sunday, June 7/*Holy Pentecost/150 God-Bearing*

*Fathers of the Second Ecumenical Council/ St. Theodotus, Bishop of Ancyra*

Festal Gospel (Orthros): John 20:19-31

Epistle: Acts 2:1-11

Gospel: John 7:37-52

*Kneeling Vespers follows Liturgy*

*Pentecost Week: Fast-free*

Saturday, June 13/*Leave-Taking of Holy Pentecost/*

*St. Akylina the Martyr of Syria*

*9:00 am Divine Liturgy*

Epistle: Romans 1:7-12

Gospel: Matthew 5:42-48

Sunday, June 14/*Sunday of All Saints/Prophet*

*Elisha/St. Methodios, Archbishop of Constantinople*

Orthros: Tone Eight (Fourth Plagal)

Resurrection Gospel (Orthros): Matthew 28:16-20

Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30

*Apostles Fast: June 15 - 28*

Saturday, June 20/*St. Methodios, Bishop of*

*Olympus/St. Kallistos, Patriarch of Constantinople*

*9:00 am Divine Liturgy*

Epistle: Romans 3:19-26

Gospel: Matthew 7:1-8

Sunday, June 21/*2nd Sunday of Matthew/*

*St. Julian the Martyr of Tarsus/St. Terentios, Bishop of Iconium*

Orthros: Tone One

Resurrection Gospel (Orthros): Mark 16:1-8

Epistle: Romans 2:10-16

Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23

Wednesday, June 24/*Nativity of St. John the*

*Baptist/St. Athanasios of Paros*

*8:00 am Orthros*

*9:00 am Divine Liturgy*

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14, 14:1-4

Gospel: Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76, 80

Sunday, June 28/*3rd Sunday of Matthew/*

*Translation of the Relics of Ss. Cyrus and John*

Orthros: Tone Two

Resurrection Gospel (Orthros): Mark 16:9-20

Epistle: Romans 5:1-10

Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33

Monday, June 29/*Ss. Peter and Paul the Apostles*

*8:00 am Orthros*

*9:00 am Divine Liturgy*

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:21-33; 12:1-9

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

Tuesday, June 30/*Synaxis of the 12 Holy Apostles*

*8:00 am Orthros*

*9:00 am Divine Liturgy*

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Gospel: Matthew 9:36; 10:1-8

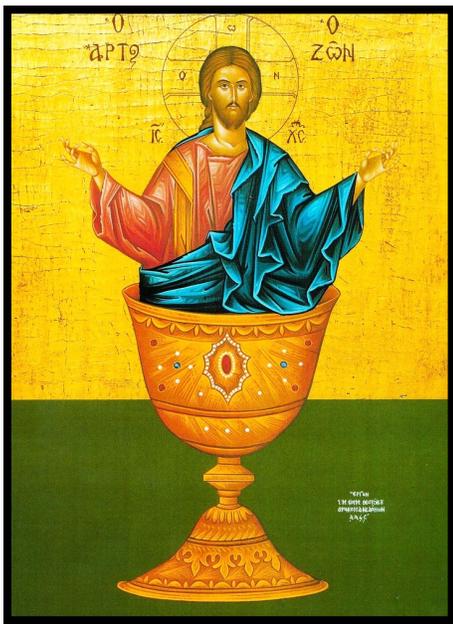
*O Holy Apostles, intercede with the merciful God, that He may grant remission of the offenses of our souls.*

**LIGHTING A CANDLE FOR YOU:** As Church attendance is limited, your Priests are also here to light a candle for you and your loved ones on a request basis. Please call Karen at the Church Office with your request. Any offering you can make during these challenging times, though not required, will be most appreciated.

*From Father John (Continued from Page 1)*

Before our Lord Ascended into Heaven, He commissioned His Apostles to “go forth and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19) – and Holy Pentecost marked the beginning of the Apostolic Mission of the Church, through preaching, teaching and uniting believers in the Holy Mysteries. The Apostolic Mission of the Church continues still today – and this holy labor is needed now more than ever, as we live in a world in which our Orthodox Christian Faith is questioned in the face of viruses, afflictions, unemployment, poverty, fear, self-centeredness, hatred, violence, skepticism and growing immorality and godlessness. Valeriu Gafencu, who suffered imprisonment for his faith during the Communist period in Romania, was asked once what was necessary to build the Christian world, and his words are ever so relevant! “It is good to model ourselves after the classic example of the Apostolic community: To know Christian teaching well in order to see how it can be applied in the present; to unite ourselves in common effort, guided by the light of the Holy Spirit; to live in a community of love according to the will of God; to pray, to liturgize, to unite ourselves with Christ, in order that we may be in His Kingdom through grace and power.” (*The Saint of the Prisons, p. 252*)

As we slowly return to public worship, we will notice some measures that have been implemented for the respect, health and protection of all our worshipers: Yet even with these in place, the Divine Liturgy will be celebrated in the customary manner. While some, even among our beloved Parish members, may question or challenge our liturgical practices surrounding the Holy Mysteries, we must not allow our sacred and ancient Faith to become a point of division; instead we are encouraged to further study the Holy Scriptures and the teachings of our ancient Orthodox Church, remaining prayerful, loving, patient and empathetic with one another. We have been away from the physical Church for over two months: It will understandably take a while for us to adjust to returning to our spiritual home and, for some, receiving the Holy Mysteries again.



God’s operative grace will be, as it has been from the beginning, present in each celebration of the Holy Mysteries and ever so in the Divine Eucharist, which St. Ignatios called “the Medicine of Immortality.” At every Divine Liturgy, we will be invited to approach the Holy Chalice “with the fear of God, with faith and with love,” – and we must draw near knowing full well, without a shadow of doubt, that we are approaching the Living God, Who gave us life out of love and Who came into the world to conquer death and grant us eternal Life.

It is indeed a great blessing for us to worship and receive the Holy Mysteries in our Church – and we must never again take these blessings for granted. Moreover, with gratitude to God, may we seize this opportunity to eagerly share with others about the grace and Life that abound in the Orthodox Church.

With Much Love in Christ,



*Fallen Asleep in the Lord: Eternal Memory!*

Vidoje Nikolic on April 29, 2020. Funeral on May 18.

Mary Lymberopoulos on May 4, 2020. Funeral at St. Nicholas Church, Northridge, CA, on May 12. Burial in Las Vegas on May 18.

Demetrios Anthony Dalacas on May 16, 2020. Funeral on May 26.

## Parish Council Report

We are working very hard toward getting our Church reopened, which requires us to have in place, a detailed reopening plan commensurate and in compliance with Federal, State and Local Government guidelines, and guidelines from the Archdiocese and Metropolis of San Francisco, for dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. Our plan entitled, "The COVID-19 Reopening Plan for St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church, Las Vegas, Nevada" (hereinafter the "Plan"), was submitted to the Metropolis for approval. We are attaching a full copy of the Plan, along with this issue of "The Desert Messenger." We urge everyone to read it and become familiar with it.

The Plan is very detailed and we know there is going to be some measure of consternation on the part of Parishioners in implementing the Plan, and we fervently hope that everyone will understand the constraints under which we are having to operate. It is essential that the entire Parish work together with "one mind and one voice" as we move forward. As we reopen, the Health and Safety of our Parishioners is paramount. It is incumbent upon everyone to comply with all safety guidelines, including but not limited to maintaining social distancing; wearing a mask at all times during Services; refraining from attending services if you are ill or if you are in a higher risk group for severe illness from COVID-19; washing your hands frequently; avoiding touching your eyes, mouth and face; practicing good Respiratory Hygiene by covering your mouths and noses with a bent elbow or tissue when your cough or sneeze; and avoiding touching surfaces or door handles. We will have hand wash units outside the Church entrance and outside the entrance to Panos Hall. In addition, we will have automatic hand sanitizer units inside the Narthex and inside the North Atrium of Panos Hall. Because masks are mandatory (except for infants and toddlers), we will have extras on hand for people who do not have them; however, we still urge you to bring your own.

In a nutshell, there will be limited seating in the Church to comply with the appropriate social distancing criteria, along with additional limited seating in Panos Hall. We will live-stream the Church Services onto a large video screen in Panos Hall. The seating of Parishioners in the Church and in Panos Hall will require substantial involvement and direction by Parish Council Members and certain Designated Ushers, especially in the Church with its more limited seating capacity and configuration. In the Church, Parishioners will have to be personally and specifically seated by Parish Council Members and Designated Ushers. We urge everyone to follow instructions and cooperate. We know it will be very difficult implementing these things.

As of May 26, 2020, Phase 2 of Nevada's Reopening Plan only allows for 50 people to gather at places of worship. We are working to provide more opportunities for worship, so that more people have the opportunity to come and receive Holy Communion on a rotating basis. Once a greater amount of people are allowed to congregate, we can safely seat up to 125 to 130 people inside the Church and around 250 people in Panos Hall, while still maintaining the appropriate social distancing. With the continued loosening of the capacity restrictions, seating in the Church will be by reservation on a first come-first serve basis until the seating limitation is reached; thereafter, Parishioners will be directed into Panos Hall.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be administered by either or both Father John and Father Seraphim, in accordance with guidelines set by the Metropolis of San Francisco. The Blessed Antidoron will only be given by the Priests at the Dismissal of the Divine Liturgy. Unfortunately, there will be no Fellowship after Church until such time as more of the restrictions are lifted; we ask that after Services, all Parishioners maintain the appropriate social distancing while exiting the Church, and quickly leave the Church Premises.

Some other guidelines that will directly impact us include refraining from kissing the Icons in the Church, and refraining from kissing the hands of the Priests when receiving Antidoron. We know this is a very sore subject for many, and we truly empathize; however, these restrictions are based upon the mandated guidelines which consider the health and safety of our Parishioners. In addition, until all restrictions have been lifted, we will not have a Choir, and will have one adult Chanter/Singer at each of the two podiums at the front of the Church, and possibly one adult Chanter/Singer in the Choir Loft. We will only have two adult Acolytes assisting the Priest in the Altar and with Services. The reasons for these restrictions are to help maintain the 6-foot separation as much as feasible.

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## Parish Council Report *(Continued from Page 4)*

For candles, we will have designated Parish Council Members or Ushers handling all distribution of candles. Parishioners desiring to light candles will have the candles handed to them to light and place in the Pangari. Unfortunately, no one will be allowed to use the Cry Room due to the limited amount of space it has; therefore, the Cry Room will be locked at all times.

One requirement of the Metropolis is that we must have a roster of Parishioners who attend each Service. These rosters are solely intended for us to have the ability to directly notify Parishioners if it turns out a Parishioner who attended a particular Service was tested positive for COVID-19. These rosters will be maintained in the Church Office and will not be distributed or used for any other purpose. After a certain amount of time has passed, they will be appropriately discarded.

Please note that we will continue live-streaming all our Church Services, which we are doing through YouTube at <https://youtube.com/vegasgreekorthodox.com>. For information on our live-streamed Church Services, please go to our Church website at <https://www.vegasgreekorthodox.com/>. Again we would like to thank Bill and Erin Bruninga for making this happen.

On another note, prior to the COVID-19 Pandemic, several individuals contributed funds specifically to replace the entire roof on the Church. After considering five different bids – based upon pricing, scope of work, guarantees, timing, reputation, and other factors – the Parish Council voted to go with the “Original Roofing Company.” The contract amount for the work is \$61,970, and includes the full scope of work we wanted performed. The only thing not covered in the contract amount is scaffolding, which we have been assured by the contractor that it will not be necessary. We also discussed with the contractor about any additional charges we might incur above the contract amount, and we were informed that there may be the need to replace around 10 to 15 sheets of plywood under some of the tiles, but we would not know for sure until the current tiles are removed. We anticipate starting in about two weeks. This job is critical to protect the Iconography in the Church.

In closing, we look forward to the time when we can all worship in Church together in person without fear and without restrictions. Again, please pray for those afflicted with this dreaded disease, for our medical personnel who are on the front lines fighting it, for our first responders, for those in the laboratories working on treatments and cures, for those who are working to provide much needed resources such as medical equipment and supplies, for our leaders to learn from mistakes and continue making the right decisions, for strength and toughness to endure these strange and challenging times, and most of all, for a speedy victory and end to the effects of this dreaded disease. We urge everyone to be safe, and to comply with the guidelines and mandates for dealing with and defeating COVID-19, and we urge everyone to take care of one another during these taxing times. The more we allow God to direct and guide our lives, the more power and blessings we are going to have. God Bless!

In Christ, Gus Flangas, Parish Council President

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## Philoptochos News

As summer begins, I hope each of you are enjoying this beautiful time with your family. The one positive thing we have learned from the COVID-19 pandemic is the importance of time spent with family and friends. As we move forward, by God's will, let us remember what really makes our life complete.

It is hard to believe that another Philoptochos year is ending. Once again, the women of Philoptochos met our commitments and fulfilled our mission. I would like to express my appreciation to my Board and all of our Philoptochos members for their love, support, and hard work throughout the year.

*On May 12* we had our last Philoptochos Board Meeting for the Ecclesiastical Year via Zoom. It was wonderful to see everyone, and even though we could not have the close hugs, it was an effective way to interact with one another and conduct business. Now that Philoptochos has its own Zoom account, for the sake of convenience, we plan to hold some of our Board and General Meetings by Zoom.

*On May 14* the Salvation Army came to the Church and picked up all the food from the freezer. This was made possible by a \$3,000 donation from Philoptochos to our Church, which was presented at our annual Mardi Gras event in late February. The intent of this donation was to purchase all the food in the freezer left over from the Greek Food Festival in order to feed those who are less fortunate. Will Steinberger, the chef at Salvation Army, was incredibly happy to receive the huge quantity of food from us. Due to the lack of food donations from various businesses and hotels because of COVID-19, our contribution was a great blessing to them and their team. The Salvation Army feeds three meals per day to 80 adults and children at each sitting. Thank you, Geri Kypreos, for putting together this wonderful outreach.

As we are looking forward to attending Church again soon, let us not forget to continue to reach out to one another by special phone calls, texts or FaceTime. There are many who will continue to stay inside their homes after the quarantine has been lifted, so a warm conversation will be appreciated. Also, if you become aware of anyone within the community needing assistance, please email me at [bgbeeman@cox.net](mailto:bgbeeman@cox.net). As the need is growing, there is no better time for our Philoptochos to respond.

Have a healthy and safe summer. **With Love in Christ, Benita Beeman, Philoptochos President**

## Orthodox Bookstore

Greetings from the Bookstore!

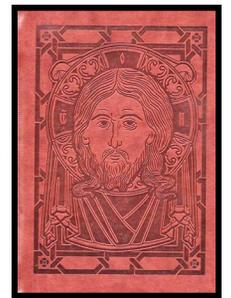
We are now open by appointment only. The best medicine for a spiritual drought, other than prayer and attending Church Services, is a good spiritual book. This month, the Bookstore is featuring *St. John Chrysostom and the Jesus Prayer*.

Since the middle Byzantine period, one of the most widely read texts on the Jesus Prayer was a lengthy letter said to be written by St. John Chrysostom. The letter was cited approvingly by the Synodical Tome of 1341, which championed the theology of St. Gregory Palamas. The letter remained canonical reading through the 18<sup>th</sup> Century when it was mentioned by St. Nikodemos the Hagiorite in his prologue to the Philokalia. *St. John Chrysostom and the Jesus Prayer* studies the history of the letter and its authorship and presents the original Greek text together with a facing-page English translation. The book concludes with an additional work on the Jesus Prayer by St. Mark of Ephesus. Additionally, it was translated by Rev. Father Maximos Constatas, the Dean of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology.

Here is a short excerpt from the book: *“Do not, I beseech you, do not separate yourselves from God, nor let your heart be separated from God, but remain with Him and guard your heart with the memory of the Lord Jesus Christ – do this and this alone always until such time as the name of the Lord is planted firmly in your heart, and nothing else, until such time as Christ is magnified in you.”*

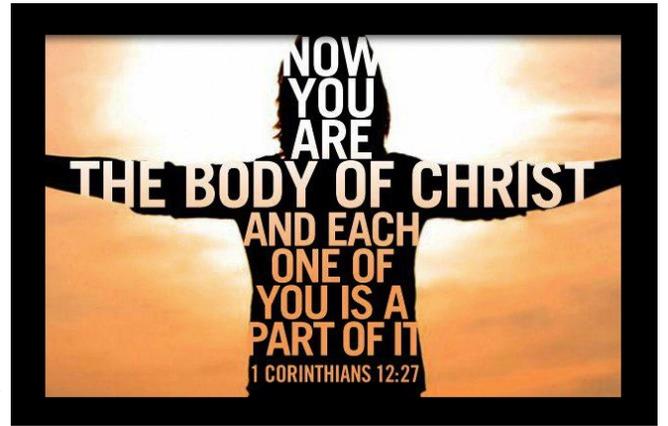
The Bookstore has also recently ordered a case of *The Orthodox Study Bible*. In this version, the Old Testament English is translated from the Septuagint (the Greek translation of the Old Testament) and the New Testament is from the NKJV with alterations where necessary to be truer to the original Greek text. It contains insightful commentary drawn from the early Church Fathers of the first ten centuries after Christ.

**Until next month, God Willing, Mary Pursell and the Bookstore Team**



## From Father Seraphim

June has become a month that makes me pause and reflect on my life. Why? It was on June 1, 2017 that I began serving alongside Father John and was assigned to the Parish of St. John the Baptist here in Las Vegas. It has been three years of growth, new life (two kids born here!), amazing milestones, and some difficulties and trials along the way. This June is much different than the previous two years: Due to the pandemic, we all have been apart for over two months, and June will be the month we will finally get back together in the Church for Divine Liturgy, Holy Communion, and the Sacraments. This nine-week season of drought has provided us a rare opportunity of limited external activity. We have all been allowed to think deeply about our lives and about our dedication to Jesus Christ and *His Body, the Church – of which we are all members individually (1 Corinthians 12:27)*. This world-affecting illness has also given each of us an opportunity to think about death, and not only death generally – but about our own personal mortality – and this can be an amazing opportunity and blessing.



The blessing for me has been to realize just how unprepared I am to stand before the Lord, and how unprepared I am for my own death. Perhaps we have all said the words, “*If I had more time I would pray.*” Or, “*If I had more time I would read a spiritual book or the Holy Scriptures.*” Whatever spiritual practice and activity we had been putting off because of our purported lack of time in the hustle and bustle of our daily lives, this pandemic allowed me to see that unless something is made into a priority *within* the busyness and daily grind of our life, even with a little more time, I will not do it. Then there are those others (doctors, nurses, delivery people, etc.) who probably were busier during the last nine weeks than they had been previously and this presented a different kind of challenge: That of courage and selfless love for the sick and dying, or longer shifts around the clock. I also think about all the parents who have received their children back from the school systems into their homes, while learning went online and all of the trials such a transition can bring. What does all this mean spiritually?

A crisis like the world is facing, allows each and every one of us to see how prepared we are to suffer (even a little bit), and just how we will react to things outside of our control. We do not have to guess or wonder: The crisis came and we all reacted, some better and some worse. Did we judge others for how they reacted? Did we become enraged or indignant? Did we help anyone else, *even one time* in the past eleven weeks? Were we frightened, and if so, what were we frightened about? These are just a few questions we could ask and try to honestly answer looking back at the calamitous times we have just come through.

Jesus gave some of the most difficult words in the Gospels when He said, “*Whoever tries to save his life will lose it, whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospels will save it.*” (*Matthew 16:25; Luke 17:33*) We are all called to the acceptance of our own death by our Lord and Savior Who trampled down the power of death by His own Death, so that we can “save our lives” – our immortal souls – for eternal Life in the Kingdom of God. If Christians traditionally have not been afraid of death because of Christ’s Resurrection and our reception of eternal Life in the Church, how many of our reactions have had as their motivations, the crippling and horrifying fear of death? Are we doing everything we can to try and “save our lives” in this world? At what expense to our Orthodox Faith and our hope for the Life of the age to come? What are we so tightly hanging onto here in this life and in this world?

Finally, I know that during this time, my personal faith has been tested. I remember at St. Nicholas Ranch Summer Camp one year, a fellow camp counselor asked me how to get more faith, acknowledging that his “faith is not very strong at all.” Even the Apostles said to Christ, “*Increase our faith.*” (*Luke 17:5*) I went up to the Monastery and asked Gerontissa Markella my fellow counselor’s question. She said, “Our faith is directly related to how much we pray. If you want more faith, pray more.” It was so simple, but so profound that it rang true in my soul.

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## Ministry News

### Church School

Hi Everyone! Thank you all for being so patient, and thankfully we are nearing the time when our Church will reopen again. All the teachers and I miss the kids so much and hope to see everyone very soon! Unfortunately we will not be able to hold Church School classes for the time being: God willing, we look forward to doing so in the fall.

Love in Christ, Eileen Koutsulis, Church School Director (702) 521-6516 or [vivaleenie@cox.net](mailto:vivaleenie@cox.net)

### Youth Choir

Greetings! Oh, how I have missed all your voices the past two months! I hope you had the opportunity to watch all the live-streamed Services during Lent, Holy Week and the Paschal period, and were able to chant along with us on your laptop or television! At this point we still do not know when we will be able to gather as a group; however, please keep singing along with us when you come back to Church or at home. Please stay safe and may God continue to bless us!

Love in Christ, Presvytera Maria

### GOYA - For Teenagers

As we are still socially-distancing, we are not yet able to gather in person in large groups. Please join us therefore for another Zoom GOYA Night Video Chat *on Sunday, June 7 at 5:00 pm*. We will be both emailing and texting you the information to get onto the call. If you would like to be included on our email or text blast list and are not currently on, please let us know at [frseraphim@vegasgreekorthodox.com](mailto:frseraphim@vegasgreekorthodox.com).

### Young Adults

As we are still socially-distancing, we are not yet able to gather in person in large groups. Please join us therefore for another Zoom Young Adult Video Chat *on Sunday, June 7 at 7:00 pm*. We will be both emailing and texting you the information to get onto the call. If you would like to be included on our email or text blast list and are not currently on, please let us know at [frseraphim@vegasgreekorthodox.com](mailto:frseraphim@vegasgreekorthodox.com).

### Kali Parea

We have been calling each other once a week to give each other comfort and support and to check in. Hopefully we can come together again soon! We miss all of you. Love in Christ, Demetrious Asim

### From Father Seraphim (Continued from Page 7)

As we all begin to come back into the Church – some with faith stronger than ever, and ready to receive Holy Communion, and some others among us genuinely fearful for their safety and health – we must remember the exhortation of the Apostle Paul, *“We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.” (Romans 15:1)* As we move forward with Church life once more, if we find that we do not have faith, we can devote ourselves more deeply to prayer, asking God to help us! We must remember that we participate in each other’s salvation, and that we need each other, for no one is saved alone. We are saved in the Church, together – for this is the community of Faith that Jesus began and upon which He sent down the Holy Spirit. That same Spirit is still being gifted to us in the Mysteries of the Church to strengthen, heal and comfort us in these unprecedented times.

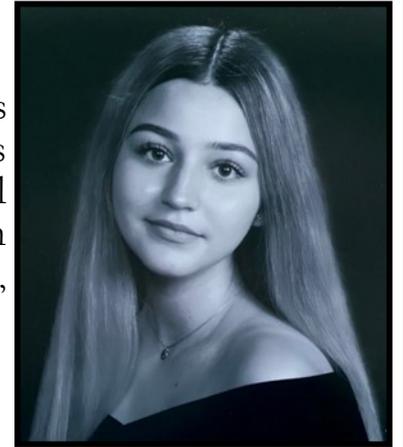
With Love in Christ,

*Father Seraphim*

## *Congratulations, Graduates!*

### High School Graduates

Sonia Christina Agrebi, daughter of Skip and Kathy Ruffner, is graduating from Palo Verde High School with an Advanced Honors Diploma and High Honors. She earned a rigorous International Baccalaureate Diploma as well, with a Weighted GPA of 3.8 and an Unweighted GPA of 4.6. She will attend the University of Nevada, Reno, Honors Program, majoring in Political Science.



Stefanos Bingham, son of Robert and Melissa Bingham and Georgia Kalkas Alcala, is graduating from Southwest Career and Technical Academy. He is graduating with a College and Career Readiness Diploma. Stefanos will be attending San Diego State University in the fall pursuing a Doctorate in Psychology.

Alexandria Bucy, daughter of Brent and Elaine Bucy, is graduating from Green Valley High School with the Advanced Diploma. She will attend the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) to major in Business Marketing.



## *Congratulations, Graduates!*



Ellie Karris, daughter of Mark and Suzy Karris, is graduating from Faith Lutheran High School Conservatory of Fine Arts Honors Program. She will be attending Emerson College in Boston, MA as a Musical Theater major.



Nicolas Mirich, son of Kyle Mirich, is graduating from Bishop Gorman High School. Nico will attend either Arizona State University (Dean's Scholarship) or University of Nevada, Reno (Pack Pride and Millennium Scholarship) and pursue a degree in Business Administration.



Ava Mara Norbert, daughter of Philip and Tanja Nobert, received an Advanced Honors Diploma from Coronado High School and will be attending University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) in the fall. She will major in Musical Theater.

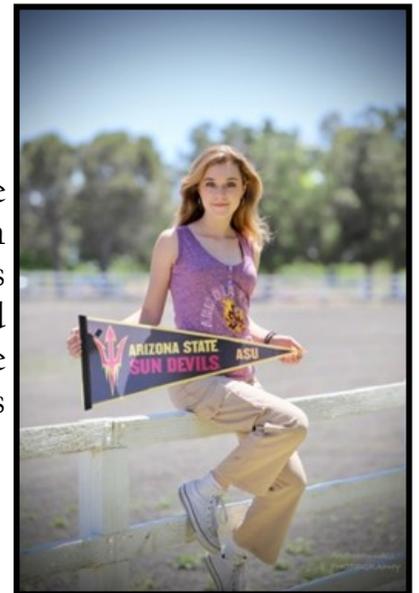
*God Bless the Class of 2020!*

Irene Sinopoulos, daughter of Angela Zapanti, graduated with Honors from Somerset Academy Sky Point High School on May 5, 2020 (Her Name Day!) She will be attending UNLV in the fall.



Alexander Staubs, son of Douglas and Anastasia Staubs will be receiving his High School Diploma from Arbor View HS and will be graduating with a 3.2 GPA. He will remain in Las Vegas and will be attending UNLV this fall to study Criminal Justice.

Maria Staubs, daughter of Douglas and Anastasia Staubs, will be receiving an Advanced Honors Diploma from Arbor View High School as she will be graduating with a 4.0 GPA and is Valedictorian of her class. Maria received a scholarship to attend Arizona State University and will be studying Investigative Journalism at the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication this fall.



*God Bless Our Graduates!*



Demetrios Tsiralidis, son of Kosmas and Katerina Tsiralidis, is graduating from Southeast Career Technical Academy with a Standard Diploma and Certificate in 3D Animation and Digital Game Development. Demetrios kept active in HOSA, and as a volunteer at the Boulder City Hospital. He is also very involved at St. John the Baptist Church as a member of GOYA, an Acolyte, and a Dancer in Greek Folk Dance. He plans to continue his education at CSN, majoring in Health Sciences and minoring in Nutrition.

Sophia Tsiralidis, daughter of Kosmas and Katerina Tsiralidis, is graduating from Southeast Career Technical Academy with a High Honors Diploma and a Certified Nursing Assistant License. Sophia kept active as an Ambassador, National Honors Society member, and a volunteer at the Boulder City Hospital. She spent most of her time accumulating clinical hours and working in the nursing lab to attain her nursing license. Sophia was also very involved at St. John the Baptist Church as a member of GOYA, participant in Church School, Youth Choir, and Greek Folk Dance as a Dancer and Director. She plans on continuing her education at Kentucky Wesleyan College to major in Health Sciences with a Pre-Med emphasis.



Anna Zapata, daughter of Cesar (Gabriel) Zapata and Litza Smith, is graduating from Foothill High School with the College and Career Readiness Diploma with High Honors. Anna will be attending the University of Denver in the fall, majoring in Political Science.

## *Congratulations, Graduates!*

### College Graduates

**Michael Flangas**, son of Gary and Amanda Flangas, brother to Lindsay and grandson of Bill+ and Marilyn Flangas, graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno in May 2020 with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Finance with a Minor in Economics. Michael plans to pursue a Masters in Business Administration at UNR in the fall.



**Melissa Angeliki Fleetwood** will be graduating with a Master of Arts Degree in Communication Studies from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas this June 2020. Her plans are to apply her education within the Dietetics profession and seek professorship in Boston, Massachusetts, where she will accompany her husband in August 2020.

**Kali Pendleton**, daughter of Tricia Pendleton, graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a Minor in Analytical-Organic Chemistry. This summer she plans to move to Los Angeles to continue her education at the University of Southern California and pursue a Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) Degree.



## *Congratulations, Grad!*

Nicholas Bizov, son of Pavel and Mia Bizov, graduated from Arizona State University, with a Bachelor of Art in Communications.



## *Stewardship and Community Outreach*



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Glory be to God for all things! These past couple of months have been “interesting,” to say the least. We have all had our lives disrupted by the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID 19), including our ability to come into our beautiful Church to worship God and receive the Holy Sacraments. However, by His Grace, we have been able to “participate” in the Church Services through live-streaming. As the Lord said, *“For where two or three are gathered together in My Name, I am there in the midst of them.” (Matthew 18:20)* Truly, the participation of so many of us in the live-streamed Services shows that we are *“gathered together”* in His Name.

In conjunction with our participating in the live-streamed Services, we need to continue reaching out to our family, relatives, neighbors and friends, and making sure they are spiritually, physically, mentally and emotionally coping well with the restrictive nature of our present way of life. One concern we should all be thinking about is that during this current health crisis, many of us have seen a severe reduction in our source of income, impacting our ability to meet our basic daily needs. On the other hand, others of us have been unaffected since we either are able to perform our jobs from home or are on a fixed, uninterrupted income.

We are grateful for the continued financial support of many of our Parishioners during the COVID 19 pandemic: Your support is instrumental in our ability to continue to meet the needs of our Community. However, it is equally incumbent on those of us who do have available the financial means or an abundance of goods (such as food products, paper products, etc.) to reach out and help those in need. St. Epiphanius, the 4<sup>th</sup> Century Bishop of Cyprus, was offered from the King of Persia gold, silver and other riches after he had healed his daughter. We can learn much from the saint’s response: *“This wealth, given to thee by the Lord, was meant to be distributed among those in need. Become, therefore, just and righteous. Approach thou the God of all, even the God Who bestowed all this gold upon thee. Give to the poor.”* Let us also remember the blessed words of St. Paul, *“But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.” (Hebrews 13:16)*

In Christ, St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church Stewardship and Outreach Committee

*O You Who willingly grant me Your Flesh for food, You are a fire, and You consume the unworthy! Burn me not, O my Maker, but rather pass through my composite members into all my joints, my innermost core, and my heart.*

*- St. Symeon the Metaphrastes, Prayer after Holy Communion*

WELCOME BACK TO  
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST  
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH!!!

*Starting Saturday, June 6, 2020 with the 9:00 am Divine Liturgy  
Our Church is Reopened for Public Worship,  
By Reservation on a First Come/First Serve Basis,  
Per the Guidelines of the State of Nevada and  
The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco.*

FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL,  
PLEASE FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES:

- If you have felt sick in the last 48 hours, please do not enter the Church.
- Hand washing units and sanitizers are available for your use.
- Social distancing must be followed.
- Face masks are required (except for infants and toddlers).
- Our Ushers will assist you with the Candles.
- Please do not kiss the Icons, Gospel or Priest's hand.
- Please follow the direction of the Ushers regarding seating.
- If you feel you are unable to remain in place for the duration of the Service, please inform the Usher prior to seating.
- You are responsible for supervising your own children.
- Our Priests will give instructions regarding Holy Communion.
- There will be no distribution of Antidoron during Communion – only at the dismissal of the Divine Liturgy.
- Please leave your offering in the designated Trays.
- There will be no Fellowship Hour until the restrictions are lifted.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND COOPERATION.

GLORY TO GOD!!!

## 2020 VISION: STEWARDS OF OUR CHURCH

Acovino, Richard and Angela	Costacos, John	Goodman, Robert and Linda	Leonis, Tishe
Adamy, Marina	Cosulas, Fr. Basil and Presv. Samantha	Gott, C. Thomas and Kitty	Leventis, Naomi
Albertson-Reizakis, Yianna	Cotsilis, Jenny	Green, Michael and Susan	Leventis, Nicholas and Christina
Alcala, Georgia	Crist, Adam and Kanistra	Gruber, Ernest and Zoe	Liaos, Jim and Tina
Alex, Steve	Cromwell, Michael and Allison	Gutierrez, Connie	Liaos, Steven and Francine
Alford, Cynthia "Mary"	Dalacas, Dimitri and Athanasia	Gutierrez, Daniel	Likourinou, Angie
Anastasakis, Mark and Elaine	Dalacas, Eleni	Hadzoglon, Christos	Likourinou, Steve and June
Anastasiou, Andrew and Kathleen	Dalacas, Georgia	Hamilton, Mary	Litsos, Nicholas and Catherine
Andary, Oscar	Daskalos, George and Voula	Hamilton, Paul and Brandi	Loughton, Dustin and Rena
Andrews, Catherine	Daughters of Penelope	Hanna, Robert and Julie	Malpee, Kalliope
Andrews, Chris and Pamela	DeMangus, Joanne	Hastings, Teri	Malamatos, Kindina
Andrews, George	Demas, Spiro and Rita	Hemmers, Oliver and Pantelas, Anne	Maniatakos, Ted and Maria
Andricopoulos, Margo	Demolas, Maria and Nour, Reza	Henderson, Jimmie Laverne	Manolakos, Catherine
Anthony, Stavros and Bernadette	Demoleas, Stephanie	Hertberg, Jennifer	Manos, Constantine and Michele
Anton, Mike and Carol	Demopoulos, Vasiliki	Hetzler, David and Joanne	Manteris, Arthur and Sue
Aristides, George and Diana	Dimitri, Patricia, Martha and Janet	Hoadrea, Jimmy and Monci	Maravic, Marija
Asim, Demetrious	Dominguez, Eric and Amalia	Hondros, Catherine	Markakis, Joseph
Athens, Maria and Centers, Scott	Doskas, Athanasios and Anastasia	Hondros, Christina	Markakis, Sandy Kiriaki
Bacon, Ken and Dianne	Dramitinos, Mary	Hondros, Christopher and Darlene	Markantonis, Demos and Kate
Balaouras, Helen	Earl, Christine Michaelides	Hondros, Fr. John and Presv. Maria	Markantonis, George and Sarah
Balaouras, Paris	Eliades, Artemis	Hondros, Marissa	Markantonis, Victoria
Balason, Voula	Eliades, Telly and Caroline	Houlis, Ila and Debbie	Matsis, John and Rebecca
Balodimas, James	Eliades, Harry and Agapi	Howard, William and Willie	Mavrantonis, Stacy and Kiki
Barbarino, Dee and Nick	Eliakis, Peter and Glenda	Iteen, Robert and Sophia	Mavroidis, Demetrios and Debra
Bartzos, Eugenia	Eliakis, Varthie and LeeAnn	Kachikis, Ernestine	Mavros, Alex and Jen
Beeler, Mike and Carolyn	Eyler, John and Elizabeth	Kakavulias, George and Helen	Mavros, Debbie
Beeman, Karl Jr. and Ivana	Eyler, Fr. Paul and Presv. Ilean	Kakavulias, John and Elizabeth	Mavroudis, Frank
Berendji, Jim and Vivian	Farren, Anthony and Maritsa	Kambouris, Litsa	McManus, Jeanette
Bernier, Micah and Alissa	Felecos, Nektaria	Kanis, Constantinos and Katie	McKinney, Michael and Mersene
Berta, Irene	Fenlason, Nathan and Zmina-Fenlason, Jennifer	Kaptain, Emmanuel	McPherson, Robert and Marie
Bieker, Adam and Cassie	Filios, Spiridon and Eleni	Karalias, Petros and Constance	McSweeney, Farolyn
Birtas, Helen and Ann	Fischer, Bob and Cheryl	Karas, James	Melton, Don and Susan
Bledsoe, Lori	Flangas, Marilyn	Karas, John and Marcie	Menegatos, James
Brennan, Peter and Maria	Flangas, Gus and Tamara	Karris, Mark and Suzanne	Merritt, Devin and Sonia
Britten, Ronald and Carol	Fletes, Richard and Herzig, Stephanie	Katopodis, Efstratios	Minas, Arthur and Eva
Brown, Faye	Foster, Kyle and Pierro, Maria Elena	Katris, Nick and Theana	Mitchell, Tom
Bruninga, Bill and Erin	Fotopoulos, John and Barbara	Katsaros, Thomas and Sharon	Moffett, Todd and Eliopoulos, Tina
Bucy, Brent and Elaine	Fountas, Constantine	Kelesis, Paula	Monoyudis, Jim and Julie
Cahill, Irene	Frangakis, Christos and Anastasia	Kinard, Panorea	Monroe, Guy and Joanne
Campbell, Theodore and Cheryl	Frangakis, Constantine	Kleanthis, George and Zanetta	Moore, Brenda
Cappony, Martha	Frangakis, John	Koliambas, Eleni	Mulopulos, George and Jenny
Carabas, Stephen and Linda	Frangakis, Sophocles and Tara	Konsolakis, Eleni	Murray, Christopher and George, Veneta
Carahalios, John and Constance	Garza, Everardo and Eliades, Eleni	Konsolakis, George and Sophia	Myers, Stella
Caredis, Jon and Marjorie	Gebreamlak, Efrem and Gebremicael, Mihret	Konstantarakis, Michelle	Neocleous, Plato
Carrico, William and Alexandra	Geiger, Dan and Hart, Dora	Kontos, Diana	Newell, Ronald and Maria
Carter, Maria	Gekakis, George	Kostopoulos, Georgia	Nicholas, Christina
Chachas, Bessie	Generales, John and Arlene	Kountanis, Panagiota	Nicholas, John and Estella
Chachas, James	George, Pete and Georgia	Koupais, Mario and Cheri	Nichols, George and Tereza
Chagares, Kiki	Georgis, John	Koupais, Pat	Nichols, Mary
Chamie, Elie, Emil and Claudine	Ghebreamlak, Daniel and Ghermay, Selam	Koutsulis, John and Eileen	Nichols, Stella
Chandrinou, Alexia	Gialketsis, Bill and Shelli	Koutsulis, Sam and Effie	Nikolopoulos, Nick and Dimitra
Chanos, Jennifer	Gialketsis, Julie	Kratky, Frank and Constance	Nixon, John and Ellyn
Chomakos, Dean and Tammy	Gialketsis, Steve	Kypreos, George and Lesley	Pahigiannis, Nikon
Chondrakis, Dimosthenis and Kragrud, Kaaren	Gialketsis, William	Kypreos, Peter and Geri	Paikos, Tom and Elizabeth
Christian, Chloe +	Gianakoulis, Nick and Magda	Lakkis, Christina	Pajak, Scott and Angela
Christou, Andreas + and Toni	Gideon, Jesse and Sara	Lamancusa, Lisa	Palivos, Peter and Vicky
Ciulla, Anthony and Kleri	Giouzelis, Sasa	Lambros, Kyriakos and Mary	Pallis, Paul
Cocores-Ely, Caron		Latelle, Penny	Pan-Arcadians
Cokotis, Julie		Lavine, Frederik	Pandelis, Cheryl
Collins, David		Lekar, Caroline	Panos, William and Jeanne
Cominos, Ted		Lekar, Michael and Effie	Papalois, John and Maria
Conger, William and Alexia		Leong, Marissa	Papas, Christian and Nicole
		Leonis, Nick and Sophia	Papas, Peter and Rita

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Pappas, Rita  
 Pappas, Spiros and Libby  
 Pappas, Stella  
 Paschalis, Evangelos and Maria  
 Paton, Mia and Kirani, Laura  
 Paul, Janet  
 Payan, Luis and Eleni  
 Pelletier, Michael  
 Pendleton, Tricia  
 Pertsinides, Irene  
 Petriuc, Constantin  
 Petro, Aleko and Georgia  
 Petrou, Jim and Penelopi  
 Philippou, Demetrios and Luanne  
 Philoptochos Society  
 Pierro, Joe and Rhonda  
 Pitts, Anton and Athena  
 Polimerou, Angeline  
 Politis, Pantelis and Dimitra  
 Poulis, Chris and Frances  
 Poulos, Christine  
 Pouridis, Kouli and Para  
 Powers, Russell and Rebecca  
 Punsalan, Basil and Sophie  
 Pursell, Robert and Mary  
 Radosta, Athena +

Ramos, Fr. Seraphim and Presv. Olenka  
 Raptis, Presv. Evonne  
 Rasmussen, Scott and Rebecca  
 Rigas, Anthony and Mary  
 Rigas, Evie  
 Rihani, Gary and Linda  
 Robison, Patricia and Diane  
 Rodis, Dimitri and Angie  
 Rodis, Sophia  
 Rosenthal, Joseph and Stephanie  
 Rotas, Beatrice  
 Rudolph, Brandon  
 Ruffner, Skip and Kathy  
 Sakkas, Georgios and Stavropoulos, Bessie  
 Salon, Janelle  
 Salonikis, Valentinos and Sophia  
 Santamaria, Jennifer and Robert  
 Savvas, Savva  
 Setian, Gary and Marie  
 Shive, Brian and Mary  
 Sirhan, Michael and Khuri, Imtisal  
 Skalkotos, Nikolas and Georgia  
 Skandros, Stephanie  
 Smith, Kathleen

Snow, Adrienne  
 Snow, Clifford and Christina  
 Snowden, Robert and Niki  
 Sorkhabi, Arian and Habiba, Maha  
 Sparkuhl, Alex and Antoinette  
 Staubs, Douglas and Anastasia  
 Stavropoulos, Terry and Niki  
 Stefanatos, Michael and Tami  
 Stinis, Pam and Greg  
 Stransky, Mark  
 Stransky, Jack and Rachel  
 Szukiewicz, Alex  
 Szukiewicz, Joseph and Jennia  
 Tackley, Richard and Manteris, Stephanie  
 Tafoya, Steven and Irene  
 Tasios, Ramona and Pete  
 Theros, James and Kathryn  
 Thompson, Maggy  
 Thompson, Steve and Alike  
 Tohme, Tony and May  
 Tsarouhas, Maria  
 Tsaliridis, Kosmas and Katerina  
 Tsolis, Christos and Panagioula  
 Tsolis, Panagiote  
 Tsortanidis, Sophia

Tzelalis, Steve  
 Tzortzis, Maria  
 Varinos, Nick and Vasiliki  
 Wadlow, Nicholas and Pamela  
 Wainscott, Betty  
 Wallace, Robert and Katerina  
 Walter, Vernon and Alice  
 Ward, Curtis and Angeliki  
 Wilkerson, Chuck and Kristina  
 Williams, Anthony and Anna  
 Wilson, Kelly and Egi, Junichiro  
 Wilson, Lori  
 Wilson, Steven and Cleo  
 Womack, Karl  
 Womack, Kimberly  
 Wood, Nadine  
 Wronski, Chuck  
 Xerogiannes, Nick and Nikki  
 Xikis, Victoria  
 Yfantis, Evangelos  
 Yurkov, Andre, Nikolina and Dani  
 Zaferatos, Ted  
 Zarras, Nick and Chery  
 Zervas, Dionisios  
 Zimmerman, Paul and Angela  
 Zmina, Stephen and Cynthia

“Likewise we believe also in one Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and rests in the Son, the object of equal adoration and glorification with the Father and the Son; since it is consubstantial and co-eternal, the Spirit of God, direct, authoritative, the fountain of wisdom and life and holiness; God existing and addressed along with the Father and the Son; uncreated, full, creative, all-ruling, all-affecting, all-powerful, of infinite power; Lord of creation, and not under any Lord; deifying, not deified; filling, not filled; shared in, not sharing in; sanctifying, not sanctified; the intercessor, receiving the supplications of all; in all things like to the Father and the Son; proceeding from the Father and communicated through the Son; through itself creating and investing with substance and sanctifying and maintaining the universe, having subsistence, existing in its own proper and peculiar hypostasis, inseparable and indivisible from what the Father and the Son possess, save that of being unbegotten or begotten . . . derived from the Father, yet not after the manner of generation, but after that of procession . . . And we do not speak of the Spirit as from the Son, but yet we call it the Spirit of the Son . . . manifested and imparted to us through the Son...” ~ St. John of Damascus (ca. 675 –ca. 749) *De Fide Orthodoxa* I.8



*Master Who loves mankind, Lord Jesus Christ, my God,  
let not these Holy Gifts be to my judgment because I am unworthy,  
but rather for the purification and sanctification of both soul and body  
and the pledge of the life and Kingdom to come.  
It is good for me to cleave unto God and  
to place in Him the hope of my salvation.  
- Prayer before Holy Communion*

**2020 Stewardship  
Report  
(as of 5/28/20)**

Stewardship Gifts Pledged: \$405,243 (\$411,103 in 2019)  
Stewardship Gifts Received: \$268,783 (\$226,810 in 2019)  
Unfulfilled Pledge Balance: \$136,461 (\$184,294 in 2019)  
Stewardship Families Pledged: 353 (356 in 2019)  
Average Pledge to Date: \$1,148 (\$1,154 in 2019)  
Average Pledge Needed: \$2,819 (353 Families)

**Church Account Summaries - April 2020**

Nevada State Bank Accounts	March	Deposits	Transfers In	Withdraws/ Checks	Transfers Out	4.24.20	Notes
	Ending Balance					Ending Balance	
General Operating Account (GOA)	\$52,352.52	\$52,914.56	\$2,195.83	\$40,024.92	\$6,056.40	\$61,381.59	
Community and Education (C&E)	\$7,535.68			\$1,000.00		\$6,535.68	
Greek Food Festival (GFF)	\$1,891.00		\$56.40	\$304.33		\$1,643.07	
Designated, Restricted & Other (DR&O)	\$298,670.92	\$9,249.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,877.38	\$2,195.83	\$305,846.71	
Folk Dance Group	\$17,974.00					\$17,974.00	
Hellenic Historical Society	\$3,300.94					\$3,300.94	
Designated Funds	March	Deposits	Transfers In	Withdraws/ Checks	Transfers Out	4.24.20	Notes
	Ending Balance					Ending Balance	
Bookstore	\$9,634.95	\$199.00		\$1,627.38		\$8,206.57	
Ornaments	\$1,169.41					\$1,169.41	
Restricted Funds	March	Deposits	Transfers In	Withdraws/ Checks	Transfers Out	4.24.20	Notes
	Ending Balance					Ending Balance	
ICON	\$140,007.76	\$50.00				\$140,057.76	
Library Account	\$1,470.77					\$1,470.77	
Giving Tree	\$0.91					\$0.91	
Line of Credit Reserve	\$12,000.00		\$4,000.00			\$16,000.00	
Building Fund	\$24,119.26					\$24,119.26	
Landscaping	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00			\$2,195.83	\$5,804.17	
Youth Choir	\$2,989.18					\$2,989.18	
Church School	\$1,306.37					\$1,306.37	
Three Priests	\$42,683.49			\$2,250.00		\$40,433.49	
Roof Appeal	\$58,637.22	\$5,000.00				\$63,637.22	
Baptismal Water Heater	\$69.24					\$69.24	
Altar Servers	\$440.00					\$440.00	
GOYA	\$142.36					\$142.36	
<b>Designated, Restricted, and Other Total</b>	<b>\$298,670.92</b>	<b>\$9,249.00</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,877.38</b>	<b>\$2,195.83</b>	<b>\$305,846.71</b>	
Other Funds	March	Deposits	Transfers In	Withdraws/ Checks	Transfers Out	4.24.20	Notes
	Ending Balance					Ending Balance	
Kokkos Scholarship Fund	\$70,650.45					\$70,650.45	

**April 2020 Candles** \$2,226.00  
**April 2020 Trays** \$330.00  
**April 2020 Candles - Holy Week** \$745.00  
**April 2020 Trays - Holy Week** \$150.00  
**Total April Candles & Trays** \$3,451.00



JUNE 2020 ~ IN THE YEAR OF THE LORD



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6 Saturday of Souls</b> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy and General Memorial
<b>7 Holy Pentecost</b> 8:45 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy and Kneeling Vespers 5:00 pm GOYA Zoom 7:00 pm Young Adults Zoom Meeting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13 Leave-Taking of Holy Pentecost</b> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
<b>14 All Saints</b> 8:45 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 6:00 pm Parish Council Meeting	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20 St. Methodios</b> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
<b>21 Fathers Day</b> 8:45 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist</b> 8:00 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> No Saturday Liturgy
<b>28</b> 8:45 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy	<b>29 Ss. Peter and Paul</b> 8:00 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	<b>30 Synaxis of the Holy Apostles</b> 8:00 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy				

# *The Desert Messenger*

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## *The Way of the Lord*

*We have seen the true light;  
we have received the  
Heavenly Spirit;  
we have found the true Faith,  
worshiping the undivided Trinity,  
for the Trinity has saved us.*

