The arrival of December means a few things. First of all, we are aware of the great celebration of our Lord’s Nativity on the 25th which is the greatest gift that we receive. December usually brings in colder weather making for adjustments to not only our thermostats, but also to our selection of suitable clothing for the expected temperatures.

December also means the closing of another calendar year. It only seems like yesterday that we were ushering in 2018. As 2019 is almost here, it is time for reflection. Was 2018 a year of spiritual growth? Did I improve my prayer life and my attendance of Church Services? Did I give my Church and local charities what I could in 2018? These three questions are just a few of what we should be considering with the arrival of 2019 just one month away.

Have we set goals for ourselves for 2019, and if so, will we make a strong effort in achieving them? Goals should not be seen as New Year’s resolutions. Resolutions made on January 1st are sometimes not given a lot of thought and are unattainable. Take the necessary time and picture yourself today; and what you want to look like inside and out by this time in 2019. We can’t do much with what Father Time does to our bodies, but we can certainly make the strong effort in shaping our Christian character and praxis. Let us remember the words of Second Corinthians “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation: old things have passed away; behold all things have become new.” (2 Cor. 5:17).

I leave you with the quote from Colton, “A good character is a coat of triple steal, giving security to the wearer, protection to the oppressed, and inspiring the oppressor with awe.”

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Merry Christmas | Καλά Χριστουγεννα
DECEMBER / JANUARY SUNDAYS

Apolytikion for Saints Constantine & Helen, Equal-to-the Apostles In the Plagal of the Fourth Tone

Having seen the image of Thy Cross in Heaven, and like Paul, having received the call not from men, Thine apostle among kings entrusted the commonwealth to Thy hand, O Lord, Keep us always in peace, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, O only Friend of man.

 Тоῦ Σταυροῦ σου τὸν τύπον ἐν οὐρανῷ θεασάμενος, καὶ ὡς ὁ Παύλος τὴν κλήνην οὐκ ἐν ἀνθρώπων δεξάμενος, ὁ ἐν βασιλείᾳ, Ἀπόλλωνος σου Κύριε, Βασιλεύουσαν πόλις τῇ χείρι σου παρέδεχόν ἑν περίπαξε διὰ παντὸς ἐν ἐρήμῃ, πρεβαίνας τῆς θεσπόκου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

DECEMBER 2
EPISODE READING  
Ephesians 6:10-17
GOSPEL READING  
Luke 18:35-43
SAINTS AND FEASTS  
COMMEMORATED  
Our Righteous Father Cyril of Phileus  
Myrope the Martyr of Chios  
Joannicos the Monk of Devich  
Porphyrios of Kavos  
Theoaphilos the Hermit  
WISDOM OF THE FATHERS  
The Savior Himself is He  
Whom we are asked to put on. It is one and the same thing to say, ‘Put on the whole armor of God,’ and ‘Put on the Lord Jesus Christ.’ Our belt is truth and our breastplate is righteousness.

The Savior is also called both ‘truth’ and ‘righteousness.’ On this principle He is also to be understood as the ‘Gospel of peace.’ He is Himself the ‘shield of faith’ and the helmet of salvation. He is the ‘sword of the Spirit,’ because He is the Word of God, living and efficacious, the utterance of which is stronger than any helmet and sharp on both sides. St. Jerome, Unknown, 5th century

HYMNS OF THE DAY  
Seasonal Kontakion in the Third Mode  
On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to * God the Word ineffably, * Who was before all the ages. * Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing * the gladtidings; * with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him * Who is willing to be gazed on * as a young Child Who * before the ages is God.

DECEMBER 9
EPISODE READING  
Galatians 4:22-27
GOSPEL READING  
Luke 13:10-17
SAINTS AND FEASTS  
COMMEMORATED  
10th Sunday of Luke

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Dean Peri

Michael Daoud  
Gabriel Daoud

Christopher Micha  
Sameer Amireh

DEC 16 / JAN 6, 27  
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James St. Martin  
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Soterios Tofalli  
Kyprianos Tofalli  
Konstantin Garofalis  
Aidan Capobianco

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Will Estes  
Alexandros Baxevanis

EPISTLE READERS  
Please contact Barry Hendricks if you are interested in reading the Epistle during the Sunday Divine Liturgy. bhendricks@cox.net

DECEMBER  
02: Nick Vlattas  
09: Chris Konstantinou-GOYA

16: Barry Hendricks  
23: Sylvia Marcin  
30: Howard Mandeville

GREAT ORTHODOX YOUTH ASSOCIATION (GOYA)
The Conception by St. Anna of the Most Holy Theotokos
Hannah the Righteous, mother of Samuel the Prophet
Narsetes the Martyr of Persia
The Consecration of the Church of the Resurrection (Holy Sepulchre) in the Holy City of Jerusalem

WISDOM OF THE FATHERS
So great an evil is envy. For not against strangers only, but even against our own, is it ever warring, St. John Chrysostom, Homily 40 on Matthew 12, 4th Century

HYMNS OF THE DAY
Resurrectional Apolytikon in the Third Mode
Let the Heavens rejoice; let earthy things be glad; for the Lord hath wrought might with His arm, He hath trampled upon death by death. The first-born of the dead hath He become. From the belly of Hades hath He delivered us, and hath granted great mercy to the world.

Apolytikon for Conception of the Theotokos in the Fourth Mode
Today the bonds of childlessness are loosed; for God hearkened to Joachim and Anna. And though it was beyond hope, He clearly promised them that they should bear a divine child, from whom was born the Uncircumscribable One Himself Who became a mortal, and through an Angel commanded them to cry unto her: Rejoice, thou who art full of grace; the Lord is with thee.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Fourth Mode
Today the world rejoices in the conception of Anna, wrought by God. For she bore the One who beyond comprehension conceived the Logos.

DECEMBER 16
EPISTLE READING
Colossians 3:4-11

GOSPEL READING
Luke 14:16-24

SAINTS AND FEASTS COMMEMORATED
Memnonus, Archbishop of Ephesus
Nicholas, Patriarch of Constantinople

11th Sunday of Luke
The Holy Prophet Aggaeus (Haggai)
Modestos, Archbishop of Jerusalem

DECEMBER 23
EPISTLE READING
Hebrews 11:9-10; 32-40

GOSPEL READING
Matthew 1:1-25

SAINTS AND FEASTS COMMEMORATED
Paul, Archbishop of Neo-Caesarea
Remembrance of the Founding of the Holy and Great Church of Christ, Hagia Sophia in Constantinople
Ten Martyrs of Crete
Forefeast of the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ
Nanoum the Illuminator of The Bulgarians

WISDOM OF THE FATHERS
The tribes of Judah and Levi were united by a fusion of their lines of descent, and that is why Matthew assigns Christ’s family to the tribe of Judah. And the Apostle says, ‘for our Lord has sprung out of Judah’ (Heb. 7:14).
St. Ambrose of Milan, Seven Eegetical Works, 4th Century

HYMNS OF THE DAY
Resurrectional Apolytikon in the Plagal First Mode
Let us worship the Word, O ye faithful, praising Him that with the Father and the Spirit is co-beginningless God, Who was born of a pure Virgin that we all be saved; for He was pleased to mount the Cross in the flesh that He assumed, accepting thus to endure death. And by His glorious rising, He also will to resurrec the dead.

Apolytikon for Forefeast of the Nativity in the Fourth Mode
Be thou ready, Bethlehem, Eden hath opened unto all. Ephratha, prepare thyself, for now, behold, the Tree of life hath blossomed forth in the cave from the Holy Virgin. Her womb hath proved a true spiritual Paradise, wherein the divine and saving Tree is found, and as we eat thereof we shall all live, and shall not die as did Adam. For Christ is born now to raise the image that had fallen aforetime.

DECEMBER 30
EPISTLE READING
Galatians 1:11-19

GOSPEL READING
Matthew 2:13-23

SAINTS AND FEASTS COMMEMORATED
Afterfeast of the Nativity Sunday after Nativity
An西亚 the Virgin-martyr of Thessaloniki
Righteous Father Leondus the Archimandrite
Holy Martyr Philaeerus

JANUARY 6
EPISTLE READING
Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

GOSPEL READING
Matthew 3:13-17

SAINTS AND FEASTS COMMEMORATED
The Theophany of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ
Theophan the Recluse
Afterfeast of the Theophany of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ
Synaxis of John the Holy Glorious Prophet, Baptist, & Forerunner

WISDOM OF THE FATHERS
Why were the heavens opened? To inform you that at your baptism also this is done, God calling thee to your country on high. St. John Chrysostom, Homily 12 on Matthew 3, 4th Century

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JANUARY 13
EPISTLE READING
Ephesians 4:7-13

GOSPEL READING
Matthew 4:12-17

SAINTS AND FEASTS COMMEMORATED
Sunday after Epiphany
The Holy Martyrs Hermylus and Stratonicus
Maximos the Righteous of Kapsokalyvia, Mount Athos
Afterfeast of the Theophany of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ
Hily of Poitiers

JANUARY 20
EPISTLE READING
II Corinthians 4:6-15

GOSPEL READING
Luke 17:12-19

SAINTS AND FEASTS COMMEMORATED
12th Sunday of Luke
Righteous Euthymius the Great
John the Hieromartyr Zacharias the New Martyr of Patria

JANUARY 27
EPISTLE READING
Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2

GOSPEL READING
Luke 19:1-10

SAINTS AND FEASTS COMMEMORATED
Demetrios the New Martyr of Constantinople
15th Sunday of Luke
Peter the Righteous of Egypt
Removal of the Relics of John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople
Palladios the Hermit of Antioch

HYMNS OF THE DAY
Apolytikon for Holy Epiphany in the First Mode
When Thou wast baptized in the Jordan, O Lord, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest; for the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the certainty of the word. O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and hast enlightened the world, glory be to Thee.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Fourth Mode
25th Sunday of Luke
The Holy Prophet Aggaeus (Haggai)
**CHURCH REGISTRY / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**40-DAY BLESSING:**
The infant daughter of George and Andrea Lawton received her 40-day blessing in our Church, November 11. May the blessings of our Church always be with the newly-churched infant, her parents, grandparents and her entire family.

**CHRISMATIONS:**
Marguerite Marrone was chrismated into the Orthodox Faith, November 25, with Martha Sawrschenko serving as her sponsor. Hannah Nicole Marketon was chrismated into the Orthodox Faith November 25, with Rebekah Marketon serving as her sponsor. Alexander Marketon was chrismated into the Orthodox Faith November 25, with Anthony Marketon serving as his sponsor. We sincerely welcome into our Orthodox Faith all the newly-chrismated individuals and pray that the blessings of our Church are with them always.

**DEATHS:**
Our sincere condolences to the family of Agnes Samos who died October 26 and whose funeral services were held in our Church November 6. Our sincere condolences to the family of Lia Hanline who died November 14, and whose funeral services were held in our Church November 20. Our sincere condolences to the family of Rev. Father Constantine Rogakos who died November 5, and whose funeral services were held in the Annunciation Cathedral in Norfolk, November 9. Our sincere condolences to the family of George Orphanidys who died in Romania, November 13. MAY THEIR MEMORY BE ETERNAL!!!!!!

**HENDRICKS COMPLETES DIACONATE PROGRAM**

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3. REFRESHMENTS:

   We thank all those parishioners who served as hosts for the month of November. The hosts for December are:

   Dec. 2: M/M J. Konstantinou, Ms. Katherine Haramis, M/M J. Mantis, Ms. R. Mantis, Ms. Sylvia Magera, Ms. Zena Mageras
   Dec. 9: M/M Greg Lumpkin, Ms. Athena Markos, Mr. Gerge Markos, Mr. Mickey Markos.
   Dec. 16: Mr. H. Mandeville, Ms. Anna Mageras, Ms. Nikki Magera, Ms. Zena Mageras
   Dec. 23: M/M Demetrios Mantis, Ms. R. Mantis, Ms. Sylvia Marcin, M/M J. Matheos
   Dec. 30: M/M Nick Matthews, M/M Bill Ringas, M/M K. Michalides

4. CHURCH EMAIL LIST

   Subscribe to the church email list for monthly links to the Cross+Roads and important church announcements at:

   www.schgochurch.va.goarch.org

   **DEADLINE**

   Please email information no later than the 20th day of the month to Nick Vlattas nvlattas@gmail.com
PHILOPTOCHOS

We sincerely congratulate our two fellow Philoptochos members who were recognized as stewards of the year for 2018. They are Alexa Garrison and Barbara France, both of whom deservedly merit this recognition for all they have done and continue to do for our Church and Community. We also sincerely thank and congratulate the two non-Philoptochos members Alvin Garrison and Jimmy Koumbas who, too, were recognized as stewards of the year for their many contributions to our Church and Community. God bless you, all. Keep up your good work for the well-being of this Church and this Community.

Ladies, once again, you are reminded to make yourselves available December 3, 4, 5, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for the baking of Vasilopites. This is our prime fund-raising project, so do make every effort to be at the baking on the indicated dates. Also, do promote the sale of Vasilopites to your friends and acquaintances.

Our AOK project is well and ongoing as we continue reminding you. If at all possible, do consider becoming part of the team that visits the patients at Virginia Oncology every Monday. If unable to physically participate, do consider contributing in other ways.

Call Ellie Costulis, H833-8181, C303-3080 and offer your help and many thanks to all present and future participants.

Our Vasilopita Luncheon is scheduled for January 6. Be ready to offer your help when asked to do so.

Our December meeting will be Sunday, December 2, following Church services. It is our Christmas meeting and we observe it with dinner (in this case, lunch) at a local restaurant. President Galley will inform us in due time as to which restaurant we will patronize this year. Plan to attend.

Our Community will be hosting the New Year’s Eve Party in our Community Center this year. During this party, Philoptochos auctions off its traditional LIRA. Hopefully, many of our members will be attending these festivities and promoting the auction of the LIRA.

Our obligations to the National for the months of December and January are:
A contribution to the United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF) ; a contribution to the General Medical Fund which provides financial resources for individuals in need of assistance not specifically covered by other restricted National Funds or Programs; contributing our Vasilopita proceeds to benefit Saint Basil Academy, a contribution to Social Services, Cancer and other Major Illnesses Fund which provides outreach, support and financial assistance to those in need.

In January, we also submit our membership dues.

We, the members of Saint Helen Philoptochos Society wish a Very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Blessed New Year to all our friends and to everyone within and without our Community and throughout the entire world.

ORDER OF AHEPA

On December 8, 2018, our chapter will assist the Daughters of Penelope with their Annual Holiday Craft Show. Numerous vendors will display their items for purchase and a variety of delicious food items will be available.

On December 13, 2018, our AHEPA FAMILY Christmas Party will take place at the AHEPA FAMILY CENTER, beginning with dinner at 6:30pm. All members are encouraged to bring their spouses.

On February 3, 2019, members and their guests are urged to attend our ANNUAL SUPER BOWL PARTY, allowing all to enjoy watching the game on our 50 inch Screen TV and enjoying some delicious food, snacks and beverages!

On March 9, 2019, everyone is invited to attend our AHEPA FAMILY CASINO NIGHT to benefit our scholarship programs. A prime rib dinner will be served and numerous prizes will be awarded.

We remind all that we still offer a variety of delicious food items at our AHEPA AGORA. Please stop by and purchase your needed items for the holidays!

We wish everyone a Christmas filled with Peace, Hope and Joy!

DAUGHTERS OF PENEOLE

The Daughters successfully concluded a most enjoyable Saturday morning, November 3, with their Champagne Brunch and Fashion Show and wish to thank all those wonderful folks who helped us with their presence. The proceeds of this event fund our scholarship program.

On Saturday, December 8, 10:00am to 6:00 pm, the Daughters will sponsor a Craft Show. We invite everyone to come and enjoy a variety of crafts, delicious food and desserts.

On December 13, starting at 6:30 p.m., we will meet for our traditional Christmas meeting. There will be good food and lots of great desserts. Members, plan to attend and bring a guest. All are welcome. This year, instead of exchanging gifts, please bring socks, underwear and any other clothing item which we will donate to PORT.

Please, call sister Kathy Matthews, (804)725-1179 and let her know that you plan to attend.

The Daughters of Penelope wish everyone a Most Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

HELENNIC WOMAN’S PENEOLE SOCIETY

The Hellenic Woman’s Penelope Society (HWPS) will hold its Christmas Celebration on Thursday, November 29th at 6:00 pm at the Hellenic Center. Mmes. Christos Koumbas, Ilkonomou, and Christine Mignona will serve as hostesses, Tessie Dakis will preside.

After an enjoyable social hour, we will welcome the Christmas season with a Christmas rendition by the Hampton Roads Academy Vocal Ensemble under the direction of Mrs. Robin Steinberger.

At our November meeting it was decided that the members not bring any items for the Menchville House this year. Instead, the club will make a monetary Christmas donation.

Our annual Fall Bake Sale, which was held in November, was a great success. Many thanks to our members and friends who helped to make our delicious pastries. To our loyal patrons we offer our gratitude for their continued support.

The 2013 Revised Edition of our cookbook, Culinary Gifts from the Greeks, makes a beautiful gift for Christmas. The Christmas-wrapped books will be on sale in the Hellenic Center during the social hour every Sunday until Christmas. Please call Marika Anthony or Tessie Dakis for additional information.

Our January, 2019 meeting will be held on Thursday, January 10, 2019 (Second Thursday) at 6:00 pm at the Hellenic Center. Zoe Marcopoulos will serve as hostess and Maggie Thompson will preside.

Our 19th Annual Dinner Theater will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2019. Complete details will be announced in the February Cross+Roads.

We extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the families of Agnes Samos and Lia Hamline who recently passed away. May their memories be eternal.

We wish a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY, HEALTHY and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS!
Fall Festival: Thanks to everyone who came to our Fall Festival on November 4th! We had lots of fun decorating pumpkins, sugar cookies, Orthodox activities, jumping on bounce houses, and eating pizza!
Happy New Year!

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Pick up orders by:
Sunday, December 9th
WHATEVER YOU DO, WORK AT IT WITH ALL YOUR HEART AS WORKING FOR THE LORD AND NOT FOR MEN—Colossians 3:23

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE PARISHIONERS LISTED BELOW FOR MAKING A STewardship Pledge FOR 2018:

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- Mary Anas
- Nick & Dottie Andre
- Tony & Marika Anthony
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- Nick Vretos
- Sophia & Anthony Waltz
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- John Williams
- James Woodbury
- Katherine Yeapenis
- Chris & Hope Zambas
- Ernest & Angela Zichal

WE ALSO THANK THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE MADE CONTRIBUTIONS THIS YEAR BUT HAVEN’T COMPLETED A STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT FORM:

- Alberto & Natalya Accardi
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- Svetlana Grubic
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- Brian & Cynthia Kilough
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- Voila Panagos
- Brian & Jennifer Patrinely
- Dimitri & Volua Petarakos
- Randy & Karen Pingley
- Mel & Frances Polizos
- Harry Samos
- John & Agnes Samos
- Samir & Katerina Sanbar
- Charita Starou
- Paul & Maria Summa
- Veronica Taylor
- Anastasia Theodoriogianiss
- Stavroula Valentin

We encourage our parishioners to fill out a 2018 Stewardship Pledge Form if they have not already done so. Your Stewardship is vital to support the ministries of Saints Constantine and Helen. Forms are available in the Narthex and also on the church website. Thank you for your commitment of time, talent and treasure.
CHARITA STAVROU STEWARDS OF THE YEAR

On November 18th, during Stewardship Commitment Sunday, our community took time to recognize two individuals and one husband & wife team as the Charita Stavrou Stewards of the Year. Barbara France, Jimmy Koumbas, and Alvin & Alexa Garrison were presented with an icon of Saints Constantine and Helen by our Parish Proistamenos, Father George Chioros, Parish Council President, Frank Peri, and Chairman of the Stewardship Ministry, Nick Matthews, in recognition of their many offerings of time and talents towards the work and ministries of our Church.

We’ve been recognizing parishioners as stewards of the year in our community since 2000. What’s special about this recognition program is that members of the community are asked to nominate others parishioners. Meaning those recognized weren’t just picked randomly – they inspired others to take the time to write up and submit a nomination. Equally special is that this recognition was renamed this year as “The Charita Stavrou Steward of the Year” in memory of our beloved parishioner Charita Stavrou who fell asleep in the Lord this past March 24th.

Barbara, Jimmy, Alvin & Alexa are all talented and dedicated, yet humble stewards who are called to serve Christ and His Church by offering their time and talent as an offering of love and thanksgiving. They are truly deserving of this recognition. Well done, good and faithful servants.

Pictured above are Parish Council President Frank Peri, Zena Mageras (accepting on behalf of Jimmy Koumbas), Barbara France, Father George Chioros, Alvin & Alexa Garrison, Stewardship Committee Member Barry Hendricks, and Chairman Nick Matthews.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY REPORT

Parish Assembly
October 25, 2018
Presenter: Nick J Matthews

Every day, every minute, every breath is truly a gift from God


Review 2018 Stewardship (Jan-Sept)
146 Family Pledges (Signed)
Time Talent & Treasure $129,005
53 Family Pledge (Not-Signed)
Time Talent Treasure & Other 42,093
TOTAL Fund 1 $171,098

YTD Stewardship Budget (Jan.-Sept.)
$160,244
YTD Stewardship
Actual vs Budget
$10,854
TOTAL Fund 2 (Miscellaneous)
$35,741
TOTAL Fund 3 (Renovation)
$10,086

Stewardship Ministry
Some of the enablers this year to increase “STEWARDS” include the following:
Stewardship Display in the Narthex, and Cross+Roads, maintained by Chris and Elaine Jansen
Stewardship Commitment Sunday November 18th, this is always the Sunday before Thanksgiving, how appropriate. A big thank you to Faye Evans, Chris & Elaine Jansen for designing a new Stewardship Tri-Fold, customized for Saints Constantine & Helen GOC, with the 2019 theme, with sections for your TIME, TALENT and TREASURE. The new Stewardship Tri-Fold will be available in the Narthex Sunday November 11th. Take a few minutes to count your blessings and decide what gifts of TIME TALENT and TREASURE will be returned to GOD. Stewardship has nothing to do with money, but everything to do with giving thanks to God.

“The Charita Stavrou STEWARD OF THE YEAR,” thanks to Barry Hendricks for his leadership with this initiative. After an absence of five years, on Stewardship Committee Sunday, individual or individuals will be recognized who epitomize the ideals of Christian Stewardship. The deadline for submitting nominations is today, October 28th.

Adult Education Ministry every Wednesday after the Paraclesis services. Facilitators Fr George and Konstantine Pietronuto.

The theme for the 2018 Stewardship Ministry from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America is “Whatever you do work, at it with all your heart as working for the Lord, not for man” Colossians 3:23

Stewardship is a way of life; we affirm that every aspect of our lives comes as a Gift from God.
Stewardship promotes our spiritual growth and strengthens our faith.
Stewardship is doing kind deeds and caring for the needs of others. Stewardship calls on the faithful to cheerfully offer back to God a portion of the gifts.
Orthodox Christian “STEWARDS” actively participate in the life of the Church.

As good “STEWARDS” we are returning to God Our own Gifts. Your Stewardship Commitment is kept in confidence. Jesus taught us that giving should be done quietly, generously and out of sight of others.

Every day, every minute, every breath is truly a gift from God.
**Parish Council Minutes—October 22**

I: Call to Order & Opening Prayer:

Present: Father George Chioros, John Dermanis, Zena Mageras, Bobby Garofalis, Kent Paumier, Greg Bicouvaris, Elias Dougerakis, Stavroula Galley, Tom Grepiotis, Nick Matthews, Anastasia Theodorogiannis

Absent: Frank Peri

Guest: None

The meeting convened at 18:34 with an opening prayer by Father George. The following items were discussed:

II: Minutes:

Dermanis made the motion to approve the meeting minutes of the 24 Sept 18 meeting; seconded by Matthews, passed unanimously.

III: Correspondence:

Thank You Letter from Virginia Peninsula Foodbank, DTD 9 Sept 18, for our food donation of Ninety-four pounds of food.

IV: Treasurer's Report: Zena Mageras - Attached with minutes.

- Item 10100 – Account will be renamed Maintenance Reserve / Organ Fund Replacement with a balance $10,085.75. An additional $10K to be added from General Checking.

V: Visitor's Comments:

None

VI: Committee Reports:

- Youth Ministry – Mariam Canavos
  Parents will be able to register their children for GOYA, JOY and Hope online and that will be available by the end of this week. I will post the links on the FB page and on the church website.

- Basketball Practice and GOYA room hangout every Tuesday from 5:15-7pm. Now that the GOYA room is almost completely furnished, we will be having GOYA room hangouts for GOYA and Pre-GOYA ages 11+

- 28 Oct – 3pm. Howl-O-Scream at Bush Gardens ages 11+

- November Orthodox on Tap. I have been communicating with St. Basil’s about joining their orthodoxy on Tap and we are working on setting a date for the upcoming month.

- 4 Nov – Fall Festival for JOY and Hope.

- 9-11 Nov – Norfolk Basketball Tournament. We will be bringing a boys B team and potentially a girls A team.

- 16-18 Nov – Young Adult retreat in Williamsburg, Ages 21+

- 8 Dec – GOYA lock-In in Richmond

- House Committee – Barbara France attached with minutes

- Bible and Shipyard breakfasts are continuing with good attendance. We had one (1) rentals since last meeting, Parishioner wedding, which went very well.

- The floor of the hall needs cleaning and waxing with professional equipment. It was mopped and waxed (used 2 buckets $200), which make it look good for that upcoming event, but it doesn’t last. The last time the floor was professionally addressed was the parishioner wedding when the bathrooms were redone.

- Upcoming Events thru 2019:
  - October 28th – Fall General Assembly
  - November 10th – DOP Fashion Show
  - November 17th – Youth Challenge Banquet, please mark your calendars
  - November 23rd – HYD Event
  - December 8th – DOP Craft Fair

December 12th thru 19th – PORT

December 22nd – Baptism (Parishioner)

December 29th – Quincentenary

Festival Committee – John Dermanis

All of the parish council members were involved with festival. Thank you for your teamwork. The preliminary numbers are slightly down from last year. We were not on church volunteers. The fire-marshall required the loukoumades machine be relocated from the kitchen area. We need to find solution for next year. The coolers inside our hall need to be painted per Health Department Inspector’s comment.

Maintenance Committee – Elias Dougerakis

Concrete work is complete. Need to finish arch repairs Church front doors awaiting response from professional refinishing company.

Stewardship Ministry – Nick Matthews

Report as of 9/30/2018

- Stewardship (Fund 1) $129,005.20
- Stewardship Other (1&2) $168,071.86
- Total (Funds 1, 2 & 3) $317,099.72
- Families Pledged 147
- Stewardship Commitment $143,755.00
- Average Family Pledged $977.93
- 18 Nov – Stewardship Sunday. New Stewardship Trifold has been developed for 2019.

- The Charita Stavrou Steward of the Year Award plaque to be ordered.

- The existing Steward of the Year plaque will be updated to include names from previous years.

VII: Priest's Report – Father George

Michael Storm damage the old church sign and one crepe myrtle tree. The fence between the hotel and church parking lot was damaged before the storm.

We have been having issues with the church credit card. Looking at changing the card to Towne Bank.

- Adult Education at 1900 after Paraclesis Service at 1800 on Wednesdays.
- 28 Oct – Parish Assembly after church. We need fifty parishioners for a quorum.

We have $10K to be added from balance $10,085.75. An additional $10K to be added from General Checking.

VIII: Unfinished Business:

1. Cleaning Kitchen and Library – complete
3. Lockbox – 1st appraisal of contents completed. 2ND appraisal – TBD

IX: Adjournment:

Fr. George offered the closing prayer at 19:41. Next PC meeting will be on 19 Nov 18 at 1830.

Certification:

Respectfully Submitted
Kent M. Paumier
December 2018

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2 Sunday
14th Sunday of Luke
8:45 AM Orthros
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
40-Day Memorial for Agnes Samos
12:00 PM Philoptochos Lunch @ Angelo’s

3 Monday
Vasilopita Baking

4 Tuesday
Saint Barbara
9:00 am Orthros / 10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Vasilopita Baking
5:00/8:00 pm Greek School

5 Wednesday
Vasilopita Baking
6:00 – 7:30 pm Goya
6:00 pm Vespers at Saint Nicholas
In Va. Beach for the Feast of St. Nicholas
7:15 pm Choir

6 Thursday
St. Nicholas
9:00 am Orthros / 10:00 am Divine Liturgy

9 Sunday
10th Sunday of Luke
Conception of Theotokos
8:45 AM Orthros
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Choir @ Garrison’s

10 Monday
6:30 pm Parish Council

11 Tuesday
5:00/8:00 pm Greek School

12 Wednesday
Saint Spyridon
9:00 am Orthros / 10:00 am Divine Liturgy
In-House Port Project
7:15pm Choir

13 Thursday
In-House Port Project
6:30 pm Ahepa & Daughters
Christmas Party

14 Friday
In-House Port Project

15 Saturday
In-House Port Project
10:00 am Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

16 Sunday
11th Sunday of Luke
8:45 AM Orthros
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Sunday School Christmas Program
In-House Port Project

17 Monday
In-House Port Project

18 Tuesday
In-House Port Project

19 Wednesday
In-House Port Project
7:15pm Choir

22 Saturday
In-Va. Beach for the Feast of St. Nicholas
8:45 AM Orthros
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Vasilopita Luncheon

23 Sunday
Sunday before Nativity
8:45 AM Orthros
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

24 Monday-Christmas Eve
Nativity Eve
10:00am Royal Hours
6:30 PM Vesperal Divine Liturgy

25 Tuesday - Holy Nativity
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

26 Tuesday
Sunday after Nativity
8:45 AM Orthros
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

31 Monday-New Year’s Eve
9:00 pm NYE Dance at Announcement in Norfolk

January 2019

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1 Tuesday
New Year’s Day
St. Basil the Great
Circumcision of Christ
9:00 am Orthros / 10:00 am Divine Liturgy

2 Wednesday
6:00 – 7:30 pm Goya Basketball / Hang Out

4 Monday
10:00 AM Royal Hours

5 Saturday
Eve of Theophany
Lesser Blessing of Water
9:00 am Orthros / 10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Vasilopita Luncheon

6 Sunday
Holy Theophany
Great Blessing of Water
9:00 am Orthros / 10:00 am Divine Liturgy

8 Tuesday
4:00/8:00 pm Greek School

9 Wednesday
6:00 pm Paraclesis
6:00 – 7:30 pm Goya Basketball / Hang Out
7:00 pm Adult Education
7:15pm Choir

10 Thursday
6:30pm Ahepa

11 Friday
New Year’s Day
St. Basil the Great
Circumcision of Christ
9:00 am Orthros / 10:00 am Divine Liturgy

18 Friday
St. Athanasios
9:00 am Orthros / 10:00 am Divine Liturgy

20 Sunday
8:45 AM Orthros
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

22 Tuesday
5:00/8:00 pm Greek School

23 Wednesday
6:00 pm Paraclesis
6:00 – 7:30 pm Goya Basketball / Hang Out
7:00 pm Adult Education
7:15pm Choir

24 Thursday
6:30pm Ahepa

25 Friday
St. Gregory the Theologian
9:00 am Orthros / 10:00 am Divine Liturgy

25 Sunday
8:45 AM Orthros
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Greek School Three Hierarchs Program

29 Tuesday
5:00/8:00 pm Greek School

30 Wednesday
Three Hierarchs
9:00 am Orthros / 10:00 am Divine Liturgy
6:00 pm Paraclesis
6:00 – 7:30 pm Goya Basketball / Hang Out
7:00 pm Adult Education
7:15pm Choir
Sunday Services
8:45 a.m.  Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:30 a.m. Religious Education (Sep-May)
12:00 a.m. Christian Fellowship (Hellenic Center)

Mission Statement
The mission of Saints Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Newport News, Virginia is to keep, practice, and proclaim the Orthodox Christian Faith. The work and ministry of our Parish will include proclaiming the Gospel, sanctifying the faithful through God's grace in worship, the Divine Liturgy and the Sacraments, and enhancing their spiritual life. We will fulfill the great commission of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by inviting others into the Church through Baptism and/or Chrismation, educating them in the Orthodox Faith through the establishment of programs, schools and philanthropic activities, and implementing Christian ministries.