I invite everyone, just like Easter night, to come to Church, kneel down, and complete the desire of your spirit by being in church on June 19. Why the 19th of June at 10:00am? It is the celebration of PENTECOST.

The words of Christos Anesti and Alithos Anesti will just be words on our lips if we do not fulfill the purpose of the celebration of Pentecost. Will you come? Will you answer the call of your heart’s desire to be loved and to love God? Who will stop you from coming to Church?

On the day of Pentecost, it is the Holy Spirit Who endows the members of the Church with varieties of spiritual gifts for their illumination and satisfaction. This is why the Christian invokes, in times of joy and in times of sorrow, the Holy Spirit to strengthen his faith with His Grace to accomplish his purpose in life. The faithful member of the Church should pray humbly that he will not be led astray by “movements” outside the Church, where there is no salvation. The dire need of the people today is that they be reawakened to the realization that they already possess the greatest spiritual gift they can be given—their Christian faith.

The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Holy Trinity, of the same essence and equal rank as the Father and the Son. “And the Spirit is the witness, because the Spirit is the truth. There are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree” (1 John 5:7-8). The Holy Spirit as God, is revealed in many verses in Scripture, “Why has Satan filled your hearts to lie to the Holy Spirit...you have not lied to men, but to God” (Acts 5:3,4b). Also, “There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit...the same Lord...it is the same God” (1 Corinthians 12:5). The Godhead of the Holy Spirit comes directly from the Father. As the Son is begotten by the Father, the Holy Spirit also is proceeded from the Father, for “When the Counselor [the Holy Spirit] comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness to me” (John 15:26).

The Church has proclaimed this truth, that the Holy Spirit is of the same substance with the Father and the Son in the Godhead of the Trinity. The Church has incorporated this truth in the Nicene Creed as pronounced by the Second Ecumenical Synod (381). It states, “[I believe...] “And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets.”

The Holy Spirit in truth remains in the Church, protects and preserves its Truths and sanctifies its members. The Holy Spirit is the Power and Comforter of the believers, and was promised by Christ. Being the third Person of the Holy Trinity does not mean He is not equal in substance with the Father and Son. The Spirit is the life-giving energy and bower which makes the Church “the pillar and ground of the truth” (1 Timothy 3:15). The Holy Spirit was the divine instrument in the birth of Jesus Christ as God-Man.

“The Holy Spirit will come upon you (Virgin Mary), and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore, the child to be born will be called Holy, the

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AS WE NEAR THE END OF ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR, it is important to review our many educational blessings and express our gratitude for the strong and flourishing educational opportunities that are so abundant in this community. Indeed, our schools serve as the guardians of your child’s education. This is a sacred trust and one that will always command our ceaseless efforts to protect and improve.

Education in our community has always been of paramount importance. For generations, our community has benefitted from robust Catechetical programs. Our children have received quality religious instruction since the founding of our community. Our Adult Bible Study ministers to adults seeking to further understand their faith; while our Journey to Orthodoxy program has enlightened those outside our faith who seek answers in Orthodoxy. The strength of our Catechetical programs can be seen in our enrollment, which currently stands at approximately 175 children and dozens more in adult programs.

In a few short years, our Hellenic Education Center has become recognized as a national force for progressive Orthodox educational programs. Our Greek School’s innovative curriculum and teaching methods have been widely heralded on multiple occasions throughout the Greek Orthodox and academic communities. Enrollment in our language programs is currently 170 and features several well attended adult classes. Our Paideia Bilingual Preschool has established itself as a bastion of love and devotion for the youngest of our children providing a compelling and nurturing Orthodox Christian learning environment featuring cultural, religious, and language instruction second to none for 42 children of our community. And, with God’s blessings, we stand on the verge of realizing the beginnings of yet another long-held educational ambition with the projected opening of our Bilingual Kindergarten this September.

There are so many people responsible for this wonderful legacy and certainly all of our teachers have our undying gratitude and support for the valuable gifts of knowledge they impart to their students. As we reflect on these blessings of educational excellence, it is particularly important to call attention to a group of devoted teachers who will pass the baton to the next generation of teachers after many years of faithful service to our community. Although we are saddened by their departures, we are comforted in the knowledge theirs was a lasting labor of love and devotion to our community. On behalf of our entire parish, I wish to thank these departing stalwart educators who represent the highest ideals of our educational traditions:

Maira Dimopoulou, HEC Greek School (16 years)
Vicki and Matt Mowery, Catechetical School, (3 years)
Daphne Papamichael, Catechetical School (17 years)
Tina Papamichael, Catechetical School (17 years)
Pierre Tavoularis, Catechetical School (33 years)

The ancient Greek historian Plutarch once said, “…the mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled.” Unquestionably, we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to all the teachers above, as well as to their colleagues—not only for their loyalty, devotion, love and commitment—but also for having fueled the intellectual “fires” that continue to nurture our children’s education. The precious gift of knowledge they impart to our children regarding their Orthodox faith, Hellenic heritage, and Greek language not only preserves our parish’s legacy of educational excellence, but also ultimately serves to develop the next generation of parishioners and our community’s leadership. With God’s help, I remain confident that our educational endeavors in these vital areas will ensure the growth and prosperity of our community for many years to come.

Your servant in Christ,

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

President, Parish Council

SERVICE TIMES

Please note that Sunday Orthros/Divine Liturgy times are 9:00am/10:00am.
Orthros/Divine Liturgy times are 9:30am/10:30am any other day.

HAVE YOU EVER WISHED you could follow along with the Orthros and other church services? Well, you can if you go to agesinitiatives.com/dcs/public/dcs. You can view and print pdf files of the texts (in English and English/Greek) for most church services. Try out Digital Chant Stand (DCS) and make your church service experience more interactive!
SAINT KATHERINE VACATION BIBLE CAMP
Sponsored by AHEPA Chapter #438
June 27-July 1 | 10:30am-2:00pm
Ages 4-14

Visit http://saint-katherines.org/assets/files/Flyers/VBC2016.pdf for a brochure and registration form

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CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES! We would like you to share your wonderful news with the entire community in the July/August 2016 issue of DOXA. Please send the following information (75 words or less) to przpauline@stkchurch.com by noon on Sunday, June 12: your name, your parents’ names, name of your high school, name of the college you will attend or your future plans, and, if you wish, a short list of your accomplishments. College and other higher education graduates are also encouraged to send information.

Camp Good Shepherd - Virginia
July 10-16, 2016

@ Camp Piankatank
1586 Stampers Bay Road
Hartfield, Virginia 23071
Questions? FrCostas@stkchurch.com
Registration: app.campdoc.com/register/gomnj

Ages 10-18 | Cost: $550
**Paideia News.** We are honored to hear the kind words of our families and how happy they are with the Paideia program. Here is another email I recently received: “Dear Eleni, I wanted to share that the Paideia preschool program has exceeded our expectations. Our daughter has begun to speak more Greek with me and she quickly learned to count to ten in Greek, after joining the program. She sings songs at home like ‘Fegaraki Mou Lampro’ and ‘Kalimera’ and we love the arts and crafts that she brings home and the fact that they are relevant to the season. The weekly and monthly newsletters and pictures really help us understand the program and how our child spends her days. We saw our daughter sitting in her seat and eating her lunch at school, which was somewhat unbelievable to us as she has never remained in her chair for a meal at home. The arrival of her recent Easter Lampada (decorated Easter candle) really warmed my heart and reinforced that she is obtaining such wonderful immersion in our Greek culture and in our Orthodox faith. We know that teacher appreciation day is coming up, so we wanted to let you know that we truly appreciate all that you and her teachers do! Thank-you! Peter and Shabboo Likouris”

**Open house for Paideia.** For more information or an open house date, please contact the HEC director 703-671-7715 or ealexopoulou@stkchurch.com.

**Paideia Summer Program.** Pilot year-round Paideia program dates are July 5-September 2. There are only a few more spaces left. If interested, please contact us. You may also visit our website at www.stkhec.org or follow us on Facebook to “like” our page and make a comment on our posts.

**Kindergarten Class.** Our inaugural Kindergarten class is ready to begin fall of 2016!!! We are still accepting new students. Small class-size, inquiry-based curriculum aligned with Fairfax County standards, bilingual education and teaching with the Orthodox Christian values built in.

**Greek School News.** Last year all students worked on the year-long project called KOTINOS to celebrate our Olympic Games heritage. This year, all levels picked one area in Greece they wanted to do research on and find out more about it with the “Traveling in Greece” project. Peloponnes, Ionian Islands, Crete, Athens, Cyclades are some of the areas visited through fun activities...long distance. Come see their art work and presentations on June 11 at 10am at the HEC Paideia and Greek School Graduation. All are welcome! Greek School registration is open for 2016-2017. Please find the form on our website at www.stkhec.org. Please renew your stewardship for 2016-2017 to qualify for the steward rates.

**Adult Greek Classes.** There are three classes offered for the teaching of the Greek language: Tuesdays 7:00pm-9:00pm, Thursdays 7:00pm-9:00pm, and Fridays from 5:00pm-7:00pm. You may find the form online or ask for one in the office.

Kalo kalokairi to all!!!

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**SEEKING KINDERGARTEN TEACHER**

The HELLENIC EDUCATION CENTER in Falls Church, Virginia is seeking an English-language teacher for its inaugural kindergarten class for 2016-2017. This is a .6 time position (4.5 hours daily) in a Greek immersion program. This position can be turned into a full-time position by adding a preschool class or before/after care responsibilities, according to the candidate’s preference.

The teacher will:
- Design and deliver language arts, health, and social studies instruction according to an inquiry-based model of education
- Implement best practice in emergent literacy instruction for multilingual learners
- Collaborate with a Greek language math and science teacher for planning and lesson delivery
- Supervise students during recess, lunch, and transition times
- Maintain regular communication with parents about student progress
- Deliver instruction in at least one “special” area (music, PE, art), according to qualifications and interest

Virginia certification (or proof of eligibility) in Elementary Education or Early Childhood Education is required.

Preference is given to teachers with experience teaching in an early childhood setting. Preference is given to teachers with a demonstrated interest in multilingual/multicultural education. Familiarity with the Greek language, culture, and Orthodox faith are preferred, but not required.

We offer:
- Inquiry-based curriculum
- Small class size (10 or fewer students)
- Daily planning time
- Personalized learning environment for staff and students
- A community-based school
- A holistic approach to teaching and learning
- Academic calendar in line with area districts
- Opportunities for year-round school employment
- Salary competitive with area districts.

Sorry, we do not offer health benefits.

Learn more about our school at our website: www.stkhec.org
Saturdays of Lazarus Outreach Project

Over the weekend of the Saturday of Lazarus, Saint Katherine stewards of all ages joined together to assemble over 200 bags of clothing, personal hygiene items, and food as well as prepare 300 sandwiches. Early on the rainy morning of April 23, the bags were distributed throughout DC to people living on the streets.

The faith and generosity of our stewards made this outreach project possible! Many thanks to those who gave monetary donations as well as to the following for the items listed in parentheses:

- Daughters of Penelope and the Adult Bible Study (Toothbrush kits and reusable plastic bags)
- GOYA (socks)
- Mamie Papamichael (T-shirts)
- Philoiptochos (reusable rain ponchos)
- Sunday School (packages of wipes)

The food items that went into the bags were donated by John Andre, Andrea Ballard, Dena Contompassis, Irene and Tina Moshos, and the Scalfeta and Jouvanis families.

Thank you to Fr. Costa for his support and inspiration! When the bags were handed out, many people said “God bless you” and we responded “God bless Saint Katherine and her stewards.”

GOYA

Please mark these dates on your calendars:

- June 28: Orthodox Youth Day at Kings Dominion (see ad on page 4)
- July 10-16: Camp Good Shepherd Virginia (see ad on page 4)

Please look to your email, Sunday bulletins, and/or the July/August DOXA for our next meeting date and other possible summer events. If anyone would like to host the GOYAns for an event over the summer, please contact Presv. Pauline Pavlakos (GOYA_St_Katherine@msn.com) or Maria Wills (mwills28@verizon.net).

Have a great summer!

JOIN FR. COSTAS AT ORTHODOX YOUTH DAY AT KINGS DOMINION

June 28 | $50/person
(includes lunch)

All youth of our community are invited! Parents must accompany children under the age of 13.

RSVP to prz pauline@stkchurch.com no later than Monday, June 13.
REGISTRY

Baptisms
Alexander Vasilis (May 15)
son of Dimitrios V. and Lara Christine Pafilouras
Godparent: Vasiliki “Vicky” Pafilouras

Edward Perugia (May 21)
Son of Peter and Jane Perugia
Godparent: Dionysios Papadimas

Andrew Shane (May 22)
daughter of Tasos and Erin Anastasiou
Godparents: Maria Anastasiou

Luke Panagiotis (May 22)
son of Edwar Nunez and Maria Anastasiou
Godparent: Katerine Constantinou

Sebastian (May 28)
son of Eduardo and Anastasia Cordova
Godparent: Yevgenia Napoli

Zoe Violet Lewis (May 28)
daughter of Allan E. and Vaia Abatzis
Godparents: Georgia Nicolaides and Christos Gougoukas

Isabella Karena (May 28)
daughter of Oscar Alfonso and Alisha Karena Martinez
Godparent: Gabrielle K., McClellan

Wedding
Eurydice A. Papadopoulos and Matthew R. Patti (May 21)
Koumbari: Katerina and Eleftheria Papadopoulos

Congratulations!

Funerals
Paul Gianelos (April 23)
Betty M. Dakes (May 16)

May their memory be eternal.

SUMMIT OR ABYSS?
PREPARING FOR THE GREAT AND HOLY SYNOD OF 2016 REDUX
Gregory McKinney

HAVE YOU HEARD? At the Assembly of the Heads of the Autocephalous Orthodox Churches held in March 2014, it was unanimously decided that their churches would meet in a worldwide Synod to be convened in Istanbul in 2016. Is it a big deal? Well, it’s only the first such meeting since the Seventh Ecumenical Council in 787 A.D.! And reviewing the changes to global Orthodoxy over the last several decades reveals just how high the stakes are right now.

But what’s this 2016 synod to you and me? We have no voice as such in its deliberations and decisions, we look to our shepherds, the Bishops and Patriarchs, in these matters. But, as the history of the Church shows, the decisions of hierarchs, even emperors, come back to the entire Body of Christ for ratification, implementation, and internalization within our local churches and parishes. The Church possesses an infallibility, but one that is manifested only through the agreement and unity between the hearts and minds of all.

The Synod is in fact coming to pass, but in Crete, rather than in Constantinople (Istanbul). The strained political relationship between Russia and Turkey forced the change. The Council’s published agenda focuses on the more practical elements of church discipline and external relations. The contentious issues of a common calendar and determination of autocephaly were set aside this past January. Even so, there are sharp conversations and dissenting opinions on the agenda items being voiced among the 14 national Orthodox Churches to be given seats at the council, none of which singularly represents the faithful in the New World. Expectations as to outcomes have frankly been greatly reduced. Few now speak along the lines that I spoke in summer 2015.

But, Christians are people of hope and of prayer. Orthodoxy represents the fullness of hope in the Spirit as revealed daily within the sacramental life of the Church. Be hopeful, be prayerful, be informed. Below are some of best resources available to understand the aims and activities of the Council and help evaluate the results:

- The Official Website of the Great and Holy Council: www.holycouncil.org
- Facebook: Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church, but page ownership is unclear at this point.
- Podcasts: 1) The Great Council of the Orthodox Church, the “Faith Encouraged Live” series, podcast of May 8, 2016; 2) Metropolitan Kallistos Ware on the Holy and Great Council, the “Ancient Faith Presents” series of special features; both found at www.ancientfaith.com
- Overview: 1) “On the Great Council-of-the-

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SAINT KATHERINE
SPRING GREEK FESTIVAL
Friday-Sunday, June 3-5, 2016

Our Spring Festival is right around the corner—June 3, 4 and 5. Please do your part and commit to work a few hours each day. We are once again using VolunteerSpot to sign up for shifts. You can use this link http://vols.pt/7nWYJc to volunteer. Any questions, please contact Andrea Ballard (andreaballard1@verizon.net or 703-250-5419).

We need a little help from many, not a lot of help from just a few!

Many hands make light work (Exodus 31-38).

PROJECT MEXICO FUNDRAISER
Sunday, June 12, after Liturgy
Get your car washed, buy some baked goods, and support our Project Mexico team. Funds raised will also help purchase gifts for the children at Saint Innocent’s Orphanage, where the team will be staying.

MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE who graciously contributed to our church for Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha: Fr. Costas and the volunteer priests; James Loizou and the cantors; the altar boys; Nick Kyrus and the choir members; Jim Stoucker and the Parish Council members; youth and parents who folded crosses into palms on the Saturday of Lazarus for Palm Sunday; Mike Lampros and John Andre who prepared the Palm Sunday Fish Luncheon; Andrea Demetriou who donated the Easter eggs; Mrs. Ramona Velezis and her daughters, Martha and Dorie, who dyed the Easter eggs; the families who donated wreaths for the Estavromeno on Holy Thursday; Andrea Ballard, Presv. Pauline Pavlakos, Stephanie Vazquez, and Maria Wills who wrapped the Easter eggs (and GOYA for donating the tulle bags); the women and the girls who decorated the Epitaphio on Good Friday; Christina Vazquez for organizing the myrrhbearers; all the girls who were myrrhbearers on Good Friday evening; Jim Stoucker, Bill Polizos, Maria Vargas, and everyone else who helped prepare the Kandilia and placed them along the Epitaphio path; John Gouvis who prepared the magiritsa soup for breaking the fast after the Easter midnight service; David Garnett and all the parishioners who read the Gospel at the Agape service on Easter Sunday; Artemis Dimopoulos who organized the Easter Egg Hunt and Artemis Dimopoulos and Lily Sahda who donated all the items for it. Please forgive us if you donated something and your name is not listed. All donations are greatly appreciated and God knows what you did.

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Son of God” (Luke 1:35). The Holy Spirit is the Author of the Bible and the Source of inspiration for its writers through those years. This is why the Bible, although it was written by different persons and in different eras over the span of 1,000 years, is coherent and consistent in substance and meaning. This is a remarkable and overwhelming fact. There is no other literature in the world which has this outstanding coherence, while written over such a period of time and by different writers. What was prophesied in the Old Testament, dating back hundreds of years, was fulfilled in time, and in detail, in the New Testament. This is an extraordinary phenomenon. This coherence of the Old with the New was an evolutionary process in the course of time between the divine promise and its realization. This was not because of any change of the Truth as such, but because of its development for human acceptance, for “…when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son…” God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts” (Galatians 4:4,6).

See you all in Church. Come and receive so you may also be filled with the life and Grace of the Holy Spirit!!!

God’s blessings,

Fr. Costas
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PHILOPTOCHOS

THANKS IN ADVANCE for helping at our 2016 Spring Festival. There is still time to sign up for shifts using VolunteerSpot (http://vols.pt/7nWYJc). Any questions, please contact Andrea Ballard (andreaballard1@verizon.net or 703-239-2627). It is nice to see the community working together for the needs of our Church. Thank you for your support!

Please join us for our Annual Philoptochos Luncheon on Saturday, June 11, 1:00pm-3:00pm, at Nostos Restaurant (8100 Boone Blvd., Vienna, VA 22182). Tickets are $40 per person, which includes tax and gratuity. Beer and wine may be purchased separately. Reservations and prepayment are required by June 1. Please RSVP to Mary Drakoulis (marydrak3@gmail.com or 703-273-4159).

Your stewardship is greatly appreciated. If you have not yet given for 2016, please do so ASAP.

Once again, we had a successful year. I hope all of you have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing everyone in September.

DAUGHTERS OF PENEOPE (by Karen Polizos, President)

HELL E CHAPTER ELECTED BOARD OFFICERS for the year 2016-2017. Congratulations to Karen Polizos, President; Maria Vargas, Vice President; Barbara Koltos, Treasurer; Kelly Gull, Corresponding Secretary; and Elena Danigelis, Recording Secretary. Our year concluded with our May meeting, which was special because we welcomed two new Sisters, Kelly Gull and Mercene Valases into Helle Chapter.

On behalf of Helle Chapter, we wish everyone a great summer! We won’t meet again until September, and we look forward to another fun and productive year!

BOOKSTORE

PLEASE JOIN US on June 5, for a book and author signing featuring Saint Katherine authors, Marilyn Rouvelas and Dr. Joan Markessini. The signing will take place after Liturgy and during the Spring Festival. Marilyn has co-authored St. Anthony the Great, a beautifully illustrated children’s book that tells the story of the father of Christian monasticism who lived in the Egyptian desert just 250 years after Jesus’ lifetime. Dr. Markessini’s book, Around the World of Orthodox Christianity—Five Hundred Million Strong: The Unifying Aesthetic Beauty, contains awe-inspiring photographs and brief histories of Orthodox churches and monasteries throughout North America, Eastern Europe, and the Middle East. Congratulations to Marilyn and Joan for their outstanding accomplishments!

ALL AROUND THE TOWN

Joanna Bose

THE AUSTRIAN FORUM

ONE OF THE MOST RELIABLE embassies for ongoing and interesting cultural events that include not only Austrian culture, but those of many east European countries, including Russia, the Austrian Embassy is a great place to go for an evening of music or to view an exhibit of art. Whatever might be your inclination in terms of cultural events, there is no more genteel environment than this Embassy where you can enjoy offerings that are diverse and interesting, too. It even continues to host a grand Viennese Ball each year in February, allowing those who wish to travel back in their imaginations to the glorious days of Old Vienna.

My own experiences there have been wonderful—barring a few photographic exhibitions which I found boring. Most recently was a recital by a Russian-born pianist living in Austria now, who played the most beautiful music with such extraordinary ease. And seemed surprised and grateful for the resounding applause at the end!

On the program for the next few months are: a Wine Tasting (from Austria naturally), a reading and discussion with Slovenian poet Cvetka Lipus, a Concert of Mozart’s Marriage of Figaro, a lecture on The Politics of Migration in America and Austria; a lecture on the Architecture, Music and Theatre of Vienna in 1900 and finally an art exhibit of the works of Tatiane Hofstadler, a local artist who spent time in Austria.

SAINT KATHERINE LIVE!

Did you know that we have a live feed from our church? Relatives and friends from far away can watch a sacrament. If you are sick and cannot make it to a service, you can still participate. Sign in to the church website, saint-katherines.org, and click on the red “Saint Katherine Live!” button in the right-hand column.

THE LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR A CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST IN HONOR OF FATHER’S DAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 19TH AFTER LITURGY
**MISSIONS AND OUTREACH**

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19)*

**OCMC Executive Meeting.** The Spring 2016 meeting of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) Board of Directors was held at the Missionary Training Center in St. Augustine, FL May 9-10. Dr. John Demakis and Betty Slanta from our Missions committee are both on the executive committee. OCMC Executive Director Fr. Martin Ritsi provided a *Missiology 301* retreat on our Christian focus to prioritize efforts to 1) those who do not already profess Christianity, 2) growing self-sufficient churches, and 3) those who have lost the faith. He also met separately with both the Ecumenical Patriarch and the Patriarch of Alexandria who expressed appreciation for the work of the OCMC. The 2016-2019 Strategic Plan was approved, which developed a comprehensive ministry plan for OCMC programs, governance, operations, and sustainability. The Strategic Plan serves as a framework to measure success in these areas. A mini-retreat on board member responsibilities discussed the duties of care, loyalty, and fidelity of purposee in serving on a non-profit board. Liturgical and biblical translators are providing missionaries with liturgical services in their own tongue. Missionary efforts are starting in China and exciting things are happening in Kenya. We support more than 350 indigenous clergy through Support a Mission Priest (SAMP) and are striving to make more SAMP clergy self-sufficient. Please keep the OCMC, missionaries, and short-term team members in your prayers. Keep up with the OCMC at www.ocmc.org

**Project Mexico, July 14-20.** Eight members of our parish (Bill, Eleni, Ariana, Niko, and Leon Porter; Claudia Cherpes; Teddy Stathopoulos; and Tess Bliss) will be traveling to Mexico this summer to assist in building a home for a needy family. What a wonderful way to teach our children the importance of helping those less fortunate! Fundraising is going well, but the team is still in need of funds to cover expenses and to bring some gifts to the orphans at St. Innocent’s Orphanage, where the team will be staying while in Mexico. They will have a Car Wash and Bake Sale on Sunday, June 12, following Liturgy, in the Saint Katherine parking lot, to raise additional funds. Please support their fundraising efforts. Any checks given to support this mission team should be made out to Saint Katherine Church with the words “Porter Project” in the memo line. Thank you!

**Monumental Missions Walk, October 15.** Save the date for our 4th annual Monumental Missions Walk, which is set for Saturday, October 15, starting at 9:00am. This year, the tent will be set up on the DC Mall near 3rd/4th Streets, next to the American Indian Museum. The walk will go past the Capital and other monuments/memorials in the area. Please consider picking up a registration form/sponsor sheet available after church and ask family and friends to sponsor you for the walk. Help us raise funds for OCMC and local VA charities, while walking and having fellowship with other Orthodox Christians. Paper registrations are currently available but online registrations will become available soon. Checks should be made out to Saint Katherine Church, with “Monumental Missions Walk 2016” in the memo line.

**Guatemala Orphan, Carlos Manuel.** We are still raising money to support our adopted orphan Carlos Manuel at the Hogar Orphanage in Guatemala. Our cost per year is $3,650. If you wish to help sponsor Carlos, please send your donation to the church office. Make checks payable to Saint Katherine Church. Please write “Guatemala/Carlos Manuel” on the memo line.

**Culmore Medical Clinic.** The Culmore clinic is based at the Columbia Baptist Church, down the block from Saint Katherine. It accepts patients without health insurance. It is financed by several faith-based organizations including Saint Katherine. Fr. Costa is on their Advisory Board and Dr. John Demakis is on their Executive Committee. It is now open one day per week, but starting in 2017 will be open two days per week.

**Clothing and Toiletries for the Shelter.** We continue to collect new or clean used clothes and unopened toiletries for the Bailey’s Crossroads Shelter year round. Bring your donations to our community center. We take them to the shelter every Sunday. The shelter recently notified us that they have many other needs such as cleaning supplies, kitchen supplies, bed sheets, blankets, etc. These are all used as they find apartments for the homeless. Please see the full list at http://www.nvfs.org/pages/page.asp?page_id=393678. If you wish to donate any of these items, please take them directly to the Bailey’s Crossroads Community Shelter, 3525 Moncure Avenue, Falls Church.

**NEXT MISSIONS MEETING: Tuesday, June 7, 7:30pm**

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* + Website from a Russian POV: www.pravmir.com, search “holy and great council”
+ Website from an Athonite POV: www.pemptonisia.com, search “holy and great synod”
+ News aggregator: Orthodox Christian Laity. www.ocl.org, the section headed “Governance and Unity”

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MISSING MY FATHER

Many Father’s Days have come and gone since I last celebrated the holiday with my beloved father, John Pantelis Callas (né Kalogerakos). He died unexpectedly after the sudden onset of a critical illness in May 1978. I still miss his beautiful soul so deeply. Plain and simple, he was (and I realize I am biased as I write this) one of the most decent men who ever lived. But so many others said the same thing about him that I feel fully comfortable letting the sentence stand.

My late husband, Vassilios, used to say that my father “walked with the Cross in front of him.” I took that to mean that my dad always followed the ways of Christ in his behavior. He did.

Daddy, as I always called him, was from the Mani Peninsula in Laconia—he was a “Maniatis.” When he was born, his small village, Vrinikon, still bore the hard-consonant name reflecting the presence of the Ottoman Empire. In time, Vrinikon became the softer-sounding Asteri.

Whenever I heard the descriptors for those from Mani, however, I could never match them to my sweet-natured father. Rather than a fierce warrior, my father was unfailingly a pacific and soft-spoken man. No matter what outrage or daunting circumstances were before him, he remained cool and rational. His nature was that of a wise diplomat.

Believe me, my brother and I alone gave this poor man enough agita to give him every reason to lose his composure, but he never did. His method was to reason with us, using his regular speaking voice, and to point out a better way to go about our life. (By the way, my dear mother, God bless her soul, was the opposite on all these points. With her wooden spoons, she made up for what he did not mete out.)

Like so many others of his era, he came by ship to America in the early 1900s and underwent the Ellis Island experience, where Kalogerakos was truncated to Callas and “John” became his new first name. He was with his Theo George (his father’s brother) and Thea Pella. They lived on the Lower East Side of New York City, where the men worked in a candy shop that served up ice cream sundaes. My father was fascinated by the other ethnic groups who frequented the shop; I share this same interest in those from different cultures.

In time, he and his aunt and uncle made their way to Hagerstown, MD, where they owned and operated a confectioner, but soon my father amicably parted ways with his relatives and struck out on his own in nearby Frederick, MD. He met up with another Greek, and you know the old chestnut about what follows when one Greek meets another Greek—they open a restaurant. That is just what “Big John” Stamos and “Little John,” my father, did. They held a restaurant-naming contest and the new venture was called “The Blue Bird Restaurant.” Within the next decade Daddy married my mother and then joyfully had a son and a daughter.

What I remember most about my father: That each night before he went to sleep, he would genuflect three times before his iconostasion and then intently pray; that he would take us to “Greek church” on all major holidays (and in between) because Frederick, at that time, did not have a Greek church; that we had to attend Protestant Sunday School weekly or we were in deep trouble with him; that he was determined that we learn Greek well (a failed experiment) by driving us to Hagerstown once a week for lessons taught by “Kyria Maria,” whom we and other kids drove to distraction; that he chose to maintain his Greekness but was still determined to assimilate into the American culture, as demonstrated by his joining the local Masonic lodge and United No. 3 Fire Department; that he had the inclination to be a history professor but was stuck being a businessman; and that he had cultivated a very sophisticated English vocabulary. He never complained that he disliked having his own restaurant (as he did later when Big John moved to Baltimore to open his Coney Island lunch room), but I sensed that his temperament was better suited to academia than business. Believe it or not, he knew more American history than I.

Why am I writing this? First, to honor my father, of course. But there is something else, something having to do with grief. When my father died, I was so deeply sorrowful that I became physically ill. Fortunately, I was happily married at the time and had the loving support of my precious husband, and yet, I still became ill.

When Daddy died, many people voiced the same sentiment about him. They said, “The last gentleman in Frederick has died.” I still miss that gentleman terribly sometimes and I wish he were on Earth for many special moments, but he isn’t. We go on. Life goes on. It is true, though, that the hearts of the bereaved ache and will continue to hurt until the day of a golden reunion in God’s kingdom. Then we will all be home.

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church offers a grief support group, GRACE (Grief Recovery: Accepting, Coping, and Evolving). For further information, please call Fr. Costa Pavlakos at 703-671-1515. Thank you to Maria Papageorgiou for contributing articles nearly every month for the last 11 years.
shown below is a list of families and individuals who participated in the 2016 Saint Katherine Stewardship Program through April 30, 2016. Thank you for responding to the needs of our church.

Any questions? Please contact Lori Nelson at lnelson@stkchurch.com or 703-671-1515.
Christian Stewardship is learning how to be a responsible and concerned caretaker of Christ’s Church; it is learning how to enjoy Church life and be happy in Church work, for in Her dwells the fullness of the Spirit of God...our active commitment to use all our time, talent, and treasure for the benefit of humankind in grateful acknowledgment of Christ’s redeeming love...caring for the needs of others...” (Williams & McKibben in Oriented Leadership). If you have not yet made a stewardship commitment to your church for the year 2016, please take a moment and do so now.

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2016 STEWARDSHIP FORM

I (my family) pledge(s) $_______ of financial stewardship to Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church.

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip: __________________________________________________

Telephone Number: __________________ Email address: ____________________

So let each one give as he intends in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7)
# JUNE CHURCH DUTY ROSTER

**June 5, 2016**
- C. Mavromatakis, Captain
- Rosemary Filou
- Nick Larigakis
- Mallamo Mavromatakis

8:30am
- Bill Polizos
- Jim Stoucker
- Maria Vargas

**June 12, 2016**
- Maria Wills, Captain
- Peter Karounos
- Nick Larigakis
- Bill Polizos

8:30am
- Costas Mavromatakis
- Mallamo Mavromatakis
- Jim Stoucker

**June 19, 2016**
- Chris Euripides, Captain
- Rosemary Filou
- Costas Mavromatakis
- Mallamo Mavromatakis

8:30am
- Dr. Jerry Rich
- Maria Vargas
- Mary Varlas

**June 26, 2016**
- Jim Stoucker, Captain
- Chris Euripides
- Peter Karounos
- Bill Polizos

8:30am
- Dr. Jerry Rich
- Mary Varlas
- Maria Wills

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**A MEMORIAL PRAYER ON THE SATURDAYS OF SOULS**

**ΨΥΧΟΣΑΒΒΑΤΟΝ**

**June 18, 2016**

We are called to pray for those who have fallen asleep in the Lord on the Saturdays of Souls. Please take time to prepare a list of deceased loved ones for whom you wish the priests to pray. May the Lord grant eternal rest to the souls of our loved ones.

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