THE DEFINITION OF THE WORD “holiday” is: a day when a religious festival is observed. It is also a day that is exempt from work, for the commemoration of an event.

This month, we have many major holidays: November 1, All Saints Day; November 4, Election Day; November 9, Saint Nektarios; November 11, Veterans’ Day; November 16, Saint Matthew; November 25, Saint Katherine; and November 27, Thanksgiving Day. How do you celebrate these holidays/holy days? Our society has set some standards or protocols.

Did you know that Halloween (All Hallows Eve, the night before All Saints Day—November 1) started off as a day to make fun of Christians and even get rewarded for the mockings of the saints by giving children candy treats? How many of our children dress as saints instead of goblins? I am not saying that we should not celebrate this holiday, but let’s give it its true meaning. Let’s honor our saints and reward our youth with treats for celebrating the saints. I challenge you to volunteer to help put together a Halloween Party at church next year on October 31. We can make it a holy day for our families and the treat will be one of eternal pleasure, not just a sweet moment of candy pleasure. (Call or email me, if you are interested.)

The celebration of our feast day of Saint Katherine is coming up—7:00pm Vespers on November 24 and 9:30am Orthros/10:30am Divine Liturgy on November 25. Do we all know what our patron saint did, why she is honored as a saint? Are you willing to learn about Saint Katherine? Google her and share some of her life with each other. The next time you look at the iconography on the walls of our church, you will know what they mean and become living images of Saint Katherine.

The huge holiday in November is Thanksgiving. Who do we give thank to? God? The cook? The food/drink? The extra football games? For those who truly want to celebrate thanksgiving, let’s put the true meaning into the great American holiday. It became an official day of celebration in 1863 by the declaration of President Abraham Lincoln, “Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens.” The first Thanksgiving, as celebrated by the Pilgrims after their first harvest in the New World, was in 1621. This feast lasted three days, and was celebrated to thank God for His blessings. Have we missed the mark? Did we really forget to celebrate the Thanksgiving holy day? It has become, for many, a day for what makes us thankful, not what makes us thankful to God, and a day to shop. This, too, has a remedy. Let’s celebrate the real meaning of the Thanksgiving holiday this year and every year from now on.

I hope you get my satirical approach to wish you all a blessed holiday period. If we celebrate the holidays (holy days) with God as the focus, He will abundantly give us the everlasting joy of the holidays (holy days).

Kali honpsi.

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I’VE SAID IT BEFORE (last month in fact), but I don’t think I’ve said it enough or, for that matter, that it can that it can be repeated too often. We are so fortunate to enjoy all the many blessings we have been granted in this community our rich spiritual programs, our vibrant and multiple ministries, our youth programs, social activities, our incredible educational offerings for children as well as adults...and by all the fabulous parishioners who make up the very fabric of our community.

Yet, I never cease to be amazed when someone says something to me that is so obvious that I chastise myself for not being even more appreciative of my blessings and my surroundings. More to the point, after visiting our community, a recent visitor was moved enough to send us a letter saying the following:

I wanted to personally express to you, my gratitude for your warm welcome and hospitality...It was like going to a Greek home... Visiting Saint Katherine showed me how an active parish can flourish. It was heartening to see preschoolers and young bilingual kids in a parish that boasted school, education, and activities. It should be a model for how a parish should be operated. I congratulate you on your successes.

It’s always gratifying to hear such kind things said about the community we all love so dearly. The genuine sincerity so obvious in this wonderful complement also serves to reinforce how vitally important it is for all of us to reach out and welcome new people to our community. Walking up to an unfamiliar face on Sunday and introducing yourself is a precious and lasting gift of reassurance, friendship, and hospitality. I humbly ask all of you to remember this the next time you see a new face and give that gift of hospitality and friendship to everyone who visits our community.

Turning to other matters, our recently completed Fall Festival was very successful and I wish to commend all our volunteers and particularly our stalwarts George Moshos, Andrea Ballard, Eleni Kanakos, Mary Varlas, John Andre, Pete Chambers, John Agnos, Daphne Papamichael, George Moraitis, and Pantelis Firippis. Σας ευχαριστώ πάρα πολύ!

This time of year is never at a loss for community activities or things to do. We were all gratified by the tremendous support for author Constantine Papavasilious’s presentation on the Hellenic Holocaust and burning of Smyrna and book signing (Blessed are the Peacemakers?). Our thanks to our sponsors at the American Hellenic Institute and to our friends at the National Hellenic Society, to whom we also owe a debt of gratitude for helping us secure the remarkable museum and cultural exhibit on display during our festival chronicling the history and origins of the marathon. It was particularly moving to see several members of the community swell with pride to the point of tears as they took in the exhibit! Our school children also benefitted immensely as well.

November is always a remarkably active month in our community. First and foremost, we honor Saint Katherine with Vespers on Monday, November 24 and Divine Liturgy on November 25. Our Missions Committee is “at it again” reprising their wonderfully successful Monumental Missions Walk on November 15. On November 9, we gather at the McLean Hilton for our community’s annual Gala celebration in the spirit of friendship to enjoy each other’s company and reflect upon the many blessings God has lovingly granted us over the course of the past eventful year. Finally, after several hundred words about the family that is our wonderful community, it’s appropriate that I close by asking all of you to reflect for a moment on the many blessings we enjoy individually and collectively. I ask that as you contemplate stewardship and your personal blessings, please also consider those afforded you as a member of the Saint Katherine family. Most often, we stress the importance of stewardship of the great gifts of God’s material world, but which of God’s gifts is greater than family? So in this context, I humbly ask your generous consideration of our community in the coming year.

On behalf of your Parish Council, I wish you all a Happy and Bountiful Thanksgiving!

Your Servant in Christ,

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

BOOKSTORE. NEW THIS MONTH—the 2015 Icon Calendar from Conciliar Press ($15.00)! This 11-inch X 12-inch full-color wall calendar features icons of the Virgin Mary from many different contemporary American iconographers. The calendar also lists major saint and feast days traditionally celebrated in Orthodox countries around the world (dates are according to the new calendar). Remember to visit Saint Katherine Bookstore after Liturgy for all your Christmas shopping needs. We have Orthodox Christmas cards and ornaments, as well as gift books, special items for children, CDs, and beautiful icons. We try to be open most Sundays after each liturgy.
JOY (ages 8-12)
JOY WELCOMES ALL CHILDREN AGES 8-12 to join our group. We have many exciting activities planned this year: outings to theater, ice skating, roller skating, and movie nights. If you would like to be on our email list, please email Toula Christou at tmchristou@yahoo.com.

HOPE (ages 7 and under)
IS YOUR CHILD INTERESTED in joining HOPE? The Holy Orthodox Primary Education ministry is an opportunity for children (ages 8 and under) to meet, socialize and interact with one another. HOPE children will have fun through crafts, games, and special events while learning about their Orthodox faith. The next activity scheduled is Sunday, November 2, after the second liturgy in Founders’ Hall, making troop care packages and thank you notes for “wounded warriors.” Please contact Patricia Rader at pagrader@yahoo.com to register. For more information, see the HOPE announcement on the church’s home page, saint-katherines.org.

GOYA
GOYA WILL HAVE BASKETBALL PRACTICE most Sundays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Check your emails and the GOYA calendar for details.

GOYA will participate in the Saint Sophia tournament November 1-2 and the Annunciation Baltimore tournament November 22-23.

GOYA has church duty on Sunday, November 16 during second liturgy. Vasiliki Topping will serve as GOYA Captain and Epistle Reader. We need five additional volunteers. Please show up no later than 10:25am. We will have a GOYA meeting following second liturgy that day.

Many GOYAns still need to submit a health/registration form (available on the GOYA webpage at www.saint-katherines.org under “Ministries | Youth Groups”). An online calendar and other information regarding GOYA is on that web page. Many GOYAns still owe $30 dues. Basketball players must submit a $50 uniform deposit.

If you would like to receive GOYA emails, please send your request to GOYA_St_Katherine@msn.com.

YAL
ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, our YAL will hold a fall retreat after the Divine Liturgy. The retreat will take place in the HEC building. Lunch will be served during the retreat. There will be no charge for this retreat. Please RSVP to Fr. Panagiotis at frphanley@stkchurch.com or 571-421-6595.

GMU OCF
OCF (ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP) is the official collegiate campus ministry program under the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North and Central America. Fr. Costa is the spiritual advisor for OCF at GMU. Two meetings are scheduled this month and all college students are welcome to join us. Both meetings will start in room 239H of the Johnson Center: Wednesday, November 5, 2:00pm-4:00pm and Friday, November 14, 10:00am-12:00pm. We look forward to getting together!

**Thank You Festival Volunteers!**
Thank you to all the volunteers for a job well done before and during our Fall Festival. Our festivals are successful because of all of you. Many of you take the time not only to help prepare beforehand but also work all three days and nights to ensure our success. Thank you, everyone, for working as a team and putting our church first.

**Save the Date**
Sunday, June 28 — Friday, July 3, 2015
Camp Good Shepherd: Virginia
Ages 11-18

**Church Camp**
Daily Worship
Swimming
Crafts
Camp Activities
Orthodox Lessons

**Thank You**

**Saturday, November 2, 2014**
Daylight saving time ends on November 2. Remember to set your clocks back one hour before retiring on Saturday, November 1.

The Byzantio Greek Dance and Cultural Arts Program will be offering Greek folk dance lessons at Saint Katherine on Tuesdays, 6:30pm-7:30pm, for all youth ages 4 and up. The Adult performing group will practice on Sundays from 6:00pm-7:30 pm. Please contact Aris and Anna Yortzidis at greekdancedc@gmail.com for more information or visit the website at www.byzantio.org to download registration forms.
**IN PRAISE OF THE OLIVE**

_Eleni Alexopoulou_

**ALL AROUND THE TOWN**

_Joanna Bose_

**THE TREE AND THE SWING!**

A recent award-winning film centering around the issue of the Greek diaspora, _The Tree and the Swing_, (alternately titled _A Place called Home_) directed by newcomer Maria Douza, opens with the image of a large tree with a swing attached; symbols of stability and carefree existence.

Eleni, the protagonist, had left Greece years earlier to study medicine in England, married an Englishman and succeeded fabulously in her career in London. In the opening scenes, we are thrown into a chaotic series of events that will play out. Her husband loses his job and is immediately transferred to China; she decides to visit her elderly father in Greece, along with her daughter.

On her arrival in her homeland, a small town in Northern Greece, she feels disoriented, losing her way at one point. When she arrives at her paternal home, she finds more disconcerting things going on: there's a Serbian woman called Nina who is taking care of her father and has been there for some time, along with her own daughter. Eleni soon discovers some interesting facts about her father's past in Belgrade, Serbia. These disclosures throw her into a state of confusion and emotional turmoil. What exactly does “home” mean when home is an ever-changing and morphing entity? Even as we wish to have our past and home be something solid and stable, time and displacements and uncontrollable events make this wish an impossibility. Moreover, the necessity to adapt to new places and distance oneself from the “home” environment results in a new sense of identity that has to do with the changes one must put into place in order to function. So, one feels out of place back home. The adjustments force each person faced with this dilemma to change as well. And make choices that they can live with.

We see Eleni manage as best she can all these variables while still maintaining her core values of love of family and duty to her father. Her anxiety is evident, and the acting superb. In the end, she makes a choice that validates her father’s position of embracing the “foreign” and the future, moving in the direction of progress.

Although Ms. Douza tackles too many things at once, in my view, she manages to portray the complex nature of the expatriate’s position with all the emotional intensity it encompasses.

This event was coordinated by the Embassy of Greece with Georgetown University’s Department of Classics’ Modern Greek division. During the introduction to the film, it was announced that future screenings of Greek films were planned for the same venue, a nice auditorium with comfortable seats—the ICC auditorium—including works of Michael Cacoyannis.

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Quo Vadis is a slightly melodramatic historical novel from 1895. Set in Nero’s Rome, the plot revolves around a fictional romance between a young Roman patriarch and a foreign hostage of noble blood who has become a Christian. Now you’re thinking, “You’re really recommending a 420 page translation from Polish of a 100-year-old Christian romance novel?” Absolutely! Put a couple of logs on the fire, make yourself a pot of tea, and prepare to enter another world.

Quo Vadis comes from a master: Sienkiewicz won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1905. Obviously well-researched, the book powerfully portrays a slice of time: the end of the Augustan dynasty and the rise of our Christian faith.

The nobility of old Rome and its ethics (represented by the historical Gaius Petronius, the court’s “arbiter of elegance”) are vanishing as the rich and powerful become sycophants debauched by Nero’s spiraling megalomania. A banquet scene paints an evocative picture:

Crowds of slaves bore around successive courses; from great vases filled with snow and garlanded with ivy, smaller vessels with various kinds of wine were brought forth unceasingly. All drank freely. On the guests, roses fell from the ceiling at intervals. Petronius entreated Nero to dignify the feast with his song before the guests drank too deeply. A chorus of voices supported his words, but Nero refused at first. It was not a question of courage alone, he said, though that failed him always. The gods knew what efforts every success cost him. He did not avoid them, however, for it was needless to do something for art; and besides, if Apollo had gifted him with a certain voice, it was not proper to let divine gifts be wasted.

In contrast, Christians are mistrusted, subject to wild rumors and meeting in secret, but Peter and Paul are both present, preaching and expanding to the flock:

And [Peter] narrated to them everything up to the Ascension into heaven….Those who listened to him were seized by ecstasy. They threw back their hoods to hear him better, and not lose a word of those which for them were priceless. It seemed to them that some superhuman power had borne them to Galilee; that they were walking with the disciples through those groves and on those waters; that the cemetery was turned into the lake of Tiburis; that on the bank, in the mist of morning, stood Christ, as he stood when John, looking from the boat, said, “It is the Lord,” and Peter cast himself in to swim, so as to fall the more quickly at the beloved feet. In the faces of those present were evident enthusiasm beyond bounds, oblivion of life, happiness, and love immeasurable.

Rome goes up in flames! Christians meet the lions! Will boy get girl or meet death?! Free of graphic violence and gratuitous titillation, Quo Vadis is a thoughtful, insightful, and highly-enjoyable romp.
Mississippi Olive Tree: From Ancient Roots to Modern Times

**MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH**

Ms. Anastasia Pamela M. Barksdale  
Serving in Albania

Anastasia Pamela Barksdale, M.Div., is a 1986 graduate of Hellenic College and a 1989 graduate of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. While at Holy Cross, Anastasia became active in the leadership of the campus Missions Committee, developing a commitment to share the love of Christ with others. Her commitment was fueled by participating in Orthodox Mission teams to Africa, the Ukraine, and Albania. She has remained fervent in actively supporting the life of the Church in areas of administration, women’s ministry, Christian education, and missions. Anastasia has been serving for the past six years in Tirana, Albania. She is the Christian education and Field Work Instructor at the Resurrection of Christ Theological Academy at Shen Vlash Monastery and continues to work at the Archdiocese of Tirana with Archbishop Anastasios, and to lead campus ministry Bible studies, as well as teacher training and other seminars. Anastasia counts on your prayers and financial support in order to serve in Albania as a long-term missionary.

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years to modern times, we will discover and learn the value of the olive tree and its products through the following themes: The Legends and Archaeology of the Olive, The Olive and Athletics, The Symbolism of the Olive in the Greek Orthodox faith, The Landscape of the Olive, Olive Oil in Health and Diet, and The Production of Olive Oil in the Contemporary Greek State. All levels from PreK to Advanced II (Friday and Saturday classes) will participate over a period of 12 weeks.
Second Annual Monumental Missions Walk. On Saturday, November 15, Orthodox Christians from around the Washington, DC metropolitan area and beyond will converge on the National Mall for the second annual Monumental Missions Walk. Sponsored by the Metropolitan DC Orthodox Mission and Outreach Committee, the Monumental Missions Walk is a 3-mile long spiritual stroll past some of the Nation’s most important landmarks. At each designated monument along the route all participants will learn more about the historical significance of the landmark as well and gain insight into the role that the Christian faith has played in the history of this great country. The Monumental Missions Walk will afford participants the unique opportunity to pause and admire these important places of reflection through the unique lens of our Christian faith.

In addition to providing participants with this unique opportunity to explore America’s treasured landmarks, the goal of the Monumental Missions Walk is to raise money for local and international charities. Of the proceeds raised by the Monumental Missions Walk, half will go to support the Orthodox Christians Mission Center’s (OCMC) efforts to support Orthodox mission work around the globe while the other half will be donated to local D.C. charities. The success of the inaugural Monumental Missions Walk will depend on the kindness and fellowship of Orthodox Christians in the Washington, DC area. Visit https://www.eventbrite.com/e/monumental-missions-walk-tickets-6911036095 or our Saint Katherine Facebook page.

Kenya Short-Term Missionary. Mary VanMullekom one of our Saint Katherine parishioners, has been chosen by the OCMC for a short-term teaching team to Kenya. Mary and her team will be in Kenya November 12-23. The Team will minister in Nairobi, the hub of the Orthodox Church of Kenya, to the students of the Makarios III Seminary, the Orthodox Teachers College of Africa and the St. Clement of Alexandria School by leading classes, tutoring students and teaching the English language. Incorporate Biblical and catechetical truths in lessons and offer conversational experiences with students who desire to learn English from native English speakers. Please keep Mary and her team in your prayers. Contributions can be sent to Saint Katherine and in the lower left, specify, Mary VanMullekom.

Jesse Brandow, Long-Term Missionary. Jesse Brandow, OCMC’s long-term missionary in Guatemala, visited us on Sunday, September 21 and spoke at both liturgies and the Adult Bible Class. Jesse will be leaving for his new post in early 2015. Please keep Jesse in your prayers.

Diaper Drive Collection for Area Food Pantries. We will collect diapers on Sunday, December 7. Federal food stamps cannot be used to buy diapers, so this is a great help to mothers with infants. Collections will take place in the foyer of our Community Center. Please bring unopened packages of newborn to 6. No pull ups please.

Culmore Medical Clinic. The Columbia Baptist Church, down the street from Saint Katherine now houses the Culmore Medical Clinic for patients without health insurance. The Clinic cares for over 400 patients many with serious medical problems. The clinic was established with the support of all the area churches. Both Fr. Costa and Dr. Demakis are on the executive committee of the Clinic. Although the County of Fairfax contributes some funds they do not begin to cover the costs of the clinic. Please make donations to help us care for those less fortunate. A list of specific items and their costs are on our website, under “Announcements.” Make checks out to Saint Katherine and write “Culmore Clinic” on the memo line. Thank you.

Save the Date, April 26, for the 2015 OCMC Benefit Dinner. The 2015 OCMC Benefit Dinner will be held on April 26. Fr. Chakos, working with the Orthodox church in Guatemala, will be our guest speaker.

FR. COSTA AND MISSIONARY JESSE BRANDOW IN SEPTEMBER 2014.

HOMELESS SHELTER

Serving at the Shelter. Our mission team served dinner at the Bailey’s Crossroads Homeless Shelter on Tuesday, September 16. Thanks to Peter Firippis and Gregory McKinney for preparing an excellent meal. Over 120 people were served dinner.

Clothing and Toiletries. We continue to collect new and used (clean) clothes and unopened toiletries for the shelter every week. Please bring the items to the foyer of our Community Center.

Hygiene and Survival Kits. All church organizations, please note that your items are due at church on Sunday, November 23. We will assemble the kits in early December and deliver them to the homeless shelter. Please contact Dr. Demakis at demakis9931@gmail.com, if you have any questions.

The next meeting of the Missions and Outreach Committee will be on Tuesday, November 4, 7:00pm.
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PHILOPTOCHOS (by Eleni Kanakos, President)

My congratulations to our Annual Gala Committee for working so hard to make our event special and memorable. The Ladies of Philoptochos are very grateful for being honored at this event. I also want to congratulate Dr. John Demakis for his exceptional work in our Missions and Outreach Ministry.

As reminder, our Annual Thanksgiving Senior Luncheon will be held on Thursday, November 13, 12pm-3pm, in the Meletis Charuhas Hall. Everyone is welcome. Please call Chairwoman Irene Burton at 703-256-5531 or me at 703-938-8360, for reservations.

On Sunday, November 16, the Philoptochos and the Daughters will host a Memorial Service for all the members that have passed on. We hope that all of you will join us after the second liturgy. We will also be hosting the coffee that day.

Our first annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale will be on Sunday, November 23 after both services. Contact Mary Varlas at 703-965-4161 LPbakesale@yahoo.com to place your order. The deadline for pre-orders is November 16.

Great Vespers for our patron saint, Katherine, will be on Monday, November 24 at 7:00pm, with a reception to follow. Contact Chairwoman Diane Argerson at 703-759-3781 to let her know what you will bring for the reception. All of you have always been very generous and we thank you for that. Please note that liturgy for the nameday of Saint Katherine is on Tuesday, November 25, at 10:30am.

As always, I thank you for your support.

Our next meeting is Sunday, November 9 after the second liturgy.

I wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving!!

Thanksgiving Bake Sale

Let the Ladies Philoptochos of Saint Katherine help you dress your table with sweet and savory treats that will make any Yiayia proud! Choose from Kourambiedes, Melomakarona, Diples, Baklava, Kataifi, Koulourakia, and triangles of Tiropita and Spanakopita.

Where: Meletis Charuhas Center
When: Sunday, November 23
Time: After both Liturgies (no sales during services)

DAUGHTERS OF PENELlope
(by Karen Polizos, President)

November is a busy month! On Saturday, November 15, Helle Chapter will join sister Chapters Arion 298 and Hermione 11 for our annual Founders’ Day Luncheon at Alfio’s Restaurant in Chevy Chase, MD. On Sunday, November 16, Helle Chapter and Philoptochos will host coffee hour after the second Divine Liturgy following a joint Memorial Service for our Departed Sisters and Philoptochos members. Please bring a plate of sweets for the coffee hour.

Our next monthly chapter meeting will be held at the church immediately following coffee hour on Sunday, November 16, in the large conference room downstairs. A light lunch will be provided.

Our winter philanthropy project will be collecting winter jackets for homeless and abused children. Kathy Cavallo is coordinated this effort between the Daughters of Penelope and Philoptochos, and created an angel tree for the foyer of the Meletis Charuhas Hall. There will be a box to collect the jackets. The collection will run through December 7, with delivery of the jackets to several shelters in our local area during the week of December 8.

On behalf of Helle Chapter 283, we wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

Annual Philoptochos Christmas Luncheon and Fashion Show. Our Annual Christmas Luncheon and Fashion Show is fast approaching. Please mark your calendars for December 6 at 12 noon. It will be held in the Saint Katherine Meletis Charuhas Hall. As you know, our Annual Christmas Luncheon is one of our major fundraisers and you are urged to attend. Please bring your spouse, a friend, or even a neighbor. We look forward to all of you helping in this endeavor. Kindly bring a door prize, please.

The cost for the luncheon and fashion show is $40 ($15 for children 12 and under). Call Chairwoman Trish Kapssidelis at 703-356-5906 or Eleni Kanakos at 703-938-8360 for reservations. Please make your check payable to Saint Katherine Philoptochos. The reservation deadline is November 25. Your check can be mailed to Chrysoula Pappas, 7716 Fallstaff Road, McLean, VA 22102.

To all of our parishioners: Please consider making a donation to our annual raffle for the Christmas Luncheon and Fashion Show. Any donation is welcome and appreciated. Past donations have included jewelry, art, home décor items, gift certificates, restaurant gift cards, and electronics. Thank you in advance for your generosity.
GRACE

HOPE FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

The holidays can be an especially difficult time of year for those who are grieving. When everyone around you seems happy and full of holiday cheer, you may want to just skip the holidays all together. The sights, sounds, and smells of the holiday season can be overwhelming, and the period of time leading up to the holidays can actually be worse than the day itself.

Before Thanksgiving Day, think about what might be tough and plan ahead. For example, the “empty chair”: Should you keep it in place or remove it from the table altogether? Should the oldest child or another family member sit there now? Should you set a place in honor of your loved one? There’s no right or wrong answer. Do what’s best for you and your family.

Be realistic and don’t over-schedule since you know yourself better than anyone. Set realistic goals and always have more than one plan. By having multiple plans—plan A, B and C—you can quickly move to the next plan if the first choice isn’t working or becomes too difficult.

It’s important to remember that you don’t have to do things the way you’ve always done them. It may be a good time to start some new traditions. This doesn’t mean you’re going to lose the old traditions; you can always go back to them or incorporate them again when you’re ready. Just because you’ve always put on a huge feast doesn’t mean you have to incorporate them again when you’re ready. It may be difficult to start these conversations, but it will benefit everyone around you and help each of you heal a little bit at a time.

A wonderful new tradition is to cover the table with a plain tablecloth. Provide permanent markers for family members and guests to write on the cloth what they’re thankful for or a favorite memory or message to your loved one. Children can have fun by drawing pictures. Bring the tablecloth out at each holiday until it’s full and then start a new one!
SHOWN BELOW is a list of families and individuals who participated in the 2014 Saint Katherine Stewardship Program through September 30, 2014. Thank you for responding to the needs of our church. Any questions? Contact Anna Vassilopoulos at 703-671-1515.
2014 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD

You are invited to participate in the annual Christmas card of our parish. It will be mailed by the Church Office to everyone on our mailing list for only $25. Please send your name, as you wish it to appear in the card, in English or Greek, and a check payable to Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, to the Church Office no later than Monday, December 8. Thank you.
## SUNDAY CHURCH DUTY ROSTER

**November 2, 2014**
- Pierre Tavoularis, Captain
- Dr. John Demakis
- Artemis Dimopoulos
- Peter Karounos

**8:00am**
- George Moshos
- Bill Porter
- Maria Vargas

**November 9, 2014**
- Daphne Vaccarello, Captain
- Kelly Alexis
- Chris Christou
- George Moshos

**8:00am**
- Jim Stoucker
- Pierre Tavoularis
- Maria Vargas

**November 16, 2014**
- Kelly Alexis, Captain
- Andrea Ballard
- Dr. John Demakis
- Bill Polizos

**8:00am**
- Bill Porter
- Pierre Tavoularis
- Daphne Vaccarello

**November 23, 2014**
- Jim Stoucker, Captain
- Artemis Dimopoulos
- George Moshos
- Bill Polizos

**8:00am**
- Bill Porter
- Pierre Tavoularis
- Daphne Vaccarello

**November 30, 2014**
- Maria Vargas, Captain
- Dr. John Demakis
- Peter Karounos
- Mallamo Mavromatakis

**9:30am**
- Bill Polizos
- Jim Stoucker
- Maria Wills

**November 2, 2014**
- Chris Christou, Captain
- Kelly Alexis
- Costas Mavromatakis
- Mallamo Mavromatakis

**9:30am**
- Bill Polizos
- Jim Stoucker
- Maria Wills

**November 9, 2014**
- Nick Larigakis, Captain
- Andrea Ballard
- Artemis Dimopoulos
- Costas Mavromatakis

**9:30am**
- Mallamo Mavromatakis
- Bill Polizos
- Maria Wills

**November 16, 2014**
- George Moshos, Captain
- Chris Christou
- Peter Karounos
- Maria Wills

**9:30am**
- Vasiliki Topping, GOYA Captain, plus 5 other GOYAns

**November 23, 2014**
- Dr. John Demakis, Captain
- Andrea Ballard
- Chris Christou
- Peter Karounos

**9:30am**
- Costas Mavromatakis
- Mallamo Mavromatakis
- Maria Wills

**2014 STEWARDSHIP FORM**

Stewardship is based on the fact that all that we have and all that we are comes from God. We commit ourselves to stewardship as a way of thanking God for all His blessings—returning to Him a portion of the time, talent, and treasure He has given us. Good stewardship of time means we share some the 168 hours in a week with God and caring for others. Good stewardship of talent means we identify our talents and use them to glorify God and help other people. Good stewardship of treasure means we give a portion of our income to the Church and other charities. If you have not yet made a stewardship commitment to your church for the year 2014, please take a moment and do so now.

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

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