THE BEGINNING OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL NEW YEAR has its roots in the Old Testament Feast of Trumpets, which occurred at about this time of year. The distinctive feature about the Feast of Trumpets was simply a day of the blowing of trumpets where only the priests were allowed to blow the silver trumpets (Numbers 10:8). Nothing is mentioned in the Mosaic Law regarding how to do it, but the day was declared a Sabbath (no matter what day of the week it fell on). Thus, it was regarded as an important day.

There were many different uses of trumpets described in the Scriptures. Among them are the ones listed below:

**Calling the Assembly Together:** One blast was used for the heads of clans; two blasts were used for the assembly of the entire congregation (Numbers 10:1-4, 7).

**Commencing a Journey:** At the sound of the first alarm, the camps on the East side of the Tabernacle moved out. At the second alarm, those on the South side moved out (Numbers 10:5-6).

**Going into Battle:** Moses was instructed that when going into battle, “You shall sound an alarm with the trumpets, that you may be remembered before the Lord your God and be saved from your enemies” (Numbers 10:9).

**Warning of an Imminent Battle:** Watchmen were required to blow a trumpet to warn of an approaching enemy (Ezekiel 33:3-6).

**Proclaiming a New King:** For example: Zadok the priest anointing Solomon (1 Kings 1:39), Elisha anointing Jehu (2 Kings 9:1-13), and Jehoiada anointing Joash (2 Chronicles 23:11-13).

**Leading the Procession of the Ark:** As the Ark of the Covenant was moved, trumpets preceded it (1 Chronicles 15:24, 16:6).

**With Other Instruments:** Along with horn, cymbals, harps, lyres and voices at various events centered on the Ark and the Temple (1 Chronicles 15:24, 16:42; 2 Chronicles 15:14; Ezra 3:10-13; Nehemiah 12:31-43).

We, too, now embark on a new ecclesiastical year at Saint Katherine. This is evident in the fact that you see a call for all of us to regroup and once again assemble in the Church and in our organizations, and to start the ministry of every group.

Beginning each year, in the Church calendar, we ask that this be an acceptable year of the Lord. As Paul said, after quoting a Messianic passage from Isaiah, “Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation” (2 Corinthians 6:2, Isaiah 49:8). We will have a great year together—in prayer and fellowship.

In the coming year, the Church lectionary will proclaim the Messiah and will preach the good news. Those broken by Satan will be healed and we are called out to do the Lord’s work. The Church will remember the Lord’s victory over sin, death, and Hades in leading captivity captive and those whose sin is forgiven will have the eyes of their heart opened. This is the preaching of the Church, and along with preaching comes

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Dear Parishioners,

As I write this letter, it already feels like summer is drawing to a close. People are returning from vacations, students are off to college, and children everywhere are getting ready for school. Likewise, as a new church calendar begins, we’re preparing for a busy fall season at Saint Katherine.

The three branches of our educational program—Catechetical (Sunday) School, Greek School, and Padeia—reopen their “doors” in September. Other ministries for children, such as GOYA, JOY, and HOPE, invite you to become a part of their vibrant communities. We have a very active Missions and Outreach program, the Ladies Philoptochos Society, and Adult Bible Study, just to name a few.

I also want to remind you of two important fall events that are just around the corner: our Fall Festival (October 5, 6, and 7), and our annual Saint Katherine Dinner Dance (November 17). This year our dance will be held on a Saturday evening, in hopes that more people will be able to attend. Both events depend on volunteer assistance, so please consider helping out for these worthwhile fundraisers.

And one last exciting piece of news...our beloved church facility manager Roberto has returned to Saint Katherine! We are thankful to God to have him back.

Finally, I’d like to introduce you to another member of our parish council—Costas Mavromatakis. Costas and his family are long-time members of Saint Katherine.

Wishing you all a safe, healthy, and productive Fall!

Yours in Christ’s service,

George Moshos

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GEORGE MOSHOS, OUR PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT, asked me to take a few moments to introduce myself via a brief biography to the Saint Katherine Community. For those who do not know me, I am Constantinos Mavromatakis and am honored to serve as your current Parish Council Secretary. Baptized by Fr. George Alexson at Saint Katherine, I have been blessed to be a part of this community since my birth in 1987. I have walked the different paths between Greek School, Sunday School, Acolyte service, GOYA member, festival volunteer, dance troupe participant, and member of the Parish Council.

I was first elected to the Parish Council when I was twenty-one years old—the youngest, I believe, to date. Why, you may ask, would anyone want to serve on the Parish Council at twenty-one? The answer is simple—to help the church and community I love.

I have made Saint Katherine my second home and I look upon my fellow parishioners as my second family. I have celebrated here, I have mourned here, and I have learned an abundance of life lessons in many different capacities here throughout the years. My involvement has been rewarding and fulfilling! There are so many opportunities at Saint Katherine for everyone to actively participate in. No matter your interests, no matter how much time you have to offer, there is a ministry here to welcome you and your involvement.

I encourage everyone, young and old, to come and get involved in the many ministries at Saint Katherine. Everyone is valuable and has a talent or gift to offer. No matter how insignificant your contribution may seem to you, I am certain that you too will be made to feel welcome and find the fulfillment and satisfaction you will receive insurmountable.

I feel blessed and privileged to serve you, my fellow parishioners, and this wonderful community.

Yours in Christ,

Constantinos Mavromatakis

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ADULT CHOIR

Our adult choir, under the direction of our new choir director John Slanta, will practice on Thursdays, 7:30pm-8:30pm, starting on September 6. Our first Sunday of singing for the new Ecclesiastical Year will be September 16. Please be in the choir loft no later than 10:45am. Thank you.
CATECHETICAL SCHOOL
OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST SAID, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 19:14). This is exactly our calling and objective here at Saint Katherine in providing an Orthodox Christian education through our Catechetical (Sunday) School program. We are fortunate that our Sunday School is offered at the same time as our adult classes, such as Journey to Orthodoxy and Adult Bible Study. This allows everyone to participate in Orthodox education and then to worship together in the Divine Liturgy as a family.

Registration forms will be available on September 2 and 9 after Liturgy in the Meletis Charuhas Hall. On the first day of classes (September 16), students, parents, and teachers will meet in the Meletis Charuhas Hall at 8:45am, where Fr. Costa will pray with us and introduce our teachers. Students will then follow their teachers to their classrooms. Parents are invited to visit their children’s classrooms, where they can meet the teachers and ask any questions that they may have.

Our parents have been very responsive to our Sunday School program in the past and we are very much looking forward to another great year seeing our youth learn about God and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as well as worshipping as a family in Church. It will truly be a joy to see all the children back in Sunday School when classes begin on September 16. Parents, please bring your children regularly to both Sunday School and Church. Through both experiences, our children will be drawn closer to Christ and grow in Christian knowledge.

CATECHETICAL (SUNDAY) SCHOOL SCHEDULE
Sep 2 Registration and Meet & Greet
Sep 9 Registration and Meet & Greet
Sep 16 First Day of Classes (8:45am Prayer)
Oct 7 No Classes (Church Festival)
Nov 25 No Classes (Thanksgiving)
Dec 2 Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal
Dec 9 Christmas Pageant
Dec 23 No Classes
Dec 23 No Classes
Jan 6 Classes Resume
Feb 3 Godparent Sunday
Mar 17 Sunday of Orthodoxy (Students bring icons)
Apr 14 No Classes (Spring Break)
Apr 20 Saturday of Lazarus (Liturgy/Palm Folding)
Apr 1 No Classes (Palm Sunday)
Apr 8 No Classes (Pascha)
May 20 Commencement (after Divine Liturgy)
Jun 24-28 Vacation Bible Camp

GREEK FOLK DANCE LESSONS
SAINT KATHERINE OFFERS GREEK FOLK DANCE LESSONS through the Byzantio Greek Dance and Cultural Arts Program. Lessons for Grades K-12 are offered on Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm-7:30pm. Lessons for adults are held on Sundays. Please contact Aris and Anna at 757-218-6991 or greekdancedc@gmail.com. You may also visit www.byzantio.org for more information including practice dates, times, and registration forms.

SAINT KATHERINE YOUTH CHOIR
THIS FALL, students grades 3 through 6 are invited to participate in the Youth Choir! The Youth Choir will rehearse twice monthly during Sunday School hours, sing with the adult choir on selected Sundays, and perform for the community during Christmas. The first rehearsal will be Sunday, September 30, at 9:00am. Youth Choir members must be able to read and maintain focus; otherwise, no musical experience is required, just a good attitude and lots of enthusiasm! If you are interested, please contact Nina Ziu at n.ziu@icloud.com.

PAIDEIA PRESCHOOL
PAIDEIA PRESCHOOL has been a beacon of values for the families of Saint Katherine for 10 years (2008-2018)! Our young graduates excel in their American school and benefit tremendously growing in a bilingual Greek Orthodox environment. While in Paideia Preschool, they learn to express themselves socially and emotionally and become educated by two very rich cultures, the Greek and the American. From Dr. Seuss, to Military Day, to American Independence Day, our program has it all!

Constantly enriching their vocabulary through meaningful activities they acquire skills that will sustain them forever! Join our program year-round. Learn more about it at our open-house days or contact us at 703-671-7715 or ealexopoulou@stkchurch.com. You may visit our website at www.stkhec.org.

GREEK LANGUAGE CLASSES FOR YOUNG AND OLDER…!
JOIN OUR OUTSTANDING GREEK LANGUAGE PROGRAM for a great learning experience. We offer classes for pre-k to adults. Our excellent teaching staff using student-centered activities will make each student’s experience unique! To schedule an appointment and to enroll for a class contact ealexopoulou@stkchurch.com or call at 703-671-7715.

Classes offered for the 2018-2019 school year are:

**Youth**
- Tuesday, Conversational, 5:00pm-6:30pm (grades K-8)
- Friday, 5:00-7:00 (grades preK-8)
- Saturday, 9:30am-1:30pm (grades preK-8)

**Adult**
- Tuesday, Beginners I, 5:00pm-7:00pm
- Beginners II, 7:00pm-9:00pm
- Thursday, Intermediate, 7:00pm-9:00pm
- Friday, Conversational, 5:00pm-7:00pm
The famous Catechetical Lectures of Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem, are a series of 23 addresses Saint Cyril gave in the fourth century to new believers preparing for baptism. The last five lectures, concerning the “mysteries,” are addressed to the newly baptized Christians in preparation for their first Holy Communion. The Catechetical Lectures are very comprehensive and accessible for a modern student. They rely heavily on the Holy Scriptures as Saint Cyril elaborates on the Nicene Creed and the Lord’s Prayer, and they comprise a patristic catechism appropriate for both catechumens and Church members alike.

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem was born around 313 AD during the reign of Constantine. He was ordained bishop of Jerusalem around 350 AD and reposed March 18, 386 AD. The Catechetical Lectures attributed to Saint Cyril, were delivered during Lent of 347 or 348, in the Church of Golgotha. Pagan catechumens (candidates for baptism) were instructed in the basic Christian doctrine and in prayer. They were also allowed to attend the first part of the Liturgy, which was called the “Liturgy of the Catechumens” but they were dismissed before the offerings. Those among the catechumens who were ready for baptism were then brought into the Church at the beginning of the eight weeks of Lent, where they received instruction in the baptismal Creed, which they had to memorize and recite. At the end of Lent, they were baptized and joined the faithful on Easter Eve. The Catechetical Lectures are an invaluable resource for the teachings of the early Church, when teaching the doctrines of Christianity to outsiders was forbidden.

The Catechetical Lectures of Saint Cyril will be taught and analyzed in an estimated series of 40 lessons (typical class period will be 40-minute blocks). The lessons will be mainly in Greek. Τα μαθήματα θα είναι κυρίως στα Ελληνικά. Classes will begin on Sunday, September 16, 9:00am and will be held in Chelpon Hall. The first 6 lessons are listed below.

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«Ἐνας κώδικας πίστεως, ἔνας ἀσφαλῆς ὁδηγός, στὸ χώρο τοῦ αὐθεντικοῦ ὀρθόδοξου δόγματος, ποὺ προσφέρεται στὸ σύγχρονον ἄνθρωπο ὅχι ως κτήμα διανοητικό ἢ κοσμοδειρεία, ἀλλὰ ως γνώση και βίαμα, ως πίστη και πράξη, ως δόγμα και ζωή. Μελετώντας τὶς ΚΑΤΗΧΗΣΕΙΣ τοῦ Άγ. Κυριλλοῦ, όχι μόνον διδασκόμαστε νὰ γνωρίζουμε μία γνησία και μεγάλη Πατερική προσωπικότητα, ἀλλὰ διδασκόμαστε καὶ πῶς νὰ κάνουμε διάλογο μὲ ὅσους- διαφόρους τόσους- θελητικά ἢ ἀθελήτα, βρίσκονται ἐξω ἢ μακριά ἀπὸ τὸν Χριστό, ἀλλὰ καὶ τόσο κοντά μας.»

Αρχιμ. Αντώνιος Ρωμαίος, Ιερά Μονή Άγιου Ιωάννου Προδρόμου Καρέα, 1999
Project Mexico Team Returns. Grace to all from the 2018 Project Mexico Team! What a wonderful Mission trip we had in July! Our Team of 14 partnered with teams from Orthodox Churches in Indianapolis, Indiana, and Wichita, Kansas to build a home for a large, needy family in Mexico. The cooperation and joy we experienced working as a team was a true reflection of the Body of Christ at its best! The grandmother of our needy family also gave beyond her means by cooking lunch for all of us each day (approximately 40), and her children and grandchildren worked and played with us all week long. We were also blessed by fellowship with Fr. Luke Veronis and his team from Boston, as well as Fr. Mark Leondis and his team from Boca Raton and Fr. John Manuel and his team from Virginia Beach. This was our 4th trip as a team and each year I think that it can’t get any better, but each time something new happens and we make new and lasting Orthodox friends from around the country. In conversation with other team leaders, we commented that it was amazing that 120 random people from across the country met, slept in tents, made due with minimal facilities and resources, and almost overnight proceeded to work together and build 4 homes in 4 days. Corporations invest many hours and thousands of dollars to try and train their employees to do half as well! It is truly a reflection of the grace of God in action. By October of this year, we will be recruiting for next year’s trip as a team and each year I think that it can’t get any better, but each time something new happens and we make new and lasting Orthodox friends from around the country.

Healthcare Mission to Guatemala, November 9-18. Our own Betty Slanta will serve as a short-term healthcare missionary on a ten-person team at the Fr. Andres Giron Medical Clinic (built in 2014) in Aguacate, a small village in northern Guatemala. She will assist medical professionals in providing health care and health education in this Mayan region of northern Guatemala who have not had access to treatment.

She was struck by the mass conversion over the past decade in northwest Guatemala and by the medical and dental needs of our brethren in Guatemala. Poverty, poor nutrition, and poor health exist in Aguacate and over 100 surrounding Mayan villages in northern Guatemala and southern Mexico. Medical issues include a lack of clean water (E. coli, bacteria), asthma (wood burning stoves in un-ventilated homes), high blood pressure, diabetes, fungal infections, and tuberculosis.

The OCMC requires all short-term team members to raise their own funds, at least $1,450 each for this mission, which covers room and board, local transportation, plus airfare from Washington, DC to Mexico City and Tuxtla Gutiérrez in southern Mexico, then a nine-hour bus ride to Aguacate, Guatemala. Betty asks for prayers for this medical mission, that the Lord will guide them, and also ask for your financial support, with a tax-deductible donation to the OCMC. Checks may be sent to Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC), 220 Mason Manatee Way, St. Augustine, Florida 32086, (memo line: “Slanta to Guatemala Medical II”) or use the fundraising link: (Slanta): http://bit.ly/2EbJFW7.

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BAILEY’S CROSS ROADS SHELTER

Saint Katherine Honored by Homeless Shelter. New Hope Housing, operators the Bailey’s Crossroads Homeless Shelter, honored Dr. John Demakis and our Saint Katherine parish as their Outstanding Volunteer of the Year. The award was presented Saturday, August 11, 2018 at their corporate center. Dr. Demakis accepted the award on behalf of our entire Saint Katherine community and our Missions and Outreach Committee. The presenter mentioned that Saint Katherine serves dinner at the shelter monthly, brings clothes and other items when needed, and annually donates 300 plus hygiene and survival kits that are delivered to the shelter every December.

Special Needs of the Shelter. The shelter has asked us to gather the following items:

- Men’s white undershirts, all sizes
- Foot powder
- Household cleaning products

Please bring all items to foyer of church hall.

Next Missions and Outreach Committee Meeting, September 11. The next Missions and Outreach committee meeting will be on Tuesday, September 11, 7:30pm, in the board room. Join us and be part of something special!!

Shelter Advisory Committee Meeting, September 12. The Advisory Committee of the Shelter will meet in the board room at Saint Katherine on Wednesday, September 12, 7:00pm.
ΤΟ ΚΑΠΝΙΣΜΑ: ΑΡΡΩΣΤΙΑ ΚΑΙ ΚΑΤΑΣΤΡΟΦΗ
Sophia D. Tsangali

(Πάντα ήθελα να γράψω κάτι για το κάπνισμα, γιατί, όταν ήμουν μικρή και πήγαινα με τους γονείς μου σε μέρη που κάποιος κάπνιζε, λιποθυμούσα και οι γονείς μου με το ασθενοφόρο με πήγαιναν στο νοσοκομείο. Με άλλα λόγια, το κάπνισμα δεν βλάπτει μόνο αυτόν που καπνίζει, αλλά και τους γύρω του, που δεν καπνίζουν. Ζητά συνήθως για όσους καπνίζουν, που βλέπω το κάπνισμα με τον τρόπο που ακολουθεί.)

Σκόπος του θέματος αυτού είναι να αντιληφθούμε την σοβαρότητα και τους κινδύνους που επιφέρει το κάπνισμα, που σήμερα θα μπορούσαμε να συγκαταλέξουμε στα νορματίκα. Δεν είναι μία συνήθης χωρίς σημασία, αλλά μία κακή συνήθη εξαιτίας με βλαβερά αποτελέσματα που επιρρέονται σύμπαν και ψυχή.

Το κάπνισμα στις μέρες μας παίρνει διαρκώς όλα και μεγαλύτερες διαστάσεις. Παλαιότερα κάπνιζαν μόνο οι μεγάλοι, τώρα καπνίζουν και οι νέοι. Κάποτε καπνίζαν μόνο οι άνδρες, τώρα καπνίζουν και οι γυναίκες. Στα δε δικά μας χρόνια, καπνίζουν και οι μαθητές και οι μαθήτριες, όχι μόνο του Λυκείων και Γυμνασίων, αλλά πολλές φορές και τόνων Δημοτικών Σχολείων, που ακόμη είναι παιδία. Είναι μία επιθέλεια το κάπνισμα στη νεολαία, αφού οι στατιστικές αποδεικνύουν ότι οι περισσότεροι καπνιστές είναι ηλικίας 12 έως 18 ετών. Επειδή το θέμα αυτό δημιουργεί πρόγραμμα ποικίλες ανησυχίες, ας το εξετάσουμε και ας δούμε πώς πρέπει να υλοποιήσουμε γι’ αυτό.

Οι νέοι καπνίζουν για να κάνουν εντύπωση, για να επιδεικνύουν, για να προκαλέσουν ίσως την προσοχή των άλλων. Άλλοι πάλι καπνίζουν για να μη φαινόταν ότι είναι καθυστερημένοι και μειονεκτούν από τους άλλους, αλλά με το κάπνισμα να φαίνονται ίσοι και προδυναμικοί με τους άλλους. Άλλοι καπνίζουν για να γίνουν δημοφιλείς, ελκυστικοί και ευπρόσδεκτοι στις παρέξες. Άλλοι καπνίζουν από συνήθεια ή και για να μη τους κορυφώνουν εκείνοι που καπνίζουν. Πολλοί το κάνουν για να δείξουν ότι είναι άνδρες, ότι μεγάλωσαν και ότι είναι πλέον κύριοι ή ορισμένες δεσποινίδες και κυρίες. Υπάρχουν όμως και εκείνοι που καπνίζουν για να δώσουν διέξοδο στα προβλήματά τους, να ξεχάσουν και να ξενοδοχευτούν.

Όλοι όμως αυτοί οι λόγοι, που μόλις αναφέραμε, είναι παιδαριοδοξίες και ανόητοι, γιατί σ’ ένα λογικό και συνετό άνθρωπο δεν κάνει εντύπωση ο νέος που καπνίζει, αντίθετα μάλλον δημιουργεί ανησυχία και ανησυχία. Επίσης, ούτε προοδευτικήτη δείχνει το κάπνισμα, εκτός αν την

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teaching, learning, and living the Word of God. We will have a great year together! Do not be left in the past but come and experience the present, so we will all be ready for the future.

God “desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4). I then, invite you to embark on a new challenge in your life. Together, let’s start the new year the same way we start each week with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy.

This is my prayer for you—that our new year is full of thanksgiving to our Lord. May our Lord bless everyone who minsters through the church and may all of us enjoy the fruits of those who love us and care for us.

Start every week anew. See you all in the Liturgy, so we can all be seen together in the future Kingdom to come.

Kali Chronia
Fr. Costas
SUMMER WITH BERGMAN
by Joanna Bose

AS A BOY, Ingmar would spend hours at a Lutheran church in Uppsala, where his father was a pastor. On the walls and ceiling, medieval frescoes such as the one of the figure of “Death playing Chess” were ingrained into his imagination.

Years later, this same image would be the subject of a film about a medieval Crusader knight who returns to his village only to find it in the grips of the plague. Meeting Death on the road he agrees to a game of chess, hoping to forestall his own demise (The Seventh Seal, 1958).

In celebration of the centenary of Ingmar Bergman’s birth in 1918, the NGA has been screening many of his films, right from the very beginning. If one is to fully understand the underpinnings of Bergman’s work, it is important to consider the astounding changes that took place before the turn of the 20th century. Freud’s “Interpretation of Dreams” had been published in 1899; Swedish playwright August Strindberg had written plays delving into the unconscious—The Ghost Sonata and The Dream Play; Norwegian painter Edvard Munch had painted The Scream in 1893, and Henrik Ibsen had written The Doll’s House in 1879. Then came the first World War.

One could argue that with the medium of filmmaking, and techniques such as camera angles and other effects, Bergman could explore interesting ways of portraying the subjects he worked on for his whole life: God, loss of innocence, loss of faith, Time, the unconscious. And his very earliest works have many of the themes he went on to develop. The earliest are actually wonderfully light-hearted, funny, with wonderful acting. One of the first actors, Birger Malmsten, brought his own special sensitivity to his roles.

In addition, Bergman’s first cinematographer, Gunnar Fischer, shot frames that looked exactly, almost identical to paintings by Munch. So films like Persona explored ways of seeing things. Reality is “created” by the director/autour, transformed and illuminated through the stories he chose to tell. Much of what he put into his films was folklore, like the “carriage”/Chariot of Death which we see in Wild Strawberries. Religion was juxtaposed with Folklore, fantasy and imagination.

Bergman’s prolific body of work makes one question if there is an objective Truth or true interpretation at all. Ambiguity reigns. And he remains a towering figure in cinema! He has left a legacy of indelible images that are also seared into the viewers’ minds.

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 16
Topic for 2018-2019 is Who We are and What We Believe: A Journey through Examination of the Orthodox Faith Guided by the Words of the Nicene Creed

Using colorful Powerpoint slide presentations, we will discuss questions such as: What are we stating we believe when we recite the various articles of the Creed? What does it mean to be Orthodox? What were the thoughts, intentions, and historical context facing the Creed’s authors in the 4th century when it was written? How do our beliefs differ from those of other Christian denominations and other world religions?

The objective will be to broaden the understanding of our own Orthodox faith and deepen our spiritual outlooks. Taking each line of the Creed we will explore its historical context, biblical foundations, theological meaning, and relationship to our venerable Orthodox Traditions. We will explore the significance of the Creed for how we live our faith as individuals and as “one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church.”

Classes are held every Sunday at 9:00am, beginning on September 16 and are held in the lower level of the education hall. For questions, please contact Bill Polizos at 571-434-7790 or polizos@att.com. All are welcome!
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PHILOPTOCHOS by Mary Varlas

CONGRATULATIONS ON ANOTHER Ecclesiastical year that is about to begin. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. Welcome back to all our sisters in Christ. We are preparing for a busy fall and winter.

Our work never stops. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our members and parishioners for being so generous with the “Heart to Heart” initiative. Our donation was $3,316.00.

In July, along with Patty Karounos, I traveled to Boston for our 44th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress and Philoptochos Convention. In the upcoming months we will share the information with everyone.

While in Boston, our Chapter 1092, received The Award of Excellence in recognition of National Ministry Commitments for 100% participation in 2016 and 2017. We also received The Award of Excellence, 1st Place Tie, Increased Membership by 58 Members from 2016 to 2017. What great honors for our Ladies Philoptochos. All our hard work is showing. As of August 13, 2018, our stewardship has reached 161 members. Please join us. We would love to have everyone over the age of 18 be members. You may belong to other ministries, clubs, or societies and still join our Philoptochos. We do not demand your time. When you know you can spare some time, we would love to have you volunteer with us. Until then, your Stewardship of $50.00 is enough for us. Philoptochos is not only about baking. We are committed to Feeding the Hungry, stopping Human Trafficking, stopping Bullying, stopping opiod abuse in our society, Heart to Heart, Autism, Cancer and other major illnesses, local homeless shelters, USO phone cards for our service men, Saint Basil Academy, Hellenic College and Holy Cross, and many more.

Once again our membership and our parishioners came to help when the tragedy of the 2018 Fires in Attica took so many lives and destroyed properties. We are lucky to have so many people in our parish that are always there when we ask for help. Their generosity has reached incredible levels. I can only be humble and say, “Thank you.”

Remember, “All Things Are Possible to the One Who Believes in Christ” (Mark 9:23).

Our Fall Festival is just around the corner. The Ladies Philoptochos will start baking on August 23. We need volunteers. Our first meeting for the new Ecclesiastical year will be on September 9 in the board room.

I would love to see as many as possible there.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE by Barbara Koltos

DEAR SISTERS AND FRIENDS,

Welcome to a new year with the Daughters of Penelope. I look forward to a busy and productive season. Our first meeting will be Monday, September 10, 6:30pm in the Meletis Charuhas Hall. We plan to have dinner and enjoy a special presentation by Effie Wingate and Victoria Cherpes concerning their mission to Kenya sponsored by Saint Katherine Church. We will also discuss our agenda for this new year and look at what special events we want to plan.

As most of you already know we will have our first fundraiser on September 23—for homeless women veterans. This fundraiser is for a program called “Final Salute” whose mission is to provide homeless women Veterans with safe and suitable housing. It is estimated that there are currently 55,000 homeless women Veterans in the United States on any given day. For the sacrifices they and their families have made, this is an unacceptable state for any of them to be in. Final Salute Inc. believes in paying women Veterans with the proper respects due to them for the service they have provided to our country. I would like to say thank you to all of those sisters who have responded to the raffle ticket mailing. As I explained, we have a short window of time to raise funds for this worthy cause. We have gotten a very good response so far. If you have not returned your tickets there is still plenty of time before September 23.

Please join us for our first meeting and share the comradery of being a sister.

In Theta Pi,

Barbara Koltos

BOOKSTORE

IDLENESS. APATHY. RESTLESSNESS. PROCRASTINATION. Our book of the month, Time and Despondency, addresses these issues from an Orthodox perspective. The author, a professor at Trinity College in Toronto, shows how this condition—called acedia by the church fathers and mothers—is as old as the ancients, but thrives in a new and stronger form today in our culture of leisure, anxiety, and digital distraction. She offers remedies on how to combat this illness, drawing on the writings of time-honored Orthodox writers, and urges us to live in the present moment and not forsake the only temporal realm in which we have true fellowship with Christ.

Interested in this book, but are worried that you don’t have room on your bookshelf? We have the perfect solution. Donate some of your books to our Festival Used Book Sale. We have used the proceeds from these sales to send books to our brother and sisters in Kenya, and icons of Saint Katherine to those in need.
REGISTRY

Baptisms
Amelia Maria (July 28)
daughter of Christopher Philip and Eugenia Maria Martin
Godparent: Aphroditi Gouvousis

Alaina Marie (July 28)
daughter of Seth Peter and Laura Marie Chouinard
Godparent: Eleftheria Frances

Thea Elizabeth (July 28)
daughter of Justin and Christine Nicole Leonard
Godparent: Peter Kalos

Alec William (July 28)
son of Justin and Christine Nicole Leonard
Godparent: Peter Kalos

Sofia Virginia (July 29)
daughter of Mark Douglas and Kristin Renee Flinn
Godparent: Tara Holloway

George Theodore (July 29)
son of Theodore and Christina Yiannarakis
Godparent: George Boosalis

Dimitri Victor Sotiropoulos (August 25)
son of Dimitri and Caroline Sotiropoulos
Godparents: Anastasia Sotiropoulos and Ramzy & Sana Handal

Christos D. (August 26)
son of Petros C. and Patricia Z. F. Pieri
Godparent: Marios C. Pieri

Oliver Lee (August 26)
son of Scott and Julia Benner
Godparent: Vera Hantzopoulos

Congratulations!

Chrismation
Elaine Reid (August 5)
daughter of Jeffrey and Nadeen Lester
Sponsor: Elaine Porter

Weddings
Martha Panagiotis Panselinos
and
Christos George Tsentas (July 28)
Koumbaroi: Yiota Moniodis and Christos Tsentas

Elsabet Ayalew
and
Besufekad Kasegg Feleke (August 25)
Koumbaros: Alexandros Katsabanis

Congratulations!

Funerals
John Nicholas Viglas (June 30)
Irene Yuvannidis (July 5)
Nicholas Gramenopoulos (July 10) at Saint Sophia, Washington, DC
Evangelia Davis (July 24)
Peppino N. Vlannes (July 27)
John Ioannou (July 30)
Vicky Athanason (August 3)
John Papadopoulos (August 3)
Frank Michael (August 13)
John Konstantinidis (August 14)
Sotirios S. Katsakos (August 16)
Dennis John Garbis (August 18)

May their memory be eternal.

Αἰωνία ἡ μνήμη.

Life on earth is a gift. The work we do is also a gift if we see it as an opportunity to serve God and others. Saint Paul instructs us, “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men…” (Colossians 3:23). When we see our work in this way, we are able to become Christian stewards of our work.
BOOK REVIEW
Gregory McKinney


In the last DOXA, I reviewed Wilken’s Christians as the Romans Saw Them, an overview of noteworthy critics of Christianity in the Roman Empire. That book showed the influence these enemies of the faith had on many Romans, which propelled the early church fathers to write vigorous defenses. Last issue ended with a mention of Bart Ehrman of the University of North Carolina, who is today’s model of the learned opponent. This pop historian and “textural critic” is an effective communicator whose personal story perfectly fits today’s desired narrative: Raised in an Evangelical Household, Ehrman’s research leads him to discover what appears to him to be intentional changes in early manuscripts. He becomes an agnostic and a brave truth-teller, exposing how a Jewish rabbi was turned into God. Ehrman has made quite a career from this line, with several bestselling books, lecture tours, and frequent television appearances.

But, just as there were early Christian intellects who answered the Roman critics, there are many scholars and historians able to counter Ehrman. In How God Became Jesus, five evangelical scholars examine one of Ehrman’s recent books and offer a broad response. As you might imagine, most of them are not on the network talk-show circuit. (Listed in the book information above, their talks and articles are readily available online.) They explain, among other things, how Ehrman conflates his own conclusions into the last word on the subject:

Gathercole notes: “The key point is that one might well make the occasional speculation…but to grant one’s speculations the force of probability such that one can then proceed to use them as foundations for other arguments [author’s emphasis] is – not to put too fine a point on it – indefensibly bad method” (p. 106).

Tilling notes: “In sum, this means that he has to ignore a huge amount of important New Testament data, and then force the rest into his artificial grid” (p. 121).

Last month, I closed with this observation: “For the consumer of these debates who is attending only to the workings of the intellect, the outcome depends on which of the competing narratives that they accept.” However, this is the lesser issue to consider. Before we can accept any particular narrative, we must affirm or deny this: Pentecost happened prior to the first written word of the New Testament. It was Christ’s promise that the Holy Spirit, “the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth” would be with us always and speak only with the Father’s mind. This Spirit cannot, would not allow His people to miss the mark and endanger their eternal salvation.

All those who say the visible Church at any point fell away into error lead the slide into what for many becomes the ultimate dismissal of the Spirit’s power and protection, which is spiritual suicide. Once one denies the reality and power of Pentecost, one can give one’s assent to almost anything.

SEPTEMBER CHURCH DUTY ROSTER

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FALL RETREAT

Theme: Restoring the Image
Retreat Leader: Kh. Krista West
Location: Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek-Catholic Church
8501 Lewinsville Road
McLean, VA 22102

In today’s world, women face a dizzying array of conflicting messages on beauty. Through her work in the field of Orthodox Christian Aesthetics, Krista West brings a fresh perspective to this important topic and will discuss how the Church’s understanding of beauty can instruct, inform, and inspire women today. Based on patristic theology and filled with practical tips, this retreat helps build community among women and is sure to be an enjoyable and educational experience!
In his Second Letter to the Corinthians Saint Paul clearly teaches us, “He who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.” God blesses those who give with generosity. The Ecclesiastical New Year begins September 1st. Please review your Stewardship commitments of time, talents, and treasures for the remainder of this year. Support your parish and its ministries! ~ Andrea Ballard (andreaballard1@verizon.net)

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Shown below is a list of families and individuals who participated in the 2018 Saint Katherine Stewardship Program through July 31, 2018. Thank you for responding to the needs of our church.

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The Saint Katherine fall festival will be held October 5, 6, and 7 2018. Once again we are using SignUp.com to organize volunteers for our festival. We need your help! Please consider working at the festival even if you haven't done it before. The link to volunteer is http://signup.com/go/upVuTnc. Thank you in advance for your help.

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