

MONTHLY BULLETIN

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July Services

Sunday, July 6

4th Sunday of Matthew
Orthos **8:30am**
Divine Liturgy **9:30am**

Sunday, July 13

Holy Father of the 4th Ecumenical Council
Orthos **8:30 am**
Divine Liturgy **9:30am**

Sunday, July 20

6th Sunday of Matthew
Orthos **8:30 am**
Divine Liturgy **9:30am**

Sunday, July 27

7th Sunday of Matthew
Orthos **8:30 am**
Divine Liturgy **9:30am**

Bible Study

Tuesday July 1st, 15th, 22nd & 29th

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Thursday July 3rd, 17th & 24th

11:00am – 12:30pm

Jamming with Father Chris

Jamming with Father Chris and Bible Study

Thursday, July 31st

11:00am – 3:00pm

Donations

Gregory Desses & Pam Scangas

Peter & Mary Manos

Cook with Onions and Live for God

For years Martha refused to cook with onions. When a recipe called for onions, she refused use them. Because of this, many of her home cooked meals greatly lacked in flavor.

One day while cooking dinner for her family, one of her children asked, “Mom, why don’t you cook with onions.” Martha responded, “My mother used to make us eat raw onions when I was a child. I did not like raw onions then. I do not like raw onions now.”

Her daughter sat for a moment then replied “But Mom, we are eating soup for dinner. The onions would be cooked in such a dish. Maybe you’ll like cooked onions.”

Martha decided to give it a shot. The next time she made her homemade beef soup she used onions and let the soup slowly cook for hours allowing the ingredients to break down and release their delicious flavors.

The results were quite impressive. She greatly enjoyed the flavor of the soup as did her entire family. At the dinner table that night she said aloud “Without onions, the soup is just no good.” Her entire family agreed.

Brothers and sisters, just as beef stew requires onions for flavor, so does our nation, or any nation for that matter, thrive with faith in Jesus Christ. Beef stew without onions is lacking in flavor. A nation of people without faith in Jesus Christ will find itself lacking in goodness. A nation without Christ lacks the “salt of the earth”; the same salt that our Lord Jesus Christ speaks of in the Gospel of Matthew.

On this fourth of July, as you celebrate our Nation’s birthday, remember that what makes any nation “great” is God Himself. Where the true Gospel of Jesus Christ is preached, there you will find goodness. When the people of a nation live by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, there you will witness the love of God.

A blessed Fourth of July to our entire Nation. May the Lord God bless us all!

Your brother in Christ the Lord,
Father Christopher Kolentsas

Melissa News

The Melissa Women's Society sponsored a Rotary Flag for Heroes for our beloved Father John. We met on the South Village Green with Presvytera Kathy and Senator Bruce Tarr on Flag Day, June 14



Sunday School News

Sunday School is looking to pre-register all students for next year "2025-2026" by July 31, 2025. Early registration & commitment will allow us ample time to plan enriched lessons and activities for our children. We welcome all children in our community to join, including toddlers through seventh graders. (Please note: a parent must accompany any child/ baby under the age of 4)

Please take a moment to fill out the below form for registration.

[2025-2026 Registration Form](#)

As always, if you have questions regarding our program please reach out to me by text, phone or email.

Elayne Georgoulakos
Sunday School Director
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Church

The Festival is **July 12th & 13th!**

Your help is needed in so many ways!!!

RAFFLE TICKETS!

Please purchase or sell your tickets. There are many wonderful prizes and this generates about 10K towards the festival. Please return them asap in the enclosed envelope or to the church at P.O. Box 6, Ipswich MA.

If for some reason you DID NOT receive your tickets in error, please reach out to Joanne at greekchurchips@verizon.net or leave a message at 978-356-9730.

BAKED ITEMS!

Under both signups below, you may make a donation to purchase baklava. However we need your Greek baked goods (& some non-Greek treats too) !

You can sign up below or just bring them!

Help is needed! This is our biggest fundraising event of the year so please dedicate just a few hours of your time to one or more of the shifts .

SIGNUP TO HELP, BAKE & PURCHASE BAKLAVA BELOW! If you are having trouble signing up or just want someone to do so for you, please call or email Nate or Kathy.

Food Preparation and Food Service (all things under the tent):

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4AACAE2CABF58-56996394-ipswich>

Pastry Booth:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4AACAE2CABF58-56833318-ipswich>

Sand Table:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F44A5A929A5F49-57361959-sand>

Please reach out to **Nate Sotis** with questions at nwsotis@yahoo.com.

For pastry booth questions please call or text **Kathy Iatrou** at 617-293-6872

Thank you & See you at the Festival!!!

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Bible Study 6:00 -7:30pm	2	3 Bible Study 11:00 – 12:30pm	4	5
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