

MONTHLY BULLETIN

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JUNE SERVICES

Sunday, June 2

Sunday of Samaritan Woman

Orthos **8:30 am**

Divine Liturgy **9:00 am**

Sunday, June 9

Sunday of the Blind Man

Orthos **8:30am**

Divine Liturgy **9:00 am**

Thursday, June 13

Holy Ascension

Orthos **8:30 am**

Divine Liturgy **9:00 am**

Sunday, June 16

Fathers of the First Council

Orthos **8:30 am**

Divine Liturgy **9:00 am**

Saturday, June 22

Saturday of the Souls

Divine Liturgy **9:00 am**

Sunday, June 23

Holy Pentecost

Orthos **8:30 am**

Divine Liturgy **9:00 am**

Monday, June 24

Nativity of John the Forerunner

Divine Liturgy **9:00am**

Sunday, June 30

Synaxis of the 12 Apostles

Orthos **8:30 am**

Divine Liturgy **9:00 am**

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, June 11th, 18th, 25th
6:15pm – 7:30pm

Thursdays, June 6th & 20th
11:00am – 12:15pm

COLUMBA AND THE LOCH NESS MONSTER



Angelo Stagnaro Blogs November 25, 2018, <https://www.ncregister.com/blog/st-columba-and-the-loch-ness-monster>

On August 22, AD 565, 1,451 years ago, St. Columba had a story for the ages. For upon this fateful day, he made short shrift of the legendary Loch Ness Monster.

St. Columba was an Irish abbot, missionary and scholar who helped spread Christianity in Scotland. But this is only a small part of his résumé. He was also a statesman, a diplomat, an historical scholar, an author and a poet. He also founded many churches and monasteries. Both Scotsmen and Irishmen alike revere his name and are eternally grateful to him for civilizing their pagan ancestors and offering them Christ's promise of salvation and eternal reward.

Among his many non-monster-fighting accomplishments is the founding of multiple abbeys and monasteries — including the a famous one at Iona, which remained an important spiritual, academic, social and political institution for many centuries. He is highly regarded by both Scots and the Irish, regardless of their religious persuasion.

We know about Columba's monstrous encounter because of his 7th-century biographer St. Adamnan's book, *The Life of Saint Columba*. Coincidentally, this is the first written account of the Loch Ness Monster.

COLUMBA AND THE LOCH NESS MONSTER cont...

While standing upon the bank of the *River* Ness, which flows out of *Loch* Ness, in northern Scotland, Columba contemplated the best way to cross to the other side.

As he considered the problem before him, he came across a group of heathenish Picts who were busy burying a friend who had been attacked by an enormous "water beast" while swimming in the river.

When Columba got the gist of the story from the assembled mourners, he laid his staff across the dead man's chest and, miraculously, the man stood up, hale and hearty.

Against common sense, Columba ordered Br. Lugne Mocumin, one of his fellow monks, to swim across the loch and bring back a small boat known as a *coble* which was moored on the opposite shore.

Without hesitation, Lugne stripped off his tunic and immediately jumped into the water. The monster, alerted by Lugne's splashing around, surfaced and raced towards the hapless monk, eager for a bite.

The monster roared a mighty roar, darting towards the swimming monk with its mouth wide open, as Lugne was in the middle of the stream. Everyone on the shore cried out hoping to warn the monk of his impending doom. However, Columba was unmoved. Instead, the saint stepped forward boldly to the edge of the loch and, making the sign of the cross while invoking the Name of the Lord, spoke in a commanding voice.

"You will go no further!" he demanded of the monster. "Do not touch the man! Leave at once!"

Even though the monster was no more than a spear's length away from the swimming monk, at the sound of the saint's words, it stopped and immediately fled the scene terrified. As Adamnan described it, the monster moved "more quickly than if it had been pulled back with ropes."

The monster quickly absconded to the depths of the loch behind him, allowing Br. Lugne to paddle the boat back unharmed. Everyone, including Nessie, was astonished. If the heathens at the funeral weren't sufficiently impressed with Columba bringing their friend back to life, they were thoroughly impressed with how the monster obeyed the saint. They all gave glory to the God of the Christians. The Picts converted on the spot, being baptized in the very waters of River Ness.

FESTIVAL

Yassou! Our annual Festival and Only major fundraiser is, July 13th and 14th!

Below is important information for everyone! Please take a minute to read through.

Festival Meetings: **Wed, June 5th at 6:00pm** in the church hall and the final meeting on **Wed, June 26th at 6:00pm** at the Hellenic Center. Everyone (especially those instrumental in any of the areas) are encouraged to attend.

Raffle Tickets – Please return your raffle tickets prior to the festival! Help at the raffle booth is needed for Sunday both shifts – sign up info coming soon.

Food Booth and Parking – Areas need MANY volunteers. Please look at your calendar and let us know when you and your family plan to help out! Sign up info coming soon.

Food Deliveries will occur during the week of July 8 and we may need some help to accept delivery.

Set up and take down – Friday before the festival there is much to do setting up. We are looking for help! We need volunteers as well for Monday after the festival to take down, organize and bring items into the storage area so the tents can be removed. More info coming soon.

Let's be prepared to welcome thousands of guests to our festival! This requires many, many hours of organizing, ordering and cooking food, entertainment and set up prior to the 2 days of the event.

We must have all parishioners come together and give their time to make it successful! There is a place for everyone to make a difference.

Thank you to all who have already worked countless hours, given donations and helped in many ways. Any questions, please call **Jim Tsoustouras at 978-356-9010.**

DONATIONS MADE TO THE CHURCH

Easter Flowers/Easter Donations

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Christine Sarantopoulos

General Donations

Jon & Anne Waisnor

CHURCH NEWS

Summer Hours

Beginning in June the Divine Liturgy will begin at **9:00am**

Scholarships for Seniors

Scholarship submissions are due **June 15th**. Please have your child submit asap if they plan to apply.

Save the Date – September 15, 2024, You don't want to miss it!

The Events Committee is excited to announce a fun evening with Comedian Ellen Karis coming to Ipswich from NYC!

"Ellen Karis is the "Greek Goddess of Comedy" having performed stand-up comedy all over North America alongside such notable comedians as Drew Carey, Jimmy "JJ" Walker and Sebastian Maniscalco. The entertainment industry has hailed her as the "little dynamo". Born and raised in NYC in a traditional strict Greek home, her brand of sarcastic, observational humor has been described along the same lines as comedy legends Joan Rivers and Richard Lewis"

Mark your calendars so you DO NOT MISS and evening of laughter! Details will be forthcoming.



June

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