### MONTHLY BULLETIN

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#### **JUNE SERVICES**

## Sunday, June 2 Fathers of First Council Orthros 8:30am Divine Liturgy 9:30am

#### Saturday, June 7 Saturday of the Souls Divine Liturgy 9:30am

# Sunday, June 8 Holy Pentecost Orthos 8:30am Divine Liturgy 9:30am

#### Sunday, June 15 Sunday of all Saints Orthros 8:30am Divine Liturgy 9:30am

#### Sunday, June 22 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:30am Divine Liturgy 9:30am

## Sunday, June 29 Peter & Paul, the Apostles Orthros 8:30am Divine Liturgy 9:30am

#### **BIBLE STUDY**

Tuesdays 6:00pm - 7:30pm June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Thursdays 11:00am – 12:30pm June 5<sup>th</sup>

#### **DONATIONS**

#### **Easter/Easter Flowers**

Sophia Martz Jay Plasteras Chrissi Pappas Cushing & Sandra Titcomb

#### **SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS**



Honoring the friends of God with much reverence, the Prophet-King David says, "But to me, exceedingly honorable are Thy friends, O Lord" (Ps. 138:16). And the divine Apostle, recounting the achievements of the Saints, and setting forth their memorial as an example that we might turn away from earthly things and from sin, and emulate their patience and courage in the struggles for virtue, says, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every burden, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1).

This commemoration began as the Sunday (Synaxis) of All Martyrs; to them were added all the ranks of Saints who bore witness (the meaning of "Martyr" in Greek) to Christ in manifold ways, even if occasion did not require the shedding of their blood.

Therefore, guided by the teaching of the Divine Scriptures and Apostolic Tradition, we the pious honor all the Saints, the friends of God, for they are keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue, and benefactors of mankind.

#### **SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS...cont**

Of course, we honor the known Saints especially on their own day of the year, as is evident in the Menologion. But since many Saints are unknown, and their number has increased with time, and will continue to increase until the end of time, the Church has appointed that once a year a common commemoration be made of all the Saints. This is the feast that we celebrate today. It is the harvest of the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world; it is the "much fruit" brought forth by that "Grain of wheat that fell into the earth and died"

(John 12:24); it is the glorification of the Saints as "the foundation of the Church, the perfection of the Gospel, they who fulfilled in deed the sayings of the Saviour" (Sunday of All Saints, Doxasticon of Vespers).

In this celebration, then, we reverently honor and call blessed all the Righteous, the Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Shepherds, Teachers, and Holy Monastics, both men and women alike, known and unknown, who have been added to the choirs of the Saints and shall be added. from the time of Adam until the end of the world, who have been perfected in piety and have glorified God by their holy lives. All these, as well as the orders of the Angels, and especially our most holy Lady and Queen, the Evervirgin Theotokos Mary, do we honor today, setting their life before us as an example of virtue, and entreating them to intercede in our behalf with God, Whose grace and boundless mercy be with us all. Amen.

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#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

On Sunday, May 18th we enjoyed our last day of Sunday School and Graduation Day for this year. Our seventh-grade graduates have been faithfully committed to our program throughout the years and we wish them success in all future endeavors! The girls include: Ava Levesque, Juliette Marenghi & Gabriella Berry.

A special thank you to all of our Sunday school teachers, mothers/ fathers and helpers that have contributed to making our program possible week to week: Amanda Doyle, Jessica Forrest, Presvytera Kristen Kolentsas, Lucy Lampropoulos, Nicole Levesque, Bill Mavroides, Ashley Reilley and Katerina Sheerin.



Before the craze of summer hits us all, we would like to preregister our 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.

Thank you again for a wonderful 2024-2025 year!

#### **Honoring Our Graduating Seniors**

We are proud to recognize and celebrate all of our graduating seniors who have been active participants in our church community—from Sunday School to volunteering at the annual Greek Festival. Your dedication and service have made a lasting impact.

A special thank you to **Angela Donahue**, who has served as our GOYA President for the past two years. Angela has been an outstanding leader, bringing energy, compassion, and initiative to the group. Under her leadership, GOYA introduced new volunteer opportunities, including preparing lunches for *My Brother's Table*. We are deeply grateful for her commitment and inspiring example.

We would also like to thank **Vasili Scangas** and **Alex Berry**, who have faithfully served as co-Vice Presidents of GOYA over the past two years. Both have been active altar servers and have participated in numerous GOYA events, always demonstrating enthusiasm and a strong sense of community.

To Angela, Vasili, Alex, and all our graduating seniors: you will be greatly missed in GOYA, but we look forward to seeing you continue to grow as active members of our church family. May God bless you abundantly as you embark on the next chapter of your lives. Best of luck in all your future endeavors!



Angela Donahue is graduating from Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School, completing the Companion Animal Program. She is also graduating from North Shore Community College with a focus in Animal Care. Angela hopes to begin a career in the local animal care industry, particularly in pet care and dog training. Congratulations, Angela, and may God guide your path as you follow your passion!



Alex Berry is graduating from Masconomet Regional High School and will be attending Sacred Heart University in the fall, where he plans to major in Finance. Congratulations, Alex! May God bless you as you begin this exciting new chapter.



John Matrundola is graduating from Winchester High School and will be attending the College of Charleston in South Carolina. He will begin his college journey with his first semester abroad in Dublin, Ireland. Johnny plans to study in the School of Business, with a likely focus on Economics. Congratulations, Johnny, and best wishes as you embark on this exciting new chapter!



Vasili Scangas is graduating from St. John's Preparatory School in Danvers, Massachusetts. He will be attending Suffolk University in Boston, where he will major in Business and Sports Management and play on the Suffolk University baseball team. Congratulations, Vasili! May God bless you as you follow your dreams both on and off the field.

#### **MELISSA NEWS**

#### Melissa Women's Society Dinner

The women of the Melissa Society will be having their end of the year dinner at Ithaki in Peabody on **Wednesday**, **June 4 at 6:30 PM**. New members are always welcome. Please contact Chris Sarantopoulos at 978-356-3894 or at cesarantopoulos@hotmail.com for more information. Thank you!

### JUNE

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