

MONTHLY BULLETIN

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MAY SERVICES

Sunday, May 12
 Sunday of Thomas
 Orthos **8:30 am**
 Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

Sunday, May 19
 Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women
 Orthos **8:30 am**
 Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

Tuesday, May 21
 Saints Constantine and Helen
 Divine Liturgy **9:30am**

Sunday, May 26
 Sunday of the Paralytic
 Orthos **8:30 am**
 Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

Bible Studies

Tuesdays **6:15pm – 7:30pm**
 May 7th, 14th and 28th

Thursdays **11:15am – 12:30pm**
 May 9, 16th and 23rd

Melissa News

On Wednesday, **May 8th** our Melissa meeting will be held in our church hall at **6:30pm**. We will order food for our meeting. New members are always welcome.

Please contact Chris Sarantopoulos at 978-356-3894 or at cesarantopoulos@hotmail.com

This group contributes so much to our church and others. We thank them for their generosity.

A PHILOSOPHER'S WORDS

Aristidis of Athens, a second century philosopher, once wrote the following words to the Emperor of Rome;

“But the Christians, O King, while they went about and made search, have found the truth; and as we learned from their writings, they have come nearer to truth and genuine knowledge than the rest of the nations. For they know and trust in God, the Creator of heaven and of earth, in whom and from whom are all things, to whom there is no other god as companion, from whom they received commandments which they engraved upon their minds and observe in hope and expectation of the world which is to come. Wherefore they do not commit adultery nor fornication, nor bear false witness, nor embezzle what is held in pledge, nor covet what is not theirs.

They honor father and mother, and show kindness to those near to them; and whenever they are judges, they judge uprightly. They do not worship idols (made) in the image of man; and whatsoever they would not that others should do unto them, they do not to others; and of the food which is consecrated to idols they do not eat, for they are pure. And their oppressors they appease (lit: comfort) and make them their friends; they do good to their enemies; and their women, O King, are pure as virgins, and their daughters are modest; and their men keep themselves from every unlawful union and from all uncleanness, in the hope of a recompense to come in the other world. Further, if one or other of them have bondmen and bondwomen or children, through love towards them they persuade them to become Christians, and when they have done so, they call them brethren without distinction.

They do not worship strange gods, and they go their way in all modesty and cheerfulness. Falsehood is not found among them; and they love one another, and from widows they do not turn away their esteem; and they deliver the orphan from him who treats him harshly. And he, who has, gives to him who has not, without boasting. And when they see a stranger, they take him in to their homes and rejoice over him as a very brother; for they do not call them brethren after the flesh, but brethren after the spirit and in God.

A PHILOSOPHER’S WORDS CONTINUED..

And whenever one of their poor passes from the world, each one of them according to his ability gives heed to him and carefully sees to his burial. And if they hear that one of their number is imprisoned or afflicted on account of the name of their Messiah, all of them anxiously minister to his necessity, and if it is possible to redeem him, they set him free. And if there is among them any that is poor and needy, and if they have no spare food, they fast two or three days in order to supply to the needy their lack of food. They observe the precepts of their Messiah with much care, living justly and soberly as the Lord their God commanded them.

Every morning and every hour they give thanks and praise to God for His loving-kindnesses toward them; and for their food and their drink they offer thanksgiving to Him. And if any righteous man among them passes from the world, they rejoice and offer thanks to God; and they escort his body as if he were setting out from one place to another near. And when a child has been born to one of them, they give thanks to God; and if moreover it happen to die in childhood, they give thanks to God the more, as for one who has passed through the world without sins. And further if they see that anyone of them dies in his ungodliness or in his sins, for him they grieve bitterly, and sorrow as for one who goes to meet his doom.”

My brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus, would our fellow Americans say the same for us Orthodox Christians today?

Your brother in Christ the Lord,
Father Christopher Kolentsas

Christ is Risen! He is and always shall be!

JAMMING WITH FATHER CHRIS

“You have not had jam until you have had our jam!”

My dear brothers and sisters in the Lord, Please join us on **Thursday May 30th** for a morning and afternoon of jam making, Bible study and good old fashioned *parea*. This event is scheduled to take place in our Church Hall.

For over two years our Parish has been producing the finest fruit jams that you have ever tasted. Those who have tasted our fruit spreads will attest to their fine texture and mouth-watering flavor. The recipe is simple as is the entire process. What is required is your time and patience. The process cannot be rushed.

Order of events are as follows

11:00 am - arrival time and fruit preparation

11:45 am - 2:00pm – jam will simmer on low heat

While jam is simmering, we will take turns stirring the pot while holding our Bible study and taking lunch.

2:00 pm - ladle jam into sterilized jars

2:15 pm - process jars in boiling pot of water

While jars are processing, we will clean up our tools and work station

3:00 pm - finished!!!

Only ten seats are available for this class. Please RSVP to my cell phone at 774-372-9107.

In His service,
Father Christopher Kolentsas

FESTIVAL

2024 Food Donation List for the Festival

Our July 2024 Festival is rapidly approaching. In an effort to defray the expenses for this event, we are listing some event food prices. Hopefully, our parishioners would like to donate an item to support this effort.

All checks should be made out to the Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church and mailed to Po Box 6, Ipswich, MA 01938. Thank You

Oregano	\$36.00
Kontos Tzatziki	\$145.00
Gyros Beef Sliced(10 needed)	\$50.00/each
Hot Dogs	\$65.00
Hamburgers	\$85.00
Near East Pilaf(2 cases needed)	\$30.00/each
Lamb Legs (10 needed)	\$250.00/case
Feta Cheese (2 needed)	\$110.00/each
Dinner Rolls (2 needed)	\$200.00/each
Olive Oil	\$80.00
Aluminum Foil Roll	\$35.00
Table Covers (2 cases needed)	\$50.00/each
Steam Pans	\$180.00

CHURCH NEWS

Greek Independence Day

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Greek Independence Day Fish Luncheon. We were proud to see our Sunday School and Greek School children participate with poems and songs to commemorate this special event.

We wish to thank Father Chris, our Sunday School teachers and Greek School teacher. Thank you to the following businesses; Agawam Diner, Ipswich Maritime, Pomodori - Ipswich, Pomodori - Newburyport and Ipswich Shellfish. Thank you to these parishioners for donating food or product; Presvytera Kathleen Govostes, Helen Grant, the Sarantopoulos Family and the Viator Family. We also wish to thank countless volunteers who made the day so special. Ζήτω η Ελλάδα!!!

Easter Egg Hunt Donations

Our beloved Father John initiated the Annual Easter Egg Hunt in our parish many years ago. The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is a memorable experience for the children of our parish. We wish to thank John Govostes for spearheading this event. We thank several donors for their generosity; Jamie Costopoulos, the John Govostes Family, George and Connie Markos, The Sarantopoulos Family and Eleanor Todd and Family.

Mother's Day Brunch

Join us at the Hellenic Center for a delightful brunch provided by Ithaki. This event is all about honoring all the special women in our lives. After Sunday's church service on May 12th, head over to the Hellenic Center for a delicious brunch. It's a wonderful chance to show appreciation to the remarkable women in our lives while also supporting the youth in our parish. Plus, don't forget, kids under 5 eat for free! Reserve your spot using this link [Mother's Day Brunch 2024](#)

If you have any questions, please email us at ipswichgoya62@gmail.com

Adult Tickets - \$20.00
Children 5-12 - \$10.00
Children under 5 are free

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Traffic Flow in Front Of Church- Reminder

On Sunday mornings Lafayette Road is a one-way going up the hill passing the church to your **LEFT**. This was initiated by our parish many years ago to help with traffic, avoid accidents and in case of an emergency. It was recently brought up at a town meeting to remind everyone- please follow this one-way on Sundays.

HELLENIC CENTER

Thank you, Volunteers!

On a perfectly beautiful Saturday in April, about 20 people gathered at the Hellenic Center to paint the garage, office and sheds. After just a few hours of working, enjoying each other's company and the savings of \$4000 for the church –they are all complete, looking bright and crisp!!!

Thank you to Jim Sagris who organized the day with the help of Peter Manos. Much thanks to our volunteers - Jim Sagris, Ellie Todd, John W. Galanis, Jim & Vikki Tsoutsouras, Ellie & Joe Sinkewicz, Eugenia Jenny Gomas & Camden Powers, Frank Scoufas, Jim Sagris, Joe Spaulding, Katie, Alexa & Colton Sheerin, Peter Manos, Connie & George L. Markos, Matt Lemay, Mike & William Scrooc, Janet Squires, Andrew Galanis and Kelsy Correria.

Thank you to Perry Eliopoulos who donated lunch to all!

Projects like these make us feel great about being part of and contributing to our church community! If you'd like to spearhead a project you think would be helpful and a savings to our church, please contact a council member.





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DONATIONS

Easter Flowers/Easter Donations

George & Connie Markos
 Georgiann Smith
 Peter & Joann Lampropoulos
 Charles & Stella Nahatis
 Elaine Kaszuba
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 Mary Sagris
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 Brian & Denise Defrancesco
 Cathleen Chadwick
 Aristotle/Eudokia Nikolaou
 Nancy Politis

In Loving Memory Father John Govostes

Richard & Susan Parent

In Loving Memory Vera Bombardiere

Christine Sarantopoulos
 Connie James

In Loving Memory James & Sylvia Lampropoulos

Peter & Joann Lampropoulos

General Donations

Margot Ciccotelli
 Michael & Doreen Lalikos
 George & Stacey Kacoyanis
 Sturgis & Ann Papagiotas
 Christine Aucoin
 Tanya Markos

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 Agape Vespers 11:00am Easter Egg Hunt	6 Greek School 4:00-6:00pm	7 Bible Study 6:15pm-7:45pm	8 Melissa Meeting 6:30pm in Church Hall	9 Bible Study 11:15-12:30pm	10	11
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