

MONTHLY BULLETIN

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October Services

Sunday, October 5

2nd Sunday of Luke

Orthros **8:30am**

Divine Liturgy **9:30am**

Sunday, October 12

Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Orthros **8:30am**

Divine Liturgy **9:30am**

Sunday, October 19

3rd Sunday of Luke

Orthros **8:30am**

Divine Liturgy **9:30am**

Sunday, October 26

6th Sunday of Luke, St. Demetrios the Martyr

Orthros **8:30am**

Divine Liturgy **9:30am**

Bible Study

Tuesday Oct 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Thursday Oct 2nd, 9th, 16th & 30th

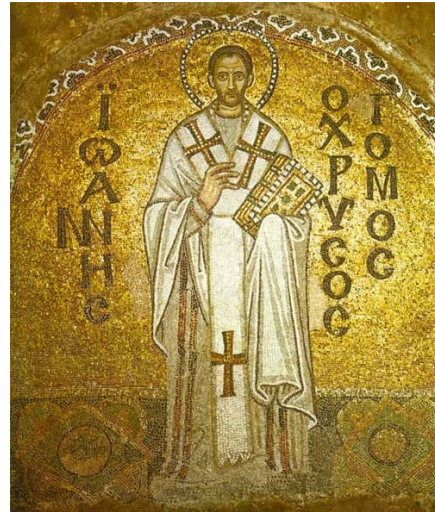
11:00am – 12:30pm

Jamming with Father Chris along Bible Study

Thursday Oct 23rd

11:00am – 3:00pm

John Chrysostom A Simple Google Search



I was sitting at my office desk one day with my laptop open in front of me and Google searched "John Chrysostom on hoarding wealth." Here is what came up.

John Chrysostom vehemently condemned the hoarding of wealth, arguing that excess possessions belong to the poor and that hoarding is a theft from those in need. He emphasized that true wealth lies not in abundance but in contentment, and the wealthy are spiritually bankrupt if they hoard their resources rather than using them to serve Christ in the poor. Chrysostom advocated for a change of heart to achieve true justice, **not forced redistribution**, as a means of sharing wealth and fulfilling one's duty as a steward of God's gifts.

Key Points from John Chrysostom on Hoarding Wealth

- **Theft from the Poor:**

Chrysostom stated that "not to share our own wealth with the poor is theft from the poor and deprivation of their means of life". He believed that excess wealth was not truly owned by the rich but was entrusted to them for the benefit of others.

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- **True Wealth vs. False Wealth:**

He defined the truly wealthy person as someone who "does not need many possessions," while the truly poor person is someone who "requires many things". Hoarding was seen as a sign of spiritual poverty, leading one away from true freedom and contentment in God.

- **Stewardship, Not Ownership:**

Wealth is a gift from God and should be viewed as a form of responsible stewardship, not personal property. Failure to use wealth for the good of others, especially the poor, is a betrayal of this trust.

- **Condemnation of Luxurious Living:**

Through his homilies on the story of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-30), Chrysostom condemned the luxurious living of the rich who neglected the suffering poor.

- **Moral Transformation is Key:**

He believed that true justice and the equitable distribution of wealth could only come from a fundamental change of heart, ***not from forced measures like government redistribution.***

- **An Opportunity for God:**

Instead of hoarding, the wealthy should use their resources to "nourish Christ in poverty here" by caring for the needy, thereby laying up great profit for the future.

Greek School

Our Greek school program will begin on **Monday, October 6th**. Classes will be held in the church hall on **Mondays 4:00pm – 6:00pm** with potential of adding days.

Yearly fees are as follows and must be paid prior to the 1st day of class.

\$200 for the first child
\$100 for each additional child
\$400 maximum per family

You must register your child prior to the start of class. If you have any questions, please contact Marina Catalini at 978-810-0910

2025/2026 Greek School Registration

As always, if there is a family hardship, please contact Father Christopher privately at 774-372-9107.

Sunday School

September Recap:

Sunday school commenced on Sunday 9/21 and was a huge success. This year we have 32 students and our program is growing year to year. If your child is not currently enrolled but you wish to participate, please call Elayne Georgoulakos to discuss further 978 618 3844.

October News:

Sunday school will be held on **Sunday, October 5th at 9:30 am**. Classes will be held in the church hall.

Please note there will be no hosted Sunday school classes on **October 12th** for Columbus Day weekend.

Sunday school will be held on **Sunday, October 19th at 9:30 am**. Classes will be held in the church hall.

On **October 26th**, we look forward to a group lesson teaching the children of the historic "Oxi Day"! The morning will be filled with reading story books about the Holiday, crafting and decorating Greek flag cookies.

Church

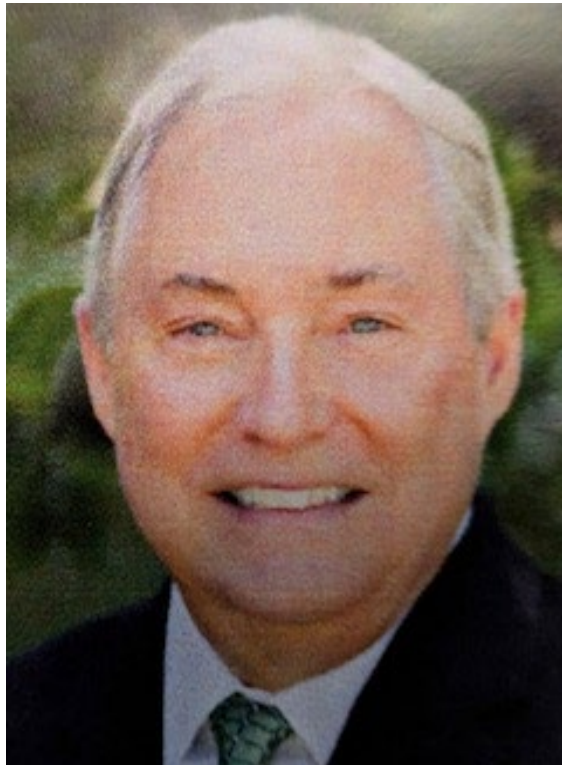
2025 Ministry Awards Recipient

Congratulations Cushing! We are happy to announce that A. Cushing Titcomb has been named as the recipient of the 2025 Ministry Award.

Cushing converted to the Orthodox faith in June of 1985. He is currently serving as parish council president for the second time. Cushing, and his wife, Sandra, are members of Leadership 100 and the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation in Chicago, Cushing currently serves as a board member of PHSF and is chair of their investment committee.

Cushing has volunteered in our Assumption community for over fifty years, contributing time to festivals and many other church functions. Cushing is a familiar face in our parish and he is always eager to help when needed.

The Orthodox faith, family traditions and the Greek culture have become a way of life for Cushing. We are forever grateful to Cushing. "Well done, good and faithful servant!"



Melissa News

Dinner Bell

The Melissa Women's Society will sponsor the Dinner Bell meal on **Monday, October 20** at the Masonic Temple on Topsfield Road in Ipswich at **4:15pm**. Please contact Chris Sarantopoulos at 978-500-6248 or at cesarantopoulos@hotmail.com

Melissa Women's Society Ministry Project

During the months of October and November, the Melissa Women's Society will be supporting North Shore Veterans Counseling Services in Beverly, MA. This group "offers support and resources for service members, veterans and their families. Some services include housing, career training/ placement, education, family and adjustment counseling, medical support, and more."

This service is in great need of men's toiletry items, which include shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, body wash, bar soaps, razors, shaving cream, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body and hand lotion and mouth wash. Labeled bins will soon be set up on the church hall stage. Parishioner donated items would be greatly appreciated. As always, we thank you for your generosity.

Holiday Craft Fair

The Melissa Women's Society will be providing Greek pastries at this fair. Please come by to support this group on **Saturday, November 15th** from **9:00am – 2:00pm**.



Choir News

Please join us **Sunday, October 5th** for a memorial service in remembrance of choir members who have passed.

Following the service, the choir together with Stephanos Kokonezis will sponsor the coffee hour.

This day also marks National Church Music Sunday, when we honor all Greek Orthodox church musicians.

PARISH COUNCIL



SUMMARY - Assumption of the Virgin Mary

Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday September 17, 2025

Meeting Start Time: 6:30PM

Opening Prayer – Father Christopher Kolentsas-All Members

Members in attendance – All but one member were in attendance

Special Guest(s) – Jim Sagris & Kelsey from Floriana were guests to give us an update of various events booked at the Center for the remainder of 2025 and into 2026. Kelsey also discussed her recommendations for improvements at the Center in order to increase the number of events. The Board will take her recommendations under consideration.

Father Chris' Report – Church Duty – roster & schedule for 2025 was brought up and discussed. Father wants to be sure that parish council members fulfill their respective Church duty requirements and to be sure a replacement is secured if a member can't be in church on their assigned week.

There was a general discussion regarding the leaking window(s) and air conditioning system update. Both need immediate attention. Cushing is taking the lead and has been meeting with at least two (2) air conditioning contractors as well as a mason and general contractor for finding the source of the building leaks. The leaking bell tower (the left one as you face the front of the church) will also be addressed by this specific contractor.

General Assembly/ Parish Council Elections dates and schedule will take place on Sunday November 23, 2025, following the Divine Liturgy.

Closing prayer/Adjournment –

NEXT MEETING DATE – WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 15TH 2025

Festival Update

Congratulations to all the festival raffle winners!!

\$2500 Grand Prize Winner – Christine Galanis

\$500 Cash Prize – Peter Argeropulos

\$250 Ithaki Gift Certificate – Joan Vontzalides

\$200 Zabaglione Gift Certificate – Patty Allain

\$200 Tuscan Sea Grille Gift Certificate – Charles Nahatis

\$200 Pellana Prime Steakhouse Gift Certificate – Alexandra Sanidar

\$175 Woodman's Baskets with Gift Certificate – Wendy Viator

2 Yards Bark Mulch – Ashley Reilley

\$100 Car Buffs Gift Certificate – Dori Mouris

\$100 Gordon's Florist – Mike Garniss

\$100 Lobsta Land Gift Certificate – Leo Lampes

\$100 Kouzina Gift Certificate – Denis Keenan

\$100 Ipswich Bottle Shop – Apostolos Karavoussianis

4 Cape Ann Whale Passes – Marcia Snyder

\$100 Clambox Basket with Gift Certificate – Pam Scangas

\$100 Pomodori's Gift Certificate – Greg Day

Upcoming Events



The Events Committee is looking for Auction/Raffle prizes (Gift Certificates to restaurants, tickets to sporting events or shows). If you would like to donate an item or help with the event (prepare food, setup the day of the event) contact Mary Ann Tsoutsouras at 978-697-1484 or email at mt@tsoutsouras.com

To purchase tickets:
Venmo: @Denise-DeFrancesco
Or mail check to:
Denise DeFrancesco
32 Trowbridge Circle
Rowley, MA 01969

More details to follow

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