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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Fifty days after the celebration of Pascha our Church celebrates the great feast of the Pentecost. It is probably the most significant of feasts for the liturgical life of the Church as every week is considered in relation to it. Thus we speak, for example, of the 5th or the 10th Sunday of the yearly cycle and we mean the 5th or 10th Sunday following the Sunday of the Pentecost. This is an important indicator of the significance of the feast as it implies that the yearly liturgical cycle is based on the Church's "birthday" which is identified with the Pentecost.

Why is the "birthday" of the Church an important date? We should keep in mind that the significance of this event lies in the new understanding that was brought forth about the function of the Church. St. Luke describes the process in the entire Book of the Acts but, in essence, what we are taught is that the arrival of the Holy Spirit eradicated human division as was manifested in the tower of Babel and afterwards; it allowed the unification of the understanding of God's presence among His people and their guidance. The accepted diversity of languages and civilizations is guided and directed by the work and the presence of the Holy Spirit among those who trust Him. The regional character of the Church, of which we Orthodox are so proud, is thus safeguarded. Through this unification, all languages and traditions were sanctified and encouraged to participate in the sanctification process of every one of their members. Human history at every corner of the earth and beyond has thus received a new potential and a transformative quality for every member of the human race.

This newness lies at the heart of Christ's message. It fulfills the promise He made to His disciples about sending to them the Paraclete and repeats it suitably unchanged to every new believer. It offers Christ's truth, transmitted through the message of the apostles, to all people. It calls for acceptance and participation in the mysteries of the Church. It acknowledges the gifts of the Spirit. The Spirit becomes the guarantor of the constant presence of God among His people. The Spirit directs the faithful and is present in their anointing, which in our tradition takes place immediately after baptism, while transforming them into apostles of Christ. The Paraclete brings the Pentecost to every newly accepted faithful in a personal and unrepeatable way. Without His guidance, there is biological life but it is usually marked by weakness, despair, meaninglessness, sense of the absurd and illusions of grandeur and importance.

The knowledge of Christ's truth might not be easily accepted as it is associated with the Crucifixion and His full death. But for those who believe in His truth, the truth safeguarded by the Holy Spirit,

offers full liberation from those tribulations and illusions. The Resurrected Christ allowed through His humanity all humans who wish to follow Him to “hitch a ride” on His divine victory over death. This belief offers humans the ability to view life under a different perspective divorced from the biological ends we unfailingly witness. The Resurrection provides us with the certainty that we will all live together life eternal and that death has no dominion over us. The guarantor of that belief and the revealer of the sweet fruits of life eternal is none other than the Paraclete whose arrival we remember as we celebrate the Pentecost, the beginning of the unification of all people in the life under God.

In XP,

Father N. Galanopoulos

Fellowship Hour Hosts For May



May 6	Philoptochos
May 13	Stewart family for celebrating JP's graduation
May 20	Memorials for Poulos' and Sadec families
May 27	Philoptochos

The 2018 calendar is posted in the church hall; please show your hospitality by signing up to be a host.



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The deadline for notices to be placed in the bulletin is the 20th of each month. Please email them to htrinityroa@verizon.net attention: Georgia Liagki on or before this date. Thank you

JUNE - JULY 2018 DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

June 2018

Sun. 6/03/2018	The Sunday of All Saints	9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Liturgy
<i>Epistle:</i>	<i>St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2</i>	Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30
Usher(s):	Nada Melki, Angela Flegas	
Sun. 6/10/2018	2nd Sunday of Matthew	9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Liturgy
<i>Epistle:</i>	<i>St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 2:10-16</i>	Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23
Usher(s):	David Williams, Chris Flegas	
Sun. 6/17/2018	3rd Sunday of Matthew	9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Liturgy
<i>Epistle:</i>	<i>St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 5:1-10</i>	Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33
Usher(s):	Terry Tomaras, Maria Hatzios	
Sun. 6/24/2018	Nativity of St. John the Baptist	9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Liturgy
<i>Epistle:</i>	<i>St. Paul's Letter to Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4</i>	Gospel: Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76-80
Usher(s):	Naji Karim, Carol Royal	
Fri. 6/29/2018	Apostles Peter & Paul	8:00 AM Orthros 9:00 AM Liturgy
Usher(s):	Beth Gianakouros	
Sat. 6/30/2018	Synaxis of the Twelve Holy Apostles	8:00 AM Orthros 9:00 AM Liturgy
Usher(s):	Voula Dallas	

July 2018

Sun. 7/1/2018	Cosmas & Damian the Holy Unmercenaries	9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Liturgy
<i>Epistle:</i>	<i>St. Paul's 1st Letter to the Cor. 12:27-31; 13:1-8</i>	Gospel: Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1-8
Usher(s):	David Williams, Dr. Charles Tarasidis	
Sun. 7/8/2018	6th Sunday of Matthew	9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Liturgy
<i>Epistle:</i>	<i>St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 12:6-14</i>	Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8
Usher(s):	Deno Poulos, Dr. Wendy Larson-Harris	
Sun. 7/15/2018	Sunday of the Holy Fathers	9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Liturgy
<i>Epistle:</i>	<i>St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15</i>	Gospel: Matthew 5:14-19
Usher(s):	Chris Flegas, Terry Tomaras	
Tue. 7/17/2018	Great Martyr Marina	8:00 AM Orthros 9:00 AM Liturgy
Usher(s):	Beth Gianakouros	
Fri. 7/20/2018	Prophet Elias	8:00 AM Orthros 9:00 AM Liturgy
Usher(s):	Beth Gianakouros	
Sun. 7/22/2018	8th Sunday of Matthew	9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Liturgy
<i>Epistle:</i>	<i>St. Paul's 1st Letter to the Corinthians 1:10-17</i>	Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22
Usher(s):	Nada Melki, Naji Karim	

Thur.7/26/2018	St. Paraskevi	8:00 AM Orthros 9:00 AM Liturgy
Usher(s):	Beth Gianakouros	
Fri. 7/27/2018	Panteleimon the Great Martyr & Healer	8:00 AM Orthros 9:00 AM Liturgy
Usher(s):	Beth Gianakouros	
Sun.7/29/2018	9th Sunday of Matthew	9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Liturgy
Epistle:	<i>St. Paul's 1st Letter to the Corinthians 3:9-17</i>	Gospel: Matthew 14:22-34
Usher(s):	Voula Dallas, Carol Royal	

USHERS ARE REQUIRED TO ARRIVE FIFTEEN MINUTES PRIOR TO BEGINNING OF LITURGY! THE USHER LEADER IS TO ARRIVE FOR THE BEGINNING OF ORTHROS. IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO USHER AS SCHEDULED, PLEASE CONTACT ANOTHER USHER FROM YOUR LIST TO REPLACE YOU. In case of a discrepancy between printed announcements and electronic listings, electronic listings will be considered as the official times and will be adhered to. The online Bulletin and website are updated as needed and it's where official times for the services are listed.

JUNE- JULY 2018 NEWSLETTER



*Greek Orthodox Ladies'
Philoptochos Society
of Holy Trinity Church*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I look out the window watching the rain, again, I consider Noah and his ark. Bear with me here, I'm making a point. It rained heavy for forty days and nights for Noah and the world. But he followed the instructions God had given him. And he and his family and all God told him to preserve were safe and blessed.

We have a good Heavenly Father, who loves us, guides us, protects us and leads us. Jesus said that we need only to believe Him and follow His lead. So when He does come back for us, and we're face to Face, my hope is that Jesus will be pleased and say, 'Well done good and faithful servant'. And not say 'depart from me.'

Philoptochos mission is to do the work of Christ, listen to His Voice and follow His lead. At the Clergy Laity of the Metropolis a few weeks ago, I was very proud of our small church and, especially, our chapter of Philoptochos. We are strong in the perseverance of Christ's work. And in comparison to many of the much larger congregations, we are right up there in the big leagues.

One of our accomplishments as a family here at Holy Trinity, is our cookbook. Philoptochos is considering publishing a second edition. So pull out your favorite family recipes, baking and cooking ideas and related traditions. Send them to me, Tina Poulos, at advantedge@cox.net. Holy Trinity is a diverse family unit, so we are looking forward to many great recipes, ideas and traditions.

Another fund raiser is Local Colors. This year it was May 19 and again, we sold out of everything. Half of the proceeds will be donated to the Heart to Heart Campaign which is aid for the hungry in Greece and Cyprus.

We are still selling Tsoureki (Easter Bread) for \$8.00 a loaf.

If you're not a member of Philoptochos, consider joining us. We are a wonderful family of sisters (and some brothers) who would welcome you and love to serve with you. Membership dues for Philoptochos are being collected. Dues are \$25.00

If anyone in our church family is unable to get to church, is ill, or just needs to have some love, please let Philoptochos (any member), or Fr. Nicholas know so we can keep our bond with each other. Also, please welcome any newcomers, college students and visitors that you see or know of. Please remember to host coffee hour and fill in the dates on the Coffee Hour Calendar at the back of the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you to all who participate in making all of our events successful. Without you we couldn't do what we do. But together, we push forward in the work of Christ and bring glory to His Name.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 3 Board Meeting

Matthew 25:35-36, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

Matthew 25:23, "Well done good and faithful servant."

Your Sister in Christ,

Tina Poulos, President



2018 GRADUATES

- **Katerina Apostolou** is graduating from Northside High School as Valedictorian of her class. She will be attending the University of Virginia in the fall, hoping to pursue a degree in the Healthcare industry.
- **Vasilea Eleni Karageorge** daughter of Chris and Irene Karageorge graduated from Roanoke College with a Degree in Business Administration and a Minor in Chemistry.
- **Ariana Nicole Mandros** daughter of Matthew and Melanie Mandros is graduating from Hidden Valley High School. She will be attending Old Dominion University in the fall. She is hoping to major in Marine Biology.
- **Kyra Mitchell** is graduating from Lord Botetourt.
Future Plans and/or school attending in the fall: Virginia Western Community College. She has received her State Inspection License and has received her Automotive Service Excellence Certification.
- **Konstantinos Oikonomou** is graduating from: Roanoke Valley Governor's School & Cave Spring High School.
Future Plans and/or school attending in the fall: Washington & Lee University
- **Demetri Poulos** is graduating from Cave Spring High School.
Future Plans: Demetri will be attending Virginia Western Community College with plans to transfer to university of choice to pursue Media and Communications.
- **Alisha Royal** is graduating from VA Tech with a Masters of Education in Higher Education Administration. Future plans: working for VA Tech as a Business Decision Support Analyst in their Capital Asset Financial Management Group
- **Sotiri Simopoulos** graduated on May 11th from Virginia Tech with a Bachelor of Science in Business with a major in Business Information Technology. Sotiri has accepted a position with Cisco in Raleigh, NC.
- **James Peter (JP) Stewart**, son of Denise Vurnakes Stewart and brother of Sam & Nick Stewart, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) on May 11th with a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in Aerospace Engineering and minoring in Mathematics.
JP is also a graduate of the Virginia Tech Honors College Program and is an active member of the aerospace engineering's professional organization the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) and is a member of the National Honor Society in

Aerospace Engineering – Sigma Gamma Tau. After graduation, JP will return to work as an Aerospace Engineer for Aurora Flight Sciences - A Boeing Company located in Northern Virginia.

- **Christina V. Tarasidis** is graduating from Radford High School with Honors. She will be attending University of Virginia in the pre-med program.
- **Jonathon Williams** graduated from Lynchburg College with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Sport Management. Jonny is the son of David and Julie Williams.

Congratulations and best of luck to all of our graduates and their families. We are proud of you!

Roanoke



All of our summer outings will be announced through the church listserver. Please be on the lookout for more information during the summer months.

If you have any questions or suggestions for our Club, please contact me at ptsims@ntelos.net or 434.851.6830.

I wish everyone a fun and safe summer.

Frances Simopoulos



13th ANNUAL GREEK FESTIVAL
SEPTEMBER 21, 22 and 23

As the summer months begin, I ask you to please keep in mind how you will contribute your time and talents to this year's festival. The work schedule will be posted in the Fellowship Hall in the coming months. Once the work schedule has been posted, please look it over and volunteer as much of your time as you can. As you give of your time, please consider helping us prepare our grounds the week of the festival. As we all recognize, Friday is a very crucial day and we find ourselves being very short staffed. If you can take the day off and volunteer, we would greatly appreciate it.

As the baking schedule approaches, announcements will be made. We look forward to you joining us in our preparations. It is a great way to meet and get to know everyone in our community a little better.

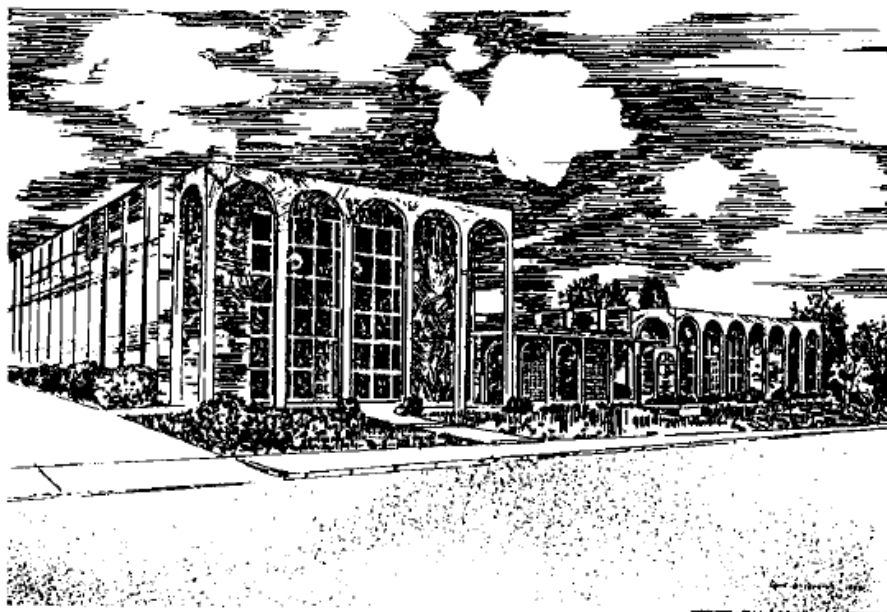
I hope we can all come together and do the work that is needed for this year's festival. We look forward to having the participation of all our parishioners during one of Roanoke's largest cultural celebrations.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to reach me at (434) 851-6835 or email me at info@RoanokeGreekFestival.com.

Thank you for your continued support! Have a safe summer.

Peter Simopoulos
Chairman, Roanoke Greek Festival

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