

MONTHLY BULLETIN

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JUNE SERVICES

Sunday, June 4

Holy Pentecost
Orthos **8:30 am**
Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

Monday, June 5

Monday of the Holy Spirit
Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

Sunday, June 11

Liturgy of all Saints
Orthos **8:30 am**
Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

Sunday, June 18

2nd Sunday of Mathew
Orthos **8:30 am**
Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

Sunday, June 25

3rd Sunday of Mathew
Orthos **8:30 am**
Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, June 6

6:15pm – 7:30pm

Thursday, June 8

11:00am – 12:15pm

Tuesday, June 13

6:15pm – 7:30pm

Thursday, June 15

11:00am – 12:15pm

Tuesday, June 20

6:15pm – 7:30pm

ARE WE COMMITTED

From the time of his birth, Jimmy's father bred him to play football. His first toy was a stuffed football. As soon as he could stand, Jimmy's father taught to him throw a football while wearing a plastic football helmet. At the age of five Jimmy could accurately throw a full-sized football with one arm while wearing a football helmet.

Over the next eleven years Jimmy grew in size and strength at a much more rapid pace than his peers and was often able to dominate them in sports. Unfortunately for Jimmy, he grew far more accustomed to winning than losing. And, because of his sheer size and strength Jimmy's football coach did not do very much coaching. On game days, Jimmy's coach would just let him loose like a junk yard dog.

In the rare circumstance that Jimmy did lose at something, he would often cry or pull a temper tantrum. His father, being an overly empathetic man, would attempt to comfort his son during these times. His over developed sense of empathy would only further stunt the character development of his son.

At the age of sixteen Jimmy's father decided to hire a private football coach to work with Jimmy on his speed, quickness and football technique. On the first day of private coaching, Jimmy and his father arrived at the training facility and they both were amazed by its vast size and equipment. Surely, Jimmy's father thought, this place is just what my son needs to take him to the next level. As father and son walked through the front doors of the training facility they saw a large man, about the size of Jimmy's father, standing before them. This man was Jimmy's private coach. He was, as they say, the best in the business.

The man said "You can call me coach." Then he said "Dad, I'll take it from here," and Jimmy's father went to the car where he would anxiously wait for his son to finish the private training session.

One hour had passed. Jimmy's father, while sitting in the car, noticed his son storm out of the training facility with an extremely angry look upon his face like he had just lost the big game. Jimmy stomped his way over to the car like a small and angry child and yelled "Dad, take me home."

ARE WE COMMITTED, continued.....

On the car ride home Jimmy's father asked him "Son, what happened back there?" Jimmy responded "I'll never work with that jerk again! He corrected everything I did. He told me that I was big, slow, awkward and very difficult to work with. Do you believe that guy?" His father replied "Boy am and I gonna let that jerk have it when we get home. Don't worry son, Daddy is here for you. How about some ice cream?"

How often today do we enter the Church as Jimmy and his father entered the training facility; with the hopes and dreams of becoming better individuals only to storm out of the establishment at the moment we hear something that challenges our own actions and life choices? Many people on the inside and outside of the Church have demanded that we change our core teachings on things such as marriage, family, and the presence of sin in our daily lives.

We forget that our Lord Jesus Christ, with love, challenges our character. In the Gospel of John 8:10-11 we read;

When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

The words of Jesus are not a mere suggestion. They are a direct call to action. How committed then, are we, to serve the will of our Lord Jesus Christ even when those that we may know or even love despise us for that commitment? How committed are we?

PROSFORON BAKING

It is a great honor to prepare the Prosforon for the Divine Liturgy. You bake it with the seal from which the Priest, during the "Proskomide" removes the "Amnos" (Lamb) which will be consecrated to become the Body of Christ.

If you would like to learn how to make the Prosforon please contact Father Christopher.

MELISSA NEWS

June 7th Melissa Metting

The monthly Melissa meeting will be held on Wednesday, **June 7th** at Ithaki at **6:30 PM**.

New members are always encouraged to attend. Please contact Chris Sarantopoulos at 978-500-6248 or at cesarantopoulos@hotmail.com

FESTIVAL

Calling all bakers! We need you! Here is something to think about as we plan our annual Greek festival, please plan on baking to keep the pastry booth stocked up on pastries. We will be selling baklava, koulourakia, melomakarona, (finikia) and kourambiedes.

We love your pastries and appreciate your hard work every year. This year for size consistency purposes we are asking the final baked product to be:

Koulourakia - 3 inches long
Melomakarona - 3 inches long
Kourambiedes - circular 2 inches in diameter
Baklava - please cut 3-inch squares then cut diagonally. After you cut them, they will be slightly smaller.

We appreciate your help every year, but we need to get the sizes of the pastries a bit under control.

Please email Kathy Iatrou at ellinitha@verizon.net with questions or to plan on working a 3 hour shift selling pastries. A sign-up genius form to work a shift will be coming soon!

“Jamming with Father Chris”

"You have not had jam until you have had our jam!" Father Christopher Kolenstsas & Family

My dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

I invite you all to join me on **Thursday, June 22nd** 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.

Over one decade ago my wife and I began making 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.

What makes our jam so unique is the recipe and process that we use. 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 – 2:00 pm - simmer the jam on low heat stirring jam constantly.

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 water

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

3:00 pm – Finished!!

There are only 10 seats available for this class. Please RSVP to my cell phone at 774-372-9107.



In His Service,

Father Christopher Kolentsas

SUNDAY SCHOOL & GOYA NEWS

Please join us in congratulating our 2023 Graduates. Throughout the years they have been in GOYA, attended Sunday School and have helped out at our Festival. We thank them and wish them all the best!

Maria Nikolakopoulos is graduating from Pingree. She will be attending Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, FL and studying Marine Science.



Michael Makowski is graduating from Pingree. He will be attending Providence College and studying History and English Literature.



SUNDAY SCHOOL & GOYA NEWS

Olivia Kiricoples is graduating from Triton Regional High School. She will be attending the University of Alabama and majoring in Public Relations.



Kyia Karvelas is graduating from Gloucester High School and will be attending Wofford College in South Carolina where she will major in English.



SUNDAY SCHOOL & GOYA NEWS

Marilena Kitromilis is graduating from US Performance Academy. Marilena has moved to Dubai, UAE to continue training in women’s figure skating. She is taking a gap year to work towards her dream of representing Cyprus as their first women’s singles skater in the Winter Olympics for 2026.



Mikhail Kitromilis is graduating from US Performance Academy. Mikhail has been accepted to the University of Strathclyde – Glasgow, Scotland in their International Journalism and Media program.



CHOIR NEWS

Kyra Karvelas was awarded The Father John Church Musician Scholarship of \$2,500 for more than 2 years of faithful service in the Assumption of the Virgin Mary Choir. The scholarship was presented by Dr. John Govostes in loving memory of Father John.



A big thank you to all that sent in donations for the Reverend John Govostes Assumption of the Virgin Mary Choir Scholarship Fund. Scholarships are awarded to high school seniors that give 2 years of faithful service singing and/or reading in the church choir or chant stand.

Without all of you, this scholarship would not be possible. Father John so loved the music of our church and the choir. If you would like to make a contribution please send your donation to Stella Spyropoulos 4 Bruce Road, Danvers, MA 01923. Checks can be made out to the Assumption of the Virgin Mary Choir.

Recent Donors – Elaine Kaszuba in loving memory of Stella Galanis

CHURCH NEWS

We are excited to announce the new church website is up and running. We would like to thank Scott Todaro for all his hard work designing the new site.

Please take a moment and visit <https://greekorthodoxchurchipswich.org/>

There have been have issues with dues invoices and some parishioners have not received them. Please feel free to contact us at 978-356-9730 or send an email to greekchurchips@verizon.net and we can forward you a new statement.

Dues payment can be mailed to Po Box 6, Ipswich, MA 01938 or paid online via our new website. <https://greekorthodoxchurchipswich.org/>

Annual dues amount for 2023 are as follows:

\$300.00 per individual

\$600.00 per family - more than one person or adults with children in Sunday school, Greek school, GOYA.

DONATIONS MADE TO THE CHURCH

In Loving Memory of Christos Daras

Taka Family

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William McKay

Elaine & Daniel Theriault

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Peter & Vivian Mandragouras

Joan Pohas

Christine Sarantopoulos

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