

MONTHLY BULLETIN

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March Services

Saturday, March 9

Saturday of the Souls
Divine Liturgy **9:30am**

Sunday, March 10

Judgment Sunday, Meatfare Sunday
Orthos **8:30 am**
Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

Sunday, March 17

Forgiveness Sunday, Cheesefare Sunday
Orthos **8:30 am**
Divine Liturgy **9:00 am**

Sunday, March 24

Sunday of Orthodoxy
Orthos **8:30 am**
Divine Liturgy **9:30am**

Sunday Night, March 24

Vespers **6:30pm**
At The Annunciation Church in Newburyport

Monday, March 25

Annunciation of the Theotokos
Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

Wednesday, March 27

Presanctified Liturgy
Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

Friday, March 29

Salutations – Followed by Parish family dinner.
Divine Liturgy **5:30pm**

Sunday, March 31

Liturgy if Gregory of Palamas
Orthos **8:30 am**
Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

Bible Studies

Tuesdays **6:15pm – 7:30pm**
March **12th**, **19th** and **26th**

Thursdays **11:15am – 12:30pm**
March **14th** and **28th**

Just Pray

James came home for winter break from his first semester at the University. While at the dinner table that first night he told his Father and Mother about his experiences in and out of the University classroom.

For the duration of the meal, he explained to his parents that at the University all of his protesting classmates, come next November, are voting for a certain presidential candidate.

He said “Dad, if I don’t vote their way my classmates will, literally, disown me. Even the majority of my professors are openly voting for the same candidate as my fellow classmates. What do I do? How do I vote?”

James’ Father answered “Pathi mou (my child) in America we don’t worship government. We worship our Savior; the Lord Jesus Christ. We vote as Orthodox Christians. Go with God my son!”

James replied “Thanks Dad, but this does not help me. Who and what party do I vote for?”

James’ Father said “Pathi mou, pray this prayer three times a day;”

Lord Jesus Christ my God and Savior; grant me the wisdom to understand Your Gospel, the conviction to live as you would have me live, the discernment to know what is right and what is wrong, the courage to proclaim Your word to all nations, and the strength to endure to the very end. This I pray, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

James embraced his father saying, “Ok Babba. I’ll give it a shot.”

Greek Independence Day Fish Luncheon

Our annual Greek Independence Day Fish Luncheon is scheduled to be held on **Sunday, March 24th** at the Hellenic Center. This event fills us with pride as we honor our Greek heritage, watching the children recite poems and dance. As the time approaches, please call Chris Sarantopoulos for tickets at 978-356-3894 or contact her at cesarantopoulos@hotmail.com. We wish to sell tickets prior to the event this year. A dessert item is welcomed. Please bring it that day. Thank you!



Church News

Prosforon will be baked monthly at the Hellenic Center. Please join us. Contact Christine Sarantopoulos with questions at 978-356-3894 or email her at cesarantopoulos@hotmail.com.



Donations

In Loving Memory of William Markos

John & Debra Galanis
Denise DeFrancesco
The Baer Family

In Loving Memory of Arthur Stavropoulos

Eleanor Todd
John & Debra Galanis

In Loving Memory of Vera Bombardiere

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Helen Grant
Lorayne Tsoutsouras
Deborah Johnson

In Loving Memory of Adrian Elias Lambros

Constance Lampropoulos

In Loving Memory of Julia Pappas Burke

James & Janet Squires

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John Gianakakis
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Anthony & Carolyn Nickas
Peter & Joann Lampropoulos
Antonia Baer
Perry & Kathie Eliopoulos
Dr. Sideris Baer
Katherine Georgeopoulos
Nicholas & Joan Vontzalides

“Jamming with Father Chris”

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

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

I invite you all to join me on **Thursday, March 28th** 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 2 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 – 2:00 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!!

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

**Jam making at its best! Last month we made delicious
blackberry/raspberry jam!**



In His Service,

Father Christopher Kolentsas

Melissa News

Our next Melissa Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 6th at 6:30pm** in the church hall. New members are always welcome.

Thank You

The women of the Melissa Society wish to thank everyone who so generously donated baby items to support the Tower of Gifts for Newborns initiative. Many babies and their moms will feel the love given by all of you. We thank Susan Karalias, who is co-chair of this project. She continues to work diligently to provide necessities to many families.

Melissa Bake Sale

On **Saturday, March 30**, the Melissa Women's Society's biannual bake sale will be held in front of the Market Basket in Rowley. If you are contributing baked goods, please bring your items between **8:30AM** and **9:00AM** during our set up. The sale will begin at **9:00AM** and we welcome the community as well as parishioners to come and purchase delicious desserts. The remaining pastries will be sold after church on Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Sarantopoulos at 978-356-3894 or email cesarantopoulos@hotmail.com. Thank you for your continued support.

Epitafio and Easter Flowers

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The Melissa Women's Society will once again collect donations to be used toward the Epitafio and Easter flowers, as they have faithfully and lovingly done throughout the years. The requests for donations will be mailed to the homes of parishioners. Please make checks out to **Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church** and return the check in the enclosed envelope. **Your name will be posted in our church bulletin once your check has been received.** Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Sarantopoulos at 978-356-3894.

Easter Flowers

Our parishioners have appreciated the opportunity to donate individual floral arrangements and items during Holy Week. If you are interested in donating one of the specific items listed below, please call Christine Sarantopoulos at 978-356-3894. Checks should be made out to the **Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church**. Donor's names will be published in the bulletin, **once your check has been received.**

Salutations to the Theotokos (Friday nights) arrangements \$150 (8 needed)
Akathist Hymn Arrangement (Friday nights) \$150 each (2 needed)
Palm Sunday Altar Arrangements \$210 each (2 needed)
Palm Sunday Calla Lilies \$8 each (15 needed)
Palm Sunday Greens \$180
Holy Thursday Wreath \$85
Holy Thursday Arrangements \$210 (2 needed)
Basket with Rose Petals \$35 each (6 needed)
Head Wreaths \$35 each (6 needed)
Anastasi Flower Arrangements \$210 (2 needed)
Easter Sunday Arch \$650
Anastasi Icon \$100
Easter Lilies \$15 each (12 needed)

March

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