

MONTHLY BULLETIN

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July Services

Sunday, July 7

2nd Sunday of Matthew

Orthros **8:30 am**

Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

Sunday, July 14

Father of the 4th Ecumenical Council

Orthros **8:30 am**

Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

Saturday, July 20

St. Elias the Prophet

Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

Sunday, July 21

4th Sunday of Matthew

Orthros **8:30 am**

Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

Sunday, July 28

5th Sunday of Mathew

Orthros **8:30 am**

Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

Bible Study

Tuesday: July 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
6:15pm – 7:30pm

Thursday: July 11th and 18th
11:15am – 12:30pm

Jamming with Father Chris

Thursday July 25th
11:00am – 3:00pm

Nobody Cares?

Regarding the hardships of the living, a man once told me “Christopher, nobody cares.” What he meant was that when we are suffering or “down on our luck” no one really cares. When we lose a loved and are grieving, nobody cares. When we are diagnosed with a potentially terminal illness, nobody cares.

The man’s philosophy on life sounded hopeless to me at the time. I asked myself “Is it true? Does anyone truly care?”

There are, in fact, countless stories that I could share with you about people genuinely caring for their loved ones, for their family members and for their friends. And, I am certain that anyone reading this letter can recall similar stories of people that “do care.”

As for myself, one story comes to mind.

A certain parishioner of mine had been suffering for some time with several life-threatening health conditions. Her journey to restored health was, like so many others, a long, painful and exhausting road. Thanks be to God, she survived that difficult journey.

She approached me one day and said “Father, I have to tell you something.” What she shared with me was uplifting and full of hope. She told me that throughout the duration of her vast and numerous medical treatments the people from her Greek Orthodox Church community never stopped calling her and checking in with her. Her fellow parishioners offered to help with groceries, house cleaning and so many other things. She also told me that she received phone calls and get well cards from people that she barely knew; people that she was not even friends with. In her own words “people really do care.”

Brothers and sisters in the Lord, people do care. We are wired by our Creator to care for each other. The story about the sick woman is just one example of this.

As for the man with the hopeless philosophy, if I were to hear him utter those words again that “nobody cares” I think that I would respond to him saying “Sir, I think you don’t care.”

Church News

Remembering and Honoring Father John

At the Flags for Heroes presentation, the Melissa Women's Society sponsored a flag for our beloved Father John. Members of the parish joined Presvytera Kathy at the presentation. May Father John's memory be eternal.



Prosforon Baking

We are very fortunate to have a Prosforon Baking Ministry in our parish thanks to the efforts of Father Chris. The Holy Communion bread is needed for all of our services with Divine Liturgies. We wish to thank our GOYA members and their parents, Chrissy Pappas and our baking group consisting of Helen Grant, Marcia Karas, Cathy Sarantopoulos and Christina Sarantopoulos for making the bread.

If you would like to make the bread at home or join the baking group at the Hellenic Center, please contact Chris Sarantopoulos at 978-356-3894 or email Chris at cesarantopoulos@hotmail.com for more information.

Donations

In Loving Memory of Florence Lalikos

James Sagris
Mary Sagris

In Loving Memory of Peter Copelas

The Copelas Family

In Loving Memory of Theophilos Kuliopulos

Christos Kuliopulos

Ministry Awards Celebration

Tina Lamson was honored at the Annual Metropolis Ministry Awards Celebration for her many years of service to our parish. Congratulations Tina, you are worthy of this and for all you have contributed!



Tina Psalidas Lamson's love for the Assumption of the Virgin Mary Church had its beginnings attending church services with her grandparents Constantine and Katherine Psalidas from Gloucester. Her grandfather was on the Church Council when the parish purchased The Hellenic Center and worked tirelessly well into his 80s selling raffle tickets to support his beloved church.

When Tina and her husband Steve moved back East from Illinois in 1987, they and their three young sons settled in Ipswich. She quickly became involved in teaching Sunday School, meeting many wonderful Sunday School teachers and parents who are still friends today. For 17 years Tina taught several grades with a wonderful curriculum always stressing the importance of being honest and considerate. For about ten of those years, she and her sister Elaine enjoyed jointly teaching second graders, and added a class on Greek Dance to help carry on the tradition. The annual Christmas pageant which involved most of the hundred odd students then in Sunday School was often directed by Tina.

Her love for our church and fellow parishioners also continued to grow over the years through her involvement in various church activities. Tina has been a good support person helping out when needed. She assisted in the completion of our Centennial Album, which celebrated our church's 100-year anniversary in 2007. Through interviewing parishioners who had memories of early years and the tedious job of editing, the book resulted in the most important and concise documentation of our Parish.

Following in her grandfather's footsteps with his love of the Hellenic Center, she joined a newly formed Hellenic Center Committee and helped oversee various aspects of its operation for many years.

For the past 20 years Tina has run the well-loved sand art table at the annual church festival. Her own children and many other children over the years have had so much fun there in their first experience "working" at the church festival.

Life has come full circle and now her son Matthew Lamson is serving on the Church Council. She is also proud of the baptisms of her eight grandchildren in the same Ipswich church where she was married by Father John Govostes almost fifty years ago.



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SUNDAY, JULY 14 12:30-6:00 PM



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Live music by ENOSIS
- RAFFLES!
Grand Prize – \$2,500.00
1st Prize – 2 Patriots vs. Dolphins Club Seats,
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Shows both Saturday and Sunday!
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FESTIVAL

Our annual Festival is less than 2 weeks away (July 13-14) and SO much to do. We established signup sheets to stay organized and offer various stations and time slots for volunteers to help. Right now, as the food service signup sheet shows we have no one helping on any food preparation stations for both Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP!

Use the links below to sign up yourself and others, or contact:

Nate at nwsotis@yahoo.com, 978-335-0520

Kathy at ellinitha@verizon.net, 617-293-6872

We just need:

1. Your name
2. Job title
3. Day and Time Slot

Food Service:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4AACAE2CABF58-50023927-ipswich#/>

Pasty Booth:

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Sand Table:

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JULY

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