

# MONTHLY BULLETIN

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## September Services

**Please not time change of Divine Liturgy starting at 9:30 on Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Sunday, September 1**

Ecclesiastical New Year

Orthos **8:30 am**

Divine Liturgy **9:00 am**

### **Sunday, September 8**

Sunday before Holy Cross/Nativity of the Theotokos

Orthos **8:30 am**

Divine Liturgy **9:00 am**

### **Saturday, September 14**

Elevation of the Holy Cross

Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

### **Sunday, September 15 (time change)**

Sunday after the Holy Cross

Orthos **8:30am**

Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

### **Sunday, September 22**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Luke

Orthos **8:30 am**

Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

### **Sunday, September 29**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Luke

Orthos **8:30 am**

Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

## Bible Study

**Tuesday Sept 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>**

6:15pm – 7:30pm

**Thursday Sept 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**

11:00am – 12:15pm

Jamming & Bible Study

**Thursday Sept 19<sup>th</sup>**

11:00am – 3:00pm

## The Lion of Judah



Eight year old Sebastian and his father were visiting the traveling carnival on a Saturday afternoon. The excited father and son made their way immediately to the hall of animals where was advertised the “The Caged Lion.”

For several weeks, the carnival promoters advertised the nine hundred pound lion and for several weeks Sebastian and his father waited with bated breath see the magnificent creature.

Finally, Sebastian and his father began to draw near to the lion’s cage. They were not disappointed. Samson the Lion was as large and spectacular as the Carnival posters advertised him to be.

The lion’s mane was long, full and shined like golden wheat under the afternoon sunlight. His glistening white fangs were the length votive candles. His paws were as large as boulders. His roar was long and loud.

In awe, Sebastian asked his father “Daddy, why do they keep the lion in the cage? Is it to protect him from us?” With a large grin, Sebastian’s father

## The Lion of Judah, continued...

answered, "Son, a lion such as that one is in no need of protection from us. The cage that he stands within is to protect us from him."

Brothers and sisters, in the Book of Revelation we read:

*And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to lose the seven seals thereof.*

### Revelation 5:5

To speak of Jesus as the Lion of Judah is a powerful image. He has indeed conquered the Evil One, sin and death and is victorious forevermore. Jesus is called the Lion of Judah to display his absolute authority and power over all creation

Just as Samson the Lion was in no need of protection from the people, so too is the Lord's Gospel in no need of protection from the world.

Brothers and sisters, open the cage door and let loose the Gospel of Jesus for He is, indeed, The Lion of Judah!

Your brother in Christ the Lord,  
Father Christopher Kolentsas

## Donations

### In Loving Memory of Peter Venetsanakos, Sr.

Panagiota and children

### In Loving Memory of Constantine & Mary

#### (Moustakis)Vlahos

Tanya Markos

### In Loving Memory of Connie Nicholson

Kevin Donahue

### General Donations

Constance Lampropoulos

John Markos

## Melissa

On Wednesday, **September 4**, our Melissa meeting will be held at **6:30pm** at Presvytera Kathy's home. New members are always welcome. Please contact Christine Sarantopoulos at 978-500-6248 for more information.

### Melissa Women's Society Comfort Pack Project

Our next Melissa's Women's Society project is the "**Comfort Pack Drive**". Items will be collected from now to October 31. This endeavor will be helping children between the ages of 2 and 17 who are entering foster care, living with homelessness, or being rescued from trafficking. How unfortunate that these children need to move quickly, so they lack a bag to carry their limited personal items and clothing.

Melissa will be collecting **brand new items** for these children in need. These new items include:

- Back packs
- Pajamas for children aged 2 to 17
- Underwear for children aged 2 to 17
- Blankets
- Water bottles that are BPA free
- A comforting stuffed animal.

Donations boxes will be labeled and placed on the stage in our church hall.

If you prefer to make a monetary donation, we will gratefully accept it and use the money to purchase needed items. Please make checks out to Melissa Society and send checks to Chris Sarantopoulos  
7 Brownville Ave  
Ipswich, MA 01938

You may also give the checks to Chris in church.

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## Sunday School

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Our Sunday school program will begin on **Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**. All children are welcome to join for grades PreK-Seven. Registration forms should be submitted by **September 1<sup>st</sup>** or as soon as possible, in order for our teachers to have ample time to prepare.

### [Sunday School Registration 2024-2025](#)

Please fill out a registration form for each child. If you have any questions, please contact Elayne Georgoulakos at 978-618-3844 or email [Sundayschool@greekorthodoxchurchipswich.org](mailto:Sundayschool@greekorthodoxchurchipswich.org)

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## Greek School

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Our Greek school program will begin on **Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**. 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

Families are required to pre-register children First grade+ (ages 6+), prior to the commencement of the program.

To register please contact Marina Catalini at 978-810-0910.

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

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## Choir

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New choir members needed to join our beautiful choir. What better way to celebrate the Liturgy each week than with singing praises to God?!! Please call or email Paula Foukas if interested. [procallplus@aol.com](mailto:procallplus@aol.com) or 339-338-9367.

The Assumption Choir is happy to introduce the Father John Govostos Church Musician Scholarship Fund. A college scholarship will be given to a high school senior that volunteers in the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church of Ipswich Choir for a period of at least two years' service. This scholarship will be given only to students that volunteer to chant or sing in the choir.

If you have any questions, please call or email Paula Foukas at [procallplus@aol.com](mailto:procallplus@aol.com) or 339-338-9367. If you would like to make a donation to the Scholarship Fund, please make out a check to the Assumption Choir and mail to Stella Spyropoulos 4 Bruce Road, Danvers, MA 01923.

Thank you so much for your support!!

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# COMEDY NIGHT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th

THE HELLENIC CENTER  
117 County Road, Ipswich MA 01938

**\$50** PER PERSON TICKETS IN ADVANCE  
**\$60** TICKETS AT DOOR (if available)

Appetizers and Dessert included  
Cash Bar and Raffle

DOORS OPEN @ 6:00pm  
SHOWTIME @ 7:30pm

STARRING  
**ELLEN KARIS**  
THE GREEK GODDESS OF COMEDY

TO PURCHASE TICKETS:  
Pay via Venmo @Denise-DeFrancesco  
(Memo Comedian Tickets) or Call 978-314-1978  
Pay via Check, Mail to: Ellie Sinkewicz  
7 True Lane, Georgetown, MA 01833  
or Call 617-365-8237

The events committee is excited and hoping you will come & laugh with them at Comedy Night featuring the "Greek Goddess of Comedy " Ellen Karis. She will be coming from NYC to entertain us and this show can be enjoyed by all, even if you speak no Greek! Tickets are available now, please see info below!

**Saturday Sept 14th**

Hellenic Center- County Rd. Ipswich

Doors open at 6:00 pm - Appetizers, Desserts, Cash Bar, Raffle

Show begins 7:30

\$50.00 per person /\$60 at the door

Purchase tickets by:

Venmo from Denise DeFrancesco: **@Denise-DeFrancesco** (memo comedian tickets)

Checks mail to Ellie Sinkewicz, 7 True Lane, Georgetown, MA 01833

Questions: Denise: 978-314-1978, Ellie 617-365-8237

# September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Ecclesiastical New Year Orthos <b>8:30am</b> Liturgy <b>9:00am</b>	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Sunday Before the Holy Cross/Nativity of the Theotokos Orthos <b>8:30am</b> Liturgy <b>9:00am</b>	9	10 Bible Study <b>6:15 – 7:30pm</b>	11	12 Elevation of the Holy Cross Liturgy <b>9:30am</b>  Bible Study <b>11:00 am - 12:15pm</b>	13	14 <b>Comedy Night</b> Doors open at <b>6:00pm</b> Show begins at <b>7:30pm</b>
15 Sunday After the Holy Cross  Orthos <b>8:30am</b> Liturgy <b>9:30am</b>	16	17 Bible Study <b>6:15 – 7:30pm</b>	18	19 Jamming with Father Chris along with Bible Study <b>11:00am - 3:00pm</b>	20	21
22 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Luke  Orthos <b>8:30am</b> Liturgy <b>9:30am</b>	23	24 Bible Study <b>6:15 – 7:30pm</b>	25	26 Bible Study <b>11:00 am - 12:15pm</b>	27	28
29 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Luke  Orthos <b>8:30am</b> Liturgy <b>9:30am</b>	30					