
MONTHLY BULLETIN

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GOYA News

Our vibrant youth group is getting ready for an exciting new year! We encourage all who are 5th grade through high school to join our GOYA in its many fun and meaningful activities as they make lifelong friendships!

If you are interested, please reach out to Kathie Eliopoulos at 978-356-3957 or kathieeliopoulos@yahoo.com for more information.

COVID Guidelines

Please see important information on pages 2,3 and 6 for more information about church services.

A Message from Father John

My Dear Parishioners,

I want to thank Father Peter Leneweaver for filling in for me during my Sabbatical. He will be available for performing baptisms and other services during this time. If you wish his services you may call me and I will arrange for the dates and times.

I am personally doing well and am looking forward to being with you at the end of this Sabbatical.

God bless you all.

- Father John

A Notice About Divine Liturgy Services

We are glad to inform you that we will be opening our church for public worship Sunday, September 27. We are still very concerned for the safety of all and we urge those who are in any way at risk to think seriously of staying home while the pandemic persists. We have a responsibility not only to ourselves but to others to be safe. You may also view the services online.

We will painstakingly work to the best of our ability to provide one and all with a favorable, secure environment.

Deciding to attend services is a personal choice that one must make for themselves. We all can appreciate and understand those who may not feel comfortable and are apprehensive to attend. Please use your better judgement.

Due to COVID-19 there is a limited amount of seating available to attend the Divine Liturgy. You must fill out the Reservation Form below to ensure a seat. A link to the form will be available every Monday morning. Please be mindful when reserving a seat so that all parishioners who would like to attend have this opportunity.

If you have any questions you may contact Ellie Todd at 978-618-7540.

You may access the link to make a reservation here:

<https://tinyurl.com/yy2v2kb5>

Guidelines and Protocols for Worship

We are mindful that we must abide by the guidance and mandates of our federal, state and local government authorities that address the public health and safety in view of the COVID-19 epidemic and also the guidelines and mandates of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Boston.

Accordingly, we have implemented the following measures for worship at the Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church of Ipswich, which will be in effect until further notice. These measures are mandatory and must be adhered to to protect our entire community.

1. Our parish will be open for services and worship on Sundays. Services will commence at 9:30 AM. You will be required to complete and sign a waiver prior to entering the church,
2. You will be receiving emailed information explaining the registration process so that you may reserve your seat for the liturgy. A waiver has been emailed to you. If you wish, you may complete the form prior to attending services, once you have reserved a space.
3. Anyone exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms should refrain from attending. **More information can be found at the bottom of these provisions. Additionally, persons who are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19 according to the Centers for Disease Control (e. g., due to age and underlying conditions) are encouraged to stay home. If you do contract the COVID-19 virus and you have attended church services, it is suggested that you notify us.
4. All parishioners are required to wear a face mask when present inside or outside of the Church. You must bring your own face mask. For children between the ages of 2 and 5, the wearing of a face covering or mask is at the discretion of the child's parent or guardian. Children under the age of 2 should not wear a face covering or mask.
5. All parishioners are required to practice social distancing (i. e., keep a distance of 6 feet from anyone other than members of your own immediate household) when present inside and outside of the church.
6. An usher will confirm your reservation and instruct you on how to proceed within the Church. Please enter the Church from the clearly marked front entrance. Please cooperate with the ushers.
7. Parishioners will be handed candles by gloved ushers. Please do not attempt to take your own candles. You will be instructed on when you can proceed to light your candle.
8. Contributions for candles and "trays" can be made online at greekorthodoxchurchipswich.org, by mail, or by placing a check or cash in a marked container when you first enter the Church. No cash change will be available.
9. Tape or other markings on the walkways outside the Church will be placed to indicate the appropriate social distance when waiting to enter the Church building.
10. Please wait outside the Church to be checked in by an usher. Stay socially distanced. Please do not attempt to seat yourself. After lighting your candle, an usher will seat you. Please do not sit in any other pews. Parishioners who are not part of the same immediate household must be seated at least 6 feet apart. Members of the same immediate household are permitted to sit together. Please refrain from leaving your seats during the duration of the service. If absolutely necessary, you may leave your seat to use the restroom, but please exit your seat from the side that avoids parishioners from other households sitting in your row.
11. There will be hand sanitizer available, but you are encouraged to use your own.
12. *Holy Communion will be given to you by our parish priest in the traditional manner at the conclusion of the service.

Guidelines and Protocols for Worship, continued

*Each pew will be released by an usher. The line should form for Holy Communion in the center aisle with proper social distancing measures in place.

*The faithful should tilt their heads back and open their mouths widely so that the priest can drop the Holy Communion in without the person closing his/her mouth on the spoon.

*The faithful should not wipe their mouth/lips on the communion cloth.

*Following Holy Communion, the faithful shall exit down the side aisles, maintaining proper social distancing.

*At the end of the center aisle, an usher will place a piece of antidoron in your hands with tongs.

*All others who are not receiving communion, will exit to the back of the church, where they will receive their antidoron.

13. The parish priest will be wearing a face mask during Holy Communion.

14. We ask you to refrain from hugging, handshaking or kissing one another, including kissing of the icons, the cross, the kiss of peace, the Holy Gospel or the priest's hand. To venerate the gospel, cross, or an icon, please bow your head reverently and make the sign of the cross.

15. Following the state guidelines, there will be no communal gatherings following the service. Please refrain from congregating in the aisles, or entry and exit areas and in the parking lot. Upon dismissal, please proceed directly to your cars.

16. The Church will be cleaned and disinfected in accordance with the CDC guidelines between each service. Such cleaning will include the common areas utilized for the services and the restrooms.

17. Please refrain from opening and closing doors or touching surfaces, to the extent possible. Additionally, all liturgical books and papers have been removed.

18. The final collection offering will be set up in the back of the church. As you are about to exit, place your donation in the collection container.

19. Windows and doors may be open during the Divine Liturgy. Please dress accordingly.

**FROM STATE GUIDELINES 5-27-2020

Places of worship shall communicate to members and workers that if they are feeling sick, are exhibiting any of the following symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle/body aches, headache, runny nose/congestion, sore throat, fatigue, nausea, diarrhea, or new loss of taste or smell), or have potentially been exposed to someone with confirmed or suspected COVID-19, then they should not attend services in-person. A potential exposure means having household contact or having close contact (within 6 feet) with an individual with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 for a prolonged period of time (over 10 minutes) while the person is symptomatic or 48 hours before symptoms developed, or coming in direct contact with secretions (e.g., sharing utensils, being coughed on) from a person who has tested positive for COVID-19, while that person was symptomatic.

A member or worker who has been asked to self-isolate or quarantine by their doctor or a local public health official should not attend church services.

Donations Made to the Church, 7/18/20 - 9/25/20

In Loving Memory of Christopher Tzortzis

Joseph & Janis Mcdonough

In Loving Memory of John Peter Markos

Stella Markos

John Galanis

In Loving Memory of Mary Stathopoulos

Stella Markos

Ruth Harkness

In Loving Memory of William & Theodora Mavroides

John & Joanne Mavroides

In Loving Memory of Harold Costopoulos

Logganiko Society

Gregory Desses

Pamela Scangas

Connie Geanakakis

In Loving Memory of Peter Pappas

Marina Aggelakis

Dimitri Aggelakis

Johanna Aggelakis

George & Connie Markos

The Woodworth Family

John Galanis

In Loving Memory of Connie PJ Markos

Karen Georgoulakos

Vasiliki Karalias

Jeanne & Kevin Donahue

George & Connie Markos

Jon & Ann Waisnor

Helen Steele

Michael & Cynthia Gargas

Jim & Janet Squires

Elaine Vlachos

Joy Vlachos

Antonia Demakis

Jay & Mary Ann Tsoutsouras

Michael & Catherine Sarantopoulos

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George & Ann Koshivas

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Marina Aggelakis

Dimitri Aggelakis

Johanna Aggelakis

Stella Spyropoulos & Family

Andrew & Catherine Nickas

Steve & Susan Collins

Constance Nicholson

Daniel & Elaine Theriault

Mary Sagris

George Bouzianis

Elaine Copelas

Stella Markos

Logganiko Society

In Loving Memory of Connie PJ Markos, continued

Lisa Rando

Andrew & Elaine Kaszuba

Mark Nowak

Helen Grant

The Woodworth Family

George & Leah Gelasakis

Harry Vlachos

James & Christine Georgoulakos

Brian & Denise Defrancesco

Loryane Tsoutsouras

Harrison & Marcia Snyder

Perry & Kathie Eliopoulos & Family

Michael & Andrea Pappimberis

Katherine Georgeopoulos

Tanya Markos

In Loving Memory of Peter & Pat Zaharis

Michael & Pamela Carakatsane

Mary Manos & Family

In Loving Memory of Louis & Helen Manos

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In Loving Memory of Julie Burke

Michael & Cynthia Gargas

In Loving Memory of Arthur Danikas

Jeanne Danikas

In Loving Memory of Louis Markos

Tanya Markos

In Loving Memory of Peter Copelas

George Copelas

In Loving Memory of Helen Kalafatas

Diane Bourque

In Loving Memory of Helen Sarantopoulos

Avgenia Rooney

In Loving Memory of John & Mary Tsairis

Stacey Kacoyanis

In Loving Memory of Stamatia Panayote

Stacey Kacoyanis

In Loving Memory of Anne Votze

Nicholas Votze

In Loving Memory of James Ketchopoulos

Aristedes & Louise Nickitopolous

In Loving Memory Of Theodore Brown

Christos & Alice Nahatis

Donations Made to the Church, 7/18/20 - 9/25/20, continued

In Loving Memory of Marina (Chickie) Aggelakis

Logganiko Society
 Gregor Desses & Pamela Scangas
 Peter & Anthi Dimitrakopoulos
 Susan Jeannotte
 Sarah Player
 Christine Sarantopoulos
 John & Elaine Morrow
 Jay & Mary Ann Tsoutsouras
 Andrew & Catherine Nickas
 The Woodworth Family
 James & Christine Georgoulakos
 Dr. Sideris Baer
 George Bouzianis
 Mary Sagris
 Christine Galanis
 Constance Lampropoulos
 Richard & Myrna Camacho
 Constance Nicholson
 Galbro, Inc.
 Melissa Society
 George & Eugenia Hasiotis
 Ankeles, Vontzalides, Ambeliotis, Delaney LLP
 Michele Hammond
 Peter & Joann Lampropoulos
 Elaine Turner
 David & Lisa Levesque
 North Coast Seafoods
 Theresa Pierre & Eleanor Knowles
 Helen Grant
 Elaine Copelas
 Howard & Judy Naugle
 Lauren Yeannakopoulos
 Dr. & Mrs. George Kacoyanis
 Seraphino & Bette Ferriero
 Brian & Denise Defrancesco
 Michael & Catherine Sarantopoulos
 Alice Nahatis
 Lorayne Tsoutsouras
 Kathleen Rhodes
 Phillip Ward
 Daniel & Katherine Poranski
 Harrison & Marcia Snyder
 Lawrence & Cheryl Doyle
 The Woodman Family
 Arthur Neuner & Donna Stefano
 Cheryl Claney
 Betsy Pinkerton
 Philip & Gay Dion
 Susan Buckley
 John & Michele Champion
 Susan Mcintosh
 Michael & Pamela Carakatsane
 Eleanor Todd & Family
 Katherine Rhodes
 Phillip Ward
 Stella Spyropoulos & Family
 Avgenia Rooney
 William McKay
 Mary Pallen
 Perry & Kathie Eliopoulos & Family
 Helen Steele
 Andrew & Elaine Kaszuba

In Loving Memory of Marina (Chickie) Aggelakis, continued

Daniel & Elaine Theriault
 Richard Silverman
 Janet & Jim Squires
 Michael & Andrea Pappimberis
 Katherine Georgeopoulos
 Connie Geanakakis
 Paul & Elizabeth Pappas
 Sophia Voss
 George & Ann Koshivas
 The Sayward Family
 Tanya Markos

General Donations

Pamela Scangas
 Gordon & Georgiann Smith
 The Favalora Family
 Evy Nikolaou
 Vasiliki Karalias
 Virginia Kandris (In Honor of Virgin Mary)
 Mary Billante (In Honor of Virgin Mary)
 Stella Spyropoulos & Family (Honor of Stella Galanis 100th birthday)
 George Kacoyanis
 Paul & Demetra Gerrish
 Cushing & Sandra Titcomb
 George & Eugenia Hasiotis
 Michael & Ethel Contos (In Honor of Virgin Mary)
 John & Christine Galanis
 Katherine Bulgaris
 Jay & Mary Ann Tsoutsouras
 Christine Sarantopoulos
 Seraphino & Bette Ferriero
 Constance Lampropoulos
 Stanley & Robin Treantos
 Harry Nahatis
 Olympic Marketing Group
 Connie PJ Markos
 Peter & Vivienne Argeropoulos
 Harrison & Marcia Snyder
 Scott & Maria Todaro
 Christopher & Penny Frangos
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 Sophocles & Ellen Carinos
 Jonathan & Patricia Geanakos
 John Shuka
 Kelli Politis
 Despina Giannulidis
 George & Ann Koshivas
 Michael & Catherine Sarantopoulos
 Florence Lalikos
 Christopher Tsoutsouras
 Helen Grant



ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church Waiver

To make it quicker each Sunday, we will bypass the waiver if we have it on file. Each adult in your group must sign their own. A parent may sign for children. Please report any changes each visit.

I understand that there are certain rules around attending a church service at the Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church of Ipswich during the COVID-19 virus concerns.

I will adhere to the following points below and will also be responsible for my immediate family to abide by them. **Please initial each point and sign.**

_____ I understand that COVID-19 is contagious, and that exposure to the virus, or infection by the virus, may result in injury, illness, permanent disability, and death to me or my immediate family members.

_____ I or members of my family have not been exposed to COVID-19 or exposed to someone with COVID like symptoms within two weeks of my attendance, to the best of my knowledge.

_____ I or members of my family have not been out of state within the past two weeks. (UPDATE 9/20/2020: Travel Colorado, Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Vermont, Washington, Wyoming, okay as of 9/20/2020.)

_____ Masks must be worn in the church (unless young age or medical condition prohibits) except when receiving Communion. The service will be stopped if parishioners do not comply with this. There is no touching of icons with hands, lips, or mask.

_____ 6' distancing must be maintained.

_____ At the end of the Liturgy, I/we will not exit until dismissed.

_____ I understand that steps have been taken to reduce the spreading of COVID-19, however, there is no guarantee that I or my family members will not become infected here. I acknowledge and voluntarily assume the risk.

SIGNATURE: _____

PRINTED NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

DATE: _____

UPDATED: 09/30/2020