



March 2016

THE BRIDGE Η ΓΕΦΥΡΑ

"Rejoice, bridge that truly leads us from death to life!" Akathist Hymn

DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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FATHER'S MESSAGE



My beloved in the Lord,

In just a little over two weeks, we will begin our Lenten journey towards the Great and Holy Pascha, the Resurrection of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, which will occur on May 1 this year. To prepare us all, bodily, mentally and, especially, spiritually, our Greek Orthodox tradition offers a full cycle of services for your enlightenment, edification and nourishment.

On Monday, March 14, the 40 Days of Great Lent begins with Καθαρά Δευτέρα (Clean Monday). On the first four nights of that first week, the service of Great Compline with the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete will be served. For the remaining weeks of Great Lent, Great Compline will be served each Monday evening. After each Compline service, I will be available to hear Confessions.

On Wednesday and Fridays of Great Lent, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts will be served. After each Wednesday Liturgy, a light Lenten meal will be offered followed by a brief Lenten Series seminar. On the first five Fridays of Great Lent, beginning on March 18, the Salutations to the Theotokos (Χαιρετισμοί της Θεοτόκου) will be served each evening. This service, of the Akathist Hymn, is considered by many to be the most beautiful and poetic service in the Orthodox Church.

I am very grateful to all of you, the members of Dormition of the Mother of God Church, and our hierarch, His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios, for my assignment as your Priest. I look forward to meeting all of you in the next couple of weeks and throughout the period of Great Lent, and hope that you will join me in many of the Divine Services and programs we are offering. May our Lord God grant you strength in the Forty Days – Καλή Σαρακοστή!

In Christ's Love,
+Father Andreas

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

– Georgia Maheras, Parish Council President



WELCOME FR. ANDREAS

On Sunday, February 7, Metropolitan Methodios visited us to install Father Andreas Maclean Papayiannis as our Ieratikos Proistamenos (Presiding Priest) and was also bestowed ordination as a spiritual father/confessor (*exomologos*). Panta Axios! Ever Worthy!

Fr. Andreas was born in Southern Ontario, Canada, and was graduated from the College of Charleston, SC. He worked for 15 years in the field of corporate finance as a controller, financial analyst and accountant. In 2012, Fr. Andreas was awarded a Master of Divinity degree, Magna Cum Laude, from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. He was ordained a deacon by Metropolitan Gerasimos of California in 2011 and a priest in 2013. Before coming to us, Fr. Andreas served as the priest of the Holy Trinity parish of Flagstaff, AZ.

To relax, Father enjoys spending time with his family, Presvytera Maria, and two children, Alexandra-Panagiota and Ioannis; cooking, baking prosphora, reading, classic movies, and marksmanship.

We welcome Fr. Andreas and we look forward to having his family with us soon as well!



Philoptochos News and Announcements

Philoptochos means "friend of the poor."

The Philoptochos Society is the official philanthropic organization of the Greek Orthodox Church in America.

Come and join us in doing the charity of our Orthodox Christian faith in this place.



Sunday school

"Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14

All children, ages 3 and up, are invited to Sunday School, which takes place in the church hall immediately after Communion each Sunday. If you'd like to volunteer to help, please call Georgia (857- 234-5171) or Angelike (802-355-6201).

Spring Bake Sale will be Saturday, March 26 –

We thank all of you, members and non-members, who have helped us make our Bake Sales successful. We ask you for your help again. Everyone who can come to help is asked to come.

- Monday, March 21, 9:30 a.m. - Bake Sale Prep, nuts and boxes

- Tuesday, March 22 – 9:30 a.m. - Baklava and Crescent baking

Everyone who can come to help is asked to come. We need volunteers to come at 9 a.m. to help count filo.

- Friday, March 25 – 10 a.m. – Cupping and set-up AFTER the Divine Liturgy

- Saturday, March 26 – 9 a.m. – Final preparations. Everyone who can come to help is asked to come. We need you!

Please see the sign-up sheet at church or call Prez Anthe (865-4416) to volunteer to work the line.
Morning: 10-12 p.m. - Early Afternoon: 12-2 p.m.
Afternoon: 2-5 p.m. – typically slow time
Evening: 5-7 p.m.

Mark Your Calendars:

Next regular meeting will be Sunday, March 13, after coffee hour (around 12:30 p.m.)

Dues are now being accepted for 2016. Please see Maria Michaelides, the Treasurer.

All women of our parish are invited to become members.



CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Join the choir, come to rehearsals!

MARCH

Saturday 5 – 11:00 a.m.- after Liturgy and Trisagion for Holy Week & Pascha

APRIL

Saturday 9 - 9:30 a.m.
for Palm Sunday & Lamentations/Engomia

Saturday, 16 - 9:30 a.m.
for the Sundays after Pascha & Pentecost

BOOK OF LIFE

BAPTISMS:

Valia Ioana Chiperi, Feb. 14, 2016
Daughter of Erin and Petru Chiperi.
Godparent, Valeriu Chiperi.

Ivanka Eva Stirbate, Jan. 23, 2016
Daughter of Marina and Vadim Stirbate.
Godparent, Darko Vujanovic.

ANNUAL APOKREATICO LUNCHEON

March 6

after Divine Liturgy

Chicken with Pasta – Salad & Bread
Adults - \$10 Kids (12yrs & under) \$5

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

OUR ANNUAL SPRING TAKE-OUT/EAT-IN DINNER

COME AND HELP :

Wednesday, March 23 – 5 p.m. - skewering the chicken

Saturday, March 26 – 1st shift - 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

-- 2nd shift - 3-7 p.m.

Come to help whenever you can – stay for as long as you can.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

OUR MENU: Entrees include salad and pita bread, rice -- \$12
Chicken Souvlaki / Gyro / Falafel



GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER

"Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work." 2 Cor 9: 7-8



A STEWARDSHIP REPORT

We have had a slow start to our 2016 Stewardship Campaign, but we are confident that this year will be very successful in our mission of spreading the Gospel and teaching the Holy Orthodox faith in Vermont. We are blessed by the assignment of our new Priest, Father Andreas, and pray that we will have a fruitful ministry together. Fr. Andreas has a financial background, and previously served as the Finance & Stewardship Chairman of the Metropolis of San Francisco, and as a Metropolis representative to the Archdiocese Finance Committee from 2006 until last year.

As of Sunday, February 21, we have received 17 pledge forms with a commitment of \$25,280. For 2015, there were 55 pledges for \$63,760.

Stewardship contribution statements for 2015 have been sent out, as have 2016 Stewardship packets. If anyone has not received either please contact Stephen Yialiades (workingbirds@aol.com).



DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD – BURLINGTON, VERMONT MARCH 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: center;">Great Lent begins March 14 See "Fasting Rules" below. Articles for the April Newsletter are due Monday, March 22. E-mail to prezanthe@aol.com</p>						
<p>6 Meatfare 9 - Orthros & Liturgy 11:30 – Apokreatiko Luncheon 12:30 – Philoptochos Meeting</p>	<p>7 Meat Fast</p>	<p>8 Meat Fast Fr. Andreas at Clergy Retreat at the Metropolis Camp, Contoocook, NH</p>	<p>9 Strict Fast Fr. Andreas at Clergy Retreat at the Metropolis Camp, Contoocook, NH</p>	<p>10 Meat Fast</p>	<p>11 Strict Fast</p>	<p>12 Psychosavato/ Saturday of Souls <i>Meat Fast</i> 9 - Liturgy & Memorials 4 - Bible Study 5 Great Vespers</p>
<p>13 Chesefare 9 - Orthros & Liturgy & Parish Council Mtg 5 – Forgiveness Vespers</p>	<p>14 Clean Monday – Kathari Deitera <i>Strict Fast</i> 7 - Great Compline, Canon & Confessions</p>	<p>15 Strict Fast 7 Great Compline & Canon</p>	<p>16 Strict Fast 5 - Presanctified & Lenten Program 8 - Great Compline & Canon</p>	<p>17 Strict Fast 7 - Great Compline & Canon</p>	<p>18 Strict Fast 9 - Presanctified 7 - Salutations</p>	<p>19 Psychosavato/ Saturday of Souls <i>Wine & Oil Allowed</i> 9 - Liturgy & Memorial 4 - Bible Study 5 - Great Vespers</p>
<p>20 Orthodoxy <i>Wine & Oil Allowed</i> 9 - Orthros, Liturgy & Procession 7 - Lenten Vespers</p>	<p>22 Strict Fast 9:30 Bake Sale Prep 7 - Great Compline & Confessions NEWLETTER DEADLINE!</p>	<p>22 Strict Fast 9:30 Baklava Baking</p>	<p>23 Strict Fast 5 - Presanctified & Lenten Program</p>	<p>24 Strict Fast No Vespers [Fr. Andreas in Montreal]</p>	<p>25 Evangelismos/ Feast of the Annunciation <i>Fish Allowed</i> 9 - Liturgy 10:30- Cupping/Set-up 7 - Salutations</p>	<p>26 Wine & Oil Allowed 10 - Bake Sale & Take- out Dinner 5 - Great Vespers</p>
<p>27 St Gregory Palamas <i>Wine & Oil Allowed</i> 9 - Orthros & Liturgy 7- Lenten Vespers</p>	<p>28 Strict Fast 7 -- Great Compline & Confessions</p>	<p>29 Strict Fast</p>	<p>30 Strict Fast 5 - Presanctified & Lenten Program</p>	<p>31 Strict Fast</p>	<p>Fasting Rules: <i>Strict Fast</i> – No meat, dairy products (includes eggs), fish, wine or olive oil may be consumed; <i>Wine & Oil Allowed</i> – No meat, dairy products or fish (shellfish is permitted) may be consumed; <i>Fish Allowed</i> – No meat or dairy products may be consumed.</p>	

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