



JUNE 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

Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti! Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

General Tips for Orthodox Living – Part One

THE FOLLOWING "TIPS" are based upon a list put together by Sister Pelagia of Lesna Convent, who prefaces them with the remark: "Orthodox families (should) train their children from a very early age to acquire religious habits."

1. Prayers are said morning and evening, either together as a family or individually. We traditionally pray the Midnight Service in the morning and Small Compline after supper.
2. A blessing is said by a priest, or the head of the family, before a meal, and a prayer of thanks afterwards.
3. Read a portion of Holy Scripture every day, even if only one chapter.
4. On seeing a priest, *geronta* (elder) or *gerontissa* (eldress), or even when phoning them or writing to them, always ask for their blessing. This blessing comes from Christ Himself.
5. Before going to bed, make the sign of the cross over it and pray for protection during sleep.
6. When you hear of anyone's death, immediately say a prayer for their eternal memory.
7. If discussing or planning the future say: "God-willing."
8. If you offend or hurt anyone, say as soon as possible, "Forgive me," always trying to take the blame yourself
9. If something turns out well, say "Glory to God."

See more in the next Newsletter.

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL

Dear Parishioners:

On June 5, 2015, Sunday, we shall have a General Assembly meeting as defined in the UPR and our own Charter, which call for two to be held annually. This General Assembly will be immediately after Church in the Fellowship Hall.

The agenda for this meeting is as follows:

Agenda for Spring General Assembly Meeting Sunday, June 5, 2016

1. Call to Order-election of meeting Chair
2. Opening Prayer
3. Pastoral Report
4. State of the Parish
5. Reading and Approval of Fall General Assembly Minutes
6. Financial Reports:
 - a. Audit of 2015 Statement, Stewardship, Accounts Update
7. Philoptochos Update
8. Committee Updates:
 - a. Buildings and Grounds Committee:
 - i. Ramp Update
 - b. Education Committee
 - c. Environment Committee
 - d. Internet/Social Media Committee
 - e. Outreach and Mission Committee
 - f. Stewardship Committee
9. New Business
 - a. By-Laws- First Reading
 - b. Redeemers Contract
 - c. Majestic Use of Parking Lot
10. Other
11. Closing Prayer
12. Adjourn

Sincerely,

Rev. Fr. Andreas Papayiannis
Proistamenos

Georgia Maheras
President, Parish Council

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Georgia Maheras & Angelike Contis; *Greek Dance:* Tammy Valadakis *Greek Language:* Theodora Contis
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ALTAR SERVERS: Thomas Dede, Nicholas Rorris, Justin Griffing
BOOKSTORE: David & Dawnie Hunt
PHILOTOCHOS BOARD - President – Presv. Anthe Athas (865-4416); Vice President – Theodora Contis (899-2893); Treasurer – Maria Michaelides(878-3933); Secretary –Tammy Valadakis (583-3880); Helen Costopoulos (864-5661); Jacqueline Maria (862-7372); Aleka Michaelides (862-3803); Maria Papaseraphim (878-1163); Voula Zontanos (878-5475)
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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS – Georgia Maheras, Parish Council President

Christ is Risen! Christos Anesti!

I invite all of our stewards to join us on June 5th for the General Assembly. If you are not sure if you are a Steward, please check in with Steve Yialiades or any Parish Council member.

Who can vote at the General Assembly:

A parishioner who is a member in good standing, which is a category certified by the priest of the parish, is eligible to vote in a GA.

Article 18, Section 1 of the Uniform Parish Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North America

Every person who is baptized and chrismated according to the rites of the Orthodox Church is a parishioner. The religious, moral and social duties of a parishioner are to apply the tenets of the Orthodox Faith to his/her life and to: adhere to and live according to the tenets of the Orthodox faith; faithfully attend the Divine Liturgy and other worship services; participate regularly in the holy sacraments; respect all ecclesiastical authority and all governing bodies of the Church; be obedient in matters of the Faith, practice and ecclesiastical order; contribute towards the progress of the Church's sacred mission; and be an effective witness and example of the Orthodox Faith and Traditions to all people.

A parishioner in good standing practices all the religious and moral duties as described in this Section 1. At a minimum, a parishioner in good standing must: be eighteen years of age or over; be current in his or her stewardship and other financial obligations to the Parish, abide by all the regulations herein stated and the Parish Bylaws; and cooperate in every way towards the welfare and wellbeing of the Parish. (Stewardship is recommended to be ten percent (10%) of one's annual income as stated in Holy Scripture to help meet the financial obligations of the Parish, the Metropolis and the Archdiocese.)

In Christ,
Georgia Maheras



*Philoptochos News
and
Announcements*

*All women of our
parish are invited to
become members.*

Philoptochos means "friend of the poor."

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



Saturday, June 4 - 6 p.m.

Annual End of the Year Dinner.

Members and all women of the parish may attend.

Dutch Treat (each person pays for their own dinner).

*Toscana Café & Bistro, 27 Bridge Street
Richmond VT – about 20 mins from the church.*

RSVP prezanthe@aol.com by June 1

*If you need a ride or can give a ride from the Church
parking lot please let Prez Anthe know asap.*

(865-4416)



*Would you like to join us as a member? Dues are
\$20/year. See Maria Michaelides, the Treasurer.
She will be glad to receive them any time.*

*"You are the light of the world. A
city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor
do men light a lamp and put it
under a bushel, but on a stand, and
it gives light to all in the
house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine
before men, that they may see your
good works and give glory to your
Father who is in heaven. "*

Matthew 5:14-17 (RSV)

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



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Please join us as we celebrate our Sunday
School students, on Sunday, June 12th,
which is also the last class of the year.

Is God calling you to serve Him in Sunday
School Ministry this coming fall? Pray on it
and contact Fr. Andreas (priest@gocvt.org).

O P A ! ATTENTION DORMITION YOUTH DANCER PARENTS



The first meeting of Dancer Parents will be
Sunday, June 12 after Church to discuss
rehearsal times and other details.

– Tammy Valadakis
(E-mail - tammysi@gmavt.net)



Green Acts – Environment Committee

– Angelike Contis

Do you love fresh air, clean water and green mountains? Then, let's all do our part to reduce the garbage we leave behind for future generations. Here's how you can do your part at church events: **take a minute to consider what you toss.**



COMPOST THESE (in white buckets):	RECYCLE THESE (in blue bins):	TRASH THESE (in black bins):
Coffee grinds, veggie/fruit peels, leftover food, paper napkins.	Cardboard, paper, aluminum cans, plastic bottles.	Any waxed/soiled cardboard, coffee/juice cups, tissues, plastic forks/knives, plastic lids under 2 inches in length

Parents, please teach children to be kind to the planet by reducing food waste.

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Please, **use the church's "real" plates, cups, and cutlery** instead of plastic or paper ones. If you don't know how to use the dishwasher, ask for help.

Festival Volunteers: We are proud of the waste reduced at last year's Greek Festival through sorting our guests' trash. Can you help make this year's festival a success again, environmentally? If you have an hour or two you can volunteer, please sign up to help the Environment Committee at the trash sorting station. It's a great way to get a suntan, while doing good.

FESTIVAL 2016

Sunday, July 31

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

- Preparing/Cooking – Setting Up – Serving
- Cashiering
- Take Down & Clean Up
- Work one of our wonderful booths.

See the next Newsletter for more information.

Can't wait to volunteer?

Contact Festival Chairman, Nick Pitt
nvpitt@gmail.com





DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD – BURLINGTON, VERMONT

JUNE 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Fasting Rules: <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.						
5 No Fasting Sunday of Blind Man 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy Parish Assembly	6 No Fasting	7 No Fasting	8 Fish Allowed Apodosis of Pascha 5:00 pm Great Vespers	9 No Fasting HOLY ASCENSION 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy	10 Wine & Oil Allowed	11 No Fasting 5:00 pm Great Vespers
12 No Fasting Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy Last Sunday School Greek Dancing	13 No Fasting	14 No Fasting	15 Wine & Oil Allowed	16 No Fasting	17 Wine & Oil Allowed	18 No Fasting Saturday of Souls 9:00 am Divine Liturgy & Memorial Service 5:00 pm Great Vespers
19 No Fasting HOLY PENTECOST 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy & Kneeling Vespers Father's Day	20 No Fasting Monday of Holy Spirit 9:00 am Divine Liturgy NEWLETTER DEADLINE!	21 No Fasting	22 No Fasting	23 No Fasting	24 No Fasting Nativity of Forerunner 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	25 No Fasting 5:00 pm Great Vespers
26 No Fasting Sunday of All Saints 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy	27 Fish Allowed	28 Fish Allowed	29 Fish Allowed Ss. Peter & Paul 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	30 No Fasting	Articles for the July-August Newsletter are due Monday, June 20 E-mail to prezanthe@aol.com	