Happy New Year to all!

With the New Year comes new opportunities and new hopes - a joyous time despite the colder temperatures. It is fitting that snow is blanketing our community providing a sense of peace and renewal.

As part of this renewal, you can see progress in our new handicap-access ramp. We opened our doors wide to celebrate Christmas and are able to use this new, easier entrance. We are taking a break from construction during the colder months and will resume once the ground thaws. Those warmer months will bring the addition of more lights, a permanent railing, stone on the concrete walls, and new flooring in the entryway. We are looking to the Environmental Committee to help with new landscape design as well.

The Parish Council is honored to announce that Fr. Andreas MacLean Papayiannis has been assigned as our new priest effective February 1, 2016. He will be installed on February 7th and His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios will join us for his service.

We are also proud to announce that the following individuals were ratified as new Parish Council members and will receive the Oath of Office, with those Council members currently on the Council, at an upcoming service: Justin Griffing, Paul Henninge, Lynn Lambesis, Sotos Papaseraphim, and Nectar Rorris.

With best wishes for a healthy New Year,

Georgia Maheras, Parish Council President
Choral Kudos
Celebrating over 25 years of service as a choir director, Presvytera Anthe Athas received Archbishop Demetrios’ Years of Service Award on Nov. 15th. The medal is awarded to noteworthy choir musicians on National Church Music Sunday (Oct. 5, 2015) and is administered by the National Forum of Orthodox Church Musicians. National Church Sunday was first established by Archbishop Iakovos in 1982.

NYOB, Nov. 15, 2015.

Sunday School
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 let Georgia or Angelike know. Parents of children 5 and under are asked to kindly stay with their children for lessons.

Festival Donation
Our church has donated a quarter of the proceeds of its 2015 Greek Food Festival to The Caroline Baird Crichfield Memorial Fund For Women In Need.

In early 2016, a donation of $2665 was presented to the non-profit organization in the memory of Vermont Law School Professor Cheryl Hanna, a beloved and much-missed member of the community, who left this world in 2014. Hanna was best known for her advocacy for women’s rights.

The Caroline Baird Crichfield Memorial Fund For Women In Need was established in the name of a Burlington resident who was killed in 1998, as a result of domestic violence.
Philoptochos News and Announcements

The Philoptochos Society is the official philanthropic organization of the Greek Orthodox Church in America. All women of our parish are invited to become members. Come and join us in doing the charity of our Orthodox Christian faith in this place.

NO meeting in February.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, IS GO RED SUNDAY ... PLEASE WEAR SOMETHING RED (A PIN OR A SCARF OR BLOUSE IS SUFFICIENT – YOU DON’T HAVE TO BE ALL DECKED OUT IN RED)

Spring Bake Sale will be Saturday, March 26. SEE the Calendar for preparation dates and times. Please see the sign-up sheet at church or call Prez Anthe (865-4416) to volunteer to work the pastry line.

   Morning Line: 10-12 p.m. - Early Afternoon Line: 12-2 p.m.
   Afternoon: 2-5 p.m. – typically slow time - Evening: 5-7 p.m.

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

Sing to the Lord

If you’d like to join the choir, please come to rehearsals.

February 6 – 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal for Great Lent
CLERGY  Rev. Fr. Andreas MacLean Papayannis, Presbyter, (802) 881-9459;  
Rev. Protopresbyter Robert Athas, Retired (802-865-4416)

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EDUCATION & YOUTH Sunday Church School Coordinators: Georgia Maheras & Angelike Contis;  Greek Dance: Tammy Validakis;  Greek Language: Theodora Contis

MUSIC MINISTRY  Director -Presvytera Anthe Athas  Cantors -Vasilios Contis & Yazan (George) Qumsiyeh  Choir:  George Bennis, Alina Caciur-colondres, Theodora and Vasilios Contis, Zoe Griffing, Paul Henninge,  
Aleka Michaelides, Maria Michaelides, Mariana Moscin & Adriana Putregai

ALTAR SERVERS  Thomas Dede, Nicholas Rorris & Justin Griffing

BOOKSTORE:  David & Dawnie Hunt

PHILOPTOCHOS 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 Papas eraphim (878-1163);  Voula Zontanos (878-5475)

MAILINGS VOLUNTEER  Pat Oleszkiewicz

ORDER OF AHEPA  President  Gregory Lambesis

Change in Newsletter Distribution
We’ve gone digital, but if you or someone you know would like to receive printed copies of this enewsletter, please call the church to leave a message at (802) 862-2155.

Become a Church Steward

Support the Dormition of the Mother of God Greek Orthodox Church by becoming a steward.

All you need to do is fill out a stewardship card and pledge whatever amount works for you and your family in 2016.

Questions?  Contact Stephen Yialiades 802-728-9023
## February 2016 Calendar

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