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News & Announcements,
April 23, 2017

Sunday of Thomas & Feast of Saint George
Κυριακή του Θωμά και Εορτή του Αγίου Γεωργίου



Saint George the Triumphant Great Martyr

NEWCOMERS AND VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME !
Sunday Worship Schedule: Matins 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

To Our Visitors and Guests

We welcome you to worship with us today, whether you are an Orthodox Christian or this is your first visit to an Orthodox Church, we are pleased to have you with us. Although Holy Communion and other Sacraments are offered only to baptized and chrismated (confirmed) Orthodox Christians in good standing with the Church, all are invited to receive the Antidoron (blessed bread) from the priest at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. The Antidoron is not a sacrament, but it is reminiscent of the agape feast that followed worship in the ancient Christian Church. After the Divine Liturgy this morning please join us in the Church hall for fellowship and refreshments. Please complete a Visitor's Card before you leave today and drop it in the offering tray, or give it to one of the parishioners after the service, or mail it to the church Office.

Today's Readings:

Prokeimenon. Mode 4.
Psalm 146.5;134.3

Great is our Lord, and great is his power.
Verse: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11

ABOUT THAT TIME, Herod the king laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword; and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. So Peter was kept in prison; but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the Church.

The very night when Herod was about to bring him out, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison; and behold, an angel of the Lord appeared, and a light shone in the cell; and he struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, "Wrap your mantle around you and follow me." And he went out and followed him; he did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened to them of its own accord, and they went out and passed on through one street; and immediately the angel left him. And Peter came to himself, and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."



Προκείμενον. Ἦχος δ'. ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 146.5;134.3

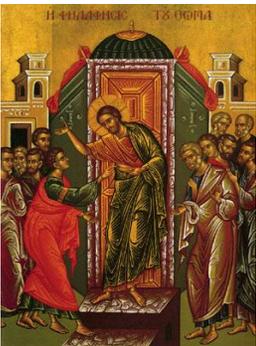
Μέγας ὁ Κύριος ἡμῶν, καὶ μεγάλη ἡ ἰσχὺς αὐτοῦ.
Στίχ. Αἰνεῖτε τὸν Κύριον, ὅτι ἀγαθός.

Πράξεις Ἀποστόλων 12:1-11 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα εἶναι ἀπο

Κατ' ἐκεῖνον τὸν καιρὸν, Κατ' ἐκεῖνον δὲ τὸν καιρὸν ἐπέβαλεν Ἡρώδης ὁ βασιλεὺς τὰς χεῖρας κακῶσαί τινας τῶν ἀπὸ τῆς ἐκκλησίας. Ἀνεῖλεν δὲ Ἰάκωβον τὸν ἀδελφὸν Ἰωάννου μαχαίρα. Καὶ ἰδὼν ὅτι ἀρεστόν ἐστιν τοῖς Ἰουδαίοις, προσέθετο συλλαβεῖν καὶ Πέτρον - ἦσαν δὲ αἱ ἡμέραι τῶν ἀζύμων - ὃν καὶ πιάσας ἔθετο εἰς φυλακὴν, παραδοὺς τέσσαρσιν τετραδίοις στρατιωτῶν φυλάσσειν αὐτόν, βουλόμενος μετὰ τὸ Πάσχα ἀναγαγεῖν αὐτὸν τῷ λαῷ. Ὁ μὲν οὖν Πέτρος ἐτηρεῖτο ἐν τῇ φυλακῇ· προσευχὴ δὲ ἦν ἐκτενὴς γινομένη ὑπὸ τῆς ἐκκλησίας πρὸς τὸν θεὸν ὑπὲρ αὐτοῦ. Ὅτε δὲ ἔμελλεν αὐτὸν προάγειν ὁ Ἡρώδης, τῇ νυκτὶ ἐκείνῃ ἦν ὁ Πέτρος κοιμώμενος μεταξὺ δύο στρατιωτῶν, δεδεμένος ἀλύσειν δυσὶν· φύλακές τε πρὸ τῆς θύρας ἐτήρουν τὴν φυλακὴν. Καὶ ἰδοῦ, ἄγγελος κυρίου ἐπέστη, καὶ φῶς ἔλαμψεν ἐν τῷ οἰκήματι· πατάζας δὲ τὴν πλευρὰν τοῦ Πέτρου, ἤγειρεν αὐτὸν λέγων, Ἀνάστα ἐν τάχει. Καὶ ἐξέπεσον αὐτοῦ αἱ ἀλύσεις ἐκ τῶν χειρῶν. Εἶπέν τε ὁ ἄγγελος πρὸς αὐτόν, Περιίωσαι καὶ ὑπόδησαι τὰ σανδάλιά σου. Ἐποίησεν δὲ οὕτως. Καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ, Περιβαλοῦ τὸ ἱμάτιόν σου, καὶ ἀκολούθει μοι. Καὶ ἐξελθὼν ἠκολούθει αὐτῷ· καὶ οὐκ ᾔδει ὅτι ἀληθὲς ἐστὶν τὸ γινόμενον διὰ τοῦ ἀγγέλου, ἐδόκει δὲ ὄραμα βλέπειν. Διελθόντες δὲ πρώτην φυλακὴν καὶ δευτέραν, ἦλθον ἐπὶ τὴν πύλην τὴν σιδηρᾶν, τὴν φέρουσιν εἰς τὴν πόλιν, ἣτις αὐτομάτῃ ἠνοίχθη αὐτοῖς· καὶ ἐξελθόντες προῆλθον ῥύμην μίαν, καὶ εὐθέως ἀπέστη ὁ ἄγγελος ἀπ' αὐτοῦ. Καὶ ὁ Πέτρος, γενόμενος ἐν ἑαυτῷ, εἶπεν, ὃν οἶδα ἀληθῶς ὅτι ἐξαπέστειλεν κύριος τὸν ἄγγελον αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐξείλετό με ἐκ χειρὸς Ἡρώδου καὶ πάσης τῆς προσδοκίας τοῦ λαοῦ τῶν Ἰουδαίων.

Thomas Sunday

The Gospel According to John 20:19-31



On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them: "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him: "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them: "Unless I see

in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe."

Eight days later, His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said: "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to Him: "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ἰωάννην 20:19-31 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Οὔσης οὖν ὀψίας τῇ ἡμέρᾳ ἐκείνῃ τῇ μιᾷ τῶν σαββάτων, καὶ τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων ὅπου ἦσαν οἱ μαθηταὶ συνηγμένοι διὰ τὸν φόβον τῶν Ἰουδαίων, ἦλθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς καὶ ἔστη εἰς τὸ μέσον, καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· εἰρήνη ὑμῖν. καὶ τοῦτο εἰπὼν ἔδειξεν αὐτοῖς τὰς χεῖρας καὶ τὴν πλευρὰν αὐτοῦ. ἐχάρησαν οὖν οἱ μαθηταὶ ἰδόντες τὸν Κύριον. εἶπεν οὖν αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς πάλιν· εἰρήνη ὑμῖν. καθὼς ἀπέσταλκέ με ὁ πατήρ, καὶ ἐγὼ πέμπω ὑμᾶς. καὶ τοῦτο εἰπὼν ἐνεφύσησε καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· λάβετε Πνεῦμα Ἅγιον· ἃν τινῶν ἀφήτε τὰς ἁμαρτίας, ἀφίενται αὐτοῖς, ἃν τινῶν κρατῆτε, κεκράτηνται.



Θωμᾶς δὲ εἷς ἐκ τῶν δώδεκα, ὁ λεγόμενος Δίδυμος, οὐκ ἦν μετ' αὐτῶν ὅτε ἦλθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς. ἔλεγον οὖν αὐτῷ οἱ ἄλλοι μαθηταί· ἐώρακαμεν τὸν Κύριον. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· ἐὰν μὴ ἴδω ἐν ταῖς χερσίν αὐτοῦ τὸν τύπον τῶν ἥλων, καὶ βάλω τὸν δάκτυλόν μου εἰς τὸν τύπον τῶν ἥλων, καὶ βάλω τὴν χεῖρά μου εἰς τὴν πλευρὰν αὐτοῦ, οὐ μὴ πιστεύσω. Καὶ μεθ' ἡμέρας ὀκτὼ πάλιν ἦσαν ἔσω οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ καὶ Θωμᾶς μετ' αὐτῶν. ἔρχεται ὁ Ἰησοῦς τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων, καὶ ἔστη εἰς τὸ μέσον καὶ εἶπεν· εἰρήνη ὑμῖν. εἶτα λέγει τῷ Θωμᾷ· φέρε τὸν δάκτυλόν σου ἃδε καὶ ἴδε τὰς χεῖράς μου, καὶ φέρε τὴν χεῖρά σου καὶ βάλε εἰς τὴν πλευρὰν μου, καὶ μὴ γίνου ἄπιστος, ἀλλὰ πιστός. καὶ ἀπεκρίθη Θωμᾶς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ὁ Κύριός μου καὶ ὁ Θεός μου. λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· ὅτι ἐώρακάς με, πεπίστευκας· μακάριοι οἱ μὴ ἰδόντες καὶ πιστεύσαντες. Πολλὰ μὲν οὖν καὶ ἄλλα σημεῖα ἐποίησεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐνώπιον τῶν μαθητῶν αὐτοῦ, ἃ οὐκ ἔστι γεγραμμένα ἐν τῷ βιβλίῳ τούτῳ· ταῦτα δὲ γέγραπται ἵνα πιστεύσητε ὅτι Ἰησοῦς ἐστὶν ὁ Χριστὸς ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, καὶ ἵνα πιστεύοντες ζωὴν ἔχητε ἐν τῷ ὀνόματι αὐτοῦ.

George the Great Martyr and Triumphant - April 23



George, this truly great and glorious Martyr of Christ, was born of a father from Cappadocia and a mother from Palestine. Being a military tribune, or chiliarch (that is, a commander of a thousand troops), he was illustrious in battle and highly honoured for his courage. When he learned that the Emperor Diocletian was preparing a persecution of the Christians, Saint George presented himself publicly before the Emperor and denounced him. When threats and promises could not move him from his steadfast confession, he was put to unheard-of tortures, which he endured with great bravery, overcoming them by his faith and love towards Christ. By the wondrous signs that took place in his contest, he guided many to the knowledge of the truth, including Queen Alexandra, wife of Diocletian, and was finally beheaded in 296 in Nicomedia.

His sacred remains were taken by his servant from Nicomedia to Palestine, to a town called

Lydda, the homeland of his mother, and then were finally transferred to the church which was raised up in his name. (The translation of the Saint's holy relics to the church in Lydda is commemorated on November 3; Saint Alexandra the Queen, on April 21.)

Γεώργιος Μεγαλομάρτυρας - Απριλίου 23

Γεννήθηκε μεταξύ των ετών 280-285 μ.Χ., πιθανώς στην περιοχή της Αρμενίας, από τον Έλληνα Συγκλητικό, στρατηλάτη στο αξίωμα, κατά τους χρόνους του αυτοκράτορα Διοκλητιανού, Γερόντιο. Εκεί, σε ένα μοναστήρι της περιοχής, ο Άγιος δέχθηκε το Μυστήριο του Βαπτίσματος και έγινε μέλος της Εκκλησίας. Ο πατέρας του Αγίου, Γερόντιος, καταγόταν από πλούσια και επίσημη γενιά της Καππαδοκίας. Η σύζυγός του ονομαζόταν Πολυχρονία, ήταν χριστιανή και καταγόταν από το γνωστό Λύδδα (Διάσπολη) της Παλαιστίνης.

Σε νεαρή ηλικία ο Γεώργιος κατατάχθηκε στο ρωμαϊκό στρατό. Διακρίθηκε για την τόλμη και τον ηρωισμό του και έλαβε το αξίωμα του Τριβούνου. Το 303 μ.Χ., όταν άρχισαν οι διωγμοί του Διοκλητιανού, ο Άγιος Γεώργιος δε δίστασε να ομολογήσει τη χριστιανική του πίστη, προκαλώντας το μένος του Διοκλητιανού, ο οποίος τον υπέβαλε σε σειρά βασανιστηρίων. Ο Διοκλητιανός δεν το περίμενε και έφριξε με τη στάση του Γεωργίου. Τότε άρχισε για τον Άγιο μια σειρά φρικτών βασανιστηρίων, αλλά και θαυμάτων, που έφεραν πολλούς ειδωλολάτρες στη χριστιανική πίστη. Ο Άγιος μαρτύρησε προσευχόμενος, απετημήθη την κεφαλήν, την Παρασκευή 23 Απριλίου του έτους 303 μ.Χ. Κατά δε τον υπολογισμό του ιστορικού Ευσεβίου, και σύμφωνα με το μακεδονικό ημερολόγιο, αντιστοιχούσε στην Παρασκευή της Διακαινησίμου του Πάσχα.



Good morning to All!

Christos Anesti! We are having our Annual Easter Egg Hunt for our Sunday School after church this Sunday, April 23rd! Please join us at church for the Sunday of Thomas, and after, we will all participate in our Easter Egg Hunt activity! The plastic eggs are filled with candy, toys, and stickers for the kids. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

**Blessings,
Michelle Claypoole**



Christos Anesti!

I hope everyone enjoyed a blessed and joyful Easter!

Just a reminder that we have a Philoptochos General Membership Meeting this Sunday, April 23 following Church, in the conference room. We will be assembling 100 IOCC Health Kits. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Yours in Christ

Catherine Mariakakis - Chapter President

PROJECTS TO DATE:

2016

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| January 16 | Evening of Music |
| January 30 | Spaghetti Event |
| February 20 | Gyro Event |
| June 4-5 | Greek Festival |
| July 23 | Gyro Event |
| September 24 | Evening of Jazz |
| October 8 | Greek Style Chicken Dinner & Pastry |
| November 18-19 | Athenian Grill and Pastry |
| December 2 | Christmas Concert |
| December 10 | Holiday Greek Pastries |

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| May 6-7 | Greek Festival |
| June 17 | Gyro Feast |
| October 7 | Chicken Dinner |
| November 17 | Athenian Grill & Pastry Sale |



ATTENTION SAINT BARBARA PARISH! Celebrate with your Church Family your next special occasion! Consider sponsoring a coffee hour in the social hall after Liturgy on Sundays to commemorate a birthday, graduation, nameday, anniversary, or even for the pleasure of just hosting for your Parish.

Signing up is easy....just place your name on the 'signup coffee hour' sheet located on the table in the hallway nearest the social hall. For details or questions, contact Helen Paliouras at: [919-942-4229](tel:919-942-4229) or elenipali@att.net

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If your children are interested in dancing at this year's festival and have not already registered please contact Keith and Alexia Rheinhardt (keithalexia@gmail.com or [919-435-6689](tel:919-435-6689)). We welcome experienced and new dancers ages 5 and up.

With the exception of the final dress rehearsal, practices will be after Sunday school and will last no longer than one hour.

The main responsibility for the families is to bring their children to all the practices, be available for both days of the festival and to let the instructors know of any scheduling conflicts that cannot be avoided.

This is a great opportunity for the kids to join in fellowship, keep the greek dance tradition alive and have fun!

Dance Practice & Festival Performance Schedule

February	March	April	May
Sunday, February 12	Sunday, March 5	Sunday, April 2	Friday, May 5 - "Dress Rehearsal"
Sunday, February 19	Sunday, March 12	Sunday, April 23	Saturday, May 6 - Festival Performances
Sunday, February 26	Sunday, March 19	Sunday, April 30	Sunday, May 7 - Festival Performances
	Sunday, March 26		

Keith and Alexia Rheinhardt

PREPARING Kourambiethes for GREEK FESTIVAL

Kourambiethes



Thursday, April 27, 2017.

First Shift: 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Shape and bake the kourambiethes

Second Shift: 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Bake and pack the kourambiethes

If you can stay for both shifts on either day, please let us know.

Joan Marinos – joanmarinos@yahoo.com

Catherine Mariakakis – mariakakis@frontier.com

Congratulating Our 2017 Saint Barbara Archangel Michael Recipients



EVELYN PANOS:

Mrs. Evelyn Panos is a person deeply devoted to her Christian Orthodox Faith and the Church, and she displays an abundance of energy and willingness to be of assistance to the Parish in a variety of ways. She is a leader in fundraising for the benefit of the Church and its Ministries; she volunteers one day per week to staff the Parish office; she is involved in our local Philoptochos chapter; she has served as a Co-Chair of the Stewardship Committee at St. Barbara; and she was recently elected for service to the Parish Council.

LOU CONSTANTINOU:

Ms. Lou Constantinou has been a parishioner of St. Barbara for many years, and she is a very devout Orthodox Christian. She has served her Church in many capacities: Several times as a Parish Council member and as an officer of the Parish Council; most recently, Lou served as Vice-President, and she continues to remain on the Council; Her work in Community Outreach, and her involvement in substantial fundraising projects has been a year-around activity for the benefit of her Church and to the glory of God. She has been in her younger days a very outstanding voice of our Church Choir, and also a person caring for the social welfare of the elderly in our Parish.

St. Barbara 2017 Greek Festival May 6 and 7 11:00 am - 8:00 pm

Updated April 19, 2017

Our Greek Festival is a ministry of the church, providing an opportunity to open our church to the Triangle communities to learn about our faith and heritage. A portion of our festival's net profit is donated to The Durham Rescue Mission, a faith-based charitable organization helping the disadvantaged. Please consider how you can best serve our church. Would you prefer interacting with the public or working behind the scenes? Can you stand in one spot for a four hour shift, or do you prefer to move around? Do you have cooking skills? Can you work a cash register? Can you direct cars in the parking lots or clean tables? EACH of these are IMPORTANT jobs contributing the success of our festival. How can you best serve our Festival guests? *Based on your strengths, please contact the lead person in charge of the Work Station where you wish to serve. (These contacts will determine the number of workers needed and the length of shifts for their specific section)>*

WORK STATION:

Logistics

Children Activities

Street signs

Set Up (Friday 9:00-5:00)

Youth Dance Troupe

Taverna

Kefenion

Baklava Sundaes

Loucoumades Booth

Pastry Booth

Lamb Souvla

Foodservice

Kitchen prep

Grill Workers

Food Line Cashiers

Table Cleaning

Parking Lot attendants

Break Down (Sunday 8-10)

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Johnny Mariakakis

Keith & Alexia Rheinhardt

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Evy Glekas

Gina Varelas & Anne Densos

Crist Frangakis

Joan Marinos

Amanda & Kostas Theodosiadis

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Note> Our festival has been shortened by one hour per day (8:00 PM closing) and scheduled one month earlier > May instead of June (cooler weather).

Raffle tickets> Pick up your raffle tickets to sell to friends, neighbors, and coworkers.

\$ 5.00 each, 5 for \$ 20.00 / Cash prizes of \$ 250.00, \$ 500.00, and \$ 1,000.00.

Contact Pete Marinos > pnm1@yahoo.com

Take flyers to post at your workplace, office, club house, or business.

Contact Johnny Mariakakis > mariakakis@att.net

If you are not able to serve> Consider making a donation to cover festival expenses.

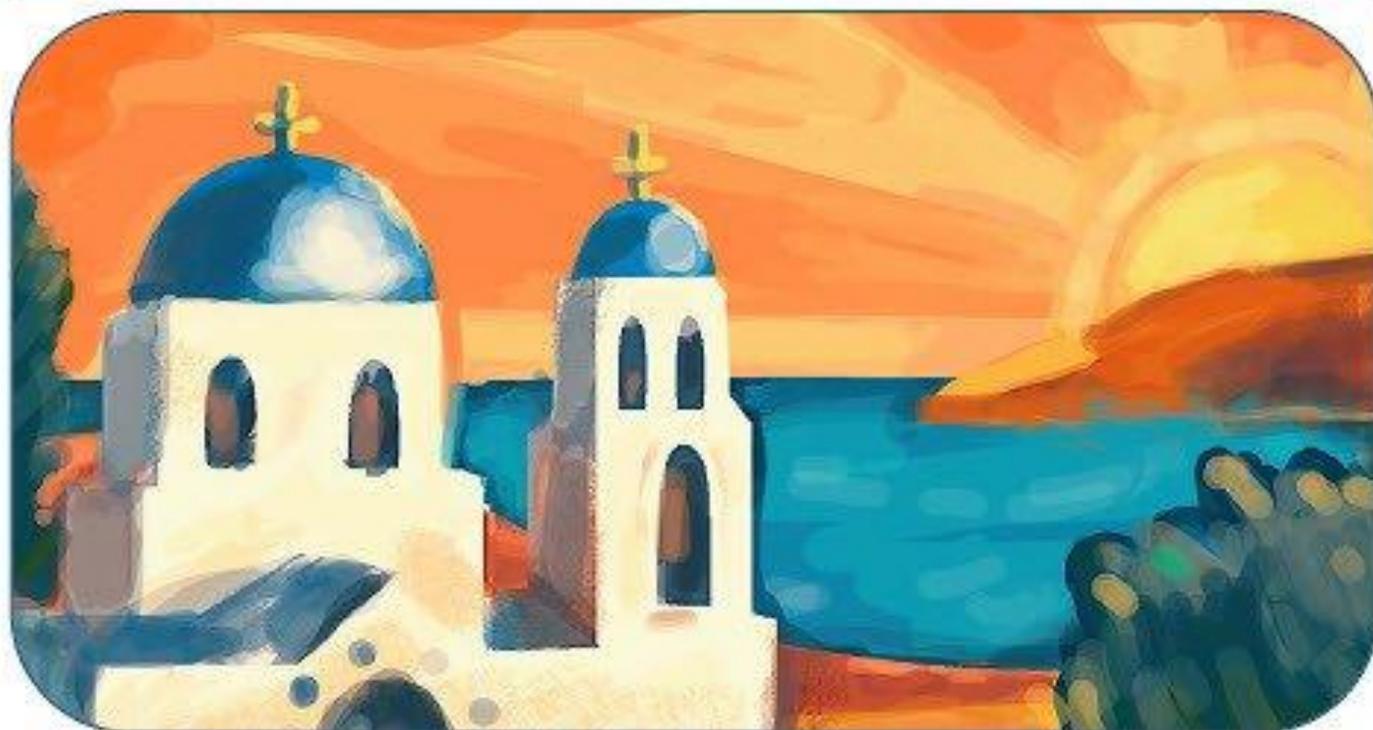
\$ 20.00 covers a 20 lb. tub of yogurt to make tzatziki; \$ 50.00 covers a 5 gallon tub of feta or olives;

\$100.00 covers a case of gyro meat, \$1,300 covers the dance floor rental.

Contact Daniel Przybyl, Treasurer > ddprzybyl@gmail.com

GREEK FESTIVAL

SAT. MAY 6 & SUN. MAY 7, 2017 11 AM - 8 PM



ST. BARBARA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Greek Taverna

Continuous Greek Music

Folk Dance Performances

Church Tours

Marketplace Featuring:

Greek Grocery & Café

Artwork, Crafts & Fashions

Jewelry, Souvenirs & Books

Silent Art Auction

Portion of proceeds to benefit the Durham Rescue Mission

Info: 919-484-1600

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