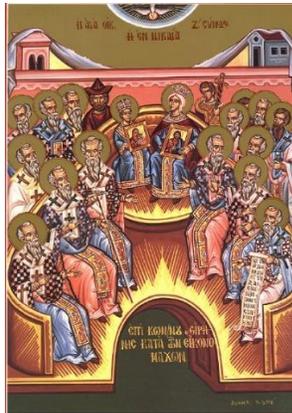




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News & Announcements
October 14, 2018

Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council
Κυριακή των Πατέρων της 7ης Οικουμενικής Συνόδου



- Nazarius, Gervasius, Protasius, & Celsus of Milan 10/14/2018
 - Cosmas the Hagiopolite 10/14/2018
- Praised Ignatius, Archbishop of Methymna 10/14/2018
 - Righteous Paraskeve of Serbia 10/14/2018

NEWCOMERS AND VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Sunday Worship Schedule: Matins 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

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.

The Sunday Epistle Reading

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.

Verse: For you are just in all you have done.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15



Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Κύριε, ὁ Θεὸς τῶν Πατέρων ἡμῶν.

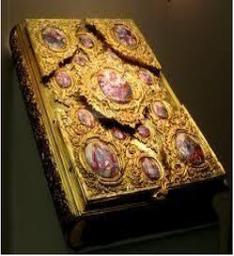
Στίχ. Ὅτι δίκαιος εἶ ἐπὶ πᾶσιν, οἷς ἐποίησας ἡμῖν.

Πρὸς Τίτον Αποστολου Παυλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα (εἶναι ἀπο 3:8-15)

Πιστὸς ὁ λόγος, καὶ περὶ τούτων βούλομαί σε διαβεβαιοῦσθαι, ἵνα φροντίζωσιν καλῶν ἔργων προϊστασθαι οἱ πεπιστευκότες θεῶ. ταῦτά ἐστιν καλὰ καὶ ὠφέλιμα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις· μωρὰς δὲ ζητήσεις καὶ γενεαλογίας καὶ ἔριν καὶ μάχας νομικὰς περιῖστασο, εἰσὶν γὰρ ἀνωφελεῖς καὶ μάταιοι. αἰρετικὸν ἄνθρωπον μετὰ μίαν καὶ δευτέραν νουθεσίαν παραιτοῦ, εἰδὼς ὅτι ἐξέστραπται ὁ τοιοῦτος καὶ ἀμαρτάνει, ὢν αὐτοκατάκριτος. Ὅταν πέμψω Ἀρτεμᾶν πρὸς σὲ ἢ Τυχικόν, σπούδασον ἐλθεῖν πρὸς με εἰς Νικόπολιν, ἐκεῖ γὰρ κέκρικα παραχειμάσαι. Ζηνᾶν τὸν νομικὸν καὶ Ἀπολλῶν σπουδαίως πρόπεμψον, ἵνα μηδὲν αὐτοῖς λείπη. μανθανέτωσαν δὲ καὶ οἱ ἡμέτεροι καλῶν ἔργων προϊστασθαι εἰς τὰς ἀναγκαίας χρείας, ἵνα μὴ ὦσιν ἄκαρποι. Ἀσπάζονται σε οἱ μετ' ἐμοῦ πάντες. Ἄσπασαι τοὺς φιλοῦντας ἡμᾶς ἐν πίστει. ἡ χάρις μετὰ πάντων ὑμῶν.

The Sunday Gospel Reading

The Gospel According to Luke 8:5-15



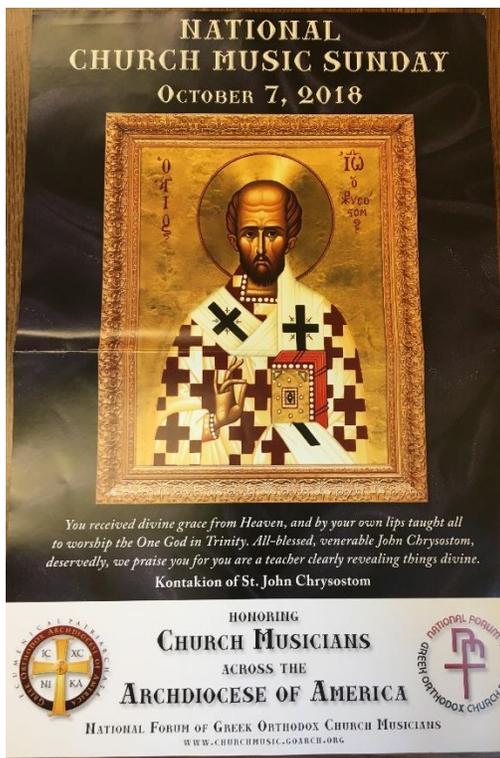
The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but

for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν Ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα (8:5-15)

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἐξῆλθεν ὁ σπείρων τοῦ σπείραι τὸν σπόρον αὐτοῦ. καὶ ἐν τῷ σπείρειν αὐτὸν ὁ μὲν ἔπεσε παρὰ τὴν ὁδόν, καὶ κατεπατήθη, καὶ τὰ πετεινὰ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ κατέφαγεν αὐτό· καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν ἐπὶ τὴν πέτραν, καὶ φυνὲν ἐξηράνθη διὰ τὸ μὴ ἔχειν ἰκμάδα· καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν ἐν μέσῳ τῶν ἀκανθῶν, καὶ συμφυεῖσαι αἱ ἄκανθαι ἀπέπνιζαν αὐτό. καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν εἰς τὴν γῆν τὴν ἀγαθὴν, καὶ φυνὲν ἐποίησε καρπὸν κατονταπλασίονα. ταῦτα λέγων ἐφώνει· ὁ ἔχων ὄτια ἀκούειν ἀκουέτω. Ἐπηρώτων δὲ αὐτὸν οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ λέγοντες· τίς εἶη ἡ παραβολὴ αὕτη; ὁ δὲ εἶπεν· ὑμῖν δέδοται γινῶναι τὰ μυστήρια τῆς βασιλείας τοῦ Θεοῦ, τοῖς δὲ λοιποῖς ἐν παραβολαῖς, ἵνα βλέποντες μὴ βλέπωσι καὶ ἀκούοντες μὴ συνιῶσιν. ἔστι δὲ αὕτη ἡ παραβολή· ὁ σπόρος ἐστὶν ὁ λόγος τοῦ Θεοῦ· οἱ δὲ παρὰ τὴν ὁδὸν εἰσιν οἱ ἀκούσαντες, εἶτα ἔρχεται ὁ διάβολος καὶ αἶρει τὸν λόγον ἀπὸ τῆς καρδίας αὐτῶν, ἵνα μὴ πιστεύσαντες σωθῶσιν. οἱ δὲ ἐπὶ τῆς πέτρας οἱ ὅταν ἀκούσωσι, μετὰ χαρᾶς δέχονται τὸν λόγον, καὶ οὗτοι ρίζαν οὐκ ἔχουσιν, οἱ πρὸς καιρὸν πιστεύουσι καὶ ἐν καιρῷ πειρασμοῦ ἀφίστανται. τὸ δὲ εἰς τὰς ἀκάνθας πεσόν, οὗτοί εἰσιν οἱ ἀκούσαντες, καὶ ὑπὸ μεριμνῶν καὶ πλοῦτου καὶ ἡδονῶν τοῦ βίου πορευόμενοι συμπνίγονται καὶ οὐ τελεσφοροῦσι. τὸ δὲ ἐν τῇ καλῇ γῇ, οὗτοί εἰσιν οἵτινες ἐν καρδίᾳ καλῇ καὶ ἀγαθῇ ἀκούσαντες τὸν λόγον κατέχουσι καὶ καρποφοροῦσιν ἐν ὑπομονῇ. ταῦτα λέγων ἐφώνει· ὁ ἔχων ὄτια ἀκούειν ἀκουέτω.

Today is National Church Music Sunday



Each year, on the first Sunday in October (on or after the Feast of St. Romanos the Melodist, the patron saint of church musicians), parishes across the Archdiocese of America celebrate **NATIONAL CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY**. This commemoration was inaugurated by His Eminence, Archbishop Iakovos of North and South America in 1982, and has been re-affirmed by His Eminence, Archbishop Demetrios of America.

NATIONAL CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY is a day we set aside particularly to honor the contributions of local choir members, psaltai, and music educators who serve their churches through the hymnology of our Orthodox Church. In addition, it is a day when we recognize the work of the diocesan choir federations as well as the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians, who through their music ministry, strive to enhance the development of church choirs, church musicians, and liturgical music at diocesan and archdiocesan levels.

To these ends, the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians encourages local parishes to use **NATIONAL CHURCH MUSIC**

SUNDAY to recognize the contributions of church musicians at three levels each year:

- To fully experience this Special Sunday Parishioners are asked to come to Church by 9:45 to hear the "Great Doxology", and our youth Choir during the Divine Liturgy. The antiphonal nature of the adult and youth choir can only be experienced by your presence in Church for this Special Service on Choir Sunday.
- To honor your **LOCAL CHURCH MUSICIANS**: our choir directors **Donna Trohanis, Costa Constantinou, Eleni Christakos and Catherine Mariakakis** and choir members, your chanters **Pete Marinos, Panagioti Mavroidis, and Nicholas Georgiou**, and organist **Bessie Chronaki** church musicians for their service to the parish;
- To reaffirm your support of your **METROPOLIS CHOIR FEDERATION** and participate in its activities; and
- To support your national church ministry, the work of the **NATIONAL FORUM OF GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH MUSICIANS** by becoming a **Steward of the National Forum** and making a contribution to its Annual Church Music Fund Drive held during October.

The official arm of our Archdiocese responsible for liturgical music activities and the development, education, and support of church musicians is the **National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians**. Chartered in 1976 as an official auxiliary of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, the National Forum serves as the liaison among local church musicians, the Metropolis Church Music

Federations, and our Archdiocese. The National Forum also serves as the gathering place for church musicians to discuss issues related to liturgical music and to formulate needed responses. The National Forum has four major areas of focus: • Support for CHOIRS, providing resources and activities to improve the quality of choirs and the availability of choral music in the church • Support for CHANTERS and the preservation of BYZANTINE CHANT • Support for YOUTH CHURCH MUSIC PROGRAMS, including hymnology and junior choirs • Support for CLERGY, including parish music ministries, and support for clergy On this day, your support of this dedicated organization is encouraged.

Saint Romanos the Melodist Patron Saint of Church Music



The hymnologists of the Orthodox Church are Christians of virtue and great faith, having been endowed with musical talent as well as the power of religious inspiration. Their creations have enriched our worship services and have helped turn our souls towards God. Perhaps the greatest of all hymnologists is **St. Romanos the Melodist**. Many other hymnologists had written ecclesiastical hymns, but none of them inspired the Christians as much as St. Romanos.

Romanos was a Syrian Christian who lived in the beginning of the 6th century. A convert to Orthodoxy from Judaism, he was ordained a deacon and served in the Church of Beirut. His talent was great. Unlike others, he wrote his hymns in simple language and produced a pleasant meter in the verse by the way he accented words. The hymns he composed appealed to the hearts of the people, and are still sung today. Romanos has been called "Sweet Singer" (*Glykophonos*), "Melodist" (*Melodhos*), and "Righteous Chanter" (*Psaltis Dhikeosinis*).

Romanos wrote hundreds of hymns celebrating the mystery of the Incarnation, the Crucifixion, the Resurrection, and the living of a Christian life. One of his most famous compositions is the hymn celebrating the Nativity of our Lord, "Today the Virgin gives birth to One who is above all living things..." (*I Parthenos Simeron*). St. Romanos is also said to have composed the Akathist Hymn, a *kontakion* which we still chant during the *Heretismois* services during Great Lent.

Romanos died on October 1st in 510 AD. He was a productive genius and artist, writing and accenting thousands of kontakia. He has been called the patron saint of all who sing for the Church. Others say he is the leader in the world of religious hymnology. Surely, he has made a profound contribution to divine worship and deserves to be recognized by all who sing and by all who listen to the hymnology of our services.

Welcome Community Midrasha

Community Midrasha teachers and 8th-12th grade teens are creative go-getters, perpetual learners, powerful allies, and totally Jew-ish, in all senses of the word. The Community Midrasha program strives to engage teens in Jewish culture, history, and religion, inspiring them to foster their lifelong commitments to learning Jewishly. But this definitely isn't your Bubbe's Hebrew School. At Community Midrasha, teens explore both our world and Torah. Together, they work to see how they fit in it all and how the world and Judaism fit them. Every body is welcome here, regardless of synagogue affiliation or prior religious education. All who want to live and learn Jewishly are welcome under the Community Midrasha tent.

The Community Midrasha Program is the only one of its kind in the Durham-Chapel Hill area, giving a forum for Triangle teens to inspire, create, innovate, engage, inquire, and connect through a Jewish lens. Our class offerings have evolved with our teens and their parents over the years, standing firmly in a thorough and honest presentation of Judaism, while also meeting current events, society, and ethics head-on, giving our students a safe place in which to ask tough questions and find out what it means to be Jewish. Our media include art, ethics, history, law, sports, martial arts, and even comedy. At Community Midrasha, we encourage our teens to think outside of the box and always for themselves

My name is Nikki Michaelson, the new Community Midrasha and Teen Program Manager for the Jewish Federation of Durham-Chapel Hill, taking over for Jen Adler. I am so excited to step into the role and meet other religious educators in the area. For over the last decade, Community Midrasha has, in some form, enjoyed a partnership with you and other houses of worship in the Triangle.

SAVE THE DATE GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOVEMBER 4TH

October Religious Calendar

14 - Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council - 9 am

18 - Thursday - Luke the Evangelist - 9 am

21 - 6th Sunday of Luke - 9 am

26 - Friday - St. Demetrios - 9 am

28 - 7th Sunday of Luke - 9 am

October Philoptochos Calendar

Tuesday, October 16: Board Meeting 6:30 pm

October 20: Fellowship at Bean Traders 10:00 am

Sunday, October 21: General Philoptochos Meeting after Church



ORTHODOX CATECHISM PROJECT



ORTHODOXY 101 – Wednesday Evening Classes

Instructor: Fr. Stavroforos Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Saint Barbara Church Conference Room

Introduction to Orthodoxy 1: Introduction and Church Tour - Oct. 3

This first lesson of the Introduction to Orthodoxy Series discusses briefly what it means to be Orthodox and includes a tour of an Orthodox Church.

[Read More About Introduction to Orthodoxy 1: Introduction and Church Tour »](#)

Introduction to Orthodoxy 2: The History of the Orthodox Church – Oct. 10

This lesson discusses the history of the Orthodox Church, the schism of 1054, the Church of Rome, Ecumenical Councils, our Creed and filioque.

[Read More About Introduction to Orthodoxy 2: The History of the Orthodox Church »](#)

Introduction to Orthodoxy 3: Jesus Christ – Oct. 17

Who is Jesus Christ? This lesson speaks to the Incarnation, the Resurrection, the meaning of "Jesus Christ," and Christ as our Savior from sin.

[Read More About Introduction to Orthodoxy 3: Jesus Christ »](#)

Introduction to Orthodoxy 4: The Holy Trinity – Oct. 24

In the Trinity's name we are brought into the Church, baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy spirit, through and in the Trinity we pray, we affirm that it is the Trinity...

[Read More About Introduction to Orthodoxy 4: The Holy Trinity »](#)

Introduction to Orthodoxy 5: Salvation – Oct. 31

Repentance is our gateway to the Kingdom. This lesson discusses the idea that through good works, we can work toward our salvation.

[Read More About Introduction to Orthodoxy 5: Salvation »](#)

***Send Fr. Stavroforos
an Email to Join the Class***

fatherstavroforos2012@gmail.com

Simple Stewardship Considerations for St Barbara

Father Stavroforos has set a goal of 160 Stewardship Families for calendar year 2018. As of now we have 136 Stewardship Families which is 85% of the goal. (Note: Stewardship operates on a calendar year basis and not on a rolling 12-month cycle. We need everyone's contribution to meet our bills.)

We are in the final quarter of the year and we need everyone's support to reach and exceed the goal. Please sign up now if you haven't and encourage your family and friends to join us as well.

St Paul in His Second Letter to the Corinthians (9:6-11) wrote *"Bretheren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ... for God loves a cheerful giver. ... You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God."*

Here are some interesting facts to also consider.

DID YOU KNOW

1. Did you know it costs about \$860 per day to operate St Barbara based on our \$314,000 2018 budget? The Mortgage and any capital expenditures are extra. The 2018 Building Fund budget of \$165,160 is about \$425 per day.
2. Did you know it costs about \$1925 per Steward Family to operate St Barbara based on the total \$314,000 2018 budget and the 160 Stewards goal? The Mortgage and any capital expenditures are extra. The 2018 Building Fund budget of \$165,160 is about \$1050 per steward.
3. Did you know we've had to divert the Festival proceeds to meet operating expenses? They could be best used to meet our mortgage.
4. Did you know we need a minimum of \$1,100 per stewardship family to meet the net budgeted 2018 Stewardship fund raising budget goal of \$176,000?
5. Did you know that the average pledge plus non-pledged stewardship contributions in 2018 to date is around \$800+ per stewardship family? This is more than a \$300 per Stewardship Family shortfall.
6. Did you know that the average Stewardship / pledge contribution is about 1% (one per cent) of estimated St Barbara's Stewards' Family income? This compares with the 10% of your income that the Bible suggests we should be giving.
7. Did you know that if EVERYONE raised their 2018 Stewardship contribution to 2% or more of their income we could meet the 2018 operating budget? Many Stewards already do, where are you?
8. Did you know that we could be very close to meeting ALL our operating and mortgage needs if we ALL gave at least 3+% each of our income to support our Church and its ministries?
9. Did you know we have no deep pocket Parishioners who fund any budget shortfall?
10. Did you know we DO NOT get any funds from the Archdiocese, Metropolis or government entity (as in Greece)? If fact, we are assessed approximately \$20,000 per year to support the Archdiocese.

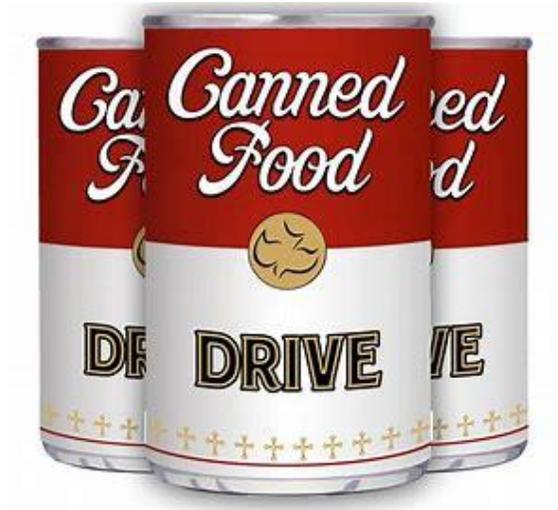
THANK YOU

2018 Stewards through October 8, 2018

Our 2018 Stewardship Drive continues. At this point we have 137 Stewards or 86% of the goal. Thank you to all who have pledged and contributed. Are you included as a Steward? Please give thoughtful and prayerful consideration to completing and returning your Stewardship Fund form as soon as possible. Also can you please increase your contribution. Stewardship is the primary funding source of our operating obligations and Church's Ministries. Your Church needs your support.

THANK YOU.

John & Elly Akerly	Sharan Dababnah	Andrew Kuyper	Angelia Quint
Susan Alexander	Anna & Phillip D'alessandro	Lee & Pauline Kuyper	Keith & Alexia Rheinhardt
Alec & Francis Alexiades	John & Ana Dates	Thalia Lyras	Al & Christine Safarikas
Matthew and Vickie Amos	Gus & Vanessa Demetriades	Father Stavroforos Mamaies	Peter Saloupas
Alexander & Laurel Arapoglou	Anne Dennos	Daniel & Hrisavgi Mangum	Monica & Sergey Samoilenko
Marina Arvanitis	George & Patricia Dennos	Johnny & Catherine Mariakakis	Matt & Marika Stavrakakis
William Athas	Dobrinka Dimitrova	Dr. Peter & Joan Marinos	Epiphany Stephens
Basile & Mary Bakis	Betty Bouchlas Dorton	Vasilios Maroulas	Hon. Ron & Vicky Stephens
George & Marie Bakis	Brian & Maria Easton	Panagiotis & Dimitra Mavridis	Andrea Stoney
Nicholas & Eugenia Balafas	Elena A. Dufault	John F. & MaryJon McWhirter	William & Jennifer Sullivan
Effie Barbee	Nataliya Federovska	Rod & Katharine Meadows	Marian Sunas
Lance & Maria Barton	Laurice Ferris	John & Dawn Mehalek	Senait K Tesfatsion
Thalia Becak	Fitzherbert Family	Nicholas A. Mermigas	Rebecca Theophanous
Tamar Beridze	Daniel Florean	Hind Muallem	Tony Thompson
John Biggs & Diana Dobrica	Crist & Maria Frangakis	David & Courtney Napier	Olga Thuer
Agape Blackley	Peter Gerondelis	Billy & Julie Naylor Nolas	Donna Trohanis
Barbara Bonfiglio	Socratis & Aliko Gerondelis	Larry & Hope Odzak	Suzanne & Naki Tryphonos
Marilyn Boska	George and Amy Glekas	Richard Oladipo	Dr. Dimitrios Varelas
Nick Bourbous	Jim & Evy Glekas	Cindy Paliouras	Georgina Varelas
Connie Bush	Christopher Goodwin	Jim & Helen Paliouras	John Varelas
Katherine M Callahan	Leonard & Elaine Goodwin	John & Dena Paliouras	Demetra Vlachos
Manuel & Carole Capsalis	James B. Harr, III	Nicholas Paliouras	Helen Vurnakes
Andrew & Cheryl Christakos	Chris Hermanson	Peter & Evelyn Panos	James & Frances Vurnakes
Dr. Arthur Christakos	Paul Kacoyanis	Yuri & Elena Panov	Alexa Waters
Eleni Christakos	Ed and Eve Kantner Jr.	Kleanthis & Angelika Papanikas	Shadi & Marija Wehbe
Lia Christakos	Antonios & Claire Karamalegos	Matina Papazoglou	Preston & Catherine Wilson
George & Deborah Christie	Wendy Katsigianis	Katherine Pappas	Diane Winans
Dr. Bessie Chronaki	Andrew R. Kaufman	Dr. Ted & Theky Pappas	Robert & Roberta Wippich
Chris & Michele Claypoole	Burt & Glenna Keener	Kendal Parker	Grace Witham & Nick Brantley
Erie Cocolas	Dr. Kenneth & Karen Korach	George Pashales	Jonathan & Maria Wood
Catherine Constantinou & Wes Platt	Christi Kleoudis	John & Leticia Petropoulos	Betsy Xenakis
Costa Constatinou	Andrew & Summer Kinard	Joseph Podgurski	Dino & Kerri Zaferatos
Lou Constantinou	Dr. Chris & Demetra Kontos	Daniel & Lori Przybyl	Christina Zehia
Dean Costas & Meg Poe	Helen D. Koutouzakis	Olgha Qaqish	Anthony & Evelyn Zehia



Durham Rescue Mission Canned Food Drive

This year the Durham Rescue Mission has seen an overwhelming amount of client intakes.

They are now housing over 400 men, women, and children.

They are in desperate need of canned food items.

**PLEASE LEAVE
NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS
ON THE HALL BREEZEWAY TABLE**



Dear Stewards of Saint Barbara Church,

I am sending this to you on behalf of this year's election committee for the upcoming 2018 elections. Many of you may be considering running for the parish council, but may not be sure that you meet the requirements to put your name in for candidacy. As you can see we have three criteria for eligibility.

In reading the items below if you are not certain whether or not you have met the criteria please feel free to contact those who can provide you with definite answers. If you have a question in regards to stewardship and financial eligibility contact treasurer Catherine Wilson by e-mail at stbarbtreasurer2018@gmail.com If you have questions in regards to your ecclesiastical eligibility contact Fr. Stavroforos by e-mail at fatherstavroforos2012@gmail.com If you have any questions in regards to the election process, please contact a member of the elections committee. Those running the 2018 elections are Cindy Paliouras by e-mail at cindy.paliouras@gmail.com, or Jennifer Sullivan by e-mail at jsullivn@bellsouth.net, or David Napier at davidjnapier@gmail.com

You can put your name in nomination by e-mailing the following form to one of the members of the election committee:

All nominations should be sent to the members of the election committee from the time that you receive this information all the way up to the date of the General Assembly on November 4th. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the assembly itself. Nominations for candidacy will be closed at the close of the general assembly.

First time candidates will be asked to attend a seminar that will be held here at Saint Barbara on a date to be announced. Further Information regarding this matter will be sent to those candidates that need to meet this requirement.

The ballot of eligible candidates will be prepared for elections that will be held on Sunday December 2nd at Saint Barbara after the Celebration of the Divine Liturgy.

What constitutes one's eligibility to run for the Parish Council and to have voting privileges?

- **Stewardship Eligibility**

- A candidate for the Parish Council must be a parishioner in good standing of the Parish for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the date of the election and must live his or her life in accordance with the Faith and Canons of the Church. The Priest determines whether the Parishioners are in canonical and financial good standing as specified below. (UPR Article 25 Section 2)

- **Ecclesiastical Eligibility:**

1. 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 to 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 of the Orthodox Faith and Traditions to all people. (UPR Article 18 Section 1)

2. No persons may marry more than three times in the Church, with permission for a third marriage granted only with extreme oikonomia. (Archdiocese Pastoral Guidelines)
3. In cases involving the marriage of Orthodox and non-Orthodox Christians, the latter must have been baptized in water, in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. The Church cannot bless the marriage of an Orthodox Christian to a non-Christian. (Archdiocese Pastoral Guidelines)
4. A person who belongs to a parish under the jurisdiction of a bishop who is not in communion with the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, or who, if married has not had his or her marriage blessed by the Orthodox Church, or, if divorced, has not received an ecclesiastical divorce, is not ecclesiastically in good standing with the Church. However, this condition need not remain permanent. Please make an effort to speak with Fr. Stavroforos in order to be able seek his advice and counsel so that you can once again work towards you being in good standing with the Church. (Archdiocese Pastoral Guidelines)
5. A baptized or chrismated Orthodox Christian whose wedding has not been blessed by the Orthodox Church is no longer in good standing with the Church, and may not receive the Sacraments of the Church, including Holy Communion, or become a Sponsor of an Orthodox Marriage, Baptism or Chrismation. (Archdiocese Pastoral Guidelines)

Financial Eligibility

The definition of "fulfilling one's financial obligation to the Parish" is by necessity a flexible one. Generally, for purposes of voting in Parish Assemblies and elections, one is considered to have fulfilled his or her stewardship and financial obligations to the Parish if he or she has pledged and paid an amount certain for the year prior to the current year and has pledged an amount to the Parish for the current year. However, in the event an individual refuses or neglects to pledge a specific amount, but he or she has committed himself spiritually, morally and financially to the Greek Orthodox Faith and the parish and the records of the parish so reflect the financial commitment, he or she will be considered to have fulfilled his financial obligation and be eligible to vote. (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.) New members to the Parish will have met their financial obligation to the Parish by merely pledging a sum certain for the current year. The same shall be true of persons not currently members in good standing. (Per the Parish By-Laws)

+ *Father Stavroforos*

-----cut along the dotted lines and submit to election committee member-----

<p>Name of Candidate: _____</p> <p>Address of Candidate: _____</p> <p>e-mail: _____ phone: _____</p> <p>I have been a steward of St. Barbara since: _____</p> <p>I will attend a seminar since I am a first time candidate for the parish council:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____ Signature</p>
