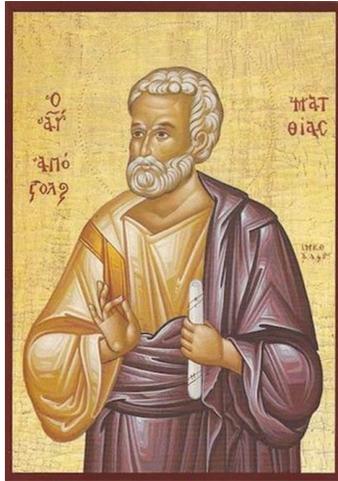




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*9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew*  
*Κυριακή 9η Ματθαιου*



- The Holy Apostle Matthias 8/9/2020
- Anthony the Martyr of Alexandria 8/9/2020
- Afterfeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ 8/9/2020
  - Constantine, Patriarch of Constantinople 8/9/2020
  - Euthymios the Hieromartyr, Metropolitan of Rhodes 8/9/2020

**NEWCOMERS AND VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**

*Divine Liturgy starting 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*

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.

Verse: God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 3:9-17



Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw - each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

Εὐξασθε καὶ ἀπόδοτε Κυρίῳ τῷ Θεῷ ἡμῶν.

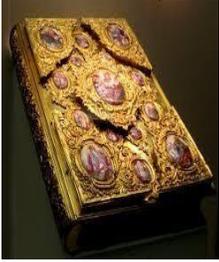
Στίχ. Γνωστὸς ἐν τῇ Ἰουδαίᾳ ὁ Θεός, ἐν τῷ Ἰσραὴλ μέγα τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ.

Πρὸς Κορινθίους 1ης Ἐπιστολῆς Παυλοῦ τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα 3:9-17

Ἀδελφοί, Θεοῦ γάρ ἐσμεν συνεργοί· θεοῦ γεώργιον, θεοῦ οἰκοδομὴ ἐστε. Κατὰ τὴν χάριν τοῦ θεοῦ τὴν δοθεῖσάν μοι, ὡς σοφὸς ἀρχιτέκτων θεμέλιον τέθεικα, ἄλλος δὲ ἐποικοδομεῖ. Ἐκαστος δὲ βλέπετω πῶς ἐποικοδομεῖ. Θεμέλιον γὰρ ἄλλον οὐδεὶς δύναται θεῖναι παρὰ τὸν κείμενον, ὅς ἐστιν Ἰησοῦς Χριστός. Εἰ δέ τις ἐποικοδομεῖ ἐπὶ τὸν θεμέλιον τοῦτον χρυσόν, ἄργυρον, λίθους τιμίους, ξύλα, χόρτον, καλάμην, ἐκάστου τὸ ἔργον φανερόν γενήσεται· ἢ γὰρ ἡμέρα δηλώσει, ὅτι ἐν πυρὶ ἀποκαλύπτεται· καὶ ἐκάστου τὸ ἔργον ὅποιόν ἐστιν τὸ πῦρ δοκιμάσει. Εἴ τις τὸ ἔργον μένει ὁ ἐποικοδόμησεν, μισθὸν λήψεται. Εἴ τις τὸ ἔργον κατακαήσεται, ζημιωθήσεται· αὐτὸς δὲ σωθήσεται, οὕτως δὲ ὡς διὰ πυρός. Οὐκ οἶδατε ὅτι ναὸς θεοῦ ἐστε, καὶ τὸ πνεῦμα τοῦ θεοῦ οἰκεῖ ἐν ὑμῖν; Εἴ τις τὸν ναὸν τοῦ θεοῦ φθείρει, φθερεῖ τοῦτον ὁ θεός· ὁ γὰρ ναὸς τοῦ θεοῦ ἅγιός ἐστιν, οἵτινές ἐστε ὑμεῖς.

## *The Sunday Gospel Reading*

### The Gospel According to Matthew 14:22-34



At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying "Take heart, it is I; have no fear."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they entered the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

### Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον Ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα 14:22-34

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἠνάγκασεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοὺς μαθητὰς ἐμβῆναι εἰς τὸ πλοῖον καὶ προάγειν αὐτὸν εἰς τὸ πέραν, ἕως οὗ ἀπολύσει τοὺς ὄχλους. Καὶ ἀπολύσας τοὺς ὄχλους ἀνέβη εἰς τὸ ὄρος κατ' ἰδίαν προσεύξασθαι. ὁψίας δὲ γενομένης μόνος ἦν ἐκεῖ. Τὸ δὲ πλοῖον ἤδη σταδίους πολλοὺς ἀπὸ τῆς γῆς ἀπεῖχεν, βασανιζόμενον ὑπὸ τῶν κυμάτων, ἦν γὰρ ἐναντίος ὁ ἄνεμος. Τετάρτη δὲ φυλακῇ τῆς νυκτὸς ἦλθεν πρὸς αὐτοὺς περιπατῶν ἐπὶ τὴν θάλασσαν. Οἱ δὲ μαθηταὶ ἰδόντες αὐτὸν ἐπὶ τῆς θαλάσσης περιπατοῦντα ἐταράχθησαν λέγοντες ὅτι Φάντασμα ἐστίν, καὶ ἀπὸ τοῦ φόβου ἔκραζαν. Εὐθὺς δὲ ἐλάλησεν [ὁ Ἰησοῦς] αὐτοῖς λέγων, Θαρσεῖτε, ἐγὼ εἰμι· μὴ φοβεῖσθε. Ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ Πέτρος εἶπεν, Κύριε, εἰ σὺ εἶ, κέλευσόν με ἐλθεῖν πρὸς σὲ ἐπὶ τὰ ὕδατα· ὁ δὲ εἶπεν, Ἐλθέ. καὶ καταβὰς ἀπὸ τοῦ πλοίου ὁ Πέτρος περιεπάτησεν ἐπὶ τὰ ὕδατα καὶ ἦλθεν πρὸς τὸν Ἰησοῦν. Βλέπων δὲ τὸν ἄνεμον ἐφοβήθη, καὶ ἀρξάμενος καταποντίζεσθαι ἔκραξεν λέγων, Κύριε, σῶσόν με. Εὐθέως δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐκτείνας τὴν χεῖρα ἐπελάβετο αὐτοῦ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ, Ὀλιγόπιστε, εἰς τί ἐδίστασας; καὶ ἀναβάντων αὐτῶν εἰς τὸ πλοῖον ἐκόπασεν ὁ ἄνεμος. Οἱ δὲ ἐν τῷ πλοίῳ προσεκύνησαν αὐτῷ λέγοντες, Ἀληθῶς Θεοῦ υἱὸς εἶ. Καὶ διαπεράσαντες ἦλθον ἐπὶ τὴν γῆν εἰς Γεννησαρέτ.

TODAY'S 1 YEAR MEMORIAL

*Helen Pashales Vurnakes*



April 3, 1927 - August 5, 2019

Helen Pashales Vurnakes, age 92, died peacefully on August 5, 2019 surrounded by her family. She was born April 3, 1927 in Clifton Forge, VA to the late James and Maria Pashales.

Helen graduated from Clifton Forge High School and Kennedy Business School. She moved with her family to Durham in 1944, where her parents established the ABC Lunch, and later owned and operated the University Grill near the Duke campus – a favorite of countless students over the years. Helen continued operating the restaurant until 1962 when she became a travel agent. A taste for travel took her and family members on various delightful adventures around the world.

Known for her exuberant personality, distinctive style and radiant warmth, people were Helen's greatest interest. She had the gift of hospitality, becoming a treasured fixture wherever she worked, greeting scores of patrons with an enormous smile and lavish attention. Helen was the epitome of a devoted mother, and nothing gave her more pleasure than spending time with loved ones, especially in recent years at her family's restaurant, Jimmy's Famous Hotdogs.

Helen was an active member of the Greek Orthodox Church of St. Barbara, where she sang in the choir and assisted with the first women's organization.

Surviving are her three sons; Steve Vurnakes (Dianne), Jimmy Vurnakes (Frances) and Michael Vurnakes (Barbara); a brother, George Pashales; a sister, Edna Searcy (Bob); her grandchildren, Pete, Heather, Christopher (Alison), Christina, Emily and Jeff; her great-grandchildren, Olivia,

Ava, Ashley, Amanda, Jeff and Lauren, and several nieces & nephews. Helen was preceded in death by her wonderful husband of 50 years, Pete, and sisters, Jenny Pashales and Nina Pappas.

The funeral was held at 11:00 AM Monday, August 12 at St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church, Durham, with a burial following in Woodlawn Memorial Park.

The Vurnakes family extends its heartfelt gratitude to Duke Hospice (Hock Family Pavilion) for the sincere love and attention shown to Helen in her final days. Durham is fortunate to have a facility full of such caring individuals. God bless them all; we love you!

Donations in Helen's memory may be made to St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church, 8306 NC-751, Durham, NC 27713, where Helen and Pete were beloved charter members.



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**AUGUST 1-15: THE DORMITION FAST**

**The Dormition (Koimisis) Fast** was established as preceding the great feasts of the Holy Transfiguration of the Lord and of the Holy Dormition (Koimisis) of the Mother of God. It lasts two weeks--from August 1-15.

The Dormition Fast comes down to us from the early days of Christianity. We find a clear reference to the Dormition fast in a conversation of St. Leo the Great from around the year 450 AD. "The Church fasts are situated in the year in such a way that a special abstinence is prescribed for each time. Thus, for spring there is the spring fast [--the Forty Days(Great Lent; for summer there is the summer fast...[the Holy Apostle's fast]; for autumn there is the autumn fast, in the seventh month [Holy Dormition fast]; for winter there is the winter fast [Holy Nativity fast]."



Saint Symeon of the Thessaloniki writes that, "The fast in August [Dormition fast] was established **in honor of the** Mother of God the Logos/Word, Who, foreknowing Her repose, ascetically labored and fasted for us as always, although She was Holy and Immaculate, and had **no need** for fasting. Thus, She especially prayed for us in preparation for being translated from this life to the future life, when Her blessed soul would be united through the Divine spirit with Her Son. Therefore, we also should fast and praise Her, emulating Her life, urging Her thereby to pray for us. Some, by the way, say that this fast was instituted on the occasion of two feasts--**the Holy Transfiguration of Jesus Christ** (August 6th) **and the Dormition of the Theotokos**. I also consider it necessary to remember these two feasts--**one which gives light, and the other which is merciful to us and intercedes for us.**"

The Dormition fast is **not** as strict as the Great Fast, but it is stricter than the Holy Apostle's and Holy Nativity fasts.

On Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays of the Dormition fast, the Church rubrics prescribe **xerophagy**, that is, the strictest fast of uncooked food (without oil); on Tuesdays and Thursdays, "with cooked food, but with no oil"; on Saturdays and Sundays wine and olive oil are allowed.

Until the feast of the Holy Transfiguration of the Lord, when grapes and apples are blessed in the churches. On the feast of the Holy Transfiguration of the Lord, the Church rubrics **allow fish**. After that day, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, the fruits of the new harvest would always be included in the meals.

The **spiritual fast** is closely united with the bodily, just as our soul is united with the body, penetrates it, enlivens it, and makes one united whole with it, as the soul and body make one living human being. Therefore, in fasting bodily we must at the same time **fast spiritually**: "Brothers and sisters, in fasting let us also fast spiritually, severing all union with unrighteousness," the Holy Church enjoins us.

The main thing in fasting bodily is restraint abundant, tasty and sweet foods; the main thing in fasting spiritually **is restraint from passionate, sinful movements that indulge our sensual inclinations and vices**. The former is renunciation of the more nourishing foods for fasting

food, which is less nourishing; the latter is the renunciation of our favorite sins for exercise (asceticism) in the virtues which oppose them.

The essence of the fast is expressed in the following Church hymn: "If you fast from food, my soul, but are not purified of the passions, in vain do we comfort ourselves by not eating. For if the fast does not bring correction, then it will be hateful to God as false, and you will be like unto the evil demons who never eat."



## Services of the Week

Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> – Small Paraclesis – 6:30 pm

Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> – Small Paraclesis – 6:30 pm

Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> - Great Vespers for the Dormition of the Theotokos – 6:30 pm

Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> – Dormition of the Theotokos – 10:00 am

## Explanation of the Paraclesis:



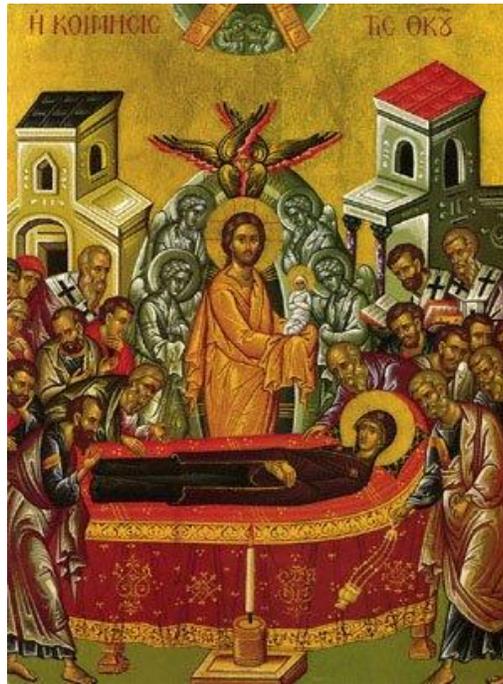
The word "paraclesis" has two different meanings: the first is "consolation," from which the Holy Spirit is called the "Paraclete," or "Consoler"; the second is "supplication" or "petition". The Service of the Paraclesis to the Theotokos consists of hymns of supplication to obtain consolation and courage. It should be recited in times of temptation, discouragement or sickness. It is used more particularly during the two weeks before the Dormition, or Assumption, of the Theotokos, from August 1 to August 14. The theme of these Paraclesis Services centers around the petition. "Most Holy Mother of God, save us."

If you have a problem or if something is burdening your soul, if you feel spiritually uneasy and if you are not at peace with yourself and with those around you, then, you should come to the Church during the first fifteen days of August and ask for the intercessions of the Mother of God. Even if you are fortunate enough to be one of those very few who are at peace with themselves and with God, then those blessed ones should come to these services and thank God and His Blessed Mother for the blessings that they have bestowed upon you and your family.

Since these Paraclesis Services to the Theotokos are primarily petition for the welfare of the living, let the whole Church pray for you during the first fifteen days of August and especially on the Great Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos on August 15th. Don't let your laziness and your apathy cause you to miss this great blessing and inspiration that the Church can bestow upon you. Let the peace and holiness that only the Mother of God can give you enter into your life. "Let us lay aside all earthly cares," and let us truly, during these fifteen days, participate in the fasting and prayer life of the Church so that we can "taste and see that the Lord is good" and so that we may fully experience the spiritual blessings that the Church has to offer.

Names for the Health and Well Being of Loved Ones are Submitted at the Service:

As noted above, the Paraclesis service is a supplication specifically for the well-being of the living. During the services, Father Stavroforos will commemorate the names of the living faithful for whom prayers have been asked. Accordingly, if you have family members, godparents, godchildren, friends, etc., who you would like to have commemorated at these services, please make a list of their names and provide it to Father.



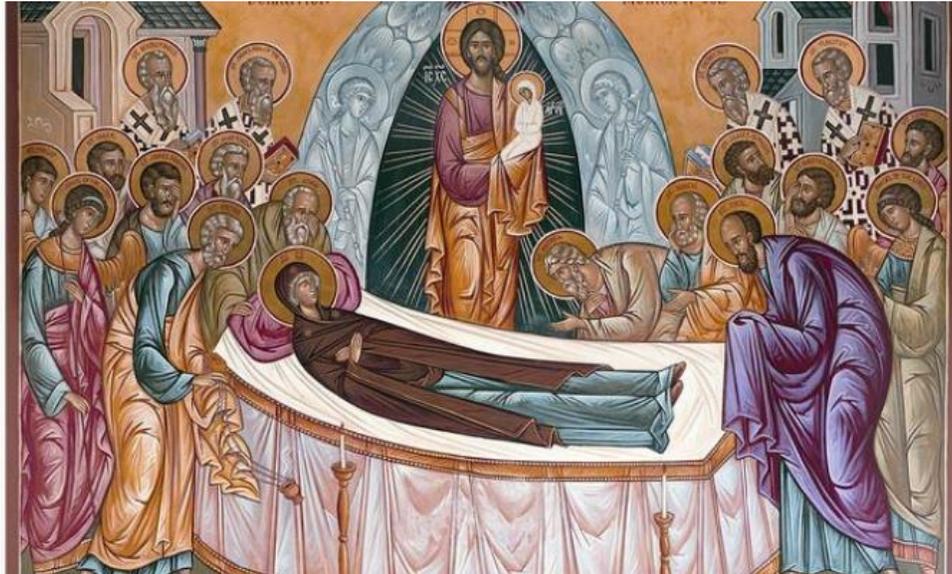
**ΙΕΡΕΣ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΕΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΒΔΟΜΑΔΑΣ**

Δευτέρα 10η Αυγούστου – Μικρη Παρακληση στην Παναγια – 6:30 μ.μ.

Τεταρτη, 12η Αυγούστου – Μικρη Παρακληση στην Παναγια – 6:30 μ.μ.

Παρασκευη, 14η Αυγούστου – Εσπερινος της Κοιμησεως της Θεοτοκου – 10:00 π.μ.

Σαββατο, 15 Αυγούστου – Κοιμησις της Υπεραγιας Θεοτοκου – 6:30 μ.μ.



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## Welcome to the NEW Orthodox Observer

Based completely online, the new Orthodox Observer intentionally provides significant multimedia content about the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America in order to inform and inspire our faithful.

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**45th Biennial Virtual Clergy-Laity Congress**  
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**“...The Greatest of These is Love”**  
*(1 Cor. 13:13)*

## 2020 PHILOPTOCHOS CLERGY-LAITY DELEGATES

The National Philoptochos Convention will take place virtually on August 21 -22, 2020. We have three voting delegates that will be in attendance from our parish. This year's Saint Barbara Philoptochos Clergy Laity Delegates are President Lia Christakos, Joan Marinos, and Betsy Xenakis.



Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Barbara,

We are happy to be able to welcome you back to Sunday Church Services starting May 31, 2020.

I know that we all have been longing for the days that our doors would once again be opened. The anticipation and the wait is now finally over. This marks a new beginning for all of us, and I am so grateful that the day will finally arrive. The day will inaugurate the new way that we will start coming into the Church, and the way and where we sit in Church. These directives are also in accordance with the guidelines set out by our Metropolis and cover all the Greek Orthodox churches in the Metropolis of Atlanta.

We will be in step with other houses of worship that abide by the rules that have been set for all of us since the onset of Covid-19. In order to prevent the spread of the virus we hope that all of our parishioners have been following the CDC directives, which include: hand washing thoroughly and frequently, covering your coughs and sneezes, avoiding sharing personal items, wearing a mask, and maintaining a social distance of at least six feet.

The Divine Liturgy will start at 10:00 AM. We will have new guidelines in place for everyone's safety that will mean it takes longer to get into the church. Please plan accordingly and allow yourselves extra time.

Please read these guidelines to familiarize yourself and your families with the new procedures in order to make everything go smoothly.

Before and During the services:

- **Masks are required** upon entering the church by all parishioners aged 2 and above.
- **Each person is to be checked in** by a parish council member.
- **All those in attendance should sanitize their hands** by either washing them or using a hand sanitizer prior to entering and after they leave the church.
- Doors will be propped open so you **do not touch the door handles**.
- **Before entering the church, the temperature of each person will be taken** by a designated person. If the person's temperature is above 100.4 he or she will be kindly asked to return to their home, both for their safety and the safety of others.
- **Parish Council will direct each parishioner to designated seats** in the pews for each person or household to sit starting in the front of the church and working their way to back. Please do not ask to be seated in your "usual" seats.
- **A place to accept offerings will be provided in the Narthex** upon entering or leaving. If possible, you are encouraged to use the online giving portal which can be found at [stbarbarachurchnc.org](http://stbarbarachurchnc.org) by clicking on the "Donations" button.

- **A Parish Council member will hand out tapers to be lit. The 7 day votive candles are to be lit on behalf of the parishioner by a designated person** if possible.
- Honor is to be shown to Holy Icons and the Holy Cross by only doing your cross and bowing, keeping in mind not to kiss or to touch the Holy Icons and the Holy Cross.
- No one is to enter the Holy Altar except the clergy and assigned altar servers.
- No service books should be distributed or left out for common use. This includes papers of any kind (bulletins etc.). Parishioners are encouraged to bring their own service books.

#### During Holy Communion

- **Communicants must line up row by row (with help from Parish Council) and remain six feet** apart using the designated social distancing X's that have been placed in the church.
- **Communicants may remove their masks only momentarily to receive Holy Communion.**
- Clergy and altar servers must wear a mask during the distribution of Holy Communion.
- The red communion cloths (μάκτρα) will be held underneath the person's chin by the altar servers. The communicant may not touch it and absolutely no wiping of mouths.
- No antidoron will be distributed at the time of Communion but instead at the end of the service.

#### After services

- After the dismissal, the clergy will distribute the antidoron wearing a mask and gloves and they will not offer their hands for reverence.
- Clergy and faithful will refrain from handshakes or hugs.
- There will be no coffee/social hour or Sunday school classes until further notice. Parishioners should leave the Nave as soon as the Divine Liturgy is concluded.

***Remember that parishioners who are at a higher risk for severe illness from Covid-19 as defined by civil authorities, or those who are uncomfortable with returning at this time, are given dispensation by Metropolitan Alexios to refrain from attending in person. We encourage those faithful to participate in the experience of our sacred worship at home, by continuing to watch our live streams which we will continue to provide. We look forward to the time when all may feel safe in returning to Church.***

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you that have been continuing their weekly practice of making a Sunday offering, and lighting a candle by means of using the donations prompt on our website. We appreciate those who are maintaining the Church by means of their Stewardship and Building Fund donations. During these difficult times I want to say that your support is not taken lightly because it means so much to all of us at Saint Barbara.

May the Lord Keep You Strong in your Life so that Nothing but the Love of God will take it over.

*Fr. Stavroforos Mamaies*

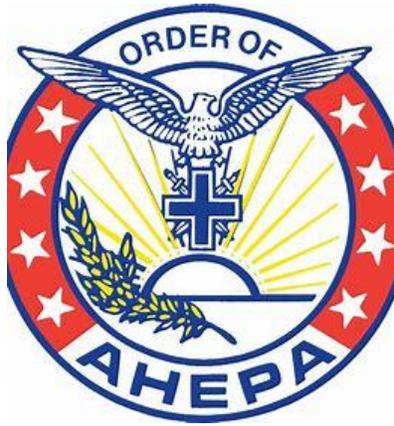
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## STEWARDS AS OF AUGUST 5, 2020

**Our 2020 Stewardship drive has slowed. As of August 5, 2020, we have 144 Stewards, or 90% of our goal of 160 for the year. Please help us meet our annual goal by pledging your support. Your time, talents and treasury are critical to the success of our Ministries.**

***We need your help during these trying times.* Please give prayerful consideration to your 2020 contribution as soon as possible. Stewardship is the primary source of the funding for our Ministries and operating obligations. Our expenses don't stop. Remember for every dollar more you give to the Stewardship, Mortgage and Contingency Funds than you did in 2019 will get matched up to a total of an additional \$50,000. Thank you.**

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| Boska, Marilyn                | Dennos, Anne                   | Kuyper, Dr. Lee & Pauline      | Papanikas, Kleanthis           | Valakas, Antonia               |
| Barbee, Effie                 | Dennos, George & Patricia      | Lambiris, Elias & Madelene     | & Angelika                     | Varelas, Dimitrios             |
| Becak, Thalia                 | Dorton, Betty                  | Lockett, Paul & Melanie        | Papanikas, Sam & Cleopatra     | Varelas, Georgina              |
| Beridze, Tamar                | Easton, Bryan & Maria          | Loden, Martha                  | Papazoglou, Matina             | Varelas, John                  |
| Biggs, John & Diana Dobrica   | Edwards, Tia                   | Livas, Katherine               | Pappas, Katherine              | Vlachos, Demetra               |
| Blackley, Agape               | Ferris, Laurice                | Mamaies, Fr. Stavroforos       | Pappas, Dr. Ted & Theky        | Vurnakes, James & Frances      |
| Bonfiglio, Barbara            | Fitzherbert, Dimitra           | Mangum, Daniel & Dr. Hrisavgi  | Paraschos, Sophia              | Walter, August                 |
| Bourbous, Nick                | Frangakis, Crist & Maria       | Mariakakis, Johnny & Catherine | Pashales, George               | Walter, Ray & Eleni            |
| Callahan, Katherine           | Gerondelis, Socratis & Alik    | Marinos, Dr. Pete & Joan       | Przybyl, Daniel & Lori         | Waters, Alexa                  |
| Capsalis, Anne                | Georgiou, Nicholas             | Martin, Azeb                   | Qaqish, Dr. Olgha              | & Gerhard, William             |
| Capsalis, Manuel & Carole     | Glekas, Dr. George & Dr. Amy   | Mavroidis, Panagiotis          | & Arboleda, Mario              | Watters, Jacques & Christine   |
| Carr, Sophie                  | Glekas, Jim & Evy              | & Dimitra                      | Rudnick, Ben & Irene           | Wilson, Preston & Catherine    |
| Christakos, Andrew & Cheryl   | Goodwin, Len & Elaine          | Mavrogiorgos, Dr. Nikolaos     | Quint, Angelia                 | Wippich, Robert & Roberta      |
| Christakos, Arthur            | Grasso, V. & Elenie            | & Charlot, Dr. Marjorie        | Rheinhardt, Keith & Alexia     | Witham, Grace & Brantley, Nick |
| Christakos, Eleni             | Greene, Marlyana               | McCoy, Josh                    | Safarikas, Al & Christine      | Xenakis, Betsy                 |
| Christakos, Lia               | Kacoyanis, Anna                | McGovern, Victoria             | Saloupis, Peter                | Zaferatos, Dino & Kerri        |
| Christie, George & Deborah    | Kacoyanis, Paul                | McKillip, Cathy                | Sarris, George & Jenny         | Zagoras, Nikitas               |
| Chronaki, Bessie              | Kamilaris, Christos & Janet    | Megaró, Matthew & Tina         | Stavrakakis, Mattheos & Marika | Zehia, Christina               |
| Chronaki, Cadee               | Kantner, Ed & Eve              | Mehalek, John & Dawn           | Stephens Epiphany              | Zehia, Tony & Evelyn           |
| Cocolas, Erie                 | Karamalegos, Antonios & Claire | Mermigas, Nicholas             | Stephens, Hon. Ron & Vicky     | Zoumbos, Vasili                |



**Election of officers for 2020-2021:**

By return e-mail, a majority of the brothers unanimously voted for the

**LIST of Officers:**

PRESIDENT – brother John Varelas  
VICE-PRESIDENT – brother Jim Paliouras  
TREASURER – brother Wes Platt  
SECRETARY – brother Larry Odzak

Congratulations go to the relected team, which will  
lead Chapter 277 during their 2020-2021 term

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**A Unique Opportunity to Double the Value of Your 2020 Donations**

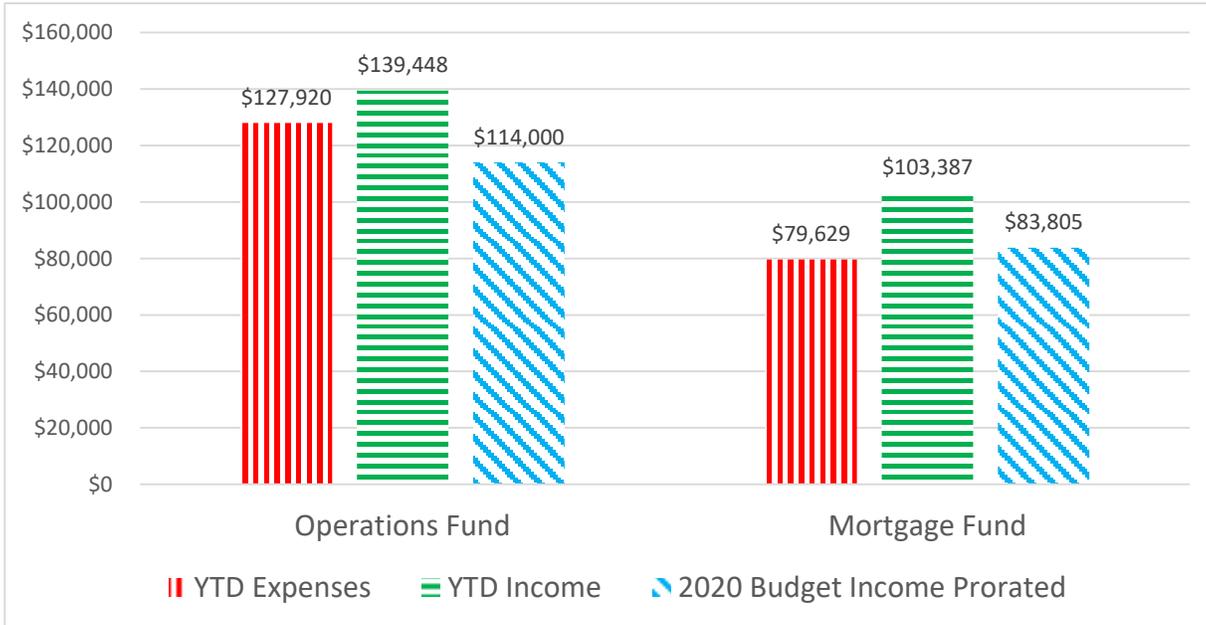
If you give more in 2020 than your combined 2019 dollar contributions to the Stewardship, Mortgage and Contingency Funds, your additional contributions will be matched dollar for dollar by an anonymous donor. The total amount available for matching funds is \$50,000. With full Parish participation in 2020, we can raise an additional \$100,000 to meet our expenses and serve our Ministries.

Please prayerfully consider increasing your pledge and giving in 2020. New Stewards are also encouraged to participate in the program.

Please see the Pledge form for complete details. For your convenience, you can make your contributions online via the St. Barbara website [www.stbarbarachurchnc.org/donation](http://www.stbarbarachurchnc.org/donation).

Thank you,  
The Stewardship Committee

|                        | June          |             | Year to Date |            | 2020 Budget     |
|------------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|------------|-----------------|
|                        | June Expenses | June Income | YTD Expenses | YTD Income | Income Prorated |
| <b>Operations Fund</b> | \$21,484      | \$15,527    | \$127,920    | \$139,448  | \$114,000       |
| <b>Mortgage Fund</b>   | \$13,229      | \$9,614     | \$79,629     | \$103,387  | \$83,805        |



Note: The Operations Fund income above is the total of Sunday offering and Stewardship; it excludes the Greek Festival. The Operations Fund pays all Church expenses except for the mortgage payment. The Mortgage Fund includes all Mortgage Fund donations and fundraisers (e.g., Taste of Greece, Gyro Feast). The Mortgage Fund pays our mortgage which is \$13,000/month.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**❖ CHURCH IS OPEN!**

- ❖ All are welcome to attend Church services in person. If you attend Sunday Divine Liturgy, a Parish Council member will greet you, take your temperature and record your attendance (in case the need arises for contact tracing). Families and/or individuals will need to socially distance (6 feet). A Parish Council member is available to usher you to ensure you are seated appropriately. You are required to wear a mask during the service (except to receive Communion). Masks are available if you need one. These measures are for the health of all who attend and to make everyone comfortable and safe.
- ❖ Unlike some churches with lesser seating capacity than St. Barbara Church, we do not require reservations. Attendance since church has reopened has been steady around 25 people while we can easily accomodate 75 or more while maintaining proper safe social distancing.
- ❖ Persons over 65 and those with pre-existing health conditions (or anyone who is in contact with either) is asked to use their own discretion whether to attend in person. Your health and safety is of utmost importance.
- ❖ And finally, thank you so much to all of you who have already been giving online and by mail while we are apart. May Our Lord bless your continued generosity, and may He keep us all safe and healthy until we gather again.



SAINT BARBARA CHURCH 2020 PLEDGE FORM

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL MATCHING GIFT OPPORTUNITY FOR 2020\*

Please prayerfully consider increasing your contributions above your 2019 giving level. Any increases above your total 2019 giving to the Mortgage + Contingency + Stewardship Funds are eligible for a dollar-for-dollar match, to be given to the Stewardship Fund by an anonymous donor, up to a parish total of \$50,000 for 2020. Help us realize the full \$50,000 Matching Funds donation and double the impact of your increased donation!

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE FOR 2020\*

Stewardship donations pay for the operating expenses (not the mortgage) and ministries of St. Barbara Church, which total about \$25,000 per month. This pledge form is confidential, for use only by the Parish Treasurer.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We commit to Christ's Church a total Stewardship amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be paid (check one) \*:

semi-annually\_\_\_\_ quarterly\_\_\_\_ weekly\_\_\_\_ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_/I/We would like to speak with Father Stavroforos before making my/our pledge.

\*You can conveniently make your contributions online via the St. Barbara website: www.stbarbarachurchnc.org/donation

MORTGAGE & CONTINGENCY FUND PLEDGES FOR 2020\*

The church mortgage obligation is currently \$12,713 per month. I/We hereby pledge to contribute to the Mortgage Fund and acknowledge that my/our giving category (but not the actual dollar amount) may be acknowledged periodically in the church's Weekly Bulletin and/or posted in the Fellowship Hall.

Pillar: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Torch Bearer: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Good Shepherd: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Pace Setter: \$\_\_\_\_\_

(\$10,400+ per year) (\$5,200-\$10,399 per year) (\$2,600-\$5,199 per year) (\$1,200-\$2,599 per year)

Contributor: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Friend: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Other one-time amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_

(\$520-\$1,199 per year) (\$100-\$519 per year)

I/We hereby also pledge this amount to the Contingency Fund for unforeseen expenses: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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