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NEW JERSEY

## STs. MARY MAGDALENE AND MARKELLA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

JULY 2016 NEWSLETTER



Ἀγαπητοὶ ἐν Χριστῷ Ἀδελφοί,

Τὸ καλοκαίρι εἶναι πολλές φορές ἡ ἐποχὴ ποὺ λείπομεν ἀπὸ τὴν Ἐκκλησίαν. Τὰ παιδιά δὲν ἔχουν σχολεῖον, οὔτε τὸ κατηχητικόν. Ἴσως ταξιδεύομεν γιὰ διακοπές, ἢ, ἀκόμη καὶ ὅταν δὲν ταξιδεύομεν, θέλομεν νὰ ἀπολαύσωμεν τὶς μακρὲς ἡμέρες καὶ τὸν ὁμορφον καιρόν. Πολὺ εὐκόλα συνειδητοποιοῦμεν ὅτι λείπομεν ἑβδομάδες ἢ μῆνες ἀπὸ τὸν οἶκον τοῦ Θεοῦ.

Γιὰ τὸν Θεόν, βεβαίως, δὲν ὑπάρχουν οὔτ' ἐποχὲς οὔτε χρόνος. Ὁ Θεὸς μένει εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα, καὶ ἡμεῖς ἔχομεν τὴν κλῆσιν νὰ συναθροισθῶμεν κάθε Κυριακὴν, δηλ. κάθε ἡμέραν τοῦ Κυρίου, τὴν ἡμέραν τῆς ἀναστάσεως τοῦ Χριστοῦ, ὡς τὸ σῶμα Αὐτοῦ. Στὴν Πρὸς Ἑβραίους Ἐπιστολὴν ὁ Ἀπόστολος Παῦλος μᾶς παροτρύνει νὰ μὴν ἐγκαταλείψωμεν τὴν ἐπισυναγωγὴν τῶν Ἁγίων, ἀλλὰ νὰ συνέλθωμεν τακτικῶς γιὰ τὸ Μυστικὸν Δεῖπνον καὶ πρὸς παρηγορίαν ἀλλήλων. Καὶ πράγματι πρέπει νὰ δοξάσωμεν τὸν Θεὸν μὲ προσευχὴ καθημερινῶς, ὅπως ψάλλομεν στὴν Μεγάλῃ Δοξολογίαν πρὶν τὴν ἔναρξιν τῆς Θείας Λειτουργίας: «Καθ' ἡκάστην εὐλογήσω Σε, καὶ αἰνέσω τὸ ὄνομά Σου εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.»

Ἡ ἐνορία μας ἔχει τὴν εὐλογίαν νὰ πανηγυρίζει αὐτὸν τὸν μῆνα τὶς πολιούχους μας, τὶς Ἁγίες Μαρίαν Μαγδαληνὴν καὶ Μαρκέλλαν. Αὐτὴ ἡ ἑορτὴ μᾶς προσφέρει τὴν εὐκαιρίαν νὰ συνέλθωμεν καὶ πάλι τὸ μισοκαλόκαιρο, νὰ παρηγορήσωμεν στὴν Πίστιν ὁ ἓνας τὸν ἄλλον, καὶ νὰ ἰκετεύσωμεν τὶς πρεσβείες καὶ τὴν βοήθειαν τῶν Προστατριῶν Ἁγίων τῆς ἀγαπημένης μας ἐνορίας. Εὐχομαί ὅλοι μας πάσῃ θυσίᾳ νὰ ἔλθωμεν στοὺς ἑορτασμοὺς αὐτοὺς στὶς 17, 21, καὶ 22 τοῦ μηνός καὶ νὰ ἐνδυναμούμεθα πνευματικῶς ἀπὸ τὴν ἀδελφικὴν κοινωνίαν τῶν πιστῶν.

Καὶ ἐὰν ταξιδεύομεν, νὰ μὴν ξεχάσωμεν ὅτι ὑπάρχουν σχεδὸν παντοῦ Ὁρθόδοξες ἐκκλησίες.

Ἀξίζει τὸν κόπον νὰ τὶς ἐπισκεφθοῦμεν, νὰ γνωρίσωμεν τοὺς ἀδελφούς μας, εἴτε Ἑλληνες, εἴτε Ῥώσους, εἴτε ἄλλους. Εἴμαστε μία Ἐκκλησία, ἐνωμένη μὲ τὸ Πνεῦμα τῆς Πεντηκόστης.

Μὲ πατρικὴν στοργὴν διατελῶ  
ἐν Χριστῷ,  
ὁ π. Γρηγόριος

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Summer is often the season when we are away from Church. The kids are out of school, and Sunday School is not in session. Perhaps we are traveling for vacation, or, even when we are not traveling, we want to enjoy the long summer days and the beautiful weather. All too easily we realize that we haven't visited God's house in weeks or even months.

For God, of course, there are no seasons or even time. God exists unto the ages, and we have the calling to gather together as Christ's body every Sunday, every Lord's Day, on the day that Christ arose from the dead. In his letter to the Hebrews, the Apostle Paul urges us not to neglect the gathering of the Saints, but rather to come together regularly for the Lord's Supper and for mutual encouragement. Indeed, we need to glorify God, not just once a week, but every day in prayer, as we chant in the Great Doxology before every Divine Liturgy: "Every day shall I bless you and praise your name for ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen."

Our parish has the great blessing of celebrating its patronal feast this month in honor of Sts. Mary Magdalene & Markella. This celebration offers us the opportunity to gather once again at summer's midpoint, to encourage one another in the Faith, and to entreat the

patron saints of our beloved parish. I pray that all of us make every effort to come to these celebrations on July 17, 21, and 22, and that we are spiritually strengthened by the brotherly fellowship of the faithful.

If we are traveling, let us not forget that there are Orthodox parishes nearly everywhere. It is worth our effort to visit them, to meet our brothers, whether in the Greek Church, the Russian

Church, or any other Orthodox Church. We are all one Church, united with the one Spirit of Pentecost.

With fatherly love I remain  
in Christ,  
Fr. Gregory

## Thanks to our all who have pledged as Stewards in 2016!

Alatzas, George & Rene  
Alatzas, Triffon & Stacia  
Alevras, Petros & Hrisa  
Babiak, Christopher & Leslie  
Batis, Nikolaos & Maria  
Bilis, Emily  
Bonicontri, Raymond & Dimitra  
Bontzos, Stylianos & Kalliopi  
Boutilier, Lisa  
Cioloca, Bogdan & Anca  
Conway, Joseph & Jennifer  
Demedis, Olympia  
Dermatis, Minas & Panagiota  
Diamandaras, Helen  
Engleson, George & Jeanette  
Fokianos, Konstantinos & Maria  
Gallahue, Argie  
Geer, Joan  
Giannaras, Chris  
Giannas, Apostolos & Maria  
Giannas, Eirene  
Giannas, Yianni  
Giannas, Stylianos & Maria  
Giannas, Despina  
Gilbert, Fr. Gregory & Pres. Catherine  
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Kaitis, Dr. Angela  
Kalamaras, Efstatios & Millicent  
Kaminaris, Gus & Fotini  
Kanaras, Louis & Eleni  
Kanaras, Thomas & Penny  
Karalekas, George G. & Lisa  
Karas, Aimee  
Karas, Andy  
Karas, Bethany Anne  
Karas, John & Belinda  
Karas, Katie  
Karas, Michael & Linda

Karas, Peter & Kim  
Karas, Scott  
Kechagias, John & Noni  
Kinder, William & Michelle  
Konstant, Eugenia  
Konstant, Gus  
Koukounaras, Kostas & Maria Sorrells  
Logothetis, Nikolaos & Maria  
Mathious, Markos & Cheryl  
Mimaros, Dimitrios & Argie  
Mimaros, George & Caitlin  
Mojarrad, Navid & Deanna  
Nikas, George & Diane  
Nikitaras, Christos & Angela  
Pappas, Basil & Linda  
Pikounis, Emmanuel & Helen  
Poneris, Elias & Alexandra  
Powers, Terry & Tasia  
Prapas, Spyros  
Rajewski, Leonard & Anastasia  
Raptis, Zacharias  
Roros, Bill & Mary  
Sarris, Sam  
Silwick, Vance & Jeanette  
Skleres, John & Helen  
Stakias, Steve & Tina  
Stavrou, George & Tina  
Stavrou, Stamatios  
Steber, Christopher  
Steber, Paula  
Stillwell, Bill & Pauline  
Sudeck, Virginia  
Trikoglou, Carole  
Tsambikos, Irene  
Tsomos, Filaretos & Allison  
Vasilios, Tom & Linda  
Walters, Herbert & Demetra  
Yiannouris, Ioannis & Shawn

## *From the Parish Council...*

- Thanks to all who helped at our annual **GREEK FESTIVAL** last month, especially our festival co-chairs, Paula Steber and Tina Stavrou, as well as the heads of all the committees. Your hard work made this year's festival a success!
- Mark your calendars for some **UPCOMING EVENTS**:
  - Sunday, July 17: Visit of the Panchian Society's **ICON OF ST. MARKELLA** during the Liturgy. Presentation of Scholarships. Luncheon to follow Divine Liturgy.
  - Thursday, July 21, 6:00 p.m.: **FEASTDAY VESPERS** for Sts. Mary Magdalene & Markella. Reception to follow.
  - Friday, July 22, 9:00, 10:00 a.m.: **FEASTDAY ORTHROS AND LITURGY** for Sts. Mary Magdalene & Markella. Reception to follow.
  - Friday, September 23: **BINGO FUNDRAISER** at Level Fire House Hall in Churchville.

## *Philoptochos Corner*

Thanks to all for a great year! We're busy planning for the fall, and wish everyone a great summer.

On Sunday, June 12, the Ladies' Philoptochos Society and the Bill Tsambikos Memorial Scholarships were given to three of our high school seniors. Congratulations to the recipients:

**George T. Alatzas**, a senior at The John Carroll High School graduated with honors in May 2016. George has been involved with Sts Mary Magdalene and Markella as an altar boy, Sunday school, at the annual festivals and various church activities. George plans to attend the University of Maryland, College Park to study computer science.

**Despina Giannas**, a senior at Fallston Senior High School graduated with honors in May 2016. Despina has been involved with Sts Mary Magdalene and Markella in GOYA, Joy/Hope, Sunday school, the Dance group, the annual festivals and various church activities. Despina plans to attend the Towson University to study pharmacy.

**Marie Stavrou**, a senior at C. Milton Wright High School graduated with honors in May 2016. Marie has been involved with Sts Mary Magdalene and Markella in GOYA, Sunday school, the Dance group, making holiday bread for the church, the annual festivals and various church activities. Marie plans to attend Frostburg State University to study pre-veterinary medicine.

Sts. Mary Madgalene and Markella  
Greek Orthodox Church of Harford County are  
hosting...

**Longaberger Basket, Pandora, And Thirty-  
One Bags Bingo!**



Concession Stand to Feature: Hot Dogs, Subs, Pizza,  
Spinach Pies, Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks, and Desserts

**When: Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Doors open at 6:00, Games begin at 7:00

Where: Level Fire Department

3633 Level Village Road

Havre De Grace MD, 21078

Tickets: \$18.00 in advance, \$20.00 at the door

For tickets and information:

Contact Fotini Kaminaris at 443-463-6458

ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΩΝ ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ

Β΄ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ Κυριακή, 3 Ίουλ.	9.00 π.μ.	Ώρθρος	10.00 π.μ.	Θεία Λειτουργία
Γ΄ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ Κυριακή, 10 Ίουλ.	9.00 π.μ. 12.00 μ.μ.	Ώρθρος Καθάρισμα Ναοῦ εἰς Προετοιμασίαν Ἑορτῆς	10.00 π.μ.	Θεία Λειτουργία
ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΑΓΙΩΝ ΠΑΤΕΡΩΝ ΤΗΣ Δ΄ ΟΙΚΟΥΜΕΝΙΚΗΣ ΣΥΝΟΔΟΥ· ΑΓΙΑΣ ΜΑΡΙΝΗΣ Κυριακή, 17 Ίουλ.	9.00 π.μ. 11.30 π.μ. 12.00 μ.μ.	Ώρθρος Ἄρτοκλασία καὶ Περιφορὰ τῆς Εἰκόνης Ἁγ. Μαρκέλλης τοῦ Παγχίου Συλλόγου Βαλτιμόρης Γεῦμα	10.00 π.μ.	Θεία Λειτουργία
ΤΩΝ ΑΓΙΩΝ ΜΑΡΙΑΣ ΜΑΓΔΑΛΗΝΗΣ ΚΑΙ ΜΑΡΚΕΛΛΗΣ Πέμπτη, 21 Ίουλ. Παρασκευή, 22 Ίουλ.	6.00 μ.μ. 9.00 π.μ.	Πανηγυρικός Ἑσπερινός Ώρθρος	10.00 π.μ.	Θεία Λειτουργία
Ε΄ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ Κυριακή, 24 Ίουλ.	9.00 π.μ.	Ώρθρος	10.00 π.μ.	Θεία Λειτουργία
ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΣΤ΄ ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ· ΠΡΟΕΟΡΤΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΠΡΟΕΛΕΥΣΕΩΣ ΤΟΥ ΤΙΜΙΟΥ ΣΤΑΥΡΟΥ Κυριακή, 31 Ίουλ.	9.00 π.μ.	Ώρθρος	10.00 π.μ.	Θεία Λειτουργία



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR JULY

SECOND SUNDAY OF MATTHEW Sun., July 3	9.00 a.m.	Orthros	10.00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
THIRD SUNDAY OF MATTHEW Sun., July 10	9.00 a.m. 12.00 p.m.	Orthros Church Cleaning for Parish Feastday	10.00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE IV ECUMENICAL SYNOD; ST. MARINA Sun., July 17	9.00 a.m. 11.30 a.m. 12.00 p.m.	Orthros Blessing of the Five Loaves and Procession of the St. Markella Icon of the Panchian Society Luncheon	10.00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
STS. MARY MAGDALENE & MARKELLA Thur., July 21 Fri., July 22	6.00 p.m. 9.00 a.m.	Festal Vespers Orthros	10.00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
FIFTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW Sun. July 24	9.00 a.m.	Orthros	10.00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
SIXTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW; FOREFEAST OF THE PROCESSION OF THE HOLY CROSS Sun., July 31	9.00 a.m.	Orthros	10.00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy

If you are going to be in **OCEAN CITY** this summer, take note of these events at **ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH:**

**FEAST OF ST. MAKRINA, OCEAN CITY:** St. George in Ocean City possesses relics of St. Makrina, mother of St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory of Nyssa, and will present them for veneration on her feast. **Free meals** served after services both days.

Mon., July 18

Tues., July 19

6:00 p.m. **Festal Vespers**

9:00, 10:00 a.m. **Orthros** followed by **Divine Liturgy**

**St. George Greek Festival:** July 29 - August 1, at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center.

**ΚΑΛΟ ΚΑΛΟΚΑΙΡΙ!**

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