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Fr. Philip's November Message

The Synaxis of the Angels

On November 8th, the Orthodox Church celebrates the so-called "Synaxis of the Archangels and all the Bodiless Powers." This feast is a celebration of the memory of the good angels of God. Interestingly enough, this celebration occurs right after the American celebration of "Halloween" where people dwell on the eerie, spooky and scary spirits. The fact that there are good and bad spirits is clear to anyone who acknowledges that there is a spiritual world. The art of being a wise Christian, however, is to dwell on the good, not the bad. Yet we seem to have a fascination with the spooky and bad spirits and are curious about goblins and "ghosts," while we ignore or don't really believe in the angels. This Orthodox holiday tries to bring us back to a healthy appreciation of these angels who unceasingly do God's bidding for our benefit.

The term "Synaxis" means "gathering" and here it refers not only to the gathering of the faithful people for the celebration of this feast, but also to the gathering of the angels themselves. This holiday, then, celebrates the harmony and unity of the armies of angels and their steady adherence to the good, their insistence on doing the will of God. They are the warriors against the powers of darkness, against Satan

and his evil angels. This may seem to modern man to be a lot of medieval superstition but one should observe first off that there truly is plenty of evil out there. And this evil is not merely a "lack of good," rather it is a force that is active, cunning, and creative – in short, it is a personal **presence** and not an absence. Besides, anyone who accepts a biblical view of the world (which, by the way, from an Orthodox point of view does not conflict at all with science – it rather supports it but also goes beyond it from the physical to the metaphysical) cannot pick and choose whatever jives with our modern post-enlightenment views. And one of the basic biblical teachings is that God created the material and immaterial world, and included in this creation are the bodiless powers, i.e., the angels.

Since the angels insist on harmony and unity with God this feast is ultimately a celebration of unity for us. It is a foretaste and a symbol of the final will of God for perfect unity in creation in general and between heaven and earth and between God and Man. As we read in the Gospel according to John, Christ came on earth "that they all may be one" (John 17:21). The angels already live out this situation and thus their form of life is a foretaste of the Kingdom of God.

One must also note that in the scriptures the angels have the special role to be links between heaven and earth, God and Man. They are the "messengers" of God who relay messages between

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heaven and earth. Indeed, the word “angel” – ***aggelos*** in Greek – literally means “messenger.” Interestingly enough, in the Divine Liturgy the deacons have the special role to symbolize the *angels* and for this reason they are seen as a link between the nave — where the faithful are — which represents earth, and the sanctuary (the “altar” in common parlance), which represents the Kingdom of God that is to come. When the deacon is not moving back and forth between these two spaces, his normal position in the church is in fact the area right in between them. And they usually are seen transferring or transporting things (playing the role of “messenger”) between the people and the altar, whether this is the petitions of the people, the holy utensils used for the liturgy, or Holy Communion, which normally is supposed to be brought out to the people by the deacons. And all of us during the Liturgy, not only the deacons, actually symbolize the angels as we are called to imitate them in the Cherubic Hymn: “we who mystically represent the cherubim . . .”

But this unity is not just eschatological, that is to say it is not only something that we look forward to at the end. No, this unity is not supposed to occur only at the Second Coming of Christ when the heavenly Jerusalem will descend upon us as described by the Evangelist John in Revelations 21:10. It is something that has to happen now. The angels are the example of unity and we are supposed to do the same in our relations with other people.

In the meantime, the angels guide, guard and cover us as the children of God who struggle now. They rejoice at the repentance of a sinner, they transfer the prayers of the saints to the throne of God on our behalf. And, as mentioned above, unity is realized in a special way here and now whenever we gather at the common action of the angels and the people which is the Divine liturgy. The people of God on earth and the armies of angels in the heavens with one voice in one liturgical synaxis offer God unceasing praise with their logical worship.



May we imitate them!

***Have a very blessed and
angelic month of November!***



Μήνυμα Νοεμβρίου τοῦ π. Φιλίππου

Η Σύναξις τῶν Ἀρχαγγέλων

Στις 8 Νοεμβρίου γιορτάζει ἡ Ἐκκλησία μας τὴν «Σύναξη τῶν Ἀρχιστρατήγων Μιχαὴλ καὶ Γαβριὴλ καὶ τῶν λοιπῶν ἁγίων ἀσωμάτων καὶ οὐρανίων ταγμάτων». Ὁ ὅρος «Σύναξις» σημαίνει μία συνάθροιση τῶν πιστῶν γιὰ τὸν πανηγυρισμὸ τῆς μνήμης ἐνὸς ἱεροῦ προσώπου, ἐν προκειμένῳ τῶν ἁγίων ἀγγέλων καὶ ἀρχαγγέλων. Εἰδικώτερα κατὰ τὴν γιορτὴ αὕτῃ στὸν ὅρο «σύναξις» δίδεται ἀπὸ τὸν συναξαριστὴ καὶ τὴν ὑμνογραφία ἓνα ἰδιαίτερο νόημα: θέλει νὰ σημάνει ὅχι μόνον τὴν συνάθροιση τῶν πιστῶν, ἀλλὰ καὶ τὴν συνάθροιση τῶν ἀγγέλων. Τὴν μετὰ δηλαδὴ τὴν πτώση τοῦ Ἑωσφόρου καὶ τοῦ ἀγγελικοῦ του τάγματος ὁμόνοια καὶ ἔνωση τῶν λοιπῶν ταγμάτων τῶν ἀγγέλων καὶ τὴν σταθερὰ ἀπὸ κοινοῦ ἐμμονή τους στὸ ἀγαθό, στὸ θέλημα τοῦ Κτίστου. Καὶ γιὰ νὰ χρησιμοποιήσουμε ἓνα σύγχρονο ὅρο, τρόπον τινὰ τὸν «συνασπισμό» τους στὸν πόλεμο ἐναντίον τῶν δυνάμεων τοῦ σκότους, τοῦ σατανᾶ καὶ τῶν πονηρῶν τοῦ ἀγγέλων.

Ἐπομένως εἶναι μία γιορτὴ ἐνότητας, μία πρόγευση καὶ ἓνα σύμβολο γιὰ τὸ τελικὸ θέλημα τοῦ Θεοῦ γιὰ ἐνότητα καὶ ὁμόνοια στὴ κτίση γενικὰ καὶ μετὰξὺ οὐρανοῦ καὶ γῆς, κτίσεως καὶ Θεοῦ. Ὅπως διαβάζουμε στὸ Κατὰ Ἰωάννην Εὐαγγέλιον ὁ Χριστὸς ἦρθε ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς «ἵνα πάντες ἔν ὧσι» (Ἰωάν. 17:21). Οἱ ἄγγελοι ἤδη βιώνουν αὐτὴν τὴν κατάστασι πού εἶναι μία πρόγευση τῆς Βασιλείας τοῦ Θεοῦ. Ἐπ' αὐτοῦ πρέπει νὰ σημειωθεῖ ὅτι οἱ ἄγγελοι στὴν Παλαιὰ καὶ στὴν Καινὴ Διαθήκη ἔχουν τὸν εἰδικὸ ρόλο νὰ εἶναι κρῖκοι ἐπικοινωνίας μετὰξὺ οὐρανοῦ καὶ γῆς, Θεοῦ καὶ ἀνθρώπου – δηλαδὴ στὴν κυριολεξία εἶναι «ἄγγελοι» - πρόσωπα πού φέρνουν μηνύματα. Στὴν Λειτουργία οἱ διάκονοι πάντοτε συμβολίζουν τοὺς ἀγγέλους καὶ γι' αὐτὸ ὁ εἰδικὸς τους ρόλος εἶναι νὰ γίνονται κρῖκοι μετὰξὺ τοῦ κυρίως ναοῦ - ἐκεῖ πού στέκονται οἱ πιστοὶ πού εἶναι ὁ χώρος πού συμβολίζει τὴν γῆ - καὶ τοῦ ἱεροῦ, πού συμβολίζει τὴν Βασιλεία τοῦ Θεοῦ πού θὰ κατέβει ἀπὸ τοὺς οὐρανοὺς στὴ Δευτέρα Παρουσία. Μάλιστα, ὅταν δὲν μετακινούνται οἱ διάκονοι ἢ κανονικὴ τους θέσις εἶναι ἀκριβῶς στὸν χώρο μετὰξὺ τοῦ κυρίως ναοῦ καὶ τοῦ ἱεροῦ καὶ ὅταν μετακινούνται πορεύονται συνέχεια μετὰξὺ τῶν δύο αὐτῶν χώρων. Ἐπιπλέον συχνὰ μεταφέρουν πράγματα μετὰξὺ τῶν

δύο αὐτῶν χώρων, εἴτε πρόκειται γιὰ τὶς αἰτήσεις τῶν πιστῶν, γιὰ τὰ ἱερὰ σκεύη πού θὰ χρησιμοποιηθοῦν γιὰ τὴν τέλεση τῆς Θείας Λειτουργίας, ἢ γιὰ τὴν Θεία Κοινωνία πού κανονικὰ οἱ διάκονοι βγάζουν ἔξω ἀπὸ τὸ ἱερό. Καὶ ἐμεῖς συμμετέχουμε σ' αὐτὴν τὴν ποθομένη ἐνότητα στὴν Θ. Λειτουργία κατὰ τὴ ψαλμωδία τοῦ Χερουβικοῦ στὴ ὁποία μιμούμαστε τοὺς ἀγγέλους καθὼς εἴμαστε αὐτοὶ οἱ ὁποῖοι: «τὰ Χερουβὶμ μυστικῶς εἰκονίζοντες...»

Ὡστόσο, ἡ ἐνότητα αὕτῃ δὲν εἶναι μόνον ἐσχατολογικὴ, δηλαδὴ δὲν εἶναι μόνον κάτι πού περιμένουμε στὸ τέλος. Δὲν θὰ πραγματοποιηθεῖ δηλαδὴ μόνον μετὰ τὴν Δευτέρα Παρουσία τοῦ Χριστοῦ, ὅταν θὰ κατέβει ἡ ἄνω Ἰερουσαλὴμ ὅπως μᾶς περιγράφει ὁ Εὐαγγελιστὴς Ἰωάννης στὴν Ἀποκάλυψη (Ἀποκ. 21:9), μᾶλλον πραγματοποιεῖται ἀπὸ τὸν παρόντα ἤδη κόσμον. Οἱ ἄγγελοι ὁδηγοῦν, φρουροῦν καὶ σκέπουν τὰ τέκνα τοῦ Θεοῦ πού ἀγωνίζονται στὸν παρόντα στρατευόμενο κόσμον. Χαίρουν χαρὰν μεγάλην γιὰ τὴν ἐπιστροφή ἐνὸς ἁμαρτωλοῦ, ἀναφέρουν τὶς προσευχὲς τῶν ἁγίων στὸν θρόνον τοῦ Θεοῦ, εἶναι τὰ λειτουργικὰ πνεύματα πού ἀποστέλλονται γιὰ νὰ διακονήσουν τοὺς μέλλοντας νὰ κληρονομήσουν τὴν σωτηρία. Καὶ ἡ ἐνότητα αὕτῃ πραγματοποιεῖται κατ' ἐξοχὴν στὸ κοινὸ λειτουργικὸ ἔργο τῶν ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν ἀνθρώπων πού εἶναι ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία πού κάνουμε στὴν ἐκκλησία. Ὁ λαὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ στὴν γῆ καὶ οἱ στρατιᾶς τοῦ οὐρανοῦ ἀπὸ κοινοῦ, μὲ ἓνα στόμα, σὲ μία κοινὴ λειτουργικὴ σύναξι, προσφέρουν στὸν Θεὸ τὴν ἀδιάλειπτο δοξολογία καὶ τὴν λογικὴ λατρεία.

Καλὸ (καὶ «ἀγγελικόν») μῆνα σὲ ὅλους!



November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 4:30 to 6pm Greek School	4 4:30 to 6pm Greek School	5	6 Order Deadline for Philoptochos Pick-Up Trays 11am Philoptochos Baking Workshop Community Center
7 7th SUNDAY OF LUKE 8am Orthros 9:30 Divine Liturgy Sunday School GOYA Meeting PTO Meeting Philoptochos Meeting	8 SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGELS 8am Orthros 9am Divine Liturgy 7 to 8:30pm Adult Class Seminar	9 7pm Parish Council	10 4:30 to 6pm Greek School	11 VETERANS DAY Church Office Closed 4:30 to 6pm Greek School	12	13 ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 8am Orthros 9am Divine Liturgy
14 8th SUNDAY OF LUKE 8am Orthros 9:30 Divine Liturgy Sunday School	15 7 to 8:30pm Adult Class Seminar	16	17 4:30 to 6pm Greek School	18 4:30 to 6pm Greek School	19	20 10am to 1pm Philoptochos Order Pick-Ups
21 ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS 8am Orthros 9:30 Divine Liturgy Sunday School Philoptochos Order Pick-Ups After Church Clothing Drive Ends	22 7 to 8:30pm Adult Class Seminar	23	24	25 ST. KATHERINE THE GREAT 8am Orthros 9am Divine Liturgy THANKSGIVING Church Office Closed 	26 Church Office Closed	27
28 13th SUNDAY OF LUKE 8am Orthros 9:30 Divine Liturgy Order Deadline for Philoptochos Bread	29 7 to 8:30pm Adult Class Seminar	30 ST. ANDREW THE FIRST-CALLED APOSTLE 8am Orthros 9am Divine Liturgy 7pm Adult Class Lecture Community Center				

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SOPHOCLES
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SOPHOCLES' MASTERPIECE "OEDIPUS THE KING"

Adult Class Seminar 7 to 8:30pm
Beginning on Monday October 18th
thru Monday December 13th

As part of our introduction to Greek civilization,
this Fall we will continue our study in Greek tragedy
with the reading of Sophocles' classic masterpiece,
"Oedipus the King"

If interested in joining the class or for more information,
please call John Lyssikatos 401-728-4452

UPCOMING LECTURE

Sponsored by the Adult Greek Class

A lecture with Dr. Stephen Carr

"Nature or Nurture; What makes us who we are?"

A Selective History of Genetics from Pythagoras to Epigenetics"

Tuesday, November 30th at 7pm

in the Community Center of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
(will also be available to view via Zoom)

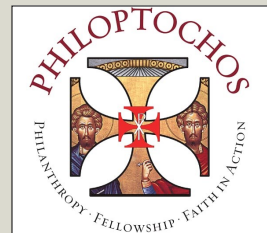


The presentation will be a selective history of genetics and how the concept of inherited features have evolved over the ages, beginning with Pythagoras and ending with the contemporary idea of epigenetics. It isn't Nature or Nurture that makes us who we are . . . it's Both.

If there is anyone who is unable to attend in person
please contact viannislyssikatos@gmail.com for Zoom information

Philoptochos News

November is a busy month for Philoptochos! Frozen trays and pastry boxes were prepared as a fundraiser to meet our local and National obligations. Many thanks to our workshop volunteers.



Philoptochos collected school supplies for a teacher in our parish whose students needed help with the essentials to start the school year. Thank you to those who donated for making this possible.

We will be baking bread and taking bread orders for pick up in December. See flyer for more info.

Philoptochos will be making pastry at a baking workshop for their November pick-up trays fundraiser. Workshop will be held on **Saturday, November 6th at 11am in the Community Center.**

Our next meeting is on **November 7th.** Meetings are held after Church in the Community Center. Anyone who is not a member, please join us if you are able, and you can learn all about what we accomplish for our Church and community. We enjoy fellowship and working together for our Church. We welcome all.

Greek Pastry Trays and Frozen Trays For the Holidays

Place your orders early. Pre-Orders Only. Cut-off date is November 6th. Quantities limited.

FROZEN TRAYS: \$20.00 Each Pan with Cooking Instructions Included

- Baklava
- Spanakopita
- Tiropita

PASTRY TRAYS: \$15.00 Each — No Substitutions — 8 Pieces of Pastry
2 Baklava, 2 Kourambiedes, 2 Koulourakia, 2 Almond Rolls

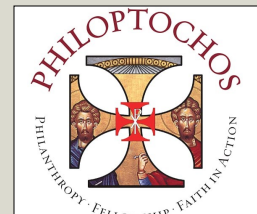
PICK-UP DAYS

Saturday, November 20th from 10am to 1pm

Sunday, November 21st after Church

TO PLACE YOUR ORDER:

Please call Elaine Sioras at 401-617-7950 or email ElaineSioras@gmail.com. A confirmation phone call or email will be provided to confirm your order has been received. Acceptable forms of payment are cash or checks made payable to St. Barbara Philoptochos Society.





Philoptochos Christmas Bread



Order Deadline
Sunday, November 28th

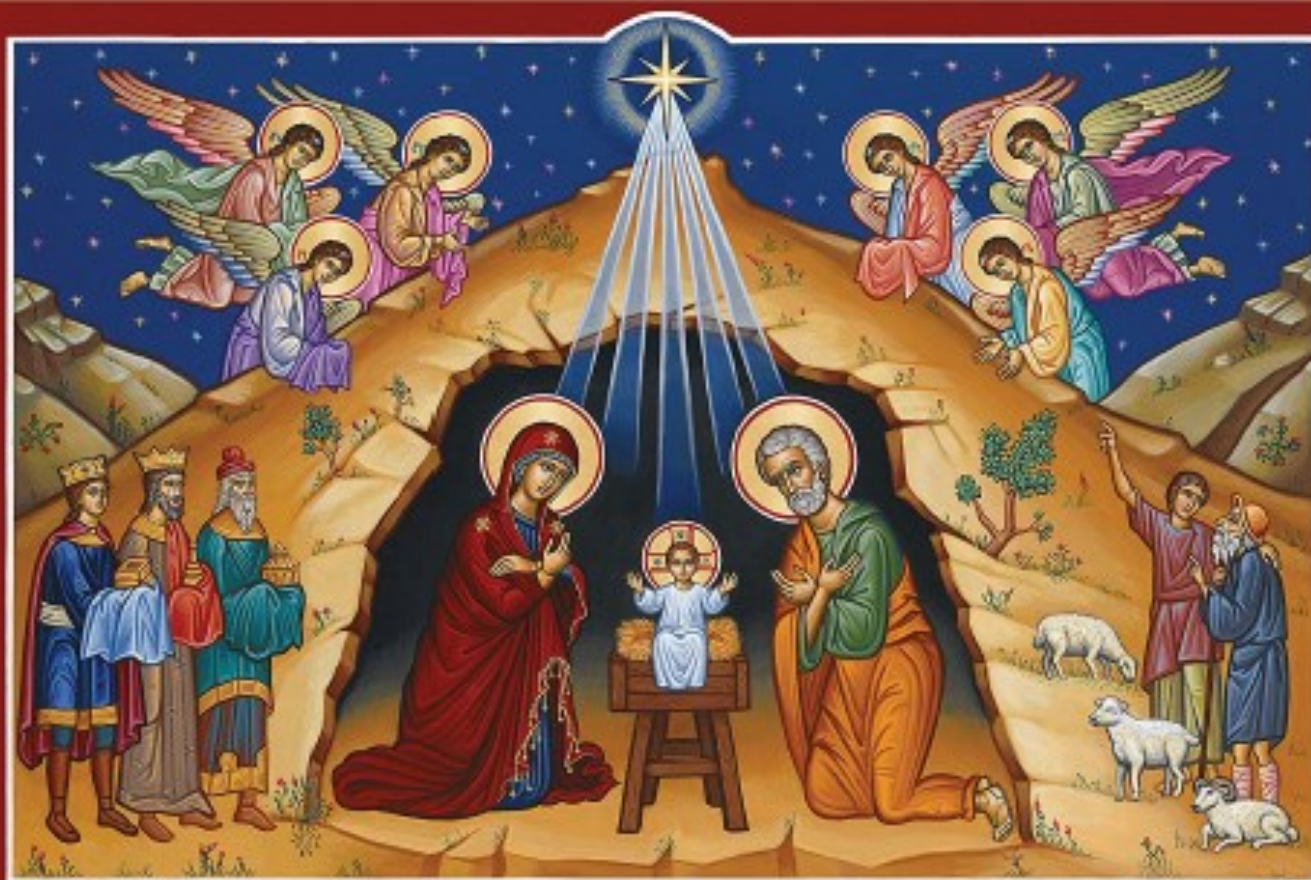
\$12 per loaf

ORDER PICK-UPS

Saturday, December 18th from 10am to 1pm
Sunday, December 19th — After Church

Elaine Sioras
401-617-7950 or 401-724-1031
elainesioras@gmail.com

GOYA CHRISTMAS CARD



GOYA APPRECIATES YOUR SUPPORT:

Every year the Assumption GOYA sends out the church Christmas card to all members of our community. Anyone who would like to help spread Christmas cheer and have their names added to this year's card may do so by completing the form below. You may mail the form along with a \$10 donation to the church office or you may bring it to any coffee hour during the month of November.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Helena Lambrakis @ 917-697-3691 or email verz423@aol.com.

Assumption Church Christmas Card Sign-Up Form
Donation \$10.00 Deadline: December 5, 2021

Name(s): _____

Please make checks payable to Assumption GOYA
Mail to: Assumption GOYA - 97 Walcott Street - Pawtucket, RI 02860

Sunday School

Sunday School classes are off to a wonderful start with 22 children who are already registered and a few more who have not yet registered. Sunday School begins in Church at which time the children attend the Divine Liturgy, listen to the Children's Sermon, receive Holy Communion, and then proceed to their class in the Community Center. Registration continues for the next few Sundays in the Community Center.



Greek School

On Sunday, October 31st, the Greek School students participated in the "OXI Day" celebration with a program that commemorated this important epic of 1940. A very nice program was presented during the Church service and Doxology giving thanks to God for our freedom and in memory of the WWII "OXI" of the Greek government that changed the history of WWII and the world. Congratulations to all of the students for a wonderful program!!! Look for more details and pictures from the program in our December newsletter.

PTO News

PTO Elections were held on Sunday, October 17th
Congratulations and many blessings to the new 2021-2022 PTO Officers:

PRESIDENT: Stephanie Dokos

VICE PRESIDENT: Vasiliki Papavasiliou

SECRETARY: Behnaz Apostolidis

TREASURER: Evgenia Dion

The next PTO meeting will take place on Sunday, November 7th
after Sunday School in the Community Center

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

A number of seats on the Parish Council are up for renewal this year, and with them is the opportunity for you to demonstrate giving to our parish and our community. The Parish Council needs to reflect the voices of the entire community. Also, the Parish Council needs to be a representation of the dreams of all of us. This is an opportunity to do good and noble work for our church.

YES, I am an Orthodox christian and a steward in good standing for two consecutive years, and I am placing my name in nomination for election to service on the Parish Council for 2022.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ **CELL:** _____

EMAIL: _____

**Submit this completed form to the
Church Office by November 30, 2021**

"The most basic task
of the Church leader is
to discern the spiritual
gifts of all those under
his authority, and to
encourage those gifts
to be used to the full
for the benefit of all."

~ Saint John Chrysostom ~



Let Us Help Our Endowment Fund Grow

As church membership dwindles in many places while ever-growing maintenance fees rise, many parishes are establishing endowment funds to meet their needs and secure their financial survival. Here at Assumption in Pawtucket, thanks to the foresight and vision of past parishioners and parish councils, we are blessed because we already established such an endowment fund many years ago.

We are also blessed here at Assumption in that, having established our Endowment Fund, many parishioners generously contributed to it in the past and to this day. Indeed, some parishioners were even kind enough to endow sizable funds through their wills to our community in order to guarantee the continuity of our beloved parish. We are where we are today thanks to such people and we should never let their generosity be forgotten.

Our Endowment Fund's value is \$874,537.25 as of November 1, 2021. As our community's By-Laws stipulate, half of our Endowment Fund's annual return goes towards the budget expenses of our community and the other half is re-invested.

In realizing the needs of our community and sharing the great vision of these benefactors, it behooves us to imitate them and to make whatever contribution we can – small or great – to continue their tradition and to help the fund grow. In this way we will secure the future of our beloved Assumption Church. For this purpose, each month we will include this new column dedicated to the Endowment Fund in our monthly newsletter. We will be posting the current value of the fund to keep you abreast regarding its growth and we will list the names of past parishioners as well as new donors who contribute to the fund in memory of loved ones. For the sake of confidentiality, names will be included but not the monetary amounts.

Let us all honor our benefactors by imitating them, sharing in their dreams for the future and by fostering with them the continuation of our church into perpetuity.

Recent Donations to the Endowment Fund

Mrs. Dionisia Grammas
In Memory of Michael Platsidakis

Mrs. Pashalia Strekouras
In Memory of Michael Platsidakis

Ms. Joanna Koveos
In Memory of Maria Lyssikatos

Consider including the Endowment Fund in your will and be a supporting pillar to secure the Assumption's survival in perpetuity.

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Stewardship Prayer

In the name of Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Amen. Lord Jesus Christ our God, accept our offerings as You have accepted the gifts of Your people throughout the ages. We offer these gifts to Your glory, for the support of the ministries of Your Holy Church, for the alleviation of suffering and hunger, and for the proclamation of Your Gospel to the whole world. Grant us Your blessing, Lord our Savior, that we may always be faithful stewards, continuing to share the gifts you have given us, by the power of Your grace, mercy and love. May Your name be glorified forever. Amen

Cemetery Fund

Assumption Church is in the process of having work performed by landscapers on our grounds at Walnut Hill Cemetery on Armistice Boulevard in Pawtucket. It would be greatly appreciated if you would consider making a donation to help with the upkeep and beautification of the grounds where so many of our deceased loved ones are buried. If you have not already done so, please contribute to the Cemetery Fund so that completion of the work can take place. Thank you to those parishioners who have already made donations.



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AHEPA Pawtucket Chapter Announces CASA 2021 Drive!

Support our **CASA (Coats and Sustainability from Assumption!)** effort! Donate your used clothing for men, women, and children! Donate dry food such as pasta, rice, beans. Help people in need this winter. Bring in your used clothes or food items **to the Community Center every Sunday right after Liturgy**. All sizes, men, women and children. All ages. All colors. Place in AHEPA marked box at Community Center. We will donate to homeless shelters! **Donations accepted until November 21st.**

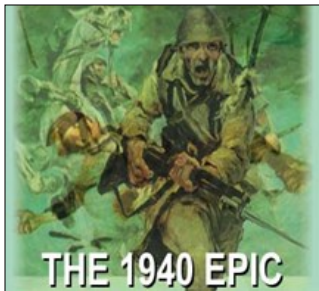


Pawtucket Chapter Participates in District's 7 Fall Conference!

Again this year, our Pawtucket AHEPA Chapter participated in AHEPA District 7 (Connecticut and Rhode Island) Fall Conference where we had the opportunity to present ideas on our AHEPA Lodge next steps, especially with regards to community engagement, philanthropy, Hellenic Affairs campaigns, membership expansions, educational activities and many more! Next year 2022, we will be celebrating 100 years of AHEPA anniversary, in a country where most organizations typically have a lifespan of about 30 years!

National Educational Foundation Announces 2021-22 Scholarship Recipients!

"The AHEPA National Educational Foundation is pleased to announce 24 recipients of its 2021-22 scholarship awards", announced Supreme President Jimmy Kokotas and Foundation Chairman George Vorkas. "In addition, the National Educational Foundation announces Mary Catherine Touloupis as the recipient of the "Chariclea Christodoulakis-Cummins Charity Fund Scholarship," which is administered by the Foundation. "We congratulate the 25 scholarship recipients on their outstanding academic achievements," Kokotas said. "They represent a broad range of hard-working students from across the globe. All have one academic dream in common — looking to become tomorrow's leaders. We are proud to count them as AHEPA scholars." AHEPA's commitment to education has been well-documented throughout its history with more than \$2.2 million awarded in scholarships since the inception of the National Educational Foundation in the early 1980s. Countless millions of dollars more have been awarded at the district and chapter levels of AHEPA.



28 Οκτωβρίου 1940, ήρωες, ποιήματα, τραγούδια και εμείς . . . οι Έλληνες της Αμερικής!

Φίλοι και φίλες, γιορτάζουμε και αυτή τη χρονιά την 28 Οκτωβρίου, όταν μια χούφτα Έλληνες δεν λύγισαν και δεν φοβήθηκαν μπροστά στον Ιταλικό και Γερμανικό φασισμό. Έγραψαν ιστορία, στα βουνά της Πίνδου, στην Κρήτη, στην Αφρική, στα βουνά και τις πόλεις της Ελλάδας μας με την ηρωική τους αντίσταση. Όλοι μαζί, όπως και κάθε χρονιά, θα τους τιμήσουμε, θα πούμε τραγούδια και ποιήματα και φοβάμαι ότι με αυτό το τρόπο θα πιστέψουμε ότι κάναμε το χρέος μας!

Ίσως και μερικοί να σκεφθούμε "εμείς τι μπορούμε να κάνουμε"; Οι πολεμιστές του 1940 ήταν ήρωες, εμείς είμαστε «διαφορετικοί» . . .

Εμείς στην ΑΧΕΠΑ, θεωρούμε ήρωες αυτούς, που παρόλα τα προβλήματα που έχουν στους ώμους τους, αγωνίζονται να διατηρήσουν την παράδοσή τους, να δώσουν με το παράδειγμα τους πως τιμούν την ιστορία τους και να παλεύουν με περηφάνεια για τον Ελληνισμό! Θέλετε και εσείς με τη σειρά σας να γίνετε ήρωες; Την απάντηση θα τη δώσετε εσείς, εμείς σαν ΑΧΕΠΑ θα σας δείξουμε το δρόμο! **Σας καλούμε να ενταχθείτε στην ΑΧΕΠΑ, να μας βοηθήσετε ώστε το 2022 που η ΑΧΕΠΑ θα έχει 100 ιστορίας και προσφοράς θα είναι ακόμη μεγαλύτερη και εσείς θα κοιτάζετε τα παιδιά σας και τα εγγόνια σας και με περηφάνεια θα τους πείτε ότι τον Ελληνισμό της Αμερικής τον μεγαλώσατε!**

We Must Preserve the Legacy We Inherited!
We need you to join our AHEPA A121 (Pawtucket) Chapter!

We ask all of you to join and support your AHEPA Pawtucket chapter. You can get as much involved as you have time or desire. Please keep in mind that just by becoming a member and through your yearly membership fee you help us to . . .



- ***Support AHEPA activities and publications!***
- ***Give strength to our Pawtucket chapter!***
- ***Provide academic and athletic scholarships!***
- ***Make our voice heard for things that matter!***
- ***Make a difference in every community!***

This is an invitation to everyone – we need all of you! Your opinion will always count! For membership information, applications please see Yianni Apostolakis, Tom Andrikopoulos or Nick Bitsakis. For more information, please visit www.ahepa.org.



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Rebuilding after Devastation - Beirut: One Year Later

An IOCC engineer reviews the conditions of the play area at a Beirut school badly damaged in the explosion, before and after it was rehabbed through an IOCC program.

Just over a year ago, Beirut, Lebanon, was devastated by a tragic explosion, deepening a crisis for a country already facing many challenges. Lives and livelihoods were lost, homes and businesses were destroyed — incomprehensible destruction instantly changed life for so many. Through the years, IOCC has been active in Lebanon, which meant that relief efforts could begin almost immediately — and with your support IOCC has been working with the people of Lebanon to rebuild ever since.

For example, Elie, age 22, owns a small grocery store near the port, in a neighborhood hit hard by the blast. The family business, founded by Elie's grandfather, has served the area for more than 70 years, selling fruits, vegetables, and other groceries. The explosion shattered the store's display windows and damaged its steel shutters — forcing it to close. "Many other organizations visited and assessed the damage," Elie said, "but none

called me afterward. IOCC was the only credible association that helped me repair the damage . . . everything was perfectly done.” Once work was complete, Elie was able to resume business and restore his only source of income. Elie’s store is just one example.

From August of 2020 through August of 2021, IOCC has repaired more than 545 homes and apartments, more than 125 small businesses, two hospitals, seven primary health centers, five schools, one Sunday School, and its educational facilities. Within hours after the blast, IOCC was also distributing much-needed food aid. Amal, for example, is 70 years old and lives alone. When the explosion destroyed the doors and windows of her apartment, she had no family to support her. IOCC’s community kitchen supplied her with three hot meals a week. “You are the only organization that helped me and asked about me, and I can’t thank you enough,” she said. In the one-year period following the explosion, IOCC provided weekly hot meals for more than 1,300 families in need.

Mother of three Nada, 36, also received food rations. In this case, IOCC’s school snacks program supplied food to children at home when schools remained closed during the COVID-19 pandemic. “We cannot buy vegetables, bread, meat, or chicken,” Nada said. “The rations are helping a lot; they give me more choices to have a variety of meals for the children.”

These programs have reached more than 153,000 people — thanks to your generosity. Through hard work, progress has been made, yet much still needs to be done. Along with our partners, IOCC will continue working with the people of Beirut toward recovery.

Here is How YOU Can Help More!

- Become a monthly donor to IOCC
- Send a donation to IOCC for a cause that touches your heart!
- Give a donation to Ioannis Apostolakis, **payable to IOCC**, for any occasion you would like to make a difference!

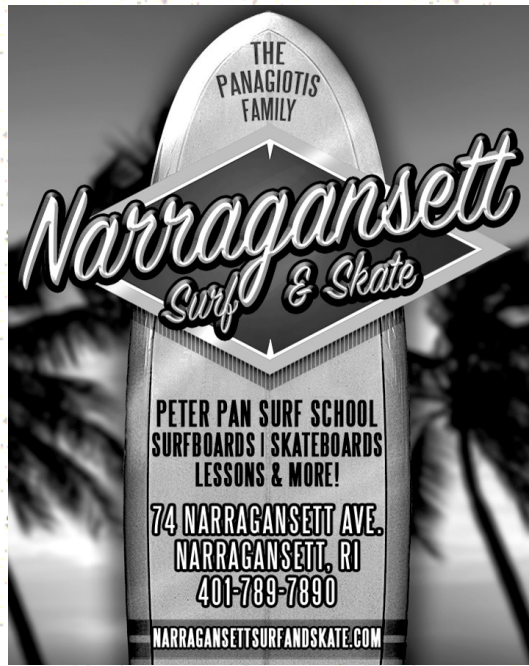
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And remember, 92 cents of every dollar you give goes to our humanitarian work. The other 8 cents is for administration and fundraising costs. Charity Navigator gives IOCC a 4-star rating (highest possible) for financial health, accountability and transparency. Plus, every dollar you give helps us secure \$7 more in support from governments, foundations, and other sources.

IOCC is the official humanitarian aid agency of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States. Since its inception in 1992, IOCC has delivered \$650 million in relief and development programs to families and communities in more than 50 countries. IOCC is a member of the ACT Alliance, a global coalition of churches and agencies engaged in development, humanitarian assistance and advocacy. To learn more about IOCC, please visit our website at iocc.org.

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