

"When the choir of Holy Fathers convened from every corner of the civilized world, they decreed into dogma the single essence and nature of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. And the mystery of theology they clearly handed down to the Church. Let us the faithful call them blessed, and extolling them let us say: O divine battalion, heavy artillery of theologians of the Lord's army; luminaries that shine brightly in the noetic firmament; the mystical Zion's unassailable towers; the sweet-scented flowers of Paradise; the solid gold mouthpieces of the Logos; the glory of Chalcedon and the splendor of the universe! Intercede insistently on behalf of our souls."

-- Dhoxastikon form the Orthros of the Sunday of the Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council (July 14, 2019)

July 2019 Newsletter



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Do you have an email address??

If you still receive a paper version of this newsletter but have an email address...help us protect the environment (and save costs). Email the office (office@agocwi.org) and let us know we can add you to the email list!

Looking for Information?

Flyers, announcements, advertisements are posted on bulletin boards in the Church Hall. If you see something you like? Make a copy!

Meeting minutes and budget reports are posted monthly following Parish Council meetings. Want more? Ask! Have a complaint? Be prepared to discuss solutions and volunteer to help!!

THE PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Tom Cameron, Parish Council President tscameron52@gmail.com

Parish Council Officers: Georgiana Wilton, Vice President; Bruce Hansen, Secretary; Scott Storck & Niko Papadopoulos, Treasurers. Members: Petros Anagnostopoulos, Christy Chappell Belkin, Conn Choles, Dori Hosek, Jim Katsihtis, Mike Smith, Nick Topitzes. Alternates: Maria Molzahn, Carol Griskavich

Greetings from the Parish Board, and Happy Summer, finally!

This month's message is a short one: **Greek Fest**^{PLUS} **is coming!!** Saturday and Sunday, July 27 and 28. **Greek Fest**^{PLUS} is why so many people in Madison know about us. People travel from Milwaukee, Racine and other locations to join our festivities. Under Georgiana's leadership, last year's **Greek Fest**^{PLUS} Plus drew record crowds and was our most successful **Greek Fest**^{PLUS} ever.

AGOC is a thriving community, and we need everyone's help at **Greek Fest**^{PLUS} this year. If you have not signed up to work at **Greek Fest**^{PLUS} yet, you still have time. It's simple - see the sign-up sheet in the church basement. If everyone takes a shift or two on Saturday or Sunday, they can enjoy the rest of the festival with their families and friends. Volunteering together gives all of us a chance to work together, learn more about each other, and to make **Greek Fest**^{PLUS} a rousing success. Come join us July 27 and 28! See you there.

MORE Greek Fest PLUS NEWS

Georgiana Wilton, Chair georgiana.wilton@gmail.com

Greek Fest ^{PLUS} 2019 Saturday, July 27: 12 noon – 7:00pm* Sunday, July 28: 12 noon – 6:00 pm* *Note new hours!!

It's that time of year again...time for GREEK FEST^{PLUS}!

That's where you come in!

We have sign-up sheets in Church for volunteers. Available spots include:

- Food Line
- Gyro Stand
- Bouncy Tent
- Ticket Sales / Cashiers

Bake sale volunteer sign-up will be handled separately by Philoptochos. Please contact Maria Heide or Athena Daniolos to volunteer.

In addition—we'll have a sign-up sheet to 'buy out' a volunteer slot. If you cannot volunteer this year, please consider a donation of \$50. \$50 is what we pay to cover just **one** 3-hour shift. It takes **364** 3-hour shifts to staff Greek Fest. That's just Saturday and Sunday and does not include all the preparation before and clean up after.

Please help when and where you can!

Questions? Email Georgiana at georgiana.wilton@gmail.com

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Eleni Giakoumopoulos, President, lenagiak@gmail.com 608-556-8186

Vice President: Maria Molzahn, Secretary: Sue Soloninka, Treasurer: Maria Heide, Asst. Treasurer: Jenny Glatch, Corresponding Secretary: Nancy Briamis, Asst Corresponding Secretary: Kathie Fafalios

Summer Coffee Hour:

There is a sign-up sheet for the summer coffee hour outside of the kitchen area on the Philoptochos bulletin board. As a reminder, we are doing a summer-lite coffee hour list and don't forget we are on Summer Hours starting June 23.

There are still some dates open:

June 23: Valerie McCarthy June 30: Maria H. and Barb K. July 7: Elene P. July 14: Violet C. and Patti C. **July 21: Open** July 28: Greek Fest August 4: After Greek Fest coffee hour :) August 11: Nikki S. August 14: Katherine Fafalios (Vespers) August 15: Panagias **August 25: September 1: September 8:**

Email Maria Molzahn, VP at mariaandpatrick@gmail.com if you are able to co-host.

Upcoming Events:

2019 Greek Fest Bake Sale:

We need your assistance with preparation, packaging, baking and selling. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin boards in the social hall for Baklava preparation on **July 25**. Additional help is needed on **July 26** and for both days of 2019 Greek Fest on **July 27** and **28**. Contact Maria Heide at <u>maria.heide@wisc.edu</u> if you have any questions or Elene Patenaude at <u>elene.papas@gmail.com</u> for the Baklava making.

September 25-29: Clergy/Laity/Philoptochos Assembly – Minneapolis, MN

Up to 3 delegates to attend (\$350 / person is registration before August 1)

2019 Baklava Plus Sale cooking dates

Although a few months away, mark your calendars for the fall cooking dates for the 2019 Baklava Plus Sale (November 23, 2019). So far we have confirmed:

Spanakopita making: Saturday, October 26 and Saturday, November 2

River Food Pantry

Nancy Briamis, nbriamis@gmail.com

The church congregation and the Philoptochos Society have generously supported the cost of operating the River Food Pantry's summer MUNCH program, which provides daily lunches for children in 7 north Madison neighborhoods for one week in the summer. The River Food Pantry will advertise our church as sponsors for

one week's distribution of lunches. The River Food Pantry would like to know if we would like to volunteer in either the production (making of sandwiches) or the distribution of the lunches during that week. We would need 4-5 people for either activity. Production happens Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 8:30-11:00 a.m. at the River Food Pantry; distribution is from 11-2 daily and involves driving your vehicle (the group could car pool) to the different locations with the food truck and handing out food.

If you are interested, please contact Nancy Briamis at <u>nbriamis@gmail.com</u> about which activity you would like to volunteer for and provide 4-6 dates (or date ranges) throughout the summer you are available.

**The River Food Pantry will begin a search for a new chef beginning July 8th and will be in need of more support staff/volunteers for a while. Please call (608)442-8815 to ask about volunteer needs in the kitchen or other areas of the pantry. Thank you!

Grace Episcopal Homeless Shelter

David Giffey, <u>barnowl1941@gmail.com</u>

It is again our turn on Tuesday, July 30, to prepare a hot meal and serve it at the Drop-in Shelter for the Homeless at Grace Episcopal Church. This is only two days after Greek Fest. Sorry. If you can help prepare the meal in the kitchen at church, please contact Ilektra Kolokouri at <u>ilektra.kol@gmail.com</u>.

If you wish to help serve the meal on July 30, to the homeless men please contact me (David Giffey) at <u>barnow11941@gmail.com</u>.

The homeless shelter is operated by Porchlight Inc. in Madison. During the month of July we will receive an update from Porchlight giving the approximate number of homeless expected at the shelter on July 30.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Chris and Jenny Josheff, Co-Directors, <u>agocssdirector@gmail.com</u> Fr. Michael, Spiritual Advisor, <u>frmichael@agocwi.org</u>

Sunday School is still looking for a director and teachers for the upcoming Sunday School year. Please contact <u>agocssdirector@gmail.com</u> or Father Michael if you are interested.

Thank you and have a great summer!

CHURCH WEBSITE

Lainey Skoumbouris, laney0220@yahoo.com

The church website is set-up for private login to access the monthly newsletters and are meant for Church members only, not the public. Church members can read the newsletter on the website, but you must create an account before you can view it. Log onto the website and click on "Newsletter" on the side-bar http://www.agocwi.org/registration-required/, or "login" on the main menu http://www.agocwi.org/login/; it will direct you to sign up. If you need help, have questions or something isn't working in the registration contact me.



J and M Home Helpers

AGOC's handymen, John and Mike, will do minor home repairs and maintenance for \$25/hour, with the money for their work being donated to the church.



Call Mike at (608) 516-9188 and John at (608) 575-1014 today!

SACRAMENTS DURING JUNE 2019

Weddings: 0 Chrismations: 0 Baptisms: 1 Funerals: 0

Baptisms:

Alexander Svetlinov Borisov was baptized on Saturday, June 1, 2019. His parents are Svetlin Borisov and Elitsa Georgieva Borisov. His godparent is Svetodlav Kirilov Zashev.



July 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 30 Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles NO Orthros / NO Divine Liturgy Church Open 9:00 am – 11:00 am	1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6
7 3 rª Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am	8	9 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm	10	1 1 St. Euphemia the Great Martyr Divine Liturgy 9:00 am	12	13 Russian Orthodox Divine Liturgy 9:00 am
14 Sunday of the Holy Fathers Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am	15	16	17	18	19	20 Prophet Elijah Divine Liturgy 9:00 am Wedding in the Afternoon at Church
21 5th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am	22 St. Mary Magdalene / St. Markella of Chios Divine Liturgy 9:00 am	23	24	25 Baklava Preparation	26 St. Paraskevi of Rome / St. Panteleimon the Great Martyr Divine Liturgy 9:00 am GreekFest Plus Preparation	27 GREEKFEST PLUS 2019
28 6 th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am GREEKFEST PLUS 2019	29	30 Grace Episcopal Homeless Shelter Meal	31	August 1 DORMITION FAST BEGINS Small Paraclesis 6:00 pm	August 2	August 3

June - September 2019 Liturgies and Services

July 7 3rd Sunday of Matthew

Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Epistle: Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5 Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33

Prosforo: Elene P

Coffee Hour: Summer Coffee Hour Sign-Up

July 11 Euphemia the Great Martyr

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 **Gospel**: Luke 7:36-50

Prosforo: ?

July 14 Sunday of the Holy Fathers

Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Epistle: Titus 3:8-15 Gospel: Matthew 5:14-19

Prosforo: Ilektra A

Coffee Hour: Summer Coffee Hour Sign-Up

July 20 Elias the Prophet

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Epistle: James 5:10-20 **Gospel**: Luke 4:22-30

Prosforo: ?

July 21 5th Sunday of Matthew

Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Epistle: Romans 10:1-10 **Gospel**: Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1

Prosforo: Jenny G

Coffee Hour: Summer Coffee Hour Sign-Up

<u>July 22</u>

Mary Magdalene / Markella of Chios

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12 **Gospel**: Luke 8:1-3

Prosforo: ?

July 26 Paraskevi of Rome /

Panteleimon the Great Martyr

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

<u>St. Paraskevi</u> Epistle: Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5 Gospel: Mark 5:24-34

<u>St. Panteleimon</u> Epistle: 2 Timothy 2:1-10 Gospel: John 15:17-27; 16:1-2

Prosforo: ?

July 28 6th Sunday of Matthew

GREEKFEST PLUS 2019

Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Epistle: Romans 12:6-14 **Gospel**: Matthew 9:1-8

Prosforo: Cathy G

Coffee Hour: (GREEKFEST)

August 1 Dormition Fast Begins

Small Paraklesis 6:00 pm

<u>August 4</u> 7th Sunday of Matthew

Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Epistle: Romans 15:1-7 Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35

Prosforo: Tom C

Coffee Hour: Summer Coffee Hour Sign-Up

August 6

Holy Transfiguration

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Epistle: 2 Peter 1:10-19 Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Prosforo: Georgia M

<u>August 8</u>

Great Paraklesis 6:00 pm August 11

8th Sunday of Matthew

Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-17 **Gospel**: Matthew 14:14-22

August 11, con't.

Prosforo: Georgia M

Coffee Hour: Summer Coffee Hour Sign-Up

August 13 Great Paraklesis 6:00 pm

August 14

Great Vespers of the Dormition With Lamentations and Artoklasia 6:00 pm

Lenten Reception to Follow

<u>August 15</u> Dormition of the Theotokos

Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11 Gospel: Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

Prosforo: Anna F

August 18 9th Sunday of Matthew

Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17 **Gospel**: Matthew 14:22-34

Prosforo: Anna F

Coffee Hour: Summer Coffee Hour Sign-Up

August 25 10th Sunday of Matthew

Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 Gospel: Matthew 17:14-23

Prosforo: Jane S

Coffee Hour: Summer Coffee Hour Sign-Up

August 29 Beheading of St. John the Baptist

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Epistle: Acts 13:25-33 Gospel: Mark 6:14-30 Prosforo: ?

<u>September 1</u>

Beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year

SATURDAY, JULY 27 – 12 NOON - 7 PM SUNDAY, JULY 28 – 12 NOON - 6 PM

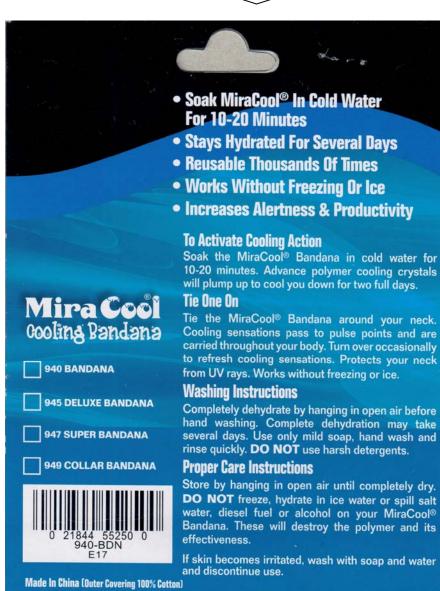
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Plus

Attention GreekFest Plus 2019 Workers!!

Helen G will be providing **MiraCool**[™] Cooling Bandanas during GreekFest Plus 2019 to help keep you cool ☺

She has asked us to provide the instructions for the Cooling Bandana here!





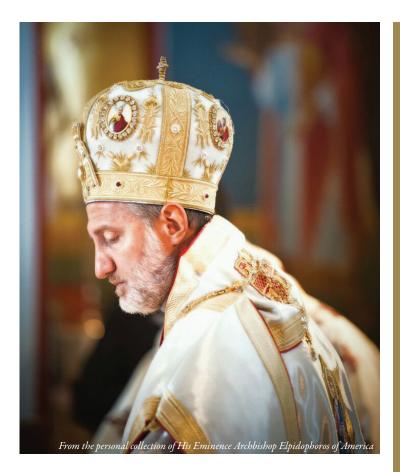
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Archbishop Elpidophoros of America Enthroned June 22, 2019 in New York

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America was enthroned as the seventh Archbishop of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America on Saturday June 22, 2019 at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in Manhattan. The Enthronement of Archbishop Elpidophoros attracted worldwide interest and was attended by hierarchs from the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops; dignitaries from the political, diplomatic, academic and business world; religious leaders, community and organization representatives; and clergy and laity from around the country and around the world.

On Sunday, June 23, the day after the Enthronement, His Eminence will preside for the first time as Archbishop at the Hierarchal concelebration of the Divine Liturgy with all the members of the Holy Eparchial Synod.

ABOUT OUR ARCHBISHOP

On May 11, 2019 he was unanimously elected as the seventh Archbishop of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

Born in 1967 in Bakirköy, Istanbul

In March 2005 he was ordained to the Holy Priesthood

In 2011 he was elected Metropolitan of Bursa and later appointed Abbot of the Holy Patriarchal and Stavropegial Monastery of the Holy Trinity on the island of Chalki

Since 1996 he has been a member of the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches

For over 15 years he has served as Chair of the Advisory Council for the Turkish Bible Society and in August 2017 was elected to serve on the the United Bible Societies' Global Council.



LEARN MORE!

Visit goarch.org/enthronement for:

- An official biography
 - Official addresses

• Photos and video from the Enthronement and Divine Liturgy

Visit youtube.com/y2am to watch *Be the Bee* Episode #134: "Why Do Bishops Get Enthroned?"

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