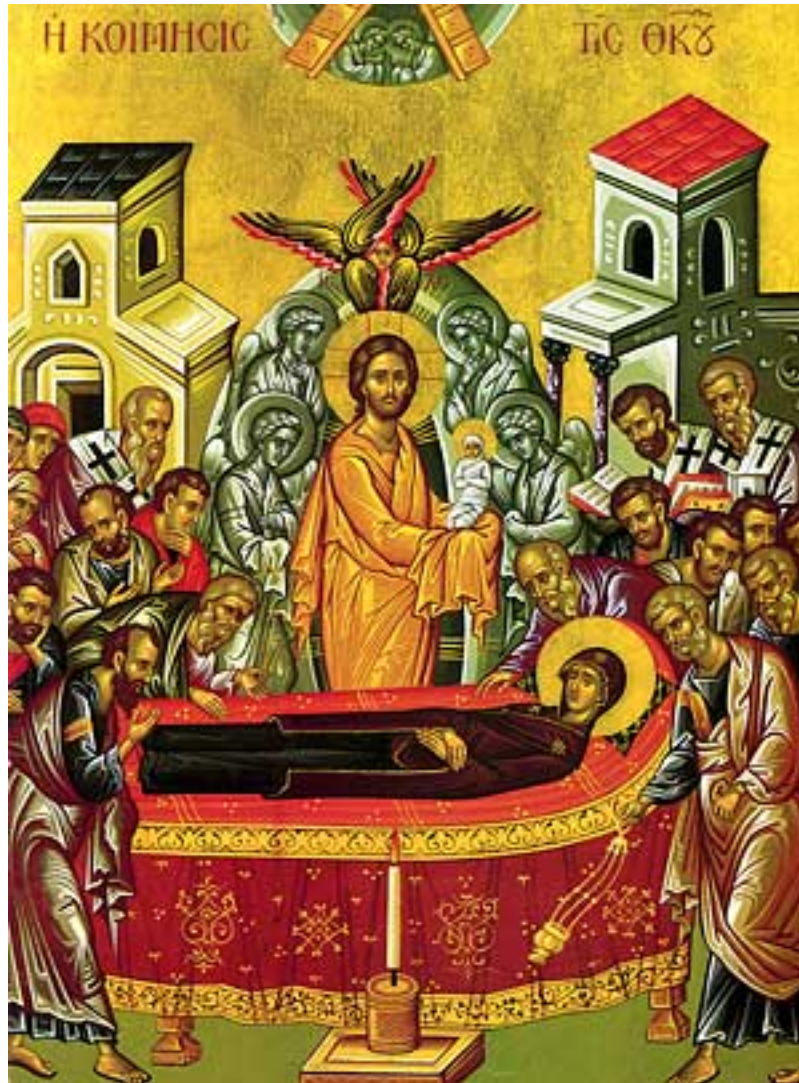


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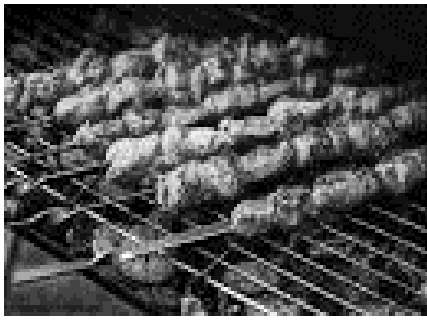
Rejoice, bridge that truly leads us from death to life!



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HELP!



THE ANNUAL FALL TAKE-OUT/EAT-IN DINNER NEEDS YOU!

Contact any Parish Council Member to offer your help.

(See the Parish Directory Page for contact information.)

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Council invites all parishioners to become Stewards of the parish and will launch a Stewardship campaign in November.

The Council also invites parishioners to attend Council meetings or read the Council meeting minutes that will be posted in the Church Hall on a monthly basis.



SUNDAY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS
PAGEANT
PRACTICES

Dec 6th and 13th
during Sunday
School.
&
Saturday,
December 19th
9:30-1

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

We will accept absentee ballots from
November 29-December 6th.

Elections will be held in the Church
Hall
on December 6 until 1 p.m.

Those nominated:

- ___ Alina Cacuir-Colondres
- ___ Justin Griffing
- ___ Paul Henninge
- ___ David Hunt
- ___ Lynn Lambesis
- ___ Sotos Papaseraphim
- ___ Nectar Rorris

More communications on this will be coming soon.



Philoptochos News and Announcements

The Philoptochos Society is the official philanthropic organization of the Greek Orthodox Church in America.

Come and join us in doing the charity of our Orthodox Christian faith in this place.

Philoptochos means "friend of the poor."

All women of our parish are invited to become members.

Thank you to everyone who helped out with our October Pot Luck, food and prep.

Mark Your Calendars:

- Sunday, Nov 1 – Celebration of our patron Saints Cosmas & Damian, tray for the support of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and November meeting starting at 12:30.
- Mon. 2 – 10 a.m. Bake Sale prep (Nuts & boxes etc.) & Koulourakia
- Tues. 3 – Election Day - 9:30 a.m. -Baklava (Crescent baking on Thursday)
- Friday 6 - 10 a.m. - cupping and set up for bake sale
- Sat. 7 - Bake Sale and Take out Dinner 10 a.m. – Closing – Please sign up for a shift.
- Sun. 15 – Last day to bring your donations for the Thanksgiving Food Drive
- December 13 – Philoptochos Christmas Gathering & Meeting – Details later.



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

"You saw me hungry and you fed me...."
From the parable of the Last Judgment,
Matthew 25: 31-46

GIVE OUT OF YOUR OWN THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GREAT LOVE.

Your FOOD DRIVE DONATIONS go to the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf.
Please bring donations to the FOOD DRIVE BOXES in the Community Center

Last day for food collection is Sunday, November 15.

The list below is just a guide; bring whatever non-perishable food you'd like.

HOLIDAY FOODS: Canned pumpkin, cranberry sauce, gravy, stuffing mixes. Dried fruits, nuts. Canned yams. Jams and jellies. Boxed desserts. (Think about your own holiday table and give out of thankfulness for all your blessings.)

CANNED FOODS: Canned vegetables, fruits. Also canned meats, tuna, ham, etc. Crisco or other vegetable shortening. Condiments (mustard, ketchup, mayonnaise, etc.)

DRIED FOODS: Instant potatoes, dried soup mixes, bouillon. Rice, and rice mixes. All kinds of pasta: spaghetti, elbows, noodles, etc. Dried beans (lima, lentils, etc.) Cereal, cake/cookie mix, muffin & bread readi-mixes, pancake mix.

AFTER-THE HOLIDAY FOODS: Holidays end, but let your giving continue. The need continues after the holidays, please remember your blessings and contribute foods that are daily needs, especially, canned meats, peanut butter, jams & jellies, pastas and sauces.

Money Donations toward the purchase of foodstuffs by our Philoptochos Society are gratefully accepted. Please send your check to *The Philoptochos Society, Dormition Greek Orthodox Church, P. O. Box 8122, Burlington, VT 05402* and note "Food Drive" in the memo.

Give thanks to the Lord for His merciful love endures forever! Ps 136:1



SPONSOR A COFFEE HOUR

One of the things that helps our parish thrive is our fellowship and one major piece that contributes to fellowship is our coffee hour after the Divine Liturgy. Be part of that important ministry. Sponsor a coffee hour, in memory of a loved one, to celebrate a family milestone, a graduation, a birthday or an anniversary.

Coffee Hour: What Do I Need to Bring

1 quart of whole milk
2 half gallons of juice (apple, orange juice etc.)
Snacks - Plan for about 50-60 people.

Suggestions for snacks:

Pastry / cookies / doughnuts/ muffins etc.
Cheese and crackers, bagels & cream cheese
Fruit (preferably cut up)

You do NOT need to bring coffee, sugar, dishes, or napkins. These are provided at Church.

During the fasting periods of the Church, please be careful to avoid bringing meat or dairy products for coffee hour. Hummus and crackers/pita bread, peanut butter and jelly are examples of what have been brought during those times.

Questions? Call Presvytera Anthe (865-4416).

Thank you in advance for your help in making our fellowship hour possible.



Sing a new song to the LORD! Sing his praises from the ends of the earth! Isaiah 42:10

JOIN THE CHOIR

*You don't have to read Greek to sing in the choir.
Come to rehearsals.
Saturdays - Nov 14 & Dec 12 - 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.*



Orthodox Christian Stewardship is a way of life, which acknowledges accountability, reverence, and responsibility before God. A primary goal of Stewardship is to promote spiritual growth and strengthen faith. Becoming a Steward begins when we believe in God, to whom we give our love, loyalty and trust and act on those beliefs. As Stewards, we affirm that every aspect of our lives comes as a gift from Him. Stewardship calls on the faithful to cheerfully offer back to God a portion of the gifts with which they have been blessed.

NOVEMBER 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>Sis Cosmas & Damian</i> *** DAYLIGHT SAVING <i>ENDS change clocks</i> (fall back) Philoptochos Tray for Patriarchate and Coffee hour 12:30 Philoptochos meeting	2	3 9:30 a.m. -Baklava – making Prep – boxes & Koulourakia	4	5 10 a.m. Crescent making	6 10 a.m. - cupping and set up for bake sale	7 Bake Sale and Take out Dinner 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. 5:00 p.m. Vespers followed by Bible Study
8 <i>Synaxis of</i> <i>Archangels</i> Coffee Hour? – Parish Council Meeting	9 <i>St. Nectarios</i> – Due to the construction of the new ramp, there will be no daytime services.	10	11	12	13 6:00 pm – Small Paraklesis (Moleben)	14 9:30-11:30 Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm – Vespers followed by Bible Study
15 <i>Saints Guria,</i> <i>Shamuna, Habib</i> Food Drive Ends Coffee Hour?	16	17	18	19	20	21 Entrance of the Theotokos - Due to the construction of the new ramp, there will be no daytime services. 5:00 pm – Vespers followed by Bible Study
22 <i>Saints Archippus,</i> <i>the Apostles Philemon</i> <i>and his wife Apphia,</i> <i>Onesimos</i> Coffee Hour: <i>Rorris</i> Family 7:30 p.m. Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, Ohavi Zedek, No. Prospect Street	23	24	25 <i>St Catherine</i> - Due to the construction of the new ramp, there will be no daytime services.	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28 5:00 pm – Vespers
29 <i>St Paramonus,</i> <i>Philumenus & their 370</i> <i>companion martyrs in</i> <i>Bethynia</i> Coffee Hour: Ft. Bob & Presvytera Anthe	30					

DECEMBER 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>6 St. Nicholas Christmas Pageant practice</p> <p>Parish Council Elections until 2 p.m.</p> <p>-Coffee Hour by the Nicks</p>						<p>5:00 pm – Vespers followed by Bible Study</p>
<p>13 St Herman of Alaska – Christmas Pageant Practice</p> <p>- Coffee Hour???</p> <p>- Parish Council Meeting</p> <p>- Philoptochos Christmas Gathering</p>						<p>5:00 pm – Vespers followed by Bible Study</p>
<p>20 Forefeast of the Nativity - Ignatius the God-Bearer</p> <p>-Sunday School Pageant</p> <p>- Annual Christmas Breakfast</p>					<p>25 FEAST OF THE NATIVITY</p> <p>More information about time later.</p>	<p>5:00 pm – Vespers</p>
<p>27 Protomartyr Steven, Theodore the Branded</p> <p>Coffee Hour???</p>				<p>31 New Year's Eve</p>	<p>January 1 – Feast of the Circumcision and St Basil the Great</p> <p>More information about time later.</p>	