



FAITH ALIVE

Saints Constantine and Helen
Greek Orthodox Church

Parish Ministries and Stewardship ~ 2018

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A Place to Belong

Following Christ is not only about believing, it's also about belonging. We are members of His Body—the Church. Saint Paul taught that for the organs of your body to fulfill their purpose, they must be connected to your body. The same is true for us as members of Christ's Body. We find our purpose by being attached to a living, local Church. It is truly our place to belong.

Simple Steps

For Joining Our Parish

1. Attend Sunday Liturgy.
2. Introduce yourself to our Priest, Fr. Chris, and/or a Council member or Usher, and fill out a visitor's form (located in the Narthex) and mail it to the church office. We will follow up with you.
3. Seek to get connected and involved in the parish by browsing the ministries outlined in this brochure, and make a prayerful commitment of your time, talent and treasure to the parish as an active member of the Body of Christ.

WELCOME!

SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP

10:00 am	Divine Liturgy Begins (<i>9:30 am during Summer</i>)
10:25 am	Youth Sermon
11:00 am	Holy Communion
11:00am-12pm	Sunday School Classes
12:00-1:00 pm	Family Hour in Grand Hall

PARISH MINISTRIES

- **PASTORAL MINISTRY:** The Priest, as head of the Parish by virtue of the ecclesiastical authority vested in him, shall guide and oversee the entire Parish Ministry and Program (Uniform Parish Regulations). In addition, all Sacramental and Pastoral Counseling Services are offered through the office of the Priest:

frchris@andoverorthodox.org

- **DIACONATE MINISTRY:** Diaconate Ministry: Deacon Sal Fazio and Deacon Gary Kent assist Fr. Christopher in celebrating the Divine Liturgy and in the parish visitation ministry. They also serve as youth discussion leaders for JOY-Middlers and GOYA ministry meetings and for Orthodox scouts.

Dn Sal: deaconsalfazio@gmail.com and **Dn Gary:** kent_gary@bah.com

- **PARISH COUNCIL MINISTRY:** To serve on the Parish Council is a ministry and all those who serve are called to represent Christ and the Orthodox Church to all whom they meet in all aspects of life. The Parish is administered by the Priest and Parish Council cooperatively (UPR). **President - Buzz Stapczynski:**

buzz.stap@gmail.com

- **PARISH OFFICE MINISTRY:** The parish data base, stewardship, weekly bulletins and all office administration is provided through our Church office.

Parish Secretary – Karen Davies: office@andoverorthodox.org

- **STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY:** Promotes and advances the Christian way of life; the giving of our time, talent and treasure to support and operate all the ministries and activities of Church.

Co-Chairperson – David Murphy: david@dieselmanor.com



YOUTH MINISTRIES

- **NURSERY:** Nursery: Parents can bring their infants to church and comfort them in the nursery on the lower level and view the Liturgy on the TV screen. **Lauri Diamantis:** ldiamantis@yahoo.com and **Angela Kulesza:** Angela.Kulesza@gmail.com

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Classes every Sunday for all youth of the parish Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12. Children receive a beautiful Orthodox Christian education with age appropriate curriculum by our warm and friendly Sunday school staff.
Supervisor – Patty Trant: pattytrant@earthlink.net

- **GREEK SCHOOL:** Our Greek school program offers classes for children Pre-Kindergarten to Sixth grade. Students also participate in poems, plays and observances throughout the year. Greek dance groups are also provided for various ages.
Presvytera Katerina: prezkat@comcast.net

- **GREEK DANCE GROUPS:** Greek dance instruction is offered to Greek school and non-Greek school children. Weekly rehearsals and performances during cultural celebrations.
Instructor – Irene Savas: iesavas@gmail.com

- **Joy and Jr. GOYA “Junior Orthodox Youth” (ages 7-11):** Youth gather once or twice a month for fun Orthodox Christian discussions, music, group games, outings and retreats.
Coodinator – Patty Trant: pattytrant@earthlink.net
JOY Leader – Deacon Sal: deaconsalfazio@gmail.com
Jr. GOYA Leader – Deacon Gary Kent: kent_gary@bah.com

- **GOYA “Greek Orthodox Youth of America” (ages 12-18):** Activities include Bible studies, fun discussions, overnight retreats, dances, and charity outreach.
Coordinators – Eleni Xifaras: exifaras@verizon.net and **Voula Danas:** voulakd@aol.com
GOYA Leader – Deacon Gary Kent: kent_gary@bah.com

- **BASKETBALL TEAMS:** For GOYA and JOY age group. Teams participate in the Metropolis of Boston youth basketball league at Hellenic College in Brookline, MA. **GOYA BOYS Coach – Chris Kombouras:** ckombouras@gmail.com **GOYA GIRLS Coach – Dylan Archambault:** dylanandpete@aol.com **JOY Coach: John Makiej:** jackwill1s@verizon.net

- **ALTAR BOYS:** For boys grades 3 (9 years old) and up. Altar teams serve at least once every three weeks. **Altar Captains: Stelios Koutsogiannopoulos and Michael Makiej** revmakj@verizon.net

- **YOUTH CHOIR:** Sunday school students learn the Byzantine chants of our Church and sing the Divine Liturgy on the first Sunday of every month. **Director – Presvytera Katerina:** prezkat@comcast.net

- **SUMMER AND WINTER CAMP:** Orthodox Christian Camp Program which brings together youth from throughout New England offered by the Metropolis of Boston for JOY and GOYA age youth during the Winter and Summer sessions. For more information go to the Metropolis of Boston website: boston.goarch.org

- **VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL:** Summer ministry for youth ages 4 to 11. Activities include games, Bible classes, songs, skits and worship. Usually takes place the second week of August in our parish. **Director – Diana Koster:** dvlamis@yahoo.com

- **BOY SCOUTS & GIRL SCOUTS MINISTRY/ORTHODOX MEDAL PROGRAM**
Leader - Dn. Sal: deaconsalfazio@gmail.com

ADULTS & COUPLES MINISTRIES

- **BREAD FOR LIFE:** Monthly parish-wide Bible study and casual, relevant discussion on contemporary topics, led by Fr. Christopher. Meets from 7-8:30 pm in the conference room. Refreshments served. For more information contact: office@andoverorthodox.org

- **WOMEN'S FAITH & FELLOWSHIP** Women's Bible study and fellowship. Meets the first Friday of the month from 9-10:30 am in the conference room. Refreshments served.

Leader – Presvytera Katerina: prezkat@comcast.net

- **MORNING MEDITATIONS:** Morning prayers and Bible reading with casual discussion and fellowship led by Fr. Christopher. Meets the first or second Wednesday of the month from 10-11:30 am in the conference room. Refreshments served.

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- **EMBRACING ORTHODOXY CLASSES:** Summer classes for all those seeking to learn more about the Orthodox Faith and who are considering embracing Orthodoxy through the Sacrament of Chrismation. Taught by Fr. Christopher. Contact Church office for class dates: office@andoverorthodox.org

- **FAITH FORUMS:** Special guest speakers are invited to the parish twice a year for Wednesday Night lectures, discussions and fellowship. Follow our parish website or monthly "*The Word*" for announcements of the next forum: www.andoverorthodox.org

- **MEN'S DINNER MINISTRY:**

Men's dinner and discussion of contemporary issues. Meets monthly.

Leaders – John Terzakis: jterzakis@verizon.net and **Jim Murphy:** james@dainterface.com

- **COUPLES NIGHT OUT:** Meets two or three times per year at restaurants and homes for fun, social gatherings. For more information contact the office: office@andoverorthodox.org

- **BYZANTINE CHANTING MINISTRY**

Teacher – Dr. Telly Papanikolaou: acpapanik@aol.com

- **CHOIR:** Director- Presvytera Katerina prezkat@comcast.net
Organist: -- David Harvey: dgharvey1@aol.com

- **FOREVER 49 CLUB:** Forever 49 is a social group which sponsors a variety of activities. All adults are invited to join in the fun and enjoy special events with congenial and lively companions. **Leader – Dorothy Mastromonaco:** dorothy861@comcast.net

YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRIES

- **COLLEGE FELLOWSHIP:** Gathering of college students for faith discussions and fellowship. Meets twice per semester when students are home for long weekends. Meeting follows Communion at 11:00 am on Sundays in the conference room. Refreshments served.

Leader – Dr. Telly Papanikolaou: acpapanik@aol.com

- **YOUNG PROFESSIONALS:** Monthly gathering of recent college graduates and young professionals for faith discussions and fellowship. Meeting follows Communion at 11:00 am on Sundays in the conference room. Refreshments served.

Leader – Nick Mimos: nicholasmimos@hotmail.com

OUTREACH ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICE MINISTRIES

- **LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS - MYROFORI:** Outreach, charity and philanthropic ministry. Monthly meetings, fundraisers and social events. **President – Olga Pithis:** olgacp@aol.com

- **CHRISTIAN ANGEL SMILE MINISTRY:** Thanksgiving and Christmas Basket Making. Provides thousands of meals for those in need during the holiday season.. **Peter and Desi Souhleris:** desi@souhleris.com

- **FAMILY NIGHTS:** Meet monthly with all Sunday school families for fun, social activities. **Coordinators – Sam and Lauri Diamantis:** ldiamantis@yahoo.com

- **SUNDAY SERVICE TEAMS (Ushers):** Four teams oversee the narthex, candles, tray collections and prep and serve the Sunday Family Hour. Contact: **Buzz Stapczynski:** buzz.stap@gmail.com
- **CONNECTING & WELCOMING MINISTRY:** Welcomes new families and connects them to the parish and involvement in the life of the parish. **Leader – Voula Danas:** voulakd@aol.com
- **ATRIUM FOOD BOX:** Weekly food and clothing drives collected and brought to Lazarus House in Lawrence, MA. **Coordinator – Patty Trant:** pattytrant@earthlink.net
- **FACILITIES MINISTRY:** Oversees the building needs of our entire campus and facility.
- **LANDSCAPING MINISTRY:** Seasonal landscaping and beautification of our grounds. **Leader – Bob Goodwin:** bpgoodwin@comcast.net
- **OFFICE ANGELS MINISTRY:** Church office support and assistance – Anita Stratigakis, Ann Paris, Dorothy Mastromonaco. **Leader – Karen Davies:** office@andoverorthodox.org

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN EDUCATION RESOURCES

- **PARISH BOOKSTORE:** Manager – Elaine Demetroulakos: elained5@comcast.net
- **LENDING LIBRARY:** Director – Patti George: pattigeorge@comcast.net
- **NARTHEX PAMPHLET RACK:** Leader - Elaine Demetroulakos: elained5@comcast.net

COMMUNICATIONS AND EVANGELISM

- **“The Word”**: Monthly news and parish information publication.
Editor – Bette Bigelow: exbigelow@aol.com

- **WEB SITE and FACEBOOK MINISTRY**
Coordinator – George Xifaras: gxifaras@verizon.net

- **CABLE TELEVISION MINISTRY: “Orthodox Life Today”**
Program Producer – Joe Spanos: joeyspan@aol.com

- **PARISH YOUTUBE CHANNEL: AndoverOrthodox**
Coordinator – Greg Constantine: greg@galaxyediting.com

OTHER MINISTRIES

- **GREEK FESTIVAL MINISTRY:**
office@andoverorthodox.org

- **GOLF TOURNAMENT MINISTRY**
Leader – Steve Pithis: snpithis@aol.com

PARISH AFFILIATED FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

- **AHEPA: President – Steve Pithis:** snpithis@aol.com

- **DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE**
Contact -- Nancy Pantazopoulos: napanta@comcast.net





Orthodox Christian Stewardship

Stewardship 2018

Work at it with All Your Heart: Stewardship 2018

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men....”
Colossians 3:23

Saint Phocas was a gardener and Saint Euphrosinos was a cook. Simple men. Known by the work they did, they became saints of the Church. We know that service to God and His Church is sacred, and because of this we strive to serve and support the Church. But is it possible for *our work* to be sacred? Can we be Christian stewards of our work? According to Saint Porphyrios, “At your work, whatever it may be, you can become a saint through meekness, patience, and love.”

In the second chapter of the Old Testament Book of Genesis we read, “The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it”(Genesis 2:15). God put man in the garden to *work*. It is part of God’s plan for us that we work. In Exodus we read, “Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest....” The world has changed, very few of us are called to work the land, and our work week may not be six days, yet we are created and called by God to work, and we can serve him through our work.

Some are blessed to follow a career path to a life’s work bringing satisfaction. Others may work in a position that may not appear to be spiritually or emotionally fulfilling. Yet in whatever type of work we find ourselves, it can become sacred when we dedicate it to God. In the words of Mother Theresa, “Wherever God has put you, that is your vocation. It is not what we do, but how much love we put into it.”

Life on earth is a gift. The work we do is also a gift if we see it as an opportunity to serve God and others. Saint Paul instructs us, *“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working*

*for the Lord, not for men....” (Colossians 3:23). **When we see our work in this way, we are able to become Christian stewards of our work.***

Stewardship of work teaches us that we don't own our work, our position, our title. We are only stewards of a position for a period of time. We are responsible to fulfill our duties and also to prepare it for the person that will follow us in that position. We may also have the opportunity to mentor the person that will assume our position when we move on, empowering them to apply their particular gifts and talents to take the position to the next level.

Christian stewardship of work also teaches us that we are responsible to those with whom we work and those that may be served by our work. We are called to reflect the light of Christ in their lives, encourage them, support them and even love them. We are also stewards of our co-workers inasmuch as we cooperate and support them in their efforts for the good of all.

Saint Phocas the Gardener lived in the late 3rd Century, in the ancient region of Paphlagonia (now northern Turkey). Phocas lived humbly on the sale of fruits and vegetables he would grow in his garden. Through his work, Phocas fed the hungry and gave shelter to those in need. Because of his dedication to his work and his generosity to those in need, he became a Christian example to others. Even the non-believers treated him with respect, and by his Christ-like manner, many were drawn to the Christian Faith.

Saint Euphrosynos worked as cook in a monastery in Palestine, serving the brother monks humbly and faithfully. The others were not aware of the depth of his spiritual growth until it was revealed in a dream to a priest-monk of the monastery and then related to the brother monks. Saint Euphrosynos is known to us by his humble work – a Cook!

In times of trouble or worry, especially over our career, many of us call upon God to strengthen us, to provide opportunity and to bring us success. When we achieve some measure of worldly success, it is easy to say to ourselves as we read in the Old Testament Book of Deuteronomy (8:17), “My power and the strength of *my* hands have produced this wealth for me.” But the next verse quickly reminds us, “Remember the Lord your God, for it is **He** who gives you the ability to produce wealth.”

As Christian Stewards we are called to give back to God from the “first fruits” of our labor. We support our parish and her ministries in an intentional way and not with only what is left over after everything else has been taken care of.

In whatever work we do, we are called to give glory to God for the abilities and opportunities he provides. We do this by caring for the work we do, applying our God-given abilities to our work, and by respecting the responsibilities with which we have been entrusted. We do our best and give the glory to God.

- *Greek Orthodox Archdiocese dept. of Stewardship and Evangelism*

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Christopher

Council President, *Buzz Stapczynski*

Stewardship Committee: *David Murphy, Bess Gorman, Ed George, John Terzakis*

“A Rich man is not one who has much, but
one who Gives much...for what he gives away
remains his Forever.”

