



# **“All Things Are Possible To The One Who Believes”**

Saints Constantine and Helen  
Greek Orthodox Church

## **Parish Ministries and Stewardship ~ 2019**

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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](mailto: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.

Gary: [kent\\_gary@bah.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ldiamantis@yahoo.com) and **Angela Kulesza:** [Angela.Kulesza@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:pattytrant@earthlink.net)  
**JOY Leader – Deacon Gary Kent:** [kent\\_gary@bah.com](mailto: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](mailto:exifaras@verizon.net) and **Voula Danas:** [voulakd@aol.com](mailto:voulakd@aol.com)  
**GOYA Leader – Deacon Gary Kent:** [kent\\_gary@bah.com](mailto:kent_gary@bah.com)  
**GOYA President – Joanna Archambault**

- **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](mailto:ckombouras@gmail.com)

- **ALTAR BOYS:** For boys grades 3 (9 years old) and up. Altar teams serve at least once every three weeks. **Altar Captains: Michael Michael Makiej and Michaelangelo Tsaparlis** [revmakj@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:dvlamis@yahoo.com)

- **BOY SCOUTS & GIRL SCOUTS MINISTRY/ORTHODOX MEDAL PROGRAM**

## **ADULTS & COUPLES MINISTRIES**

- **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. [office@andoverorthodox.org](mailto:office@andoverorthodox.org)

- **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](mailto: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](http://www.andoverorthodox.org)

- **MEN'S DINNER MINISTRY:**  
Men's dinner and discussion of contemporary issues. Meets monthly.  
Leaders – John Terzakis: [jterzakis@verizon.net](mailto:jterzakis@verizon.net) and Jim Murphy: [james@dainterface.com](mailto:james@dainterface.com)

- **FAITH AND FRIENDS:** Meets two or three times per year at restaurants and homes for fun, social gatherings. For more information contact the office: [office@andoverorthodox.org](mailto:office@andoverorthodox.org)

- **BYZANTINE CHANTING MINISTRY**  
Teacher – Dr. Telly Papanikolaou: [acpapanik@aol.com](mailto:acpapanik@aol.com)

- **CHOIR:** Director- Presvytera Katerina [prezkat@comcast.net](mailto:prezkat@comcast.net)  
Organist: -- David Harvey: [dgharvey1@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 – Deacon Gary Kent:** [kent\\_gary@bah.com](mailto:kent_gary@bah.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.

## OUTREACH ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICE MINISTRIES

- **LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS - MYROFORI:** Outreach, charity and philanthropic ministry. Monthly meetings, fundraisers and social events. **President – Olga Pithis:** [olgacp@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:desi@souhleris.com)

- **FAMILY NIGHTS:** Meet monthly with all Sunday school families for fun, social activities. **Coordinators – Sam and Lauri Diamantis:** [ldiamantis@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:bpgoodwin@comcast.net)

- **OFFICE ANGELS MINISTRY:** Church office support and assistance – Dorothy Mastromonaco.

**Leader – Karen Davies:** [office@andoverorthodox.org](mailto:office@andoverorthodox.org)

## **ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN EDUCATION RESOURCES**

- **PARISH BOOKSTORE:** Manager – Elaine Demetroulakos:  
[elained5@comcast.net](mailto:elained5@comcast.net)

- **LENDING LIBRARY:** Director – Patti George:  
[pattigeorge@comcast.net](mailto:pattigeorge@comcast.net)

- **NARTHEX PAMPHLET RACK:** Leader - Elaine Demetroulakos: [elained5@comcast.net](mailto:elained5@comcast.net)



## COMMUNICATIONS AND EVANGELISM

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

- **WEB SITE and FACEBOOK MINISTRY**  
Coordinator – George Xifaras: [gxifaras@verizon.net](mailto:gxifaras@verizon.net)

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

- **PARISH YOUTUBE CHANNEL: AndoverOrthodox**  
Coordinator – Bethany Spanos: [joeyspan@aol.com](mailto:joeyspan@aol.com)

## OTHER MINISTRIES

- **GREEK FESTIVAL MINISTRY:**  
[office@andoverorthodox.org](mailto:office@andoverorthodox.org)

## PARISH AFFILIATED FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

- **AHEPA: President – Steve Pithis:** [snpithis@aol.com](mailto:snpithis@aol.com)
- **DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE**  
Contact -- Nancy Pantazopoulos: [napanta@comcast.net](mailto:napanta@comcast.net)





# Orthodox Christian Stewardship

## Stewardship 2019

***“All things are possible to the one who believes”***

Mark 9:23

Beloved in Christ, the Church is a place that teaches us that all things are possible through *believing* in Jesus Christ. And it is through believing in Him that we have new life. It is through believing that we receive joy, comfort, peace, and fulfillment. And it is through the Church that we are provided with a place to truly believe and grow in our faith through worship and the many ministries and activities of our parish.

We are honored and grateful for all who work and labor in our parish vineyard within the many ministries of our parish (see enclosed pictures and listings). And your generous financial stewardship giving provides the resources necessary for our parish to be a strong place of faith – where the main work and goal is to change hearts and renew lives for Jesus Christ.

**Therefore, in order for our parish to continue the good Work of our Lord, we humbly ask that you please make your heartfelt Stewardship Pledge for 2019. And we also ask that you prayerfully consider becoming a *Torchbearer*, *Good Shepherd*, or *Pacesetter*, as over 100 families already have (see the stewardship commitment form) and bring your stewardship pledge to the Church on Stewardship Sunday, November 18 – or simply mail it to the church office during this month of November.**

And if you are able to increase your pledge over last year, even a little bit, it would be greatly appreciated. The Bible teaches that this is what all Christians should be striving toward - *tithing* (giving 10% of our income to God's work of salvation through His holy Church).

Our 2019 parish budget is \$560,000. This supports all the ministries and parish expenditures listed on the parish ministries summary form enclosed. As you can see, we need everyone to contribute in order to operate our Church and serve our people.

Also, our parish believes in the Orthodox and Biblical teaching of weekly giving – which makes contributing toward your annual pledge easier (*i.e., a pledge of \$1,000 is only \$20 per week*). Simply use the stewardship envelopes you receive in the mail for each week.

We deeply thank you for your generous work, and we thank you for your gifts of time, talent and treasure to your beloved parish.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Fr. Christopher*  
Council President, *Buzz Stapczynski*  
and the Stewardship Committee

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

