

# GOOD NEWS

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From the Desk of  
Rev. Fr. Angelo Maggos

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## From the Desk of Fr. Angelo

Once again, on *the* most beautiful night in Christianity, the Resurrection Service, after the church has been bathed in the light of hundreds of candles and the deafening joyful cries of Χριστος Ανεστη (Christ is Risen!) have shattered the darkness, we will hear one of my favorite writings of the early Church Fathers: a sermon written by St. John Chrysostom. You remember it. The one in which we all respond “εμπικράνθη!” meaning “it is vexed!” or “it is embittered!”. But have you ever paused to consider who this IT is who has been vexed? Listen to the answer that St John provides us, which is at the heart of the salvific work of our Lord.

*“Let no one grieve over his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed; let no one weep over his sins, for pardon has shone from the grave; let no one fear death, for the death of our Savior has set us free: He has destroyed it by enduring it, He has despoiled Hades by going down into its kingdom.”*

The linchpin of our Christian faith is the belief in the **ACTUAL DEATH** and **BODILY RESURRECTION** of Jesus Christ. A resurrection where Christ, fully divine, one in essence with the Father and the Holy Spirit and yet fully human like us, died and was brought back from death in His glorified body to live forever as both our Savior and as the example of what our renewed form will be in God's everlasting kingdom. With this Truth as a solid foundation, we can endure history's many so-called “new revelations” of the faith without impact. In fact, St. Paul goes so far as to say that without the event of the Resurrection our faith is pointless:

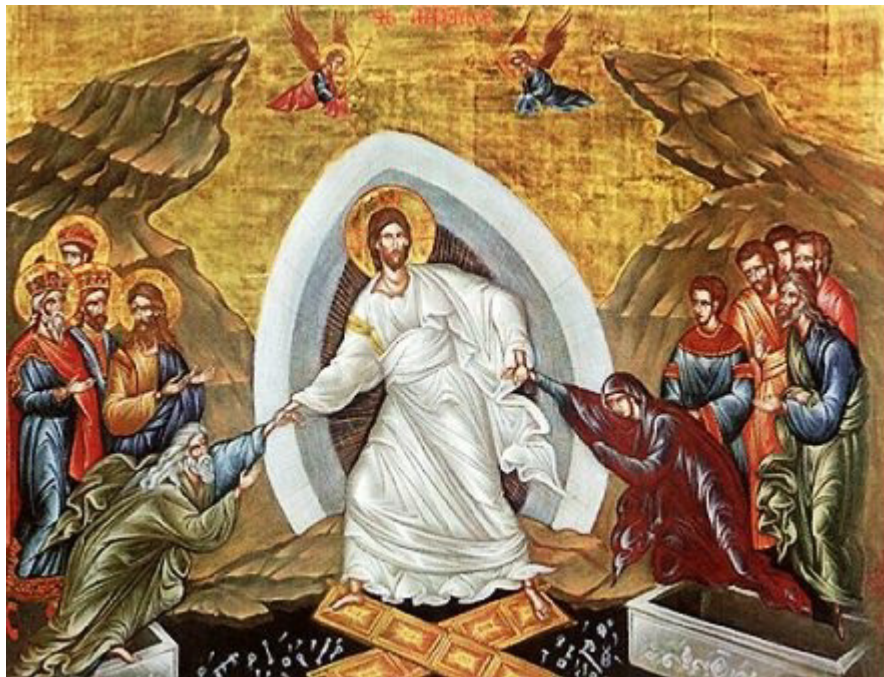
*...But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then our preaching is useless, and your faith is also useless. (1 Cor 15)*

However, this is not the case as Scripture gives us all the assurance we need to know that we worship the One True God of infinite power, endless mercy and perfect love. Christ Himself assures us of both His divinity and of God's mercy towards us: “*I am the resurrection. Anyone who believes in Me, even though that person dies, will live.*” (John 10:30 and 11:25) God's willingness to offer His only begotten Son as a sacrifice for Man's salvation is the proof that we as Christians do not worship a transcendent God separate from His creation. God's condescension as Man, one of His own creations, brought Him directly into the history of Humanity offering us a real and personal encounter, both during His life and after His resurrection. It is this personal encounter as Man that allows us to represent Christ in the iconography of the Church

while still maintaining in faith that he is fully God. St. Paul said as much when he preached to the Greeks in Athens regarding the identity of the Unknown God of their Gnostic faith (Acts 17). Through Christ's birth God was man manifest in human history and through Christ's BODILY resurrection mankind has been given the chance to redeem that which was lost by Adam; life everlasting in the new Eden. So while belief in His resurrection is critical to the Christian faith, Christ's bodily resurrection also distinguishes us from other faiths. Many religions have professed resurrection after death: Dionysos for the Ancient Greeks and Assur (Osiris) for the Egyptians. However, in each of these religions exist the Platonic ideas that a) the body is inferior and b) that at death the soul is released from its bodily prison. In none of these religions do we find the fully developed reality that the body and the soul are intertwined as one and only God can sever that bond.

Through Christ our Lord, we have been freely given through His Suffering and Grace, total and complete victory over death by the power of Hades to which we so joyously respond with **επικράνθη!** Let us therefore in boldness and joy join St. John Chrysostom when he states:

*“O death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory? Christ is risen and life is freed, Christ is risen and the tomb is emptied of the dead ...O Hades, you have been vexed επικράνθη by encountering Him in the nether world. "Hades is vexed επικράνθη because frustrated, it is vexed επικράνθη because it has been mocked, it is vexed επικράνθη because it has been destroyed, it is vexed επικράνθη because it has been reduced to naught. So let us all ...as Pious men and all lovers of God rejoice in the splendor of this [Paschal] feast; ... let those who have borne the burden of Lent now receive their pay, and those who have toiled since the first hour, let them now receive their due re-*



*ward.*

***Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death with His death!***

# AGENDA – SPRING General Assembly 2019

On Sunday, May 19, 2019 immediately following the Divine Liturgy we will be having the ***Spring General Assembly***. Please see the Agenda below and we look forward to seeing you there and ask that you encourage as many of your family and friends to attend.

Call to Order	PC President
Opening Prayer	Fr. Angelo
Election of General Assembly Chairman and Secretary	
Approval of previous General Assembly Minutes	Meeting Chairperson
Treasurer Report/Stewardship	Eric Vangellow
Ministry and Organization Reports	

## Fund Raising Events

Greek Festival	V. Zissis
Winter Festival	S. Stathopoulos

- Religious Education
- Philoptochos
- Choir/Chant
- GOYA
- Greek School
- Seniors Group
- Cultural Groups

## Maintenance and Improvements

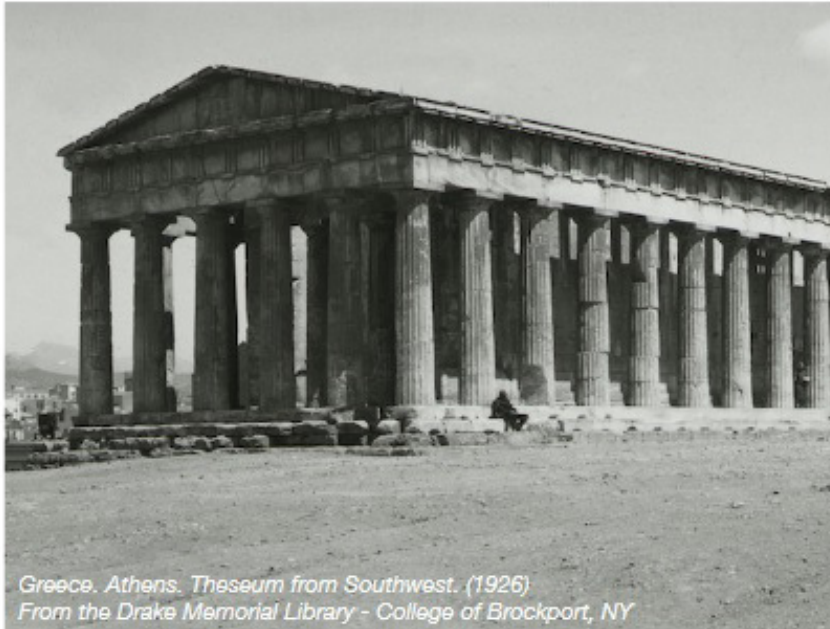
- Parking Lot Improvement
- Narthex Pangari Extension
- Hall Renovation Presentation

## Old Business

## New Business

Call for Questions	
Call for Adjournment	GA Chairman
Closing Prayer	Fr. Angelo





## Greece c1925 on “Magic” Lantern Slides

### Date / Time

May 4, 2019,  
6:30 PM

### Place

Community Hall of the  
Holy Spirit Greek  
Orthodox Church,  
835 South Ave,  
Rochester, NY 14620

### Please RSVP at

[www.hcsri.org/lantern](http://www.hcsri.org/lantern)  
or call 585.209-9530

No charge to attend.  
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### Synopsis

Charlie Cowling is the archivist and a librarian at SUNY Brockport. He has been carefully sorting through a large collection of photographs on glass slides taken in various places around the world, cir. 1910-1930. These slides are normally projected using a Balopticon “magic” lantern/projector, but Charlie’s mission is to digitize and preserve a curated set of the photos and make them available for public viewing. The multitude of images include a set of Greece. Charlie will share with us a “different” history of Greece and his goals for preserving it.

Charlie will mainly present the digitized images, but will give us a taste of Balopticon projector as well.

The images can be viewed at:  
[digitalcommons.brockport.edu/  
greece\\_slides/](http://digitalcommons.brockport.edu/greece_slides/)

### Our Presenter

Charlie Cowling has been a librarian and the college archivist at the College at Brockport since 1990. The collection of lantern slides and projectors in the archives is a fascinating one that he enjoys sharing with others. On the personal side, Charlie attends St Paul’s Episcopal Church, and his wife Claudia is a member of Holy Spirit Greek Orthodox Church.



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## VOLUNTEER FOR OUR GREEK FESTIVAL 2019!



**The 2019 Greek Festival is right around the corner**

**30 MAY, THURSDAY**

**THROUGH**

**2 JUNE, SUNDAY**

The online volunteer system this year makes it easier than ever to sign-up for exactly when and where you'd like to help out.

**Please Volunteer!**

Without enough volunteers, we will have to hire outside labor which increases our expenses and reduces our profit margin.

With your help, we look forward to hosting a great festival this year!

**Sign up at this link:**

<https://annunciationgreekorthodoxchurch.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=36809>

## CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

5 May, Sunday	Pre-Mother's Day Brunch, 11:30a
6 May, Monday	PC Meeting, 7:00p
12 May, Sunday	Mother's Day Teen Lesson – Dating and Relationships, 11:30a
19 May, Sunday	Spring General Assembly, 11:30a Last Day of Religious Education and Religious Education Graduation
3 June, Monday	PC Meeting, 7:00p

## CALENDAR OF SOCIAL EVENTS

1 May, Wednesday	Greek Festival Cooking, 9:00a Greek Festival Meeting, 6:30p
4 May, Saturday	Greek Festival Cooking, 9:00a
5 May, Sunday	Adult Greek Dance. 7:00p
6 May, Monday	Greek Festival Cooking, 9:00a
8 May, Wednesday	Greek Festival Cooking, 9:00a
11 May, Saturday	Greek Festival Cooking, 9:00a Panhellenic Dance Group Grades 1-9, 1:30p
12 May, Sunday	Adult Greek Dancing, 7:00p
13 May, Monday	Greek Festival Cooking, 9:00a
15 May, Wednesday	Good News Submission Greek Festival Cooking, 9:00a Greek Festival Meeting, 6:30p
18 May, Saturday	Greek Festival Cooking, 9:00a Panhellenic Dance Group Grades 1-9, 1:30p
19 May, Sunday	Adult Greek Dancing, 7:00p
20 May, Monday	Greek Festival Cooking, 9:00a
22 May, Wednesday	Greek Festival Cooking, 9:00a
23 May, Thursday	Seniors Meeting, 11:00a
25 May, Saturday	Greek Festival Cooking, 9:00a Panhellenic Dance Group Grades 1-9, 1:30p
26 May, Sunday	Adult Greek Dancing, 7:00p
27 May, Monday	Greek Festival Cooking, 9:00a
29 May, Wednesday	Greek Festival Meeting – Set Up Help, 6:30p
30 May, Thursday	GREEK FESTIVAL, 5:00p
31 May, Friday	GREEK FESTIVAL, 5:00p
1 June, Saturday	Panhellenic Dance Group Grades 1-9, 1:30p GREEK FESTIVAL, 5:00p
2 June, Sunday	GREEK FESTIVAL, 5:00p

***Philoptochos Elections  
to be held on Sunday May 26, 2019.  
Must be in good standing.***

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*SAVE THE DATE*



*PHILOPTOCHOS FASHION  
SHOW AND LUNCHEON*

*FEATURING FASHIONS FOR MEN AND WOMEN*

*SUNDAY, OCT. 6, 2019*

*12:30 P.M. AT THE ARBOR AT THE PORT*

*(AND CELEBRATE A SPECIAL PERSON'S BIRTHDAY!)*

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**Scholarship Info**



1. Florence G. Stefanou Scholarship
2. AHEPA Rochester Foundation Chapter #67
3. Greek Orthodox Archdiocese

Information on these and other scholarships is available on our church website under the "EDUCATION" TAB. Don't delay as most scholarship applications are due by June 2019



**NY District Level Oratorical Festival was held at our church on Sunday April 7th.**



Congratulations to all the participants and special mention to Ana Eveleigh and Ana Dobrot , both of whom will be moving on to the Metropolis Level competition to be held at St Nicholas in Troy, MI on Saturday May18th.

# NY State GOYA Lenten Retreat @ St Sophias in Syracuse



**Our GOYA made a great showing!**

**Just look at those smiling faces.**



# Scenes from the Friday Akathist Service



**Our chant team, Artemis,  
Nicole with our newest  
member Marissa**

# Annunciation Policies

## MEMORIAL FUNDS DISTRIBUTION POLICY

All monies received during a funeral or memorial service that are made out to the church, that is, checks marked with “Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church” or cash with the envelope marked with “Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church” will be used for purposes in support of church operation.

These could include support of recognized church ministries, sacramental articles purchased for the church proper or for ongoing campaigns such as Hall Renovation or other capital improvements.

If it is desired that these monies are to be used for other wishes that the family may have the family must ensure that they announce that these checks or cash be designated as such.

All monies received for funerals are tracked, and family members will receive a listing of those who donated and a total amount of the donation, typically within 40-60 days following the date of the funeral. In addition, for all monies received designated “*Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church,*” donors will receive a letter thanking them for their donation to the church in memory of the deceased.

## POLICY FOR DOCUMENT PREPARATION:

There is a required processing charge of \$40 for the initial document and \$10 for each subsequent document. This charge covers research, preparation and routing of documents to the Metropolis or other required agencies.

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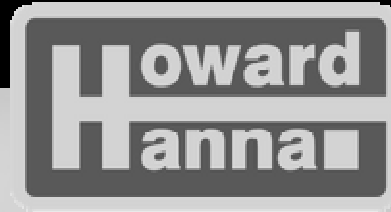
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