

GOOD NEWS

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From the Desk of
Rev. Fr. Angelo Maggos

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From the Desk of Fr. Angelo

Often times I hear people ask me if there is something we can do to “improve” our Orthodox worship service (meaning the Divine Liturgy). Could it be made shorter, more exciting, freshen it up a bit, and so forth. Since the November theme of our youth religious education is “Practicing Orthodoxy”, I thought a good start would be to speak of this concern. Before we can improve something, we first must understand the purpose of the thing we are attempting to improve. As Divine Liturgy falls into the realm of worship, the best place to begin is by answering the question, “What is worship?”

Well, simply, worship is the act of placing the priority on God. In Orthodoxy true worship is contemplated in the mind (vous), felt in the heart and expressed through a life according to His image and likeness.

The Orthodox style, structure and form of worship has its roots in the Ancient Church as established by the Apostles, their disciples and the Holy Fathers. This ancient worship had its formal or documented origins in the *Didache* or *Teaching of the 12 Apostles* written sometime in the 1st century and formed the basis of the more developed liturgies of St. James, St. Basil, and the current form, St. John Chrysostom. However, even though these liturgical forms evolved over time, the direction and purpose of Divine Liturgy as worship has always remained towards God and never towards man. That is, there was never an attempt to delight the Christian masses or appeal to the latest trend of the time.

The *Didache*, particularly the section on ritual practices for Early Christians, offers proof of this focus on worship as given in the basic instructions for conduct of the Liturgy:

- a) giving thanks to God
- b) confession before receiving Holy Communion
- c) the Anamnesis or offering of bread and wine where Christ said “...do this in remembrance of me”
- d) the communal offering of “*thanks to You, Holy Father, for Your Holy Name which You caused to dwell in our hearts, and for the knowledge and faith and immortality, which You made known to us through Jesus.*”

With the rise of contemporary or post-modern Christian worship, there has been a shift from God-centered worship to man-centered worship. The focus is on how God affects “me” what “I get out of worship,” and “do I feel better.” This has resulted in pastors and priests shifting their focus from worship directed to God to worship directed to the needs of their parishioners. With this shift comes the search for the next level of technology, music, or preaching style to entice the next generation or be in tune with the societal trend of the day. In this way, worship disintegrates into feel good therapy sessions and hymns which focus on the importance of my personal effort. This is not to say that our worship should not take into account the ever-changing society in which we live, but cultural and societal norms can only inform but not dictate the style, structure and form of worship. Worship that glorifies God should never appeal to personal taste, but rather reflects our humility and fervent desire to yield our will and our lives to He who grants life and purpose to all of Creation.

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In addition to glorifying God, Orthodox worship nourishes us spiritually preparing us for the struggles we encounter daily. The Divine Liturgy echoes the words of St. Paul who reminds us who is the source of our spiritual and physical nourishment, *“It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me...I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.”*

This is in stark contrast to new age worship which repeats the ancient heresy of Pelagianism. This was a heresy that was condemned by the Ecumenical Council of Ephesus in 431. Pelagianism held that the individual possesses the capacity to achieve their own salvation through human will and effort and if the individual could use their talents wisely enough, they could achieve perfection.

Much of today’s worship encourages this individualization by prioritizing a person’s personal relationship with God. We have all heard the mantra of asking someone “if they have a personal relationship with Jesus.” While Orthodoxy certainly encourages private prayer and a relationship with our Lord, the Church equally encourages all of us to participate in public (or corporate) prayer.

Compare these two prayers, one from a typical contemporary worship service and the second from the Trisagion prayer of the Divine Liturgy.

*No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand.
Till He returns or calls me home—here in the power of Christ I'll stand.*

Hymn entitled Christ Alone

O Holy God, Who is resting among the holy ones, praised by the Seraphim with the thrice-holy voice, glorified by the Cherubim, and worshiped by every celestial power.

You have brought all things into being out of nothing. You have created man according to Your image and likeness and adorned him with all the gifts of Your grace.

You give wisdom and understanding to the one who asks, and You overlook not the sinner, but have set repentance as the way of salvation.

You have granted us, Your humble and unworthy servants, to stand even at this hour before the glory of Your Holy Altar of sacrifice and to offer unto You worship and praise that is due You. Master, accept the Trisagion Hymn also from the lips of us sinners, and visit us in Your goodness.

First Part of Trisagion Hymn

While both hymns acknowledge God as Savior and as the One who guides our lives, contemporary prayers have a distinct slant of individualism stressing the action of the individual; *power of Christ in me, Jesus commands my destiny, and in the power of Christ I'll stand.*


Contrast this with the Trisagion prayer where the direction is towards God and acknowledges the fullness of God’s majesty.

God the Creator - *You have brought all things into being out of nothing. You have created man...*
God the Savior - *You give wisdom and understanding... set repentance as the way of salvation*
God the merciful - *You overlook not the sinner... visit us in Your goodness*

The liturgical prayers end with the manner of how to thank Him who provides all things; *“and to offer unto You worship and praise that is due You”.*

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So, to answer the original question of can we “improve” the Divine Liturgy, the answer is that the Church has allowed the Liturgy to change and improve over time as evidenced by the differences in the (St. James, St. Basil, and St. John Chrysostom Liturgies. Even the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy celebrated during Great Lent has a form that evolved specifically to address particular needs during the Great Fast. However, none of these changes takes away from proclaiming the fullness of what God has done: creation, salvation, and mercy. Any evolution of worship in the Orthodox Church must always maintain this balance and harmony.

<p style="margin: 0;">PARISH REGISTRY</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Baptisms:</p> <p style="margin: 0;">September 7, Saturday, Thomas Christopher Harmon Parents: Christopher & Alexandria Harmon</p> <p style="margin: 0;">September 28, Saturday, Nikos Michael Bournazakis Parents: Michael & Elizabeth Patricia Bournazakis</p> <p style="margin: 0;">October 6, Sunday, Kalliopi Irene Vasalos Parents: Ioanis Vasalos & Maria Katsetos</p> <p style="margin: 0;">October 12, Saturday, Giovanna Samantha Makovsky Parents: Christopher Makovsky and Sophia Frank</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Weddings:</p> <p style="margin: 0;">29 September Brett Howerton Edmunds Lewter & Jacqueline Zaharia Mihalitsas</p> <p style="margin: 0;">12 October George Lumb and Andrianna Hetelekides</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Memoriam: May their memory be eternal</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%; margin: 0;"> <tr> <td style="width: 35%;">Natalie Anastasia Vasho</td> <td style="width: 65%;">Interred September 9, 2019</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nikollaq Velo</td> <td>Interred September 19, 2019</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Berthe (Phohiti) Kouroublakis</td> <td>Interred September 21, 2019</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jennie S Mickles</td> <td>Interred October 3, 2019</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mary Pantas</td> <td>Interred October 9, 2019</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Evangelos Bourtis</td> <td>Interred October 19, 2019</td> </tr> </table>	Natalie Anastasia Vasho	Interred September 9, 2019	Nikollaq Velo	Interred September 19, 2019	Berthe (Phohiti) Kouroublakis	Interred September 21, 2019	Jennie S Mickles	Interred October 3, 2019	Mary Pantas	Interred October 9, 2019	Evangelos Bourtis	Interred October 19, 2019	
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MODERN DAY MARTYRS

Reported by staff reporter on the Catholic Herald, March 25, 2018

<https://catholicherald.co.uk/news/2018/03/25/police-officer-who-swapped-places-with-hostage-was-a-practising-catholic/>

As we remember all the martyrs that have witnessed for their Christian faith in times long past, it is also important to remember that modern day martyrs continue to witness for their faith even to the present day.



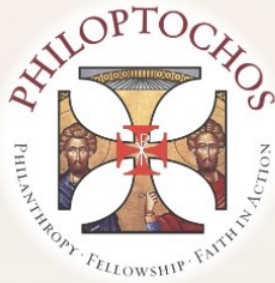
Lieutenant-Colonel Arnaud Beltrame died on Saturday, March 24, 2018 after volunteering to replace a female hostage during a terrorist attack on the Super U supermarket in Trèbes, southern France, on Friday.

Beltrame left his phone on so that police could hear his conversations with the gunman.

He was shot in the neck by jihadist Radouane Lakdim before police entered the supermarket and killed the Moroccan-born French national. ...

Fr. Dominique Arz, national chaplain of the gendarmerie, [told](#) the French Catholic magazine Famille Chrétienne: “It turns out that the lieutenant-colonel was a practicing Catholic. The fact is that he did not hide his faith, and that he radiated it, he bore witness to it. We can say that his act of self-offering is consistent with what he believed. He served his country to the very end, and bore witness to his faith to the very end.”

May his memory be eternal.



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Thank you to all of the parents, students and teachers for a great start to the religious education school year. Please remember if you haven't already registered your child for Sunday School you may log onto the church website at <http://annunciationrochester.org> and click on the "Sunday School Registration" link under the Education tab. It is mandatory that each child in attendance at Sunday School be registered.

As mentioned in previous publications there will be a "theme" each month for our religious education classes. The theme for November will be Practicing Orthodoxy and The Physical Church. Classes will discuss the importance of prayer, the importance of attending church as well as the significance of The Cross. Please try to ask your child questions about what they did in class to open up a dialogue about current topics.


An important event this month for our religious education students will take place on Sunday November 10th as we celebrate Godparents at church. It is highly encouraged that each student take communion with his or her Godparent if possible. As a Godparent it is important to remain active and involved in your God-child's religious education and upbringing and this is one small way to reinforce that bond.

Remember that our church website offers a wealth of information regarding the religious education program. Under the Education tab you will find the schedule of education activities, scholarship offerings and the parent information handbook.

Looking ahead to December we would like any parent or parishioners interested in helping with our Christmas Pageant to please reach out to us at recagocny@gmail.com.

Sarah Ann Panitsidis & Sultana Swain

Religious Education Administrator



Greek School Update

We would like to congratulate Marietta Psarros who successfully completed the Comprehension Examination in Modern Greek and for her achievements in Greek School!

Meet the Greek School Teachers



Our pre-kindergarten teacher is Demetra Bouquin. This is Demetra's second year teaching Greek School. Demetra has a Bachelor's Degree in Childhood Education and a Master's Degree in Special Education. Demetra has three boys ages 4, 5, and 9 years old. Demetra loves to spend time outdoors with her family and she enjoys reading.



Our kindergarten teacher is Nia Pike. Nia graduated from Roberts Wesleyan College with degrees in Elementary Education and Special Education. She has been a Greek School teacher for four years and a public school teacher for fifteen. Nia has two children, Maya and Andrew, who currently attend Greek School. Every year, she looks forward to meeting new faces and learning new things.



Our first grade teacher is Maria Georgantopoulos Hagen. This is Maria's second year teaching Greek School. Her love for the Greek language and culture is instilled in her Greek School class as well as at home. Her three children, Jeffrey, Annamaria, and Alexia attend Greek School. Maria has been a Physician's Support Specialist at UR Medicine for nineteen years. Maria has been a lifelong member of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church and has also spent time giving back to the church by volunteering.



Our second grade teacher is Irene Magos. Irene has been teaching Greek School for eight years. She was a student in the Greek School program. Irene holds a teaching degree in childhood education as well as in literacy. She uses what she has learned as a teacher and adapts it to the classroom which can make learning Greek enjoyable. Irene has two children that went to Greek school and has been a member of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church her whole life.



Our third grade teacher is Dimitris Chachlakis. Dimitris has been a Greek School teacher for two years. He was born and raised in Athens, Greece. Dimitris received the Diploma in Electronic and Computer Engineering from the Technical University of Crete, Greece. In the fall of 2016, Dimitris moved to Rochester where he joined the Department of Electrical and Microelectronic Engineering at Rochester Institute of Technology. Dimitris is currently a PhD candidate pursuing the PhD in Engineering.



Matina Konstantinidou is also a third grade teacher. Matina was born and raised in Thessaloniki and moved to Rochester in 2017. This is her second year teaching Greek School. Matina has her degree from Greece in bookkeeping. Matina has two daughters who are both part of the Greek School program.



Our fourth grade teacher is Eleni Chitou. Eleni moved to Rochester from California three years ago. This is her second year teaching Greek School. Eleni was a teacher in Greece for several years. She has a Bachelor's and Master's in English. Eleni has two boys and so far they love the upstate NY weather and scenery!



Our fifth grade teacher is Walter Bubie. Walter is a User Experience (UX) Designer/Human Factors Engineer with a 30+ year record of designing user interfaces for desktop, web, mobile, and embedded displays while at Kodak and Kodak Alaris. Walter has practiced various types of user needs research, competitive benchmarking, storyboarding, wire framing, prototyping, and usability testing for commercial and advanced research projects. He has lead UX teams and projects and has managed and mentored student interns studying in the UX Design field. Walter is a recognized out-of-the-box thinker, and holds many patents of user interaction models and designs in areas of digital photography, digital cinema, medical devices, and others. He has a Master's in Computer Science/ Information Technology,

Advanced Certificate in New Media Design and one in Human Factors. Currently, Walter is a Lecturer at the Rochester Institute of Technology /National Institute of the Deaf (NTID), teaching courses in the area of UX design. He is a teacher at heart, considering also that he has taught Greek to youth for twelve years and has privately tutored adults. Walter regularly visits Greece, while making his home in Greece, NY.



Our sixth grade teacher is Sotirios Koupas. This is his second year teaching Greek School. Sotirios is a Global Software Engineer Director for UTC/Carrier where he leads several software development teams in the US, India and China and Europe. He is a native Greek from Thessaloniki and migrated to the US in the 90s to attend college. He attended RIT and completed his Bachelor's in Computer Engineering and recently his Executive MBA. On his free time, Sotirios enjoys playing the keyboard and piano, working on house projects, and generally spending time with his family. He has travelled to many places around the globe including India, China, Brazil, Mexico, Italy, France, England, and of course Greece. Sotirios currently lives in Webster with his wife Aliko and two kids Vasilios (9y) and Katerina (5y).



Our seventh grade teacher and music director is Dimitris Katsetos. Dimitris has been a part of Greek School for over thirty-five years. He has taught all the grades, was the Greek School principal, and the music director of the program. Dimitris is retired from Kodak as a Service Engineer. He dedicates countless hours to the Greek School program and the church community. He is also an active member in AHEPA, Panhellenic, and The Hellenic Cultural Society.

Εκ μέρους της κοινότητας και ιδιαίτερως των γονέων του Ελληνικού Σχολείου, θέλω να ευχαριστήσω θερμά όλους τους δασκάλους για το σπουδαίο λειτουργήμα που κάνουν. Εύχομαι να συνεχίσουν μαζί μας για να κρατήσουμε την γλώσσα μας και την παράδοση ζωντανή στο μέλλον.

-Maria Dembeyiotis

Events:

- 2 November, Drosopigi Mens Party, 5:00 PM Location to be determined.
- 3 November, Sunday, RE class - kids prepare invitations for GP Sunday
- 3 November, Sunday, Daylight Saving Time ends**
- 3 November, Sunday, Patron Sts. Cosmas & Damian - Artoclasia - Philoptochos Hosts Fellowship
- 9 November, Saturday, Philoptochos ladies baking, 9:00 AM
- 10 November, Sunday, for Artoclasia American Veteran
- 10 November, Sunday, Philoptochos General Meeting - Discuss bake sale
- 11 November, Monday, Veterans Day**
- 15 November, Friday, Good News submission deadline for December
- 16 November, Saturday, Greek School 1:30 dismissal
- 16 November, Saturday, Philoptochos ladies baking, 9:00 AM
- 17 November, Sunday, Philoptochos ladies baking, 8:00 AM
- 21 November, Thursday, Philoptochos ladies baking, 9:00 AM
- 22 November, Friday, Philoptochos ladies baking, 9:00 AM
- 23 November, Saturday, Philoptochos ladies baking, 9:00 AM
- 24 November, Sunday, Philoptochos Bake Sale, 11:30 AM
- 28 November, Thursday, Office closed**
- 28 November, Thursday, Thanksgiving Day
- 29 November, Friday, Office closed**
- 30 November, Saturday, Greek School - No class - Thanksgiving break

Church Events:

- 1 November, Friday, Liturgy of Cosmas & Damianos, 10:00 AM
- 3 November, Sunday, **General Assembly** will be held in the church following the Liturgy.
- 3 November, Sunday, Scholarship presentation after Liturgy
- 10 November, Sunday, RE class - Godparent Sunday - kids received communion w/their Godparents
- 10 November, Sunday, Philoptochos Sunday/Artoclasia: Patron Sts. Cosmos & Damian
- 10 November, Sunday, Fellowship sponsored by Philoptochos
- 17 November, Sunday, RE class
- 24 November, Sunday, RE class

HALL RENOVATION PLEDGE DONARS TO DATE

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HALL RENOVATION PLEDGE

As most of you know, at the Fall General Assembly we introduced some conceptual ideas for renovating our hall so it can become a focal point for community gatherings. Based on the positive feedback we received we established a Renovation Committee to formally investigate the details of the Hall renovation. Each of the members of this Committee bring a specific expertise to building construction and renovation. During the time between the Fall and Spring General Assembly this team worked to pull together the details of this project and at the recent Spring General Assembly presented a formal plan with a budget and several prospective architects who would bid on this project. The decision made at this General Assembly was to authorization to proceed with a budget of not to exceed \$425,000. Most everyone we have spoken with is very excited to see us move ahead with this project. Our church is without a doubt one of the most beautiful expressions of Greek Orthodox tradition vividly displayed in magnificent mosaic art reflected in the comments I continuously receive from those who tour our church. The excitement generated by the Hall Project reflects the desire to have a hall that will parallel the beauty of our church. The hall will once again be the center point of community gatherings such as Baptismal receptions, Wedding Rehearsals, Makarias, Memorial Luncheons and the host of dances and celebrations our parish has during the year.

The energy that this project has sparked has resulted in several parishioners donating very generously to see that this project becomes a reality. In addition to this there have been bequeathed to the church funds in support of this effort. All total thus far these efforts have resulted in our collecting approximately \$350,000 which puts us well within reach of the proposed budget of \$425,000.

Since the Parish Council and I feel very strongly that everyone must have the opportunity to be part of this important project, we are encouraging everyone to donate whatever they can. If this is to truly be a community hall let us demonstrate this in whatever way we can whether that be \$20 or \$20,000. We have provided a pledge form below which can be mailed or dropped off to the church with your donation.

Be assured that as we move forward we will be providing updates on our progress, through our website, the Good News, and church announcements. We currently project that this will be completed in December of this year in time for our annual Christmas parties.

Thank you and may God continue to bless our endeavors.

Annunciation Parish Council and Fr Angelo

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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 capita 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 per document. This charge covers research, preparation and routing of documents such as Certificate of Residency, Certificate of Freedom to Marry, Reissued Marriage Certificate, Reissued Baptism Certificate and Certificate of Death. Additional documents are \$20.00 per document.

ADDITIONAL:

We have wedding candles in the office for purchase which is required at the time of the ceremony. The donation for them are \$30.00.

We also have baptismal candles, \$30 for the large candles and \$7 each for the two (2) smaller candles which are also required at the time of the baptism.

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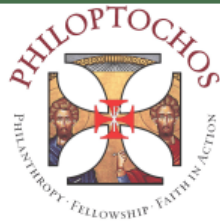
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