



# The Herald

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## A Plan. A Master Plan.

You may not realize it but we parishioners have been aware of master planning our entire lives. How often have we heard, “God has a plan for us,” or “Things happen for a reason.” We were not intended to bump along randomly. God inspires us to listen, to be proactive, and to get creative. We study, we anticipate, we plan for our needs - and our children’s needs, and our children’s children’s needs. Does God have a hand in how we renovate? I don’t know; I am not a theologian. But I do know that we should care for ourselves and our surroundings, just as we do in our homes. For, what is the Church of the Archangels but our home? We care deeply for that home – now and for future our future generations. That is why we spent years developing our Master Plan. That plan has finally led to construction. Construction has begun!

Some of you know our journey well. Some do not. How did we arrive at this point? In 2012 we made a conscious decision to look beyond the present. We formed a Master Planning Committee to answer the following question: “What does our parish need to carry on its mission for future generations?” Some answers were self evident, including staffing, broader ministry, and TLC around our campus. That was just the start. In 2013 the committee led a Planning Study with the assistance of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America Office of Parish Development. We surveyed every parishioner and interviewed over a hundred, consulted ministry heads, held town hall meetings, and tested a Statement of Needs, visual concepts, and an appetite for a capital campaign to update our surroundings. In 2014 the Planning Study was completed and the findings were presented to the parish. We held the highest-attended General Assembly in decades, where 93% voted in favor of the Committee’s plan and capital campaign proposal. A Capital Campaign Committee was formalized and a business plan was drafted. We initiated the hiring of an Administrative Assistant as part of the Plan - our first formal hire in over 50 years. In 2015 the Parish Council approved our architectural firm to begin conceptual design for the bricks-and-mortar portion of the plan. The Capital Campaign Committee began its training at that time. In 2016 we honed the design elements of the plan – sometimes resolute in our vision and sometimes indecisive (Greeks reserve the right to change their minds often). The Capital Campaign Committee worked hard to raise funds and the community responded. We did not want to take out a mortgage nor did we want to use the resources of our Endow-

ment. We are grateful for the financial generosity of our parishioners throughout the process. Along the way we have had some fun. We held a Comedy Night Gala that raised money and, more importantly, raised awareness for the Campaign. In the process we reminded ourselves that our SAC/Greek Cultural Center could be transformed into a large and elegant setting with a little creativity. It made us appreciate the structures we already possess, thanks to Father Poulos and our early founders.

We have been thoughtful in anticipating our needs – Creating disabled and elderly-friendly access to all of our spaces while providing points of interest for younger families. Pursuing open spaces that can be used more socially and even profitably. Noting the importance of monitoring and securing our buildings. Introducing views and more natural light. Developing an appreciation for the fact that how our use of space has changed over the decades (Young children need larger learning spaces while older children require less space. Kitchen cooking has morphed into assembling or catering of meals. Libraries serve as meeting rooms. Physical convenience has become more important. Technology and connectivity are essential).

No doubt we got some things wrong along the way. We took a long time to deliberate, perhaps too long. But “measure twice, cut once” is often good policy. We underestimated how much renovation work we would want to pursue in the Church. We overestimated our scope of work for the rest of the building. We are working to bring those back in line now. Yes, we will even leave some seemingly obvious elements out of the plan – because a line has to be drawn somewhere in terms of a finished package and price tag. Perhaps future generations will take up the mantle as we have. Just as our founders had. Our work is a testament to the devotion of our current families, a grateful nod to our founding families, and a warm welcome to new families.

Corinthians speaks of God’s fellow workers, working and building in synergy with Him. Thank you for joining us in this work and for entrusting us to build.

(Please see Master Planning Committee update further in this issue of the Herald.)

— Jason Konidaris

## CHURCH OF THE ARCHANGELS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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## ADMINISTRATION

### ***Parish Council***

We were grateful to see so many folks attend the sponsored lunch in memory of Jane Vorvis. Close to 250 people shared food, fellowship, and fond memories. Thank you to Phil & Liz Costas, the Archangels staff, and Council members for all your hard work on this event. We welcomed the third of many Ministry presenters to our most recent monthly meeting – Pam Koutroubis (who also serves on the Council) on behalf of the Seniors ministry, “Kali Pareia.” This initiative is designed to get to know our ministries better in order to help them better. Helping our ministries begins with understanding them. Pam gave us a better understanding of Kali Pareia and talked us through her ministry’s strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges. That was followed by Q&A with Council members. We will look to engage one ministry per month like this throughout the year. We are working with the Greek School Committee and our sister parish, Church of the Annunciation, to provide classroom space for our students during our campus renovation. Though we are two churches, we are one community. We continue to take steps to practice that. Recently we offered up our gently used gym lighting fixtures to Annunciation as we undergo an Eversource-sponsored retrofit on our campus. We have begun sharing organizational documents. Why reinvent the wheel and incur extra costs if one of us has already done the work? It makes good sense to leverage each other’s efforts. Contact: Jason Konidaris, [jason.konidaris@yale.edu](mailto:jason.konidaris@yale.edu)

### ***Treasurer’s Report***

A few weeks ago, 2017 statements were sent out to individuals/families who have made Stewardship financial gifts or pledges through April 30, 2017. We all must be aware that the summer months are here and parish cash flow gets very thin during this time. Please remember to make a portion of your Stewardship pledge during the summer. Contact: Elias Lolis, [elias.lolis@ge.com](mailto:elias.lolis@ge.com)

### ***Online Donations***

We are pleased to share that stewardship pledges and other donations can be made through our CCB system. Please follow the steps below to make your contribution:

- Log in to your profile on CCB – [archangels.ccbchurch.com](http://archangels.ccbchurch.com) – with your personal identity (typically your email) and password
- On the left column of the home page (dark background) click “\$”
- Select file tab marked ‘give’ or ‘donate’
- Select ‘one time gift’ or ‘repeating gift’
- Select ‘designation’ from the drop-down arrow
- Select ‘giving amount’ using decimals
- CLICK ‘CONTINUE’ tab
- Visually verify ‘designation’ and ‘gift amount’
- Select payment type from drop down arrow (checking account OR debit / credit card)
- Visually verify donor/personal information

- Select ‘Update profile with this contact information’ if necessary
- Enter checking account or debit / credit card information as needed
- Select ‘Save payment information for future use’ if desired
- CLICK ‘CONTINUE’ tab
- CLICK ‘CONFIRM’ if all information is correct
- TRANSACTION IS COMPLETE – RETRIEVE RECEIPT FROM PERSONAL EMAIL

Contact: Tim Hartch, at [timhartch1@outlook.com](mailto:timhartch1@outlook.com)

### ***Additional 2017 Stewards (as of May 31, 2017)***

Ms. Peggy Bakis	Mr. & Mrs. George Lines
Mr. Jorge Castro	Mr. & Mrs. Eric Medow
Mrs. Katherine Maskaleris	Mr. & Mrs. Eric Odle
Mr. David Johnson &	Mr. & Mrs. Lambros Papaeconomou
Mrs. Nicole Stamatelos	Mr. Robert Papp &
Mr. & Mrs. Periklis Kounavelis	Mrs. Stephanie Stavropoulos
The Ladies Philoptochos Society	Superior Associates, P.C.
	Mrs. Dena Vanech

### ***Master Planning***

Things are in motion; specifically, pews! The Church has been cleared to make way for Part I of the renovation (see photos on next page).

In the process, we have set up for liturgy in the Hall, complete with our regular altar and pews, pangari, candle box, as well as icons. We will worship in the Hall through the completion of work. Work will be materially complete by the start of the ecclesiastic year in September. As part of that work we can look forward to having:

- Narthex fully renovated – floors and ceiling, lighting, paint, and trim
- Brides Room renovated along with the addition of a separate small bathroom for parishioners
- Cry Room for parents and babies who may need a quiet break or a diaper change
- Nave – New paint and carpet throughout. Upgraded lighting in certain areas. Reconfigured pews and handicapped-accessible spaces
- Choir Loft tidied up and new carpeting installed
- Altar – New flooring and paint
- Sacristy and Vestry fully renovated

We must wait for completion of Part I before considering a start to Part II. This way we always have a gathering/worship space available to us – the Hall or the Church. Our Committee is currently working on revisions to Part II. When these revisions take more shape we will share new drawings with the community. These will need to be put out for re-bid with contractors. Thank you to all who have contributed or continue to contribute to the Capital Campaign. You have brought the project to life! Contact: Jason Konidaris, [jason.konidaris@yale.edu](mailto:jason.konidaris@yale.edu)

## ***Capital Campaign***

This has been a very quiet month after all the excitement of reaching our \$ 2.2 million mark last month. No new pledges have been received, and new Memorial contributions totaled less than \$ 1,000. In addition, the Campaign received a small number of payments on existing pledges, so that the total cash received from all sources passed the \$ 2 million mark. Once again we are deeply grateful to all who have made pledges to the Campaign. We thank all of you who have completed your pledges punctually, and we very much appreciate the continuing generosity and prompt attention of those of you whose pledges are not due for completion until later this year or next year. It is thanks to all of you that we got over the top.

I mentioned in last month's report that, although we have reached our goal, unforeseen circumstances suggest that it is likely we will need to continue the Campaign. It is too early for me to talk about that right now: plans for Part II of the project are being revised and will be put out for re-bid. Once the revised plans are complete and the bids are received, the Master Planning Committee will have a better idea about what may be required. At that time, we will come to ask your help and support. Your goodwill has been, and is, much appreciated.

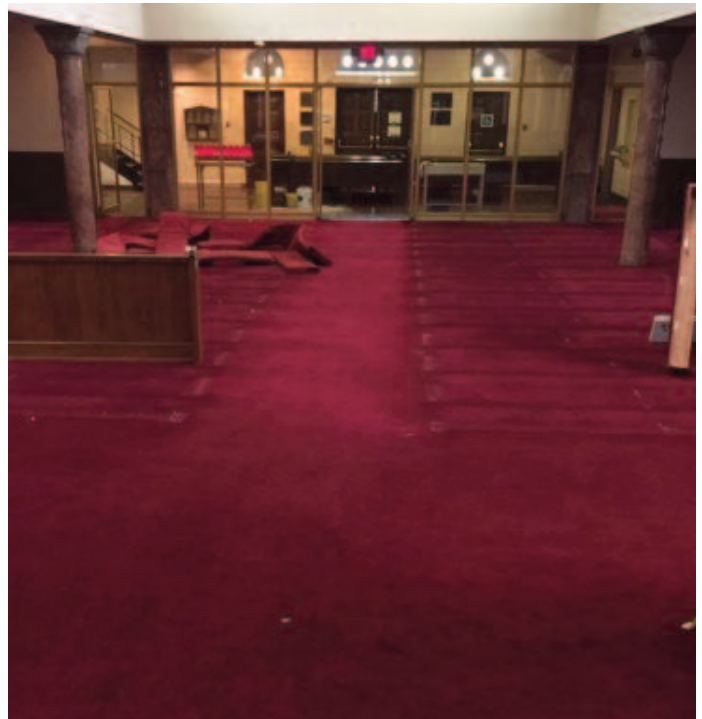
— Elias N. Kulukundis

## ***Buildings & Grounds***

We continue to provide essential services and repairs to the Stamford Athletic Club. Our most recent upgrades included: New emergency fire exit sign installation (per code) along the stairwell leading to the third floor boxing area. Our lighting upgrades continue, creating a visible improvement in our basketball court and pool. The commercial clothes dryer recently required a motor replacement. We also performed duct cleaning of the exhaust system. At a recent Foundation meeting a list of various items in need of repair or replacement was presented for consideration. Major items include roof replacements, men's locker room HVAC unit, and exterior roof wall resurfacing. In the church we are in the process of soliciting bids to replace the boiler. We continue to investigate the women's shower drain system which had given us trouble. Upon completion of Part II of our master plan, replacement of our asphalt roadways and driveways will be given consideration. Contact: Peter Licopantis, [pglydl3@optonline.net](mailto:pglydl3@optonline.net)



Contractors move out the first row of pews from the church into the hall (Wed. May 24).



The church nave now devoid of pews is ready for renovation (Thurs. May 25).



## MINISTRIES

### Philoptochos Social

Last Meeting of Church Year

Thursday, June 1, 7pm • Church Library

Open to all Ladies of the Parish

### Prayer of the Month

*The following is the Apolytikion (a summarizing hymn), of the Great Feast of Pentecost, which the choir will sing this upcoming Sunday:*

Εὐλογητὸς εἰ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ πανσόφους τοὺς ἁλῆεις ἀναδείξας, καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ ἅγιον, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν τὴν οἰκουμένην σαγητεύσας, φιλόανθρωπε, δόξα σοι.

Blessed are you, O Christ our God, who made the fishermen all wise, by sending down on them the Holy Spirit. And through them, you drew the world into your net. O Loving Lord, glory to you!

### Did You Know?

After Pascha – the feast of feasts – the next greatest holy day in the church calendar is Great and Holy Pentecost. It comes 10 days after Ascension and exactly 50 days after Pascha. The significance of this day cannot be understated: without the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, their work in “making Disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit” (Mat. 25:31), could not be fulfilled. This is the same Spirit that comes upon us at the sacrament of baptism in the modern day. The descent of the Holy Spirit radically changes the relationship humans have with their God their Creator. With the Holy Spirit, we grow and

## SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2017 • 10:00AM

Outdoor Liturgy at Cove Park Pavilion  
to Celebrate 60 Anniversary of the  
“Opening of the Doors” / Θυρανοίξια  
of the Current Church Building

Barbecue – Games for the Family – Details to Follow

journey towards ultimate union with Christ in this life, and the next (His Kingdom) through participation in the sacramental life in the church. Pentecost is the day in which the church the body of believers, is emboldened and energized to bring salvation to all creation.

### Great Feast of Pentecost & Day of the Holy Spirit

This Monday, June 5, the day after Pentecost, we celebrate the Day of the Holy Spirit; it is often referred to as Holy Spirit Monday. Churches named for the Holy Trinity celebrate their patronal feast day this Monday. Considering this, our neighbors to the north, Holy Trinity Waterbury, and to the south, Holy Trinity New Rochelle, will celebrate according to the following schedule:

- Sun, June 4 – Great Vespers 7 pm, Holy Trinity Waterbury, with area clergy and parishes, followed by a light festal reception.
- Mon, June 5 – Orthros 8:30 am, Liturgy 9:30 am, Holy Trinity New Rochelle



Over 225 friends & family enjoy a meal in the Cultural Center gym for Jane's 40-Day Memorial Luncheon on Sunday, May 21.

# ANNUAL ARCHANGELS GREEKFEST!

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## Office Hours

As we work our way over time to reorganize the office to continue serving you and the public, here are the posted office hours for June, July and August :

Monday through Friday . . . . . 9 am – 4 pm

Saturday & Sunday . . . . . closed

For all non-emergency needs, feel free to leave a voice message through the main office phone number when no one answers (203-348-4216) or send an email to

- Fr. Harry (frharry@archangelsgoc.org)
- Steve (steve@archangelsgoc.org)
- Basil (basil@archangelsgoc.org), or
- Ritta (office@archangelsgoc.org).

For all emergencies, feel free to contact Fr. Harry at home 203-504-2689.

## Adult Education

Baptism Class for all parents & godparents will next take place on Sunday, June 25, at 3 pm. Please arrange your own childcare to give your undivided attention to learning about genuine faith in Jesus Christ, raising children in the Church today, and the meaning and development of Baptism, Chrismation & Eucharist (Communion) in the Bible and the Orthodox Tradition.

## Kali Parea Seniors

The last Seniors meeting was held Wednesday, May 11, just before Mother's Day, in which all ladies were given roses. We had a wonderful turnout. The meal was a delicious pastisio with salad. Among the many desserts served at our Luncheon was a heavenly Karidopita made by Zoe Koutroubis. We also watched part of My Big Fat Greek Wedding I. The next meeting is on Wednesday, June 14. This is the last meeting off the year and all parishioners are invited! This will be a social; we will serve hors d'oeuvres, wine and lunch. It will be a fun afternoon! Please call Pam, 203-348-7402, or Peter, 203-322-7092, if you plan to attend. Contact: Pam Koutroubis, pamelak2145@gmail.com.



Branka Shekhdar (left) and Elizabeth Costas (right) serve some of Jane's favorites to parishioners (5/21).



Sylvia Kambas, Jane Perkins, Nick Karukas and guest smile for a picture at the Memorial Luncheon (5/21).





Fr. Harry offers a few words at the Kali Parea Seniors luncheon on Wed. May 17 in the hall.



Pam Koutroubis, Seniors President, leads the group in celebrating several April birthdays.

### ***Ladies Philoptochos Society***

Thank you to all the ladies of the parish who helped our chapter have a successful year in so many ways. And many thanks to all the parishioners who supported our activities, helping us to make significant donations to charities locally, in Greece, and elsewhere in the world serving the sick, poor, handicapped, veterans, seniors and the suffering. Our final meeting will take place Thursday, June 1st, during which time we will celebrate our philanthropy and fellowship. Everyone is welcome! Please consider joining us in September as we embark on another year of exciting projects, including our annual Turkey Bingo, biannual Tag Sale, Palm Sunday Bread & Bake Sale and works of charity. Your participation and ideas are always encouraged. We understand that people cannot commit to a monthly meeting and we're happy to see you at any meeting. We are planning to have some interesting speakers, including a nutritionist. Have a wonderful summer. Contact: Marion Vanson, 914-234-9420.

### ***Church School***

The church school program will hold its end of the year Commencement Ceremony during the Outdoor Liturgy & Picnic on Sunday, June 12, 2017 at Cove Park Pavilion. All children and faculty will be recognized and provided a small token of our appreciation. Also, please take a moment and review our program's tribute to Jane Vorvis that was presented at her 40 Day Memorial on Sunday, May 21 (see photo). This offering will be displayed prominently in the Church Hall throughout the summer. Our children's sentiments are very touching and beautiful. On behalf of the Archangels Church School program, I'd like to wish our families a safe and restorative summer filled with hearty leisure, laughter, and respite. Contact: Dr. Evelyn Bilias Lolis (ebilias@aol.com).

### ***Greek School***

***A big thanks to all...*** Isn't it amazing how fast this school year passed? It was a wonderful and constructive year for our Greek School and I want to congratulate all students for their dedication and the progress they have made. Also, I would like to thank our Greek School Committee and PTA for the valuable help and continuous support to the program. We are so grateful that they provide us with everything we need for the smooth operation of the Greek School.

Next, I want to congratulate our teachers who participated in the Archdiocese educational office seminar on "How to improve our teaching techniques" by Dr. Hatziyiannoglou. It was a six sessions seminar of four hours each. It offered us a deeper knowledge of how we can improve our lessons plan and organize our teaching time more effectively.

And Finally, I would like on behalf of the teaching staff, to thank all parents for their close cooperation with our Greek School and promise to you that we are going to continue our efforts for transforming our Greek School to a modern Greek Language Center that our students will love to come to learn the Greek language, retain the Greek culture, and make valuable friendships. Contact: Anna Lempesi, ann.lempesi@gmail.com

### ***Greek School Committee***

Dear Parents and Teachers of the Archangels Greek School, Thank you to everyone who joined us last week for the Moving-up Ceremony at Chelsea Piers, on Tuesday, May 23. The kids had a great time with various activities including rock climbing, trampoline, sports, and of course, arcade games. We enjoyed some good food and a brief ceremony and presentation of certificates. If you were unable to attend please email your child's teacher for a copy of their certificate.

Thanks to all our teachers for their hard work throughout the year! Hope everyone has a wonderful summer! Kai tou hronou! Contact: Rebecca Kelesidis, Rebecca@Kelesidis.com



Children in the Toddler Preschool class take a picture: (from left) Scarlett Jackson, George Nanos, Penny Spanos, Emilia Pasvankias and teacher Stacy Valassis.



Little Angels children with parents after Church School: (from left) Alexandra Spetsaris with mom Bonnie, Penny Spanos with mom Vasso, and Scarlett Jackson with mom Elizabeth.

### ***Little Angels***

The preschool Sunday school class celebrated Mother's Day with a Mother's Day Tea Party Celebration. The children painted a picture frame for their moms, sang songs, and had a special snack during class. Much thanks to our Sunday school teacher Stacy Valassis for preparing the beautiful celebration.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Outdoor Church Liturgy scheduled for June. We will have an area set up for our toddler/preschool children to play games, make bubbles and have fun!

In the month of July we will have our annual "Mom's Night Out". Look out for an email regarding location, time and date for the event. Also, in the month of July we will have a "Diaper, Wipes and Formula Drive" for families from our local communities that are in need of these supplies. We encourage all families from the Church to participate and help our local families.

Rachel Jones has volunteered to help with the Little Angels Ministry and I look forward to working with her on planning events and making Little Angels more valuable to our community.

On behalf of the Little Angels group we would like to thank Stacy Valassis for all her hard work and devotion to this ministry for the past five years. She has put a lot of time and energy into this ministry and it is evident how far it has come since the start. Rachel and I hope to continue the enthusiasm of our ministry and support the families of our young children. Contact: Vasso Spanos, bkarachris@gmail.com

### ***HOPE/JOY***

We are looking forward to the outdoor liturgy and picnic at the Cove on June 11th. We are planning activities for all the children including wiffleball, soccer, kite flying, three-legged races, potato sack races, a beanbag toss game, a water balloon toss and more! Please feel free to contact us with questions or concerns

at 203-249-7403 or cnanos@optonline.net. We hope to see you at this very special event and wish you all a wonderful summer. – Chris & Luisa. Chris and Luisa Nanos, cnanos@optonline.net or (203)-249-7403

### ***GOYA***

On Sunday May 21, following the Memorial Luncheon for Jane Vorvis, the GOYA embarked on a tremendous day-trip to Ground Zero in Manhattan for a tour of St. Nicholas Shrine and the 9/11 Memorial & Museum. We had a nice turnout – 12 teens, and 6 adults (including Fr. Harry) – and had solid bonding time travelling by charter bus. First we were privileged to have an insider's tour of St. Nicholas Shrine (still under construction) by Project Manager, Andy Veniopoulos. Next, we had an extraordinary official tour of the 9/11 Memorial in ideal weather conditions. Finally, we self-toured the below-ground 9/11 Museum, taking-in its sobering displays and harrowing artifacts. It was emotionally heavy but a deeply impactful & educational day. And of course, in doing it all together we had a great time!

On Saturday, May 27, Amalia Skoparantzou and the girls varsity Volleyball team competed in the annual District Olympics held on Long Island. Be sure to congratulate her and their coach, John Skoparantzou for finishing 2nd place overall amidst stiff competition!

The final events for the year are as follow:

- Sunday, June 5 ~ Final Year Meeting in Library: elections, lunch, games
- Sunday, June 11 ~ Outdoor Liturgy & Picnic at Cove Park Pavilion: 9:30am
- June/July TBA ~ Dinner with the Graduates at Panera Bread, 6:30pm

Contact: Diane (skoparantzousd@optonline.net) or Steve (steve@archangelsgoc.org).





Peter Badoyiannis (left) and Panagioti Giannakopoulos (right) scale the 20 foot high rock climbing wall at Chelsea Piers (5/23).



Greek School Interim Director Anna Lempesi presents certificates to children as parents and grandparents look on (5/23).

### ***AYA (Young Adults)***

The young adult Koinonia group will reconvene its meetings in early fall. Meetings are held in relaxed settings, and provide an atmosphere for socialization as well as spiritual growth & exportation. Please contact Steve if you or someone you know is interested in attending a future gathering.

The local Connecticut & Westchester Country clergy & pastoral assistances are in the process of organizing a regional Orthodoxy on Tap event for all young adults in June. More info on this will be broadcast in the coming weeks. Contact: Steve, at [steve@archangelsgoc.org](mailto:steve@archangelsgoc.org) or 203-623-5896

### ***Greek Language Classes for Adults***

The world is shrinking with globalization and the internet! Now is a great time for adults to learn modern Greek. We are blessed to have an excellent instructor in Dr. Eugenia Zavras, a biology Professor at Fairfield University and past teacher and director of the Greek School. For information and registration, contact her directly at 203-322-9561 or call Jane in the church office 203-348-4216.

### ***Stamford Athletic Club @ the Greek Cultural Center***

Come to SAC today for all your health and fitness needs. Our swimming pool is always the perfect temperature. Try a personal training session with one of our fantastic trainers. Did you know both locker rooms are equipped with steam and sauna rooms? It is true.

Already a SAC member? Take advantage of our referral program – anyone you refer to SAC earns you a FREE month of membership!

Just as the Church is going through some upgrades, so is SAC. New energy-efficient lighting is being retrofit throughout the building. Stop by and see the new lights in the basketball court and swimming pool.

June is “Wellness Month” at SAC. Look for various programs designed to get you in tip top shape for the summer months and beyond. Basketball and Swim programs will also be offered during month of June.

Look for the Kona Ice Truck making visits to SAC to cool off on warm days with their delicious flavored shaved ice. We will keep you posted when they are scheduled to make a stop.

Need a place to host your child’s birthday party or post-baptism gala or graduation? Why not SAC?!

Still not sure if SAC is for you? We are currently offering a one week FREE trial so you can experience everything SAC has to offer. Contact: Jeff Kaminski, [jeff@sacteam.com](mailto:jeff@sacteam.com)

### ***Area Events – Greek Festivals***

- Annunciation Church in Stamford: June 1-4
- St. George Cathedral in Hartford (433 Fairfield Ave): June 1-4
- Prophet Elias Church in Yonkers, NY (15 LeRoy Ave): June 9-11
- Assumption Church in Danbury (30 Clapboard Ridge Road): June 9-11

**ANNUNCIATION  
GREEK FESTIVAL**  
**THU., JUNE 1 – SUN., JUNE 4**





Senior Project Manager Andy Veniopoulos offers the GOYA an insider's tour of St. Nicholas Shrine (still under construction) on Sunday, May 21.



Matthew Poulos, Nick Otis, Niko Giantomidis, and Fr. Harry look at a display in the 9/11 Museum, overlooking a steel girder relic (5/21).



GOYAns, advisors, parents, Steve and Fr. Harry take a group shot near the South Tower Memorial overlooking St. Nicholas Shrine (5/21).



Archangels-Annunciation girls' volleyball team stands with Coach John Skoparantzios after their 2nd place at the District Olympics on Long Island on May, 27. Congratulations!

## ***GreekFest: September 21-24***

Our own Festival Committee is meeting regularly to prepare for another wonderful event this fall. Please save the date! Raffle tickets will be available for sale soon. Please help us by purchasing at least one ticket per family and selling another! As you know, there are many costs that go into preparing for the church's largest annual fundraiser - including food, ingredients, supplies and security. Please review the wish list below. Consider making a cash contribution to help defray these costs to help make the festival as successful as possible. Contact: Margaret Fornaciari zams- fam@optonline.net

### ***Wish List for GreekFest***

It is once again that time of year when our parish prepares for the Annual Greek Festival (September 21-24, 2017). The festival allows us to share our heritage, faith, culture, especially our love for food and dance. The Festival Committee is working diligently to keep expenses to a minimum and to maximize our profits. Below is a list with the costs of many of the items we use. Help support us by making a financial donation to defray some of our many costs and expenses.

Please note: It is not necessary to cover the entire amount of any one item. You may make a partial donation towards one or several items. ANY DONATION, LARGE OR SMALL IS WELCOME! Checks can be made payable to Church of the Archangels and designate in the memo: "Festival Expense Donation". You can drop off or mail donations to: Festival Committee, Church of the Archangels, 1527 Bedford Street, Stamford, Connecticut 06905

Help us to make this four-day event even more successful! Your contributions are greatly appreciated and we thank you in advance for your support! – Greek Festival Committee

### **WISH LIST:**

Chicken. . . . .	\$1,000
Beer Greek and American. . . . .	\$ 985
Beef for Stifadho (stew). . . . .	\$ 425
Feta. . . . .	\$ 400
Flour for Loukoumadhes. . . . .	\$ 250
Grape Leaves (Dolmades) . . . . .	\$ 85
Greek Olives. . . . .	\$ 350
Greek wine. . . . .	\$1,600
Groceries. . . . .	\$6,500
Gyros. . . . .	\$2,000
Honey for Loukoumadhes . . . . .	\$ 125
Lamb Boneless Leg. . . . .	\$2,000
Miscellaneous Soft Drinks. . . . .	\$1,000
Olive Oil. . . . .	\$ 125
Ouzo. . . . .	\$ 200
Paper Products. . . . .	\$3,000
Potatoes. . . . .	\$ 475
Printing. . . . .	\$3,000
Produce (e.g., salad fixings). . . . .	\$3,500
Propane (for grills). . . . .	\$1,250
Souvlaki Pork. . . . .	\$3,650
Souvlaki Chicken. . . . .	\$ 500
Tables/Chairs. . . . .	\$5,000
Tzatziki. . . . .	\$ 400
Water Bottles. . . . .	\$ 300

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## **PARISH NEWS**

### ***Award***

Rev. George Poulos was awarded with the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity on Monday, May 29 by Jim Skedros, Dean of Holy Cross. (The original honor was bestowed on May 20 in the form of a speech made by Father Steve Zorzos on the occasion of commencement at Holy Cross seminary.)

### ***Baptism***

Simon John Jackson, on Saturday May 13, first child of Michael & Elizabeth Jackson, with sponsors Leigh & Nicole Cantarini.

### ***Funerals***

Amelia Vlahos, on Thursday May 4, who fell asleep in the Lord on Monday May 1 at 85 years old.

Metropolitan Philotheos, on Monday May 15, who fell asleep in the Lord on Mid-Pentecost, Wednesday, May 10 at 92 years old.

Toula Pappas, on Tuesday May 23, who fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, May 19 at 88 years old.

Dina Bartzis (mother of Ritta Haralabidis), on Tuesday May 30 in Columbus, OH, who fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, May 26 at 78 years of age.

### ***Graduations***

Please submit names of all graduates from High School, Technical School, College, and Graduate School, along with degree earned, honors received, and future plans for further education or work. Contact: Ritta Haralabidis at 203-348-4216 or office@archangelsgoc.org.



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## AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

The Church of the Archangels Foundation Inc. held its annual meeting on 18 May. The Treasurer reported that the value of the investment account was slightly over \$ 3,400,000 at the end of April, up from about \$ 3,200,000 at the end of 2016. He noted that the portfolio is impacted significantly by extreme day to day swings in the market. The Committee agreed to maintain the current mix of investments over the coming year. The accounts for 2016 were presented and approved.

The Foundation's legal advisor recommended making two amendments to the Foundation's Certificate of Incorporation to bring that document into line with current practices. These were approved by the Board and the legal advisor was requested to file the amendments as appropriate with the State.

The Board authorized a grant of \$ 10,000 to the Church to be used for charitable purposes and missionary work. This continues a practice of such annual grants which was started more than five years ago. The Board also approved the action of the Executive Committee in extending the 2016 loan from SAC for a year and increasing its available line of credit to \$ 30,000 total.

The Board reviewed information regarding the current financial position of the church and of SAC. No action was taken as no requests for financial support were pending from either organization.

The Building and Grounds Committee presented its report and a wish list of projects it would like the Foundation to consider

over the next few years. There was considerable discussion. The Foundation agreed to undertake certain essential repairs now: specifically a new boiler for the Church, a new HVAC unit for the men's locker room at the Center, repairs to a part of the roof and a retaining wall at the Center, and to replace one further hot water heater at the Center. Inasmuch as there were no bids for all of these items, the Board authorized spending up to approximately \$ 110,000 for all these repairs, and requested the Building and Grounds Committee to proceed with the work after securing competitive bids. The Board also undertook in principle to pay for repairs to the roof of the Hall, with payment to be spread over a two-year period at the Foundation's discretion commencing in 2018. This work was not part of the original outline for the renovation project, but will be included in and performed as part of the Part II work on that project.

The Board reappointed Tom Passios and Kimon Passios for three-year terms on the Investment Committee. Dennis Vanson was re-appointed Accountant for the Foundation. George Khouri, Medina Vasily, and Jane Perkins were re-elected for a further three-year term on the Board. Current Officers: Elias N. Kulukundis, President; George Khouri, Vice-President; Tom Passios, Treasurer; and Tim Hartch, Secretary were all re-elected for a one-year term. And Medina Vasily and Jane Perkins were asked to continue as Nominating Committee.

The Board considered the possibility of meeting again in the Autumn, but held off setting a date pending developments later this year. – Elias N. Kulukundis



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# CHURCH OF THE ARCHANGELS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

## The Capital Campaign Committee:

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## The Capital Campaign:

The goal is to raise \$2,200,000 over a three-year period from 2014 to 2017, now extended to 2018. The purpose of the Campaign is to fund upgrading and renewal of the church campus and ministry with specific emphasis on the Church Hall and offices, and minor cosmetic improvements in the Church itself, bringing our campus into the 21st Century. In addition, the amount includes the sum of \$150,000 to fund the salary and benefits of an Administrative Assistant for the Church for three years, after which the Church will take over funding that cost from stewardship. There are no plans to utilize any of these funds for repairs or improvements to the Greek Cultural Center.

## The Data (as of May 23, 2017):

Total Commitments .....\$2,208,994  
Total Commitments Paid ..... \$2,004,034.86  
Total Number of Households ..... 155

## The Requirements:

The General Assembly of May 4, 2015 set the following hurdles to be reached before the commencement of construction:

Total Commitments Hurdle .....\$1,500,000  
Cash in Hand Hurdle .....\$ 726,000

Both hurdle requirements have been met.

Donors should ideally spread pledges over a three-year period. For new pledges, that would be between 2016 and 2018. Pledges may be accompanied by an initial donation toward the first year's pledge, though remitting the entire first year's pledge amount can be done later in the course of 2016 if preferred.

## The Expenses:

The Campaign's expenses to date include: Assistance from the Archdiocese Development Office, architectural fees, production of solicitation materials, and event planning. These are in addition to salary & benefits for parish office support hired on in September 2014. The Campaign's responsibility for seeding this office support expense terminates on October 1, 2017.

Inasmuch as funds are likely to be required on a regular basis once construction commences, the General Assembly gave the Campaign Committee the right to go to a bank and discount any unpaid pledge amounts in order to have funds available to meet expenses. Preliminary plans for the remodel are on display in the Hall.

## The Matching Grant:

We achieved the \$250,000 Matching Grant hurdle and the donor has delivered the matching funds. We are ever grateful for this creative and impactful gesture on the part of the donor.

## OUR GOAL

**\$2,208,994**



## The Contributors (as of May 23, 2017):

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