



# The Herald

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## *Listening to Prophets*

This past year, a hearty group in our parish agreed to study the Old Testament Prophets – starting with Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Micah and Jeremiah, who are not exactly household names. I would venture to guess that most of us have probably never heard of them and would be quite content to keep it that way.

Too bad. How many great people have lived and died! Yet how many are still revered, read, and resonate in communities of faith like ours? How many have left a sacred heritage that is part of our Bible that has influenced, and still influences, how we pray, what we believe, and how we are called to live? How many people's testimony is still heard today, not as a nice lesson in history long ago, but as a compelling word through which God continues to address us here and now?

These men are some of the most extraordinary to ever walk the planet. They are not only great people of faith who helped prepare the way for Jesus Christ to come, they were special servants of God appointed to speak and act in such a way as to cut through the surface of life in order to confront us with the truth in love.

- Amos (ca. 750 B.C.) was sent to disturb the false peace of God's chosen people during a time of increasing material wealth, since many took advantage of those less fortunate and made things much worse for the poor.
- Hosea married an unfaithful prostitute who bore several children and ran off with other men; yet God commanded Hosea to win her back, in order to demonstrate God's own broken marriage with his chosen people who so often decided to chase after other things in life rather than return his love.
- Isaiah spoke in so many different ways to convict believers who had gone astray, to challenge them to change before it is too late, and to comfort and offer them hope when times were rough. His extraordinary vision of God in the Temple one day gave us the Trisagion hymn that we still sing in every Liturgy.
- Micah urged God's people to engage social problems with

compassion and energy: "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

- Jeremiah (late 600's B.C.) held up a mirror when everyone felt good about a period of substantial renewal to make things better for all. Unfortunately, when meaningful improvements are only skin deep (perhaps like building renovation!), it takes a prophet like Jeremiah to confront us about how superficial our religious behavior can be.

These are merely appetizers of a full meal offered by the largest section of our Old Testament that is devoted to the prophets.

Needless to say, our Bible Study group was challenged, comforted, confused, and, at times, speechless. But we never bored. These were real people who dearly loved their own family, neighbors, society, religion and government. However, they never ever let such connections get in-between their ultimate devotion to God and God alone. We learned that anyone who consciously, deliberately, and faithfully responds to God's call will draw near to God's heart and mind, enabling him (or her) to see life from a unique perspective that often prompts words that afflict those who are comfortable, and comforts those who are afflicted.

These prophets were, in general, passionate about society. They were highly charged to address all kinds of political issues – power, money, military, influence, laws, religion, the environment – yet without ever becoming partisan or ideological, an extraordinarily painful pitfall of modern American life. The prophets sliced through so much chatter to provide the prospective most needed by people of faith – God's – since the real God is, contrary to popular opinion, passionately concerned about the common good and is quite involved in the daily affairs of persons, families, communities, and nations. These same prophets paid special attention to the character and policies of those in leadership – such as the top government officials and chief religious spokesmen.

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When Jeremiah addressed the faithful during his lifetime after a powerful reform movement that corrected many long-standing moral and social ills, he did not hesitate to see through changes on a more formal level, calling his fellow believers to a deeper life of inner change of heart and mind, families and communities. Not a bad warning to our own parish right now as we are poised to embark on a far more substantial Part 2 of renovation of our facilities after concluding Part 1 that brought so much joy to us.

Given how they lived through good times and bad, stability and turmoil, faithfulness and faithlessness, these prophets are not only worth listening to after so many centuries, but even necessary for those of us who claim to be followers of the very One to whom they all pointed – Jesus Christ, our Lord, who poured out his most Holy Spirit upon the entire world 2,000 years ago, and especially upon us who have been reborn in his image.

With open ears and hearts to these phenomenal men, I wish you all a blessed summer!

– Fr. Harry

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## PARISH COUNCIL

### ***Parish Council***

Dr. Evelyn Bilias Lolis, our Greek School (GS) ministry head, presented to the Council in May. This differed from other ministry presentations where we simply look to get a better handle on the basics each ministry and its needs. Evelyn synthesized months worth of research work for us in detailing the realities of teaching Greek to children as a “second language” vs. teaching it as a “foreign language.” She, along with the GS staff, the GS Committee, and the PTO are working together to reshape our Greek School program - to restructure it based on research findings and our families’ stated needs going forward. We await their results in order to determine how we can best support the Greek School’s mission. Master Planning presented a summary report of its Construction Management selection process. The Council voted to authorize the Master Planning Committee to engage in business with Wernert Construction in pursuit of its Part 2 building plans. We have placed Campus Security on our June agenda in order to discuss the parish’s current position and any aspects that will undoubtedly require more attention in our ever-changing society. We have adjusted our June and August meeting dates to accommodate summer conflicts. The new dates are June 26th and August 28th, 7:30p start, preceded by 7:15p compline. We wish everyone a joyous summer. Contact: Jason Konidaris at [jason.konidaris@yale.edu](mailto:jason.konidaris@yale.edu)

### ***Treasurer’s Report***

Summary of 2018 first half financials will be published in the next Herald. 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 at [elolis@aol.com](mailto:elolis@aol.com), 203-569-3784

### ***Online Donations***

Please remember that online donations may be made directly via our church website at [www.archangelsgoc.org](http://www.archangelsgoc.org). There you will be able to make one-time donations and recurring donations. Be sure to include a note in the “special instructions” field if you would like to direct your donation for a specific purpose or ministry. Donations can be made by credit card or bank account and are processed securely via PayPal, one of the

largest and most trusted online payment processors. However, you do not need to have a PayPal account to make online donations. You can expect to see refinements to this capability over time, including the ability to more easily direct your donation to a particular ministry and provide online payment options for ministry programming (e.g. Greek School) and social gatherings (e.g. Mardi Gras, Greek Festival).

### ***New 2018 Stewards (April 18, 2018 – May 15, 2018)***

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Karayiannis, Afrodite / George P  
Kounavelis, Katherine / Periklis  
Ladies Philoptochos Society  
Nanos, Penelope / Christopher A  
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Sioles, Anna M  
Strasser, Lisa A / Metropoulos, Emilio  
Soulis, Nicoleta / Sotirios  
Speridakos, Anthe / Demosthenes  
Williams, Bessie

### ***Master Planning***

We held our kickoff meeting with principals of Wernert Construction and Rogers McCagg Architects in mid May. Together we outlined our preliminary work timeline and discussed pre construction considerations including safety, site use, and environmental abatement. Final architectural drawings were subsequently submitted to Wernert in order to be put out to bid by multiple subcontractors for the various trades (masonry, plumbing, electrical, etc.). Subs have until June 8th to submit sealed bids. We will then assess leveled bids alongside Wernert and Rogers McCagg before subcontractor selection. If need be we will begin value engineering followed by any drawing modifications at that point. Concurrently we will be scheduling environmental abatement to commence immediately following the conclusion of Archangels Summer Camp after the third week in June. The administrative building will be sealed off from the Church, allowing us use of our worship spaces at all times. As fellow parishioners we ask that you help in our efforts by spreading the word of our important renewal work and its expected results. We are ever grateful for your support. Contact: Jason Konidaris at [jason.konidaris@yale.edu](mailto:jason.konidaris@yale.edu)

## Capital Campaign

As of May 20, cash received by the Capital Campaign has passed \$2,175,000 against pledges and gifts totaling a bit over \$2.2 million, almost all of which has already been received. Further pledges for the extended Campaign now total \$760,000 of which nearly \$440,000 has already been received from 27 families.

Expenses paid to date total more than \$1,170,000 of which \$250,000 represent total architect's fees for Part 1 and 2 design work, and \$717,000 payments to contractors, of which about \$25,000 is attributable to Part 2. The balance remaining in the Campaign accounts approximates \$1,400,000.

We are well on the way to attaining our goal for the extended Capital Campaign. But there is still a long way to go – nearly \$500,000 – before we get there. Furthermore, only 27 individuals, families or entities have made pledges or contributions compared with more than 150 in the original effort. New pledges have only been trickling in slowly. The construction contract for Part 2 has been awarded. Physical work will start happening by the end of June and completion is contemplated by Easter 2019. By that time, we will need to have reached and surpassed our goal in order to pay the contractors and purchase new furniture and equipment for the premises. The time available is getting short.

The Capital Campaign Committee met earlier this month to plan out future procedural steps. It will be meeting again next month in anticipation of renewing direct solicitation of the Community. It is hoped that we will be able to secure the support not only of all those who participated already, but also of the many of you who did not. The renovation of the rest of our building is a project that benefits all of us in the Community. We hope you will receive a solicitor who may call on you with enthusiasm and that you will all join in to support the project by sending in your three-year pledge and/or a contribution in the coming weeks. Contact: Elias N. Kulukundis, [enek@erols.com](mailto:enek@erols.com)

## Buildings & Grounds

During the month of May, Building and Grounds had the tiled decking in the pool areas repaired. These repairs have improved the safety and the aesthetic of the pool deck. The decayed ductwork on the lower section of the pool heating & ventilating system was also replaced. Years of chlorine in the atmosphere had taken its toll on that particular section of ductwork. Also, a new flexible connection was put in place, with a new filter rack. This same unit is slated to get new bearings installed in the fan motor, which will remedy its current knocking sound. On Thursday May 17th we attended the Archangels Foundation annual meeting to present B&G items in need of major attention. We highlighted a particular area of roof at the Athletic Club as well as several Heating & Air Conditioning systems throughout SAC requiring proactive service. Peter Hantes reported that of the five roof areas of the club, two should be given priority. The extent of work depends on funds that will be made available. A motion was made and seconded to appropriate funds. The motion carried. B&G now must fine-tune the scope of work in accordance with funds budgeted. Peter also reported that Atria, the building abutting the back of the club, may have water penetrating from their patio into areas of our building. This is being explored further. Michael Jackson reported on the crucial need for preventive maintenance on the many HVAC systems throughout the SAC. Ignoring such maintenance can easily cost the community more in the long run. Committing to this matter is a Parish Council responsibility; it will be presented to the Council very soon. Contacts: Peter Licopantis at [pglyd13@optonline.net](mailto:pglyd13@optonline.net) or 203-322-7092, Peter Hantes, or Michael Jackson



The lower section of the pool unit at SAC was replaced in May. (5/8/18)



Cultural Center kitchen received a new full-size refrigerator after its predecessor broke. (5/22/18)

## MINISTRIES

### Prayer of the Month

The dismissal hymn (απολυτικιο) from the Great Feast of Pentecost, easy to sing and memorize. It is one of the most popular and well-known hymns after “Christ is risen.”

Plagal 4th Tone

Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ πανσόφους τοὺς ἀλγεῖς ἀναδείξας, καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ ἅγιον, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν τὴν οἰκουμένην σαγηνεύσας, 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!

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### Liturgy Summer Hours

Starting June 10: Orthros will begin at 8:15 am,  
Liturgy at 9:30 am, and Coffee Hour at 10:45 am

### Did You Know?

What are the three most important Feasts of summer? First is Pentecost (50 days after Easter); second is Dormition (August 15); third is Saints Peter & Paul on June 29. How meaningful it would be for us to more generally recover the importance of St. Peter – chief of the 12 original Apostles – and St. Paul – who traveled more widely, established more churches, and suffered



## *Vacation Church School*

**Monday – Friday, July 30 - August 3**  
**9 am – 12 noon**

For children 4 years and older

Prayer, Themed Crafts & Lessons, Activities,  
Games, and more

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so much to spread the Good News of what God had finally done through Christ! It's easy: all we need to do is mark our calendars and set aside the time to come together in worship that is both reverent, joyful, and life-giving.

### ***Adult Education***

- Bible Study – at the year-end dinner on May 20, some expressed interest in a special session (or two) this summer. One topic of special interest: the modern classic *Beginning to Pray*, by (Metropolitan) Anthony Bloom.
- Biennial Archdiocesan Clergy-Laity Congress July 2 –5 in Boston. Fr. Harry, Presvytera Kerry, Steve Sarigianis, and George Papis will have the opportunity to learn from the Archbishop's Keynote Address, and attend special workshops and presentations, in addition to the regular business of the national Church and fellowship from around the country. Please pray for our national Church especially in view of the financial and administrative difficulties we are dealing with.

### ***Family Corner***

The Archdiocese Center for Family Care continues to offer summer resources for individuals, couples, and families to assist them in deepening their relationship to Christ and the Church. Through weekly prayers, challenges, and inspirations, we will encourage one another to live out our faith daily in everything we do—connecting the Church to our homes. To participate, check out our website <https://shar.es/1dNBTK>, where you can subscribe on their listserv, and Facebook page each week for the weekly focus. Steve at [steve@archangelsgoc.org](mailto:steve@archangelsgoc.org), or Presvytera Kerry at [pappaskk@msn.com](mailto:pappaskk@msn.com)

### ***Kali Parea Seniors***

The May seniors meeting was held in the hall on Thursday the 10th. All enjoyed a wonderful meal provided by Kathi Moschos, and pleasant company. President Pam Koutroubis in her notes, mentioned that officers positions (President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary) are open for the coming year. Lou Blanco was the guest speaker; he offered insight about the schemes of telephone scam artists, and how to identify them. This will be the last meeting before the fall. Thank you for a wonderful year! Contact Pam Koutroubis: [pamelak2145@gmail.com](mailto:pamelak2145@gmail.com) or 203-348-7402

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

Philoptochos will hold its final meeting of the 2017-2018 year on Tuesday, June 5th at 7 p.m. in the church hall. Current and prospective members are invited to attend to learn about our activities of the past year and plans for the future. We welcome your participation and ideas! Thank you to all the ladies who joined us at our Ladies Spring Luncheon at Madonia Restaurant on April 28th. It was a great success and a wonderful afternoon of fellowship and conversation. Thanks to Co-Chairs Pauline Galuris and Cindy Mixcus for all these efforts to put together this create and enjoyable event! At our May 1 meeting, we approved contributions to benefit a woman with cardiac problems and to help pay for burials for two Greek Orthodox persons, which were requests from the District office of Philoptochos. We also are supporting Fr. Harry's discretionary fund with Stop & Shop gift cards to benefit those parishioners with financial needs. Several members will be joining Philoptochos chapters around the district who will gather at St. Barbara's Church in Orange on Saturday, June 9th to assemble food packages for those in need around the world as part of the Rise Against Hunger event. If you are interested in participating, please contact Eugenia Zavras. Thank you to Chairperson Lara Paschalidis and all those who helped organize, price, display, manage and clean up to help make the biannual Tag Sale a great success. More information on this event and its beneficiaries will be shared in the next issue of the Herald. Contact: Eugenia Zavras, [etz124@yahoo.com](mailto:etz124@yahoo.com)

### ***Church School***

The Archangels Church School program will hold its commencement on Sunday, June 3rd with a special ceremony to be held at the conclusion of Holy Liturgy. (Reminder: Holy Liturgy starts at 9AM on the 3rd due to the Hope in Motion walk in Stamford). All students and faculty will be called up to receive a gratitude gift for their participation in our program. And, this year, our end of the year gratitude gifts have been ordered and imported directly from Greece! Thank you to families for making this our best programmatic year yet! Our annual and highly anticipated Vacation Bible Camp (VBC) will be held July 30th-August 3rd. This camp is at no cost to families. Online registration to open soon and early registration is strongly encouraged as seats fill up quickly! Wishing families a safe and restorative summer! Contact: Dr. Evelyn Biliass (ebiliass@aol.com)

### ***Greek School***

The time passed by so fast! Another school year has sadly come to an end. It was a fruitful year with all students making great progress in Greek language and coming closer to each other through our organized events. What of all to remember? The Geography Fair with all the maps that students so creatively drew? The Friday night gatherings in gym with our basketball team practices? The very constructive Greek School summit in which so many new ideas came up for the further development of the Greek school?

For this successful and creative year, I would like to congratulate all the protagonists:



**Diane Sierpina (foreground) and Shannon Landry (background) teach their Pre-K class a lesson during Church School.**

The teachers who try to convey their knowledge and improve the Greek of our children, our Church that supports the Greek School in a variety of ways, the parents, who through the PTA contribute to make this experience unique and finally our students for their dedication and passion in learning the Greek language.

A wonderful year-end celebration took place in our church hall, with students singing Greek songs to welcome the summer. After the certificates ceremony, faculty, students and families enjoyed the delicious food and the talented and funny magician to follow, who entertained the children as well as the adults.

With great love and anticipation, we look forward to September to welcome back our students! Contact: Anna Lempesi, Archangels Greek School Principal, [ann.lempesi@gmail.com](mailto:ann.lempesi@gmail.com)

### ***Little Angels***

Little Angels is the church ministry group representing young families including infants, toddlers and preschoolers (ages 0-5 years). Our purpose is to bring together parents and little ones for fun and fellowship, support, and to strengthen our faith and church family friendships.

Malta House Charity Drive: Throughout the spring, Little Angels held a Household Goods Drive to benefit Malta House in Norwalk, CT. Malta House is currently the only shelter for homeless pregnant women in Fairfield County and one of only a few for new mothers and babies who are homeless. Residents are provided with a nurturing home in addition to support services including financial education, parenting classes, and independent living skills. As a result of our drive, we were able to collect a bin filled with kitchen and cleaning supplies to benefit



**Ruth Diamond (center) and Anna Diamantis (left) work with their class of kindergarten and 1st graders on a craft. (5/20/18)**



**Janie Konidaris (right) teaches her Church School class of 2nd through 5th graders. (5/20/18)**

their mission! Thank you to all the families who donated to this very special cause!

Mother's Day Craft: On Sunday, May 13th, Stacy Valassis helped us host a special Mother's Day craft during coffee hour! The children enjoyed a dessert while creating a collage celebrating their mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers and honoring the special love of the Theotokos and Christ. Ms. Stacy even took polaroid pictures of the children with their mothers for the collage. Thank you Ms. Stacy! We had so much fun with everyone who was able to join!

Summer Activities: Check your email for upcoming Little Angels activities over the summer!

Contact: Vasso Spanos at [bkarachris@gmail.com](mailto:bkarachris@gmail.com), or Rachel Jones at [racheljones.cpa@gmail.com](mailto:racheljones.cpa@gmail.com)

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

On May 27th, Hope and Joy organized a host of fun indoor activities for our Church's children during the 'Outdoor Liturgy & Picnic' (which was relocated to the Cultural Center). It was an afternoon of friendly competition and fun featuring: relay races with teams, kickball, basketball, and tug-o-war.

On, Saturday June 30th we will have our end of the year party at the 595 Apartments in Westport, CT. The night will feature a fun movie (in the movie room), games, snacks, swimming, and a meal. More details to follow via email. Contact: Ruth Diamond at [cornellrh@yahoo.com](mailto:cornellrh@yahoo.com)

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The Artist, Margaret Tsirantonakis, shows the children how she paints with water colors. (4/27/18)



The preschool children plant sunflower seeds during their study unit on seeds. (5/14/18)

## GOYA

At the May GOYA meeting, IOCC representative Lou Zagami broadened our teens' perspective on the meaning of giving and detailed how donations for hurricane relief are utilized. Vice President James Pease ran this particular meeting which covered a host of items. Most of our teen leaders have led meetings this year – something GOYA plans to continue in the fall.

The gift donation drive for pediatric patients from April and May yielded over 40 gifts for children at Stamford Hospital. THANK YOU to all who helped with this cause! On Friday May 18, a group of 6 teens and 3 adults visited the hospital and were given a tour of the pediatric unit and personally stocked the toy closet called "David's Locker." Hearts were warmed when one of the newly donated gifts was taken for a child patient. GOYA hopes continue a giving-relationship with the hospital into next year.

The last event of year will be the Gym & Swim Party at the Cultural Center on Saturday, June 9 from 6pm-9:30pm. The final meeting will take place from 6-6:45pm, in which we will acknowledge graduating seniors, offer thanks for GOYA's help throughout the year, and elect 4 cabinet members for the 2018-19 year. Afterward the group will enjoy all manner of games, swimming and a gourmet Italian dinner. Please RSVP with

Dorie if you wish to come – parents are invited!

We are thankful to God for his blessings all through-out this year, and for all our parent volunteers, and our involved teens! Have a tremendous summer and see you in fall. Contact: Dorie Poulos, [dorielp@yahoo.com](mailto:dorielp@yahoo.com)

## Athletics

On Saturday, May 26, the 40th annual Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Olympics (GOADO) were held at the Suffolk Community College Brentwood campus on Long Island. Featured events are: swimming, 3 on 3 basketball, chess, checkers & backgammon, track and field events, soccer, volleyball, softball, and kickball to name a few. (For more info, check out their web-site: <http://www.goado.com/#>.) This year our Stamford United girls volleyball team took 2nd place overall amidst challenging competition. Congratulations to the girls and coaches John Skoparantzios and Hannah Pappas for their accomplishment! This is a wonderful way to end the year in athletics.

Consider signing up your children for Archangels youth athletics this fall: farm team basketball (ages 4-8), youth basketball (ages 9-11), JV basketball (ages 12-15) and or girls volleyball (ages 10-18). Contact: Steve Sarigianis ([steve@archangels-goc.org](mailto:steve@archangels-goc.org)), or John S. ([atoz@aol.com](mailto:atoz@aol.com)) for more info.



(Back left to front right:) Niko Giantomidis, Matthew Poulos, Nick Otis, Christopher Otis, and Lucas Giantomidis help replenish the pediatric toy closet at Stamford Hospital. (5/18/18)



The Stamford United girls volleyball team smiles with their coaches after a 2nd place finish at the DAD Olympics. (5/26/18)



Youth enjoy a game of "Ship to Shore" during Family Gym and Game Night. (4/28/19)

### ***Family Gym and Game Night***

On Saturday, April 28th, the nice Spring finally arrived (at least for a day) and had everyone in good spirits for Family Gym and Game Night at our Cultural Center gym. We had a fun crowd and enjoyed the night together as one big community. We were also fortunate to have a few families from Annunciation join us, which made the evening even better. Parents, grandparents and children of all ages played board games; pre-schoolers did some coloring and our older children competed in our first "Color Games". The Blue Team edged out the Red Team 11 points to 9 over six activities, which included a soccer penalty kick shootout, a baseball target competition, a hula hoop-athon, ship to shore (a Simon-says type running game), relay races with some twists and last but not least, the big crowd pleaser, tug of war. The kids loved keeping score and showed some real sportsmanship. Archangels offered a wonderful dinner of salad, pizza and pasta from Hope Street Pizza for a free-will donation, capped off with some ice cream as dessert.

Game Highlights: The "I got moves" award goes to a brother and sister pair, Zoina and Athan Tzavaras. Who knew Athan could hula hoop?! But his older sister was in the zone and beat out everyone. The "Fast as Lightning" award goes to Peter Tsapralis – the kid is quick and his crab walk was impressive. The "Big Day Award" goes to Jack Nanos – it was his birthday (or thereabouts) and it was great celebrating it together with him and his family. Plus, the cake was delicious. The "Best Adult" award definitely has to go to Steve Valassis (Antonia's husband, not the other ones). When the tug of war got so heated and the coaches jumped in, Steve was the difference maker, pulling his team to a glorious victory.

### ***Young Adults***

On Thursday, May 17, four young adults came together for a bite and brew at Bobby Valentine's after the outdoor volleyball and BBQ at Scalzi Park was rained out. They conversed on a variety of topics and enjoyed some playoff NHL. Please contact Steve if you are interested in joining us for our next gathering or outing! Steve, 203-623-586 or sjsarge@gmail.com



(Left to right:) Ruth Diamond, Pete Cholakakis, Steve Sarigianis and Chris P. Nanos, take a picture with animated group of youth. (4/28/18)

### ***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 Ritta in the church office 203-348-4216.

### ***Project Mexico Mission Trip***

This August 8-14 our church is sending team of five (3 adults and 2 high school seniors) on a cross-cultural mission trip to Project Mexico. For over 25 years, this Orthodox 501c3 has operated a home building program which constructs weather-proof homes for Mexican families in need, all with volunteer labor. This will be the first time parishioners from Archangels make the journey to Rosarito (just south of San Diego), joining 75 other Orthodox youth and adults from around the country for an incredible one week experience. Our primary goal will be to help construct a home for a needy family, but we will also spend time with teenage orphans at the St. Innocent home, and spend time with the local people.

This is a unique opportunity to deepen faith, explore culture, serve Christ & His Church, build lasting friendships, and make a difference for a family in need. As with any Orthodox mission trip, participants are required to raise their own funds. The total cost per person for this mission trip is \$1,200: \$600 participation cost, \$500 travel expenses, and \$100 spending/misc. Would you prayerfully consider becoming a spiritual and financial partner with us on our mission? The link to our fundraising page is here: <https://volunteer.projectmexico.org/fundraising/group/church-of-the-archangels-stamford-ct>

Thank you in advance for helping our church fulfil its part in our Lord's global mission and outreach! To learn more, contact team leader Steve: 203-623-5896, or [stevea@archangelsgoc.org](mailto:stevea@archangelsgoc.org)





Greek School children mark the end of a successful year with song, dance, and family party in the hall. (5/24/28)



Magician Danny Magic calls George Diamantis and Deena Amanatidis to help him with a trick. (5/24/18)



Families enjoy the delicious BBQ luncheon prepared by Kathi Moschos at the "Outdoor Liturgy and Picnic" held indoors at the Cultural Center. (5/27/18)



Fr. Harry joins children for some games and activities led by Chris and Christine Nanos. (5/27/28)

## ***New Location for Camp Saint Paul***

(Adapted from an article published by the Archdiocese on April, 19 2018)

On April 16, 2018, His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios and members of the Camp St. Paul Committee closed on the purchase of the future site of Camp St. Paul at a cost of approximately \$1,450,000. Now in its 15th season, it is regarded by many clergy and laity as the most transformative youth ministry of the Direct Archdiocesan District.

Camp St. Paul was established in 2005 when under the guidance of the then D.A.D. Youth Director Fr. Constantine Lazarakis, Fr. Elias Villis was appointed Director with the blessing of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios. In its first season, there were 45 campers in attendance during the one-week session. Over the years, it has now grown to over 790 individual registrations over five one-week sessions in 2017.

Situated near Warren, Conn., the new rural site, abutting state parklands, includes 151 acres of beautiful scenic woodlands, a private 17-acre lake, smaller swimming pond, a dramatic natural amphitheater and trails for hiking. It was owned by the Thyberg Family and operated as a bible camp for over 50 years. It was the heartfelt wish of the family that the property continue to be used for this sacred purpose. They and the Direct Archdiocesan District worked closely together in finalizing and continuing this vision.

A team of volunteer attorneys led by John Louizos (parishioner at Archangels) assisted by Harry Raptakis and Nikiforos Matthews, finalized the formidable legal process and the District, through its camp fund, was able to complete the transaction with a down payment of \$588,000, with additional financing through Alma Bank. Moving forward, a Capital Campaign Committee will be appointed to raise the funds necessary to making the new site able to sustain the camping program, by replacing outdated buildings and addressing the infrastructure, which needs to be brought up to code.

As Camp St. Paul embarks upon its 14th year of operation there is great expectation and hope that this new site will enable the District to expand and enhance its ministry to the youth and young adults of the Church as well as other members of the community.

## ***Annunciation Greek Festival: May 31 – June 3***

Fr. Evan Evangelides, Fr. Constantine Matthews, and the Parish Council warmly invite us to the Annunciation Church Greek Festival on Thursday – Sunday, May 31 – June 3. Please spread the word and attend to patronize their food, drink, pastries, and market. Secondly, our Parish Council encourages everyone to work a shift to assist them either by contacting the office (203-322-2093) or even better yet signing up through the Genius Web Site online: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d44abab29a7fe3-festival>





Visiting clergyman Fr. Anastasios Kihali of Kenya reads the Gospel during the Liturgy on Missions Sunday. (5/20/18)



Lou Blanco informs the seniors, a highly targeted population, how to protect themselves against scam artists at the May luncheon. (5/10/18)

### ***GreekFest: September 27-30, 2018***

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. Consider making a cash contribution to defray these costs to help make the festival as successful as possible. Cash raffle prizes are: 1st prize - \$10,000; 2nd prize - \$3,000; 3rd prize - \$2,000. Contact: Margaret Fornaciari zamsfam@optonline.net

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

It is once again that time of year when our parish prepares for the Annual Greek Festival. 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. Please see the poster of the wish list of items during coffee hour. 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

### ***Stamford Athletic Club***

Have you checked out the new CLUB CONCIERGE APP on the brand new iPad at the SAC Front Desk? Several FREE OFFERS await you there. You may also use it to schedule a swim lesson, basketball or personal training session, or a prepared meal at the click of a button. Want to find out about all we have to offer or let us know what to improve upon? Take a moment to complete the SAC digital Survey on the iPad at the SAC Front Desk!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Spring Into Spring Fitbit Challenge. CONGRATULATIONS TO EVA MAYER, who won the competition with 71 check-ins on 70 separate days (out of 89 possible days from February 1 to April 30)!!! Enjoy your brand new Fitbit Charge 2! We hope you continue to reach your fitness goals with your new wearable tech.

We are putting together terrific events for the summer. Movie night at SAC, Outdoor Group Bootcamp Class, Youth Basketball Summer Clinics, Youth Swim Lessons, summer pickleball, and Chef Rafael Tapas Night just to name a few. Stop by or call 203-357-7555 or email [info@sacteam.com](mailto:info@sacteam.com) for more information.

SAC is creating video testimonials to be advertised on social media and to be played on our Front Desk monitor to drive membership and other services. Our website and Facebook page



Fr. Harry and Fr. Anastasios Kihali offer a 40-day Churaching for Hunter Teddy (second child of Tom & Nicole Landry).



Manita Scocimara is Chrismated by Fr. Harry and receives the Holy Spirit during the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, May 27.



(Back left to front right:) Didi Aivalis, Pauline Galuris, Debbie Koulogianis, Eva Koulogianis, Tessie Charkalis, and Donna Malitzis at Philoptochos Mother's Day Luncheon. (4/28/18)



(Left to right:) Annie Konidaris, Marion Vanson, Jane Perkins, Manita Scocimara, Natalie Kulukundis, Hannah Pappas and Rachel Jones at the Mother's Day Luncheon. (4/28/18)

are receiving more hits than ever in recent months due to our renewed focus on social media advertising. The video testimonials will bring a personal touch to social media outlets. If you would like to help us out and add your own video testimonial, please email Mark at [markj@sacteam.com](mailto:markj@sacteam.com) ASAP so we can add you to our video montage.

**FREE MONTH:** very simple. If you are already a member, simply refer someone new to us. If they join and cite you the person who referred them to SAC, you will earn a FREE month of membership. SO EASY!

Contact: Jeff Kaminski, [jeff@sacteam.com](mailto:jeff@sacteam.com)



**SAVE THE DATES!**

**Our Greek Fest**

**Thursday, September 27 -**  
**Sunday, September 30, 2018**



(Left to right:) Ritta Haralambidis, Fr. Harry Pappas, Joe Dos Santos, Basil Vanech, Steve Sarigianis, and John Cocolis pause their Staff meeting for a quick pic. (5/29/18)



Parishioners celebrate Steve and Theophani's 1-year Anniversary with a cake and a song at coffee hour. (4/29/18)



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## PARISH NEWS

### ***Births***

- May 2 - Nicola Pietro, 2nd child of Stefano & Kristin Redaelli
- May 10 - Gabriel Kamen, 2nd child of Lexi (Damascus) & Ivan Nedeltchev
- May 23 - Victoria Lembesis, 1st child of Georgia Vouthounis & Bill Lempesis

### ***Chrismation***

- May 27 - Manita Scocimara; sponsor was Annie Konidaris

### ***2018 Graduates***

#### **High School**

Niko Giantomidis – son of Bill and Lena Giantomidis, from Stamford High School. He will enter the University of Connecticut, Stamford, to study Business.

Dina Haralabidis – daughter of Margaritta Haralabidis, from the Academy of Information Technology & Engineering (AITE), with honors. She will enter the University of Connecticut, Storrs, this fall.

James Pease – son of Nikki and Phil Pease, from Stamford High School, with honors and distinction. He will enter the Columbia University this fall, to study Astrophysics.

#### **College**

Ilda Cocoli – daughter of Adriana and Petrit Cocoli, from the University of Connecticut with a BS in Finance and Economics; she is now working as a Financial Analyst for IBM.

Aphrodite N. Haralabidis – daughter of Margaritta Haralabidis, from Norwalk Community College; she will continue this fall at the University of Connecticut, Stamford, to study Business.

Christina Joannou – daughter of Harriet and Tom Joannou, from the University of Connecticut, Stamford, with a Business degree.

Joseph Santoro – son of Ann Marie Santoro, graduated from the University of New Haven with a degree in Criminal Justice. He will be pursuing a career in police work.

Evan Skoparantzou – son of Diane and John Skoparantzou, from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor's Degree. He will pursue a Master's Degree in Athletic Training this fall.

Catherine E. Vanech – daughter of Terri S. and Basil N. Vanech, from Hofstra University in Hempstead, NY, with a Bachelor Degree in Criminology, and a double minor in Sociology and History; will attend Southern Connecticut State University in the fall to pursue a Master's degree in Social Work.

#### **Graduate School**

Hannah Pappas – completed her Master's in Elementary Education with high honors at the University of Bridgeport, 2 years of student teaching and internship at Westover Elementary School, and passed all her comprehensive certification examinations for the state of Connecticut. She will apply for a full time teaching position this fall in the Stamford Public School system.

### ***Summer Weddings***

June 9 – Blake Leonard & Edouard Arbellot in Bordeaux, France

July 11 – Eleni Begetis & Nathaneal Mohr in Sparta, Greece

### ***Deaths***

April 27 – Peter Karayiannis (88 years), father of George Karayiannis and Matoula Valassis

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## AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

### ***Foundation Fund***

The Church of the Archangels Foundation, Inc. held its annual board meeting on May 17, 2018. The board re-elected Elias N. Kulukundis as President of the Foundation for 2018. The other executive officers for 2018 are George Khouri, Vice-President; Kimon Passios, Treasurer; and Tim Hartch, Secretary. During 2017, the Foundation made grants to the Church of \$160,000 and loaned the Church an additional \$70,000. The Foundation's investment account, custodied at Morgan Stanley, totaled \$3.3 million as of May 2018.

Three members of the Church of the Archangels' Buildings & Grounds Committee made a presentation to the Foundation board regarding urgent repairs for the roof of the Church's gym and cultural center. The Foundation board approved a grant of \$131,000 to repair a portion of the gym and cultural center roof. The board also approved (i) a \$10,000 grant to the Church for charitable and missionary purposes; (ii) a \$100,000 commitment to the Church's Capital Campaign for repairing the roof over the class rooms and hall (\$30,000 to be granted in 2018 and the remaining balance in 2019 and 2020); and (iii) a grant of \$50,000 to the Church and gym/cultural center for cash flow needs during the summer months. With respect to the \$100,000

commitment to the Capital Campaign, the board noted that the Foundation has historically paid for repairs to the Church's roofs, that recent leaks have occurred over the hall and classrooms, and that roof repairs were not originally contemplated by the Capital Campaign. If anyone has questions, please contact Tim Hartch, at [timhartch1@outlook.com](mailto:timhartch1@outlook.com).

### ***AHEPA***

The Stamford AHEPA is still looking to sponsor a team of 3 local students (grades 7-11 in the 2017-18 academic year) who want to participate in our district's Hellenic History Tournament on Saturday November 3 at St Barbara Greek Orthodox Church in Orange, CT. The HHT is a knowledge competition about the 3500-year-long history of the Hellenes. Please see the May Herald or [www.ahepad7.org](http://www.ahepad7.org) for more information. We expect about 10 teams to compete this year, so the odds of winning first or second place are pretty good. In addition to the prizes awarded by our District this year, the 2 top winning teams will be invited to compete against the top 2 teams from the Mid-Atlantic, Mid-West and Canadian HHTs at the next AHEPA Supreme Convention in the summer of 2019 where they will have the opportunity to win even more prizes. To sign up contact Nicholas Nikas, [niketes@yahoo.com](mailto:niketes@yahoo.com), 203-554-5570.

# CHURCH OF THE ARCHANGELS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

## The Capital Campaign Committee:

Elias N. Kulukundis, Chairman. Jason Konidaris, Vice Chairman. Father Harry Pappas. Mary Badoyannis, Peter Cholakis, Timothy Hartch, James W. Kambas, George Khouri, Peter Licopantis, Penny Nanos, Chris A. Nanos, Chris P. Nanos, George Paparis, Thomas Passios, Gigi Perimenis, Katie Perimenis, Jane Dragonas Perkins, R. J. Vassiliou, Basil N. Vanech

## The Capital Campaign:

The initial goal was to raise \$2,200,000 over a three year period 2014-2017. The Campaign now remains open to cover heavy additional work and associated cost. 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.

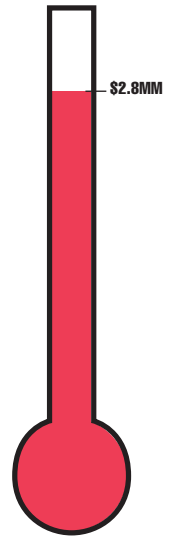
## Capital Campaign Totals to 20 May, 2018

Total Pledges/gifts/other contributions, Original Campaign . . . . .	\$ 2, 207,280.00
Total Cash received, Original Campaign . . . . .	2,177,882.39
Total Pledges/gifts/other contributions, Extended Campaign . . . . .	769,485.07
Total Cash received, Extended Campaign . . . . .	440,665.42
Funds Received from contributions, since 2/28/18 . . . . .	144,506.22
Total Pledgors/Contributors, Extended Campaign . . . . .	27

## Expenses

Solicitation . . . . .	\$ 38,057.12
Salaries . . . . .	117,534.32
Furniture . . . . .	12,396.67
Architects . . . . .	250,673.10
Gala . . . . .	34,069.99
Contractors . . . . .	717,976.91
<b>Total Expenses . . . . .</b>	<b>1,170,708.11</b>

## OUR GOAL



## Capital Campaign Contributors (as of 20 May, 2018):

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