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**METROPOLITAN EVANGELIOS**

**THE REV. FR. ANASTASIOS BOURANTAS, Vicar of Delaware Valley Region**

**THE REV. FR. STEVEN J. VLAHOS – PROTOPRESBYTER/PASTOR (Interim)**

## NEWSLETTER for JUNE-JULY 2019

Dear Faithful members of St. Anthony Church:

First, I thank His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos for reassigning me (out of retirement) to serve you and to officiate at the Sunday and Weekday liturgies and all Sacraments.

Since coming to your parish in December 2018, it has been my distinct joy and pleasure to meet and serve all the wonderful Christians in your community.

Through the Christmas, Epiphany, Great Lent and Pascha holy days, I have experienced a vibrant church community of faithful stewards. The ladies and gentlemen of the parish and the children and youth have opened their arms in love and support for my pastoral efforts and endeavors that have provided me with the challenge of making your parish the most successful in the region.

As we close the chapter of this year's successful Greek Festival, I specially thank co-chairpersons Angela Papadopoulos-Gilmour and Raphael Sofkos, as well as all the people who donated and worked for our festival. (Unfortunately I'm very sorry, but illness prevented my attendance so I hope to celebrate and work with you next year.)

All the ladies and men as well as children and youth are my pride and joy and the future of our new peaceful and progressive Saint Anthony Church.

As we move through the summer months I want you to know that I will be working with the parish council to reinstitute all our church programs including the Sunday School, Greek school, youth programs and activities, Bible classes, altar boys, and other religious and spiritual programs and events that will commence in the Fall.

Our Ladies Philoptochos Society, AHEPA, Hellenism and religious programs and all our volunteers deserve our congratulations and admiration and profound thanks.

Don't forget to come to church in addition to religious services your Greek food products provided by Nikos and Yianoula.

Since you are the most wonderful group of dedicated Christian that I have ever served in my 55 years of pastoral ministry, I thank you for your love, embrace you with Christ in our midst and wishing you a beautiful and restful summer I remain,

Faithfully yours,

Father Steven J. Vlahos

### Liturgical Services for June and July

The Orthros and Divine Liturgy will be conducted by Father Steven J. Vlahos as follows during June and July.

Sunday, June 2, Sixth Sunday of Pascha

Thursday, June 6, The Great Feast Day of The Ascension of our Lord.

Sunday, June 9, Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

Saturday of Souls, June 15, (Please bring Koliva and names to be commemorated.)

Sunday, June 16, Pentecost and Father's Day Observance

Monday, June 17, The feast day of the Holy Spirit

Sunday, June 23, All Saints Day

Saturday, June 29, The feast Day of Saints Peter and Paul

Sunday, June 30, The Synaxis if the Twelve Holy Apostles

Sunday, July 7, Third Sunday of St. Matthew's Gospel

Sunday, July 14, The Holy Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council

Saturday, July 20, The Feast Day of Saint Elijah (Elias) the Prophet

Sunday, July 21, The Fifth Sunday of Saint Matthew's Gospel

Sunday, July 28, The Sixth Sunday of Saint Matthew's Gospel.

SPECIAL NOTE:

On Sunday, June 30, the Special Doxology for Independence Day, July 4th will be conducted petitioning God's blessings on the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches of our nation as well as the Armed Forces. God Bless America!

# Stewardship

## Stewardship Update:

**2018**

(As of December 31, 2018)

# YTD paid Stewards: 75

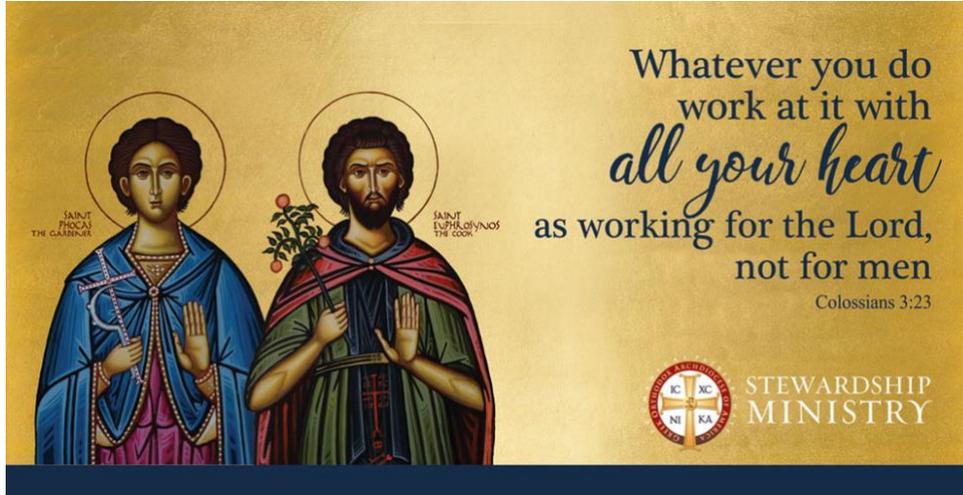
Stewardship Income YTD: \$37,235.00

**2019**

(As of June 2, 2019)

# YTD paid Stewards: 73

Stewardship Income YTD: \$35,895.00



In the early Church, every person coming to the gathering of the Church brought everything they could spare for the needs of the Church. They provided for the sustenance of the clergy, widows and orphans, for helping the poor, and for all the good works of the Church. This is the Church that we as Orthodox Christians claim to be.

## Sacraments:

### Baptisms:

Congratulations to Cristal and George Athans on the baptism of their daughter, Elliana Grace. The Godparents are Elizabeth and George Papamihalikis on May 6, 2019.



**Funerals:** Ioannis "Yianni" D. Sotiropoulos of Vineland, passed away on June 2, 2019. He leaves behind his wife, Marina, his daughters, Maria (Christopher), Hrisanthi (Timothy) and Crystal.

**Memorials:** Maria Nicolinos, 1 year Memorial. She is forever missed by her children Francesca Nicolinos-Argiropoulos, Angelo Nicolinos, and grandchildren.

## Information on Sacraments:

Baptisms: Please speak to Fr. Steven Vlahos after church on Sunday(s).

\*Weddings, \*Funerals and \*Pastoral visits & \*House Blessings:

\*Please call the church office or contact Angela Papadopoulos-Gilmour to coordinate with Fr. Anastasios Bourantas, Vicar of the Delaware Valley Region. He will be providing a schedule to meet your request(s).

Memorials: Please contact Gianoula Dinos to arrange koliva and reception after church services.

*May the memory of your loved one be eternal.*

## Birth Announcements:

Congratulations to Elizabeth & George Papamihalakis on the birth of the daughter on May 26, 2019. Proud grandparents are Manoli & Panagoita "Yota" Papamihalakis.

Congratulations to Georgia & Raphael Christofidis on the birth of their daughter, Christina. Proud grandparents are Kostas & Karmen Giannokopoulos and Fr. Christos & Presvyetera Joanna Christofidis.

## Meet the Interim Parish Council:

Being part of the Parish Council is a voluntary job. As Parish Council members we take our roles and responsibilities very serious. We donate many hours of time away from our families to assure that St. Anthony's is functioning at its best. Many of the individuals work full or part time jobs, some retired, some students, yet, we are here to serve our parish to the best we can.

The Parish Council's Mission is to create a welcoming and Christ centered community!

Nicos Mallouris, President

Angela Papadopoulos-Gilmour, Vice-President

Raphael Sofkos, Treasurer

Spiro Mullin, Secretary

George Frangakis

Panagoita Papamihakalis

David Gilmour

Yanni Lazarou

Eric Isihos

Fotis Isihos

Leonidas Exadaktilos

## PHILOPTOCHOS Chapter #1009

The Ladies of St. Anthony's Chapter #1009 would like to invite all women 18 and over to join our philanthropic organization. The women meet monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 6 pm, Sept - June. This past year we have been busy with many projects and endeavors. We have joined with the AHEPA and purchased a new air conditioner in the Altar. Some of our ladies have baked cookies & various breads for Christmas, Easter and the Festivals. We've had loukoumathes sales too! We have visited the sick and shut-in, helped those in need, enjoyed fellowship, provided Christmas gifts to children, decorated the church for the holidays, hosted our Annual Bid & Buy, assisted the children in learning how to fold crosses out of palm for Palm Sunday, and supported our parish and priests. Recently, Martha White and Christina Royer attended this years' Annual Philoptochos Conference in Garfield, NJ (May 12-13, 2019). They had the opportunity to meet other women from within the Metropolis of NJ and learn of the beautiful programs we support.



### A little about coffee hour:

Coffee hour provides a great time to speak to each other and have fellowship. For some folks this is the only time they get to see and talk to someone. It is also a time to enjoy your church family. Each month, 2 women from Philoptochos volunteer and sign up to bake and/or purchasing snacks/pastries, make the coffee and cleaning up after coffee hour. The varieties of dessert and snack may not always be Greek in origin but they are purely a blessing for all to enjoy. The women who volunteer donate these items for our church members. During the summer, we may not have volunteers to provide this service and we ask anyone else whom would like to contribute to do so. You do not need to be a member of Philoptochos to sign up for coffee hour. It is a 1-month obligation. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the all-purpose room. This is solely a volunteer commitment and effort. We have placed a donation basket on the table each week and we ask that you donate generously towards the items you have received. Some churches charge for the snacks and coffee, we do not. The donations we collect will be used to "feed the hungry".



### ShopRite Gift Card Sale:

A reminder, Philoptochos has ShopRite gift cards available every Sunday during Coffee Hour. See Gianoula Dinos to purchase yours. They make great gifts!

On behalf of the wonderful ladies and with sisterly agapi,  
Angela Papadopoulos-Gilmour, Chapter # 1009 President

## AHEPA

The men of AHEPA were recently recognized during AHEPA Sunday.



Alex Kaganzev was the Ahepan of the Year Award recipient for the 5<sup>th</sup> District for his creation of PROJECT THANKSGIVING. Since its inception in 2009 this has become the largest turkey drive in New Jersey. It supports families in Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem counties.



## GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT ST. ANTHONY'S!

### Credit card machines:

The Parish Council has added 2 credit card machines for your convenience. One will be located in the Narthex during church, then in the Parish Council Office so that you can now pay your Stewardship with your credit or debit card. The second one will be available to pay for your shopping at the Greek Market.



Thank you to the PTO (Parents-Teacher Organization) for giving each woman at church a **Mother's Day** plant. The plants were distributed by the youth of the church.

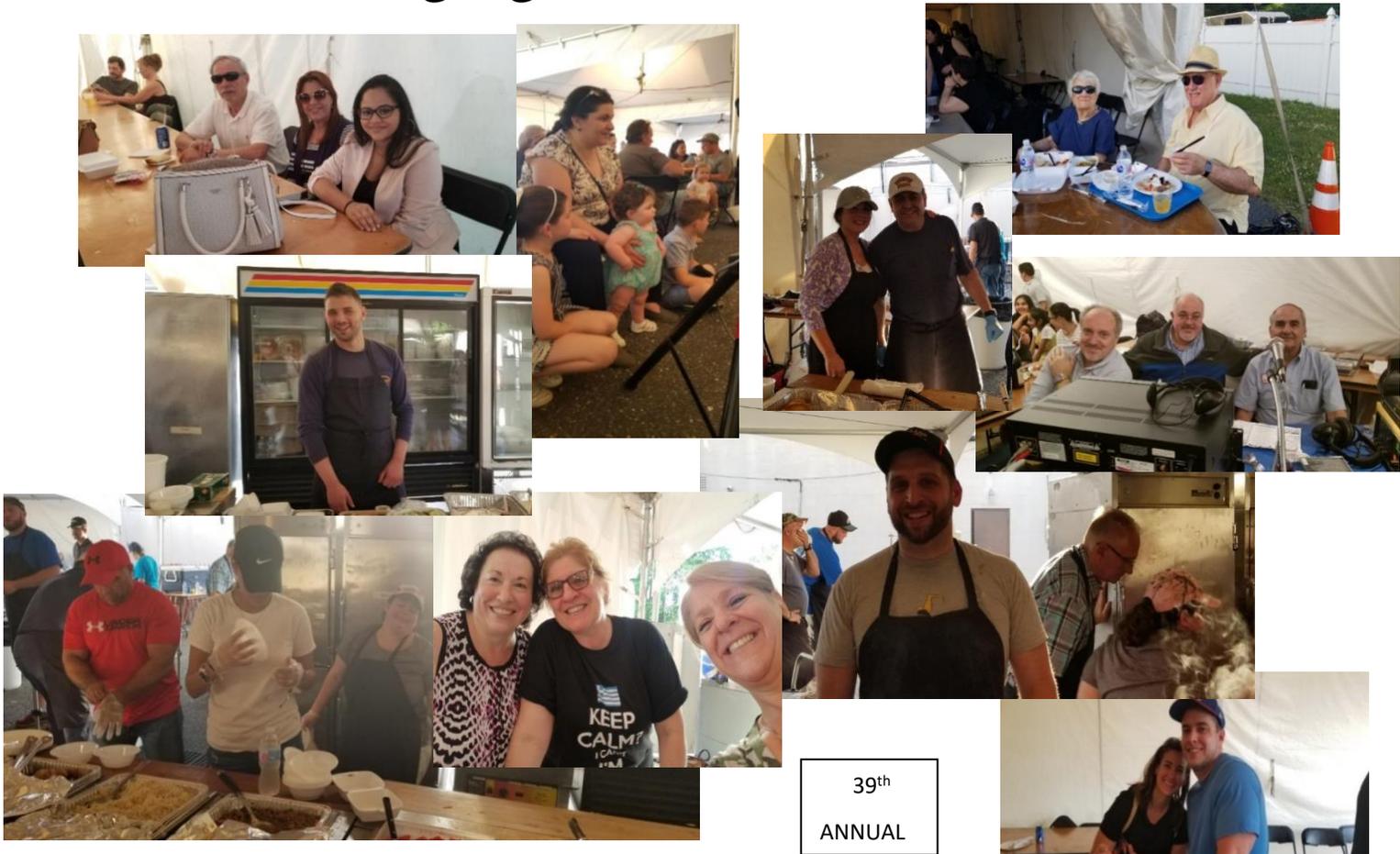
# Holy Week & Pascha



## Kristos Anzsti



# Some Festival Highlights:



39th  
ANNUAL

We would like to thank all of our Festival sponsors, volunteers and supporters for all their continued generosity to our parish, whether it be financially or physically given.



After the Festival was over we provided 5 trays of pastistio, 2 trays of rice and 8 gallons of milk to Spirit and Truth Ministries Food Kitchen. It always feels good to give back to the community. Co-chairs Raphael Sofkos and Angela Papadopoulos along with Alex Kaganzev helped put the food in Darlene Fiedler, Kitchen Directors, van.



### MONTHLY MEETINGS:

**1<sup>st</sup> Monday** each month the Ladies of Philoptochos meet at 6pm in the church basement.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday** of the month, the Parish Council meets at 7 pm in the church basement.

AHEPA meets at 7 pm in the AHEPA ROOM at the Community Center.

**FESTIVAL COMMITTEE** will meet on Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> to meet to discuss the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Greek Festival. The Co-Chairs will present their report. Please join us.

### GYRO FEST

Meetings will begin mid-July.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

Rain or Shine (indoor event)

Volkswagon Club Car Show outside.

Craft Vendors welcome.

### **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL AREAS of GYRO FEST**

Set up & Clean-up    Food Prep workers

Food line workers        Gyro Cutters

Kitchen help

### YOUTH PROGRAMS:

**Greek School:** Will resume in the fall. Watch for enrollment dates, mid-August.

**Sunday School:** Teachers are needed for September. We need your help.

**GOYA:** We have enough children to officially resume. Volunteers are needed.

**Altar boy training:** Please see Fr. Vlahos.

### HELP WANTED:

Weekly Housekeeper for the Church.

This is a paid opportunity.

See Angela or Raphael

## THANK YOU CORNER:

\*To the Philoptochos ladies that bake and/or purchase our goodies, prepare the coffee each month and for their tireless effort of cleaning up the basement afterwards. Thank you for your efforts. You are all very much appreciated of what you do.

Thank you to  
Fr. Steven Vlahos  
for the Mother's  
Day corsage.  
It was beautiful  
surprise.

Angela



## SAVE THE DATE:

**Graduate Sunday: June 9** following church services. Mrs. Spiridoula Gerakios, Greek School teacher, will present certificates to the students that attended this year. Congratulations to all of them!

The Philoptochos will be presenting scholarships to:

\*Miss Katerina Mallouris, the granddaughter of Nicos & Panagiota Mallouris. Katie will be attending Rowan University and majoring in Dance.

\*Mr. Tsambikos Stergois, parents George & Evelyn Stergios. Tsambikos has been accepted to Seton Hall and plans on majoring in Accounting & Finance.

CONGRATULATION to all the Graduates!

### Gyro "Tent" Sale

We are setting up at the Car Show  
Help needed: Cutters and servers  
Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup> Rain or Shine  
Community Center  
Benefits: St. Anthony's

### GYRO FEST

Saturday, Sept. 22, 2019

Submission deadline for August/September Newsletter:

July 15, 2019.

Please submit to Angela Papadopoulous-Gilmour

### "BID & BUY"

Saturday, October 19, 2019

Gifts & donations are being accepted. New items only. Please sign up to donate a special basket or gift. See any of the Philoptochos women for more information.

Committee co-chairs: Carol Duble, Chrisoula Athans and Yota Papamihalakis.

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