

Beloved in Christ,

In all my past parishes at our annual festival, I would conduct a number of church tours, during which I usually received a variety of questions about our faith. One question that was asked quite frequently was regarding the difference between the various Orthodox jurisdictions. For example, many people would specifically ask what the difference is between Greek and Russian Orthodoxy, assuming that they are two distinct faith traditions. Even many "cradle" Orthodox can be confused regarding the various canonical jurisdictions of world-wide Orthodoxy, especially in regard to the use of the old and new calendar. I would like to take this opportunity to briefly clarify these issues for everyone's edification.

First of all, we need to go back to the early history of the Church to refresh our memory regarding the five original ancient administrative centers of Orthodox Christianity. These are Jerusalem, where the Church originated on the day of Pentecost; Antioch, currently located in Damascus, Syria; Alexandria, Egypt; Constantinople (modern-day Istanbul, Turkey); and Rome (up to the Great Schism of 1054 AD). The first four centers mentioned above continue to be the ancient Patriarchates of Orthodox Christianity, which still have jurisdiction over their immediate geographic areas, and in some cases, over parishes in the diaspora. Obviously, because of the Great Schism, Rome went in her own direction, creating the Roman Catholic Church by separating from the remaining body of Christianity - the Eastern Orthodox Church.

It should be noted that the Patriarchate of Constantinople – the *Ecumenical* Patriarchate – is so named because of its primacy of honor as the symbolic spiritual leader of worldwide Orthodoxy, not to be confused with the Catholic understanding of the papacy as supreme head of world-wide Catholicism. This primacy of honor is based on the central role of Constantinople, being the former capitol of the Byzantine Empire, in all aspects of the Church's growth and maturation.

Eventually, many ancient local Churches under the jurisdiction of some of the ancient Patriarchates, were granted *autocephaly*, a term denoting self-rule without the oversight of the Mother Patriarchal Church. Two such examples with which we are quite familiar, are the Churches of Greece and Cyprus. A small group of Orthodox Churches has been granted *autonomy*, which denotes partial selfrule with oversight of the respective Mother Church. Many autocephalous Churches are considered *patriarchates*, such as the Churches of Bulgaria, Romania, and Russia. To clarify our situation as the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, we are directly under the oversight of the Ecumenical Throne of Constantinople, as are the other Greek Orthodox Churches throughout the diaspora, such as Australia, Canada, South America, as well as other various locations in the world.

Just having mentioned Greek Orthodox Churches, it is also important to clarify that being Greek Orthodox is not necessarily connected to one's ethnicity. Throughout Church history, this term has been used to identify those Churches whose liturgical language has primarily been Greek. An example of this is the Patriarchate of Jerusalem which uses the title "Greek Orthodox" because of the historical use of Greek in its services. More and more however, the Arabic liturgical language is being used so as to better minister to the Orthodox Palestinians, who are the primary members of the Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

In summary regarding Orthodox jurisdictions throughout the world, we can clearly see that there are many co-existing jurisdictions - both the ancient and newer Patriarchates, as well as the various autocephalous and autonomous Churches. which all fall under the umbrella of Eastern Orthodoxy. This is actually the best and most accurate term to use when one inquires about our faith tradition. No matter whether we are Greek, Arabic, Russian, Serbian, converts, or from any other jurisdiction of Orthodoxy, we are all Eastern Orthodox Christians – members of the One Holy Catholic, and Apostolic Body of Christ, founded in 33 AD.

Now, having clarified the jurisdictional matter, let us turn to the issue of the Church calendar. Historically, the Eastern Orthodox Church has used the ancient *Julian* calendar of the former Roman Empire. During the Renaissance in Western Europe, the Julian calendar was found to be inaccurate and was replaced by the *Gregorian* calendar, which is now the internationally accepted secular calendar. The two calendars currently have a difference of 13 days, the Julian version being the calendar that lags behind.

Since the switch to the Gregorian

calendar was made in Western Europe after the Great Schism, this change did not affect the Orthodox world which continued to live according to the older Julian calendar, both ecclesiastically and civilly. Even after many modern nations



in which Orthodoxy existed officially changed to the Gregorian calendar, many of their respective Churches did not. In fact, the majority of canonical Orthodox Churches in the world still use the Julian calendar. Note my use of the term *canonical*, which now introduces another issue needing clarification.

There are a number of schismatic, non-canonical Orthodox Churches under one umbrella, which are generally referred to as *Old Calendarist*. This movement was a reaction to those canonical Orthodox jurisdictions which chose to follow the secular Gregorian calendar. Many other issues became part of the general reaction of the Old Calendarists, which eventually led to the severance of ties with their former Mother Church. For our purposes here, I will not go into the detailed, multi-faceted history of this movement.

In summary regarding the calendar issue, we must not jump to the erroneous conclusion that an Orthodox jurisdiction using the old Julian calendar is uncanonical. In most instances, it will be one of the recognized, canonical jurisdictions described earlier in this article. This is a completely separate issue than that of the splinter Orthodox groups known as *Old Calendarists* as immediately described above, which obviously also use the older Julian calendar.

Beloved in Christ, I realize that I've shared a lot of information in this article. I hope that it has helped clarify some of the issues that many of us have found perplexing over the years. The main point that we should all take away from this article, is that canonical Orthodoxy continues to be the *undivided Body of Christ*. Whether we are ethnically Orthodox from one of the major jurisdictions, or converts to the Orthodox faith, we are all *Eastern Orthodox Christians – brothers and sisters in Christ*, united by the Holy Body and Blood of our Lord that we partake of in the Holy Eucharist.

In Christ,

+Fr. Anthony

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FROM FR. ANTHONY

Reflections on the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

The following is taken from our Archdiocesan website, goarch.org.

The Feast of the Entrance into the Temple of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary is celebrated on November 21st each year. The Feast commemorates when as a young child, the Virgin Mary entered the Temple in Jerusalem.

The birth and early life of the Virgin Mary is not recorded in the Gospels or other books of the New Testament, however this information can be found in a work dating from the second century known as the Book of James or Protevangelion.

When Mary was three years old, Joachim and Anna decided that the time had come to fulfill their promise and to offer her to the Lord. Joachim gathered the young girls of the neighborhood to form an escort, and he made them go in front of Mary, carrying torches. Captivated by the torches, the young child followed joyfully to the Temple, not once looking back at her parents nor weeping as she was parted from them.

The Holy Virgin ran toward the Temple, overtaking her attendant maidens and threw herself into the arms of the High Priest Zacharias, who was waiting for her at the gate of the Temple with the elders. Zacharias blessed her saying, 'It is in you that He has glorified your name in every generation. It is in you that He will reveal the Redemption that He has prepared for His people in the last days.'

Then, Zacharias brought the child into the Holy of Holies – a place where only the High Priest was permitted to enter once a year on the Day of Atonement. He placed her on the steps of the altar, and the grace of the Lord descended upon her. She arose and expressed her joy in a dance as wonder seized all who saw this happen.

The Virgin Mary dwelt in the Temple for nine years until, reaching an age for marriage, she was taken from the Temple by the priests and elders and entrusted to Joseph as the guardian of her virginity.

The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple signifies her total dedication to God and her readiness for her future vocation as the Mother of the Incarnate Lord. This is a feast of anticipation. As honor is shown to Mary, the faithful are called to look forward to the Incarnation of Christ, celebrated in a little more than a month by the Feast of the Nativity on December 25th.

Nativity Fast Begins 11/15

On November 15th the Holy Orthodox Church begins its preparation for the Nativity of our Lord through a 40-day fast. The majority of this period is considered a relaxed fast, and not particularly strict until the final 12 days. Following are the generally accepted guidelines for the first part of the Nativity fast, for those who wish to follow it to the full extent.

FROM FR. ANTHONY

From 11/15-12/12

- Fasting from all animal products.
- Fish, wine (all alcoholic beverages), and olive oil may be consumed every day except for Wednesdays and Fridays. Shellfish may be consumed daily.

Note: Fasting is always suspended for Thanksgiving Day per our Holy Archdiocese.

It behooves us to prepare ourselves spiritually for the Nativity of Our Lord by attempting to keep this fast to whatever extent possible (with the exception of course, of those with particular health concerns, and growing children). As with all fast periods of the Church, remember to incorporate regular church attendance, increased prayer, and charitable works. I am always available for guidance, so please don't hesitate to ask!

<u>Spiritual Wisdom</u>

Do not forget that we are going through difficult times, and much prayer is needed. You must remember the great need that people have for prayer today, and the great expectation God has for us to pray. Pray for the general outrageous condition of the whole world, that Christ may have pity of His creation, for they are heading for destruction. Pray for His divine intervention in our outrageous time, for the people are heading into general confusion – into madness and an impasse. (St. Paisios the Athonite)

Among your religious duties is that of loving your fellow men and always forgiving them. If you do this, you will be filled with joy, and with health both of the soul and of the body. (St. Raphael of Lesvos)

A man who craves esteem cannot be rid of the causes of grief. (St. Isaac the Syrian)

How is it possible for one fasting not to fast? When he keeps away from food but does not keep away from sin. How is it possible for one who is not fasting to fast? When he enjoys food but does not taste of sin. (St. John Chrysostom)

Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ. (St. Jerome of Stridonium)

Our starting point is always wrong. Instead of beginning with ourselves, we always want to change others first and ourselves last. If everyone would begin first with themselves, then there would be peace all around! St. John Chrysostom said that no one can harm the man who does not injure hi self – not even the devil. You see, we are the sole architects of our future. (+Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica)

Saturday Evening Orthodox "Soiree"

As you had seen earlier this year, I had periodically offered a short Orthodox Life presentation on Sundays, toward the end of coffee hour. This month, I would like to offer something a bit different on Saturday evening, 11/11. We will begin with Vespers at 6:00 pm, following by a casual wine and cheese reception and presentation. This is open to all parishioners as an opportunity for fellowship and spiritual growth. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible!

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Parish Chronicle	Parish Prayer List						
Baptisms 10/15 – Sophia, daughter of Mark and Sarah Canney. Spon- sors, Peter and Rea Lampesis.	Please pray for our brothers and sisters:						
10/15 – Jack, son of Mark and Sarah Canney, who took the name <i>George</i> . Sponsors, Peter and Rea Lampesis.	Elizabeth, Deborah, Jim, James, Mary, "B", Jean						
10/15 – Liam, son of Mark and Sarah Canney, who took the name <i>Theodore</i> . Sponsors, Peter and Rea Lampesis.	In keeping with a common Church tradition, we will keep names on the parish prayer list for 40 days . If you wish to offer names for prayer, please send those						
<u>Chrismations</u> 10/15 – Mark Canney, who took the name <i>Mark-Andrew</i> . Sponsors, Nicholas and Julie Rost.	via e-mail to the church office at: annunciationdover@gmail.com,						
<u>Weddings</u> 10/22 – Redi (Romanos) Hasanaj and Maria Blougouras.	or call the office at 742-7667.						
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tion Church – Newburyport, MA. Sponsor, Efthimios Xydias <u>Memorials</u> 11/12 – Ethel (Athanasia) Morikis, 5 yrs.							

Donations

• \$1,000 – John and Ashley Kounsalieh (Newburyport parishioners) for their recent wedding at our church.

Icon Decoration for November

• Icon of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple - \$50

Please contact the office if you would like to sponsor the decoration of this icon.

Coffee Hours For October

11/5 – Poole family
11/12 – Evangelatos family
11/19 – no host
11/26 – Annunciation Young Adults

ANNUNCIATION YOUNG ADULTS

The Annunciation Young Adults enjoyed the fall Orthodoxy on Tap event on 10/16. We thank Fr. Basil Arabatzis from St. Demetrios Orthodox Church in Saco, Maine for being our presenter!

Following are two upcoming AYA events:

- A trip to the Museum of Russian Icons in Clinton, MA in November (date TBD).
- A second visit to St. Nektarios Monastery in Roscoe, NY on December 8th.

If you would like to know about us and our events, please see our contact information on Pg. 2 of this issue. Glory to God for all things!

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Please join us after liturgy on Sunday, November 19th for our Fall General Assembly. I know this sort of thing is often met by grumbles and groans, but this is a moment when each and every one of you can make an impact on the life of our church. It is an opportunity for us to take stock of the past year in our community and, more crucially, a chance to plan for the year to come—but only if you are there.

Parish Council elections will form a key part of the upcoming General Assembly. We are fortunate to have a two-thirds of our council members staying on, yet that still leaves four seats to be filled. If you would like to become part of the Parish Council, please submit your name to the office no later than Sunday, November 12th to be on the ballot.

Speaking from experience, my time on the council has proved invaluable; allowing me to learn more about my faith, myself, and the many varying aspects that go into the running of our church. This sort of service is a real blessing and I encourage all parishioners to strongly consider answering the call.

Sincerely, Michael Frudakis Parish Council President

GOYA

Calling all GOYANS! We have two opportunities this November. Hellenic College is hosting an open house on November 4th (see flier in electronic bulletin for details). All are welcome to attend. If you would like to visit Hellenic College/Holy Cross as a group, we are partnering with St. Nicholas for a GOYAN visit on Saturday, November 11th, where the seminary will be planning something special for you! We will all drive down in a van together! If there is time, we may be able to do something afterward in Boston. The time and schedule are yet to be determined. Please keep an eye out in the weekly bulletin, or contact Kulin or Lea directly. We look forward to seeing you there!

Also, you may have noticed that the first Sunday school room has been converted to a GOYAN ONLY room! GOYANS, please check out the space and feel free to hang out and chill there, whenever you feel like it. Keep an eye out for the new books we will be stocking in the room. We are in the process of outfitting the room with comfy seating. Any and all input from the GOYANS in regard to books, decorating, or seating is welcomed and appreciated. Please contact the office, or Jess, Lea, Nancy, or Kulin.

In Christ, Your GOYA advisors, Kulin, Lea, and Peter

Fall 2023 General Assembly Meeting Agenda

Date: Sunday November 19th, 2023

- 1. Call Meeting to Order*
- 2. Election of Parliamentarian for Fall 2023 General Assembly
- 3. Approval of Minutes from Spring 2023 General Assembly
- 4. Father Anthony's Remarks
- 5. President's Remarks
- 6. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Current State of Finances
 - b. 2024 Parish Budget
- 7. Church Buildings Report
- 8. Bylaws Amendment
- 9. Cemetery Committee Presentation
- 10.Board of Auditors Election
- 11.Parish Council Elections
 - a. Nomination of proposed new members and returning members (prior Board of Election approval required**)
 - b. Voting Procedures
- 14.For the Good of the Parish
- 15.Closing Prayer
- 16.Adjournment

*Make-up Date (*if necessary*): Tuesday, November 21st at 6:00pm

Names of proposed Parish Council members **must have been submitted by November 12th to allow Board of Elections, through Fr. Anthony, the necessary time to ensure each candidate meets base qualifications for election to the Parish Council.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Blessed Nativity season to our beautiful parish family!

As you all know, we have been diligently working to rebuild the Church School rooms since the flooding of the Hall in February. We have two Church School rooms set up and currently in use, one for our pre-k to 6th grade students, and one for our GOYAns, grades 7-12. We are working on getting some more furniture in the GOYA room, and books should begin showing up for both of the classrooms in the upcoming weeks. Our goal is to build small, age-related Orthodox based libraries in each of the classrooms for the students to check out and take home to read. We want each of the children to dive deeper into the lives of the Saints, both modern & of ages past, begin to understand the deeper meanings behind the Lord's teachings, and to connect with the very foundations of what it means to be an Orthodox Christian. Having these resources available to take home & read in their "Little Churches" is incredibly important. We welcome any requests for books that the students may have if they are unable to find it on the shelves!

(Gentle reminder that the GOYA room is solely a space for the older students, and we ask that that space is respected for their use only; all younger children can utilize the other Church School room as a place to hang out and socialize.)

In Ms. Jess' classroom, we have begun learning about Christ's 'Sermon on the Mount' series, beginning with the nine Beatitudes. We have spoken about the first 3 so far: "Blessed are the Poor in Spirit, Blessed are those who Mourn, and Blessed are the Meek.' This is a 29 part series (yes, TWENTY -NINE Sundays!!), and we are exploring it through the avenue of the 'Tending the Garden of Our Hearts' podcast series. I highly encourage listening to the series each week at home, before class on Sundays. Each podcast ranges between 8-18 minutes in length and is filled with information for family members of all ages! So if your child cannot attend class one Sunday (perhaps you are traveling, etc.) this is a wonderful way to keep them caught up on the series, as each Beatitude/Sermon piece builds on the one before it. This also encourages them to think on the upcoming discussion and to ask questions or bring up any thoughts that they have on what they have heard during class time on Sundays. I will soon have one of the walls set up outside of the Church School room with our progress so that everyone can be following along with their students (though anyone can follow along with the podcast, even if they do not have a child currently in the program!). We pray that you come along on this journey with us!

We are looking for a second full-time Church School volunteer/teacher so that we can split up our currently mixed classroom of pre-k to 6th grade students. If you are interested in taking on teaching the younger students (pre-k to k/1st grade), please let me know!

In Christ, Jess Q Church School Director

"It is not the amount of learning that must be our aim, but the quality of learning. Better to learn two verses with understanding than a whole page with wandering thoughts." \sim St. John Cassian

ALKISTIS NEWS

Alkistis"

Dear Ladies of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church:

Ladies Society Dover, N.H.

I hope everyone has been enjoying the unseasonably warm weather and brilliant fall colors.

I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere appreciation for those that attended our first meeting on October 24th. Your valuable contributions, in-sightful ideas, and collaborative spirit significantly enhanced the overall success of the discussion.

I also would like to thank Althea Coussoule for taking on the position of Vice President of Alkistis. Althea's experience, skills and enthusiasm will greatly con-tribute to the continued success of Alkistis. Our very own Georgette Kostis, Alkistis Treasurer, provided us with an over-view of our finances. We currently have \$5,070.29 in our account. We need to make an effort to increase that number so we may continue with our commitment to

make an effort to increase that number so we may continue with our commitment to offer financial and moral support to our parish, and be responsive to the needs of the community in which we live and any other philanthropic worthy cause.

We are currently committed to the following:

- 68 Hours of Hunger \$500 (program for children experiencing food insecurities)
- Philoxenia House \$250
- Dover Children's Home \$200

and in 2024, along with the above:

- Vasilopita Sunday/ Donation to St. Basil's Academy
- Easter Grab n' Go Donation (1) = Last Year's Donation \$1000
- Alkistis Scholarship Last Year we were able to give \$600 to the recipient

Our very own Maria Faskianos was the representative of our church and corresponded regularly with

Pat Sorensen, the Coordinator for the Dover Cooperative Ministries. Since Maria has moved to NY, we are in need of a representative. If you or anyone you know is interested in taking this on, please let me know. To help with building up our treasury, we have scheduled a couple of bake sales and ask for your sup-port in making them a success. The first is scheduled for 12/16/23, ahead of the Christmas holiday and the second one on March 23, 2024, ahead of Western Easter. Please start thinking about what you would like to bake for the upcoming pastry sale and let me know. I will also have a signup sheet in the Narthex for your convenience.

Naturally, any donations throughout the year, to administer to the above commitments, as well as parish needs, are greatly appreciated. If you would like to make a donation to Alkists, please contact me at 603-512 4828, or <u>vulaz55@gmail.com</u>.

Other fun events currently being planned are Paint & Sip Nights, Movie Nights, Dinner Nights and Wine Tasting Events. Maryann Charos is looking into inviting speakers / authors and will follow up with us at the next meeting and several ladies have expressed an interest in setting up a Book Club.. I am hoping to see some of our young ladies at our meetings to help bolster some of these events and maybe even chair them.

Building upon the momentum and progress made during our last meeting, I am excited to invite all the ladies to our next scheduled meeting, following church services on **November 12, 2023**. Please make every effort to first attend services on 11/12/23, and we can then plan on a productive meeting during or after coffee hour. I hope to see you all there.

Warm regards,

Vula Z. Lalas Alkistis President

Executive Committee Includes: Althea Coussoule, Vice President Georgette Kostis, Treasurer Maryann Charos, Secretary Zeff Demopoulos

ALKISTIS NEWS



Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Festival Committee, I wish to thank everyone that generously donated towards the raffle table this year. Every year, the generosity of our parishioners and friends astounds me and winning a raffle prize always brings such happiness to the recipients.

I would like to thank the following who contributed to the success of this year's Raffle:

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I also want to thank Arthur Karabelas for offering to help with the raffle. My error in leaving him out of our list of contributors on the wall at the festival was an unfortunate oversight. Thank you, Art, for your continued support and THANK YOU ALL for making the raffle such a success.!

A big thanks to Pam Byers, Joanna McMahon & Nancy Trudeau for manning the raffle table over the course of both days. I know how hectic it gets at the table and you all handled everyone with so much patience and grace. Thank you very much!

Yours sincerely,

Vula Z. Lalas Raffle Chairperson



November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Please note that all Orthros ser- vices & Divine Liturgies, both on Sundays & weekdays, are always at 8:45 & 10:00 am, re- spectively.			1	2	3	4 Great Vespers 6:00 pm
5 Orthros & Liturgy	6	7	8 The Holy Archangels Orthros (<i>Liturgy</i> <i>pending</i>) Parish Council 6:00 pm	9	10	11 Great Vespers 6:00 pm followed by an Orthodox "Soiree" (see bulletin entry)
12 Orthros & Liturgy Alkistis meet- ing after coffee hour	13 St. John Chrysostom Orthros (Liturgy pending)	14	15 Nativity Fast Commences (see bulletin entry)	16	17	18 Great Vespers 6:00 pm
19 Orthros & Liturgy Parish General Assembly (Parish Coun- cil Elections)	20 Great Vespers of the Entrance of the Theotokos 7:00 pm	21 Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple Orthros & Liturgy	22	23 Thanksgiving Day (fasting waived)	24 office closed	25 <u>No Vespers</u>
26 Orthros & Liturgy	27	28	29	30 Holy Apostle Andrew Orthros (Liturgy pending)		

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