



St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral

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UTAH MORMONS, PROTESTANTS FINDING NEW SPIRITUAL HOME IN ANCIENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

In my sermon on Sunday, May 14, I referred to an article that I read on-line about Mormons and Protestants from the Salt Lake City, Utah area who have converted to the Orthodox Faith. I promised to publish the article, written by Bob Mims of The Salt Lake Tribune, in the June 2017 edition of our monthly newsletter and here it is.

Utah Mormons and Protestants are rediscovering a reverence for God by converting to Orthodoxy. It shook the fundamentalist Christian world to its roots: , the darling of evangelicals as host of the long-running, nationally syndicated "Bible Answer Man" broadcast, had joined the Greek Orthodox Church. Hanegraaff, for nearly 30 years president of the Christian Research Institute, an evangelical apologetics ministry, also has written 20 books opposing purported cults and heresies and non-Christian faiths. If ever evangelicals had a doctrinal superhero, Hanegraaff was he. But on Palm Sunday, , there was the 67-year-old Hanegraaff kneeling for "Holy Chrismation" — a rite of anointing with oil accompanying baptism — inside of Charlotte, N.C. Within days, Bott Radio Network, a 107-station strong, evangelical broadcasting empire, severed its longstanding relationship with him; other critics proclaimed Hanegraaff had somehow betrayed true Christianity. "Nothing could be further from the truth," he countered in a broadcast shortly after he, his wife, Kathy, and two of their 12 children became Orthodox. "Nothing has changed in my faith. ... I have fallen ever more in love with my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

There are no authoritative statistics available, but anecdotally, at least, it appears Hanegraaff is hardly alone in finding a spiritual home in the world's oldest — and Orthodox believers insist the first and most faithful — Christian fellowship.

That certainly is the case for Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Christian Church in downtown Salt Lake City. The Rev. Justin Havens says the church, located in a former Jewish synagogue at 355 South 300 East, had fewer than 100 worshippers when he became its priest nine years ago. "We have almost tripled in size since then," Havens says. "I would say 60 percent or more of our parish is made up of converts. About half of those are former LDS [Mormons], and the rest

are former Protestants and evangelicals, along with a few former Catholics and Episcopalians." Havens — himself a convert to Eastern Orthodoxy, having been raised Presbyterian — says the congregational growth has left his tiny church "packed to the gills."

On Easter Sunday, more than 500 worshippers stood for prayers, liturgical chants, the Eucharist and sermon. Orthodox Christians traditionally stand throughout worship, but this was different: Parishioners were elbow to elbow, the crowd spilling out of the nave and down the stairs.

While maintaining their current home in Salt Lake City, the congregation hopes to build a larger church nearer to the line between Salt Lake and Utah counties, where many parishioners live.

'Stagnant in my faith Suzanne and Bruce Plympton, who drive in from West Jordan on Sundays, are among the former Mormons who found their way to Saints Peter and Paul. Other converts have found solace in sister Greek, Russian, Serbian and .

"We were baptized into Orthodoxy nine years ago," Suzanne says, noting her spiritual search first took her from Mormonism to an evangelical Christian church, where she served as a children's minister and church secretary. "I was stagnant in my faith. I had always believed in God, but it wasn't changing my life; I wanted to grow closer to him," the mother of four adult children recalls. "Ironically, my sister and her family had discovered Orthodoxy while preparing for a Protestant mission to Russia."

Encouraged by her sister, Suzanne began visiting area Orthodox services. It was a cultural shock — in one case, the service was all in Greek, and the traditional liturgical worship was a far cry from the laid-back, contemporary-music-laced, non-liturgical evangelical atmosphere. "At first, I didn't understand a thing. But I kept studying it; I had always wanted to know the truth," she says. "I realized the Orthodox Church had been around for 2,000 years, had carefully guarded their theology and had not allowed popular beliefs to change them."

For five years, she and her husband visited and studied Orthodoxy before deciding on Saints Peter and Paul. "The church that Christ established, that I had been seeking, has always been here," Suzanne says. "I'm part of the body of Christ, and it's so deep your feet never hit the bottom; there's so much to learn and experience."

For Rick Scouler, baptism by Havens in 2012 came after several decades within the movement. "Over the years, I

became less convinced in how worship was expressed. So much of it was based on emotion," the 64-year-old real estate appraiser recalls. "Emotion's not a bad thing . . . but it seemed Christ had become way too familiar. Instead of awe and reverence, to me, it seemed it was just too easygoing and relaxed."

Then, during a visit with friends, Scouler and his wife, Marie, met "Father Justin." They struck up a friendship that led to discussions over coffee and, eventually, a regimen of extensive reading about what the original New Testament church was like in beliefs and worship. They began attending Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church.

Still, some aspects of Orthodox Christian worship can be overwhelming to newcomers. Along with the myriad icons and murals of saints, worshippers can seem constantly on the move amid the sweet smell of incense, singing psalms and praying a voluminous liturgy accompanied by frequent genuflection.

Then, there's the idea of soliciting the prayers of saints, and Mary, the mother of Jesus. To Protestants and especially evangelicals and Pentecostals, the concept of "Holy Mary, Mother of God" is foreign, if not heretical. "It seemed so 'Catholic,' you know? But then we understood it was not worshipping her, but giving her honor," Scouler says. "One thing I like about Orthodox worship is it emphasizes God's majesty. There is honor given that is, after all, quite fitting for God. "It's like I'm home, like I've got my faith back; the awe of it all is back," he adds. "I've got that real desire to serve God and please him."

Quest for truth Cameron Davis, who now attends South Ogden's Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church, says studying Christian history was an important factor in his 2014 conversion. The 30-year-old father of two, who holds philosophy and political science degrees from Utah State University, concedes that he is "by nature skeptical, second-guessing, and slow to make decisions; so my conversion to Orthodoxy was a pretty sober development."

While the richness of liturgy and worship in an Orthodox setting is often cited as spiritually fulfilling, Davis — while acknowledging such benefits — characterizes his conversion as more about "what is and isn't true" about such things as the Trinity, the nature of God and other doctrines he found at odds with Mormonism.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in preaching that the prophet Joseph Smith "restored" the original Christianity, is one of a long, well-populated line of movements seeking to do the same since the tore the faith's Western and Eastern branches asunder in A.D. 1054. Now, Davis believes that foundational first-century Christianity has never disappeared, and that its home is the "Orthodox Christian spiritual tradition he found more

beautiful and compelling in light of my reading of history and theology."

The not only ripped the Roman Catholic Church from Eastern Orthodoxy over such issues as papal authority, creedal changes and the nature of the afterlife, but it also led to further fracturing through the centuries. The 16th century's Protestant Reformation split the Roman church, and then the reformers further divided into competing denominations.

Today, the notes, the "body of Christ" has splintered into no less than 9,000 denominations — each, to varying degrees, purporting to restore the purer, ancient faith founded by the first generation of believers.

Havens understands the hunger for the truth and does not judge believers who continue their search elsewhere along the denominational continuum. But the former special-education teacher, raising seven children with wife Seraphima, has found his peace — and purpose.

It wasn't always so. After leaving behind his Protestant upbringing, Havens says his search for spiritual truth was at times agonizing. "I went through hell," he recalls. "I was never an atheist, but I went through a time of confusion. There were so many denominations, often with diametrically opposed ideas."

Through prolonged study and reflection, Havens discovered the Orthodox Church and sustaining traditions built by communities of "ancient Christians who were serious about their faith," even to the point of a martyr's death. "You can't do it on your own," he says. "It's an everyday thing, touching everything you do; it is living, breathing and alive."

May God continue to grant these converts to the Orthodox Faith the zeal and excitement that brought them to the Truth in the first place. May He also allow us, especially those of us who were born into the Faith, baptized into the Orthodox Church as infants, to experience the same zeal and excitement about Orthodoxy and to witness and share our Faith, the Truth, with those here in the Greater Manchester area, those of other Faiths, and those who are still searching. May we always share the Love, Compassion, and Mercy of our Great God and Savior Jesus Christ with those who don't know Him. Maybe, just maybe we can help bring one person to the Faith, to the Truth.

With my paternal love in Christ,

Father Wilson

Very Rev. Archimandrite Agathonikos M. Wilson
(Father Mike)
Cathedral Dean

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

May is perhaps our busiest Month and I for one am glad it is over, things went very well without any major or even minor mishaps. The OPA dance thanks John Stavropoulos and your working group,, our Mother's day coffee thanks to my Board of Directors. and the General Assembly thanks for coming out to learn about your community.

The Sunday school year finished with the graduation and awards a sincere thank you to Athena Bevan and her team of teachers devoted to God's work in helping our children know him, learn of his love for all of us and that the way to have a good ,productive, happy Christ centered life is only thru him and his church, our church. Thanks to the parents who see the importance of getting the children here and if you read this and you're not bringing your own young people why not talk to Athena, talk to Father, heck talk to me it's that important for them and for our future. The future is only possible with his help, we as individuals and as a community of Christian people need to just ask him to continue to bless us as he has for over a hundred years. If there is a next hundred it is these children who must lead us so pray for them and the dedicated teachers who are starting them on their life journey. The promise is real and now that I am older I see more truth in it every day that to lead a good life starts in knowing him thanks to all the Sunday School team at St. George for helping our children achieve their own reward of a life with our Lord and Savior.

June has some eventful things too, the annual Scholarship Sunday on the 4th and the Greek school graduation here at St. George on the 11th, Father's Day on the 18th, please check the individual flyers in this mailings along with the dates of the St George church camp in July another wonderful week for our young people why not check it out you will not be disappointed.

We had the 1st GLENDI meeting and why not think of joining up with the most hard working ,dedicated group at the Cathedral, The GLENDI is only a success with your work to make it a success please join us. Why not begin by thinking about taking an ad in the book, join with other family members to remember loved ones or promote your business maybe just to say hello or thank you. It's your book and has become a vital part of the festival please help make it a winner once again. GLENDI only a hundred days away and counting be part of it.

I know Father Mike has promised me we will be open all summer so please come to church, bring the whole family thank our Lord for being an important part of your life, be safe and have a wonderful summer.

See you at Divine Liturgy...
Frank C. Comerford
President



The Saint George Cathedral Board of Directors, the Anagennesis Ladies Board of Directors and Father Mike would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to everyone in our beloved Saint George Community for all that they did or donated to the Cathedral during the Lenten Period and during Holy Week. Your generosity and your kindness is much appreciated.

Thank you to our chanters and readers; Mark, Nola, Andrew, Jen, Jason, and Christos our choir director, Cathy and organist, Joyce, and all of our choir members for their dedicated service to the music ministry of the Cathedral, not only throughout Great Lent and Holy Week, but throughout the entire year.

Thank you to the young girls of our community who served as the Myrrh Bearers on Friday afternoon and evening, at the tomb of our Lord.

Thank you to the Altar Servers for their sacred service to the Lord for Holy Week and throughout the year.

Thank you to the officers and members of the Board of Directors for their service and dedication to the Cathedral, not only during the Lenten, Holy Week, and Paschal Season but throughout the year.

Thank you to all who folded the Palm Crosses, wrapped the Easter Eggs, decorated the Cathedral, cleaned the Cathedral, and decorated the Kouvouklion (Christ's tomb).

We also thank everyone who responded to the church's request for Easter Offering Donations, for Easter Flower Donations, for Easter Eggs, for Prosfora, for Communion Wine, and for the Holy Wednesday supplies – oil, flour, plastic baggies, q-tips, cotton balls.

Your generosity and kindness will help us to proclaim the Word of God and to do the work of Our Risen Lord and Savior in the Greater Manchester area. And finally, if out of ignorance or forgetfulness someone who helped or a donation generously given was omitted, thank you for your kindness and accept our most sincere and humble apologies. God knows the hearts, souls, and minds of all of us. May Our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ bless all of you for your generous spirit and your kind hearts. Thank you.



GLENDI 2017 PROGRAM AD RATES

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DEADLINE FOR ADS IS June 30TH

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FATHER'S OFFICE HOURS

Father's Office Hours

Monday – Wednesday – Friday

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday and Saturday By Appointment

FATHER'S CONTACT INFORMATION

Cell Phone: (603) 856-6749

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ST NICHOLAS CHURCH ANNUAL LAMB BBQ



**SATURDAY, JUNE 17TH
11 AM - 7 PM**

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COMMUNITY NEWS

New Members

Ms. Connie Boardman
Mr. Philip George,
Ms. Eleni Samaras
Welcome to the Family!

Funerals

Aphrodite "DeeDee" Tagalakis,
Anthy Tartsa
Madeline Saba
May their memories be eternal!

Baptisms

Nikolas, son of George and Melissa Samaras.
Godparents are Eleni Samaras and Ken Matoszewski

Jaymeson Taylor, son of Brianna Lynne Dube.
Godparent is Stavros Michael Doukeris.
Congratulations!

SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY

Will be Sunday, June 4th. If you are a Senior graduating from High School, please inform the Cathedral office.

CHAIR DONATIONS

We are in need of donations for the chairs that were purchased for the Community Center. If donating, please make checks out to St. George Cathedral. .

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Beautification Fund in memory of:

Aphrodite "DeeDee" Tagalakis \$540.00

The Gregory Pappas Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of:

Paul Pappas \$145.00

Will, Meryl, Elias, and Linda Kanteres
generously donated \$100.00 to the
Gregory Pappas Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Ms. Elaine Conides Ross generously donated \$50.00
to the St. George Greek Orthodox
Cathedral Beautification Fund
in honor of Nikki Moutsoulis.

Mrs Artemis Paras and sons, Philip and Stephen Paras
generously donated \$500.00 to the
Greater Manchester Hellenic Scholarship Fund
in loving memory of S. Basil Paras.

IF YOU ARE A UNITED WAY CONTRIBUTOR

As we continue to look at different ways to improve our revenue streams after discussions with Granite United Way we are able to offer an alternative way for you to pay your fair share. If you are a United Way contributor you can now designate St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral as the recipient of your United Way contributions. So, if you have a payroll deduction at your private sector employment, non-profit employment, municipal employment, federal employment, or state employment you can designate your church as the recipient of your United Way contribution. If you are employed with the State of New Hampshire the State Employees United Way Campaign runs from June 5th-July 7th. You can designate your payroll deduction by using the code 400061 which is the identifier for St. George Cathedral. Thanks again for your consideration as well as your financial support for our beloved St. George.

George Copadis

GREEK SCHOOL GRADUATION

Will be Sunday, June 11th at St. George Cathedral followed by a Coffee Hour sponsored by the Greek School parents.

GLENDI COOKING

Cooking/Baking Schedule for June

June 12th at 9:00 am

Stuffed Peppers- Teddy Karagiannis

June 20th at 9:00 am & 5:00 pm

Pastichio--Veneta Tatakis and Athanasia Robinson

June 21st at 9:00 am

Pastichio – Veneta Tatakis and Athanasia Robinson

June 26th at 9:00 am

Meatballs--Tana Gustafson

June 30th at 9:00 am

Dolmathes--Carol Dionis and Jenny Dakos

Volunteers needed. Please come for a couple of hours or stay for the whole day, which ever you decide just know you are a vital part of our Glendi Celebration.

Cooking begins at 9:00 a.m. Coffee and snacks provided.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE COOKBOOKS

Daughters of Penelope Cookbooks are available to buy. The price is \$20.00 each. They are available in the Cathedral office or by a Daughters of Penelope member.

ST. GEORGE OPA DANCE

What a nice time! Music was great! Dancers were wonderful! Food was plentiful and tasty! Friendship abounded! It was nice to see new faces! I would like to thank Tracie, Steve, John and Maria, Tim and Vangie, Liz, Toula, Jim L., Dan and Poppy. They donated their time and products to make it a wonderful dance.

Thanks, John Stavropoulos

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING A YOUTH CHOIR?

A youth choir is now forming and you are invited to become a member. We would like to start a group of our young members, 8 years and older, who would like to learn the beautiful hymns of the Divine Liturgy. Our goal is to eventually have the youth choir sing the hymns and responses of the Divine Liturgy once a month. Please contact Father if you are interested.

PRAYER OF A STUDENT

Christ our God, the Giver of light and wisdom, who opened the eyes of the blind man and transformed the fishermen into wise heralds and teachers of the Gospel through the coming of the Holy Spirit; shine also in my mind the light of the grace of the Holy Spirit. Grant me discernment, understanding, and wisdom in learning. Enable me to complete my assignments and to abound in every good work, for to You I give honor and glory. Amen.

PRAYER AT GRADUATION

Christ our God, You alone are the source of truth, wisdom, and learning. You bestowed wisdom to Solomon and through the Holy Spirit transformed the fishermen into proclaimers of Your Gospel, teachers, and Apostles. Transform me into a doer of Your Word. May my beliefs and learning become a way of life that brings me, and those around me, closer to You. I thank you for the teachers that through Your loving care brought me to this day of completion. Grant that I may continue to learn and grow in Your Glory and that I may always give thanks to You for my accomplishments. Amen.

GREEK INDEPENDENCE PARADE IN BOSTON ON APRIL 30, 2017



Dear Parishioners,

I want to inform you that we did go to the parade. About 40 adults and children participate, and we had a good time and fun, despite the rain that spoiled our plans for the festivities that they had planned for all of us, after the parade. We represented our 3 parishes as we have done for the past 24 years. I want to thank all those who came to Boston, including Fr. Mike and Fr. Gregory. Special thanks to Jim Folopoulos for the Italian and turkey sandwiches that he donated. We were hungry and we did enjoy them.

Thank you again. George Kitsis

THE FEAST OF PENTECOST: SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2017

This is the fiftieth day after the Resurrection of Jesus Christ when the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles. The Church applied the name "Pentekoste", the fiftieth day, to the feast celebrating this event which may be considered the birthday of Christianity as an organized religion. In days of antiquity, the whole period between PASCHA and the Sunday marking the fiftieth day after it was called Pentecost. During that time, no fast was allowed, prayer was offered by standing, and the alleluia was sung more frequently. Today, however, it is only the week between PASCHA and the Sunday of Saint Thomas, also known as Bright Week, where there is no fasting allowed. This year we will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost on Sunday, June 4, 2017. The day is very holy and no memorial services or Sacraments are allowed.

On the Saturday before the Feast of Pentecost we traditionally celebrate the Saturday of the Souls with the Divine Liturgy and Memorial Service. Some consider Pentecost to be the Orthodox Memorial Day. The day following Pentecost is the Monday of the Holy Spirit and is the traditional Feast Day of an Orthodox Church named Holy Trinity Church or Saint Sophia Church.

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PLEASE BILL MY CARD: YEARLY QUARTERLY MONTHLY

TIME & TALENT

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- Sanctuary & Altar Care
- Altar boys / Acolytes
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- Choir
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- Welcome Team
- New Member Events

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MEMORIAL PRAYERS IN THE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

FOURTH SATURDAY OF THE SOULS

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2017

DIVINE LITURGY AND MEMORIAL SERVICE

10:00 A.M.

For Christians, the act of gathering to pray for those who have died goes back to the earliest days of the Church. In particular, martyrs were honored (for example: placing Altar Table of a church upon the site where the relics of a martyr were buried), however, gathering at the burial place of a friend or family member was also common practice among Christians. When we gather today in the Church for a Memorial Service, we are continuing a centuries-old practice.

So, why do we use kollyva? In John 12:24, Jesus says, "Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." The boiled wheat is used in the Orthodox Church as a symbol of our hope in the Resurrection. From the grain that died comes the fruit of eternal life. Why, then, do we call the wheat kollyva? This name comes from a term commonly used during the fourth century, particularly where the following miracle occurred. The Emperor Julian the Apostate tried to have the fruits and vegetables, for use by Christians who were fasting during Great Lent, contaminated. In a dream, Saint Theodore of Tyron appeared to Patriarch Eudoxios and told him to instruct the faithful to consume only boiled wheat. The faithful responded accordingly and were able to continue the fast. This miracle is commemorated annually on the third Saturday of the Souls.

Traditionally the souls were commemorated on Saturday, however, the common practice in the Church today is to hold the Memorial Services on Sunday. It should be noted that, according to the ancient tradition, memorials were held on the third, sixth, ninth, and fortieth day, as well as one year, after someone had died. Most people today celebrate memorials around the fortieth day and the one year anniversary, although one could celebrate a memorial service every year, actually anytime they feel the need.

On the Saturday before the Feast of Pentecost we traditionally celebrate the Saturday of the Souls with the Divine Liturgy and Memorial Service. The Church has set aside four Saturdays per year to celebrate memorial services with the

Divine Liturgy. The first and second Saturday are the two weeks prior to the beginning of Great Lent. The third Saturday is on the first Saturday in Great Lent. And again, the fourth Saturday is on the day before Pentecost.

As we pray, not only for the living (the Church Militant) but for the souls (the Church Triumphant) as well, we are drawn together with our Lord and Savior. Let us come together at all possible opportunities, seeking His blessings and His salvation.



Dear St. George Community,
This year six students graduated from our Sunday School program! I am happy to announce many of them will be returning to help next year. Congratulations to Niko Skaperdas, Stephanie Millios, Stella Dionis, Sofia Dimos, Theodora Schirl and Photi Vougas.

Many students received the Outstanding Attendance Award for Sunday School. The following students received the first year pin: Demetri, Marcos, Athan and Angelina Vougas. The following student received the third year pin: Juliana Vougas. The following students received the fourth year pin: John Bourassa, Photini Wu, Maximos Wu, Paul Fedor and Ben Fedor. Congratulations! I want to thank the teachers and staff of the Sunday School program. They offer the gift of time to the students and parish. The Sunday School teachers help our children grow in their knowledge of the Orthodox faith. Thank you to Athena Dimos, Eleni Dionis, Yianni Dimos, Toula Barber, Maria Dongas, Maria Millios, Diane LaRoche, Joanne Bordner, Lisa Tagalakis, Marga Bessette, Sophia Ferro and Andriana Skaperdas!

We are closing the Sunday School year with our annual field trip. I know the students and adults are excited to kick off the summer with a trip to Canobie Lake park! All Sunday School students and their families are invited to join us on Saturday, June 3.

I want to wish all my students and their families a happy and safe summer! I am already planning the new year and I look forward to seeing you all in Sunday School in September!

Sincerely,
Athena Moutsioulis Bevan

WHO IS GOD?

Who Is God? "I am the Light" "I am the *light* of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." (John 8:12)

Who Is God? "I am the Bread of Life" "I am the *bread of life*, he who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst." (John 6:35)

Who Is God? "I am the True Vine" "I am the *vine*, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." (John 15:5)

Who Is God? "I am a King" "Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born *King* of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." (Matthew 2:1-2)

Who Is God? "I am the Door" "I am the *door*. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture." (John 10:9)

Who Is God? "I am the Alpha and Omega" "I am the *Alpha and Omega*, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "Who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." (Revelations 1:8)

Who Is God? "I am the Resurrection" "I am the *Resurrection* and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live." (John 11:25)

Who Is God? "I am the Way" "I am the *way*, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6)

Who Is God? "I am the Good Shepherd" "I am the *good shepherd*; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own." (John 10:14)

Who Is God? "I am from Above" And He said to them, "You are from beneath; I am from *above*. You are of this world; I am not of this world." (John 8:23)

Who Is God? "I am the Truth" "I am the *way*, the *truth*, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6)

Who Is God? "I am the Life" "I am the way, the truth, and the *life*. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6)

Who Is God? "I am the Light, I am the Bread of Life, I am the True Vine, I am a King, I am the Door, I am the Alpha and Omega, I am the Resurrection, I am the Way, I am the Good Shepherd, I am from Above, I am the Truth, I am the Life."

In the Fourth Century, Saint John Chrysostom said, "The human family constitutes the primary and essential element of human society, peace in society will be a direct result of peace in the family."

We live in a fast-paced world that seems to advance technologically by the moment. With the click of a remote or a mouse, we can access scads of information in very little time. While we have become quite skilled at gathering facts and figures through various forms of media, how much of what we find actually relates to the well-being of our families and ultimately, our relationship to God? As Orthodox Christians, our understanding of the world should be rooted in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and His Church.

THANK YOU

Father Mike would like to thank the many members of our beloved Saint George Family who sent him well wishes with cards and gifts on the occasion of his Sixtieth Birthday which he celebrated on April 21. Your thoughtfulness, kindness, and generosity are well noted and much appreciated. May God grant all of you good health and great happiness and may He look favorably on our beloved community!

NEW CHOIR ROBES

As you listen to the familiar hymns sung by familiar voices check out our new look! After more than 30 years, we have new robes! We now need your help. Please consider a donation of any amount. If you wish to "purchase" a robe in memory of a loved one, or in recognition of a current or former choir member, the suggested donation is \$150.00. If donating, please make checks out to St. George Senior Choir. Thank you.

YOUR CHURCH COMES TO YOU IN MANY WAYS

Hospital and Nursing Home Visits: Illness is a physical, emotional, and spiritual crisis. It affects not only the person who is ill or injured, but also all of those associated with the patient. As a result of newly enacted changes in the privacy laws governing the health care industry, the church office may not always know when you are in the hospital, nursing home, or rehab facility. It is important therefore to contact Father Mike at any time of the day or night should the need for medical care arise.

Baptisms: Some time ago, *Life Magazine* carried a photo illustrating "A Baby's Momentous First Five Minutes." It was a photo of a mother's hand reaching out to her newborn child, illustrating the love and desire she had to embrace her child. Every time a person is baptized, the hand of God's Love reaches out to embrace that individual. It is Divine Love that supports the Sacrament of Baptism. Infants who are at least three months of age are received into the Orthodox Church through this Sacrament. Please call the church office to make arrangements for your child's baptism.

Chrismation: While infants receive this Sacrament at their Baptism, this Sacrament is the means by which other previously baptized Christians are received into the Orthodox Church. These adults will have attended catechism classes with Father Mike. Jesus said, "*Come and See.*" There is no commitment unless you ask for it.

Marriage: An appointment should be made to talk with Father Mike at least six months before your marriage, one year is even better. Couples who are planning to marry must attend the pre-marriage seminar offered by the Metropolis of Boston.

Funerals: A psychiatrist recently listed five of the most upsetting experiences people can have and three of the five were related to death. Physical death is inevitable. During these times your Church and Father Mike are available to assist you in any way possible. In the event of a death, or an impending death, it is important to contact Father Mike any time of the day or night.

40 Day Blessings: This blessing is for mothers and their roughly 40 day old babies. This service welcomes the new mother back into the life of the Church after about a 40 day absence after giving birth. The service of dedication of the infant is in keeping with the custom of the entrance of the Lord into the Temple by which tradition places at 40 days after the birth of the Lord. Please call the church office to schedule this blessing.

House Blessings: It is the tradition of our Church that the Faithful have their homes and place of business blessed each year following the Feast of Theophany, or when a parishioner moves into a new residence, they invite Father to come and bless their home or business with Holy Water. This should not be a once-in-a-lifetime event, but a chance to welcome God's special presence and love into your home and your family. This blessing is offered by appointment, please call Father Mike directly to arrange for this very special and beautiful service.

Memorial Services: The anniversary of the death of a loved one can become very painful. The Church helps us to cope with this pain by encouraging us to have memorial prayers in the Church for departed loved ones on the anniversary of their deaths. For many Orthodox Christians the tradition is to offer memorial prayers at 40-days, one year, three years, and at five years., however, you may offer prayers for your deceased loved ones every year. It is also a custom to bring kollyva, a tray of boiled wheat, however, one does not need to have the kollyva. Trisagion prayers are offered if there is no kollyva.

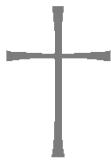
Confessions: The Sacrament of Confession has been practiced since the beginning of the Christian era. The priest invokes the Grace of God for the forgiveness of sins. We as Christians who live in communion with Jesus Christ are expected to examine our actions daily and to periodically avail ourselves of the Sacrament of Confession, a form of spiritual check-up. Through these means we humble ourselves before God and receive guidance from our Spiritual Father, the priest. Confession should be a positive experience and one that we look forward to. Appointments can be made by calling Father Mike.

Pastoral Counseling: When people were touched by or reached out and touched Jesus' life, they undoubtedly sensed in Him the power which comes from openness to oneself, others, and the whole creation. When people touch our lives, what do they sense? The noisy static of our harried times, perhaps? As an instrument for deepening relationships, pastoral counseling can help bring renewal to a person. If you have an issue or are just simply overwhelmed by the daily challenges that life provides, you may wish some further assistance. Please contact Father Mike in person or through the church office. Father Mike is also experienced in Crisis Intervention and in Critical Incident Stress Management and has had specialized training in Spiritual Care, Emergency Services, and School Crisis Response.

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**THE 31ST ANNUAL
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MINISTRY AWARDS BANQUET**

The Clergy Laity Award Committee and the Board of Directors of St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral are pleased to announce that the:

2017 Ministry Award Recipient is Frank Comerford.

Anyone who is interested in attending the event. Please make checks payable to St. George Cathedral in the amount of \$75.00 per person. The deadline is JUNE 2nd. We will be renting a van, so if you are going and need a spot on the Van. Please let the Cathedral office know.

Frank is originally from Long Island and was raised Roman Catholic. He converted to Orthodoxy being baptized as Theophanis. He has been married for 44 years to the former Alice Safos. They have one son, Brian and they reside in Londonderry, NH.

Once he became a parishioner of St. George, Frank became very involved in the church and community. He has been a member of the Board of Directors for 26 consecutive years. Frank is presently the President for the 7th time. He headed up all the youth programs for several years. He was a GOYA advisor for three years and taught the Creed in Sunday school for six years.

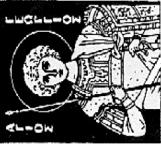
The Metropolis of Boston Winter Camp was housed at St. George before the camp at Contoocook was built. Frank was the chairman to host the Winter Camp for seven years. He also served as chairman of our successful Glendi Festival for seven years. Frank is also a member of AHEPA Chapter 44 and also served as District Governor for District 9.

Frank is also a US Navy veteran with over 1100 flight hours. Frank currently works in the security products industry for Pasek in South Boston.

We pray that God will grant him many more years to continue volunteering his services. AXIOS!!!

**Sunday, June 11, 2017
Reception: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

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June 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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					2. DOP Sign event 6 pm in CC. Girl Scouts 6-7:30 pm at Annex.	3. Saturday of Souls Divine Liturgy & Mem. Ser. 10 am.
4. Scholarship Sunday Orthros 9 am Div. Lit. 10 am. Scholarships and Bibles handed out after Coffee Hr. in CC.	5. Pre- Sch. 4:30-5:30 pm in CC.	6.	7.	8. Boy's & Girl's Club Award Night 6-8 pm in	9. Girl Scouts 6-7:30 pm at Annex.	10.
11. Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit 10 am. 40-day Mem. for Anthy Tartsa. Greek School Graduation and Coffee	12. Cooking Stuffed Peppers 9 am in CC. BOD Mtg. 7 p.m. at Annex.	13.	14. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm in CC.	15. NH Job Fair all day in CC.	16. Girl Scouts 6-7:30 pm at Annex.	17.
18. Happy Father's Day Orthros 9 am. Div. Lit. 10 am. Coffee hr for Father's Day.	19.	20. Cooking Pastichio 9 am & 5 pm in CC.	21. Cooking Pastichio 9 am in CC. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 p.m. in CC.	22.	23.	24. Zorba Class 10 am in CC.
25. Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit. 10 am.	26. Cooking Meatballs 9 am in CC.	27.	28.	29.	30. Cooking Dolmathes 9 am in CC.	

GLENDI VOLUNTEER FORM

September 15,16,17 2017

Chairmen for this year's Glendi have been selected and are currently seeking enthusiastic volunteers to contribute their talents and skills. This is the major fundraising event of our community and in order to succeed we must have each member of our community contribute. If we all give a few hours of our time over the weekend, it will truly be a community event. Maybe you can have the whole family volunteer and work together at a booth. Complete the form and you're on your way to doing your part.

Thank you,
Frank Comerford

Name _____ Phone _____

I am interested in working on:

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<input type="checkbox"/> Assist Lifting Trays While Cooking	<input type="checkbox"/> Money Room
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Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Frank Comerford & Dick Anagnost, Chair 2017

Frank Comerford, Pres. Board of Directors

Cathy Moufarge Pres. of Anagennesis

