



St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church
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NOVEMBER 2017 BULLETIN

Sunday, Nov. 5th, Fifth Sunday of Saint Luke

Galatians 6: 11-18, Rob VandeVrede

Luke 16: 19-31

Prosfora– Carol Tsagarakis

Memorial for Dr. Ernie & Stella Tiboris

Coffee Social – Dr. Gus & Linda Tiboris

Sunday, Nov. 12th, Eighth Sunday of Saint Luke

II Corinthians 9: 6-11, Kathleen Luck

Luke 10: 25-37

Prosfora – Faye Sippel

Coffee Social – Open

***** Wednesday, Nov. 15th, PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, 7:00 p.m.*****

Sunday, Nov. 19th, Ninth Sunday of Saint Luke

Ephesians 2: 14-22, Mary Holden

Luke 12: 16-21

Prosfora – Carol Tsagarakis

Memorial for Chris Balassi

Coffee Social – Balassi/Lee Family

Sunday, Nov. 26th, Thirteenth Sunday of Saint Luke

Ephesians 4: 1-7, Dr. John Revelis

Luke 18: 18-27

Prosfora – Phyllio Toniolo

Coffee Social – Open

Thursday, Nov. 30th, Feast Day of Saint Andrew, The First Called Apostle

Holy Liturgy, 9:00 a.m.

I Corinthians 4: 9-16, Phyllio Toniolo

John 1: 35-52

Prosfora – Phyllio Toniolo

❖ Gyro Fry

Our Gyro Fry, held on Saturday, October 28th was a HUGE success, grossing over \$5,000! Those brave folks working outdoors probably still have not warmed their hands up, but were troopers the whole day. Special thanks to everyone who volunteered to help, and especially to those who stuck it out at the end to clean up.

❖ Catechism Study Sessions

Wed. Nov. 1st, Topic: Orthodox Worship

Wed. Nov. 8th, Topic: A Beautiful Rhythm

No Catechism Study on Nov. 15th because of the Parish Council Meeting

Wed. Nov. 29th (final session of 2017) Topic: The Journey Continues

Sessions will be at 7:00 pm, last for one hour, and all are welcome.

Classes will resume on **Wed. January 24th**. Dates and topics will be listed in the January 2018 bulletin. Those who attended learned a great deal about their Orthodox faith, and we actually had some fun. Hope to see you when we start up again in January of 2018.

❖ Stewardship

As we approach the end of calendar year 2017, please remember to complete your pledges for 2017 prior to December 31st, so we can close out our books for this current year. Remember that any checks dated after December 31st must be applied to 2018, and will not count for your 2017 tax donations.

❖ Taste of Greece

And speaking about events, our first big one for 2018 will be Taste of Greece, which will be held again at Breaking Bread on Saturday, March 3rd, 2018, thanks to the generosity of Judi Fergadakis. Our Parish Council and Taste Committee will begin putting the plans for that day together right after the Holidays.

❖ Main Entrance of the Church

When closing the front doors of the church, please **do not ever slam** the door shut with great force when closing it, especially when closing it with the intent of locking it. Slamming the door shut with great force only jams the door up to the point where it will not open unless a lock smith is brought in to repair the lock. When leaving church with the intent of locking the door, please use gentle force when closing it. Check to see if it locked. If not, close it again with a bit more force and check it again. If you ram it shut it will jam and effect the tumbler in the lock. Be gentle but firm and it will lock and open again when needed. Thank you. Frleo

❖ Special Note from Choir Director/Organist John Revezoulis

The Organist in the Orthodox Church plays an important part in making the Orthodox wedding beautiful and memorable. Sometimes people planning a wedding in the Orthodox Church are not sure how to make arrangements for an organist, which can result in confusion and misunderstandings. In order to avoid such difficulties, the following information is included here.

The organist charges a fee for playing at weddings, and should be contracted just like any other vendor such as a florist, musician or photographer. This fee, along with other pertinent information which clarifies the agreement for the organist's services, is put in writing in the form of a contract.

The contract with the organist should be made in advance as soon as possible to be certain that he/she is available on the date of the wedding, and to allow enough time for the organist to learn and practice the music.

The contract will clearly state when deposits and balance payments are to be made.

The music for the wedding should be gone over carefully and in advance. Please keep in mind that the Orthodox Church Adheres to tradition, therefore some types of music are not appropriate and almost never

permitted in the Orthodox Wedding ceremony. If there is a question about the music, the organist will consult with the priest to make sure the music is fitting.

Not specifying in advance what music you wish to be played and telling the organist (especially at the last minute) to play whatever he/she wants is not good planning. The organist wants to be well prepared and do the best job possible on your wedding day. If you are unsure as to the music you want, the organist will be more than happy to go over music choices with you.

If the organist also chants during the wedding ceremony there is no extra fee for the chanting. However if the chanter is someone other than the organist, expect to pay the chanter as well at a fee he/she specifies in advance.

Thank you, John Revezoulis, Saint Spyridon Parish Choir Director/Organist/chanter.