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A Message from Father George Alexson



“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong” (1 Cor. 16:13)

“So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter” (2Thess. 2:15)

Beloved Parishioners and Friends,

Several times during the ecclesiastical year, we commemorate the Fathers of the Church, as we did, for example, on Sunday, July 14th (the Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council).

We owe the Fathers an inestimable debt of gratitude for preserving the integrity of the Church. They accomplished their mission by refusing to bend to pressure, internal (heretical teachings), or external, as reflected in ever-changing political and social trends. Their approach is aptly described and applied to our own day and age by one of the 20th century’s greatest theologians. He writes, “What, then, are we going to preach? What would I preach to my contemporaries “in such a time as this”? There is no room for hesitation: I am going to preach Jesus, and him crucified and risen. I am going to preach and to commend to all whom I may be called to address the message of salvation, as it has been handed down to me by an uninterrupted tradition of the Church Universal. I would not isolate myself in my own age. In other words, I am going to preach the “doctrines of the creed.” (Father Georges Florovsky, *Bible, Church, Tradition: An Eastern Orthodox View*).

When St. Paul declared, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever” (Heb. 13:8), he meant exactly this: “Since Christ is God and does not change, His gospel does not change. If Christians in the past attained the eternal Kingdom through faith, so can we. Thus, the Church strives to keep her doctrine pure and without change” (Orthodox Study Bible, p. 1671). “I have not come to destroy the law,” declares our Savior, “but to fulfill it.” He fulfills the law by raising spiritual and moral criteria to ever higher degrees, whereby the call to holiness and perfection is achieved by imitating Him, His love, purity, compassion and, His faithfulness to the Father’s will, “For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me” (John 6:38). And, if we truly love Him and the Father who sent Him, “you will keep My commandments” (John 14:15). There is no room for compromise. What we receive in the Church is the same Gospel given by our Lord to His disciples and from them to the Fathers, down on

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-  First Annual Charity Golf Tournament, September 16th, more details on page 7
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A Message from Father George Alexson, cont...

to us, as a living source of faith and conduct. “The church is neither a museum of dead deposits nor a society of research.” The deposits are alive – *depositum juvenescens*, to use the phrase of St. Irenaeus. The creed is not a relic of the past, but rather the “sword of the Spirit.” The reconversion of the world to Christianity is what we have to preach in our day. This is the only way out of that impasse into which the world has been driven by the failure of Christians to be truly Christian.” (Fr. Georges Florovsky).

What this means, is that any attempt to compel Christians to repudiate the essential, life-saving elements of their faith in order to conform to values contradictory to the requirements made on them by the Gospel, must be rejected vigorously. St. Maximus the Confessor, reflecting the Gospel paradigm and the collective patristic conscience, says that Christians are not obliged to obey immoral laws or teachings, even when enacted and supported by the government. We, as Christian witnesses to the Eternal Truth, are duty-bound to obey the Law above all laws, that is, the Law of God.

Now, perhaps more than ever before, attempts are being made world-wide, supported by our own government, to pressure people of faith into subordinating their religious principles and, accept life-styles and practices (like abortion) that are inherently immoral and repugnant to Christian ethics. All avenues are employed—legal, social, mass media—to intimidate believers into accepting behaviors they know to be harmful to themselves and society. An attempt is being made, indeed, has been made for quite some time now, to exclude people of faith from the discussion on morals in the public square. This is unacceptable! People of faith must never cease reminding secularists and unbelievers that, “if there is no God, everything is permitted” (Dostoevsky). If “everything and anything is permitted” all boundaries sustaining decent behavior are demolished, leading to both personal and collective self-destruction

Weekday Liturgical Schedule for August , 2019

August 1 Dormition Fast Begins	Paraklesis to the Theotokos, 7:00 PM
August 5 PM	Great Vespers for the Transfiguration, 7:00 PM
August 6 Transfiguration of our Lord	Orthros, 8:15 AM. Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM
August 7	Paraklesis to the Theotokos, 7:00 PM
August 9	Paraklesis to the Theotokos, 7:00 PM
August 12	Paraklesis to the Theotokos, 7:00 PM
August 14	Great Vespers for the Dormition
August 15 Dormition of the Theotokos	Orthros, 8:15 AM. Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM
August 29 Beheading of St. John the Baptist	Orthros, 8:15 AM. Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

(witness the deterioration in morality due to sexual promiscuity, drug and alcohol abuse and other decadent depravities). If Christians are genuinely to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, they must be prepared “in season and out of season” to proclaim the Gospel truth that alone can transfigure and save our fallen world. Let us, beloved, take to heart the command of the Lord, “What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the rooftops” (Mt. 10:27).

May the grace, power and love of our Lord be with all of us, that we may proclaim His truth without hesitation, with love, conviction and fervent patience.

Fr. George A. Alexson



Message from the Parish Council President

My Fellow Parishioners,

I hope everyone has been enjoying a nice summer! The Parish Council has been busy this summer, including:

- ◆ On June 29th we were blessed with a visit from His Eminence, Metropolitan Evangelos of New Jersey. I had the honor of showing him our new land and unveiling a big surprise: a beautiful "Future Home" sign on our property. Thank you to Father George, the parishioners who joined His Eminence, and the gathered press who witnessed this once-in-a-lifetime event. If you were unable to attend, I encourage you to visit the property and see the sign for yourselves! (Address: 19775 Belmont Executive Plz, Ashburn, VA 20147) His Eminence then celebrated a deeply moving Hierarchical Vespers which included a Synaxis for our Church's Name Day.
- ◆ On June 30th His Eminence celebrated a spectacular Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and tonsured two of our altar boys as Readers. Before he traveled back to New Jersey, His Eminence reiterated how proud he is for what we have accomplished and how excited he is to return when we break ground.
- ◆ On July 7th the 2019 Parish Council members took the Oath of Office as recently approved by His Eminence. I am humbled to be serving as your 2019 Parish Council President, and I'm joined by these outstanding parishioners: Lisa Orphanides (Vice President), Maria Zangos (Treasurer), Niki Lelis (Secretary), Mina Baldinger, Greg Cherpes, Kathy Kendrat, Rebecca Rallis, Con Sofologis, Irene Thomas, and Nick Zangos. Congratulations to all and may God bless our efforts! We also thank the outgoing members, George Mokhiber and Nick Spyros, who completed their terms and served with dedication and love for our parish.
- ◆ Also on July 7th we said an emotional goodbye to Ergini B. Martnishn, our Sunday School and Greek School Director. Ergini and her husband, Steve, are returning to Greece in light of an exciting new job opportunity. We will miss them both very much, and thank Ergini for serving as Sunday School and Greek School Director, as well as Director of our Oratorical Festival, with so much heart, and overall setting a fine example for Orthodox Christians via her deep commitment to God, her generous stewardship, and her joyous friendship. We look forward to welcoming Ergini and Steve back one day to see the wonderful church they have been so integral in building.

And we have many more exciting events to look forward to, including:

- ◆ Our **2019-2020 Greek School programs** will kick off very soon! There is something for everyone: Greek School for Pre-K through 7th Grade, focused on "natural language" and habit formation; Express Greek for Adults, which is weekend workshops focused on the composition of phrases and conversation; and Ellinomatheia, focused on preparing students for

- ◆ the examination program for the various levels of certificate of attainment in the Greek language. To register or with questions, please contact Maria Zangos.
- ◆ On August 18th, we will hold a **General Assembly** meeting after church to update the parish on the latest news and next steps regarding our new land, vote on an updated Building Fund budget, and present our current financial and stewardship numbers. We look forward to seeing all of you there.
- ◆ On August 25th all parishioners are invited to our **annual parish picnic!** It takes place at Ashburn Farm Windmill Pavilion from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and is organized by the stewardship committee. Sandwiches and drinks will be provided; contact Ron Baldinger, who leads the Stewardship Committee, to sign up to bring a side dish or dessert to share. (Address: 21400 Windmill Dr, Ashburn, VA 20147)
- ◆ On September 22nd all parishioners are invited to **tour our new property and enjoy a cookout** (or take a gyro "to go")! The event starts after church and runs to 4:00 p.m. (Address: 19775 Belmont Executive Plz, Ashburn, VA 20147)

Another key event coming up:

- ◆ At the end of the summer, we're hosting the **first-ever Holy Apostles Charity Golf Tournament.**

We need everyone in the parish to pitch in when it comes to this new, exciting fundraiser for our Church: play golf in the tournament, sell a sponsorship, buy a raffle ticket, or donate your time + talent + treasure. **Together we can make this fundraiser a big success for our Church!**

Here are the details: It takes place at 1757 Golf Club in Ashburn, VA. Players must register by September 1st to golf@HAGOC.org. Player check-in is 7:00-7:45 a.m. on September 16th, followed by a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. The tournament will be run as a four-person scramble event, and will be followed by brunch, an awards presentation, and raffle drawing.

Again, **all proceeds – from players, sponsors, and raffle participants – will benefit the Church!**

Once again, I hope you and your families have a wonderful summer, and I look forward to seeing you at the many fun events we have planned, starting with the annual parish picnic on August 25th.

In Him,
Greg Joiner
Parish Council President
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Stewardship

Happy Summer and 4th of July!

Just a short note from Stewardship for this Summer edition. We've had some big events and developments at the church! We closed on the purchase of our land and were honored by a visit from the Metropolitan.

With the purchase of the land comes the true reality of just how important our stewardship is, now more than ever. Our list of stewards continues to grow just as the number of families we have in attendance each month. If you have not yet filled out a 2019 pledge card (if your name is not on the attached list), please take this opportunity to complete a card and make your pledge for the year. With your stewardship pledge comes your status of "Good Standing" and your right to vote in church elections.

We are happy to announce our upcoming Annual Church Picnic. It will be August 25th from 1-4 pm at the Ashburn Farm Windmill Pavillion. This is a great opportunity to enjoy some fun food and fellowship as we wind down the Summer season. Go to our website for the online sign up to RSVP and bring a side dish or dessert to share. . Every year this is a fantastic event. We hope to see you there!

As always we thank you for your continued stewardship and support. Our church is wonderful because of you! Have a great Summer and we'll see you at the picnic!

Ron and Mina Baldinger
 Stewardship Chairs
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Circle areas of expertise or interest:

Youth Groups and Classes

Hope & Joy
 GOYA

Greek Dance Instruction
 Greek School
 Sunday School

Groups and Ministries

AHEPA
 Altar Service
 Choir

Ladies Philoptochos
 Orthodox Book Club
 PAREA lunch group
 Parish Newsletter
 Social Events
 Stewardship Committee
 Visiting Elderly

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE (PLEDGE FOR JAN-DEC) HOLY APOSTLES GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

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Stewardship cont...

Pledge List as of July 1, 2019.

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Alexson Rev. Father George and Presvytera	Korulaki Mariana
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Anthony Spiro and Efty	Koutsourais Michael and Effie
Ayoub John and Kristina	Lampros Hal and Alexandra
Bakopanos Vasilios	Lansdell Bret and Denise
Baldinger Ronald and Mina	Lelis Nikoleta
Batistatos-Martnishn Steve and Ergini	Lisciandro John and Christy
Blair Robert and Marina	Lorentz Robert and Kristine
Burke Chad and Julie	Malachias Zachary and Paula
Caras William and Smaro	Maoury Angelike
Chelpon Deacon Harry and Maria	Margaros and Kiki Georges Pete
Cherpes Greg and Marilena	Michas Hercules
Cleveland Edward and Alexis	Mokhiber George and Debra
Cleveland Matthew	Morris Olivia and James
Copenhaver Blake and Paras	Orphanides Paul and Lisa
Coulopoulos Dean and Maria	Panagopoulos Panayiotis and Cynthia
Dacey Panayiotis and Athanasia	Pappas George and Coleen
Danigelis Paul and Mea	Pappas Maria
Dimitriou Aristos and Anna	Perezous Jonathan and Janet
Dimitropoulos George and Elina	Pieri, Courthouse Grill Loiza
Dinos Evie Cavros and Steve	Plevrakis Maria
Dobbins Pauline	Pollatos Jerry and Helen
Dorn David and Susan	Pontikis Pete
Drapas John and Maria	Powell Russell and Holly Ann
Economou Dean and Lia	Psomiades Despina
Ferssizidis Charalambos and Panagiota	Pullman Keith
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Funk Gary and Lillian	Rallis Rebecca
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Iliadis Gabriel and Julia	Stephanakis Stavros and Virginia
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If you do not see your name on this list and are a stewardship contributor, please fill out the pledge card in this newsletter or contact the Stewardship Chair, Ron Baldinger: ron.baldinger@gmail.com.



Capital Campaign



HAVE YOU HEARD?

We closed on the purchase of the 7.5 acre property in Ashburn in June. **It's ours!**

We have raised \$126,996 since January alone in our Capital Campaign!

Our Philoptochos donated not only our "Future Home" sign which was unveiled by His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos, but also **over \$25,000** to our Building Fund!

How can you help?

Join the effort! Make a donation so we can begin building!

Together, we can do this!

GIVE TODAY

Donate



<https://www.holyapostlesgreekorthodox.org/capitalcampaign>



1ST ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

TO BENEFIT

Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church

- EVENT:** HOLY APOSTLES CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT
- DATE:** MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2019
- TIME:** 7:00 – 7:45 AM REGISTRATION
8:00 A.M. SHOTGUN START
- LOCATION:** 1757 GOLF - ASHBURN, VA
- REGISTRATION FEE:** \$160 PER PERSON, FOUR PERSON TEAM
- MISCELLANEOUS:** THE TOURNAMENT IS A FOUR-PERSON SCRAMBLE EVENT LIMITED TO 144 GOLFERS. A LIGHT BREAKFAST AND LUNCH WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF PLAY, FOLLOWED BY THE PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND RAFFLE DRAWINGS. HOLE-IN-ONE PRIZES AND ON COURSE CONTESTS.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: GOLF@HAGOC.ORG

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CONTRIBUTION IS DEDUCTIBLE



Celebrations with His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos, June 29-30, 2019

His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos and Father George unveil the "Future Home" sign on our new property on June 29, 2019. Thank you to everyone that was able to join this special occasion.





Vacation Church Camp

Vacation Church Camp was from June 17th - 21st. Thank you to Father George and our entire VCC Staff for a great week learning about the Fruit of the Spirit. Each day started with an introduction of two fruit of the spirit from Galatians 5: 22 - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. We learned the Greek names for each from our Greek Galago friend named Gus! Then we got to worship with Father George and had a brief review of the different virtues. Campers decorated their own camp shirts, created paintings of the fruit of the spirit, made doorhangs, sun-catchers, and bookmarks. The rain held off all week so that we could all play outside and our music selection was even accompanied by guitar. We participated in the Bags of Blessings program, filling up bags for the Homeless. Then on Friday, our ceremony ended with a cheese pizza and watermelon meal and fellowship. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves while learning which made our camp a big success! See you next year!

Bret and Denise Landsell
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Vacation Church Camp cont...





His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos Tonsures Altar Boys as Readers

On June 30, 2019 after the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos tonsured as Readers (Anagnostes) two of our altar boys; Noah Burke and Peter Pollatos. A Reader is responsible for reading aloud excerpts of scripture at Liturgy. Axioi! May our Lord prove them worthy of this blessing!



2019 Annual Parish Picnic

Holy Apostles invites all parishioners for family fun and fellowship!

Sunday, August 25, 1-4pm

Ashburn Farm Windmill Pavilion;
21400 Windmill Dr., Ashburn 20147

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10coa48a5ae22aa8-2019>





GOYA

Our GOYAnS capped off a great year with an end of year pool party. Fun was had by all. The only mistake in planning was it wasn't long enough...the kids were having so much fun they didn't want to leave! An added bonus was watching Vangeli Hadjimichael dive as he is a competitive diver on the South Lakes High School team. The teens all gave him a "10".

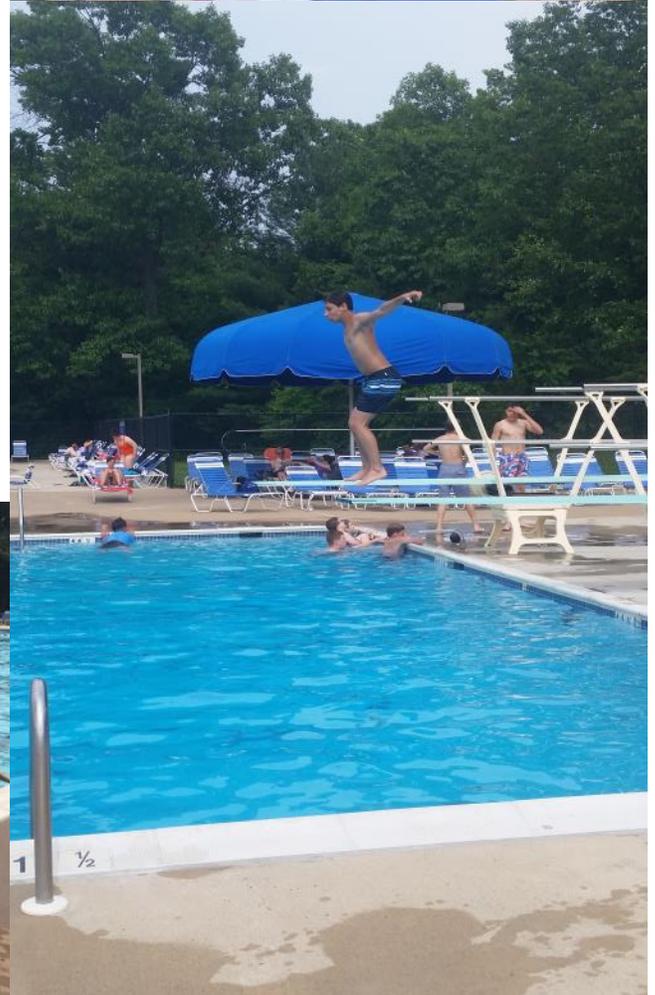
At the party the GOYAnS also elected officers for the 2019-2020 school year. Thank you to those who ran for positions. Congratulations to the following elected GOYA Officers:

- President: Paris Economou
- Vice President: Maria Moskalli
- Treasurer: Dora Moskalli
- Secretary: Stephen Economou and Christa Reilly
- Historian: Vangeli Hadjimichael and Athena Lansdell
- Special Events Coordinator: Georgia Drapas

I look forward to working with the new GOYA Board this September. Until then, I hope all GOYAnS enjoy these last few weeks of summer with their families!

In God's service,

Lia Economou
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Greek School Program

Registration will begin soon for our 2019-2020 Programs.

Greek School

Focus is on "natural language" and habit formation. Learning Greek with Theater is also included in the curriculum.

Express Greek for Adults

Weekend workshops focusing on the composition of phrases and conversation. Choose as many workshops as you wish. Minimum participation 5 students per workshop.

Ellinomatheia Certificate

Curriculum focuses on preparing students for the Examination Program for the various levels of Certificate of Attainment in the Greek Language.

For questions, please contact Maria Zangos at milihandra@comcast.net



Appreciation and Farewell to Ergini B. Martnishn

Ergini B. Martnishn, our Sunday School and Greek School Director, will be returning to Greece this Summer to accept an exciting new job opportunity.

Our parish thanks Ergini for all she has done for our Holy Apostles Community. Ergini exemplifies what it means to be an Orthodox Christian:

- * Her deep commitment to God, which is rooted in both her faith and academic study of scripture, is an example to us all;
- * Her stewardship, where she has given abundantly of her time, talent, and treasure;
- * Her service, serving as Sunday School and Greek School Director, and Director of the Oratorical Festival, teaching our youth the virtues of our faith and culture;
- * Her friendship to everyone in the community

Ergini and her husband, Steve, will be greatly missed. We look forward to welcoming them back one day to see the wonderful church they have been so integral in building.



Presentation to Ergini B. Martnishn on July 7, 2019 by President of the Parish Council, Greg Joiner, Treasurer, Maria Zangos, and Father George Alexson.



Hope and Joy

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

The final Hope & Joy meeting before summer break took place June 3rd. We made cards for Father's Day. On the cover of each card was a picture that we colored in of a father from the Bible. On the inside of the card we wrote about a memorable characteristic of that father, and we likened him to our own dad (or grandfather or other father in our life to celebrate).

For example:

- *Abraham is regarded as an outstanding leader. I look up to you, Dad!
- *Isaac trusted God and had great faith. You set a great example for me, Dad!
- *Adam passed on all his knowledge to his children. I learn something new everyday from you, Dad!
- *Noah was protective of his family. Thank you for taking such good care of me, Dad!
- *Moses was a great provider. Thank you for all that you do for me, Dad!
- *Joseph was known for his kindness. You show such kindness and generosity, too - thanks, Dad!

Hope & Joy monthly meetings and other ministry activities will resume when the 2019-2020 school year gets underway.

Wishing you all a blessed summer season,

Ashley Joiner
Director, Hope & Joy
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OPA! MEZZE GRILL Voted Runner-Up in "Best of Loudoun 2019"

Opa! Mezze Grill, a long-time supporter of our church's Taste of Greece, was voted "Runner-Up" in the Mediterranean restaurant category of the 2019 Loudoun-Times Mirror "Best of Loudoun." Opa! is located in Ashburn Village, 44110 Ashburn Shopping Plaza Unit 170, Ashburn, VA 20147.

The owners, Konstantinos and Ekaterina Drosos, opened Opa! in 2012. Head Chef Konstantinos was born in Greece and began his culinary career in 1971. His expertise in Greek cuisine has evolved over the past 40 years, making the classics all from scratch and many from recipes that have been in the family for years.





Philoptochos

We were honored to have Metropolitan Evangelos visit our church for our Name Day. He was able to bless our new property, unveil the new property sign, preside over Saturday evening Vespers and liturgy on Sunday. We were happy to have many visiting priests join us for Saturday evening Vespers and pleased to provide a light luncheon for everyone on Sunday after liturgy.

Special Olympics provides year round sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Our support helps fund athletic programs for 511 Loudoun County athletes and 2 competitions hosted by our area for teams across northern Virginia.

Philoptochos was pleased to be able to help our local Special Olympics, Area 14 of Loudoun County at their annual golf tournament. For the second year, we sponsored a hole and volunteered during the event.



With gratitude,

Alexis Cleveland

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AHEPA

On May 19, 2019, AHEPA Chapter 542 celebrated AHEPA Sunday at our church with a memorial to our fallen Greek brothers and their loved ones, sponsorship of the parish coffee hour, and presentation of an academic scholarship award to Noah Burke. Noah is actively involved in our parish and the community and will attend American University this Fall.



Chapter 542 celebrates another year of service at the home of brother Vasilios Fotopoulos and wife, Joan

The Chapter also participated in the annual wreath laying event at Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day. Seven of our brothers and their families paid tribute to those men and women that served our nation and some of those made the ultimate sacrifice on the battlefield. We gathered for lunch afterward at City Diner in Falls Church, owned by our Chapter brother, Nick Ioanou.

The Chapter celebrated another year of service in June with our year end celebration. Vasilios Fotopoulos and his wife, Joan, hosted the event for the brothers, wives and families, at their beautiful home with amazing waterfront views. It was a wonderful event to come together and enjoy the start of Summer.

The Chapter is looking to continue to grow our members so please contact a brother if you are interested and visit our website for more information: <https://www.ahepa542.org/>.

Chad Burke
President
AHEPA Chapter 542
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Noah Burke is presented with an academic scholarship award by AHEPA Chapter 542 on AHEPA Sunday.



AHEPA cont...



AHEPA Chapter 542 members and their families gather Memorial Day weekend at Arlington National Cemetery to lay wreaths on the graves of fallen Greek soldiers.



Gravestone of AHEPA Chapter 542 Brother Jim Rigas



Lunch gathering at City Diner after laying wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery



Letter of His Beatitude Patriarch Theophilos III, the Patriarch of Jerusalem

ΕΛΛΗΝΟΡΘΟΔΟΣΙΟΝ ΠΑΤΡΙΑΡΧΙΟΝ
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GREEK ORTHODOX PATRIARCHATE
JERUSALEM



No. 448

Fr. George Alexson
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Dear Fr. George Alexson & the Community of Holy Apostles Church,

It was a pleasure to have received you at Our Patriarchate as part of your recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and We express Our warmest appreciation for your kind donation of \$1,200 (One-thousand and two-hundred USD), which is already being used toward the needs of Our mission here.

We were very glad to have been able to speak with your group about the role of the Mother Church in Jerusalem, especially as it relates to protecting our Christian heritage and the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

We pray that the blessing you received from venerating the holy places remain with you all your lives, and that the grace of the All-Holy and Life-Giving Tomb of our risen Lord Jesus Christ abide in your hearts.

With Our Patriarchal blessings and best wishes,

THEOPHILOS III
Patriarch of Jerusalem

Holy City of Jerusalem
Friday, June 7, 2019



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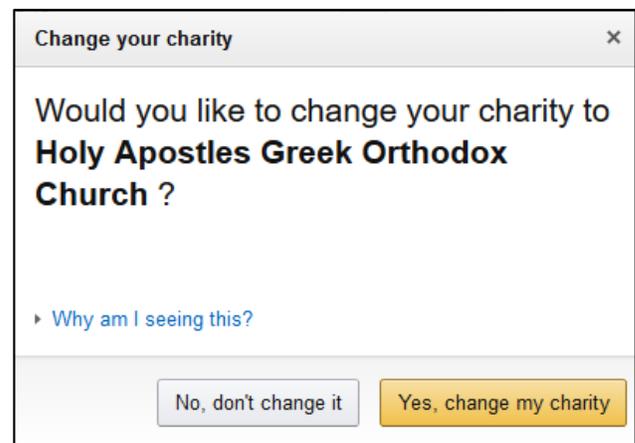
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<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-5712523>

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