



**Holy Apostles
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*Congratulations to Father George
Alexson for 50 Years in the Priesthood!*

*Save the date for our dinner to honor
Father George
Sunday, October 27, 2019
Belmont Country Club*

Father George graduated from St. Tikhon's Russian Orthodox Seminary, located near Scranton, PA, in May 1969. On July 26th, Archbishop Iakovos ordained Father to the Diaconate at St. Paraskevi Church, Greenlawn, NY. Metropolitan Silas ordained him to the priesthood on August 17th in Port Jefferson, NY. On September 15th, Father began his first assignment as assistant to the Dean of Holy Trinity Archdiocesan Cathedral in New York City. His first parish as Proistamenos was St. Nicholas Church in Jamestown, N.Y. During this time he also earned a degree in Philosophy from St. Bonaventure University.

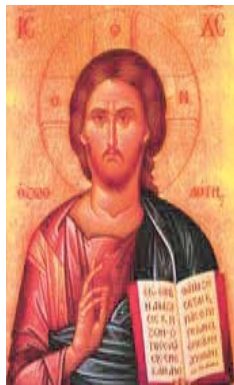


EPISTLE READING:

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 3:9-17

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it.

Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw - each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.



GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 14:22-34

At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs

distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; ... **(Cont. on the back)**

UPCOMING EVENTS



TODAY!
After the Divine
Liturgy

Hear updates about our new property and vote on an updated Building Fund budget. Sign in and get your red voting card (if you are eligible) at the table in the church hall.



RSVP this week on our website or tomorrow's parish email! All parishioners and their families are invited for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Sub sandwiches, chips and beverages will be provided.

Weekday Liturgical Services in August
Aug. 29 Beheading of St. John the Baptist 8:15AM
Orthros, 9:30AM Liturgy



Our children are the Future of our church! Please consider teaching! Help needed for Sunday School. Classes begin September 8. Contact Denise Lansdell: deniseinvirginia@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS and events in our area

Have kids? Join one of our youth groups!

➤ **HOPE (ages 5-8):** Mon. Sept. 8, 6:30-7:30pm at church, Craft activity led by Ashley Joiner.

➤ **JOY (ages 9-12):** Sat. Sept. 7, 3:00-6pm, Pool and pizza party at the Panagopoulos home. RSVP to Cynthia: yssh@yahoo.com

➤ **GOYA (ages 12-18):** September date to be announced, Meet and Greet Pizza Party at the Economou home.



PROPERTY TOUR AND COOKOUT! Sunday, Sept. 22 **After church - 4pm**

Address for Mapquest:
19775 Belmont Executive Plaza;
Ashburn, VA 20147

See our new property! Enjoy a gyro to go!



NEW! Moms of Young Children Group

For mothers with newborn through elementary school age kids. All children welcome at meetings.

Meeting dates are flexible. More information is in the church hall. Email Rebecca Rallis to sign up: rebecca.rallis.holyapostles@gmail.com.

*Our Golf Tournament has been postponed
until the Spring. Details will be forthcoming.*



Winchester Greek Festival

TODAY until 7pm

Dormition of the
Virgin Mary
1700 Amherst Street,
Winchester

My Beloved in the Lord,

We approach the feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God not in a spirit of lamentation, even though we lament her death, but rather in a spirit of joy as we have gained the most holy of all saints as an advocate for us before her Son and our God. Indeed, we lament her death because she is our common mother and she holds a particular place in our hearts and in the hearts of all Orthodox Christians. Both her life and her death are examples for us. In her life we are given her example which is the apex of saintliness and in her death we are shown that her love and dedication to God is rewarded with everlasting life. The Panagia did not have a comfortable life and lived a life replete with trials and tribulations. At a young age she was told that she would bear a child even though she had never knew a man and she willingly told God, “Let it be unto me according to Your Word” (Luke 1:38). Along with Joseph, she had to make a long journey in order to be counted in the census while pregnant and having nowhere to bear her child. She, Joseph, and her newborn had to flee to Egypt in order to escape the wrath of Herod. Ultimately, she had to witness the death of her own Son by the excruciatingly violent method of crucifixion. Throughout all these difficulties, she continuously put her trust into God’s hands. It is this trust and dedication to God expressed by the Theotokos to which we, as Orthodox Christians, must aim to emulate. Whereas the Theotokos was called to an immense responsibility, God knows our frailty and He asks less of us. Nevertheless, having the example of the Theotokos before us who endured her own difficulties in life, we should welcome the responsibilities to which God calls us. The spiritual responsibilities to which we are called are varied since we hear St. Paul say, “Are all Apostles? Are all prophets?... (Cont. on next panel)

(Encyclical Cont.) Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?" (1 Cor. 12:29 - 30). No matter how great or how modest our calling may be and no matter what trials we may encounter, we should always approach it with the same dedication and zeal that the Theotokos expressed for God. As we commemorate the Dormition of the Theotokos, let us continuously remember her love and dedication which not only extends to her Son, Jesus Christ, but also to each one of us since she sees us as her children also. Let us always emulate this love so that we can reflect it upon each other and upon our neighbors as we endeavor to see Christ in everyone. Praying that the Panagia continues to guard and guide each of you and your families, I remain

With Paternal Love and Blessings,

† E V A N G E L O S

Metropolitan of New Jersey

(Gospel Reading Cont.) but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they entered the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.



Approximately 15% of our Stewards this year are NEW families! We need your help to start building a church and facilities on our new property for our growing family.

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