



## Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church

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**\*\*SUMMER HOURS BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY!\*\***

**Orthros 8:15am Divine Liturgy 9:30am**

**June 11, 2017**

**The Sunday of All Saints**

### A PRAYER FOR OUR GRADUATES



Lord, grateful of Your great benefits which You have so richly bestowed upon us in Your loving-kindness, we bless and give thanks to You and we beseech You to look graciously upon us and these graduates, who have completed their courses of study. Pour into their hearts, minds, and upon their lips, the spirit of wisdom, understanding, piety, and godly fear; enlighten them with the light of Your knowledge, and bestow upon them

strength and steadfastness, that they may quickly apprehend and willingly embrace all that they have received which is good and profitable, and in accordance with Your divine law.

Grant that they grow in wisdom and understanding. May they prosper in good works for the glorification of Your holy Name. Give them health and long life that they may labor for the building up and glory of Your holy Church, this nation, and of all Your people.

For You are a God, Who is mighty in mercy and gracious in strength, and to You we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

On behalf of all the members of our Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church, I take this opportunity to congratulate our graduates on this important achievement in their lives. Together with their parents and families, we also celebrate and rejoice in the successful completion of their studies. We want to assure our graduates that, wherever life takes them from here, they shall always be in our hearts, minds and prayers. May our Lord give them wisdom to make good decisions, courage to live their faith daily, and, strength to commit themselves fully to accomplishing whatever goals they wish to pursue. May the peace, joy and love of our Lord be with them always!

Fr. George



## **EPISTLE READING : Acts of the Apostles 11:19-30**

IN THOSE DAYS, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

## **GOSPEL READING : The Gospel According To Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30**

The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny him before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."



### **WEEKLY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE for JUNE 2017**

Fri. June 28	Vespers at Sts. Peter and Paul, Frederick, Md
Thurs. June 29	Sts. Peter and Paul 8:15 AM, Orthros. 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM, Great Vespers
Fri. June 30	The Twelve Holy Apostles Feast day of our Church 8:15 AM, Orthros. 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

***Thank you to PAREA for sponsoring today's Coffee Hour and organizing the clean-up of our fellowship hall.***

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## June 11, 2017



Here is an update on the status of our 2017 Stewardship collections:

- **Total Pledges:** 100
- **Total Amount Pledged:** \$185,488
- **Total Paid to Date:** \$96,642
- **Total Outstanding Balance Due:** \$88,845

Contact Ron Baldinger, Stewardship Chair with questions, [ron.baldinger@gmail.com](mailto:ron.baldinger@gmail.com)



**GOYA – TODAY**, Fr. George will bless our graduating high school GOYA seniors. On **June 18th**, GOYAns will be handing out Father's Day gifts.

**Sunday School** – Our End of the Year Event / **Graduation will take place TODAY** right after Divine Liturgy. Please join our Sunday School students and teachers in a celebratory program dedicated to the Holy Apostles; It is a great opportunity to refresh our memory and hear who the Holy Apostles are, what are their names and how they went about spreading Christianity. Thank you for all your support and encouragement.



**AHEPA** – Join us for the final AHEPA Chapter meeting of the season on **JUN 12** at church at 7:30PM for Officer and Executive Leadership Elections! Also mark your calendars for the AHEPA Summer Social on **JUN 17**! Stay tuned for details and if you haven't joined our Chapter and would like to attend, please see a Member to

get sponsored. Email us at [info@ahepa542.org](mailto:info@ahepa542.org), visit us at [www.ahepa542.org](http://www.ahepa542.org), or call 703.493.0897.



**Vacation Church Camp 2017 – June 12-16, 2017;** 9:30am-12:30pm. The theme is the life of the Theotokos. See Denise Lansdell or Asha Ioanou with questions.



**PAREA (Our Company of Friends) – Time change!**  
Our **June PAREA Luncheon** will take place on the **second Tuesday, June 13th, at NOON** at the **Mediterranean Breeze**, (20693 Ashburn Rd. #100, Ashburn, VA 20147 - Tel: 703-726-1045). Please let Marina know if you will be joining us (703-349-1842).



For the 4th year PAREA is launching the **"BECAUSE EYE CARE FOR YOU"** campaign. PAREA will be collecting old and used eye glasses and sunglasses. These glasses will be donated to an eye center for further distribution to individuals who cannot afford to buy new eyewear. A special collection box will be placed in the church hall **throughout the month of June**. Thank you in advance for supporting this great cause. Comments? Marina (703-349-1842).

**Camp Good Shepherd –VA :** July 2-8, Camp Piankatank in Hartfield, VA, 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. Camp Good Shepherd is a Metropolis of New Jersey overnight youth camp for the Orthodox Christian youth in the Diocese. The camp program serves to instill in the child an understanding of the Orthodox faith while embracing the life of the Church and developing deep relationship with peers their own age. Contact [cgsvirginia@gmail.com](mailto:cgsvirginia@gmail.com) with questions.



**Save the date!** Annual Parish Picnic, Sat. Aug. 26, 12:00-3:00, Ashburn Farm Windmill Pavilion. Organized by the Stewardship Committee. All parishioners are invited! An online signup and RSVP will be forthcoming closer to the date.



Looking for a gift for your special occasion? Take a peek at the Philoptochos bookstore. We have beautiful icons for a special day. If you can't find what you need, we can order for you.



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**Did you get our newsletter?** Our June 2017 issue of "The Light/To Fos" has been emailed to the parish. If you did not receive it, please email our Office Manager, Lia Economou, at [liaecon@comcast.net](mailto:liaecon@comcast.net).

**2017 Stewardship Pledge (ALL PLEDGES JANUARY- DECEMBER 2017)**  
**HOLY APOSTLES GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

In faith, prayer and sacrifice, my family and I wish to share in the support and work of the Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church. We would like to pledge:

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**You may pay via cash, check or online using PayPal**

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Your pledge is **strictly confidential**.