



FAITH ALIVE

Saints Constantine and Helen
Greek Orthodox Church

Parish Ministries and Stewardship ~ 2014

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A Place to Belong

Following Christ is not only about believing, it's also about belonging. We are members of His Body—the Church. Saint Paul taught that for the organs of your body to fulfill their purpose, they must be connected to your body. The same is true for us as members of Christ's Body. We find our purpose by being attached to a living, local Church. It is truly our place to belong.

Simple Steps For Joining Our Parish

1. Attend Sunday Liturgy.
2. Introduce yourself to our Priest, Fr. Chris, and/or a Council member or Usher, and fill out a visitor's form (located in the Narthex) and mail it to the church office. We will follow up with you.
3. Seek to get connected and involved in the parish by browsing the ministries outlined in this brochure, and make a prayerful commitment of your time, talent and treasure to the parish as an active member of the Body of Christ.

WELCOME !

SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP

10:00 am	Divine Liturgy Begins (<i>9:30 am during Summer</i>)
10:25 am	Youth Sermon
11:00 am	Holy Communion
11:00 am – 12 Noon	Sunday School Classes
12 – 1:00 pm	Family Hour in Grand Hall

PARISH MINISTRIES

◆ **PASTORAL MINISTRY:** The Priest, as head of the Parish by virtue of the ecclesiastical authority vested in him, shall guide and oversee the entire Parish Ministry and Program (Uniform Parish Regulations). In addition, all Sacramental and Pastoral Counseling Services are offered through the office of the Priest:

frchris@andoverorthodox.org

◆ **DIACONATE MINISTRY:** Deacon Sal Fazio assists Fr. Christopher in celebrating the Divine Liturgy and in the parish visitation ministry. He also serves as youth discussion leader for JOY and GOYA ministry meetings: **Dn Sal: deaconsalfazio@gmail.com**

◆ **PARISH COUNCIL MINISTRY:** To serve on the Parish Council is a ministry and all those who serve are called to represent Christ and the Orthodox Church to all whom they meet in all aspects of life. The Parish is administered by the Priest and Parish Council cooperatively (UPR).

◆ **PARISH OFFICE MINISTRY:** The parish data base, stewardship, weekly bulletins and all office administration is provided through our Church office.

Parish Secretary – Karen Davies: office@andoverorthodox.org

◆ **STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY:** Promotes and advances the Christian way of life; the giving of our time, talent and treasure to support and operate all the ministries and activities of Church.

Chairperson – Maria Gudinas: gudinas8249@comcast.net



YOUTH MINISTRIES

◆ **INFANTS AND TODDLERS:** Parents can bring their infants (ages 0 to 2yrs.) to church and comfort them in the Mothers' Lounge in the lower level.

◆ **MOMMY & ME:** A monthly gathering of young mothers and their infants/toddlers for social and play time. Contact the Church office for the date of the next meeting.

◆ **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Classes every Sunday for all youth of the parish Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12. Children receive a beautiful Orthodox Christian education with age appropriate curriculum by our warm and friendly Sunday school staff.

Supervisor – Dorothy Hatzikonstantis: d.hatzis@verizon.net

◆ **GREEK SCHOOL:** Our Greek school program offers classes for children Pre-Kindergarten to Sixth grade. Students also participate in poems, plays and observances throughout the year. Greek dance groups are also provided for various ages.

Head Teacher – Voula Nikitas: vnikitas@yahoo.com

◆ **GREEK DANCE GROUPS:** Greek dance instruction is offered to Greek school and non-Greek school children. Weekly rehearsals and performances during cultural celebrations.

Instructor – Irene Savas: iesavas@gmail.com

◆ **JOY and Middlers “Junior Orthodox Youth” (ages 7-11):** Youth gather once or twice a month for fun Orthodox Christian discussions, music, group games, outings and retreats. **Coordinator - Patty Trant: pattytrant@earthlink.net**

JOY Leader- Deacon Sal: deaconsalfazio@gmail.com

Middlers Leader – Gary Kent: kent_gary@bah.com

◆ **GOYA “Greek Orthodox Youth of America” (ages 12-18):** Activities include Bible studies, fun discussions, overnight retreats, dances, and charity outreach **Coordinator – Connie Vergados: connieve@comcast.net**

Leader - Gary Kent: kent_gary@bah.com

◆ **BASKETBALL TEAMS:** For GOYA age group. Teams participate in the Metropolis of Boston youth basketball league at Hellenic College in Brookline, MA.

Coach – Vasili Kostakis: vasilios.kostakis@libertymutual.com

◆ **ALTAR BOYS:** For boys grades 3 (9 years old) and up. Altar teams serve at least once every three weeks.

Altar Captain – Basil Vergados: conniev@comcast.net

◆ **YOUTH CHOIR:** Sunday school students learn the Byzantine chants of our Church and sing the Divine Liturgy on the first Sunday of every month.

Director – Presvytera Katerina: prezkat@comcast.net

◆ **SUMMER AND WINTER CAMP:** Orthodox Christian Camp Program which brings together youth from throughout New England offered by the Metropolis of Boston for JOY and GOYA age youth during the Winter and Summer sessions. For more information go to the Metropolis of Boston website: boston.goarch.org

◆ **VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL:** Summer ministry for youth ages 4 to 11. Activities include games, Bible classes, songs, skits and worship. Usually takes place the second week of August in our parish. **Director – Dorothy Hatzikonstantis:** d.hatzis@verizon.net & **Diana Koster** dvlamis@yahoo.com

◆ **BOY SCOUTS & GIRL SCOUTS MINISTRY/ORTHODOX MEDAL PROGRAM**

Leader - Dn. Sal: deaconsalfazio@gmail.com

ADULTS & COUPLES MINISTRIES

◆ **BREAD FOR LIFE:** Monthly parish-wide Bible study and casual, relevant discussion on contemporary topics, led by Fr. Christopher. Meets from 7-8:30 pm in the conference room. Refreshments served. For more information contact:

office@andoverorthodox.org

◆ **WOMEN'S FAITH & FELLOWSHIP:** Women's Bible study and fellowship. Meets the first Friday of the month from 9-10:30 am in the conference room. Refreshments served.

Leader – Presvytera Katerina: prezkat@comcast.net

◆ **MORNING MEDITATIONS:** Morning prayers and Bible reading with casual discussion and fellowship led by Fr. Christopher. Meets the first or second Wednesday of the month from 10-11:30 am in the conference room. Refreshments served.

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◆ **EMBRACING ORTHODOXY CLASSES:** Summer classes for all those seeking to learn more about the Orthodox Faith and who are considering embracing Orthodoxy through the Sacrament of Chrismation. Taught by Fr. Christopher. Contact Church office for class dates: **office@andoverorthodox.org**

◆ **FAITH FORUMS:** Special guest speakers are invited to the parish twice a year for Wednesday Night lectures, discussions and fellowship. Follow our parish website or monthly "*The Word*" for announcements of the next forum: **www.andoverorthodox.org**

◆ **MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Men's breakfast and discussion of contemporary issues. Meets the third Saturday of the month from 8-9:30 am in the conference room.

Leaders – John Terzakis: jterzakis@verizon.net & Jim Murphy: james@dainterface.com

◆ **MEN'S BASKETBALL NIGHT:** Meets every Friday night from 6:30-8:30 pm for pick-up basketball games, followed by fellowship and casual spiritual discussion.

Coordinator – Fotis Kokkotos: fbkokkotos@comcast.net

◆ **COUPLES NIGHT OUT:** Meets two or three times per year at restaurants and homes for fun, social gatherings. For more information contact the office: **office@andoverorthodox.org**

◆ **BYZANTINE CHANTING MINISTRY, Teacher – Dr. Telly Papanikolaou: acpapanik@aol.com**

◆ **CHOIR: Director, John Fugarino: fugo@verizon.net**

◆ **FOREVER 49 CLUB:** Forever 49 is a social group which sponsors a variety of activities, from lunches to attending theatrical performances to group tours and travel. All adults are invited to join in the fun and enjoy special events with congenial and lively companions. **Leader – Dorothy Mastromonaco: dorothy861@comcast.net**

YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRIES

◆ **COLLEGE FELLOWSHIP:** Gathering of college students for faith discussions and fellowship. Meets twice per semester when students are home for long weekends. Meeting follows Communion at 11:00 am on Sundays in the conference room. Refreshments served.

Leader – Dr. Telly Papanikolaou: acpapanik@aol.com

◆ **YOUNG PROFESSIONALS:** Monthly gathering of recent college graduates and young professionals for faith discussions and fellowship. Meeting follows Communion at 11:00 am on Sundays in the conference room. Refreshments served.

Leader – Nick Mimos: nicholasmimos@hotmail.com

OUTREACH ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICE MINISTRIES

◆ **FAMILY FRIDAY NIGHTS:** Gatherings throughout the year for all ages of the parish for dinner, break-out sessions and fun activities for the entire family.

Coordinator – Tom Pantely: tpantely@verizon.net

◆ **LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS - MYROFORI:** Outreach, charity and philanthropic ministry. Monthly meetings, fundraisers and social events.

President – Sandra Spanos Johnson: sandspano@yahoo.com

◆ **SUNDAY SERVICE TEAMS (Ushers):** Four teams oversee the narthex, candles, tray collections and prep and serve the Sunday Family Hour. **Head Captain – Buzz Stapczynski: rstapczynski@andoverma.gov**

◆ **CONNECTING & WELCOMING MINISTRY:** Welcomes new families and connects them to the parish and involvement in the life of the parish. **Leader – Jean Koulouris: jkoulouris@verizon.net**

◆ **ATRIUM FOOD BOX:** Weekly food and clothing drives collected and brought to Lazarus House in Lawrence, MA.
Coordinator – Patty Trant: pattytrant@earthlink.net

◆ **FACILITIES MINISTRY:** Oversees the building needs of our entire campus and facility.

◆ **LANDSCAPING MINISTRY:** Seasonal landscaping and beautification of our grounds.

Leader – Bob Goodwin: bpgoodwin@comcast.net

◆ **OFFICE ANGELS MINISTRY:** Church office support and assistance – Anita Stratigakis, Ann Paris, Dorothy Mastromonaco.

Leader – Karen Davies: office@andoverorthodox.org

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN EDUCATION RESOURCES

◆ **PARISH BOOKSTORE:** Manager, Elaine Demetroulakos:
elained5@comcast.net

◆ **LENDING LIBRARY:** Director, Patti George:
pattigeorge@comcast.net

◆ **NARTHEX PAMPHLET RACK:** Leader - Elaine Demetroulakos: elained5@comcast.net

COMMUNICATIONS AND EVANGELISM

◆ **“The Word”:** Monthly news and parish information publication.
Editor – Bette Bigelow: exbigelow@aol.com

◆ **WEB SITE MINISTRY:** Coordinator – Chris Primes:
support@andoverorthodox.org

◆ **CABLE TELEVISION MINISTRY:** “Orthodox Life Today”
Program Producer – Joe Spanos: joeyspan@aol.com

◆ **PARISH YOUTUBE CHANNEL:** AndoverOrthodox
Coordinator – Greg Constantine: greg@galaxyediting.com

OTHER MINISTRIES

◆ **GREEK FESTIVAL MINISTRY:**
office@andoverorthodox.org

◆ **GOLF TOURNAMENT MINISTRY:** Leader – Steve Pithis:
snpithis@aol.com

◆ **PARISH AFFILIATED FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS:**

◆ **AHEPA:** President – Steve Pithis: snpithis@aol.com

◆ **DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE:** President – Elaine Kevgas:
ekkevgas@gmail.com



Orthodox Christian Stewardship

Stewardship 2014

“A Rich man is not one who has much, but one who Gives much...for what he gives away remains his Forever.”

The above quote from St. John Chrysostom is the theme for our parish Stewardship Program - 2014. First, the message reminds us of the Wise Men (Magi) who offered gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ Child. These wealthy scholars and priests of the East endured numerous dangers, and traveled a great distance to offer their treasures to Christ, the newborn king. What a beautiful and meaningful example they set for all future generations, helping us to understand the blessing of giving.

The Story of the Magi is not simply a cute part of Christmas, but it represents central characters who model a path of faith and stewardship worthy of imitation. They offer an example of a sincere search for God using the intellectual gifts they possessed; a willingness to overcome any obstacles or challenging inconveniences in their journey towards God; and the witness of offering the best they had once they encounter Christ.

Christian Stewardship is all about becoming good caretakers of all that God has given us. Think about all that God has given us – our health, our family, our opportunities in life, our intelligence, our talents. God has given each of us special and unique gifts. And through Holy Scripture He teaches us all that we have is a loan. He lends everything to us, and reminds us that one day He will ask us to give a detailed accounting of what we have done with the gifts He has given us. How have we used our time, our talents, and our treasure? Have we used them in a self-centered way or God-glorifying ways?

Please review the many ministries offered by your parish in the pages enclosed. Your giving provides the means for you to follow God’s will, like the Magi, and support the work of the Church which glorifies God and makes Christ the center of our lives.

We ask that you please make your heartfelt stewardship pledge for 2014 and prayerfully consider becoming a Torchbearer, Good Shepherd, or Pacesetter (see the commitment form) and bring your commitment form to the church, or simply mail it to the Church office.

Last year the parish had 81 Pacesetters (\$1,000 or more/yr.), 12 Good Shepherds (\$2,600 or more/yr.), and 2 Torchbearers (\$5,200 or more/yr.) The Parish Council sees up-close and personal the needs of the parish. Their average stewardship pledge for 2013 is \$1,800 yr.(\$35/wk.).The Council members are your peers financially; and they are your relatives and friends. And we thank them and all our ministry leaders for their example and leadership in stewardship.

Also our parish emphasizes the Orthodox and Biblical teaching of weekly giving – which makes contributing toward your annual pledge easier. Simply use the stewardship envelopes you receive in the mail for each week.

We deeply **thank you** for your gifts of love, support and commitment to your parish!

Yours in Christ,

Parish Priest: Fr. Christopher

Stewardship Chair: Maria Gudinas



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