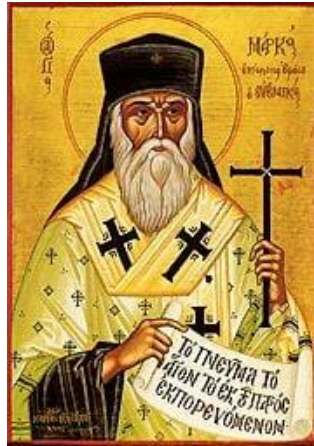




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News & Announcements
January 19, 2025

12th Sunday of Luke
Κυριακή 12η Λουκά



Community Vasilopita Sunday
Archangel Michael Honorees Sunday

Macarius the Great of Egypt 1/19/2025

Makarios of Alexandria 1/19/2025

Mark, Bishop of Ephesus 1/19/2025

Makarios, Hierodeacon of Kalogera, Patmos 1/19/2025

Arsenius of Corfu 1/19/2025

Removal of the Honorable Relics of Saint Gregory the Theologian 1/19/2025

Branwallader, Bishop of Jersey 1/19/2025

Morning Matins 9:00 am
Morning Great Doxology starts at 9:45 am
Morning Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

The Sunday Epistle Reading

**You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.
Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.**

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:4-11

Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

**Σὺ Κύριε, φυλάξαις ἡμᾶς καὶ διατηρήσαις ἡμᾶς.
Στίχ. Σῶσον με, Κύριε, ὅτι ἐκλέλοιπεν ὄσιος.
Πρὸς Κολοσσαεῖς 3:4-11 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα**

Ἀδελφοί, ὅταν ὁ Χριστὸς φανερωθῇ, ἡ ζωὴ ἡμῶν, τότε καὶ ὑμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ φανερωθήσεσθε ἐν δόξῃ. Νεκρώσατε οὖν τὰ μέλη ὑμῶν τὰ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, πορνείαν, ἀκαθαρσίαν, πάθος, ἐπιθυμίαν κακὴν, καὶ τὴν πλεονεξίαν, ἣτις ἐστὶν εἰδωλολατρεία, δι' ἣ ἔρχεται ἡ ὀργὴ τοῦ θεοῦ ἐπὶ τοὺς υἱοὺς τῆς ἀπειθείας· Ἐν οἷς καὶ ὑμεῖς περιεπατήσατέ ποτε, ὅτε ἐζήτε ἐν αὐτοῖς. Νυνὶ δὲ ἀπόθεσθε καὶ ὑμεῖς τὰ πάντα, ὀργὴν, θυμὸν, κακίαν, βλασφημίαν, αἰσχρολογίαν ἐκ τοῦ στόματος ὑμῶν· μὴ ψεύδεσθε εἰς ἀλλήλους, ἀπεκδυσάμενοι τὸν παλαιὸν ἄνθρωπον σὺν ταῖς πράξεσιν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐνδυσάμενοι τὸν νέον, τὸν ἀνακαινούμενον εἰς ἐπίγνωσιν κατ' εἰκόνα τοῦ κτίσαντος αὐτόν· ὅπου οὐκ ἔστι Ἕλλην καὶ Ἰουδαῖος, περιτομὴ καὶ ἀκροβυστία, βάρβαρος, Σκύθης, δοῦλος, ἐλεύθερος· ἀλλὰ τὰ πάντα καὶ ἐν πᾶσιν Χριστός.

The Sunday Gospel Reading
The Gospel According to Luke 17:12-19

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 17:12-19
Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, εἰσερχομένου αὐτοῦ εἰς τινα κώμην ἀπήντησαν αὐτῷ δέκα λεπροὶ ἄνδρες, οἱ ἔστησαν πόρρωθεν, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἤραν φωνὴν λέγοντες· Ἰησοῦ ἐπιστάτα, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. καὶ ἰδὼν εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· πορευθέντες ἐπιδείξατε ἑαυτοὺς τοῖς ἱερεῦσι. καὶ ἐγένετο ἐν τῷ ὑπάγειν αὐτοὺς ἐκαθαρίσθησαν. εἷς δὲ ἐξ αὐτῶν, ἰδὼν ὅτι ἰάθη, ὑπέστρεψε μετὰ φωνῆς μεγάλης δοξάζων τὸν Θεόν, καὶ ἔπεσεν ἐπὶ πρόσωπον παρὰ τοὺς πόδας αὐτοῦ εὐχαριστῶν αὐτῷ· καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν Σαμαρεΐτης. ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν· οὐχὶ οἱ δέκα ἐκαθαρίσθησαν; οἱ δὲ ἑννέα ποῦ; οὐχ εὐρέθησαν ὑποστρέψαντες δοῦναι δόξαν τῷ Θεῷ εἰ μὴ ὁ ἀλλογενὴς οὗτος; καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἀναστὰς πορεύου· ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέ σε.

**40 day Trisagion
Dr. Maria Zachmanoglou**

First Cousin of John Valakas



Dr. Maria Zachmanoglou, a longtime resident of Manhattan's Upper West Side, died on Dec. 16th at the age of 94 in her home. She was born in Athens and came to this country at age 4 with her whole family, the Hatzilambrous, which included her parents, two brothers and a sister. Her father, Kallinikos Hatzilambrou, was a Greek Orthodox priest, a social activist with a deep commitment to the poor. Her uncles were a bishop, and a monk on Mt. Athos; her aunt was a nun. Her mother, Paraskevi Longos, was from Cyprus.

Maria married Eleftherios Charalambos Zachmanoglou in 1957 and they moved with their daughters Phaedra and Katina to Berkeley, CA where her husband, called "Terry", would obtain a PhD in mathematics. Cary and Nike were born there and the family of six soon moved to West Lafayette, Indiana once Terry accepted a teaching position at Purdue University. Their home was warm, filled with children and pets and open to all with frequent gatherings and parties. In the 1960's, both Terry and Maria were active in the Peace movement, heading up anti-war activities at Purdue with both students and faculty. Maria remained an activist throughout her life, with a fierce commitment to peace, justice and equality. After her divorce, she obtained her PhD in Special Education and moved to New York City where three of her children lived.

Maria stayed very close to her Greek roots and loved teaching her children and two granddaughters Greek! In fact, she loved using her favorite Greek children's book to teach Greek to everyone, including American husbands. She adored her many Greek friends and they frequently gathered at Greek restaurants for lively discussions and laughter. She also loved sharing her recipes and teaching her children to make Greek meatballs, stuffed tomatoes and other Mediterranean delicacies.

She spent many years as a school psychologist for the NYC Board of Education, testing children with special needs to create individualized plans for them. She was licensed to test in English, Greek and Spanish. They called her “Dr. Maria” and she used to say, “Every child gets a hug and a toy!” Maria worked for the NYC school system until the age of 87. When her boss questioned, “When are you going to retire? I’ll see to it you do!”, Maria made sure this age discrimination was profiled in the local media within 2 days!

She also started the first Greek Chapter of the Alliance on Mental Illness (GAMI) and held meetings for years to provide support for families grappling with mental illness. Maria and her daughter, Katina, engaged in major advocacy in this area for many years and were profiled in the New York Times, the Oprah Show and many other media outlets. They were particularly focused on the need for housing and support for people with psychiatric illness so they could live decent lives in the community. This was covered by the press who labeled them “IMBY”s! (In my backyard.) Maria was arrested in Washington when she fought for single payer healthcare with other advocates and was proud to be part of Grandmothers Against the War.

She also worked with the Greek Orthodox Cathedral along with Father Marangos and Father Gounaris to create The Agape Circle to provide emotional support and resources for Greek and Greek Americans. This included help for bereavement, addictions, and support for families with children with special needs, whether adults or children. She also gave presentations on the well-being of children and families at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, bringing her granddaughters there for Easter festivities.

A major event was a one-day Conference at the Cathedral entitled Into the Sunshine: Overcoming Anxiety and Depression. Organized by Maria along with close friends & advocates, it included a large group of professionals and experts in the area of Mental Health and it was covered by the press. She was gratified to shed light on the issue of mental illness, reduce stigma, and provide support and resources for the Greek community. She credited her father with sharpening her sense of obligation to being involved in social issues on an active level.

Maria was also the president of her local Democratic Club, Park River Independent Democrats and particularly admired President Jimmy Carter and Senator Bernie Sanders. She was happy to vote for Kamala in November. She was active in her co-op, where she served on the board, organized building parties, and threw her own New Year’s Party each year in her crimson-walled apartment filled with icons, treasures from trips to Europe, and lots of family photos.

She had 4 children, Phaedra (“Faye”), Katina, Nike and Cary and lived the second part of her life very close to her daughter, Katina, in the West 70’s. She had been raised on the East Coast and was happy to return there. She cherished all her children and her two granddaughters, Coco (Charlotte) and Kalin, who loved calling her “Yiayia” while they played all kinds of games together. She often joined Katina and Nike and their families on seaside or lake vacations, adoring the sun.

Always cheerful, Maria loved witty literature and was an avid reader. She was a member of the George Bernard Shaw Society and her favorite film was Oscar Wilde’s masterpiece of comedy “The Importance of Being Ernest”, which we watched again together recently with great pleasure! Toward the end of her life, Maria loved greeting visitors in her home and sharing stories, photographs, and memories of her family. She also loved visiting Riverside Park, sitting in the sun near her beloved Eleanor Roosevelt statue.

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2025 Theophany House & Business Blessing Request Form

Αγιασμός Θεοφανίων Σπιτιού ή και Επιχείρησης 2025

Please print clearly and return form to the Church Office or Email the form to Fr. Stavroforos.

Παρακαλούμε συμπληρώστε τα στοιχεία σας καθαρά και επιστρέψτε την κατάσταση κατα της 6η Ιανουαρίου στο Γραφείο της Εκκλησίας η στο Email του Πατερα Σταυροφορο.

FIRST NAME: _____

ΟΝΟΜΑ:

LAST NAME: _____

ΕΠΩΝΥΜΟ:

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CITY, STATE & ZIP: _____



POSSIBLE DATES AND TIMES FOR BLESSING

Πιθανές ημερομηνίες και οι ώρες για το Αγιασμό σας.



RELIGIOUS CALENDAR:

January 2025

19 – 12th Sunday of Luke – 9:00 am

26 – 15th Sunday of Luke – 9:00 am

30 – Thursday – Feast of the Three Hierarchs – 9:00 am

February 2025

2 – Sunday - Presentation of our Lord – 9:00 am

9 – Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee (Triodion Begins) – 9:00 am

10 – Monday – St. Haralambos the Martyr – 9:00 am

16 – Sunday of the Prodigal Son – 9:00 am

22 – 1st Saturday of Souls – 9:00 am

23 – Judgment/Meatfare Sunday of the Canaanite – 9:00 am



Today's Scheduled Coffee Hour Hosts 1/19

Philoptochos

Today's Scheduled Narthex Greeters for 1/19

To be Assigned

Our Volunteer Chantors

Nicholas Georgiou

Pete Marinos

Our Volunteer Choir Directors

Panos Messis

Costa Constantinou

Our Volunteer Organist

Eleni Christakos

Pew Reserve (Bishop's Throne Side 1 & 2)
Archangel Micheal Recipients Friends and their Family

Eleni Christakos
Archangel Michael Award



Eleni is a longtime member of St Barbara. She served on the Parish Council for 10-12 years, when the church was on Watts Street and in its current location. She served in many capacities, including secretary, treasurer, assistant treasurer and youth director.

As secretary, she took minutes at the parish council meetings. As treasurer, she managed all of the church's accounts, entering weekly donations in spreadsheets and making the deposits every Monday. She spent many hours counting festival funds and making late night deposits after the festivals.

As youth director she recruited Sunday School teachers and held meetings to go over the curriculum prior to the start of the ecclesiastical year.

Eleni has also served, and is currently serving, on the Philoptochos board as corresponding secretary. In this role she sends out "get well" wishes, condolences and "thank you" notes. She donates any stamps and cards/stationery she uses for this. She also serves on the Outreach committee and has spent many hours over the years preparing the various pastries sold at festivals and pastry sales.

Eleni started singing in the choir many years ago, reluctantly at first. Her father told her she made a "joyful noise", but since both parents sang in the choir, she wanted to join them. As time went on, George Cocolas, the choir director for 50 years, encouraged Eleni to consider directing. She became a back-up director when he couldn't be there. Donna Trohanis stepped up to take George's place when he could no longer direct. Eleni became Donna's back-up too. Her real passion is the organ which is her current primary focus at St Barbara.

Eleni also performed for various fundraisers held at the church. She sang solos, duets and with groups. St Barbara held several Broadway musicales and special productions at Easter and Christmas, all of which she was a part. She also sang with the Triangle Orthodox Chorale under the direction of Elia Nicholas. The group put out a CD several years ago.

Eleni has a true passion for Saint Barbara and it shows in her dedication each and every Sunday

Theky Pappas
Archangel Michael Award



Theky is driven by her love for our Lord and by her love of her church of Saint Barbara.

She will always do what is needed to make sure that all needs are met, when they have to be. I remember on the Sunday of the Feast of the Veneration of the Holy Cross in Particular she went into her multi-task mode: she came in early to arrange the floral tray for the Holy Cross procession, and by the time she brought the tray to the altar she did not hesitate to go and mad the 'pangari' candle stand to greet our parishioners as they arrived to the morning services. Theky is not only there at the start of the service, but many a times she remains to the very end of the service

to make sure that we have enough members to pass the Sunday offering tray,

While greeting our parishioners she would go the extra step and get the names of newcomers and visitors so that I would be able to give them a Saint Barbara Welcome from the pulpit. Her efforts to get our visitors acclimated include making sure that they have the opportunity to be introduced to families in the social hall that would appear share their common concerns and interest. Her efforts have helped us to grow in number as many have become stewards of our Church seeing that they have found their extended family in the life of the Church.

Theky does not mind rolling up her sleeves. You can find her in the kitchen preparing the spanakopita, putting together the pastry orders. At festivals she sets up tables, breaks down tables, and works in the food line, either in prep or in serving.

Theky is also been an elegant and charming ambassador of our Church, be it a clergy-laity congress, or an archdiocese or metropolis gathering she always knows how to bring out the best in people as she allows her personality to uplift those that she meets.

We thank Theky for exercising her spiritual calling to manifest her love of Christ by her deeds, her kind words, and genuine love and care for others.

She truly possesses the character of an Angel and is therefore so deserving of the Archangel Michael Award for 2024

The annual Philoptochos Vasilopita Auction will be held today after church services. All proceeds will benefit Saint Basil Academy in Garrison, NY. Please plan to attend and show your support for this wonderful organization!



Saint Basil Academy is a national not-for-profit philanthropic center for children and young adults in need. Our mission is to provide a safe and supportive environment where our children and young adults are nurtured to become healthy members of society with vision and hope. Saint Basil Academy, located in the Hudson Valley of New York, also serves the faithful of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and other visitors from around the world. It is also our responsibility to serve and support the congregation of priests, laity and youth in the broader community through our Saint Basil Training Center. If our national and international community thrives, so will our children.



The Saint Barbara Philoptochos Society will offer the annual Vasilopita Auction today in support of St. Basil Academy.

This vital mission of Saint Basil Academy, carried out by the directors, staff, trustees and benefactors, is in keeping with our Lord's command to "*let the children come to me.*" This is accomplished through this ministry by bringing the love of Christ to those in need. Everything that is offered for the children and youth at Saint Basil's is offered in the name and presence of Christ. In daily care, in counseling and teaching, in recreation, and in worship, the students encounter Christ and His abundant and comforting love.

Saint Basil Academy is also a place where the lives of the children and youth are guided in Christ. On the beautiful campus, in a nurturing environment of prayer and grace, they are led in the path of truth and love. They are shown the blessings of the life in Christ, how to follow His will and to find strength and assurance in His promises. They see the hope, joy, and power in a life of faith and a lifelong relationship with Him.

This sacred work was also the focus of the patron saint of the Academy, Saint Basil. For the sick, orphans, travelers, and many others in need, he offered an encounter with Christ by taking His love to them. For others he guided them in truth and love through teaching and preaching, as a faithful and caring pastor, to their Savior and Redeemer. This is also our calling today. In our support for Saint Basil Academy, we are led by our Ladies Philoptochos Society and our local Philoptochos chapters in collecting an offering and in the celebration of the cutting of the Vasilopeta. We are also led by Christ and by the example of Saint Basil to fulfill the command of our Lord and *let the children come to me.* In your ministry in the parish and in your daily life in Christ, you are called to offer Him and guide others to an encounter with the Lord that will lead to abundant and eternal life.

On this day may we offer our prayers and generous support for Saint Basil Academy. May we strengthen this vital work to children and youth in fulfilling the request of our Lord and in honoring the legacy of all who have established and supported this ministry in the past seventy years. May you also receive the abundant and rich blessings of our Lord at the beginning of this new year as we offer Him glory and honor unto the ages of ages!

Thank You to Dena Paliouras for Preparing the 2025
Vasilopita for Church Distribution used Today



2025 Community Representative Recipients of Vasilopita

- 1. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Recipient**
- 2. Virgin Mary the Theotokos Mother of God**
- 3. St. Basil for Saint Basil Academy and its Residents**
- 4. For the Poor and the Needy**
- 5. On behalf of All Parishioners of St. Barbara Church – Fr. Stavroforos**
- 6. On behalf of the Chanters Representative – Dr. Pete Marinos**
- 7. On behalf of the Altar Boys Co-Ordinator – James Dasher**
- 8. On behalf of the Adult Choir Director- Panos Messis**
- 9. On behalf of the Children’s Choir Director - Costa Constantinou**
- 10. On behalf of the Organist our Principal Organist – Eleni Christakos**
- 11. On behalf of the Members of the Parish Council President – George Glekas**
- 12. On behalf of the Members of Philoptochos President – Betsy Xenakis**
- 13. On behalf of our Sunday School and Youth Families Youth Co-ordinator – Catherine Wilson**
- 14. On behalf of the Members of our Greek Dance Troupe Instructor - Hrysavgi Kondilis-Mangum**
- 15. On Behalf of the Greek School Participants & Administration – George Glekas**
- 16. On behalf of Members Durham AHEPA Chapter #277 - President Preston Wilson**
- 17 A Special Thank You to Cindy Paliouras – Who Assisted Fr. Stavroforos with this Year’s Ceremony**

The Story of the Vasilopita

THE TRADITION - One of the more beautiful and inspirational traditions of the Greek Orthodox Church is the annual family celebration of the Vasilopita. This original event which happened in Cappadocia of Caesarea in the last half of the fourth century, is very much alive in our Orthodox homes each year.

The Greek Word Vasilopita is directly translated as “Sweet Bread of Basil”. When the Vasilopita is prepared, a coin is baked into the ingredients. Sweet flavoring is added to the bread which symbolize the sweetness and joy of life everlasting. It also symbolizes the hope that the New Year will be filled with the sweetness of life, liberty, health, and happiness for all who participate in the Vasilopita Observance.

When the observance begins, usually on New Years Day, the bread is traditionally cut by the senior member of the family, and the individual who receives the portion of the Pita which contains the coin is considered Blessed for the New Year.

Each portion of the Vasilopita are distributed as follows: The first portion is cut in remembrance of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The second is for the Holy Mother of our Lord, The Virgin Mary. The third is for St. Basil the Great, the other portions are cut for the members of the family beginning with the eldest. Portions may also be cut for the Church, the house, the traveler, the visitor and the poor.

THE HISTORY - This age old tradition commenced in the fourth century, when Saint Basil the Great, who was a bishop, wanted to distribute money to the poor in his Diocese. He wanted to preserve their dignity, so as not to look like charity, he commissioned some women to bake sweetened bread, in which he arranged to place gold coins. Thus the families in cutting the bread to nourish themselves, were pleasantly surprised to find the coins.

THE MAN - St. Basil was one of the greatest Fathers of the Christian Church and appeared on the spiritual horizon of the Orthodox Faith. He was Bishop of Caesarea, Cappadocia (Asia Minor). He was born four years after the First Ecumenical Council held in the year 325 A.D. Saint Basil was one of the three Cappadocian Fathers of the Church (the others were Gregory of Nazianzus, his best friend, and his brother, Gregory of Nyssa).

Saint Basil was the first person in human history to establish an orphanage for little children. He also founded the first Christian hospital in the world. His fame as a Holy Man spread like wildfire throughout the Byzantine world. He was considered one of the wisest and compassionate clergymen in the entire history of the Church. His Feast Day is observed on January 1st, the beginning of the New Year and the Epiphany season. The Church, therefore, in respect for his many contributions to the Church and to mankind in general, combined the joy and happiness of the New Year with the glory of the birth of Christ, and the Epiphany into what is known in the Orthodox Church as the Vasilopita Observance.

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- Betsy Xenakis, President

AHEPA # 277 HOSTS MOVIE NIGHT
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FREE ENTRY



Popcorn and Other Refreshments

Will be made Available.

You can also Bring Your Favorite Snacks from Home to Enjoy !



**ADULT BIBLE STUDY WILL RESUME ON
THURSDAY JANUARY 23RD AT 6:30 PM**

TOPICS TAKEN FROM THE SUNDAY LECTIONARY

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Saint Barbara General Meeting Schedule

Philoptochos General Meetings

4th Sunday of Month after Church in the Conference Room

Philoptochos Board Meetings

Sunday prior to the Last Sunday of the Month after Church
at a TBA offsite location

Parish Council General Meetings

Second Monday of the Month by Zoom
or in the Conference Room 6:30 pm

UNC-OCF

Monday Nights

7:00 pm – Panera Bread in Chapel Hill

Adult Bible Study

Thursday Nights in the Conference Room 6:30 pm

AHEPA Chapter # 277

General Meetings Third Sunday of the Month after Church
in the Conference Room

Greek School & Greek Dance

Saturdays – Classrooms at Church