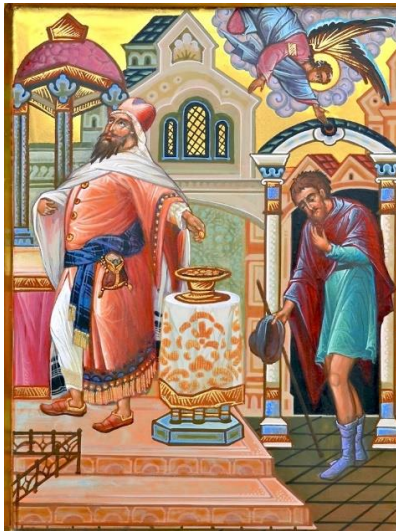




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News & Announcements
February 9, 2025

Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee
Τελωνου και Φαρισαιου



Souper Bowl of Caring Day

Leavetaking of the Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple 2/9/2025

Nicephoros the Martyr of Antioch 2/9/2025

Markellos, Philagrios, & Pankratios the Hieromartyrs 2/9/2025

Teilo, Bishop of Llandaff 2/9/2025

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

The Sunday Epistle Reading

**Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.
Verse: God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.**

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 3:10-15

TIMOTHY, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Εὐξασθε καὶ ἀπόδοτε Κυρίῳ τῷ Θεῷ ἡμῶν.

Στίχ. Γνωστὸς ἐν τῇ Ἰουδαίᾳ ὁ Θεός, ἐν τῷ Ἰσραὴλ μέγα τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ.

Πρὸς Τιμόθεον β' 3:10-15 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, παρηκολούθηκάς μου τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ, τῇ ἀγωγῇ, τῇ προθέσει, τῇ πίστει, τῇ μακροθυμίᾳ, τῇ ἀγάπῃ, τῇ ὑπομονῇ, τοῖς διωγμοῖς, τοῖς παθήμασιν, οἷά μοι ἐγένετο ἐν Ἀντιοχείᾳ, ἐν Ἰκονίῳ, ἐν Λύστροις, οἷους διωγμοὺς ὑπήνεγκα· καὶ ἐκ πάντων με ἐρρύσατο ὁ κύριος. Καὶ πάντες δὲ οἱ θέλοντες εὐσεβῶς ζῆν ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ διωχθήσονται. Πονηροὶ δὲ ἄνθρωποι καὶ γόητες προκόψουσιν ἐπὶ τὸ χεῖρον, πλανῶντες καὶ πλανώμενοι. Σὺ δὲ μένε ἐν οἷς ἔμαθες καὶ ἐπιστῶθης, εἰδὼς παρὰ τίνος ἔμαθες, καὶ ὅτι ἀπὸ βρέφους τὰ ἱερὰ γράμματα οἶδας, τὰ δυνάμενά σε σοφίσαι εἰς σωτηρίαν διὰ πίστεως τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ.

The Sunday Gospel Reading
The Gospel According to Luke 18:10-14

The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 18:10-14
Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄνθρωποι δύο ἀνέβησαν εἰς τὸ ἱερόν προσεύξασθαι, ὁ εἷς Φαρισαῖος καὶ ὁ ἕτερος τελώνης. ὁ Φαρισαῖος σταθεὶς πρὸς ἑαυτὸν ταῦτα προσηύχετο· ὁ Θεός, εὐχαριστῶ σοι ὅτι οὐκ εἰμὶ ὥσπερ οἱ λοιποὶ τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ἄρπαγες, ἄδικοι, μοιχοί, ἢ καὶ ὡς οὗτος ὁ τελώνης· νηστεύω δις τοῦ σαββάτου, ἀποδεκατῶ πάντα ὅσα κτῶμαι. καὶ ὁ τελώνης μακρόθεν ἑστὼς οὐκ ἤθελεν οὐδὲ τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν ἐπᾶραι, ἀλλ' ἔτυπεν εἰς τὸ στήθος αὐτοῦ λέγων· ὁ Θεός, ἰλάσθητί μοι τῷ ἁμαρτωλῷ. λέγω ὑμῖν, κατέβη οὗτος δεδικαιωμένος εἰς τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ ἢ γὰρ ἐκεῖνος· ὅτι πᾶς ὁ ὑψῶν ἑαυτὸν ταπεινωθήσεται, ὁ δὲ ταπεινῶν ἑαυτὸν ὑψωθήσεται.

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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: _____
ONOMA: _____
LAST NAME: _____
ΕΠΩΝΥΜΟ: _____
PHONE: _____
ΑΡΙΘΜΟΣ ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟΥ: _____
ADDRESS: _____
(Διεύθυνση)
CITY, STATE & ZIP: _____



POSSIBLE DATES AND TIMES FOR BLESSING

Πιθανές ημερομηνίες και οι ώρες για το Αγιασμό σας.



RELIGIOUS CALENDAR:

February 2025

- 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

March 2025

- 1 – 2nd Saturday of Souls – 9:00 am
- 2 – Forgiveness Sunday (Cheese fare Sunday) – 9:00 am



Today's Scheduled Coffee Hour Hosts 2/9

Members of the Saint Barbara Philoptochos

Today's Scheduled Narthex Greeters for 2/9

**John Biggs
John Valakas**

Our Volunteer Chantors

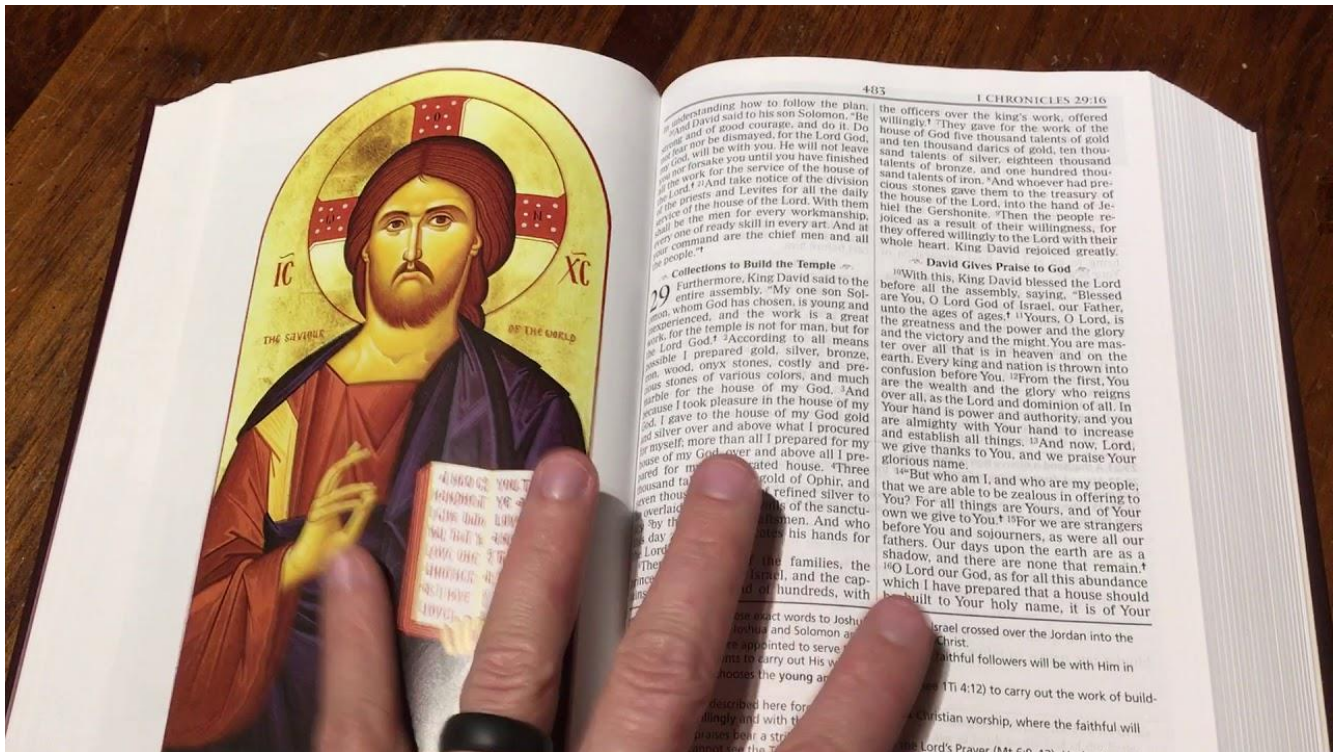
**Nicholas Georgiou
Pete Marinos**

Our Volunteer Choir Directors

**Panos Messis
Costa Constantinou**

Our Volunteer Organist

Eleni Christakos



**ADULT BIBLE STUDY WILL RESUME ON
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 27TH AT 6:30 PM
TOPICS TAKEN FROM THE SUNDAY LECTIONARY**

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For information Contact

Father Stavroforos by Email

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General Assembly after Church Sunday, February 23rd

Our community is bustling with activity. The ministries are in full swing. New families are joining us almost weekly. We have some important information to give you, and we value your input and participation.

Our Parish Council as of Today

John Biggs

James Branson

Costa Constantinou

George Delas

George Glekas

Carolyn Hack

Theky Pappas

Wes Platt

John Sempeles

John Valakas

John Varelas

Catherine Wilson

Kerri Zaferatos

We do solemnly affirm / that we will uphold /the dogmas /the teachings/ the traditions/ the holy canons/ the worship/ and the moral principles / of the Greek Orthodox Church/ as well as / the Charter / and Regulations / of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America / and that we will faithfully / and sincerely fulfill / the duties /and th obligations /required of a member of the Parish Council/ So help us, God."

SERVICE OF THE WEEK

Haralambos the Holy Martyr – Monday February 10th
Matins and Divine Liturgy starting at 9:00 am

This Saint was a priest of the Christians in Magnesia, the foremost city of Thessaly, in the diocese having the same name. He contested during the reign of Alexander Severus (222-235), when Lucian was Proconsul of Magnesia. At the time of his martyrdom the Saint was 103 years of age.

St. Haralambos is commemorated on February 10th, with the exception when this date falls on the Saturday of the Souls preceding Lent or on Clean Monday (the first day of Lent), in which case the feast is celebrated on February 9th.

ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΒΔΟΜΑΔΑΣ

Χαραλάμπος Ἱερομάρτυς - Δευτέρα 10 Φεβρουαρίου
Ορθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία στις 9:00 πμ

Ὁ Ἅγιος Χαράλαμπος ἦταν ἱερεὺς στὴ Μαγνησίᾳ τῆς Μικρᾶς Ἀσίας καὶ ἔζησε ἐπὶ αὐτοκρατορίας τοῦ Σεπτιμίου Σεβήρου (193 – 211 μ.Χ.). Ὅταν τὸ ἔτος 198 μ.Χ. ὁ Σέβηρος ἐξαπέλυσε ἀπὸ τὴν διωγμὸ κατὰ τῶν Χριστιανῶν, ὁ ἑπαρχὸς τῆς Μαγνησίας Λουκιανός, συνέλαβε τὸν Ἅγιο καὶ τοῦ ζήτησε νὰ ἀρνηθεῖ τὴν πίστιν του. Ὅμως ὁ Ἅγιος ὄχι μόνον δὲν τὸ ἔκανε αὐτό, ἀλλὰ ἀντίθετα ὁμολόγησε στὸν ἑπαρχο τὴν προσήλωσή του στὸν Χριστὸ καὶ δήλωσε μὲ παρρησία ὅτι σὲ ὅποιοδήποτε βασανιστήριον καὶ νὰ ὑποβληθεῖ δὲν πρόκειται νὰ ἀρνηθεῖ τὴν πίστιν τῆς Ἐκκλησίας. Τότε ἡ σκοτισμένη καὶ σαρκικὴ ψυχὴ τοῦ Λουκιανοῦ ἐπέτεινε τὴν ὀργήν της καὶ διέταξε νὰ ἀρχίσουν τὰ φρικώδη βασανιστήρια στὸ γέροντα ἱερέα. Πρῶτα τὸν γύμνωσαν καὶ ὁ ἴδιος ὁ Λουκιανός, παίρνοντας τὸ ξίφος τοῦ προσπάθησε νὰ πληγώσει τὸ σῶμα τοῦ Ἁγίου. Ὅμως ἀποκόπηκαν τὰ χέρια του καὶ ἔμειναν κρεμασμένα στὸ σῶμα τοῦ Ἱερομάρτυρα καὶ μόνον ὕστερα ἀπὸ προσευχὴ τοῦ Ἁγίου συγκολλήθηκαν αὐτὰ πάλι στὸ σῶμα καὶ ὁ ἡγεμόνας κατέστη ὑγιής. Βλέποντας αὐτὸ τὸ θαῦμα τοῦ Ἁγίου πολλοὶ ἀπὸ τοὺς δημίους πίστεψαν στὸν ἀληθινὸ Θεό.

Μὲ τὸ ζόφο στὸ νοῦ καὶ μὲ τὴ θηριωδίαν στὴν καρδιά, ὁ ἑπαρχὸς ἔδωσε ἐντολὴ νὰ διαπομπεύσουν τὸν Ἅγιο καὶ νὰ τὸν σύρουν διὰ μέσου τῆς πόλεως μὲ χαλινάρι. Τέλος, διέταξε τὸν ἀποκεφαλισμὸ τοῦ Ἁγίου, ὁ ὁποῖος μὲ τὸ μαρτύριό του ἔλαβε τὸ ἀμαράντινο στέφανον τῆς δόξας. Τμήματα τῆς τιμίας κάρας αὐτοῦ φυλάσσονται στὴ ἱερὰ μονὴ Ἁγίου Στεφάνου Μετεώρων καὶ στὸν ὁμώνυμον προσκυνηματικὸ ναὸ τῆς κωμοπόλεως Θεσπιῶν τῆς Βοιωτίας.

Together we can tackle hunger.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025

Help feed the hungry by collecting nonperishables for a local food bank, and collect money for IOCC to support our work around the globe. Together we can turn the biggest weekend in football into a super day of giving!

iocc.org/souperbowl



PHILANTHROPY PROGRAM



ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY COLLECTION DRIVE: ENDS TODAY FEBRUARY 9TH

Please Deliver Your Non-Perishable Food Items
To the Souper Bowl Table located
Just outside of the Narthex Doors.

All Donations will benefit the
Food Bank of
Central and Eastern NC

Durham AHEPA members asked to support Raleigh Chapter

Dear Fr Stavroforos,

Please see the email below. Is it possible that you may be able to attend the conference. I know that there would be larger attendance from our parish had we not need to prepare for the Glendi. If you know of any brothers that might be interested, please extend the invitation to them as well.

All the best,

Preston Wilson, President Durham Chapter

Raleigh AHEPA Chapter asked to support Durham Chapter

Dear AHEPA District 3 Family,

On Saturday, February 15th 2025, District 3 will be hosting a workshop in Raleigh, North Carolina open to the entire AHEPA District 3 Family. Our brothers of AHEPA Chapter 10 of Raleigh, North Carolina have graciously opened their home for us at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church to host the District 3 workshop.

We ask that you attend the workshop and provide robust feedback in the registration form. The sooner you respond and the more robust feedback you provide, the more successful the meeting will be for our District 3!

Register Here

After the workshop concludes we will attend dinner and entertainment hosted by our Brothers of AHEPA Chapter 277 at St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church Durham for their annual Apokriatiko Glendi event. Doors open at 6:00 pm and "we dine at 7:00 pm sharp." Please register for the workshop in the link above and RSVP for dinner at the following email address: ahepa277@gmail.com

Fraternally,

Manos Emmanouil Sakiotis

District Governor

AHEPA Capital District 3

join us for our **APOKRIATIKO GLENDI**
our **MARDI GRAS** dinner dance

Bring your family and friends for an
exciting evening of
dining and dancing

Saturday, February 15, 2025

St. Barbara Fellowship Hall
8306 NC H-way 751, DURHAM, 27713



Doors open at 6:00 pm

We dine at 7:00 pm sharp

our perfect and peerless DJ
Sotos Efthimiades
will pick an exciting collection
of dancing music

and
matchless folkdance leader
Hrisavgi Kondilis-Mangum &
St. Barbara's Folklore group
will enhance our dancing



casual dress and **COSTUMES**
are welcomed and encouraged

BUFFET DINNER
delicious foods prepared
by our own chefs
Preston Wilson and
Andrew Christakos

honor system wine bar

Suggested Donations

adults \$35 students \$20
youngsters ages 7-12 \$10.
children 6 and under free



for reservations and tickets
please e-mail ahempa277@gmail.com

or see any member of the Durham AHEPA.

Sponsored by AHEPA

(American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association)

buy tickets in person
Sundays after Liturgy

at St. Barbara's
fellowship hall
AHEPA table

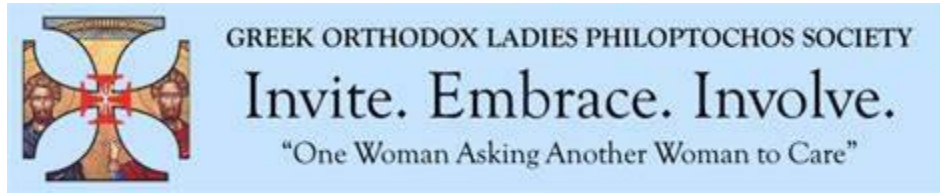
COSTUMES
are
ENCOURAGED

What is the apokriatiko glendi?



This is made up of two Greek words: "apokries" and "glendi." The Greek word "apokries" means "farewell to meat" and "glendi" means a festival or carnival. The phrase "apokriatiko glendi" is the term given to the meatfare festival which takes place two weeks before Great Lent begins. In English, the 2nd last week before Great Lent is called "meatfare week" and the last week before Great Lent is called "cheesefare week". Meatfare week is the last week for eating meat, and cheesefare week is the last week for eating dairy products, before the fasting period begins and lasts for around 50 days prior to Easter Day. So the "apokriatiko glendi" is called meatfare week in English, and is the last week for eating meat before Great Lent begins. In [Greece](#), the apokriatiko glendi is very popular and is celebrated with music, dancing and lots of meat-eating before the fasting period starts. In the Eastern Orthodox Church, fasting begins on "Clean Monday" which is March 3rd this year, and ends on Orthodox [Easter Sunday](#), which is on April 20, 2025. During the 50 days of fasting, Orthodox Christians usually abstain from eating all meat and dairy products, especially during the final week of Lent, which is called "Holy Week" or "Passion Week."

**SAVE THE DATE:
AHEPA CHAPTER #277 APOKRIATIKO GLENDI
AT SAINT BARBARA
ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2025**



Hello Ladies,

I hope that your week is off to a wonderful start! I'm excited to share this invitation with you to save the date for our annual Membership and Mimosas Tea, happening on Saturday, February 22nd at St Barbara's Parish Hall from 11:30am - 1:30pm.

This special event will celebrate our longest-serving members and feature our Martha Loden's insightful discussion on estate sales and antiques. It promises to be a time filled with fellowship, fun, and inspiration. A delightful assortment of refreshments will be served, including tea and mimosas.

We would love for you to join us. Feel free to invite any friends who might be interested in learning more about Philoptochos. We are always eager to welcome new members into our philanthropic community.

If you plan to attend, please kindly RSVP by contacting Catherine Constantinou at 919-270-8326 or Maria Easton at 919-824-2966.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Betsy Xenakis
Philoptochos President

(See attached Flier)

Triodion Sundays in Preparation for Great Lent

During the three-week pre-Lenten season, the church prepares us for repentance. She urges us to prepare ourselves through gradual diet modification and instructing us with themes of humility, judgment, repentance and forgiveness. The period is bounded by four Sundays.

The Links provided take you to the very comprehensive Archdiocese sites where you will find the Scripture lessons, hymns, articles and other information regarding these very special Sundays.

1. February 9 : [Publican and the Pharisee](#) (Luke 18:10-14)

This Sunday emphasizes humility as a key attitude for repentance. The Greek word for repentance is *metanoia*, which means a change of mind. To repent we must not boast of our spiritual feats, but humble ourselves like the Publican who longs for a change of mind. We are called to learn this secret of the inward poverty of the Publican rather than the self-righteousness of the Pharisee who is convinced of his perfectness and not open to change because of his pride. There is no prescribed fasting for this week.

2. February 16 : [Prodigal Son](#) (Luke 15:11-32)

This Sunday teaches us about our need to return from exile. This parable shows us the mercy of the Father who with open arms receives his son, whose behavior he does not return, but is joyous of his return home. We are encouraged to examine ourselves in the period of Lent to purge ourselves of sin and "come home." The week that follows is called Meat Week (*Kreatini*) as it is the last week we are to eat meat. In the villages of Greece this was the traditional week to slaughter the family pig and the leftovers were smoked to be eaten after Pascha. The normal rule of fasting are applied to this week, fast on Wednesday and Friday. Saturday of this week is the first Saturday of Souls where those who have fallen asleep in the hope of resurrection and eternal life are remembered at a special service "Saturday of the Souls." Parishioners bring small dishes of *kollyva* to the church and submit a list of first names of deceased ones to the priest. We commend to God all those who have departed before us, who are now awaiting the Last Judgment. This is an expression of the Churches love. We remember them because we love them.

3. February 23 : [Judgment \(Meat-fare\) Sunday](#) (Matt 25:31-46)

This Sunday emphasizes the Last Judgment. We are reminded of our individual responsibility for love. We are encouraged not to eat meat this week, but we can eat eggs, cheese and other dairy products.

4. March 2 : [Forgiveness \(Cheese-Fare\) Sunday](#) (Matt 6:14-21)

This Sunday emphasizes forgiveness and how we must forgive others if God is to forgive us so we can break the chains of sinful tendency which we inherit from the Adam and Eve. This is the last day of preparation as the traditional Lenten fast begins on the following day where no meat, dairy or eggs are to be eaten according to the church tradition.

5. March 3: **Great Lent Begins**

Great Lent is the period that the Church has in her wisdom set aside for us to intensify our own spiritual growth through fasting, prayer and worship. If you follow the Church guidelines on fasting, make time to attend the services and intensify your own prayer life, you will be rewarded with a greater closeness to God.



SAVE THE DATE - Spanakopita Assembly Saturday March 8 @ 11am

We will be assembling large pans of spanakopita on Saturday, March 8th in the church hall starting at approximately 11am, or following the end of the Saturday of Souls service scheduled that morning. I know everyone's schedules are busy, and your time is precious, but even if you can only spare an hour or two, please come by.

If you do come, we ask that you bring your own apron, a small bowl or saucepan to hold melted butter, and a pastry brush. This helps ensure we have enough equipment for all the workers.

Finally, if you can please let either Evelyn Panos (mamapan@aol.com), Theky Pappas (tedthekey@aol.com), or me (cindy.paliouras@gmail.com) know if you're able to come, so we'll have some idea of how many helpers to expect, that would be much appreciated. But even if you won't know until the last minute, please drop in... we're flexible, and we'll definitely put you to work!

Hope to see you on Saturday, March 8th!

Many thanks,
Cindy Paliouras cindy.paliouras@gmail.com
Theky Pappas tedthekey@aol.com
Evelyn Panos mamapan@aol.com

Cindy

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GREEK DANCE PROGRAM & REHEARSALS

Saturdays at 3 pm for the Older Children

And at 4 pm for the Younger Children

For the Saint Barbara Greek Festival

Dance Instructor and Coach:

Hrisavgi Mangum

For Information Email:

Hkondilis.mangum@gmail.com

GREEK SCHOOL PROGRAM



Also note, Greek School will be during this time on Saturdays, which will allow for the different age groups to attend both youth programs.

The Young Greek Group will be at 3 pm, and the Older Greek Group will be at 4 pm.

If you have questions regarding which group your child will be attending, feel free to text or Email Hrisavgi.

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