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News & Announcements
September 21, 2025

Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross
Κυριακή μετα την Υψωσιν



Apodosis of the Elevation of the Venerable and Life-Giving Cross 9/21/2025

Quadratus the Apostle 9/21/2025

Jonah the Prophet 9/21/2025

Isaakios & Meletios, Bishops of Cyprus 9/21/2025

Philoptochos Phanouropita Celebration

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

The Sunday Epistle Reading

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

Verse: To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20

Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

**Σῶσον, Κύριε τὸν λαὸν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου.
Στίχ. Πρὸς σέ, Κύριε, κεκράξομαι ὁ Θεός μου.**

Πρὸς Γαλάτας 2:16-20 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, εἰδότες ὅτι οὐ δικαιοῦται ἄνθρωπος ἐξ ἔργων νόμου, ἐὰν μὴ διὰ πίστεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, καὶ ἡμεῖς εἰς Χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν ἐπιστεῦσαμεν, ἵνα δικαιωθῶμεν ἐκ πίστεως Χριστοῦ, καὶ οὐκ ἐξ ἔργων νόμου· διότι οὐ δικαιωθήσεται ἐξ ἔργων νόμου πᾶσα σὰρξ. Εἰ δέ, ζητοῦντες δικαιωθῆναι ἐν Χριστῷ, εὐρέθημεν καὶ αὐτοὶ ἁμαρτωλοί, ἄρα Χριστὸς ἁμαρτίας διάκονος; Μὴ γένοιτο. Εἰ γὰρ ἂ κατέλυσα, ταῦτα πάλιν οἰκοδομῶ, παραβάτην ἑμαυτὸν συνίστημι. Ἐγὼ γὰρ διὰ νόμου νόμῳ ἀπέθανον, ἵνα θεῷ ζήσω. Χριστῷ συνεσταύρωμαι· ζῶ δέ, οὐκέτι ἐγώ, ζῇ δέ ἐν ἐμοὶ Χριστός· ὃ δὲ νῦν ζῶ ἐν σαρκί, ἐν πίστει ζῶ τῇ τοῦ υἱοῦ τοῦ θεοῦ, τοῦ ἀγαπήσαντός με καὶ παραδόντος ἑαυτὸν ὑπὲρ ἐμοῦ.

The Gospel According to Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Μάρκον 8:34-38, 9:1 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Εἴ τις θέλει ὀπίσω μου ἔλθεῖν, ἀπαρνησάσθω ἑαυτὸν καὶ ἀράτω τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἀκολουθείτω μοι. ὃς γὰρ ἂν θέλῃ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ σῶσαι, ἀπολέσει αὐτήν· ὃς δ' ἂν ἀπολέσῃ τὴν ἑαυτοῦ ψυχὴν ἕνεκεν ἐμοῦ καὶ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου, οὗτος σώσει αὐτήν. τί γὰρ ὠφελήσει ἄνθρωπον ἔαν κερδήσῃ τὸν κόσμον ὅλον, καὶ ζημιωθῇ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ; ἢ τί δώσει ἄνθρωπος ἀντάλλαγμα τῆς ψυχῆς αὐτοῦ; ὃς γὰρ ἔαν ἐπαισχυνθῇ με καὶ τοὺς ἐμοὺς λόγους ἐν τῇ γενεᾷ ταύτῃ τῇ μοιχαλίδι καὶ ἁμαρτωλῷ, καὶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπαισχυνθήσεται αὐτὸν ὅταν ἔλθῃ ἐν τῇ δόξῃ τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτοῦ μετὰ τῶν ἀγγέλων τῶν ἁγίων. Καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι εἰσὶ τινες τῶν ὧδε ἐστηκότων, οἵτινες οὐ μὴ γεύσωνται θανάτου ἕως ἂν ἴδωσι τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐληλυθυῖαν ἐν δυνάμει.



Today's Coffee Hour Host 9/21

Philoptochos

Today's Scheduled Narthex Greeters for 9/21

George Delas

Theky Pappas

Our Volunteer Chantors

Pete Marinos

Nicholas Georgiou

Our Volunteer Choir Directors

Panos Messis

Costa Constantinou

Our Volunteer Organist

Eleni Christakos



Saint Barbara Philoptochos is hosting its Annual Fanouropita Event Today.

Slices of Fanouropita will be available for a good will offering in the Social Hall.

All the donations will go towards charities supported by Philoptochos.

This event is given in honor of St. Phanourios, the patron saint who is called upon when one needs to find something that has been lost.

NATIONAL PHILOPTOCHOS 2025 COMMITMENTS:

January – St. Basil Academy & Youth/Young Adult Programs/Social Service Fund/Cancer & Other Major Illnesses
February – Saint Photios Shrine Fund
March – Orthodox Christian Missions Fund/Support a Priest Fund/Hellenic College Holy Cross
April – Sisterhood of St. Basil Academy Fund/Inter Orthodox Christian Charities
May/June – Eldercare/Orthodox Prison Ministry
Septemeber – Hellenic College Holy Cross Scholarship Fund/ Retireed Clergy/Widowed Presvyteres Benevolent Fund
October – National Philoptochos Emergency Fund
November – Ecumenical Patriarchate Fund/APC-NSP Benevolent Fund
December – United Nations International Childrens Emergency Fund/General Medical Fund

Hello my friends; I have great news!

This year, we are offering a Volunteer T-Shirt designed by our own Dimitri Glekas.

Any proceeds that come from this shirt will go to our [Roof Raisers fundraising effort](#). The more shirts that are purchased, the higher the profit per shirt.

This is available for order for a limited time....the shop closes on Sep 24.



\$20

Gildan Softstyle Jersey T-shirt

Unisex - Heather Royal

HERE IS THE LINK FOR YOU

TO PLACE YOUR ORDERS:

https://www.customink.com/fundraising/st-barbara-greek-orthodox-church?utm_campaign=desktop-campaign-page-share-v3&utm_content=st-barbara-greek-orthodox-church&utm_medium=social&utm_source=copy-link

Get your volunteer shirt today!



Proceeds all go to our Roof
Raisers fundraiser



Deadline to order is Sep 24

Designed by Altar Boy-
Dimitri Glekas

Come and Join Us

Scan this QR code or go to
tinyurl.com/46r5f2dw to volunteer for
the Taste of Greece 2025!



Don't hesitate; sign up today. There is a job for everyone!

Setup	Gyro Meat and Pita Cooking
Gyro Assembly	Food Prep
Cafeteria Line	Cashier
Taverna	Bakaliko
Pastry Prep	Pastry Sales
Cleanup	Floating
Questions? Reach out to Amy Glekas at asglekas@gmail.com or (765) 412-9077	

**WE NEED YOU
TO VOLUNTEER!**

SAVE THE DATE - Spanakopita Assembly Saturday October 25@ 10am

Inbox



Cindy Paliouras

SAVE THE DATE: Spanakopita Assembly

Saturday September October 25 @ 10am

A call for volunteers!! We will be assembling spanakopitas on the following dates:

- **Saturday October 25th @ 10am; assembly of small 8x8 pans of Spanakopita for Philoptochos Holiday Pastry Sale**

I know everyone's schedules are busy, and your time is valuable, but even if you can only spare an hour or two, please join us!

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!

We're so grateful for our wonderful church community, and we pray that with your continued efforts and support, God allows us all to come together to share our gifts with the greater community for many more years to come!

Many thanks,

Cindy Paliouras cindy.paliouras@gmail.com

Theky Pappas tedthekey@aol.com

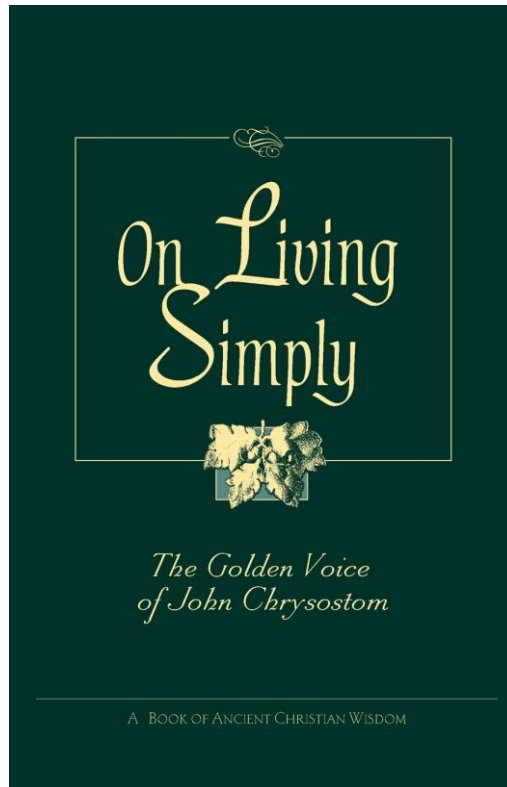
Evelyn Panos mamapan@aol.com



Seeking Donations for Attic Treasures Sale!

St. Barbara Church welcomes your donation of a variety of items, in excellent condition, for sale to the public at our, Attic Treasures Sale during our Taste of Greece, October 11 and October 12, 2025.

Are you moving, decluttering or no longer need or want objects of art, Greek themed items, crystal, silver, china, icons, jewelry, collectables, hand-made items, etc.? For easy drop off, special labeled boxes for your donations are available in the St. Barbara Storage Room. Please contact Evelyn Panos at mamapan@aol.com with questions. Donation receipts for tax purposes will be given upon request. Thank you for your “Attic Treasures” donations; 100% of the proceeds go to our church.



TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 23
AT 6:00 PM
SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

‘ON LIVING SIMPLY’

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For information Contact
Father Stavroforos by Email
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UNC-OCF FELLOWSHIP & MEETING THURSDAY OCTOBER 2ND AT 6:00 PM

**Panera Bread
213 Franklin Street
Chapel Hill, NC 27516
1-919-929-9189**

OUR WHY

OCF offers college students rich community in Christ, inspiring a life-long love of God and neighbor.

OUR MISSION

OCF transforms the lives of college students by guiding them along the path to Jesus Christ through His Church, cultivating a campus community of worship, witness, service, fellowship, and education.

OUR VISION

- to be the loving presence of Christ and the Orthodox Christian Church on college campuses
- to be an integral part of students' spiritual formation by challenging them to explore the Faith
- to inspire students to commit to living an Orthodox Christian way of life daily

Connecting College Students to their Faith

Our goal is to *actualize* the Orthodox Christian life in the hearts, minds, and souls of college students by facilitating unified campus ministry efforts—reaching Orthodox college students on campuses throughout North America. OCF's programs and partnerships offer an environment for students interested in deeper spiritual experiences. Most importantly, OCF continues to provide a home for students on college campuses across the continent



For our new parishioners that are thinking of
converting to Orthodoxy,
please provide an Email address to
fatherstavroforos2012@gmail.com
in order to receive an invitation to an upcoming
informative zoom meeting.



COPPPER ROOF COLOR SAMPLE

Dear Beloved Parish Family,

Our church has stood as a place of worship, celebration, and fellowship in its current location for over 16 years. It has sheltered our prayers, our festivals, our baptisms, and our weddings. But now, the very roof that has protected us is in urgent need of replacement.

This is not just about fixing shingles - it's about safeguarding our spiritual home so it can continue to welcome future generations.

To make this possible, we are inviting every family to join our **2025 Roof Roster**, a special list of people in our community, and beyond, whose contributions will directly help us put a new roof over our church. We've created giving levels inspired by the structure that shelters us:

\$250 – Tile

A single tile helps protect the whole roof. Every contribution adds strength to our church's shelter.

Πλακάκι — Ένα πλακάκι συμβάλλει στην προστασία όλης της στέγης.

\$500 – Beam

Beams support the weight of the roof - and your gift helps support the weight of this project.

Δοκάρι — Τα δοκάρια στηρίζουν το βάρος της στέγης, όπως η δωρεά σας στηρίζει αυτό το έργο.

\$1000 – Truss

Trusses hold everything together. Your generosity keeps our congregation united under one roof.

Ζευκτό — Τα ζευκτά συγκρατούν τα πάντα μαζί, όπως η γενναιοδωρία σας κρατά ενωμένη την ενορία μας.

\$2,500 – Pillar

Like the great columns of Greek history, your family's support is a strong foundation for our church's future.

Κίονας — Όπως οι μεγάλοι κίονες της ελληνικής ιστορίας, η στήριξή σας είναι θεμέλιο για το μέλλον της εκκλησίας μας.

\$5,000 – Golden Dome

A crowning contribution that shines, ensuring our parish stays safe and beautiful for generations.

Χρυσός Τρούλος — Μια κορυφαία προσφορά που λάμπει, διασφαλίζοντας ότι η ενορία μας θα παραμείνει ασφαλής και όμορφη για τις επόμενες γενιές.

Every gift - no matter the amount - brings us closer to our goal. Together, tile by tile, beam by beam, we can restore the roof and preserve the beauty, safety, and tradition of our parish for years to come.

Our goal is to raise **\$300,000** toward the cost of replacing the roof. We want the work to start this fall, so we are setting a deadline of Oct. 15.

This past Sunday, Aug. 24, Father Stavroforos and members of the Parish Council made their initial contributions to the fund.

Please prayerfully consider making your gift today. Contributions can be made [online](#) through our parish website, sent by mail, delivered by check to the church office, or in person after services. Questions? Reach out to Wes Platt (wes.platt@southpointaccess.news) or Amy Glekas (asglekas@gmail.com).

Thank you for your generosity, your love for our church, and your commitment to ensuring that we remain united under one strong roof!

With gratitude and blessings,

George Glekas

Parish Council President

Father Stravroforos

Parish Priest

GODPARENTS/GODCHILDREN INTEREST FORM

Are you looking to be baptized/chrismated into the Orthodox faith and are seeking a Godparent? Are you a proud member of the Church and would like to serve as a guide and support for others to enrich them in the faith? We are seeking to match potential Godchildren with Godparents, so these Catechumens can enjoy the richness of Orthodoxy! If you are interested, please Email fatherstavroforos2012@gmail.com.

If you Email me, it is because of one of two reasons:

- 1. You are looking to be baptized/chrismated into Holy Orthodoxy and you need to find a Godparent to help you on your journey through your spiritual life.**
- 2. You are looking to step up as a Godparent and help direct your Godchild in the richness of Orthodoxy.**

If either of these are true you have come to the right place! It is my hope to be able to match Godparents with perspective Godchildren.

Are you a perspective Godparent or Godchild?

- ☐ I am looking to be baptized/chrismated and I'm seeking a Godparent.**
- ☐ I am a baptized Orthodox Christian and I would like to be a Godparent.**

What is your name?

How old are you?

What is the best way to contact you?

- ☐ Email**
- ☐ Phone**
- ☐ Either/Both**

What is your contact info?

Godchild: How long have you been interested in Holy Orthodoxy?

Godparent: How long have you been an Orthodox Christian?

What are some of your favorite hobbies?

What attracts you to Orthodoxy?

What are you looking for in a Godparent/Godchild?

Is there anything else that we should know about you?