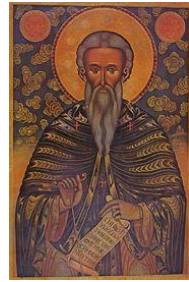




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News & Announcements
October 19, 2025

3rd Sunday of Luke
Κυριακή 3η Λουκά



Joel the Prophet 10/19/2025

Varys the Martyr 10/19/2025

John of Rilas 10/19/2025

Felix the Hieromartyr & Eusebius the Deacon 10/19/2025

John the Wonderworker of Kronstadt 10/19/2025

Frideswide of Oxford 10/19/2025

Youth Day at Holder Hill Farm
ΑΗΕΡΑ Meeting Today

Morning Matins 9:00 am

Morning Great Doxology starts at 9:45 am

Morning Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

The Sunday Epistle Reading

**The Lord is my strength and my song.
Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.**

**The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians
11:31-33; 12:1-9**

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands.

I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven -- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise --whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows -- and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

**Ἴσχύς μου καὶ ὕμνησίς μου ὁ Κύριος.
Στίχ. Παιδεύων ἐπαίδευσέ με ὁ Κύριος.**

Πρὸς Κορινθίους β' 11:31-33, 12:1-9 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, Ὁ θεὸς καὶ πατὴρ τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ οἶδεν, ὁ ὢν εὐλογητὸς εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας, ὅτι οὐ ψεύδομαι. Ἐν Δαμασκῷ ὁ ἐθνάρχης Ἀρέτα τοῦ βασιλέως ἐφρούρει τὴν Δαμασκηνῶν πόλιν, πιάσαι με θέλων· καὶ διὰ θυρίδος ἐν σαργάνῃ ἐχαλάσθην διὰ τοῦ τείχους καὶ ἐξέφυγον τὰς χεῖρας αὐτοῦ. Καυχᾶσθαι δὴ οὐ συμφέρει μοι· ἐλεύσομαι γὰρ εἰς ὀπτασίας καὶ ἀποκαλύψεις κυρίου. Οἶδα ἄνθρωπον ἐν Χριστῷ πρὸ ἐτῶν δεκατεσσάρων - εἴτε ἐν σῶματι οὐκ οἶδα· εἴτε ἐκτὸς τοῦ σώματος οὐκ οἶδα· ὁ θεὸς οἶδεν - ἄρπαγέντα τὸν τοιοῦτον ἕως τρίτου οὐρανοῦ. Καὶ οἶδα τὸν τοιοῦτον ἄνθρωπον - εἴτε ἐν σῶματι, εἴτε ἐκτὸς τοῦ σώματος, οὐκ οἶδα· ὁ θεὸς οἶδεν - ὅτι ἠρπάγη εἰς τὸν παράδεισον, καὶ ἤκουσεν ἄρρητα ῥήματα, ἃ οὐκ ἐξὸν ἀνθρώπῳ λαλήσαι. Ὑπὲρ τοῦ τοιούτου καυχῆσομαι· ὑπὲρ δὲ ἑμαυτοῦ οὐ καυχῆσομαι, εἰ μὴ ἐν ταῖς ἀσθενείαις μου· ἐὰν γὰρ θελήσω καυχῆσασθαι, οὐκ ἔσομαι ἄφρων· ἀλήθειαν γὰρ ἔρω· φεῖδομαι δὲ, μὴ τις εἰς ἐμὲ λογίσηται ὑπὲρ ὃ βλέπει με, ἢ ἀκούει τι ἐξ ἐμοῦ. Καὶ τῇ ὑπερβολῇ τῶν ἀποκαλύψεων ἵνα μὴ ὑπεραίρωμαι, ἐδόθη μοι σκόλοψ τῇ σαρκί, ἄγγελος Σατᾶν, ἵνα με κολαφίζῃ, ἵνα μὴ ὑπεραίρωμαι. Ὑπὲρ τούτου τρίς τὸν κύριον παρεκάλεσα ἵνα ἀποστῆ ἀπ' ἐμοῦ. Καὶ εἶρηκέν μοι, Ἀρκεῖ σοι ἡ χάρις μου· ἡ γὰρ δύναμις μου ἐν ἀσθενείᾳ τελειοῦται. Ἥδιστα οὖν μᾶλλον καυχῆσομαι ἐν ταῖς ἀσθενείαις μου, ἵνα ἐπισκηνώσῃ ἐπ' ἐμὲ ἡ δύναμις τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

The Gospel According to Luke 7:11-16

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 7:11-16 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐπορεύετο εἰς πόλιν καλουμένην Ναΐν· καὶ συνεπορεύοντο αὐτῷ οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ ἱκανοὶ καὶ ὄχλος πολὺς. ὡς δὲ ἤγγισε τῇ πύλῃ τῆς πόλεως, καὶ ἰδοὺ ἐξεκομίζετο τεθνηκῶς υἱὸς μονογενῆς τῇ μητρὶ αὐτοῦ, καὶ αὕτη ἦν χήρα, καὶ ὄχλος τῆς πόλεως ἱκανὸς ἦν σὺν αὐτῇ. καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὴν ὁ Κύριος ἐσπλαγχνίσθη ἐπ' αὐτῇ καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῇ· μὴ κλαῖε· καὶ προσελθὼν ἤψατο τῆς σοροῦ, οἱ δὲ βαστάζοντες ἔστησαν, καὶ εἶπε· νεανίσκε, σοὶ λέγω, ἐγέρθητι. καὶ ἀνεκάθισεν ὁ νεκρὸς καὶ ἤρξατο λαλεῖν, καὶ ἔδωκεν αὐτὸν τῇ μητρὶ αὐτοῦ. ἔλαβε δὲ φόβος πάντας καὶ ἐδόξαζον τὸν Θεόν, λέγοντες ὅτι προφήτης μέγας ἐγήγερται ἐν ἡμῖν, καὶ ὅτι ἐπεσκέψατο ὁ Θεὸς τὸν λαὸν αὐτοῦ.



Today's Coffee Hour Host 10/19

AHEPA Chapter #277

Today's Scheduled Narthex Greeters for 10/19

John Valakas

George Delas

Our Volunteer Chantors

Pete Marinos

Nicholas Georgiou

Our Volunteer Choir Directors

Panos Messis

Costa Constantinou

Our Volunteer Organist

Eleni Christakos



Hi St. Barbara Parents,

We warmly invite you and your families to join the St. Barbara Youth for a fun-filled field trip to [Holder Hill Farm](#), located at 4822 Holder Road, Durham, NC 27703 on Sunday, October 19th at 1:30 PM.

If you've already responded to a text message from Catherine Constantinou, there's no need to reply to this email. Since we don't have phone numbers for all parents, we're also reaching out by email to ensure everyone is included.

If you have not yet responded and would like to attend, please text Catherine at **919-270-8326** with your name and the number of attendees.

This is a youth program sponsored event so please make sure to RSVP by Friday, October 17th.

We hope to see you there!

Maria Easton



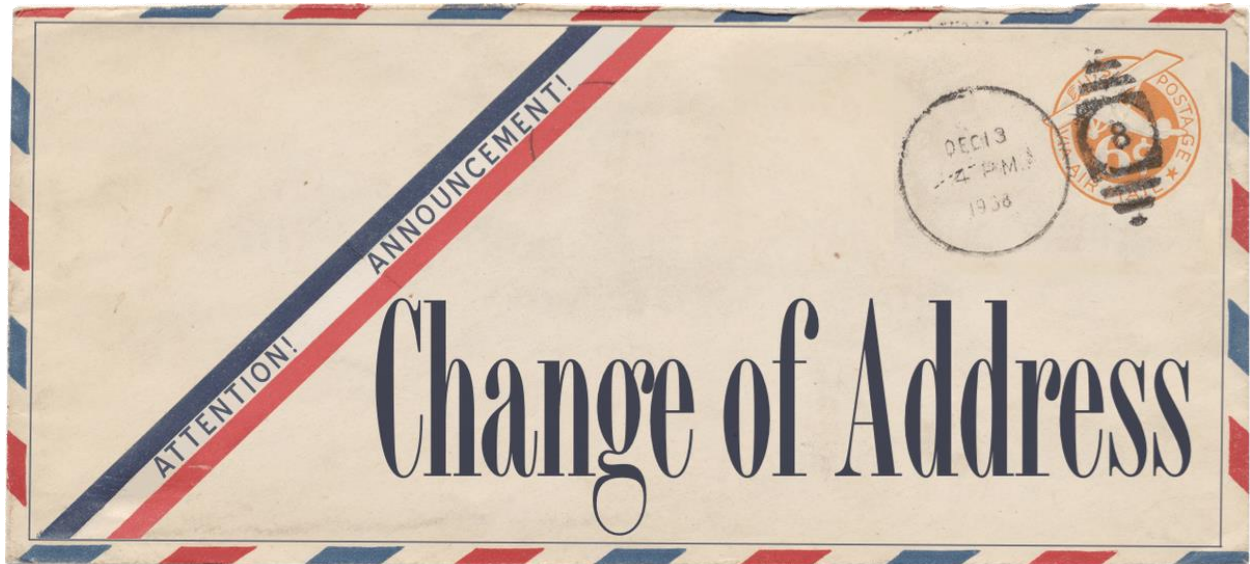
AMERICAN HELLENIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

Esteemed AHEPA brothers and friends of AHEPA

- 1) This coming Sunday - October 19 - is the third Sunday of the month and we are honored to host the coffee hour, following Liturgy. So please bring some salty or sweet snacks, that we could offer to our co-parishioners.
- 2) After we start the Coffee Hour, at an appropriate time, we shall withdraw to the Conference Room for an AHEPA MEETING. As always, we'll follow our AGENDA, to be sent later this week. Please try to attend this important meeting, as one of the items will be the election or re-election of our officers for 2025-2026 = President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary

With warmest fraternal regards,





To insure the proper forwarding
Of all Mail to Your Home
Please Make Sure that We Have
Your Current Address.

If you have moved within the Past
Year notify the

Stewardship Chair Theky Pappas

tedthekey@aol.com

or the Parish Council Treasurer John Valakas

jvalakas@earthlink.net

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

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATION FORMS 2025

Dear Stewards of Saint Barbara Church,

I am sending this to you on behalf of the 2025 Parish Council. Many of you may be considering running for the parish council, but may not be sure that you meet the requirements to put your name in for candidacy. As you can see we have three criteria for eligibility.

In reading the items below if you are not certain whether or not you have met the criteria please feel free to contact those who can provide you with definite answers.

If you have a question in regards to stewardship contact Theky Pappas tedthekey@aol.com and for financial eligibility contact treasurer John Valakas jvalakas@earthlink.net

If you have questions in regards to your ecclesiastical eligibility contact Fr. Stavroforos by e-mail fatherstavroforos2012@gmail.com

If you have any questions in regards to the election process, please contact the head of the election committee Cindy Paliouras cindy.paliouras@gmail.com

You can put your name in nomination by e-mailing the following form to Cindy Paliouras cindy.paliouras@gmail.com

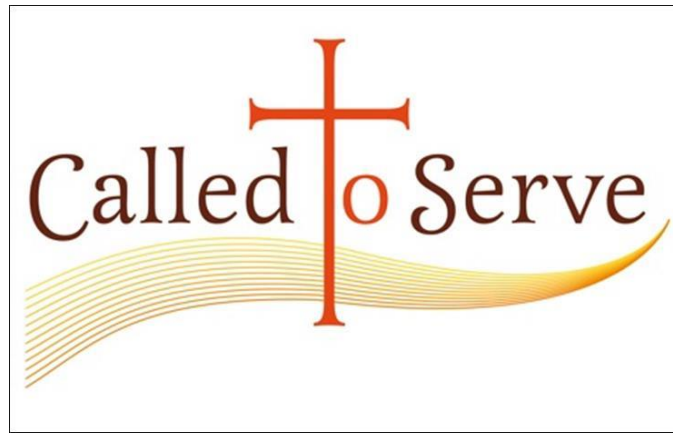
What constitutes one's eligibility to run for the Parish Council and to have voting privileges?

- **Stewardship Eligibility**
- A candidate for the Parish Council must be a parishioner in good standing of the Parish for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the date of the election and must live his or her life in accordance with the Faith and Canons of the Church. The Priest determines whether the Parishioners are in canonical and financial good standing as specified below. (UPR Article 25 Section 2)
- **Ecclesiastical Eligibility:**
 1. Every person who is baptized and chrismated according to the rites of the Orthodox Church is a parishioner. The religious, moral and social duties of a parishioner are to apply the tenets of the Orthodox Faith to his/her life and to: adhere to and to live according to the tenets of the Orthodox faith; faithfully attend the Divine Liturgy and other worship services; participate regularly in the holy sacraments; respect all ecclesiastical authority and all governing bodies of the Church; be obedient in matters of the Faith, practice and ecclesiastical order; contribute towards the progress of the Church's sacred mission; and be an effective witness of the Orthodox Faith and Traditions to all people. (UPR Article 18 Section 1)

2. No persons may marry more than three times in the Church, with permission for a third marriage granted only with extreme oikonomia. (Archdiocese Pastoral Guidelines)
3. In cases involving the marriage of Orthodox and non-Orthodox Christians, the latter must have been baptized in water, in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. The Church cannot bless the marriage of an Orthodox Christian to a non-Christian. (Archdiocese Pastoral Guidelines)
4. A person who belongs to a parish under the jurisdiction of a bishop who is not in communion with the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, or who, if married has not had his or her marriage blessed by the Orthodox Church, or, if divorced, has not received an ecclesiastical divorce, is not ecclesiastically in good standing with the Church. However, this condition need not remain permanent. Please make an effort to speak with Fr. Stavroforos in order to be able to seek his advice and counsel so that you can once again work towards being in good standing with the Church. (Archdiocese Pastoral Guidelines)
A baptized or Chrismated Orthodox Christian whose wedding has not been blessed by the Orthodox Church is no longer in good standing with the Church, and may not receive the Sacraments of the Church, including Holy Communion, or become a Sponsor of an Orthodox Marriage, Baptism or Chrismation. (Archdiocese Pastoral Guidelines)
5. Attendance at a **seminar** for parish council candidates will be held on a date and location to be determined by our Metropolis North East Conference Committee.
6. Nominations and name submission for candidacy will close at the conclusion of the **General Assembly** which is to be scheduled for a Sunday in November 2, 2025 immediately following church.
7. The date of the **Elections** will be held during a Sunday in December 2025 after Church Services.
8. Additionally, all current and future Parish Council Members you are required to pass the background check required of all Clergy, Youth Workers & Volunteers. Therefore, please click the link here, to begin the process of your background check. youthsafetyplatform.goarch.org or contact Tina Crowel tcrowell@virtus.org

+ *Father Stavroforos*

<p>Name of Candidate:</p> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 5px 0;"/>
<p>Address of Candidate:</p> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 5px 0;"/>
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<p>phone: <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; width: 80%; margin: 5px 0;"/></p>
<p>I have been a steward of St. Barbara since:</p> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 5px 0;"/>
<p>I will attend a seminar since I am a candidate for the parish council:</p>



**SAVE THE DATE:
NOTICE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2ND, 2025**

There will be a General Assembly on November 2, 2025. The General Assembly will begin immediately after the Divine Liturgy. The agenda for the meeting will include:

- Preliminary Financial Report for 2025
- Proposed Operations Fund and Mortgage Fund budgets for 2026
- Current Status of the Procurement of a New Roof
- Any other items community members may wish to raise
- General remarks by Father Stavroforos
- Candidates for the 2026-2027 Parish Council will be declared
- Nominations for the 2026-2027 Parish Council will be officially closed.

A TASTE OF GREECE



Fabulous Greek Food & Desserts

Take-Out or Tented Dining

Free Admission - Rain or Shine

Greek Market, Jewelry, Crafts & Silent Auction

Portion of proceeds to benefit Ukrainian relief

Daniel Przybyl

I know everyone is very anxious to know how we did. However, I won't have reliable number until I make the bank deposit tomorrow and have time to download all of the sales transactions, sort out cash from credit sales and add stuff up (the issue is that we don't consistently record cash sales in PayPal. If we did, figuring out this stuff would be 90% less effort and much more reliable numbers.)

But, very preliminary numbers and how they compare to previous years Taste of Greece:

2025: \$65,700

2024: \$63,400

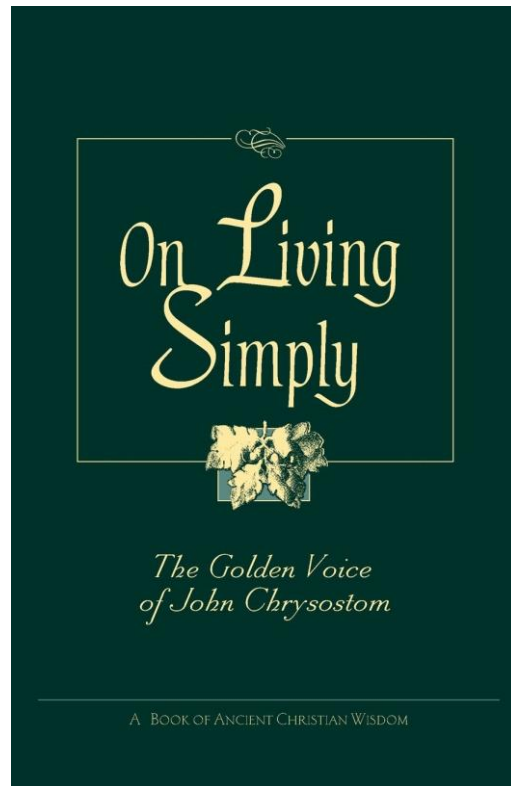
2023: \$89,700

2022: \$64,400

So the Taste of Greece numbers, except for 2023 when we struck gold, have been pretty consistent since we started. BACK in 2021 we just did a gyros-to-go event coming out of COVID.

I just made the cash deposit and it looks like our gross is \$67,624, an increase of 6.6% from the previous year.

Thank you,
Daniel



TUESDAY OCTOBER 21

AT 6:00 PM

SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

'ON LIVING SIMPLY'

Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church

8306 NC HWY 751

Durham, NC 27713

919-484-1600

**For information Contact
Father Stavroforos by Email
fatherstavroforos2012@gmail.com**



**UNC-OCF FELLOWSHIP & MEETING
TUESDAY OCTOBER 28TH AT 6:30 PM**

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

O U R W H Y

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

O U R M I S S I O N

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.

O U R V I S I O N

- 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.



COPPER 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 Stavroforos

Parish Priest

Roof Drive Roster to Date

<u>Level</u>	<u>Number of Donors</u>
Tile - \$250+	1
Beam - \$500+	3
Truss - \$1,000+	5
Pillar - \$2,500+	6
Golden Dome - \$5,000	25
Other – less than \$250	5

Total Funds raised as of

October 15, 2025

\$262,000

Percentage of Goal

87%

GODPARENTS/GODCHILDREN INTEREST FORM

Are you looking to be baptized/chrisdated 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 Catehumans 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/chrisdated 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/chrisdated 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?