The Illuminator

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Feast Days

St. Kyriaki ~ July 7th
St. Marina ~ July 17th
Holy Prophet Elias ~ July 20th
St. Mary Magdalene ~ July 22nd
St. Markella ~ July 22nd
Dormition of St. Anna ~ July 25th
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Dormition of the Theotokos ~ Aug. 15th
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DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS
AUGUST 15TH

39th Annual St. Nicholas Portsmouth Greek Festival
July 17, 18, 19 2015
Portsmouthgreekfestival.com
Imagine that you have worked your entire life to grow your family business, up to the point that you have, with great labor, paid off all of your debts, put up a great amount of savings, built a business to the point that it is worth in excess of five hundred thousand dollars—over half a million dollars—and you still figure that you have many years to go, and that with additional work, you’re going to have several million dollars in this business and you’re going to be set for life.

And then, some very strange, crazy guy moves in down the street from you. And you don’t like him at all, and he doesn’t like you, and he’s mean to you, he’s rude, he’s profane, he threatens you, he threatens your family, and even threatens customers that are coming and trying to purchase things from you at your business, and so your business dives a little bit. And after putting up with this for a couple of years, one day you get this knock at the door.

And this good doctor says, “I have some wonderful news. You know that guy that lives down the street here? He’s sick. He has some serious problems, and I have access to the technology, the medical technology that is going to make him well. Now, it’s going to take some expensive surgery. It’s going to take some expensive medications, and some expensive therapy on top of that. But, for about half a million dollars, we can get this guy healed. We can take care of this guy. He will be in his right mind, and he will treat you right. And if you do this for him, he’s possibly going to be so grateful that he’ll even come to Christ; he may even become a Christian.”

How many people would respond well to such a request? How well would you respond to such a request? You see, it’d be one thing if he was only asking for ten percent of everything that you own, but even that would be tough, because we’re still talking fifty thousand dollars. It would be one thing if he was talking about somebody you cared about, somebody you loved. I mean, if it was your own child, well, sure. There are many people who would give every penny they had to save one of their own children. But this guy?

It’s a question of priorities, isn’t it? But what does that have to do with our Gospel reading today? You see, in our modern economy, where a lot of people have jobs that you go to for a regular paycheck, I think it’s easy to miss the full impact of what we read today in the Gospel. There are these demon-possessed men that live in this area near this cemetery. And a ways from them, there are these guys who have this business, raising pigs. And Scripture tells us there are over two thousand of them. That’s a lot of money. These guys are pig farmers. That’s their business. And I’ve tried to figure out in today’s dollars, in America, what would it be worth to have a business where you own two thousand pigs. Well, if even a decent number of them are show pigs, we could literally have several million dollars worth of pigs here. But let’s say these are just run-of-the-mill pigs—pigs for barbecuing. Well, even if each pig, on average, was worth two hundred fifty dollars—some more, some less—but if each one is only worth two hundred fifty dollars, right there you have five hundred thousand dollars worth of pork. Half a million dollars.

You see, it’s never so simple as just asking the question, “Do you want somebody to be healed? Do you want somebody to be taken care of?” Well, of course we do. We all do. How many times have you heard about some relative that had some major issues, and say, “Well, I really hope the Lord blesses them”? You see something bad happen on TV and you say, “Man, that’s horrible. Somebody—somebody oughtta do something about that. But not this somebody. Do you realize how much it would cost me to help that—somebody else needs to pay for that. Surely they’ve got family. Surely there’s a government program that can help them, but I really do pray that they’re warm and filled and blessed.”

We want good things to happen, but we don’t want it if it’s going to cost us significantly. But there are many of us who would consider ourselves generous. We say, “Well, I give a few percent to charity and from time to time I help out my neighbor. I do this; I do that. I help them change out a tire; I donate a little bit of food.” But do you love your neighbor so much that you would literally sacrifice your entire family business, even if it were worth a half million dollars, and go back to square one, because in your mind, this human being is so important, this human being is created in the image of God? They’re so important that they’re worth more than all your money. They’re worth more than all your business. Would you sacrifice your career? Would you sacrifice everything you own to help another human being?

You see, Jesus could have left those demons in those guys in the cemetery. And then you’d just have a couple of guys, tormented, eventually dead, probably end up in hell. Jesus could have done that; he could have protected that family’s business. Those pigs wouldn’t have gotten killed. That half-million dollar investment would have still been intact. But these two men would have remained demon-possessed. They would have remained tormented. They would have remained sick.

And so, what is more important: your fellow man, or your business? Your fellow man or your bank account? Your neighbor, or your money? Now, of course, we all want to say “both/and”. “I want to take care of my neighbor and I want . . . .” But what if you’re made to make a choice? What if you’re forced to make a choice? Which one is more important? I think that’s the first thing God wants us to ask when we look at this passage: “Is it more important to us to protect our stuff, our talents, our investments, money, our things, or is it more important to us—even if it costs us dearly—to see that our brother and our sister are healed, that they’re in their right minds, that their needs are taken care of, and that they get to meet Christ with a clear head and a clear heart?”

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Greetings One and All,

Looks like summer is in full swing, the kids are out of school, now one is still shoveling snow, and our annual Festival is just around the corner.

By now most of you have hopefully received Alyson Baryiames's e-mail asking for volunteers to help at the Festival.

Anyone familiar with our Church budget knows how important this Festival is to us. We do a lot. Please consider the following: Annual sales for this event is over $115,000.00; but, these sales are conducted in two and one half days. If this Festival was a business, a restaurant for instance, operating on a year round basis, annualized sales would be over $16,000,000.00. That would make it the largest single location restaurant operating in all of northern New England, and among the top five in all six of the New England states. In Wall Street terms, we surpass the threshold that defines us as "Big Business"....And it is all conducted by a little 160 member (Stewards) church in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. This is HUGE by any standards.

So if you have the time even for a few hours please sign up with Alyson. You will not need to worry about ability or knowledge because there is nothing that you will be asked to do that we have not already done. What I also promise is a great group of people to work with, no time to look at the clock, the spontaneous laughter caused by customer questions like "Hey what kind of meat is in the pork souvlaki?"; and lastly, the feeling that we all get working hard at something a little bigger than ourselves.

I hope to you see all with aprons on. I know that we need the help, and that you will have a good time.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

All my best,
Arthur Kyricos
President, Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
Birthdays

John Petrovitsis   July 1st
Tom Frangos        July 2nd
Spiro Anastos     July 3rd
Kristina Kamakas  July 3rd
Cathy Stathopoulos July 6th
Alexis Pappas     July 7th
Frances Mouflouze July 11th
Stephanie Kamakas July 12th
Hilde Kamakas      July 14th
James Leggett      July 16th
Ted Alex           July 20th
Nicholas Burbank   July 22nd
Alexandra Kamakas  July 23rd
Karen Root         July 23rd
Nicholas Samonas   July 25th
Kathryn Samonas    July 25th
Tommy George       July 29th
Gregory Filias     July 30th
Frances Frangos   July 30th
George Makris      July 31st
Katie Leahy        August 2nd
Peggy Zola         August 2nd
Matthew Pappas     August 4th
Ana Iordanou      August 5th
Justin Petrovitsis August 6th
Stephen Lilakos   August 7th
Krystin Vasile    August 8th
Stephanie Frangos August 9th
Kostas Birmbas    August 13th
Alexandra Sarhanis August 14th
Gregory Walker    August 17th
Spiro Davis       August 21st
Susan Petroulis   August 22nd
Andrew Samonas    August 22nd
John Marinos      August 25th
Doreen Athans     August 30th

Summer Anniversaries

Bill & Peggy Naumes    July 5 (45 yrs)
Bob & Diedi Holt       July 8 (59 yrs)
Peter & Olga Fotinos   July 15 (36 yrs)
Stan and Pam Chamallas July 16 (37 yrs)
Dennis & Aleka Munroe  July 28 (26 yrs)

Christos & Debra Sarhanis August 16 (28 yrs)
Dean & Nikki Savramis  August 17 (13 yrs)
John & Bess Jack       August 18 (51 yrs)
Nick & Dale Genimatas  August 21 (38 yrs)
Brett & Peggy Zola     August 22 (17 yrs)
John & Marie Burbank   August 31 (23 yrs)

Kids’ Birthdays

Alexander Leggett    July 1st (18 yrs)
Mercedes Johnson    July 7th (13 yrs)
Michael Samonas     July 9th (18 yrs)
Madison Gakopoulos  July 13th (12 yrs)
Nicole Genimatas    July 16th (16 yrs)
Hannah Raizes       July 25th (14 yrs)
Alethia Batchelder  August 3 (12 yrs)
Dimitri Minichello  August 3 (14 yrs)
Jan Magnus Johnson  August 11 (14 yrs)
Elena Batchelder    August 13 (4 yrs)
Nicholas Minichello August 13 (15 yrs)
Olivia Pappas       August 14 (11 yrs)
Delmy Munroe        August 15 (17 yrs)
Hannah Panteleos    August 22 (16 yrs)
Sophie Lyras        August 26 (13 yrs)
Thomas Lazos        August 29 (12 yrs)
Emilija Miletkova   August 30 (3 yrs)
Mary Gilman         August 31 (10 yrs)

Baptism

Dimitrios, son of Richard and Faith Ann (Titus) Mercer
June 20, 2015   Godmother: Kara Titus

Memorials

Jim Adams—June 14, 2015—1 year
Victims in Charleston, SC shooting—June 21, 2015

If you would like to include your birthday or anniversary or other milestones, or those of family members, on our monthly lists, please contact Bess Jack at 207-363-5087. or leave a note in the Church office. Thank you!

Swearing-in of the Philoptochos Board

June 21st
In last month's Illuminator we asked to hear from you, on what motivates and inspires you to share your time, talent and treasure, and we are grateful to have received the following from Greg and Amanda Hasevlat:

Since joining the St. Nicholas parish in early 2014, our family has been warmly welcomed as new members of the community. Through our common bond, we have made new friends, reconnected with old friends and participated in activities that are important to an Orthodox Christian life.

At this time last year, my wife was confirmed as a member of the Orthodox Church, and next month our daughter, Sophia, will be baptized at St. Nicholas. I grew up as a member of an Orthodox Church in Manchester. To us, St. Nicholas is a sanctuary for worship and fellowship, which is why we believe that our stewardship pledge is so important. In addition to supporting our parish financially, stewardship is also an expression of our family’s faith.

On the stewardship pledge cards, there is a quote: “A rich man is not one who has much, but one who gives much. For what he gives away remains his forever.” The value of our family's time and money is not time and money itself, but rather, the value is what we choose to do with these gifts.

Please join us in supporting St. Nicholas with a stewardship pledge!

-The Hasevlat Family

Thank you Greg and Amanda for your beautiful words spoken from the heart!
We would love to hear from more of you – please feel free to use the below form and email to stnick-port@gmail.com or tristarint@netscape.net

I pledge my time, my talent and other assistance to St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church because:
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YES ___    I give my permission to have my comments published in the Illuminator.
NO   ___    I give my permission to have my comments published in the Illuminator.

If you would like become a steward by making a pledge to your parish, please contact: Vassili Pamboukes at: (603) 765-9508, to receive a pledge card.

If you should have any questions on the status of your pledge, or amount paid, please contact: John Jack at: (207) 363-5087, jjack26@maine.rr.com

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Ministries

As I reflect upon my last entry into the Illuminator as President I cannot help but think of all of the wonderful women who have helped me and supported me over the last four years. We've done some great things. It has been a pleasure working with all of you!

We'd like to congratulate our Cosmas and Damianos scholarship winners: Nicholas Damianos, Stephen Damianos, Hannah Panteleos and Cyrus Warren: best of luck to all of you as you continue your education.

The Board met last week after being sworn in and the new officers are as follows: Pam Pappas-Clarkin President, Crystal Kyricos Vice-President, Kristina Goumas Recording Secretary, Peggy Naumes Corresponding Secretary, Kathleen VanCantfort Treasurer and Bess Jack Assistant Treasurer. I will be the Advisor to the Board. I warmly congratulate this group of women who have stepped forward to take on a leadership role in the Philoptochos and I look forward to working with you all. The transition to the new officers will take place after we have our ratification for Nationals at some point over the summer.

Speaking of summer, the festival will soon be upon us. Thanks to Pam and Hilde, the baking has been progressing well and will be finished by the second week of July. If you have not yet signed up to work the festival, please do, many spots in all areas are available. Looking ahead to September, Pam will arrange our Fall kick-off meeting, yet two dates have been determined for other events. The first is Wednesday, September 9th for the American Red Cross Blood Drive and the second is Sunday, September 20th for our fundraising luncheon after Liturgy. Details on both of these events to follow, please save the dates and help out if you can.

Take care and enjoy your summer. See you all at the festival!!!!

Salvation Army Soup Kitchen

It was a rainy night in Portsmouth on Monday, June 15, when the Salvation Army opened its doors to the Seacoast community for a free, warm meal. For some, this would be their second meal of the day, but for a few, it was their first. That night, Aleka Munroe, Styliani Munroe, Bob Dennis and his crate of fresh bananas, Shirley Russ, and Connie Kottaras, Greg Hasevlat and Melissa Bouzianis, ministry leaders, were busy warming the food and setting up the buffet as diners waited patiently in the hall. With little salad dressing in the refrigerator, Aleka whipped up a delicious Russian salad dressing from ingredients she found in the refrigerator. At 5 pm, the doors opened and the volunteers greeted all 32 diners with a smile and a delicious, warm meal. Many stayed for seconds. Most took a banana for the road - thanks to Bob! All gave thanks to the volunteers for serving them. Then they headed back out into the rain.

The summer months typically see an increase in the number of people stopping by for a free, hot dinner. Come join the Salvation Army Ministry. You are sure to get more than you give! For more information, contact Melissa Bouzianis at 603.964.8060.

Choir

Being part of the choir is a powerful way to worship! One of our young adults, a member of the choir for the last three years, wrote the following essay as part of a scholarship application.

“The words I sing were written over fifteen centuries ago. Every Sunday, each feast day, and on holidays I sing in both Greek and English with the choir at my Greek Orthodox church. As one of three teenagers in our choir, I am honored to contribute and offer my voice to the community, in prayer and in thanks to God.

“Singing the ancient hymns of my religion connects me with the history of the Church. The Greek I read and sing is the Greek of 2,000 years ago, the language of the Bible. The messages of love, repentance, and forgiveness were composed by the likes of Emperor Justinian and St. John of Damascus. The Byzantine liturgy is, well, Byzantine but I have mastered it. Along the way I have learned some interesting music theory concepts as well.

“My voice is rarely a solo. I have learned to listen to the other singers, to beautifully blend together, as the hymnographer writes, to represent the heavenly host.”

Nicholas Damianos

My Big Fat Greek Rummage Sale Thank You!

From baking Greek pastries, to donating items to sell, to helping in advertising, to helping in setting up and/or cleaning up, to helping in sales on the day of the sale....the list of what you did is long and so instrumental to this sale going off every year so successfully. Over 30 families donated items and the Jarvis Center was filled to the brim of items for sale. It was a success again this year and we thank all who participated. Extra thanks to Jumpin' Jack's Java for the donation of coffee, iced coffee and donuts for the sale! Everyone look ahead to next year and plan for an extra special rummage sale-our tenth year!!! Let's make it the biggest yet!!!!
FESTIVAL – 2015

It’s less than three (3) weeks away for the 39th Greek Festival. The last of the pastries will be prepared and baked on Monday evening July 6th and all day Tuesday July 7th the bakalava. This was a major hit last year and we will be increasing our product by 20% this year. A special thanks to all those that have helped with the baking and assembly of all our homemade food and pastries this year.

If you have not read your email or do not have email Alyson Baryiames has been coordinating our scheduling online this year with volunteer spot. So if you would like to volunteer for a few hours, contact Alyson at 603-828-8285 or abaryiames@gmail.com.

The tent will be going up sometime around July 8th, once they are up we will be starting the facilities work to get everything in order for the event. So any evening starting the week of July 12th, stop by and we will have things that need to be done.

We have fliers available at the church to get put up in your local grocery stores, etc. or if you want an electronic version to print and distribute, email me at greekfestivalporstmouth@gmail.com.

Look forward to great weather, a packed house and many volunteers.

Richard Rizza
Festival Chairperson

Genimatas Family Scholarship

The Genimatas family was pleased to award this year's Grace Genimatas Memorial Sunday School Scholarship to Hannah Panteleos. Hannah has been involved in the Sunday School program for 13 years starting at the age of 5. She has been an assistant teacher for the past 4 years helping with the 1&2nd grades as well as this year assisting her Mother, Ann in the Kindergarten class. Hannah has been an active member of the Church and always helping with the festival and rummage sale. She will be attending Stonehill College in Easton Ma. and will be majoring in Criminology. We wish her the best and hope that she returns as a Sunday School teacher in the future!

College Connectors Honors Graduates

Mckenzie Cathcart, daughter of Jeff and Keri Cathcart, and granddaughter of Bev & Jim Genimatas received her degree in psychology with a concentration in counselling and a minor in sociology from St Joseph’s College in Standish Maine. While at school Mckenzie worked in the bookstore and was part of the first group of seniors to be part of an internship program which helped to build solid connections within the community for future psychology majors. Mckenzie is employed at Woodward’s Family Services as a certified behavioral health professional specializing in in home support. She is currently working with 2 autistic children to help provide them with the skills and support they need to function in everyday life.

Matthew Bouzianis, son of Jim and Melissa Bouzianis of North Hampton, is graduating in December from McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Matt will receive a Bachelor of Arts degree from the Faculty of Arts in History, with a minor in Education. While studying at McGill, Matt has been a two sport athlete, competing in Varsity Lacrosse and Track and Field. His lacrosse team won the Canadian National Championship in 2013 and has been in the finals every year since 2011. Matt has competed in the shot put for the McGill Track and Field Team, reaching the Quebec regional finals last year. This summer Matt is coaching a youth lacrosse league at the Westmount Lynx and after Graduation, he is deciding between a career in education and coaching or a career in business.
(Fr. Bob’s column, continued from p. 2)

The second thing I think we should notice when we look at this passage from the Gospels, is that sometimes evil cannot be neutralized; it can only be relocated. Now, this is a concept I’m not sure we think about that often, because we know that in our hearts, if it’s just up to me, if I’m being wicked, I could repent, and then my heart that was wicked is not wicked anymore. It’s like you have this dark closet, it’s jet black in there, and then you just open the door, and the light shines in. Well, where did all that darkness go? Well, it didn’t go anywhere. It’s just gone. The light has replaced the darkness, but evil does not always work that way.

You see, in this case, it wasn’t just these men being wicked, just these men needing to repent, but they were full of demons. They were demon-possessed. And by the way, I believe demon possession still happens today. This isn’t something that just happened thousands of years ago. This is not just a fairy tale. There really are angels, there really are demons. There really is a God. If you don’t believe in supernatural beings, then you’re in the wrong place.

These demons had to go somewhere. They were in these guys. And so, Jesus was not just doing one thing; He was doing two things. One thing that He was doing is releasing these guys from the hold of these demons. That’s the positive side. But the flip side of that, the second thing that Jesus was doing was unleashing a whole legion of demons out on the world. By healing these men, Jesus is unleashing Pandora’s box. And this family’s business that would not have been attacked, that would not have been in danger, is now decimated. These demons enter these pigs. The pigs commit suicide, violently running off this cliff and heading down to their deaths. And there’s financial ruin that hits this family. And maybe that makes just a little bit more sense of the sad last verse of this passage that we read today.

It says that the owners of that business, the owners of those pigs, went into town and told the people everything that Jesus had done. Told them about how He had freed those guys from demon possession. Told them about how all of their pigs had just gone off to their deaths. And then the people from the town came up and they begged Jesus to leave. Jesus saves two souls from demon possession, saves them from death, but causes a huge financial impact on the community, and they ask Jesus to get lost.

Remember the rich young ruler? He had carefully kept the commandments since he was young. He worshiped faithfully and religiously, and he came and talked to Christ, and asked what would be necessary for him to be perfect, for him to be fully in alignment with God’s will, and Jesus said, “In your case, you need to sell everything that you own—every penny, and give it all to the poor, and then you will have riches in heaven, and then come, follow Me.” And the moment Jesus stepped on his bank account, that rich young ruler turned his back on Christ, and departed in great sorrow, for he was very wealthy and owned many things. He loved Christ, but he loved his money more.

Now think about how this story in the Gospels might have gone down. What if Jesus had just healed these two guys, cast the demons out . . . and that’s it? Nothing bad happens to the pigs. If Jesus had just come into town and healed these two guys, do you think the people would have asked Jesus to leave? No. The people were not angry that Jesus had healed these two men and had freed them from demon possession. These people were angry because they loved their pigs more than they loved men. They thought their careers and their businesses and their bank accounts were more important than their fellow man. And sometimes, we find that this relocation of evil—the demons jumping out of here and jumping over here—is exactly how it happens in our own lives.

Have you ever noticed that there may be three or four areas of your life that are basically at peace, as far as you can tell? But over here, this one section of your life, where you know that you have been under the devil’s thumb, you finally start to rebel against the devil so that you can honor God and obey God and you pray and you fast, and you work hard at cleaning up that area of your life and repenting, and the devil starts attacking you on these other areas that you weren’t even having a problem with? It’s like playing spiritual “Whack-A-Mole”. You knock one down, and another one just pops up, and you whack that one down and another one pops up. You ever experience this? Sometimes it seems like evil doesn’t go away; it just relocates. You put up a spiritual front here, and you repent, so the devil comes around the back and he attacks you from there. And so you put up a defense here and you repent, and the devil attacks you here.

This world is, however, meant to be a test of your priorities. You see, if every person on earth had a billion dollars, a full refrigerator, and perfect health, we would never get to find out what true love and generosity look like, because there would be no need to sacrifice. There would be no need for compassion. There would be no need for generosity. Some of the people I have met who have the greatest spiritual poverty are those who have the most riches—the biggest bank accounts—the most successful in their businesses. Some of these people are the ones that I have difficulty finding out how to really evangelize them, because other than their spiritual needs, I can’t find any needs to meet. And often it’s through meeting people’s needs that you finally touch their hearts, and then they become interested in Christ.

God wants to test our priorities. He wants us to find out for ourselves what our priorities are. Because as long as you can do both—as long as you can build your family business, as long as you can build your bank account tall, and help everybody just as much as they need it, and there’s no strain put on you anywhere, you don’t know what your priorities are. But the moment a conflict comes up, the moment you have an opportunity to help somebody but helping that person would cost you, either time from your business, or money out of your pocket—once there is a tension there, and a choice that has to be made, you decide, “Do I love my fellow man more because he was created in the image of God, or do I love my pigs more? Because, literally, they bring home the bacon. Where is my allegiance? Where is my love?” Jesus said you cannot serve both God and money. You have to make a choice. Amen.
Stewardship Families—June 2015—OLD

MRS DOROTHY ADAMS
M/M JAMES M. ADAMS
MR SPIRO ANASTOS
MS HELENE ANTOKAKIS
REV/M ROBERT ARCHON
MR ODYSSEAS ATHANASIOTOU
MS DOREEN ATHANS
MRS KATINA ATHANS
M/WILLIAM BARR
M/M GEORGE BARYAMES
MRS MAGDELENE BASHIOS
M/M JOHN BIRMBAAS
M/NICHOLAS BIRMBAAS
M/HARALAMBO BONIAS
MS CONSTANCE BOSSEN
M/KEMON BOSSEN
M/M EMOS BOSEN
M/M JOHN BOJOUKOS
M/M DIONISIOS BOUZIANIS
M/M JAMES BOUZIANIS
M/M CHARLES BREWSTER
M/M DENNIS BROWN
M/M JOHN BURBANK
MS LINDA CARSON
MRS LEE CHRISTIAN
M/M MICHAEL CLARKIN
M/DAVIO COPELAND
MRS KATHLEEN CORREIA
MR VIOREL COSTEA
M/M MICHAEL CLARKIN
M/M DAVID COPELAND
M/M JOHN BURKAS
MS KATHLEEN CORREIA
M/RON BAISDEN & MS KRISTINA
GOUHAS
M/M JOSEPH GUARACINO
M/M GREG HASEVLAT
M/M EDWARD HINSON
M/M ROBERT HOLT
M/M PATRICK HOTALING
MRS IRO IORDANOU
M/M THANASI IORDANOU
M/M JOHN JACK
M/M MARK JAMES
MR PETER KACHAVOD & MS SHAUVA
NORRIS
M/M PAUL KAMAKAS
MS KAREN KAPELOS
M/TED KARAHALIOS
M/M PETER KARALEKAS
M/M RICHARD KENT
MRS ASPASIA KITSOS
MRS CONSTANCE KOTTARAS
M/M GHASSAN KOUSMA
M/M ARTHUR KYRICOS
M/M CHRIS LAGANIS
M/M DEMETRIUS LALOS
DR/M SPIROS LAZOS
MR JAMES LILAKOS
MS KAREN LILAKOS
MR KEVIN LILAKOS
M/M GENE LYRAS
M/M JAMES MAHERAS
M/M MIKE MANGAN
MR TERRY MARINOS
M/M DAVID MIKOLAITEES
M/M MIHAIL MILETKOV
MS STAMATIA MINIMAS
DR PETER MOCKLIS & DR MARCY
SCHULTENOVERT
M/M JAMES NAUMES
M/M WILLIAM NAUMES
M/M LEON NICHOLAS
MR RON CURRIER & MS NANCY
NOTIS
M/M JAMES NOUCAS
M/M BENJAMIN PALAVOS
M/M VASSILIOS PAMBOUKES
MRS ELLEN PANTALEO
M/M JOHN PANTELEOS
MR APOTOLOS PAPAIOANNOU
MR LOUKAS PAPAMICHAEL
M/M ARTHUR PAPAS
M/M GEORGE PAPAS
M/M JOHN PAPAS
MRS JUDITH PAPAS
M/M MILTON PAPAS
M/M DIMITRIOUS PESIRIDIS
MS S PIPICH & MR J AVAGIANOS
MS PENNY POIRIER
M/M SPIROS POLITIS
M/M DIMITRIOS POUGARIDIS
MS CHRISTINA POULIOPOULOU
MS FULA POULIOPOULOU
M/M ANTHONY RAIZE
MR CHARLES RAIZE
MR DEAN RAIZE
MS EMILIE RAIZE
M/M NICHOLAS RAIZE
M/M PETER RALLIS
MR GEORGE RAPTIS
M/M MAGUED RIZKALLA
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MRS HELEN TSAIRIS
M/M HARRY TSOUGRANIS
M/M TED TSOUGRANIS
MS KATHLEEN VAN CANTFORT
MS ANDREA VASILIU & MR GREG
DUMEZ
M/M TOM VATHALLY
MS KATHRYN VEDES
MS NORA VLAHAKIS
M/BRIAN WAHL
M/M STEPHEN WALKER
MR GABI JARKIS & MS NICOLE
WILKINSON
M/M ANDREAS YIANNAKOPULO
MR DIMITRI YIANNAKOPULOS
M/M BRETT ZOLA
M/M FOTTI ZOTOS

Sunday School Graduates

Nicholas Damianos, Stephen Damianos &
Hannah Pantaleos, with Fr. Bob and Leon
Nicholas, their teacher.
It's been a great year for the Sunday School Ministry with over 40 students enrolled and graduating to the next level. Thank you to the Sunday School teachers for their commitment every week and dedication to teaching the children of St. Nicholas. Ann Panteleos, Evelyn Minichello, Laura Nicholas, Kiki Wahl, Fran Damianos and Leon Nicholas.

Congratulations to our faithful and perfect attendance students:

**Perfect Attendance**
- Andrew Nicholas 3rd Grade
- Evan Nicholas 3rd Grade
- Karina Nicholas 5th Grade
- Nicholas Damianos High School
- Stephen Damianos High School

**Faithful Attendance**
- Elena Baryiamos K Grade
- Alexa Baryiamos 1st Grade
- Tess Davis 1st Grade
- Leo Guarracino 1st Grade
- Anthony Panteleos 6th Grade
- Dimitri Minichello High School

We honored 3 High school students with a certificate and a gift of the Easter Lenton Prayer Book at the graduation ceremony on June 7. Congratulations and best of luck to them as they start their college years!
- Hannah Panteleos will be attending Stonehill College majoring in Criminology
- Nicholas Damianos will be attending Bates College in Lewiston, Maine
- Stephen Damianos will be attending Hamilton College in Clinton, NY

To all of the St Nicholas Sunday School families, enjoy the summer, we hope to see you often and may we be blessed with great weather and a successful festival!

The College Connectors Ministry kept in touch with 23 college students this year from all parts of the United States, Canada, and Norway.

We welcome 4 new High school graduates, Hannah Panteleos, Stephen Damianos, Nicholas Damianos and Michael Samonas. We will keep in touch with them all along the way and wish them much love and success as they start their college years. 2 College graduates were honored during our graduation ceremony on June 7, Matthew Bouzianis and Mckenzie Cathcart (See p. 7).

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**Portsmouth AHEPA 215**

[www.AHEPA215.org](http://www.AHEPA215.org)

On June 13th, AHEPA we were at Market Square Day with our Gyro and Greek fries booth under the new AHEPA Tent. It was a great day, we were busier than ever, which resulted in sales increasing by 16% over 2014. Thanks to all the AHEPAN’s that helped out that day. We were able to write a check to St Nicholas for the net proceeds of $2,150.

The 6th Annual Harry Marinos Memorial Golf tournament was held at the Links at Outlook on Monday June 22nd. We had 12 groups tee off at 9AM, with 47 golfers in attendance, our largest group in many years. Thanks to all the golfers and our sponsors, we were able raise almost $4,000 for our Scholarship Fund this year. Special thanks to Bill and Peggy Naumes who lead this fund raising effort every year. Mark your calendars now, next year’s event will be held on Monday June 20, 2016.

In July our new tent will be on display at this year’s Festival, stop by and say high to all our AHEPAN’s in the grill area.

The chapter # 215 of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) holds its meetings the first Monday of the month from September to June. Membership in the chapter is open to all men age 18 and older, to find out more visit our local website at [www.AHEPA215.org](http://www.AHEPA215.org) or the national website [www.AHEPA.org](http://www.AHEPA.org). You can also email the chapter at ahepa215@gmail.com to receive more information.

Next Meeting: **Monday, Sept 14, 2015** in the function room at Café Nostimo, 30 Mirona Road, Portsmouth.
ST. NICHOLAS PORTSMOUTH
39th ANNUAL GREEK FESTIVAL

JULY 17, 18 & 19
ANDREW JARVIS DRIVE, PORTSMOUTH, NH • RAIN OR SHINE!

HOURS:
Fri. July 17
5PM - 10PM
Sat. July 18
Noon - 11PM
Sun. July 19
Noon - 4PM

* Enjoy the FOOD, MUSIC, DANCING, and magic of the Greeks.
* LIVE GREEK MUSIC by TA DILINA!
* Greek music by DJ Meleti

Voluntary Admission: $3 (kids under 12 Free). Directions: From Portsmouth Rotary, take Rte 1 bypass, then left at 2nd traffic light (Greenleaf Ave). Follow signs to Andrew Jarvis Dr next to Portsmouth High School. Plenty of free parking. Credit cards accepted. For details visit www.portsmouthgreekfest.com

WWW.PORTSMOUTHGREEKFESTIVAL.COM
CONGRATULATIONS to Alexa Mocklis for receiving The Holy Three Hierarchs Award of Excellence in her Greek studies!

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students for receiving The St. Nicholas Greek School Award of Excellence for each of their classes: Kostas Mocklis, Sophia Pappas, Anthony Tsougranis, George Lazos

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR STUDENTS FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR! Have A Wonderful Summer! Σας Ευχόμαστε Καλό Καλοκαίρι!
ST. NICHOLAS GREEK SCHOOL

The St. Nicholas Greek school is an accredited school. Students attending high school receive credits that are documented on their High School transcripts. This enables them to use these credits when filling out their college applications, listing Greek as a foreign language in addition to their other studies in High School.

Currently, all of our high school students are receiving credits through their schools. Our students are receiving foreign language credits from the following high schools:

- Portsmouth High School
- York High School
- Exeter High School
- Winnacunnet High School
- Oyster River High School
- Governor’s Academy
- Tri – City Christian Academy

and just recently Berwick Academy

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Students can register as early as 4 years old.
We also offer adult classes

STUDENTS LEARN:

MODERN GREEK (through grammar and dialogue)

MYTHOLOGY

GREEK HISTORY

GREEK SONGS & TRADITIONAL GREEK DANCES

Classes are held once a week on Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays. Classes will begin the week of September 21, 2015 and end the week of May 23, 2016.
Specific times and days for each class will be announced by the end of July.

FOR REGISTRATION OR ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT:

Maria Tsougrinis at mxidia@aol.com or 603-422-7068
GREEK SCHOOL

END OF THE YEAR PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

Students creating their own Parthenons

Students dancing at the Webster at Rye Nursing Home
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Celebrating the wedding of Brian Dumez and Andreea Vasiliu

Fran Damianos, Chair
My Big Fat Greek Rummage Sale
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