



THE WORD

Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church

Andover, MA

July/August 2026

In Brief



IMPORTANT DATES

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

August 3, 4 & 5

Volunteers needed . Contact
Angela Kulesza (978) 821-9814,
angela.kulesza@gmail.com

GREEK FESTIVAL 2026

September 19 & 20

Summer hours have begun in church. Orthos is at 8:30 and Liturgy at 9:30.

Summer Office Hours
M/W/F 9am-12pm



Get news of additional events and announcements via email. Go to the Church website
www.andoverorthodox.org
and sign up to be on our **LISTSERV**.

WALKING ON THE BEACH CHANGED EVERYTHING

This Summer we will enjoy beautiful warm weather, take trips to the beach and walk along the sea, enjoy the sand, the water and the infinite view of the ocean horizon. There is something about that wide open space that calms us and brings us peace.

There is also a similar beautiful scene in the Bible, of Jesus “walking on the beach, by the sea of Galilee,” (Matt. 4:18-23) as He called His first Disciples. And He saw two brothers, Peter and Andrew, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, ‘Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

Beloved, just as those first Disciples were called, let us know that we also are called to be disciples. We are called to commit to Jesus, to follow Him, to listen to Him, and to also become ‘fishers of people,’ sharing the faith with them and bringing them to church and to Christ.

Notice in the passage a very important word, “immediately.” Those first Disciples, when Christ called them, *immediately* dropped their nets, left their boats, their family, their livelihood and completely gave their lives over to Christ – and followed Him.

It all happened so quickly and their response was immediate. Now certainly we are not the original disciples with their unique mission, and God does not want us to leave our families or our work. But He does call us to respond to Him immediately, with conviction. He does call us to prioritize Him in our lives.

Let us be reminded that we are Orthodox Christians, we are followers of Jesus Christ and that we love Him and are committed to Him. But then on a daily basis, what will we leave immediately, for Christ? Just like the Disciples immediately dropped their nets, stopped what they were doing and followed Christ, what will we drop for Christ!

In today’s modern world there is tremendous distraction. AI and social media know our “algorithm,” our thoughts, our likes, or dislikes, our favorites, and constantly loops us into a scrolling jungle and web of confusion. Can we drop that.....for Christ!

Can we take big breaks and *drop* our phone and the screen, and leave whatever we are doing..... and follow Christ – by taking 5 minutes a day to pray, by opening the Bible. Or, have we become so overwhelmed and overtaken, we can’t stop? Beloved, leave it, drop it, and follow Christ. That’s what disciples do.

Can we leave the *world* on Sunday’s mornings, and drop everything for Christ, and come and worship Him in the Liturgy, receive Communion, and follow Him. He is calling us, in our hearts, in our conscience, to do so.

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Parish Priest

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The Word

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Parish Council Notes

Dear Parish Family,

Summer has arrived and I hope that you and your families are well. June was once again a very busy month in our Church with many events and activities taking place. Our Greek School students celebrated the end of their year with a very festive celebration program, enjoyed by their friends and families. Several of us traveled to Fenway Park for Greek Heritage Night and watched the Red Sox along with many other Greek Americans. It was a great night!

On Sunday June 7, we recognized our 2026 High School Graduates. The Parish Council handed out a total of 8 scholarship awards to a very worthy group of students, while congratulating them for their accomplishments and a job well done. We also reminded them that Saints Constantine and Helen will always be their Spiritual Home and wished them well as they begin their college career. We are so proud of them; they are the future of our Church, our community and our country. Thank you to Parish Council members Jason Nolan and Joe Spanos for being a part of this year's scholarship committee.

On Sunday June 14, after Liturgy, we held our Sunday School Graduation. It is always wonderful to see all our Sunday school children be called up and receive their certificates recognizing all that they learned about their faith throughout the year. A special thank you to all our Sunday School Teachers led by Ms. Angela Kulesza for their dedication to our Children, and on another amazing job this year.

Following graduation, we gathered in fellowship for our annual picnic lunch. Several of us enjoyed a delicious hot dog and hamburger, followed by an ice cream treat. Thank you to Voula and Peter Danas, Alex Karafilidis and Angie Chingris for making this year's picnic another success. Also, special thanks to Dylan Archambault for once again providing the ice cream treats.

On the evening of June 14, two dozen of our Church family gathered at The Agganis Arena on the Campus of Boston University to honor parishioners, Voula and Peter Danas as they received this year's 2026 Clergy Laity Award. A great time was had by all as we enjoyed dinner and congratulated all those who received an award and recognition that night. We once again congratulate and thank them for all they do for our Church.

The Parish Council met on June 16 and had another productive meeting. Along with our Church Finances and Father Chris's Pastoral Report we discussed the preparations underway for our upcoming Festival. Our next meeting will be held on August 18, 2026. Thank you to all our Council members for their continued servant leadership.

Speaking of our Annual Greek Festival, it is just a few months away...September 19 and 20, and once again we will need your help. Our festival leadership team is hard at work planning and getting ready for the big weekend. Last year's festival was another historic event. Be sure to pick up a lawn sign beginning in August to place in your front yard or business and help spread the word about our festival. Thank you!

Once again throughout the summer, please join us after Liturgy for fellowship and a cup of coffee as Jim Panagas and his team of volunteers take over the serving of our coffee and donuts, giving our hard-working Usher Teams some rest. We thank you Jim for your delicious coffee making and leading our summer fellowship hours.

We are blessed to have such a warm, loving and supportive Church community. Now that summer has arrived, please take some time to enjoy yourself and your families. Whatever your desire or whatever your plans, I hope that you and your family have a wonderful, enjoyable, safe and healthy summer.

May God Bless You Always, Keep You Safe and in Good Health,
John Vitale
Parish Council President

Philoptochos

Dear Parishioners,

As we enjoy summer with family and friends, please remember that your church is always here for you. Mark your calendars for our exciting festival, which will take place on Saturday, September 19th and Sunday, September 20th. Preparations begin during the summer, and we invite you to join us in cooking all our favorite dishes—including Patichio, Mousaka, and Spanakopita—led by our in-house star Chef Stefan Coufos and his lovely spouse Kathy. It's a wonderful opportunity to learn recipe secrets and work alongside our Parishioners of the Year, Peter and Voula Danis. Your help makes our festival a cherished tradition, and we are deeply grateful for all past volunteers and contributors who make these events possible.

There are several ways to get involved:

- Volunteer in the kitchen for cooking and baking, or donate foods you'd like to share.
- Sign up to volunteer for the festival using Scheduling Genius—be sure to check your announcements via the list serve for updates.
- Bakers are especially welcome; Greek pastries or cookies are always appreciated.
- Many volunteers are needed, and every helping hand is valued.

This year, the Philoptochos Board for the 2026-2027 second term includes the following officer positions: President—Sophia Carafotes, Vice President—Angela Nikolopoulos, Treasurer—Stephanie Connor, Recording Secretary—Gina LaFortune, Corresponding Secretary—Jean Koulouris, and Advisor at Large—Paula Goodwin. Board members are Bette Bigelow, Kathy Coufos, Cristina Duci, Cathy Gavriel, and Olga Piths. If you have ideas for fundraisers or fun activities, we appreciate your suggestions and welcome your involvement.

We invite you to join us and become a member—please see the membership form below. If you have any questions or need further information, feel free to approach any board member.

Thank you once again to everyone who has contributed their time, talents, and enthusiasm to our community. Your support truly makes a difference. Wishing you a restful and safe vacation sprinkled with family fun.

Enjoy the photographs from last year's food prep and festival!

Happy Summer!
Philoptochos Myrofori

Warm regards,
Sophia Carafotes
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Philoptochos 2026 Membership

If you're unsure if you've paid your 2025 Philoptochos Membership dues, please email Stephanie Connor at stephanie.connor@comcast.net. Suggested donation: \$50. Of the \$50, \$15 is earmarked for the National Philoptochos and \$10 to the Metropolis of Boston Philoptochos.

Name: _____

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Please mail your contribution to Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 71 Chandler Road, Andover, MA 01810 Attention: Stephanie Connor

Sunday School

As another Sunday School year has come to a close, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Father Chris, Deacon Gary, our students, parents, teachers, and volunteers for making this such a wonderful and faith-filled year.

Throughout the year, our children not only grew in their knowledge of Christ and His Church but also put their faith into action through countless acts of kindness and service. Together, we decorated gingerbread men, collected coats, hats, mittens, scarves, diapers, and prom dresses for those in need, participated in our Giving Tree ministry, created Valentine's Day cards for Project Valentine and our homebound parishioners, and shared the joy of Pascha by making Easter cards for those who were unable to celebrate with us in person. These opportunities helped teach our students that serving others is one of the greatest ways we reflect Christ's love.

None of these accomplishments would have been possible without our incredible Sunday School teachers, who faithfully dedicate their time, talents, and love each week to nurturing the faith of our children. Their patience, commitment, and example are truly a blessing to our parish.

As we head into the summer months, I encourage everyone to continue growing in Christ by attending the Divine Liturgy, praying together as a family, and spending time reading Holy Scripture and the lives of the saints. Our faith is not something we practice only on Sundays—it is something we are called to live every day.

We are especially proud of our graduating seniors as they begin an exciting new chapter and head off to college this fall. May God bless and guide you in all that you do. Carry the lessons you have learned in Sunday School with you always, and know that your church family looks forward to welcoming you home whenever you return.

We also invite all children ages 4–12 to join us for Vacation Church School, August 3–5, as we **"Bee-lieve in God!"** This year's program will be filled with faith, fun, fellowship, crafts, music, and engaging lessons that help our children grow closer to God. We are also seeking teen and adult volunteers to help make this special event a success. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me or the church office.

May God grant each of you a safe, restful, and blessed summer. Thank you for another wonderful year of learning, growing, and serving together. We look forward to seeing everyone in church throughout the summer and welcoming our Sunday School families back in September for another year of growing in Christ.

In Christ's love,
Angela I. Kulesza
Sunday School Director



**THANK YOU
TEACHERS!**

Walking (Continued from Page 1)

And then in the spiritual life of a Christian, we have to "leave" often and immediately—with negative thoughts and vices. When we find ourselves in a gossip conversation, can we leave it, drop it and stop immediately for Christ? When becoming angry and upset and using foul language, can we diffuse and drop it, immediately! When we find ourselves involved in a bad habit or vice or sin.....can we pause and see Jesus—walking by the sea, in our soul, in our minds, and stop and drop the evil, and say yes, Jesus: 'I want to be better, strengthen me, be with me, I want to follow You, not the influences of evil and distractions!'

Being Christian is about being able to immediately drop things; it's about quickly changing gears; it's about leaving secular worldly things, quickly, immediately for Christ! And then slowly, our life becomes more like that scene by the sea, on the beach, with Jesus in our hearts, peaceful, natural, serene and calm with Christ—thinking and doing all things pleasing to Him. Amen!

Fr. Christopher



Come to VCS!

August 3-5, 5pm- 8pm.

Registration coming soon!

Teen/Young Adult/Parent Volunteers
are needed.

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9814/angela.kulesza@gmail.com) if
interested!

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2026 SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADUATION



Thank you to our Sunday School Director,
Angela Kulesza

Boston Metropolis Summer Camp 2026 Registration



Youth Summer Camp is for persons ages 8 - 18 and offers a week of fun and fellowship connecting youth from throughout the Metropolis to each other and their faith. Registration has begun. For more information, go to <https://www.metropolisofbostoncamp.org>

Session 1: June 29 - July 5

Session 2: July 6 - July 12

Session 3: July 13 - July 19

Session 4: July 20 - July 26

Session 5: July 27 - August 2



2026 High School Graduates

Anthony Archambault

Graduated from Andover High School and will be studying Criminal Justice at Springfield College in the fall.

Isabella Chavez

Graduated from Central Catholic High School. She will attend Merrimack College where she will major in Nursing and participate in the Honors Program.

Alexa Lapinskas

Graduated from Andover High School and will be attending Boston College for Environmental Studies.

Luke Maynard

Graduated from Masconomet Regional High School and will be studying Botany at the University of Maine in the fall.

Nicholas Redard

Graduated from Windham High School, Windham, NH. He will be attending the University of New Hampshire with a major in mechanical engineering.

Sophia Venetiou

Graduated from Andover High School and will attend The Ohio State University in the fall majoring in Modern Greek with a minor in Classics or East Asian languages. She also plans to walk onto the OSU Artistic (aka synchronized) Swim Team. Sophia has been doing artistic swimming since she was seven. She also swam for the varsity team at AHS and lettered the three years she was there. Sophia received a state biliteracy seal in French. She also is an All American for swimming and a member of the National Honor Society.

Marissa Yianopoulos

Graduated from Lawrence Academy in Groton, MA. She will be attending Tulane University where she will major in English with a minor in Business.



2026 College Graduates

Jimmy Archambault

Graduated from Saint Anselm College with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. He will be teaching in the Andover Area in the fall

Alexia Bittarelli

Recently earned her Master's in Engineering Management from the University of Massachusetts Lowell, following the completion of her Bachelor's in Biomedical Engineering the year prior. She will continue her career as a New Product Introduction and Validation Engineer at Insulet.

Christianna Bittarelli

Graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of Massachusetts Lowell. Christianna has begun her masters in the 4+1 program at The University of Massachusetts Lowell earning her Master of Science in Health Information Management. She is also working full time at Oral and Facial Surgery Centers of MA as a scheduling coordinator.

Demetra Danas

Graduated from Trinity College with a Bachelor of Arts and will be working at Phillips Academy in the Advancement Office and is planning on pursuing her MBA.

Pete Koster

Graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a BS in Chemistry and a minor in music. He will be pursuing a PhD in Chemistry at UMass Lowell.

Eleni Koutsogiannopoulos

Graduated from Endicott College with a Bachelor of Arts in early childhood education. She will be working as a teacher while earning her Masters degree from Northeastern University in education administration.

Michael Makiej

Graduated Magna Cum Laude from Salem State University with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. In the top ten of highest scorers in the history of Salem State Collegiate Basketball with over 1,300 points. Plans on pursuing a MSW Master of Social Work in the fall..

Andrew Matzouranis

Graduated Cum Laude from Regis College with a bachelor's degree in Exercise Science. He will be taking a GAP year before pursuing a Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

Demitri Papadopoulos

Graduated from Villanova University with a degree in Civil Engineering and a minor in Business Management and will be going to Clemson University in the fall pursuing a master's degree in Real Estate Development



Prosforo - Koliva making session



Parish Landscaping Day



Sunday School - Greek School Teachers outing



Greek School Graduation



Heritage Night at Fenway Park

The Danger of Backrooms (and where to go instead)

By Nicholas Makiej

I'd like to offer a reflection on a few things I've been thinking of recently, and then conclude with a reminder of how the Church is (always) the answer.

The world we live in has made it easy and convenient to slide into distraction and destructive behaviors. Of course, distraction is not a new phenomenon; from the very beginning, humans have dealt with the passions. Today, we live in an age of "organized distractions." Think about the smartphone living in your pocket, hardly ever an arm's length away. It is no accident that it is designed to retain your attention non-stop throughout the day.

I recently listened to a review of the new film "Backrooms." The main premise of this film is that "individuals can accidentally "glitch out of reality and fall into an endless, labyrinthine dimension of empty, mono-yellow rooms." Now, if you think about your social media feed, it is quite similar. Each time you scroll, tap and swipe, your attention is torn in a new direction, thus opening up a sort of endless labyrinth of "backrooms." But it's not only social media...

The smartphone *itself* is a sort of backroom.

It is a container that collects endless little pieces of our lives (our texts, pictures, digital personas, etc) without being rooted in reality. If we're not careful, our smartphones are very dangerous because they threaten to displace our reality with a collection of copies and pieces of our identity in digital projections.

Many of our modern spaces function this way, too. Think about the blank hallways, random storage areas, and non-dedicated rooms. The don't have a clear, defining purpose. These spaces accumulate residues of our everyday behavior. And over time, these residues become fragmented, illogical, and disconnected from reality. In other words, these spaces lack a central meaning for our lives.

But of course, not all spaces are like this. The greatest example of a dedicated, meaningful space is the Church. The Church has a sacred and well-defined purpose. It is the opposite of an accumulation of random, disconnected clutter. The Church is the gathering place for the faithful in a purposeful, coherent order which is meant for healing.

Where does a person go for healing?

If you thought, "hospital", you're right. And that's how we understand the Church. As a hospital. For the healing of soul and body. The Church is the best place to go when we are spiritually sick and falling apart from the onslaught of organized distractions that have pushed us into spiritually destructive behavior. While our smartphones push us into *addiction* and further from reality, the Church invites us into *devotion* and the reality of Christ.

Our attention should be continually on Christ. Even when we are not in Church, we can remind ourselves of Him with the Jesus Prayer. Pray quietly in your heart, slowly and repeatedly, "Jesus, have mercy on me." Life is much simpler when we place our trust in Him.

EMBRACING ORTHODOXY - 2026

Converts and Inquirers Classes

Wednesdays - August 19 and 26 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in the church.

Join us for 2 casual and informative classes for:

- **Parishioners who wish to convert into Orthodox Christianity from Catholic, Protestant, or other religious backgrounds through the sacrament of chrismation or baptism.**
- **Orthodox parishioners and inquirers who would like to know more about the history, faith, spirituality, and teachings of the Orthodox Christian Church.**

The class will also address the Orthodox Christian teachings on current events and contemporary social and moral issues.

All parishioners are welcome to attend. Bring a friend.

Fr. Christopher teaching.

**Please call or email the church office if you plan to attend:
(978) 470-0919 office@andoverorthodox.org**



STEWARDSHIP CALLING

Dear Parish families,

+ We are so grateful to you for your joyful and generous stewardship giving. Your participation is vital to the life and health of our Parish.

+ **YOUR STEWARDSHIP TRULY MATTERS.** As you can see from all the activities and ministries here in the “Word,” much support is needed in order to operate our church, to provide the many ministries and activities for our thriving parish and ensure the current and future sustainability, maintenance and care of our beautiful church and facility.

+ **OUR SPIRITUAL HOME.** Beloved, the Church is our spiritual home which blesses our lives and nurtures the future of our children. Our church home is just as important as our own personal home as it affects the quality, well being and spiritual depth of our lives. Therefore we are all called to provide for and take care of our precious spiritual home.

+ **PACESETTERS AND BEYOND.** We are so grateful for gifts and financial stewardship offerings of all size. Many of our parishioners choose to give as “Pacesetters” (\$1,000/\$19wk.). Currently there are 135 parish families contributing as Pacesetters and beyond! If you can, please consider becoming a Pacesetter. We are truly blessed by all!

+ **HOW MUCH SHOULD A CHRISTIAN GIVE?** All Christians are humbly encouraged to consider giving according to the Biblical teaching of “tithing” (10%). We are encouraged to aspire toward this goal by considering a pledge according the many beautiful giving categories listed on the pledge card. As servant leaders of our church, the average parish council annual stewardship pledge amount last year was \$2,440/yr.

+ **HOME EXPENSES INCREASE – SO DO CHURCH EXPENSES.** If you are able to increase your pledge from last year that would be greatly appreciated. Just as our personal home expenses increase every year (utilities, repairs, maintenance, etc.) so do our parish expenses.

+ **PLEDGE FORM.** Please see the Stewardship Form on the reverse side, and if you have not made your 2026 Stewardship pledge yet, or, you are able and would like to increase your 2026 pledge amount, please prayerfully fill out the stewardship form and send to our church office.

+ **GIVING IS EASY.** To make your giving easier, you may contribute weekly, monthly or any way you wish toward your pledge using the stewardship envelopes you receive in the mail as you see fit. You may also choose to contribute via our online giving platform. And please know that your giving to the Church is always tax deductible.

Thank you so much for your Joyful giving, love and support!

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Joyful GIVING

STEWARDSHIP 2026

Stewardship is returning to God a fair proportion of the resources He has given us.

SERAPHIMS	☐ \$10,000 and up	Total annual pledge	\$ _____
CHERUBIMS	☐ \$6,000 and up (\$115 or greater weekly)	Total annual pledge	\$ _____
ARCHANGELS	☐ \$5,000 to \$5,999 (\$96-\$114 weekly)	Total annual pledge	\$ _____
GUARDIANS	☐ \$4,000 to \$4,999 (\$77-\$95 weekly)	Total annual pledge	\$ _____
TORCHBEARERS	☐ \$3,000 to \$3,999 (\$58-\$76 weekly)	Total annual pledge	\$ _____
GOOD SHEPHERDS	☐ \$2,000 to \$2,999 (\$38-\$57 weekly)	Total annual pledge	\$ _____
PACESETTERS	☐ \$1,000 to \$1,999 (\$20-\$37 weekly)	Total annual pledge	\$ _____
CONTRIBUTORS	☐ \$500 and up (\$10 or greater weekly)	Total annual pledge	\$ _____
OFFERING	☐ Weekly or Yearly Amount	Total annual pledge	\$ _____

Please check ✓ the box and enter the total annual pledge on the right.

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Yes, I/we will support God's work through our Church. Here is my/our Commitment of Faith for the year 2026.

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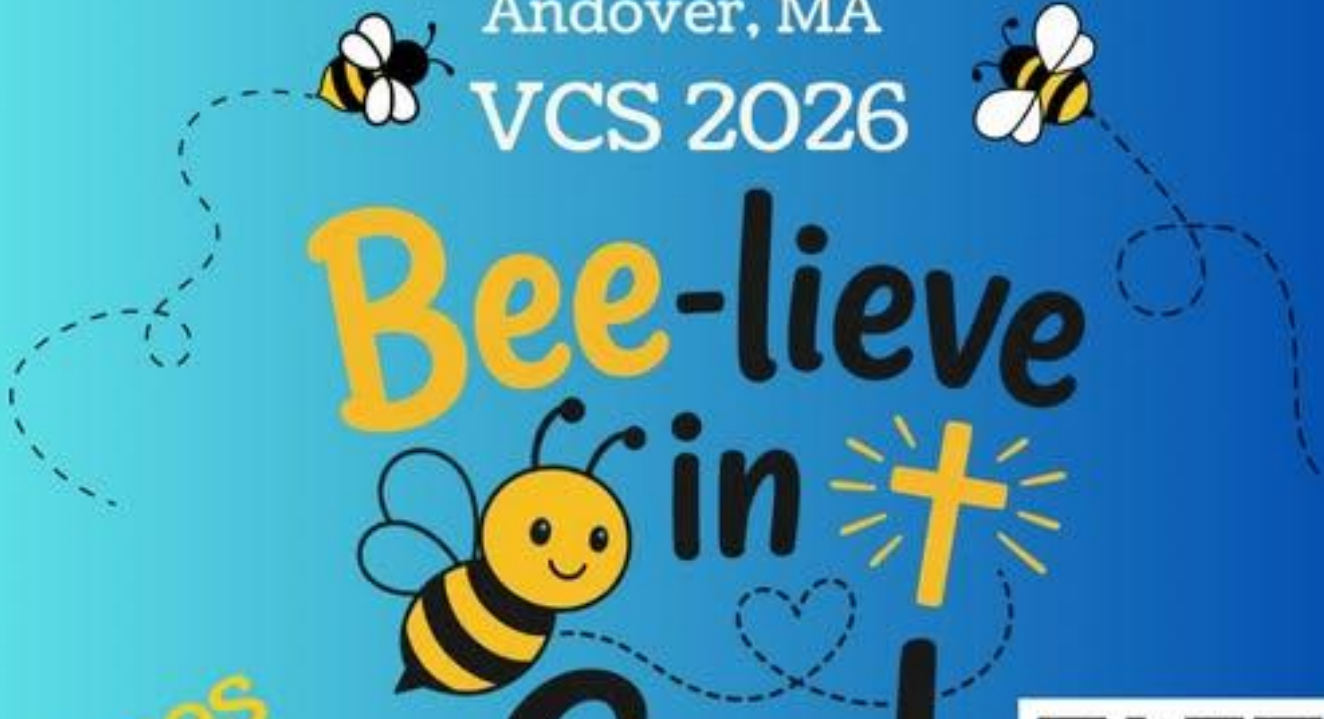
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August 3rd-5th
5-8 pm
Registration open!



Sts. Constantine & Helen **FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP BOOK 2026**

Dear Parishioners,

We hope this letter finds you well and that you are having a nice summer!

Our annual Greek Festival will take place on the Church grounds on **September 19 & 20, 2026**.

We anticipate a very active event and will be prepared to serve our delicious food and offer hospitality to the same crowds of people as in years past. Therefore, we are excited to announce that we will be having another **Festival Program Book!**

All patrons who attend the Festival will receive a Program Book. In addition, your ad will be highlighted on our parish website.

Year after year, our Festival is well attended by thousands of people. Our Church consists of over 450 families coming from a large cross-section of the Merrimack Valley and Southern New Hampshire. The Program Book will serve as an excellent opportunity to advertise your business and generate exposure to a large number of people. Also, for those parish families who simply want to offer their kind wishes and support, this will be an excellent avenue to do so.

On behalf of the Festival Committee, we cordially invite you to participate as a sponsor for this event. The funds raised will go toward the many ministries that the Church has to offer. The Festival is our parish's major fundraiser for the year and we are truly grateful if you are able to support our parish and the efforts of our Festival team.

The enclosed form contains the various sponsorship levels. Additional information can be found on our website or by emailing us directly. (www.andoverorthodox.org or office@andoverorthodox.org).

The deadline for sponsorship is Sept. 1. We look forward to seeing you on September 19th & 20th!

Thank you very much for your kind consideration of support to our parish.

With great enthusiasm,

George Xifaras
Program Book Chair

Please see sponsorship form on the next page.



LOOKING FOR FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday, September 19 ad Sunday, September 20.

Look for the sign-up link coming soon.

Please help if you can.



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2026 Festival Program Book Sponsorship Form

Annual Greek Festival Date: Saturday and Sunday, September 19th and 20th, 2026

Business or Family Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Contact: _____ Date: _____

	RATE	AD SIZE
Festival Sponsor	O \$5,000	7 ½" x 10"
Outside Back Cover	O \$1,500	7 ½" x 10"
Inside Cover (Front or Back)	O \$1,200	7 ½" x 10"
Full Page	O \$1,000	7 ½" x 10"
Half Page	O \$ 500	7 ½" x 5"
Quarter Page	O \$ 300	3 ¾" x 5"
Eighth Page (Business Card Size)	O \$ 250	3 ¾" x 2 ½"

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PAYMENT: Total donation of Ad \$ _____

Check enclosed payable to Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church

Thank You for your support and God Bless you all!

***PLEASE RETURN THE ADVERTISING SPONSOR FORM BY SEPTEMBER 1ST.**

Make a postcard PUZZLE

Summer is full of little moments that remind us that God is guiding each step. Like a puzzle, he brings every piece together in his time.

What you need:

- A postcard or printed picture
- Scissors
- Pencil (optional, for guiding your cuts)
- Envelope or small bag (for storing pieces)

What you do:

1. Flip your postcard over and lightly draw puzzle shapes or cut freely.
2. Cut the postcard into a mix of big and small pieces.
3. Mix up the pieces and try to put the picture back together.
4. Store the pieces in an envelope so you can use it again later.

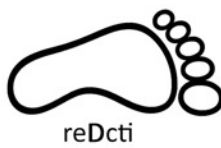


PUZZLE

Footsteps with God

Have you ever walked along the shore and noticed footprints in the sand? The poem *Footprints in the Sand* reminds us that God is always with us.

Unscramble each word and write it inside the footprints to see what Psalm 119:133 (NIV) says about our steps. (Hint: the bold letters show the first letter of each word.)



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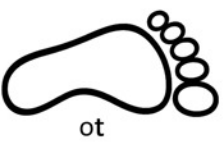
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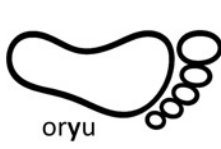
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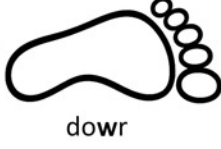
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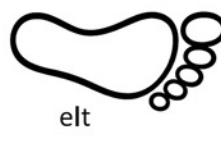
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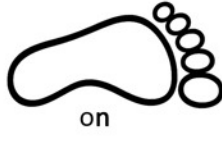
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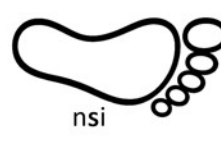
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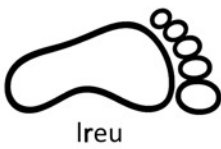
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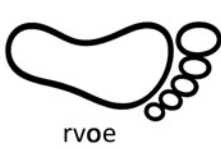
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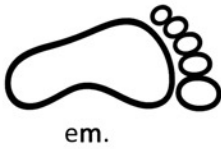
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Psalm 119:133 (NIV)

Answer: "Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me."



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 Orthros 8:30am Liturgy 9:30am	6 Metropolis Summer Camp Session 2 July 6-12	7	8	9	10	11
12 Orthros 8:30am Liturgy 9:30am Wedding (Nikitas)	13 Metropolis Summer Camp Session 3 July 13-19	14	15	16	17	18
19 Orthros 8:30am Liturgy 9:30am	20 Metropolis Summer Camp Session 4 July 20-26	21	22	23	24	25
26 Orthros 8:30am Liturgy 9:30am	27 Metropolis Summer Camp Session 5 July 27-Aug 2	28	29	30	31	

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2 Orthros 8:30am Liturgy 9:30am	3 VCS 5-8pm	4 VCS 5-8pm	5 VCS 5-8pm	6 <i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i> Orthros 9:00am Liturgy 9:30am	7 Paraklesis 6:00pm	8 Baptism (Brickman) 11:00am
9 Orthros 8:30am Liturgy 9:30am	10 Paraklesis 6:00pm	11	12 Paraklesis 6:00pm	13	14	15 <i>Dormition of the Theotokos</i> Orthros 9:00am Liturgy 9:30am
16 Orthros 8:30am Liturgy 9:30am	17	18 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm	19 Embracing Orthodoxy 6:30pm	20	21	22 Wedding (Theodorou) 1:00pm
23 Orthros 8:30am Liturgy 9:30am Baptism (Spofford) 12pm	24	25 Festival Meeting 7:00pm	26 Embracing Orthodoxy 6:30pm	27	28	29 Wedding (Ogren) 3:30pm
30 Baptism (Alexandrou) 12:00pm	31					

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