



THE WORD

Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church

Andover, MA

September 2026

In Brief



Men's Ministry Dinner
September 24- 7:00 PM

IMPORTANT DATES

**GREEK FESTIVAL
2026
September 19 & 20**

Register for
CLASSES

Sunday School Begins September 13



*Regular Liturgy
Hours Return
September 13*



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HEAVEN IS LIVING DEBT FREE

So many people ask about the afterlife and wonder what heaven will be like. Jesus gives us a lot of insight into this. Many times in the Bible Jesus began his teaching about heaven by coming out and saying directly, "the Kingdom of heaven is like....." That's exactly what He did in the Gospel of Matthew 18:23-35. He says in vs. 23, "*the Kingdom of heaven is like..... a certain King who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.*" And in this instance, sin is portrayed as a debt to God, and the reaction of God gives us a glimpse as to what heaven will be like.

You see as the King begins to settle debt accounts, one of His servants was brought to him who owed ten thousand talents (vs. 24). It was an impossible sum that would take more than a lifetime to pay back. However, the man fell on his knees and repented and said, "Master have patience with me, and I will pay you all." So the King was moved with compassion, released the man, and forgave all the debt. Beloved, that's what heaven is like! God loves us and has compassion and mercy on us. We have a lot of debt, a lot of sin in our lives. But God wipes it clean away! When we sit with the King and He holds up the long list all our sins, He doesn't condemn us, impossible as it would be for us to pay Him back. What does He do? He rips it up! He says I love you, you're now debt free!

He paid the debt for our sins (which is eternal death) on the Cross! He took our debt of sin upon Himself because of His great mercy and compassion (Isaiah 53:5). All we have to do is say, Lord, forgive me, have mercy on me, have patience with me. And He forgives us, every time. And He gives us joy, peace, fulfillment and eternal life!

But here's the kicker. We then have to do our part. God does 99 percent. But then we have to do our 1 percent. We have to show mercy and forgiveness to others, as we have received God's mercy. As the Our Father prayer says, "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Can we do it? In this story, as soon as the King forgave the man and released him, the man fell upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, which is about a couple months' wages. And rather than show mercy, he took him by the throat saying, "pay what you owe." Isn't that what many people do today – even Christians. We don't show mercy, we don't rip up the debt with compassion. We carry around the debt receipts and the lists and record of grievances, and we show them and waive them at our fellow people.

Many people today are unmerciful, hateful, grudge holding, condemning of others. Yet somehow they feel they will receive God's mercy for themselves. It is a sobering message in this Gospel as we see at once the kindness and love of the King (remember, Jesus Himself is telling this story), but then we see His righteous judgement. When He found out the man did not forgive and show mercy in the way he was shown mercy, He delivered him back to jail until he should pay all that was due. (vs. 34).

Beloved, as we begin this beautiful new ecclesiastical Church year in September, let us receive a foretaste of heaven by imploring God our King's forgiveness, mercy, compassion and joy in our lives. This is how much He loves us; He takes our whole life list of debts and sins, and rips it up before us! And let us then seek to do likewise. Give people the benefit of the doubt, show mercy, be kind, rip up your lists of grievances against others. See your own sins and stop focusing on the faults of others. And forgive, "from your heart" (vs. 35). That's what heaven is like! Amen.

- Fr. Christopher

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Parish Council Notes

Dear Parish Family,

I hope your summer was an enjoyable one and that quality time was spent with your friends and family. It is hard to believe that another summer season is just about over, and our fall routines are about to begin, where does the time go. As we took some time off to get away or just spent some down time to recharge and refresh, there was still plenty of activity in our Church. Festival planning and preparation, Vacation Church School, Young Adult Gatherings, Embracing Orthodoxy classes and the many services offered during the 15 days of August as we Honored the Mother of God.

I want to thank Father John Teague, and his wife Presbyteria Donna, who joined us and celebrated Liturgy for us during the Sundays while Father Chris was away on his much earned and deserved vacation. It was a pleasure having them with us in Church each Sunday.

Once again this summer, Jim Panagas and Yanni Koutsogiannopoulos led our Summer Coffee Hour Ministry, giving our Usher Teams a break while still allowing us to share in fellowship with each other after Liturgy; we thank you and express our appreciation for your service to our Church.

As many of you are aware, over the last 12 months, Small Blessings Childcare, a provider of day care and early childhood services for the Greater Lawrence area, has been renting a portion of our classroom space. I want to share with you that we have recently agreed to continue renting our classroom space to them for another three years. They will continue to operate on weekdays in two of our larger classrooms downstairs. We are happy to be able to continue to have them as our tenants and look forward to continuing our relationship with them.

Lastly, as many of you are aware, our Annual Greek Festival is quickly approaching...September 19 and 20. The festival banner is up; the lawn signs are being placed all around town; the baking continues, the delicious homemade Greek dishes prepped and ready to cook and the meat sautéed and ready to grill. Our Leadership Team along with many of you has been hard at work preparing for this year's event. Last year's Festival was another triumph; we are again very excited for what we know will be another successful Festival and we cannot do it without you. As the saying goes, many hands make light work, and again this year is no exception. If you have not done so yet, please sign up to volunteer for a shift or two...and help us out. If you are on social media, get the word out to your friends and family to let them know about our Festival. There will be plenty of food, plenty of parking, lots of dancing and loads of fun. We look forward to seeing everyone during the festival. Thank You!

May God Continue to Bless You Always, Keep You Safe and in Good Health.

John Vitale
Parish Council President



July Young Adults Dips and Chips gathering.

Philoptochos

Greetings Parishioners,

Welcome to a new ecclesiastical year in our warm and welcoming church community. As I reflect on my first year serving as President of our Philoptochos chapter, I am filled with gratitude for our dedicated board members, whose generosity, hard work, and commitment have helped make this past year such a success.

We enjoyed a wonderful year of fellowship, service, and community. Some of our favorite events included our annual Meze & Margaritas gathering, ZooLights at Stone Zoo during the holiday season, our popular Potluck Dinner, and our year-end celebration at Kouzina's new function hall. We also shared gifts of lap blankets and homemade koulourakia with our homebound members, continuing our tradition of caring for one another.

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming Philoptochos gatherings:

Philoptochos Dates

Thursday, October 15 – 7:00 PM
Annual Opening Meze & Margaritas

Thursday, November 19
Stretch Session and Meeting

Sunday, December 20 – 2:00 PM
Holiday Pops with Keith Lockhart at Lowell Memorial Hall

Thursday, January 21
Potluck Dinner and Election Discussion

Thursday, March 11
Pre-Lenten Gathering

Thursday, April 8
Easter Preparation Meeting

Thursday, May 13
Final Dinner of the Year

Philoptochos typically meets on the third Thursday of each month to discuss charitable outreach, support local needs, and plan activities that strengthen our community. Along the way, we also enjoy social events that bring members together while raising funds for worthwhile causes.

Featured Fundraiser

We are excited about our upcoming Holiday Pops Fundraiser on December 20 at 2:00 PM featuring Keith Lockhart at Lowell Memorial Hall. Tickets are \$100 each, and Angela Nickolopoulos has reserved a limited number of seats. We encourage you to purchase your tickets early, as this popular event often sells out. It is a wonderful family outing and makes a thoughtful holiday gift. Please see flyer on next page.

Join Us at Meze & Margaritas

Our Annual Opening Meze & Margaritas event begins at 7:00 PM. Bring a friend, enjoy delicious appetizers and margaritas, and meet other women from our parish community. Mocktails will also be available. We welcome your ideas and suggestions for future activities.

Special Thanks

We would like to recognize several individuals whose contributions have made a difference:

Macayla Goodwin for designing our Holiday Pops flyer. We wish her all the best on her upcoming marriage.
Angela Kulesza for creating many beautiful promotional flyers, including this year's Meze & Margaritas flyer.
Stephanie Connors, our dedicated Treasurer, for keeping our chapter organized and on track throughout the year.

Membership Information

If you are unsure whether you have paid your 2025 Philoptochos membership dues, please contact Stephanie Connors at stephanie.connor@comcast.net.

Suggested annual donation: \$50

Of this amount, \$15 supports National Philoptochos and \$10 supports the Metropolis of Boston Philoptochos.

Everyone Is Welcome

Our membership includes women of all ages and backgrounds. Participation in every activity is not required, and we warmly invite anyone interested in fellowship, service, and philanthropy to join us.

Many of our members are active in other church ministries as well. I sing with the choir and would be delighted to meet you. Please introduce yourself whenever you see me at church. I'm the tall one in the back row.

We hope you will join us soon and become part of our growing Philoptochos family.

Stay tuned for more upcoming activities and events.
Hope that you can join us soon.

Sincerely, your Sister in God,
Sophia Carafotes
Philoptochos Myrofori President

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**A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT
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Sunday School

Welcome back, Sunday School families!

We are excited to begin another wonderful year of learning, growing, and walking together in Christ. As our children return to Sunday School, we look forward to another year filled with faith, friendship, fellowship, Scripture, the lives of the Saints, and the beauty of our Orthodox Christian faith. ***Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 13, 2026 (scan QR code to register)!***

This year is especially exciting because we will be introducing the new *National Sunday School Curriculum from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America!* The curriculum was created to provide parishes with a more consistent and intentional approach to religious education while still allowing teachers to adapt lessons to the needs of their individual classes. It is designed around the understanding that children do not simply need to learn facts about Orthodoxy, they need opportunities to experience, understand, and live their faith.

One of the most exciting aspects of the new curriculum is that it provides a developmental journey through the Orthodox faith. What children learn in one grade becomes a foundation for what they will explore in the years that follow. For our younger students, lessons focus on developing a relationship with God and becoming familiar with the Church. As children grow, they explore Scripture, prayer, worship, the Saints, the Divine Liturgy, icons, hymns, Holy Tradition, Orthodox theology, and what it means to intentionally live an Orthodox Christian life. We are particularly excited about the opportunity to bring more hands-on learning, discussion, Scripture, storytelling, prayer, and connections to the life of the Church into our Sunday School classrooms!

This year in Sunday School, we will continue to give back to our local community through various community service projects, so please be on the lookout to see how you can help! A very special thank you to our Sunday School teachers and volunteers who give their time, energy, creativity, and love to our children. Your ministry is an important part of building the future of our parish and our Church. We are always looking for more teachers and volunteers, so please reach out if you are interested in helping!

May God bless our children, our families, and our teachers as we begin another beautiful year together!

“Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” — 2 Peter 3:18

In Christ’s love,

Angela I. Kulesza
Sunday School Director
(978) 821-9814



Father Chris with our week 1 Andover campers at Metropolis Camp.



Register your children for our vibrant Sunday School Program!



Sts. Constantine & Helen Sunday School



**Sunday School begins
Sunday, September 13th!
Ages 4 through Grade 12**

**Register now
through this QR
Code!**



FESTIVAL PREPARATIONS

Thank you to our amazing group of parishioner volunteers who helped make all the fresh home-made Spanakopita, Moussaka, Pastitsio and Galaktobouriko.



VCS 2026

“Bee-lieve in Jesus”!

What an amazing three evenings of **faith, fun, fellowship, and learning!** We are so grateful to everyone who helped make our “Bee-lieve in Jesus” Vacation Church School such a special experience for our children. Over our three evenings together, the children explored three wonderful stories from Scripture and learned how each one helps us grow in our faith: *Doubting Thomas, The Resurrection of Christ, and The Road to Emmaus*. Through **Bible lessons, crafts, games, songs, snacks, and fellowship**, the children had the opportunity to learn, laugh, create, and grow together in Christ.

A very special **thank you to all of our amazing teachers, volunteers, helpers, and parents** who gave their time, energy, creativity, and love to make each evening possible. Your dedication and joyful spirit helped create an environment where our children could experience the love of Christ and the beauty of our Orthodox faith.

Director: Angela Kulesza

Teachers: Sefany Stellakis, Lyena Chavez, Georgia Giunta, Diana Koster, Deacon Gary

Classroom Assistants: Marissa Portillo, Daria Duffy, Bella Chavez, Matthew Blake

Music: Presvytera Katerina

Games: Nicholas Makiej (Leader) with Michael Makiej and Alex Davis

Crafts: Sue Petrakis (Leader) with Anna Vasilakis and Miles Pagan, along with Marlene Theodorou, Christina Duci, and Nick Petrakis whom all helped to prepare the crafts for the three evenings

Teen Youth Volunteers: Yianni Argyris, Jeremiah Groomes, Andrew Nolan, Alexander Robinson, Theodore Robinson, Lorelai Vikara, and Marlie Vikara

Kitchen: Gail Koutroubas (Leader) with Angie Chingras, Yiannis Koutsogiannopoulos, and Joaquin Portillo

Ice Cream Truck: The Archambault Family - Dylan and Pete's Ice Cream

Set Up/Break Down of tables and chairs: Felipe Sencion and Steven Robinson

And, of course, a huge **thank you to our wonderful children!** Your smiles, enthusiasm, curiosity, and joyful energy made these evenings so much fun. We hope you continue to carry the lessons you learned with you and remember that **Jesus is always with you, loves you, and walks beside you.**

Thank you for helping us *Bee-lieve in Jesus, Bee-kind, and Bee-loving!*

With gratitude and love,
Angela I. Kulesza, VCS Director



Thank you
VOLUNTEERS!

Ελληνικο Σχολειο



Greek School Registration 2026-2027

Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church

71 Chandler Road, Andover, MA 01810, Tel. (978)470-0919

Child's/Children's Name(s)

Last Name

First Name

Birth Date

Family Name _____

Mother _____ Father _____

Address _____

Telephone No. _____ Email _____

Name and phone number of emergency contact _____

I am a member in good standing of this church _____.

I am interested in helping with Greek school activities _____.

My child does not speak any Greek _____. My child speaks some Greek _____.

My child was in grade _____ of Greek school last year (2025- 2026)

Registration & Tuition Policy

» Registration and tuition for the **entire year** must be paid before the first day of class.

» Church members tuition is \$260.00 per child.

» Families with three or more children in Greek School will pay the full tuition for the first child and full tuition for the second child. The cost for each additional child enrolled is \$50.00.

» Non-church members tuition is \$320.00 per child.

» Non-church families with three or more children in Greek School will pay the full tuition for the first child and full tuition for the second child. The cost for each additional child enrolled is \$50.00.

I permit photography of my child(ren) for use in church publications. Y_____ N_____

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. 12. 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!

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

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Thank You for your support and God Bless you all!

PAYMENT: Total donation of Ad \$ _____

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

**+ We ADDED two new categories for new sponsors to consider.
(The previous form did not properly reflect the new categories) +**

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 Alexandrou, Theodore & Alexandra
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 Anastopoulos, Alexandra
 Anastopoulos, Mark
 Andreadis, Sophie
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 Koskores, Nick & Mary
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 Christina
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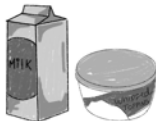
"BEAUTY WILL SAVE THE WORLD" (Dostoevsky) In a world of spiritual and moral upheaval, filled with so many ugly images, symbols, and words of hate, rage and depravity, we are reminded that those images only lead to evil and destruction. But it is beauty that will save us. The beauty of Jesus, His holy Mother, the Saints and our faith; the beauty of love, mercy, truth, prayer, goodness and the magnificence of God's creation.... And these are the things that we should truly be focused on in our lives (Philippians 4:8).



A sweet reminder that God is always growing something new, no matter the season. As summer winds down and a new school year begins, remember He is at work in your life, helping you grow in faith, kindness and courage. With His help, you can grow in wisdom, build friendships and shine His love wherever you go.

What you need:

- 2 cups milk
- 1 (4-serving) box chocolate instant pudding mix
- 1 (8 oz.) tub whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (16 oz.) package Oreo cookies, crushed
- 8 (9 oz.) clear plastic cups
- Gummy worms or frogs (optional)



What you do:

1. In a large bowl, whisk together milk and pudding mix for 2 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes until thickened.
2. Gently fold in the whipped topping.
3. Add a layer of crushed cookies to the bottom of each cup.
4. Spoon pudding mixture on top, filling the cups about $\frac{3}{4}$ full.
5. Sprinkle more crushed cookies on top to look like "dirt."
6. Add gummy worms or frogs for fun.
7. Chill until ready to serve, or enjoy right away.

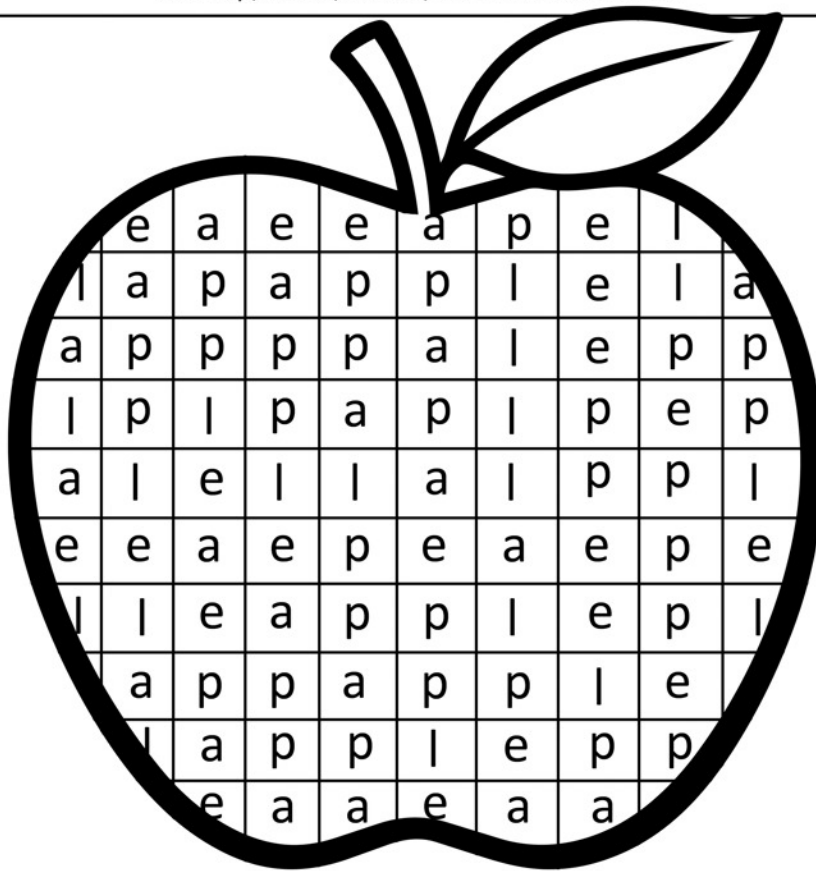
See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not
perceive it? — Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)



Apple of Your Eye

"Apple of your eye" means something very special that you protect. As school starts again, remember what God says in Proverbs 7:2 (NIV): "Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye."

Can you find the word "apple" 12 times in the puzzle?
Look up, down, across, and even backward!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Ecclesiastical New Year	2	3	4	5
6 Orthros 8:30am Liturgy 9:30am	7 Labor Day	8 Nativity of the Theotokos Orthros 9:00am Liturgy 9:30am	9	10	11	12 Wedding (Goodwin)
13 Winter Hours Begin Orthros 9:00am Liturgy 10:00am Sunday School Begins	14 Elevation of the Cross Orthros 9:00am Liturgy 9:30am	15 Parish Council Meeting 7:00pm	16	17	18	19 GREEK FESTIVAL 11:00am- 11:00pm
20 Orthros 9:00am Liturgy 10:00am Baptism (Sylvestre) 1:00pm GREEK FESTIVAL 11:30am- 4:00pm	21	22	23	24 Men's Ministry Dinner Meeting 7:00pm	25	26
27 Orthros 9:00am Liturgy 10:00am JOY/HOPE 12:15pm GOYA Mtg 6:00pm YAL Mtg 6:00pm	28	29 Greek School Begins 4:30pm	30			

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