"BUT I HAVE CALLED YOU FRIENDS . . ."

Friendships are special relationships. We confide in our friends . . . we trust them with our innermost secrets and sometimes trust them with our very lives. We share our joys and our sorrows with them. We know we can always turn to them in time of need, and we are always available to help out if the situation is reversed. Anyone with a TRUE friend is, indeed, a fortunate person.

It is no wonder, then, that Christ speaks about friends in a very beautiful manner in His Farewell Discourse to His Apostles on the night of His Passion. "But I have called you friends, for all things I heard from My Father I have made known to you." (John 15:15) What an honor it was for them to be referred to by Jesus as His "friends!" Yes, Christ would always be their Master, but because of their great love for Him and their willingness to obey Him, an unbreakable bond formed between them.

It is important for us to note that we, too, can be numbered among God's friends. He tells us exactly what we must do if we want to foster this type of relationship with Him: "You are My friends if you do whatever I command you." (John 15:14) Being a friend of God requires commitment and dedication. Being His friend calls for sacrifice on our part. Being His friend may even cause us to lose the friendship of others, who are not willing or not able to commend their life totally to the Lord.

Christ has asked us for our loyalty. Like the Apostles and all the saints, we, too, can share in the eternal glory of the kingdom of heaven.

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John 15:12-13

This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.



~~ The Virgin Mary greets St. Elizabeth ~~

CHRISTIAN FRIENDSHIP

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Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
(Closed noon-1pm for lunch)

Sunday Services
Orthros 8:30 AM
Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM

Orthros Liturgy

Epistle
II Corinthians
1:21-24; 2:1-4

Gospel
Luke
6:31-36

Attendance
9/22/24
133

Today's Prosfora & Communion Wine

Donations are welcomed for Sundays.
Please call the Church Office to schedule a date!

Upcoming Memorials

October 13
1-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - Faye Sibila
40-Day Memorial & Coffee Hour - Clare Stasin
Trisagion - John Stasin (8 Yrs)

October 20
1-Yr. Memorials & Coffee Hour - Jerry Fortune & Rick Kuty
1-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - John Papadopoulos

October 27
10-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - Andreas "Andy" Costi

GOYA PIZZA LUNCHEON TODAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH



The GOYA Annual Pizza Luncheon **is today immediately** following Divine Liturgy. The menu includes pizza, salad, chips, dessert, and drinks. **Tickets are $10.00 each**. Please help support our GOYAns and enjoy lunch together!



Thank you to all for the outpouring of support and care from our family and friends during the passing of our beloved mother, yiayia, and aunt, Clare Stasin. Special thanks to Father Nick for all of his kindness, concern, and visits during this difficult time. Also, a big thank you to the Koraes Ladies Society for their help and support with the Makaria. With love, the Family of Clare Stasin



Thank you to Father Nick and also the wonderful ladies of KORAES for their help in preparing the tables for our families' memorial; a job beautifully done! A big thanks as well to our fellow parishioners who contributed baked goods for this event. Our church has always been a refuge and gathering place, not only for worship but for meaningful fellowship. I don't know of a better place to call our second home. From the families of Steve and Kathryn Lazarides, Gust, Helen and Andrew Christopher.

With appreciation! Ann Lazarides and Chris Gonzales

SAVE THE DATE:



The Annual Stewardship Luncheon will be on **Sunday, November 3rd**! New information for our 2025 Stewardship will be available beginning Sunday, September 29th.

The Seniors Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, October 8 at 12:00 PM. Cost is $8.00. **All Seniors attending must make your reservation by calling or texting KAREN KOTANIDES at 330-412-5504 by October 1st! Include your name if you leave a message or text her!**

SAVE THE DATE!
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St. John Chrysostom Annual Retreat

Saturday, November 9, 2024

Retreat Theme:
Addictions and the Passions
How Unhealthy Connections Affect Us Spiritually



Speaker: Fr. Dimitrios Moraitis

10:00 AM - Welcome & Breakfast	1:30 PM - 3rd Session - What Addition Takes Away from Us Spiritually
10:30 AM - 1st Session - Addiction and the Passions	2:30 PM - Wrap Up - Final Q & A
11:30 AM - 2nd Session - What are the Root Causes of Addiction	3:00 PM - Service of the 9th Hour
12:30 PM - Lunch	3:30 PM - Departure

Father Dimitrios Moraitis is the parish priest of the St. Nicholas Church in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. He received his bachelors from Hellenic college and graduated as Valedictorian in 1996. He received his Masters of Divinity from Holy Cross in 1998 and his Doctor of Ministry from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 2006. His doctoral dissertation entitled "Returning the Lost Sheep: Ministry to the Alcoholic and Addict, an Orthodox Perspective," was published in 2013 and is one of the required books of the pastoral theology class, in which he guest lectures at Holy Cross. Fr. Dimitrios is also a clinician and the Spiritual Director at the Washburn House, a rehabilitation center for alcoholics and addicts in Worcester, MA. He has done hundreds of interventions, and led dozens of retreats on the topic of addiction.

RSVP to Holy Trinity's Church Office
Sponsored by Koraes Ladies Society
330-494-8770 by November 1st

Koraes Ladies Society
Dinner Theatre

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
Thursday, October 17, 2024
Legends II with Melanie, Michael & the MJB Orchestra and Special Guests!

Tickets:
$65 per person
Doors open at 5:30 PM
Holy Trinity Hall



Calendar for the Week

All Services are streaming online @ *www.htgoc.net/live*

Sunday, September 29
40-Day Churching - Styliani Stamatelopoulos
GOYA Pizza Lunch 11:30 AM

Monday, September 30
No Scheduled Events

Tuesday, October 1
HOUSE BLESSINGS DAY #16
Senior Board Meeting 11:00 AM
Ladies Exercise 6:00 PM

Wednesday, October 2
Bible Study 11:00 AM
Paraklesis 6:00 PM
Orthodoxy 101 & 201 Classes 7:00 PM

Thursday, October 3
HOUSE BLESSINGS DAY #17
Koraes Board Meeting 7:00 PM
Young Adult Basketball 7:30 PM

Friday, October 4
HOUSE BLESSINGS DAY #3 MAKE-UP

Saturday, October 5
HOUSE BLESSINGS MAKE-UP DAY #1

Sunday, October 6
Choir Sunday
Sunday School Coffee Hour 11:30 AM

TRINITARIAN SPOTS AVAILABLE



Would you place an ad in our Trinitarian? The ads run for 12 months in our Trinitarian and support the mailing each month to our family and friends. Please contact Lori in the Church Office for details.

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Scan code with smart phone to make a payment instantly!
SCAN ME

Resurrectional Apolytikion.
Mode pl. 1. *Automelon.*

As the Father and Spirit are unoriginate, * so the Word, who was born from the Virgin for us. * Let us praise Him, O believers, and let us worship Him. * For our salvation He was pleased * to be crucified in the flesh, * and to undergo death, * and to resurrect the dead, by His glorious resurrection.

For the Devout Man.
Mode 1.

As a citizen of the desert and an angel incarnate * and a wonder-worker you shone forth, O Kyriacos, our God-bearing father. * Since you received the spiritual gifts * by fasting and vigilance and prayer, * you can cure those who are ailing and heal the souls * of those who run to you with faith. * Glory to Him who gave His might to you; * glory to Him who placed a crown on you; * glory to Him who operates through you, providing cures to all.

Apolytikion of Our Church
Mode pl. 4.

Blessed are You, O Christ our God; Who did show forth the fishermen to be all-wise, by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit. And through them You drew the world into Your net, O Friend of man, glory to You!

Kontakion.
Mode 2.

A protection of Christians unshamable, intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering, reject not the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us, for you are good; your loving help bring unto us, who are crying in faith to you: hasten to intercede, and speed now to supplicate, as a protection for all time, Theotokos, for those who honor you.

St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 1:21-24; 2:1-4

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 1
Psalm 11.7,1

You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.
Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 1:21-24; 2:1-4

Brethren, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; he has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

But I call God to witness against me - it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

The Gospel According to Luke 6:31-36

The Lord said, "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.
Ἦχος πλ. α΄. *Αὐτόμελον.*

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν· ὅτι ηὐδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγεῖραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

Τοῦ Ὁσίου.
Ἦχος α΄.

Τῆς ἐρήμου πολίτης καὶ ἐν σώματι ἄγγελος καὶ θαυματουργὸς ἀνεδείχθης θεοφόρε πατὴρ ἡμῶν Κυριακέ· νηστείᾳ, ἀγρυπνίᾳ, προσευχῇ, οὐράνια χαρίσματα λαβών· θεραπεύεις τοὺς νοσοῦντας καὶ τὰς ψυχὰς τῶν πίστει προστρεχόντων σοι. Δόξα τῷ δεδωκότι σοι ἰσχύν, δόξα τῷ σὲ στεφανώσαντι, δόξα τῷ ἐνεργοῦντι διὰ σοῦ πᾶσιν ἰάματα.

Τοῦ Ναοῦ.
Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.

Εὐλογητὸς εἶ Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ πανσόφους τοὺς ἁλιεῖς ἀναδείξας, καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ Ἅγιον, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν τὴν οἰκουμένην σαγηνεύσας, Φιλάνθρωπε, δόξα σοι.

Κοντάκιον.
Ἦχος β΄.

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδῃς, ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεί, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

Πρὸς Κορινθίους β' 1:21-24, 2:1-4

Προκείμενον. Ήχος πλ. α'
ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 11.7,1
Σὺ Κύριε, φυλάξαις ἡμᾶς καὶ διατηρήσαις ἡμᾶς.
Στίχ. Σῶσον με, Κύριε, ὅτι ἐκλέλοιπεν ὅσιος.

Πρὸς Κορινθίους β' 1:21-24, 2:1-4 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, ὁ βεβαιῶν ἡμᾶς σὺν ὑμῖν εἰς Χριστόν, καὶ χρίσας ἡμᾶς, θεός, ὁ καὶ σφραγισάμενος ἡμᾶς, καὶ δοὺς τὸν ἀρραβῶνα τοῦ πνεύματος ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ἡμῶν. Ἐγὼ δὲ μάρτυρα τὸν θεὸν ἐπικαλοῦμαι ἐπὶ τὴν ἐμὴν ψυχήν, ὅτι φειδόμενος ὑμῶν οὐκέτι ἦλθον εἰς Κόρινθον. Οὐχ ὅτι κυριεύομεν ὑμῶν τῆς πίστεως, ἀλλὰ συνεργοί ἐσμεν τῆς χαρᾶς ὑμῶν· τῇ γὰρ πίστει ἑστήκατε. Ἔκρινα δὲ ἐμαυτῷ τοῦτο, τὸ μὴ πάλιν ἐν λύπῃ πρὸς ὑμᾶς ἐλθεῖν. Εἰ γὰρ ἐγὼ λυπῶ ὑμᾶς, καὶ τίς ἐστιν ὁ εὐφραίνων με, εἰ μὴ ὁ λυπούμενος ἐξ ἐμοῦ; Καὶ ἔγραψα ὑμῖν τοῦτο αὐτό, ἵνα μὴ ἐλθὼν λύπην ἔχω ἀφ' ὧν ἔδει με χαίρειν, πεποιθὼς ἐπὶ πάντας ὑμᾶς, ὅτι ἡ ἐμὴ χαρὰ πάντων ὑμῶν ἐστίν. Ἐκ γὰρ πολλῆς θλίψεως καὶ συνοχῆς καρδίας ἔγραψα ὑμῖν διὰ πολλῶν δακρύων, οὐχ ἵνα λυπηθῆτε, ἀλλὰ τὴν ἀγάπην ἵνα γνῶτε ἣν ἔχω περισσοτέρως εἰς ὑμᾶς.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 6:31-36 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· καθὼς θέλετε ἵνα ποιῶσιν ὑμῖν οἱ ἄνθρωποι, ποιεῖτε αὐτοῖς ὁμοίως. καὶ εἰ ἀγαπᾶτε τοὺς ἀγαπῶντας ὑμᾶς, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστί; καὶ γὰρ οἱ ἁμαρτωλοὶ τοὺς ἀγαπῶντας αὐτοὺς ἀγαπῶσι. καὶ ἐὰν ἀγαθοποιῆτε τοὺς ἀγαθοποιοῦντας ὑμᾶς, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστί; καὶ γὰρ οἱ ἁμαρτωλοὶ τὸ αὐτὸ ποιοῦσι. καὶ ἐὰν δανείζητε παρ' ὧν ἐλπίζετε ἀπολαβεῖν, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστί; καὶ γὰρ ἁμαρτωλοὶ ἁμαρτωλοῖς δανείζουσιν ἵνα ἀπολάβωσι τὰ ἴσα. πλὴν ἀγαπᾶτε τοὺς ἐχθροὺς ὑμῶν καὶ ἀγαθοποιεῖτε καὶ δανείζετε μηδὲν ἀπελπίζοντες, καὶ ἔσται ὁ μισθὸς ὑμῶν πολύς, καὶ ἔσεσθε υἱοὶ ὑψίστου, ὅτι αὐτὸς χρηστός ἐστιν ἐπὶ τοὺς ἀχαρίστους καὶ πονηρούς. Γίνεσθε οὖν οἰκτίρμονες, καθὼς καὶ ὁ πατὴρ ὑμῶν οἰκτίρμων ἐστί.

Join us for coffee hour after liturgy on October 6th to honor our choir and the Sunday school students…

It's the start of a new ecclesiastical year!

Refreshments and Ice Cream Sundaes hosted by Sunday School!







