

# Holy Trinity - St. John the Theologian Greek Orthodox Church














## 4TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

*On the Sunday that falls from the 13th to the 19th of the present month, we chant the Service to the 630 Holy and God-bearing Fathers who came together for the 4th Ecumenical Council who assembled in Chalcedon in 451, to condemn Eutyches, who taught that there was only one nature, the divine, in Christ after the Incarnation, and Dioscorus, Patriarch of Alexandria, who illegally received Eutyches back into communion and deposed Saint Flavian, Patriarch of Constantinople, who had excommunicated Eutyches.*

## IMPORTANT DATES

- July 1 - 5:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- July 2 - 5:30 p.m. Paraklesis
- July 6 - Bonnie Koufopoulos Memorial
- July 8 - 4:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study
- July 9 - 5:30 p.m. Paraklesis & Choir Practice
- July 13 - Parish Council Meeting
- July 15 - 5:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- July 16 - 5:30 p.m. Paraklesis
- July 22 - 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (St. Mary Magdeline), 4:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study
- July 23 - 5:30 p.m. Paraklesis
- July 29 - 5:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- July 30 - Men's Bible Study 5:30 p.m.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>29</div> <div>8:45 Orthros 10:00 Liturgy</div>	<div>30</div> <div>8:45 Orthros 10:00 Liturgy (Synaxis of the Apostles)</div>	<div>1</div> <div>Men's Bible Study 5:30 p.m.</div>	<div>2</div> <div>5:30 p.m. Paraklesis</div> <div></div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div> <div></div>	<div>5</div>
<div>6</div> <div>8:45 Orthros 10:00 Liturgy Orthodoxy 101 Bonnie Koufopoulos Memorial</div>	<div>7</div>	<div>8</div> <div>Women's Bible Study 4:30 p.m.</div>	<div>9</div> <div>5:30 p.m. Paraklesis Choir Practice</div> <div></div>	<div>10</div>	<div>11</div> <div></div>	<div>12</div>
<div>13</div> <div>8:45 Orthros 10:00 Liturgy Parish Council</div>	<div>14</div>	<div>15</div> <div>Men's Bible Study 5:30 p.m.</div>	<div>16</div> <div>5:30 p.m. Paraklesis</div> <div></div>	<div>17</div>	<div>18</div> <div></div>	<div>19</div>
<div>20</div> <div>8:45 Orthros 10:00 Liturgy Orthodoxy 101</div>	<div>21</div>	<div>22</div> <div>8:45 Orthros 10:00 Liturgy (St. Mary Magdelene) Women's Bible Study 4:30 p.m.</div>	<div>23</div> <div>5:30 p.m. Paraklesis</div> <div></div>	<div>24</div>	<div>25</div> <div></div>	<div>26</div>
<div>27</div> <div>8:45 Orthros 10:00 Liturgy Orthodoxy 101</div>	<div>28</div>	<div>29</div> <div>Men's Bible Study 5:30 p.m.</div>	<div>30</div> <div>5:30 p.m. Paraklesis</div> <div></div>	<div>31</div>	<div>1</div> <div></div>	<div>2</div> <div></div>

<div>Strict Fast</div> <div></div>	<div>Fish Allowed</div> <div></div>	<div>Dairy Allowed</div> <div></div>	<div>Wine and Oil Allowed</div> <div></div>
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**Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

**Let us first highlight that July honors multiple important Saints in our church. Mary Magdalene is honored as the "Equal to the Apostles" for her role in proclaiming Christ's Resurrection to the disciples. She is remembered as a devoted follower of Jesus who stood by the Cross and was the first to witness the empty tomb. Saint Anna, the mother of the Theotokos, is venerated for her faith and for being the grandmother of Jesus Christ. Her feast day of her Dormition on July 25 celebrates her role in God's plan of salvation and her example of piety and perseverance in prayer.**

**The gyro drive-through held in June was a good one netting ~\$2,500.**

**Thank you to everyone who was able to help in any capacity. The short events are great for food and fellowship and go a long way in meeting the many needs of the community. In addition, the spring general assembly was held on May 18<sup>th</sup> and a Taste of the Mediterranean townhall was held on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Projects and initiatives important to our parish were discussed at length and we appreciate everyone taking the time to stick around after liturgy and participate in the discussion. At the general assembly, we approved both the Old Canton sign and pantokrator project. We expect the sign to be in the ground by the end of the month with a final cost of \$9,726.30. Regarding the pantokrator, the iconographers are onboard with the "new" rendering presented at the general assembly that depicts Christ in the center, as is tradition, with a two-foot gold ring and angels circling. Fortunately, the price remained the same and we expect the entire project to be completed for ~\$35k. As seen, the location on the ceiling has been demoed, curved, and smoothed in preparation for the pantokrator. The entire ceiling should be finished being painted by mid-July with the icon to be put up in, as of now, August. This is an exciting project, and the finished product will be beautiful and bring us closer to our Lord and Savior.**

**Lastly, the townhall was productive with helpful thoughts and ideas flowing. Some major changes to be implemented include moving the event to February and having a new name as "Taste of Greece". The new name more accurately reflects the event while also helping with continuity moving forward. Smaller changes will be items such as**

offering a “student ticket” option and extending the wine tasting to 90 minutes. The new sponsorship packet and save the date will be sent to the parish early this month to provide ample time for sponsorships, especially with the event moving up. These are merely a few, with others certainly to be made as well.

*Your Servants,  
The Parish Council*



## **Church Archiving Underway**

**Our church has a long history  
stretching back several decades.  
As such, it has many documents**

**of historical significance to the community. These documents are currently in disarray in boxes and in need of organizing and archiving. Mary Stough has graciously agreed to take on this project. She has experience with the archiving process from her own profession and will offer direction to anyone willing to help with this process.**

**Having cleared out one of our storage rooms, we now have a room available to serve as a church library and archive; this is the very back room on the left of the Sunday School hallway. If this is something you are interested in helping with, contact Mary Stough or Fr. Mike to get started.**

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# The Catechist Conference

August 9 & 16, 2025 | 9:00A - 5:00P

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## 2 Dates, 2 Locations, 4 Featured Speakers

August 9 | Saint Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church, Charlotte, NC



**Dr. Albert Rossi**

Dr. Rossi is the resident Clinical Psychologist at St. Vladimir's Seminary and has served on its Faculty Council for over 20 years. He is the author of *Becoming a Healing Presence* and *All is Well*, and hosts a biweekly podcast, *Becoming a Healing Presence*, on Ancient Faith Radio. A former Associate Professor of Psychology, he retired after 24 years of teaching at Pace University.



**Anastasia Stonestreet**

Anastasia is a homeschooling mom, former Montessori teacher, and longtime youth ministry leader with a degree in Religious Studies from UVA. For over 20 years, she's developed and led catechism programs for young children, most recently at St. Nektarios. Her work is guided by her training in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and a deep commitment to Orthodox faith.

August 16 | Saint Mark Greek Orthodox Church, Boca Raton, FL



**Dr. Helen Nixon**

Dr. Helen Nixon is the Sunday School Coordinator at Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Washington, DC, where she has served for five years. She is the Director of Human Resources for the United Mine Workers of America and has over two decades of experience as an educator and executive leader in K-12 schools. Dr. Nixon holds degrees from Clemson, Virginia Commonwealth, and The George Washington University, and teaches graduate courses at Bowie State University.



**Fr. Mark Leondis**

Fr. Mark Leondis is the Senior Pastor of Saint Mark Greek Orthodox Church in Boca Raton, Florida, and formerly served as National Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the Archdiocese. He holds a BA from Hellenic College, an MDiv from Holy Cross, and pursued graduate studies in youth ministry and leadership. A dedicated educator and leader, he has served in parishes across the U.S., chaired Orthodox Christian Fellowship, and currently serves as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Hellenic College Holy Cross.

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*For more information on the August 9 session, contact Gerry Clonaris at 704.574.6179 or Dr. Thomas Copulos at 561.706.3562 regarding August 16.*





## Pantokrator

The first phase of work has been completed and the ceiling is now being painted in preparation for the installation of the Pantokrator. So far, we have raised approximately \$26,300 towards a goal of \$40,000. If this is something you would like to support, you can give online or by leaving a check with "Pantokrator" on the memo line. We appreciate everyone's help as we work to get this project completed and we will look forward to having it finished.



# SAVE THE DATE

**Our next Taste of  
Greece  
will be held on  
February 20<sup>th</sup>,  
2026 at Old  
Capital Inn.**

## New Musical Resource

**As we work to align our choir material with the current liturgy book and accompanying hymnal, a folder has been created with recordings and sheet music. This folder will contain some lessons about the liturgy and basic instructions for using the bulletin and service books so that we can better enable the participation of the congregation. The folder can be found here:**



**[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1EXOX6rRIE2wNyjiRn2Px9l8TjOVe-CxL?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1EXOX6rRIE2wNyjiRn2Px9l8TjOVe-CxL?usp=drive_link)**

**If you have any trouble getting into the link,  
contact Fr. Mike to get started.**