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Dionysios the Areopagite - October 3

October 2012

Apolytikion: Since thou hadst been instructed in uprightness thoroughly and wast vigilant in all things, thou wast clothed with a good conscience as befitteth one holy. Thou didst draw from the Chosen Vessel ineffable mysteries; and having kept the Faith, thou didst finish a like course, O Hieromartyr Dionysios. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

Kontakion: In spirit, thou dist pass through Heaven's gates, instructed by the great Apostle who attained to the third Heaven's heights, and wast made rich in all knowledge of things beyond speech; and then thou, O Dionysios, didst illuminate them that slumbered in the darkness of their ignorance. Hence we all cry out: Rejoice, O universal Father.

This Saint was from Athens, a learned man, and a member of the famous judicial court of Mars Hill (in Greek Aeros Pagos, hence the name Areopagite (see Acts 17:19-34). When Saint Paul preached in Athens, he was one of the first there to believe in Christ, and, according to some, became the first bishop of that city. Others say -- and this may be more probable--that he was the second Bishop of Athens, after Saint Hierotheus, whom Dionysios calls his friend and teacher "after Paul" (On the Divine Names, 3:2). With Saint Hierotheus he was also present at the Dormition of the most holy Theotokos; the Doxasticon of the Aposticha for the service of the Dormition is partly taken from a passage in Chapter III of On the Divine Names. According to ancient tradition, he received a martyr's end (according to some, in Athens itself) about the year 96.

Reading:
Holy Transfiguration Monastery - Brookline, MA
Apolytikion:
Holy Transfiguration Monastery - Brookline, MA
Kontakion:
Holy Transfiguration

"Dancing with The Greeks"

Saturday, November 3rd

7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Wellman Commons, Bangor, Maine

Great Food! Great Music! Great Dancing!
& of course Great Greek Hospitality!

Be sure to join us!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Members of the St. George Family,

It is great being able to enjoy the fall weather here in Maine and the beautiful services of our beloved St. George. Please be sure to attend Sunday Liturgies and bring your children so that they may learn the ways of a spiritual life in Our Lord. This is extremely important as it will help them grow in the Orthodox Christian faith and be able to pass the love of our faith along to future generations. As it says in the bible "go and make disciples of all nations…teaching them to observe all things I have commanded you (Matthew 28:19-20)"

The Greek dance is next month so please make every effort to participate and/or attend. This is our next big fundraiser and will help up us budget for our fuel needs this winter. Also, if you would be able to make a dish for the event please contact Cynthia Karris to coordinate. We want to make sure that we have plenty of food to go along with our hospitality so that we make this the most successful dance ever. OPA!

Yours in the love of Our Lord,

Lee P. Speronis
President, Parish Council 2012

MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL 2012

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ST. GEORGE "CARE COMMITTEE" ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MEMBERS

What a wonderful way to be involved in our St. George community while helping others!

The next Care Committee meeting is to be announced.
For more information or if you know
of a need the Committee could meet,
Please contact Presvytera Lisa (947-4709)

Receive "The Messenger" Via E-mail

If you have not been receiving the church's monthly newsletter, "**The Messenger"**, via e-mail and would like to, please give your e-ddress to Presvytera Lisa or e-mail it to her at aldiasma@yahoo.com. E-ddresses will not be shared and will only be used for sending "The Messenger" and for other pertinent church-related announcements.

UNDERWRITING *THE MESSENGER*

We invite parishioners to help subsidize our newsletter. You can support publication of *The Messenger* in the following ways:

- Sponsor the Monthly Dedication Page @ $75.00 per month.
- Become a *Messenger* Patron @ $50.00 for the year.

St. George History books are for sale at half price ($25.00) each.

Please see Maria Brountas if you are interested.

Call 942-5718 or 299-3839

HAPPENINGS

October 12th
St. George Church Book Group

The Orthodox Book Group meets on Friday evening, October 12th, 7 p.m., at the home of Donna Walter. Discussion will focus on the book **Living in God's Creation: Orthodox Perspectives on Ecology, by Elizabeth Theokritoff**. We are honored to announce that the author will be present to take part in the discussion! For more information, please call **Marina Smitherman (866-7717).**

Upcoming Services

Great Vespers in Saco - Thursday, October 25th

The Great Vespers of St. Demetrios at our sister church St. Demetrios in Saco, are at 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, October 25th. All are invited to attend in celebration of their Patron Saint.

Divine Liturgy in Waterville - Saturday, October 20th

ESTIA Conference - October 26th & 27th

The ESTIA Conference on "Slow Food" is on October 26th and 27th at the University of Maine in Orono. Registration deadline is October 15th. (For more details - see page 6 of this issue)
For more information, go to **www.estiamaine.org.**

Harvest Party - October 31st

On October 31st is the annual Harvest Party at church for children and parents. ***All are welcome!***

"Dancing With the Greeks" - November 3rd

"Dancing With the Greeks," the annual St. George Greek Dance is on Saturday evening, November 3rd, at the Masonic Center-Wellman Commons in Bangor, from 7 - 11 p.m.

Free Greek Dance Lessons are at the church as listed on the calendar.

For tickets and more information, contact the church office at **945-9588**.

TA NEA (The News)

By Cathy Speronis 118 Poplar Street Bangor, ME 04401 (942-7822)

The St. George "Dancing with the Greeks" dance is coming! Be sure to get your tickets and if you can, sign up to bring a potluck dish. It is going to be a great time had by all and a wonderful way for our community to get together and raise much needed funds for our church.

Special thanks to **Cynthia Karris** and **Susan Jonason** and **all of our volunteers** who help organize this

All news is welcome! If you have anything you would like to share you can call me at my number above. If I'm not in, please leave me a message. You can also email me at **catthecook@roadrunner.com**. Continued prayers to those in need. In love and faith, *Cathy*

Church Bookstore News

New items have arrived!

When you are in the church narthex, check out all the new items in the St. George Bookstore. They are great for birthday or Christmas gifts, too!

Celebrations!

Recent Birth

Born to past parishioner **Natassa (Kalea),** and her husband **Vassilis Karavas,** a son, **Nikolas Aristotelis Karavas.** Natassa & Vassilis currently live in London, England, and baby Nikolas was born there on October 9th! We are so happy for you!

Na Sas Zisi!

Recent Chrismation

We welcome **Hillary Louise Nason** who recently was received into the Orthodox Faith through the Sacrament of Chrismation. Hillary was chrismated **"Thekla"** during the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, October 14th. Her godmother is **Marina Smitherman**. May God richly bless newly-illumined Hillary Thekla and her godmother!

Na Sas Zisi!

Recent Wedding

Fr. Adam had the joy of uniting **Katie Limberis and Roy Dacke** in holy wedlock on Saturday, September 22nd, at St. George Church. The couple's sponsor was **Meghan Leen**, and **Eleni Margaronis** read the Epistle. Though now living in Florida, Katie grew up at St. George with her many friends and relatives who were in attendance. Best wishes to Katie's loving parents, **Chris and Nancy Limberis**, and especially also to her grandmother, **Mary Limberis**. May God richly bless you all!

ESTIA The International EcoPeace Community's 9th Annual Conference

Slow Food

A Model for Sustainable & Healthy Living
October 26 - 27

Wells Conference Center, University of Maine

Featuring Speakers - Roger Doiron & Prof. Dora Klimis-Zacas

Registration Deadline, October 15th
Conference Fee (includes food) $40 ($50 day of event)
Students $25 ($30 day of event)

To register or for more information contact Gregory Edwards, ESTIA Treasurer, 716 Union Street, Bangor, ME 04401 or e-mail **estiamaine@gmail.com**

We Give Thanks

To Prosforo bakers **Kyvele St. Peter and Vasiliki Panakis.**

To **Elizabeth Theokritoff**, and husband **George**, who made a special effort to be present at the most recent St. George Book Group meeting. The lively discussion focused on Elizabeth's book ***Living in God's Creation: Orthodox Perspectives on Ecology.*** We were honored to have her present. Sincere thanks also to **Kyriacos Markides**, and wife **Emily**, who were present at our previous meeting to discuss his book ***Inner River***. It is quite a treat for the book group to be able to share thoughts and words with their authors. We send very best

Recent Deaths

Michael Moody, the father of **Fr. Christopher Moody**, for whom we had been praying, passed away in Bangor on Friday September 28th. Messages of sympathy may be sent to Fr. Christopher and Victoria Moody, 3 Hadley Street, Apt. 2, South Hadley,MA 01075. Fr. Chris is now the priest at Holy Trinity Church in Holyoke, Mass.

Sincere condolences to parishioners **Lee Speronis** and **Marina Smitherman** and to their families. Lee's **Aunt Connie (Constantina)** fell asleep in the Lord on October 13th, in Florida, and Marina's **Uncle Howard**, her mother's brother, passed away in Upstate New York.

✞ **May their memories be eternal** ✞

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2012 Stewardship Status 9/2/12

Stewardship Target ……..……..$50,000
Stewardship Units pledged……..80
Stewardship Gifts Pledged…….$ 44,035
Stewardship Gifts Rec'd……..- 34,145

PLEDGES RECEIVED AS OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2012

Aldrich, Judith
Alling, Charlene
Aloupis, Angela
Aloupis, Dr. Vance
Andreescu, Astrid
Angel, ✞Richard & Eleni
Aretakis, Jonathan &
Ann Cannizzaro
Asimakopoulos, Aaron & Sarah
Baker, Tyra
Bennett, Mr. & Mrs. Charles
Blejeru, Radu & Monica
Bonstedt, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen
Brountas, Arthur & Maria
Brountas, George & Kim
Brountas, Helen
Brountas, Peter A.
Burgess, Paul & Polly Moutevelis-
Callas, George & Kim
Christakos, Dianna
Cox, John & Debra Sinclair
Cox, Kevin & Sherri
DeSiervo, Augie
Duddy, Athena & Bill
Fitzpatrick, Chip & Kathy
Flanzala, Paul & Maria
George, Nicholas & Grace
Ireland, Cindy
Jonason, Leo & Susan
Joseph, Harold & Najla
Karagiannes, Christos & Alice
Kelley, Mike & Karen
Kelley, Phyllis
Kesaris, Nicholas & Callie
Kesaris, Nick & Sue
Konstantakos, Anastasios
Konstantakos, Konstantin & Zoe
Kulikowsky, Timothy & Allison
Larsen, Johan & Joan Selmer-
Leakos, George & Sharon
Leen, Ann
Limberis, Roy Dacke & Katie
Louridas, Peter & Glenna
Lowd, Claudia
Luck, Chris & Neia
Markides, Kyriacos & Emily
Markowsky, Elizabeth
Metropoulos, Rev. Adam & Lisa
Michaud, Bert & Patty
Mihalopoulas, John & Eleni
Mitchell, Scott & Faith
Montgomery, Jack & Hope
Moutevelis-Burgess, Paul & Polly
Nawfel, Dr. Nicholas
Nicholas, George
Nichols, Joshua & Ann
Page, Brian & Paula
Pangakis, Jerry & Martha
Paul, Georgia
Pearce, Bryan & Detta
Petrides, Mr. & Mrs. Christos
Petrikas, George
Predaris, George & Norah
Predaris, Jon & Mary
Rees, Penny
Rozos, John S.
Seviciu, Alex & Claudia
Shaw, Allen & Joan
Skoufis, Mrs. Peter
Smitherman, Ambrose & Marina
Speronis, Lee & Cathy
Spofford, Joan & Koula

Dear Stewards,

Stewardship is a little behind this year. We still have about 20 families not heard from. We will be sending out a 4th quarter mailing with pledge cards. Please return these as soon as possible.

Thank you,
Kevin Cox, Chair

FINANCIAL STATEMENT as of 9/27/2012

	Aug. '12	Sept. '12	YTD '12
RECEIPTS	**$24,684.00**	**$8,269.12**	**$79,317.27**
DISBURSEMENTS	**$14,843.59**	**$12,214.81**	**$77,045.09**
Surplus/(Deficit)	**$ 9,840.41**	**$ (3,945.69)**	**$ 2,272.18**

Transforming our Baptismal garment into the Armor of God.

Guest Presenter:
Rev. Fr. Ephraim Peters esq.
Worcester, MA

Fall Family / Parish Retreat

Nov. 9,10 &11, 2012
St. Methodios Faith & Heritage Center,
Contoocook, NH

Minimum donation to attend:
$125 per Adult
$25 per child under 16

RSVP to:
Fr. Ted Toppses (207) 576-1536 or
Ann Robinson (207) 242-5427

DAILY BIBLE READINGS
October 2012

1. Acts 9:10-19
   Luke 6:24-30

2. 1 Timothy 1:12-17
   Luke 6:37-45

3. Acts of the Apostles 17:16-34
   Luke 6:46-49, 7:1

4. Ephesians 5:33; 6:1-9
   Luke 7:17-30

5. Ephesians 6:18-24
   Luke 7:31-35

6. 1 Corinthians 4:9-16
   John 20:19-31

7. John 20:1-10
   2 Corinthians 9:6-11
   Luke 7:11-16

8. Philippians 1:1-7
   Luke 7:36-50

9. 1 Corinthians 4:9-16
   Matthew 9:36-38; 10:1-8

10. Philippians 1:12-20
    Luke 8:22-25

11. Acts 8:26-39
    Luke 9:7-11

12. Philippians 1:27-30; 2:1-4
    Luke 9:12-18

13. 1 Corinthians 15:58; 6:1-3
    Luke 6:1-10

14. John 20:11-18
    Titus 3:8-15
    Luke 8:5-15

15. Philippians 2:12-15
    Luke 9:18-22

16. Philippians 2:16-23
    Matthew 27:33-54

17. Romans 9:18-33
    Luke 9:44-50

18. Colossians 4:5-11, 14-18
    Luke 10:16-21

19. Acts 2:14-21
    Luke 10:1-15

20. 2 Corinthians 1:8-11
    Luke 7:1-10

21. John 20:19-31
    Galatians 1:11-19
    Luke 8:26-39

22. Philippians 4:10-23
    Luke 10:22-24

23. Galatians 1:11-19
    Matthew 13:54-58

24. Colossians 1:18-23
    Luke 11:9-13

25. Colossians 1:24-29, 2:1
    Luke 11:14-23

26. Luke 21:12-19
    2 Timothy 2:1-10
    John 15:17-27; 16:1-2

27. 2 Corinthians 3:12-18
    Luke 8:16-21

28. John 21:1-14
    Hebrews 9:1-7
    Luke 8:41-56

29. Colossians 2:13-20
    Luke 11:29-33

30. Colossians 2:20-23; 3:1-3
    Luke 11:34-41

31. Colossians 3:17-25; 4:1
    Luke 11:42-46

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU!

Ellen Angel
Jason Nicholas Anovich
Jonathan Aretakis
Maria Brountas
Marianna DeJesus
Chip Fitzpatrick ꕥ Kay Gaddis
Electra Giatrelis
Aristea Halkedis
Theodosia Kelley ꕥ Gene Lachner
Barry Levine ꕥ Chris Limberis
Mary Limberis ꕥ Peter Louridas
Wendi Meyer ꕥ Eleni Nawfel
Brian Page
Ernie Robinson ꕥ Kosta Shanos
Alyce Speronis
Helen Speronis
Stefania (Emily's friend)
Ussi ꕥ Sophia Wirta
and for all the Christians who are struggling in the world.

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE

MEMORIAL SERVICE OFFERED

On September 23rd by Athena Duddy, a 4-year memorial for the soul of
Penelope "Poppy" Davis.

✞ MAY HER MEMORY

Pot Luck for Coffee Hour & Sponsors

When there is no one signed up for the coffee hour on a specific day, please feel free to bring in something that you would like to contribute as a potluck item. If anyone would like to sponsor a coffee hour on any particular Sunday, please see Presvytera Lisa to reserve the date.

Thank you to all those who contributed toward the Coffee

OCTOBER 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 7 – 8:30 pm Greek Dance Lessons	4	5	6 NO GREAT VESPERS
7 9 am Orthros with Liturgy after for the 3rd Sunday of Luke	8	9	10 7 – 8:30 pm Greek Dance Lessons	11	12	13 6 pm GREAT VESPERS
14 9 am Orthros with Liturgy after for the 4th Sunday of Luke	15	16	17 5:30 pm Vesperal Liturgy for the Apostle & Evangelist Saint Luke 7 – 8:30 pm Greek Dance	18	19	20 10 am Liturgy in Waterville NO GREAT VESPERS
21 9 am Orthros with Liturgy after for the 6th Sunday of Luke	22	23	24 7 – 8:30 pm Greek Dance Lessons	25 GREAT VESPERS in Saco for their Patron Saint Demetrios	26 9 am Orthros with Liturgy after for the Great Martyr and Myrrhbearer Demetrios	27 NO GREAT VESPERS
28 9 am Orthros with Liturgy after for the 7th Sunday of Luke	29	30	31 5 pm Vesperal Liturgy for Sts. Kosmas and Damian Harvest Party afterwards	November 1 7 – 8:30 pm Greek Dance Lessons	November 2	November 3 GREEK DANCE NO GREAT VESPERS
November 4 9 am Orthros with Liturgy after for the 5th Sunday of Luke	November 5 Fr. Adam on Vacation until Nov. 15th	November 6	November 7	November 8	November 9	November 10 NO GREAT VESPERS

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St. George Altar Angels

Altar Angels help to defray the costs of the altar supplies for St. George. These supplies include candles, incense, wine, etc. which are used for the services.

If anyone is interested in becoming an Altar Angel (a $50.00 donation) Please contact a Parish Council Member

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If you would like to sponsor the Messenger as a dedication to a loved one or a special event please contact the church office.

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