Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

-- Ps. 150.6

This is the time when here in New England we rejoice in the handiwork of God and the brilliance of the Creation. The trees are green and lively, the oceans are teaming with life, and the sun’s rays provide the warmth and opportunity for outdoor activities. People go away on vacation, others have barbecues at home, and the summer vacation from school brings families together.

One can be forgiven for thinking that, as people enjoy their summer, activities at church stop. Not here, not at Saint Luke! A lot of exciting activity has been happening that I’d like to share with you.

Every week, usually twice in the same week, we have workshops. Since June, many of you have been working hard at our Taste of Greece workshops, and we are now half-way through them. There is fellowship and also time together to share a meal. The workshops have been very well attended and, with many helping hands, complete the task at hand in short time. Congratulations!

Our ministries have also been hard at work. We have, as you have received notice in the mail, a new Sunday School director, Christina Nikolis. She and Toni Rizas, along with Lynne Georgeopolus and me, have been meeting regularly to incorporate the music ministry into the Sunday School program. Beginning in September, the students will be learning a hymn each month, which they will then join the Choir and sing the second Sunday of the month to follow. By the end of the school year, they will have learned more than half of the Divine Liturgy!
Bible Study  Tuesday @ 6:30PM/ Friday @ 11:00AM (unless otherwise stipulated)
Orthodox Life -Weds 6:30p
Council Meetings  2nd Monday of the month @ 7:00 PM (unless otherwise stipulated)
Dance Practice  TBA
Loaves and Fishes  Pick up on the 3rd Friday of the month
Knitting  1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month @10:30 (unless otherwise stipulated)
Romeos and Juliettes  4th Thursday of the month (unless otherwise stipulated)
Choir  Thursday @ 6:30 PM (September 10th – June10th) (unless otherwise stipulated)
GOYA  3rd Sunday of the month following Liturgy (unless otherwise stipulated)
JOY  3rd Friday of the month 6pm-7:30 unless otherwise announced
Endowment Meeting  2nd Tuesday @6:30
40 to 4 Club/Hope  -seeking a volunteer coordinator and meetings TBA
Miles to Smiles- Walking Ministry, TBA
Health Ministry- Monthly Blood Pressure during coffee hour, TBA

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O Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, intercede with our Merciful God, that He may grant our souls remission of sins
Apolytikion of Saint Luke
In addition, we have a new GOYA advisor, Jennifer (Cokotis) Russell. Having been a part of GOYA herself, and an aspiring young professional will help to reinforce with our young that our faith carries with us throughout our life. Assisting Jennifer will be our parental volunteers. We look forward to the GOYA ministry!

As you know, during Liturgy we have epistle readings. If you would like to read the epistle, in either Greek or English, please speak with Aristidis or myself. The more people who are interested, the better! This is an ancient Christian practice that is filled with honor; to proclaim the word of God in the midst of the congregation. Share in this honor!

Finally, we are now in the period of the Dormition fast. We will be having Paraklesis services on select evenings (see calendar) for the health of the living. Please provide the names of your loved ones for whom we will pray for good health and their salvation. As is our practice every year, we will have a light brunch after the Liturgy on the 15th to honor the Dormition of the Virgin Mary. Xronia polla to all our Marias, Marios, Panayiotas, Panayiotis, and Despinas!

Thank you to all who are stewards of what has been entrusted to them. Enjoy the remainder of the summer, and see you in Church!

+ Fr. Panteleimon

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**Feast**

**Prophet Samuel**

August 20

This most holy man, a Prophet of God from childhood, was the last judge of the Israelite people, and anointed the first two Kings of Israel. He was born in the twelfth century before Christ, in the city of Armuthaim Sipha, from the tribe of Levi, the son of Elkanah and Hannah (Anna). He was the fruit of prayer, for his mother, being barren, conceived him only after she had supplicated the Lord with many tears; wherefore she called him Samuel, that is, "heard by God." As soon as Hannah had weaned him, she brought him to the city of Silom (Shiloh), where the Ark was kept, and she consecrated him, though yet a baby, to the service of God, for his mother, being barren, conceived him only after she had supplicated the Lord with many tears; wherefore she called him Samuel, that is, "heard by God." As soon as Hannah had weaned him, she brought him to the city of Silom (Shiloh), where the Ark was kept, and she consecrated him, though yet a babe, to the service of God, giving thanks to Him with the hymn found in the Third Ode of the Psalter: "My heart hath been established in the Lord . . ." Samuel remained in Silom under the protection of Eli the priest. He served in the Tabernacle of God, and through his most venerable way of life became well-pleasing to God and man (I Kings 2: 26).

As we celebrate the memory of Thy Prophet Samuel, O Lord, through him we beseech Thee to save our souls.
Dear St. Luke Parishioners,

I kept thinking to myself, what to write for August’s messenger? It dawned on me that since almost all families are on vacation and enjoying their summer, it is only appropriate to spare them from any news. I just want to say on behalf of the Parish Council, we wish you a Happy Summer filled with blessings, joyful and healthy times with your family and friends.

Welcome back Sunday is September 15th. We hope that everyone joins us for a traditional nice cookout. Father is looking to bring some of the zoo petting animals again.

We are in search for a Parish Council seat. We welcome all in good standing parishioners to volunteer. We are in need for our time and talent.

Just a quick shout out and thank you to Paula, She has proved to be a great addition to our St. Luke Church. Thank you to Jim Danalis, for recommending Paula.

We like to wish Father Chris of St. George farewell and best of luck on his new assignment in Worcester. I will be visiting you now that you will be backyard in Worcester.

Again Happy Summer to all and look forward to seeing all of you at Church soon.

God bless you all,
Assaad Andrew Hallak

PARISH COUNCIL

I hope that everyone’s summer is going well!

I know that it is not back to school yet, but we are having our 4th annual backpack drive going on. It was a success the past three years with many happy faces on children in the area. Now is a great time to purchase supplies due to the great sales going on at all the area stores. You can see the flyers in the Narthex each week of all the specials that will be happening for the previous week. Last year Philoptochos and Parishioners collected and filled close to 100 backpacks supporting 2 different towns in need. This year our goal is reach 100 backpacks. Just remember if you can’t shop, but would like to support the Backpack and School Supply Drive, we can always do the shopping for you. Whatever you can do is always greatly appreciated.

Have a great rest of your summer and we will see you all in September.

Maria Londo
Philoptochos President
Dear Fellow Parishioner,

STEWARDS OF THE FAITH: All Things are Possible to the One Who Believes in Christ

The Mission of the Greek Orthodox Church of Saint Luke is to lovingly serve the liturgical and sacramental needs of the Orthodox Christians in our community through the Word of Jesus Christ and teachings of the Church. By practicing charity through stewardship and Christian ministries we will create an environment where parishioners are involved in the life of the church.

The Taste of Greece is right around the corner! We need volunteers! More importantly, we need people to worship and use the church as a refuge in good times and bad. Liturgy, vespers, baptisms, weddings, funerals, Holy Unction, 40-day blessings, house blessings, counseling, fellowship, etc. We all call upon the church for many of these needs and even more so in times of distress. This year has been a particularly difficult one since we have lost many loved ones and parishioners. Let us not take the church for granted that it will be there for all of our needs and requests. We have to give of our Time, Talent and Treasure in order to ensure that our beloved St. Luke will be there for us when we need it.

Please be mindful that during the summer, while you may be on vacation, our bills and commitments do not take a break. Please don’t forget to submit your weekly stewardship and take part in the different ministries that meet throughout the summer, including the many baking workshops that are scheduled to prepare for the The Taste of Greece. We can’t do it without your help!

God Bless,

Joe and Meghan Dasco
Co-Chairs Stewardship Committee

Our very best wishes to all and we wish everyone a safe and fun summer! As the summer season is ending, we hope to continue to provide an opportunity for our parishioners to take some time to visit with each other on Sunday mornings during coffee hour. Following are the dates which are open for hosting a coffee hour during the next few weeks…

August 4, 11, 18, & 25

If you cannot host, please consider just bringing something to share. Remember it is a fast period until August 15th. We thank you in advance for helping to continue this important ministry!
Hope/JOY

Our next meeting will be starting in September, date to be announced.

Ages 3-11 - We will be holding this time together on Sundays after church and coffee hour. Parent and Youth volunteers to help with obtaining craft items and assist with craft will be appreciated and a schedule for sign up will be distributed. Program and curriculum is all set!

Join Us for some fun and embracing the faith!

GOYA

Happy August everyone! Among our usual activities this year, we have put a focus on outreach to other GOYAs, starting with the St. George GOYA. Our GOYA dance on the 1st of December was a success! Our trip to the Philoxenia House in Brookline was also a beautiful experience, as well as the 30 Hour Famine. Sunday School graduation was also a success. The Youth of St. Luke would like to extend their appreciation towards the Philoptochos Society and all of the sources of scholarships that were awarded. It was my honor to be GOYA President this year, and I know GOYA will be in great hands with new leadership next year! We thank all who support GOYA as we continue to pursue our ministry.

Irene Dimitroglou
GOYA President

Watch for Email for Upcoming Meeting

Romeos & Juliets

The Romeos & Juliets will take a pause for the month of August. The next Romeos & Juliets schedule is 12:30 pm on 9/26. The restaurant is Mykonos Greek Restaurant, 687 James Street, Chicopee, MA. Hope you can join us! Tentative schedule for 2019 is 9/26, 10/24, 11/21* (early due to Thanksgiving) and 12/19* (Christmas Party).

Ushering Ministry

Please call Harry Georgiades at 413-883-2560 regarding ushering on Sundays. All are welcome, youths, adults - all ages.

CHOIR

Our practices are weekly on Thursdays at 6:30. Please don’t hesitate to contact Toni Rizas or any choir member if interested.

Sunday School

Welcome Back Sunday - first day of church school and registration and choir returning will be on Sunday, September 15th

Knitting Group

Knitting Group meets every other Wednesday in the Church conference room. Dates scheduled:

August 7 & 21 at 10:30 AM
Hope to see you there!!
Fun times at Camp at the St Methodios Faith and Heritage Center this summer! Our campers had a blast! Remember Fall and Winter Camps will be upcoming.

Other fun opportunities for next year include, CROSSROADS, The KOSMOS Project, IONIAN VILLAGE and OCMC MISSIONS.
Congratulations to Lyle and Christina Govoni and Godmother Maria Tsikrikis, on the baptism of Juliana Grace on Sunday, July 14th.

Na Sas Zisi!!

We wish to Thank everyone who came out on Sat, July 27th to celebrate Father’s Nameday and Christmas in July fun. Looking forward to next year!

Summer Christmas in July Cookie Decorating was hit! We even had some adults jump into the fun!
Philoptochos baby shower!

The most precious little souls need ALL of US!
Philoptochos with the leadership of Barbara Savas created a NEW outreach campaign!
Assisting those infants leaving the NICU and Continuing Care Units at Baystate Medical Center entering into the Foster Care system with NEW infant apparel.

Can YOU PLEASE HELP? Clothing & Monetary Donations Needed!
WHAT? NEW INFANT APPAREL: BOYS/GIRLS
Size: Infant up to 3 – 6 Months

Suggested Items: Onesies, Mittens, Swaddle Blanket Sets & Socks

SUMMER Infant Clothing Drive we are asking parishioners to gather NEW infant apparel.
Followed by every infant leaving the ...
NICU & Continuing Care Units entering into the Foster Care system wearing the “I am LOVED” onesie.

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Don’t Forget!!

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BackPack GIFTAWAY!
Buy any backpack and pack with some of the suggested items.
HELP a child to a brighter FUTURE!

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Welcome Back Sunday

September 15th

Following Liturgy,
BBQ for everyone
and
Activities and Fun for the Children
Memorials

In memory of Andrea Argiro
Peter and Lanie Alexopoulos
George and Magda Galiatsos
Chrisand Eleni Bazos
Doris Henault
Jeff and Barbara Clay
Phyllis LaVallee
Andrew and Sue Lemnios
Joe and Meghan Dasco
Pat Vamvili and family
Meri Kassanos
Venetia Karamallis
Vicki and Lou LaRoche
Toni Rizas
Thia Ploubides
Victor and Mary Galiatsos
Domna Moropoulos
Ann Flynn
Nick Lefakis and Sarah Lefakis
Alice Roumas
Anita and John Themistos
Tom and Kathy Themistos
Peter Coscore
James and Marie Stathis

In memory of Presvytera Christine Heath
Enfield Builders, Inc.
William and Mary Coutros

In memory of Elias Georges
Andrew and Sue Lemnios
Domna Moropoulos
Jerry and Martha Pangakis
Niki Ferros
Meyers Brothers Kalicka, P.C.

In memory of George Danalis
Peter and Lanie Alexopoulos
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Anita and John Themistos

In memory of George W. George
Domna Moropoulos

In memory of Anthony Heropoulos
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In memory of Anne Votze
Domna Moropoulos

In memory of Mary Turner
Domna Moropoulos

In memory of Christina Kakoulidis
Elaine Sgueglia

In memory of Rockwell Rookey
Barbara Costas
Ann Flynn

In memory of Marie Contakis
Ann Flynn

In memory of Chris Patrakis
Ann Flynn

In memory of Carolyn Martin
Martha Kiamos

May His Memory Be Eternal

John Marnelakis fell asleep on July 7, 2019. His funeral was held on July 12, 2019.

May consolation and comfort be with his family.