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*The Voice*

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## Summer Blessings

Light is shed upon the righteous and joy on the upright in heart. Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name.

PSALM 97:11-12





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### **Meetings**

Parish Council  
 3rd Tuesday  
 7:00 PM  
Philoptochos  
 1st Saturday  
 11:00 AM  
Bible Study  
 Every 2nd & 4th  
 Wednesday  
 10:30 AM  
Addiction  
Support  
 Every 2nd & 4th  
 Monday  
 6:00 PM  
GOYA  
 last Sunday  
 12:00 noon  
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 Monday  
 6:00 PM

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## **AMAZING CHICKEN FACTS!**

- They can distinguish between 100 faces
- They see more colors than humans
- They make friends and will grieve
- They can taste salt but not sweet
- They have dreams when asleep
- The worlds oldest chicken lived to 16
- There are more chickens on earth than humans
- They are the closet living relatives of the T-Rex
- In the wild they navigate using the sun
- They cannot sweat
- They can run at 9mph

It's CRAZY  
 how some  
 people  
 need NO  
 PROOF to  
 believe a  
 LIE  
 but  
 DEMAND  
 endless  
 PROOF  
 to ACCEPT  
 the  
 TRUTH.

### **Note to Parishioners:**

We invite all parishioners to submit items of interest for our monthly newsletter, *The Voice*.

This may include articles, stories that are relevant and important news in the lives of our parishioners.

Please submit material to the church office before the 15th of each month for review and inclusion in the next month's issue. Thank you.





## GRACEWAY VILLAGE

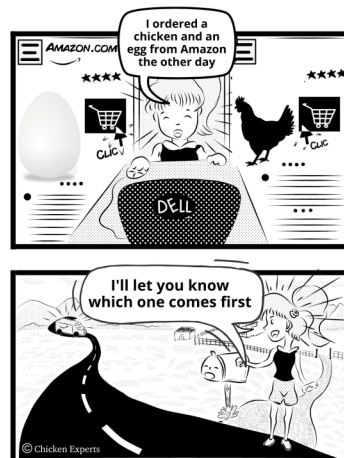
I would like to begin by expressing my appreciation to the donors who have provided funding for the meals sent to GraceWay Village. In addition to the many volunteers who contribute their valuable time and treasure for this cause. GraceWay, with everyone's help, reached a milestone number of 11,267 meals served for the month of April. That is fantastic. We provide 500 of those meals monthly.

As always, we need support to keep this worthwhile program going. For just a \$35.00 donation this will feed 40 people. That is .88 cents per person. If you are able, please send any contributions to the office indicating GraceWay Village.

Again, thank you for your support in both time and treasure for this cause. It is making a huge difference in the lives of many people.

**THANK YOU!**

Paul Maneos



## A Message from Father Andrew

We celebrated our Lord's Resurrection with great enthusiasm and joy! During June we have another opportunity to pray for our departed loved ones at the Saturday of Souls and the following day to celebrate Pentecost. After the Divine Liturgy we have Pentecost Vespers where we resume kneeling in prayer.

And as we do each year our minds turn to the summer months and for many the change in location, for others a change in their routine and life. Many travel during the summer while they and/or their children are on vacation. Often, preoccupied with our daily activities, we go on vacation from our Church worship as well.

As baptized Orthodox Christians we have been received into the Church. Our worship is centered in the sacramental life of the Church. In Living the Liturgy by Father Stanley Harakas, we read that we both give and receive through the sacraments. "By presenting ourselves to God for His Grace and blessing in these Sacraments, we admit we need His aid and assistance and presence. We also celebrate the presence of God's Holy Spirit brought to us through the Sacraments. In the Sacrament 'the Spirit helps us in our weakness.'"

One sacrament, however, stands out — it has a "unique place in the life of Orthodox Christians." The Divine Liturgy stands as: "the central and primary act of worship for the Church, since it is conducted each Sunday and on other days for and by the whole congregated body of Christians in each parish.

"In this Sacrament we especially see the significance of what it means to be a member of the Church; what it means to grow in the image and likeness of God; what it means to love God and our fellow men; and what it means to receive the continuing presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives."

"As we participate in Holy Communion we are filled with Jesus' Divine Presence. We can change our location as we live our seasonal lives. We cannot change our worship. That is part of our routine we must not change. Our love of God compels us to find a way to participate in the Divine Liturgy. Absence from glorifying our Lord, implies absence from the table He has set for us and our rejection of His love for us.

"The Sacramental life is thus at the heart of what it means to be a Christian." The most central of all the sacraments, the Divine Liturgy, in which we receive the Holy Eucharist must not be compromised or neglected with summertime excuses. We must not allow the temptations of the evil one to prevail."

# Your Stewardship

## PLAN Ahead

Greetings,

Spring has Sprung. Fall has Fell. Summer's here. It's hot as someplace you don't want to go. Now is the time to slow down, have a glass of wine or a margarita while reading a book. Take a dip in the pool. Maybe stretch out in the hammock in the shade of the old oak tree and take a nice afternoon snooze.

But there is one guy who can't do that. He's your church treasurer. You see, in the summer, church attendance falls off and offerings shrink. But the bills keep on piling up, and the church treasurer has to keep playing the old "rob Peter to pay Paul" game. It's a terrible game to play because there are no winners.

So show our treasurer, who works very hard for St. Nicholas Church, some mercy. Keep up with your weekly offering or your stewardship. If you decide not to come to church or if you are away on vacation, write a check, put it in the mail, and send it to the church. Or use the online link on the church website to make your offering. Do it every time you are going to be away. Remember: God loves a cheerful giver.

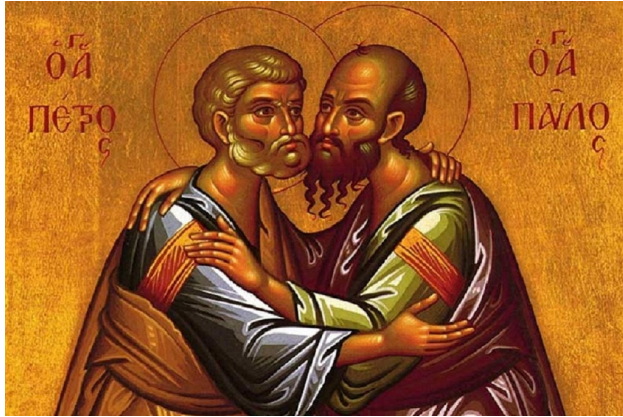
Yours in Christ's Service,

Subdeacon Pamphilos

Damascus, about midday there suddenly shone upon him a light from Heaven. Falling on the earth, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?" And he asked, "Who art Thou, Lord?" And the Lord said, "I am Jesus Whom thou persecutest; it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks." And that heavenly voice and brilliance made him tremble, and he was blinded for a time. He was led by the hand into the city, and on account of a divine revelation to the Apostle Ananias (see Oct. 1), he was baptized by him, and both his bodily and spiritual eyes were opened to the knowledge of the Sun of Righteousness. And straightway- O wondrous transformation! - beyond all expectation, he spoke with boldness in the synagogues, proclaiming that "Christ is the Son of God" (Acts 9:1-21). As for his zeal in preaching the Gospel after these things had come to pass, as for his unabating labors and afflictions of diverse kinds, the wounds, the prisons, the bonds, the beatings, the stonings, the shipwrecks, the journeys, the perils on land, on sea, in cities, in wildernesses, the continual vigils, the daily fasting, the hunger, the thirst, the nakedness, and all those other things that he endured for the Name of Christ, and which he underwent before nations and kings and the Israelites, and above all, his care for all the churches, his fiery longing for the salvation of all, whereby he became all things to all men, that he might save them all if possible, and because of which, with his heart aflame, he continuously traveled throughout all parts, visiting them all, and like a bird of heaven flying from Asia and Europe, the West and East, neither staying nor abiding in any one place - all these things are related incident by incident in the Book of the Acts, and as he himself tells them in his Epistles. His Epistles, being fourteen in number, are explained in 250 homilies by the divine Chrysostom and make manifest the loftiness of his thoughts, the abundance of the revelations made to him, the wisdom given to him from God, wherewith he brings together in a wondrous manner the Old with the New Testaments, and expounds the mysteries thereof which had been concealed under types; he confirms the doctrines of the Faith, expounds the ethical teaching of the Gospel, and demonstrates with exactness the duties incumbent upon every rank, age, and order of man. In all these things his teaching proved to be a spiritual trumpet, and his speech was seen to be more radiant than the sun, and by these means he clearly sounded forth the word of truth and illumined the ends of the world. Having completed the work of his ministry, he likewise ended his life in martyrdom when he was beheaded in Rome during the reign of Nero, at the same time, some say, when Peter was crucified.

All of us older folks know all about living on the edge,  
we used to answer the phone without knowing who it was.





## Saints Peter and Paul (June 29)

The divinely-blessed Peter was from Bethsaida of Galilee. He was the son of Jonas and the brother of Andrew the First-called. He was a fisherman by trade, unlearned and poor, and was called Simon; later he was renamed Peter by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, Who looked at him and said, "Thou art Simon the son of Jonas; thou shalt be called Cephas (which is by interpretation, Peter)" (John 1:42). On being raised by the Lord to the dignity of an Apostle and becoming inseparable from Him as His zealous disciple, he followed Him from the beginning of His preaching of salvation up until the very Passion, when, in the court of Caiaphas the high priest, he denied Him thrice because of his fear of the Jews and of the danger at hand. But again, after many bitter tears, he received complete forgiveness of his transgression. After the Resurrection of Christ and the descent of the Holy Spirit, he preached in Judea, Antioch, and certain parts of Asia, and finally came to Rome, where he was crucified upside down by Nero, and thus he ascended to the eternal habitations about the year 66 or 68, leaving two Catholic (General) Epistles to the Church of Christ.

Paul, the chosen vessel of Christ, the glory of the Church, the Apostle of the Nations and teacher of the whole world, was a Jew by race, of the tribe of Benjamin, having Tarsus as his homeland. He was a Roman citizen, fluent in the Greek language, an expert in knowledge of the Law, a Pharisee, born of a Pharisee, and a disciple of Gamaliel, a Pharisee and notable teacher of the Law in Jerusalem. For this cause, from the beginning, Paul was a most fervent zealot for the traditions of the Jews and a great persecutor of the Church of Christ; at that time, his name was Saul (Acts 22:3-4). In his great passion of rage and fury against the disciples of the Lord, he went to Damaskas bearing letters of introduction from the high priest. His intention was to bring the disciples of Christ back to Jerusalem in bonds. As he was approaching



## Philoptochos



Greetings,

The past month of May was the last Philoptochos meeting until September, 2025 when the new year begins. Thank you to all who attended as it was a very important meeting in which to elect new officers and new board members. Special thanks to Helen Penkosky and Illona Christie for hosting this event with a wonderful luncheon.

The elected are: Stacey Louka, President; Helen Penkosky, Vice President; Sharon Colonis, Treasurer; Maria Winslow, Assistant Treasurer; Joani Mihalakos, Recording Secretary; Toni Rekus, Correspondence Secretary. Board Members: Toula Bouchoc, Betty Cruz, Tina Doberneck, Evie Argyriou. A meeting will be called before September for those elected to participate in a Q & A session before their new term begins. Congratulations to all!

A message not only to Philoptochos members, but to all parishioners. Volunteers are needed to assist with coffee hour. It could be to help with setup, or bring a treat/snack to share, or most important, to stay and help with clean up. Our fellowship hour is when we all enjoy the social time together. Please make an effort to help. Thank you,

Sharon Colonis

Wishing everyone a safe, happy and blessed summer with family and friends!

***"Together we are sharing the love of Christ in word and deed."***  
(Colossians 3:17)



# Parishioner Happenings

## Open House

Meet N' Greet with Father Andrew  
(May 4)












The smile on my face doesn't mean my life is perfect.  
I just appreciate what I have and what God has blessed me with.

2025



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	24	25	26
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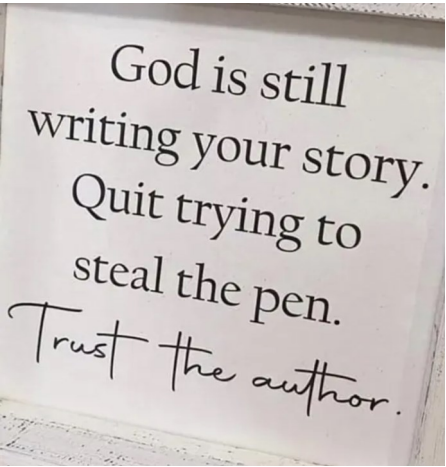


# July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes
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<b>6 4th Sunday of Matthew</b> 8:45 AM - Matins 10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy	7  6:00 PM - FISHER Men	8	9
<b>13 Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council</b> 8:45 AM - Matins 10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy	14  6:00 PM - Addiction Support Group	15  7:00 PM - Parish Council	16
<b>20 6th Sunday of Matthew</b> 8:45 AM - Matins 10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy	21  6:00 PM - FISHER Men	22	23
<b>27 7th Sunday of Matthew</b>	28  6:00 PM - Addiction Support Group	29	30
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## Sunday School Graduation (May 18)



Let me tell you  
about MY  
Jesus

He makes a way  
where there ain't no way  
Rises up from an empty grave  
Ain't no sinner that He can't save  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
His love is strong and His grace is free  
And the good news is I know that He  
Can do for you what He's done for me  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
And let my Jesus change your life



June 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 Fathers of the 1st Eccumenical Council</b> 8:45 AM - Matins 10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy	2  6:00 PM - FISHER Men	3	4	5	6	<b>7 Saturday of Souls</b>  9:00 AM - MMatins 10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy 11:00 AM - Memorials
<b>8 Holy Pentecost</b> 8:45 AM - Matins 10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy 11:00 AM - Vespers	9  6:00 PM - Addiction Support Group 7:00 PM - Discover Orthodoxy	10	11	12	13	14
***** Metropolis Clergy-Laity in Charleston, June 11 –14 *****						
<b>15 Sunday of All Saints</b> 8:45 AM - Matins 10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy Father’s Day	16  <b>Apostles Fast Begins (13 days)</b>  6:00 PM - FISHER Men	17  7:00 PM - Parish Council	18	19	20	21
<b>22 2nd Sunday of Matthew</b> 8:45 AM - Matins 10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy =====	23 6:00 PM - Addiction Support Group 7:00 PM - Discover Orthodoxy =====	24	25  10:30 AM - Bible Study	26	27	28  9:00AM. GraceWay Prep.
<b>29 Sts. Peter &amp; Paul</b> 8:45 AM - Matins 10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy After coffee Hour - Cooking for GraceWay	30					
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