The Holy Prince Wenceslaus (Vyacheslav) of the Czechs was a grandson of the holy Martyr and Princess Ludmilla (September 16), and he was raised by her in deep piety. He began to rule at age eighteen after the death of his father Prince Bratislav (+ 920).

In spite of his youthful age, he ruled wisely and justly and concerned himself much about the Christian enlightenment of the people. The holy prince was a widely educated man, and he studied in the Latin and Greek languages.

Saint Wenceslaus was peace-loving. He built and embellished churches, and in Prague, the Czech capital, he raised up a magnificent church in the name of Saint Vitus, and he had respect for the clergy. Envious nobles decided to murder the saint and, at first, to incite his mother against him, and later to urge his younger brother, Boleslav, to occupy the princely throne.

Boleslav invited his brother to the dedication of a church, and then asked him to stay another day. In spite of the warnings of his servants, the holy prince refused to believe in a conspiracy and exposed his life to the will of God. On the following day, September 28, 935, when Wenceslaus went to Matins, he was wickedly murdered at the doors of the church by his own brother and his brother’s servants. His body was stabbed and discarded without burial.

The mother, hearing of the murder of her son, found and placed his body in a recently consecrated church at the princely court. They were not able to wash off the blood splashed on the church doors, but after three days it disappeared by itself.

After repenting of his sin, the murderer transferred the relics of Saint Wenceslaus to Prague, where they were placed in the Church of St. Vitus, which the martyr himself had constructed. (The transfer of the relics of Saint Wenceslaus is celebrated on March 4). The memory of Prince Wenceslaus has been honored from of old in the Russian Orthodox Church.

The deadline for the October ECHO is September 19, 2017.
Our Mission Statement:

We are called by our Lord Jesus Christ to love God and our neighbor, to become one as a community of believers and to strive for theosis (oneness with God). Our Mission as a parish is to acknowledge

We are called by our Lord’s calling and by doing so live our life daily guided by the four pillars of Orthodox Christianity: Liturgia (worship), Martyria (witness), Koinonia (fellowship), and Diakonia (service).

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Children’s Library, Denise Porcaro 610-372-5695
Opportunity House (formerly the Reading Emergency Shelter) Karen Chaknos 610-223-3898
Knitting Ministry, Fran Ioannidi 610-777-0201

Life of a Risen Christ:

Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Church Planning Meeting 7:00 p.m. Parish Council
Pappalas’ Residence

Sunday After Holy Cross
8:30 a.m. Orthros 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Almor Boy Celebration 9:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Neom – Cook Koulourakia
4:00 p.m. Parish Family Night in Church Hall
Metropolis Clergy/Laity Basketball Tournament. Planning Meeting
4:00 p.m. Parish Council
10:00 p.m.—4 p.m. Goya Gyro Sale & Car Wash

October Baking Dates
Monday, October 10
10/11 Kourambiedes
10/9 Koulaourakia
10/16 Syrup/Cup
10/16 Syrup/Cup
10/19 Galatoboureko

The Weekly Bulletin and ECHO can be accessed via our Church Website.
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Metropolis Clergy/Laity
In Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Memorial Donations

August 28, 2017

The parish of Sts. Constantine and Helen is extremely grateful to all the people who generously donate money in memory of their loved ones.

In Memory of Cammarano
Philip & Kathy McCay
Maria Daniels & Family

In Memory of Harry Dialectos
Tim & Shannon Dietrich & Tim Jr., Demetria & Zeb Garsten, Home Front Guys & Gals, Kim & Elaine Shunk, George & Jean Weikel, Maria & Peter Zeppos, Thomas Xavios, Karl & Elsa Letsch, Christiaan Schaap, Bernard & Susan Mara, Lee & Pat Snyder, George & Marie Kourmaras, Martin Ross, Leslie Snyder, Peter Xavios, Robert & Regina Button, Chris Dialectos, Maria & Tina Daniels

In Memory of Despina Green
Jim & Ayrgo Elliker

In Memory of Mary Harris
Joanne Dialectos, Theaene Sheett, Cornelia Dikos, Marian Cerri, Gus & Shirley Stevens, Nicholas & Alice Karelas, John & Despina Frangakis, Ann Geras, Jerry & Kathleen Briele, Craig & Delores DeVage, James & Patricia DeVage, Anna & Darryl Burkmam, Nick & Sandra Daniels

In Memory of Cleo Kostomeris
George & Marie Kourmaras, Scott & Angel Helm & Family, Eleni & Manolis Lahanatis

In Memory of Michael Koumaras
Stathis Gasparis, Thomas Xavios, George & Marie Kourmaras, Lee & Pat Snyder, The Fede Family, Scott & Angel Helm & Family, Milton Gasparis

In Memory of Catherine Lampros Matz
George & Shireen Yalton

In Memory of Lawrence Medaglia, Sr.
Tim & Shannon Dilechich & Tim, Jr., Demetria & Zeb Garsten

In Memory of Mr. Miranda
Dimitrios & Petroula Mitsiopoulos

In Memory of Gus Monos
The Nicholas & Ott Families

In Memory of Amelia and Peter Morris
Robert & Despina Grimes

In Memory of Nick Simotis
Frank & Cindy Petrakis

In Memory of Lambros Sotos
Maria & Peter Zeppos, Antigone Sotos

In Memory of Stratton Stefanowicz
Stephanie, & Mercena Breen

In Memory of Stanley Theodossiou

In Memory of James & Theodora Yianoulis
Despina Yianoulis

In Memory of Anastasia Zeppos
Maria & Peter Zeppos

In Memory of Demostenis Zeppos
Theodora Griffith, Maria & Peter Zeppos

In Memory of Nancy Zeppos
George & Aliki Limberis, George & Diane Zeppos, Maria & Peter Zeppos, Mr. & Mrs. Mitsiopoulos, Antionis Soitous, Theodora Szoilos

In Memory of Michael Zdunowski, Michael Kourmaras, Harry Dialectos, James & Mary Zaffary, Peter Zaffary, Stella Zdunowski

Stewardship 2017

Steve Lecatsas, Chairman

Thank you to the following parishioners who have submitted their 2017 pledge cards:

170 pledges were received to date totaling $142,106
The average pledge per family is $835.92

Katerina Di Rocco
Mr. & Mrs. Spyros Katsiaghannis
Chris Ferera
Stephanie & Victor Talotta
Paraskevi Phyllias

Parishioners who have not yet submitted their 2017 pledge cards are asked to please do so at their earliest convenience.

In the early 20th century, when Theoklitos I (+ 1931) was Archbishop of Athens, there appeared in our homeland certain people who saw things through Protestant eyes, and they created a problem in the Church, especially in the local Church of Athens. Archbishop Theoklitos commissioned the scholar Saint Nektarios, Metropolitan of Pentapolis (+ 1920), to undo their heretical beliefs. And the Saint, having investigated the matter from a historical and theological perspective, wrote the study titled “Historical Study of the Honorable Cross.”

In this study, the Saint occupied himself with the Great Feast of the Exaltation of the Honorable Cross (September 14). He says that this festival is related to the Inauguration of the Church of the Resurrection, which took place on September 13, 335. Thus it was not established by Emperor Heraclius, but under Heraclius it was reestablished.

In summary, Saint Helen, with the “blessing” of the emperor and his son, Constantine, went to Jerusalem in 326 to find the Honorable Cross. They found the Cross, and the three nails that pierced Christ.

It was March 6, 326. As the Synaxarion for March 6th reads: “On this day, we commemorate the Finding of the Honorable Cross by the blessed Helen,” and “On this day, we commemorate the Finding of the Honorable Nails.”

This event, namely the finding of the Cross, is celebrated by the Church on the Third Sunday of Great Lent. “Today there is joy in heaven and on earth, for the sign of the cross, has appeared in the world” (Triodion, Ode 3, Canons from Matins of the Third Sunday of Great Lent).

The horizontal part of the wood of the Cross was left behind by Saint Helen in the local Church of Jerusalem; the vertical was delivered to her son, Emperor Constantine. She also gave him two of the Honorable Nails. “The Nails can be seen in the bridle of his horse, according to the prophecy of Zechariah: “On that day holy to the Lord will be inscribed on the bridle of his horses.” As the iambic verses for March 6th read: “The Nails can be seen in the bridle of sovereignty.”

Saint Helen returned to Jerusalem and built the famous Church of the Resurrection. The inauguration took place on September 13, 335, when the wood of the Cross was deposited. The day after the inauguration, September 14, they again raised up the Cross for the faithful to venerate it.

Since then, along with the inauguration of the Church of the Resurrection on September 13, the next day on September 14 was the Exaltation of the Honorable Cross.

The entire day was dedicated to the Cross. For which reason when Saint John Chrysostom reposed on September 14, 407, his commemoration was transferred to November 13th.

In 615 the Persians invaded Jerusalem; among the evils they committed (such as the massacres and captivity of Christians), they took the Cross. This is when the Festival of the Cross ceased on September 14th.

Eleven years later, in 626, Emperor Heraclius went on a campaign against the Persians and retrieved the Cross. In late autumn of 628 he returned to Constantinople with the Cross.

There was a warm welcome when he entered the city, and a doxological celebration began in Hagia Sophia. The Cross led the procession on a special carriage, followed by the emperor on his carriage, to the applause and cheers of thousands of fellow citizens.

On September 14, 629 the emperor delivered the Cross to Jerusalem to Patriarch Zacharias, who had been captured by the Persians and rescued by the emperor.

The emperor with the Cross, the patriarch, and all the clergy and laity together went up to Golgotha. The emperor lifted the Cross high up. Everyone knelt, with their foreheads to the floor, chanting once again and many times: “Lord have mercy.”

They applauded the emperor, chanting the national Anthem, “Save O Lord Your people…,” and they departed. From then on (September 14, 629) the festival was reestablished, and it is still celebrated today. “Cross of Christ, save us by Your power.” Amen.
Fall Bible Study

The theme for this year’s Fall Bible Study will be “Praying Like Jesus”. The eight session study beginning on Wednesday, September 20th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and ending on November 29th will focus on enhancing our prayer life by learning from the example of Our Lord. The topics include:

- Jesus believed that prayer works
- He prayed both alone and together with others
- Jesus prayed before meals
- He prayed before making important decisions
- He prayed for His disciples
- Jesus continues to pray for us

Consider the fact that in scriptures, the only time that the disciples asked Jesus to teach them, was how to pray. Since learned behavior is easier caught than taught, it would do us well to observe the prayer practice of Our Savior. Call Barbara at the Church Office at 610-374-7511 to sign up.

Having Time with God! Where? In Holy Scriptures

Does God Hide? St. John Chrysostom answered this question once. How can He Who is Light of the World possibly hide? Yet, he said, even though the sun shines and is everywhere present, it is the easiest thing in the world for man to shut out the rays of the sun and create darkness. All he has to do is to close his eyelids and he is in complete darkness.
Let's Celebrate Philoptochos through the Generations!

Did you follow in the footsteps of your mother or your yiayia when you joined Philoptochos? Has your daughter, granddaughter, niece, or other family member followed your example? Well, here's your chance to “brag” a little! Join us for our first dinner meeting on:

Monday, September 25, 2017 at 6:00 pm
Crossroads Family Restaurant
4643 Pottsville Pike, Reading, Pa 19605
$30 per person
(Look for your invitation in the mail)

Bring with you all your Philoptochos family members. If your loved one is no longer with us or otherwise can’t come to the dinner, honor her by bringing a photo to display. And please think of a special Philoptochos memory or anecdote to share with us!

At the end of the evening, the family with the most Philoptochos members will receive a special gift as a token of our appreciation for your commitment!

See you on September 25th!!
(Interested in coming but you’re not a member? No problem! Just contact Joan Giovani at 610-775-9602 for details about the dinner. We’ll sign you up on the 25th!)

September Birthdays
- Sander Anton
- Zachary Lountzis
- Cristina Anton
- Alexander Lountzis
- Athanasios Anastasiadis
- James Maroulis
- Evangeline McGowan
- Elena Asimakopoulos
- Matthew Midoughas
- Alexandros Bona
- Eric Miller
- Kalliopi Bozakis
- Kyran Mitchell Jr.
- Demetra Burkert
- Yasmina Morar
- Darryl Burkmann
- Kathlyn Moyer
- Felicia Caloiro
- Jamie Noll
- David Campbell
- Patricia Orphanos
- Milton Capiotis
- Aria Ortiz
- Sharon Cheri
- James Pace
- Joshua Chupak
- Bill Panos
- Mike Conzaman
- Michael Pappas
- Karen Conzaman
- Maria Patestas
- Maria Danisi
- Matthew Patestas
- Stergios Dikos
- Ty Petrakes
- Antonia Dikos
- Theodore Phyrillas
- Gabriel Dumitrescu
- Tony Phyrillas
- Elaine Ermentrout
- Despina Platanos
- Nicholas Frangakis
- Nicholas Platanos
- Jaegar Frangakis
- Stelath Platanos
- Michael Futrick
- Alexia Poljak
- Barbara Futrick
- Victoria Porcaro
- Christine Georgeadis
- Kelly Pownall
- James Georgeadis, Jr.
- Silivi Rechieri
- Takie Ioannidis
- Kathy Rohn
- Panagiotis Ioannidis
- Eva Ross
- Andrew Karetas
- Alexander Sasanar
- Nicholas Karetas
- Kathryn Scantzos
- Alice Karetas
- Melpomene Schlageler
- Morgan Kilia
- Michele Simotas
- Kamaryn Koch
- Maximus Stout
- Dionnios Kolsakis
- Melissa Stroubakias
- Demitrio Kralis
- John Theodossiou
- James Kramer
- Griffin Thomas
- Eleni Kriebel
- Cosmio Trampos
- Katherine Krohn
- Jason Ulrich
- Melina Lambros
- Nancy Zeppos

Remember in Prayer

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Community News

Born:
A baby girl to Nicholas J. & Julie Fisher on July 16
~ Our congratulations and best wishes ~

Baptized:
Nico Savant, son of Jim & Maria Savant on July 29 with Michael Caldon as sponsor.
Melina Scaros, daughter of Constantinos & Anna Scaros on July 29 with Presve. Annie Pappalas & Anna Nikoladas as sponsors.
Alexandra Odagis, daughter of Michael Odagis & Rebecca Price on August 12 with Stephanie Odagis as sponsor.
~ All baptized in Christ have put on Christ ~

Married:
Ramin Movahed to Evangeline Shunk on July 1. They will reside in Aldie, Virginia.
~ Lord Crown Them With Glory & Honor ~

Our Sympathy:
To the families of Mary Harris who passed into eternal life on July 31,
Stanley J. Theodosiou who passed into eternal life on August 6.
~ Eternal be their memory ~

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“I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to me. “As much as these, my brethren, you did it to me.”

Our Food Pantry continues to minister to our neighbors in need, mostly from the Oakbrook Housing development.

- On June 27th, our parish provided food for 126 needy families, which included 369 children and 56 senior citizens. The total number of people served was 714.

The pantry will continue to distribute food on the last Tuesday of the month. Parishioners can help by:

1) volunteering to help distribute food in future months by calling the Church Office to sign up.
2) Contributing to the Food Pantry Fund to help cover expenses.

Thanks you to all the donors and volunteers who have helped to bring this wonderful ministry to fruition. Parishioners can contribute by sending your donation to the Church Office.

**CROP WALK**

This Year’s Crop Walk in Berks County will be on Sunday, October 8th at the Grings Mill Recreation Area, where we can enjoy the beautiful scenery as we walk on a paved path that runs along the Tulpehocken Creek. Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m. and the walk will begin at 1:30 p.m. Walkers can choose to walk a 1 mile, 3 mile, or 5 mile loop, depending on their ability.

Parishioners young and old can sign up to walk during fellowship on three Sundays - September 20, September 27 & October 1. Sts. Constantine & Helen Church has been one of the largest contributors in Berks County for many years. Let’s keep up the tradition!

**From Our Parish Council**

Artie Fecera, President

Our Parish Council Meeting was held on Tuesday, August 15th. Members Present: President Artie Fecera, Vice President Chuck Mowbray, Secretary Tony Phyrillas, Treasurer Mike Mavreles, Finance Secretary Nick Karetas, Athan Dialectos, Chris Dikos, Angel Helm, Connie Fecera, Anthony Kounaras, Strat Marmarou, & Protopresbyter Thomas Pappalas.

Members Absent: Christ Kraras, Gus Kraras, Frank T. Petrasik, Gus Kotsakis, Kim Shunk.

Starting in September Council approved continuing the Grocery Card Program. Tony Phyrillas will be in charge along with the help from some parishioners.

Bazaar Committee: Chris Dikos shared highlights of the recent Bazaar Committee meeting. Chris said the most pressing issue is to find someone to chair the Evening in the Greek Isles Event. Chris also mentioned the biggest change planned for this year is a drive-thru takeout area in front of the church.

Fr. Tom brought to the council attention that our parish needs to provide more fellowship opportunities for our parishioners. He suggested bringing Family Night and a Mardi Gras/Apokries Dance to be held before the start of Lent next year. Our next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12th.

**Philoptochos by: Sharon Whitman & Cindy Petrasik**

“Our Service Continues!”

As we begin this new ecclesiastical year after a short summer “break,” the St. Xenia Board hopes you enjoyed your summer and are prepared to begin our service to the church and our community refreshed and renewed. Last year we accomplished much and were financially able to aid those in need. From helping a newly established halfway house for women prisoners to helping our church purchase much needed robes our money was wisely spent. The monetary donations are not solely how we serve. We served dinners at Opportunity House, baked for the church’s bazaar, helped at food pantry, baked provro and kolyva, and performed any duties the church needed us to perform. This year we will continue to serve as we have the past year with the help of our members.

In August a committee of our chapter members met to discuss plans for a fundraiser to benefit the Alzheimer Research Fund. We will be working with Chris Kraras to plan a dinner and silent auction with a goal of raising $10,000. Members of the church and community will be invited to attend. We hope you will attend the fundraiser in honor of John Frangakis from Deluxe Restaurant.

We could not accomplish our mission without the leadership of our board and the help of our membership. To accomplish our goals we have numerous committees set up. Below are a list of committees that could use your help. Please call the listed committee chairs to offer your help.

Shelter Ministry—Karen Chaknos (610-777-7384/ Alice Karetas (610-678-8940). They are accepting monetary donations to help defray the costs and also desserts. They are also looking for restaurants to prepare the meals each month.

Memorials (Kolyva) - Mary Pettis (610-678-0269/ Frane Ioannidi (610-223-3898). Please call Mary first. They need volunteers to learn how to prepare the kolyva.

Proorphora—Marika Kralis (610-373-6183/ Aspacia Simotas (610-775-0699). Proorphora is needed for every Divine Liturgy. New bakers are needed and Markarian Church will train.

Knitting Ministry—Fran Ioannidi (610-223-3898). This committee needs more members to crochet and knit.

See Bazaar Baking Schedule in this Echo!

**IMPORTANT DATES….**

- Monday, September 18th—Serving dinner at Opportunity House. Contact Karen at 610-777-7384 to help serve or make a monetary or dessert donation.
- Monday, September 25th—We’re kicking off the new year with our first general meeting/dinner at Crossroads Family Restaurant. We will be celebrating Philoptochos through the generations. Members will be sent invitations and guests are welcome. See the flyer in this Echo for information.

**2017/2018 HANDBOOK**

The new handbook will be distributed at our first general meeting/dinner on September 25th. Plan to attend and receive this must have item for your purse.

We thank…..

Frank T. Petrasik for preparing the meal we served at Opportunity House in June.

The Kollinta family of Mount Penn Family Restaurant for preparing the meal we served at Opportunity House in July.

Effie Causar of Effie’s Charcoal Chef for donating and preparing the meal we served in August.

Anonymous donor for $150 in memory of Doris Zogas to cover a month of Opportunity House food.

Don’t forget to place your Redner’s “Save A Tape” receipts in our box in the social hall. Please present your gas card so the tapes can be used.

**Philoptochos Charity (giving)**
- $100 to Jessie Brandow’s continuing Guatemalan mission
- $450 to Greek Food Bazaar ad book

**Philoptochos Philanthropy (doing)**
- Served meals to the needy at Opportunity House July and August
- Baked for church’s bazaar
In addition to the Greek language, we are excited to offer this year more:

- Greek History
- Greek Folk Dance Throughout the Year
- Greek Traditional Songs
- Greek Orthodox Hymns & Prayers
- Greek Orthodox Feast Day Exposure

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

- REGISTRATION AFTER DIVINE LITURGY IN THE SOCIAL HALL

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

- AGIASMOS SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL AFTER DIVINE LITURGY
- PARENTS MEETING IN HIGH SCHOOL ROOM

For more info, contact:
Konstantinos (Dino) Koutrubas
(610) 374-7511

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**SAINTS CONSTANTINE & HELEN FAMILY NIGHT WITH POTLUCK DINNER**

**WHEN:** SUNDAY, SEPT. 10, 2017 @ 5:00-7:00 PM
5:00-6:00 PM Potluck
6:00-7:00 PM Movie & Discussion

**WHERE:** CHURCH HALL

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**THE STORY OF OXI DAY**

A short film featuring His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America recalling his personal experiences in Greece during WWII

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**PHILOTIMO: THE GREEK SECRET**

“If there had not been the virtue and courage of the Greeks, we do not know which the outcome of World War II would have been.”

– Winston Churchill

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**Potluck Dinner Breakdown**

Families with Last Name From A-I (Salad)
Families with Last Name From J-R (Main Dish)
Families with Last Name From S-Z (Dessert)

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**FOR CHILDREN Through 2nd Grade**

During the Movies...
Story Time & Fun Activities
GOYA/JOY News

KEFI GREEK DANCE TROUPE

KEFI Greek Dance practice is on Sundays, September 17th & 24th after the Divine Liturgy. We hope to build on what we did last year, with Felicia Lambros as our dance instructor & Evangelia Koutrubas assisting. All GOYAns are encouraged to attend, as well as any interested college students & young adults. Contact Dino at 610-374-7511.

GREEK SCHOOL

Registration: Sunday, September 10 after Divine Liturgy

The Agiasmos service (Blessing of the Waters) for the upcoming Greek school year, along with the meeting for all the parents, is scheduled for Sunday, September 24 after Divine Liturgy. We will gather in the chapel of the Presentation for Christ, and after the Agiasmos, gather in the high school room for the meeting. We will discuss days and scheduling for Greek school, testing language level proficiency, as well as old and new business for the upcoming year.

Planning Meeting for Metropolis Basketball Tournament September 19 7:00 pm

Parish Family Night
Sunday, September 10 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Potluck & 2 Movies with Discussion

Children through 2nd Grade: Story Time & Fun Activities (see flyer on previous page)

GOYA and Parents after Divine Liturgy

September 23 at 6:00 PM

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Wednesday, September 19

GOYA Car Wash & Gyro Sale

Metropolis’ Residence
5012 Stony Run Drive
Reading, PA 19606

GOYA Kickoff at Pappalas’ Residence

Sunday, September 24

Join us for a cookout at The Pappalas Residence 5012 Stony Run Drive Reading, PA 19606

Let us know what your kids would like to do this year!

We will have hot dogs and burgers
Bring Your favorite Dish! Bring Your most delicious food and invite your friends and family to share in this community event!

Bring Your Side Dishes
A-D Bring Side Dishes
E-L Bring Snacks
M-Z Bring Dessert

5 PM

What to Bring:

Last names that begin with...
A-D bring side dishes
E-L bring desserts
M-Z bring snacks: chips, Doritos, etc.

New Participants welcome! Siblings are also welcome to attend. No pre-registration necessary

Archetype Orientation

An Altar Boy Orientation will take place on Sunday, September 17. All Altar Boys are asked to meet at the Chapel after receiving Antidoron from Father Tom. Our meeting will last about 20 minutes. Captains and co-captains are asked to remain for several minutes after the meeting in order to go over a few more additional items for the upcoming year.

Sunday School
Marisa Hunsicker—Director

As summer winds down we find a new school year with exciting new beginnings for all our children both at school during the week and spiritually here at Sunday School. The teachers and aides of our Sunday School department are looking forward to kicking off a new ecclesiastic year with the children of our Parish. Thank you in advance for your support!

The first day of Sunday School is September 10th and will start promptly at 9:45 AM each week for all students.

We will have registration Sunday, September 10th and Sunday, September 17th starting at 9:30. We are asking ALL parents to double check their registration information at that time. This includes young babies and current students too!

Once again we will award students at the end of the year who have excellent Sunday School attendance, or fewer absences from Sunday School at Sts. Constantine and Helen Church.

Picture Day – Sunday, September 17th

Please plan to have your child arrive early on this day as we will start to take pictures promptly.

We are very blessed to have these committed and outstanding teachers who have volunteered their time and talents! Please take the time to visit the classrooms, our staff has done an outstanding job of decorating the classrooms to make them inviting for our students! The Sunday School Department appreciates the continued support from Parish members!

Sunday School is on Facebook and Twitter – Sts. Constantine and Helen Sunday School – look for us and join the group!!!

We will continue to have Youth Sunday on the first Sunday of each month. High school students will have the opportunity to assist in Church by reading the Epistle, passing trays, being a greeter, etc. Fr. Tom will continue to have the Children’s sermon after Holy Communion on this Sunday as well.

Children’s Library – The Children’s Library is once again up and running – thank you Denise Porcaro. If you are interested in helping on Sundays, please contact Denise at dporcaro01@hotmail.com. Each Sunday we will have classes visit the library. We do ask that you have your child return the book with one or two weeks.

Young Adults who are interested in joining other parishioners to help with Opportunity House (September 18th), please contact Karen Chaknos at 610-777-7384 by Thursday, September 14. We will meet at the church at 6:15pm, assist with loading food, and then head right over to Opportunity House.

Young Adult Metropolis Retreat at Camp Nazareth October 20-22