

# The Philoxenia

*The Hospitality of Abraham*

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Orthros 8:45 am  
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am  
Youth Catechism/Sunday School  
After Holy Communion  
Adult Catechism  
Following Divine Liturgy  
Weekday Divine Liturgy  
Orthros 9:00 am  
Divine Liturgy 9:45 am

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## ~ Pastor's Message ~

Beloved, of Holy Trinity,

The first part of the month, we are liturgically in the Pre-Lenten preparation phase of the Triodion and the last half of the month we are in Great Lent. So, allow me to share with you both aspects.

On February 17 the period of Triodion began. What is Triodion? The Triodion is a large book containing scripture readings and hymns from the period of four weeks before the beginning of Great Lent to the morning service of Holy Saturday.

The scripture lessons in the first three weeks of Triodion introduce us to various themes, ideas, and ways in which we can be active participants during the Fast and experience the Resurrection of Christ with great faith and vigor.

The first Sunday of Triodion, February 17, we heard the Gospel lesson of the Publican and the Pharisee; before we begin the season of self-denial, we recall that it is futile to boast of our abstinence. The Publican's model of humility and repentance should be our aim.

The next Sunday, February 24th, we heard the story of the Prodigal Son, perhaps the most beloved parable. The icon of this scene shows the son in worn clothing, with his feet in rags; he cradles his sorry head in one hand, while stretching the other tentatively toward Jesus. There is nothing uncertain about Jesus' response--He is running toward the son, His arms open to embrace, and a scroll tumbles from His hand: "For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." Here we are being called to be reconciled with God.

On Sunday, March 3rd, we will have reached a watershed. The Gospel reading focuses on the Last Judgment and pulls no punches. Here we must examine our relationship with our brothers and sisters. How can we say we love God and despise our fellow human being? Our Lord is explicit when He tells us "What you have done (or not done) to the least of my brothers and sisters, you have done (or not done to me) visit the sick and imprisoned, clothe the naked, and feed the hungry." This day is also called "Meatfare Sunday," the last day when meat is consumed.

The last Sunday of the Triodion, March 10th, is called "Cheesefare Sunday" The tone of the day is centered around Forgiveness. It is on this day we are reminded that if we want to experience the love and forgiveness of God, we must show that same spirit to our brothers and sisters. Forgiveness Sunday asks us to look within ourselves, and to really examine, to see if we are exiled from God.

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**Altar**

Cleo Stoucker

**Altar Captains**

Philip Klein – Co-Captain  
 Pete Jonas – Co-Captain  
 St. Nicholas – Ben Gates  
 & Alex Samios  
 St. Philip – William Polites  
 & Evangelos Tsivelekids

**Prospophora**

Diane Ferrara & Dianne Rustin

**Chanters**

Daniel Carabus  
 Amy Chaconas  
 Dena Panos  
 Andrew Rowe

**Epistle Readers**

Rev. Deacon George Malanos

**Adult Choir**

Christina Wynn

**Men’s Chorus**

Leon Melissas

**Youth Choir**

Cali Spyropoulos

**Women’s Choir**

Ross Magoulas

**Organist**

Diane Mashead

**Adult Catechism**

**Men’s Breakfast Group**

**Women’s Study Group**

**Visitation**

Rev. Deacon George Malanos

**Youth Catechism/Sunday School**

Jim Klein & Brenda Alvanos

**Adult Dance**

Eleni Hopes & Tina Klein

**Archives**

Rosa Paulatos

**Crisis Ministry/Matthew 25**

Lindsey Demos

**Festival**

Tom Meletis

**Finance**

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**Friends of Theotokos Garden**

Mary Zervos

**Greek Afternoon School**

Cleo Stoucker  
 Chrysoula Malogianni

**SUNDAY BULLETIN**

Information due on Wednesdays by 12:00pm

**TRISAGION AND MEMORIAL SERVICE**

To schedule a Trisagion or Memorial Service for your departed loved one, please contact the Church office. Please as a family prepare to receive Holy Communion at these services. This is where we meet our loved ones, the entire Church, those among us and those that have left us.

**PROSPHORA**

If you would like to provide Prospophora for the Service of Preparation at the Divine Liturgy, please contact Diane Ferrara 843.884.6778 or Dianne Rustin 843.849.0421. When providing the Prospophora, it is important to give the priest the names of your family’s living and departed ones and to receive Holy Communion on that day.

**DIVINE LITURGY PRAYERS**

Every Sunday and Feast Day, your priest prays for your living and departed loved ones during the Service of Preparation before the Divine Liturgy. (Proskomidi). Father Ari will keep the names in the Altar for 40 days. Please contact the Church office or ask your parish council member on Sunday for an “Orthros Commemoration Form.”

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOUR**

If you or your group would like to host or cohost a Coffee Fellowship on Sunday following Divine Liturgy, please contact the Church office.

**FLOWERS**

To donate flowers in honor of a family member’s feast day, in memory of a loved one, on the occasion of a holiday or simply as a gift to the Holy Trinity community, please contact Cleo Stoucker 843-323-9477 or the Church office.



**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

**Any information, articles or pictures to be published in the Philoxenia are due by the 15th of each month at 5:00pm.** Please kindly email information to **Mary Zervos** at: [newsletter@gocharleston.org](mailto:newsletter@gocharleston.org).

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# LITURGICAL LIFE

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE (cont from p 1)

### The 1st Sunday of Lent, the Sunday of Orthodoxy - March 17th

It is the day we commemorate the restoration of the icons in the Church, that took place in the year 843, after the heresy of iconoclasm was overcome. The icons of the saints bear witness that man, "created in the image and likeness of God", (Genesis 1:26) can become holy and godlike through the purification of himself as God's living image. Likewise, we are encouraged to take care of what God has loaned us and begin to restore ourselves to the original beauty, in which God created us. This we can do through our willful and joyful participation in the Lenten Season.

Let us therefore, cultivate a meaningful prayer life. Carve out some time each day to read the Scriptures and contemplate how we can apply them and live them out in what we do. We can also restore ourselves by attending the sacred services of the Great Compline, the Pre-Sanctified Liturgies on Wednesdays and the Salutations on Fridays.

### The 2nd Sunday of Lent is dedicated to St. Gregory Palamas - March 24th

St. Gregory bore living witness, that men can become divine, through the grace of God, in the Holy Spirit; and that even in this life, by prayer and fasting, human beings can become participants of the uncreated light of God's divine glory. It is through this prayer and fasting, and through the Grace of the Holy Spirit, that we experience the presence of the Lord. In addition, we must nurture Christian friends to help us grow spiritually. Through their prayers, their encouragement, witness and Christian counsel, they can lead us to God which brings a change to our lives, which are on loan from God.

### The 3rd Sunday of Lent: The Veneration of the Holy Cross - March 31st

The Cross reminds us of the ultimate sacrifice which Jesus Christ made on our behalf. It also stimulates us to remember, that we are called to prepare ourselves, to be worthy of receiving the new life in Christ. Like anything, if we want to receive the full benefit of what we have, we must make sure we are reading the directions or using the item properly, whether it is a cell phone, computer or bicycle. Likewise, to experience the full power of the Cross let us refer to God's directional book, the Bible, to experience the renewal, restoration and strength, found in Jesus Christ. Therefore, the Cross is presented to us in the middle of Lent, to give us hope, comfort and renewal in the Lord.

Next month in April, we will have four liturgical cycles. The remaining Sundays of Great Lent, The Feast of the Raising of Lazarus, Palm Sunday, Holy Week and the season of the

Pentecostian. May these themes help us grow closer to Jesus Christ and each other.

### **Saturday of the Soul's March 2nd, 9th and 16th Orthros 9:00 am Liturgy 10:00:**

Please do not just send in your names, be present at these Divine Liturgies. Please note Memorial Services, other than forty days and one year, will not be conducted on the Sundays following the Saturday of the Souls.

### **The Services Great Lent Give Us Opportunity's for Prayer. Please attend:**

#### **Great Compline: Mondays 6:00pm**

In Greek, the Great Compline service is referred to as Apodeipnon which literally means after dinner. It is the last service of the day making references to the events in the life of our Lord. Prayers focuses on two main points, first, "thanksgiving for the night that gives repose from the labor of the day and reminds us of death which sleep resembles and second, the petition that we may sleep peacefully through the night and awaken to see the light again." There are two services of Compline, Great and Small and the difference is in length. During Great Lent, Great Compline is celebrated traditionally on Monday evenings.

#### **Pre-Sanctified Liturgies: Wednesdays 6:00pm**

During Great Lent, the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom is not observed Monday through Friday. The reason for this is that the Divine Liturgy has a festal and joyous character. During the Fast, the joyful celebrations cease, as we prepare for the Feast of Feasts, Pascha, and the tone is more subdued, and there is a nature of repentance that permeates within the life of the Church, during this holy season, the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated during the weeks of Great Lent. The Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy, a Vespers combined with Holy Communion, affords the faithful the opportunity to receive the Body and Blood of Christ more frequently to receive spiritual strength and nourishment during the Lenten Season.

#### **Salutations Services to the Virgin Mary: Fridays 6:00pm**

Please join us at this beautiful Lenten Service on Friday evening at 6:00 pm during Lent. We will conduct the beautiful salutations services to the Virgin Mary. The service is a sublime piece of poetry and hymnology sometimes referred to as the Akathistos Hymn. It is composed of twenty-four stanzas each beginning with the letter of the Greek Alphabet. The composer of this hymn is believed to be Patriarch Photios who wrote this service in honor of the Annunciation taken from the Gospel of Luke 1:26-56; St. Matthew 1:18-25, 2:1-23.

#### **Confessions Offered on Fridays of Lent at 5:00pm**

It is encouraged that all of us make it a practice to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Confession during Great Lent. Father Ari

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will be available to hear confessions one hour prior to the Friday evening Salutation Service to the Virgin Mary or by appointment.

## **Lenten Youth Activities**

### **Sunday March 10th, The Parish Level St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival:**

Topics can be found at [www.goarch.org](http://www.goarch.org) under Religious Education. For speaker registration contact Tina Klein.

### **Sunday of Orthodoxy Icon Procession as Sunday School March 17th:**

We will commemorate the Historic Restoration of the Icons into the Church with the procession of the icons. All School/Catechism students are asked to bring an icon from home. Following Holy Communion, students will proceed to their classrooms, take attendance and return to the Church for the Procession.

### **March 24th, Greek School Independence Day**

**Program:** Following the Divine Liturgy, a delicious luncheon will be served.

### **March 25th, the Annunciation and Greek Independence Day:**

is a major holiday for Greek Orthodox Christians because it's a double holiday: one is religious and one is national. We celebrate both the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary and the Resurrection of the Greek Nation.

The Archangel Gabriel announced the good news to Virgin Mary that she would become the mother of Jesus Christ, the Savior of all mankind. This was an important and exciting announcement for the whole world, and that is why the day is named the "Annunciation."

Also, on March 25th, the Greek Revolutionaries chose this day in 1821 to begin the struggle for their freedom -- where Greece had been occupied by the Turks, the Ottoman Empire, for 400 years. With much faith and hard struggle, the Greeks finally achieved their freedom, and Greece became an independent nation. That is why Greeks all over the world celebrate March 25th as Greek Independence Day with the words, "Zeeto E Ellatha!" ("Ζητώ η Ελλάδα!") -- "Long live Greece!" Long live the free Greek nation and the Greeks all over the world!

### **Attention All High School & College Graduates:**

Please contact the Church office & inform Cleo of your upcoming graduations, and future, so we may list your accomplishments in the June/July Philoxenia.

### **Will Your Children be at the Good Friday Retreat?**

Please contact Father Ari either by phone or email to let him know if your child will or will not be here on Good Friday April 26th so he knows who will be present and plan the Good

Friday Retreat.

**If you Are Planning to Visit a Monastery in the future, please contact Father Ari.**

**Donations Sought for New Red Altar Clothes:** Please see Cleo to donate.

### **Philoptochos Lenten Event Sunday, March 17th Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers 6:00 pm**

Welcoming and Getting to Know Our Guest Speaker Fr. John Mikita Pastor of Holy Ascension in Mt. Pleasant. A Reception will follow!

**AHEPA Meeting Tuesday, March 19th 5:30 pm**

## NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

*Susan Zakis*

**Spring General Assembly - Sunday, April 14th**

**Parish will be sponsoring the Glendi this year** as their culinary event. All proceeds will benefit the New Building Fund. Further details to follow...



# PARISH LIFE

## SACRAMENTS & SPECIAL BLESSINGS January 16 - February 15, 2019

### **Baptisms:**

Sunday, February 3rd

**Kaitlyn Ioannides**

Godparent: Maria Monocrusos English

Saturday, February 9th

**Bella Eleni Connor**

Parents: Andrew & Chandler Chakides Connor

Grandparents: John & Claudia Chakides

### **40-Day Blessings**

Sunday, February 10th

**Alexander Theodore & Logan Allen Hutson**

Twin sons of Donald & Victoria Hutson



### **Memorials:**

Sunday, January 20th

**John Vournakis** – 1 year

**Aphrodite Pappas** – 40 day

Sunday, February 3rd

**Costas Ioannides** – 40-day Memorial

*“May Their Memories Be Eternal!”*

# CAPITAL FUNDRAISING PROJECT UPDATE

## More than Bricks & Mortar - A Foundation of Faith for Our Future

by Jimmie Gianoukos, NBC Chairman



As we move towards ground breaking this year, which is projected for September 1, plans are being finalized to accommodate continuation of all of the church ministry groups and their activities as we go through approximately 14 months of construction. Plans have been carefully studied and finalized over the last 6-9 months by the Temporary/Swing Space Utilization Subcommittee chaired by Pano Kordonis and its members, Ted Contos, Effie Meletis, and Cherie Liollo to keep all ministries functioning as normal as possible. These plans also include that there will be adequate parking available for church services and all of the functions for our community. Just to be clear, the area where the present Hellenic Center, Sunday School building classrooms and parish house now occupy will be demolished to make room for the new Holy Trinity Hellenic Center and Social Hall buildings. Plans being finalized also include storing the church ministry groups' belongings that now occupy the present buildings to secure and provide

adequate facilities to serve as their homes during construction. Access will be made available only to the groups that absolutely need it during construction. The Library and Archives will begin boxing items April 1, and they will complete their work by April 15. All of the other ministries will begin boxing/packing their items in mid-June to be completed by mid-July. NBC will provide all ministries with boxing and packing supplies. As we get into the midsummer, more detailed plans and schedules will be made available to all. Together we will all make this happen, and we ask for everyone's cooperation in making this a smooth transition.

After 14 years of planning, it is exciting that we are going to realize a once in a lifetime opportunity. As we move forward to break ground, it is very important that we continue our fundraising efforts. We want, and you should too, to have all parishioner families' names displayed on the wall in the lobby of our new Holy Trinity Hellenic Center building. For the many generations to come after us, it will make them proud to see their family names on the wall. As of February 6, 2019, we have 48% of the parish families participating for a total of \$3,182,210. It is still our goal to raise \$4,000,000 in pledges to reduce our mortgage payment as much as possible, and we need everyone's participation for that to happen. Of the pledges we have received thus far, \$1,278,265.29 or 40% of the monies have been collected. On behalf of the Parish Council and the NBC, we extend our sincere thanks to those of you who have already pledged, and we appreciate your keeping your payments up to date. Most importantly, thanks be to God for His guidance and the many blessings He continues to send to the people of Holy Trinity!

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Latto, Catherine  
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Latto, Toula  
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"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."  
Jeremiah 29:11

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# STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

## 2019 Stewardship Report

As of February 20th, we have collected **\$96,471.26**. 85 Pledge cards have been submitted pledging **\$176,912.00**. Our 2019 Stewardship goal is **\$551,100.00**.

## 2018 Stewardship Contributors

Thank you to those who contributed to the 2018 Stewardship fund.

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# STEWARDSHIP CARD 2019

## 2019 Stewardship Form Information Please Return

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SPOUSE (IF MARRIED) \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

MOBILE PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS OF SPOUSE (IF MARRIED) \_\_\_\_\_

Dependent Children's names & birthdates:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

May we include your contact information in the parish directory?

In the Gospel of Saint Matthew (6:19), Jesus instructs us, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal...." Often in life, we pursue and collect those things that do not last. We must ask, "One hundred years from now, where will our possessions be?" Our greatest blessing is our family. As Orthodox Christians, we are called to be stewards of this great gift. If we are faithful to this calling, perhaps our Lord will say to us as he did to the faithful steward, "Well done good and faithful servant" (Mt 25:23).

yes  no *If yes, please indicate any information you would like excluded:*

May we add you to our parish email list?  
 yes  no



### treasure

In gratitude for God's blessings, I/We commit to Christ and His Church the following amount:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  each week or  each month

\$600 (50/mo.)  \$1200 (\$100/mo.)

\$1380 (\$115/mo.)  \$2400 (\$200/mo.)

\$3600 (\$300/mo.)  \$4800 (\$400/mo.)

\$6,000 (\$500/mo.)  \$7200 (\$600/mo.)

\$12,000 (\$1000/mo.) Other \_\_\_\_\_

yes  no Would you like to receive only an electronic Philoxenia, not by mail?

### planned giving

Please send me information on planned giving.

### time & talent

Individual stewards should indicate areas of interest with a check (✓).

Families should mark "H" for husband, "W" for wife or "C" for children.

#### EDUCATION

- \_\_\_ Bible Study
- \_\_\_ Adult Catechism
- \_\_\_ Catechism/SS Teacher
- \_\_\_ Catechism/Sun. School
- \_\_\_ Vacation Church School
- \_\_\_ Greek School
- \_\_\_ Speakers
- \_\_\_ Bookstore
- \_\_\_ Library

#### YOUTH

- \_\_\_ Youth Leader
- \_\_\_ GOYA
- \_\_\_ JOY
- \_\_\_ HOPE
- \_\_\_ Young Adult League
- \_\_\_ Camp Counselor
- \_\_\_ Greek Dancing

#### BUILDING & GROUNDS

- \_\_\_ Garden & Landscape
- \_\_\_ Plumbing
- \_\_\_ Electrical
- \_\_\_ Clean-up
- \_\_\_ Interior Repairs
- \_\_\_ Exterior Repairs
- \_\_\_ Roofing
- \_\_\_ Hall Rentals

#### ADMINISTRATION

- \_\_\_ Fiscal Mgt./Review
- \_\_\_ By-Laws
- \_\_\_ Development
- \_\_\_ Fundraising
- \_\_\_ Office help
- \_\_\_ Data Entry

#### LITURGICAL

- \_\_\_ Sanctuary & Altar Care
- \_\_\_ Altar boys / Acolytes
- \_\_\_ Baking Proskofora
- \_\_\_ Choir
- \_\_\_ Reader
- \_\_\_ Greeter/Usher

#### MINISTRIES & PROGRAMS

- \_\_\_ Campus Ministry
- \_\_\_ Welcome Team
- \_\_\_ New Member Events
- \_\_\_ Outreach
- \_\_\_ Stewardship
- \_\_\_ Sunday Fellowship / Coffee
- \_\_\_ Visitation - Hospital
- \_\_\_ Visitation - Shut-ins
- \_\_\_ Feed the Hungry
- \_\_\_ Grief/Bereavement Group
- \_\_\_ Disaster Relief Projects
- \_\_\_ Blood Drives
- \_\_\_ Project Mexico
- \_\_\_ Prayer Ministry
- \_\_\_ Int'l Orth Christian Charities
- \_\_\_ OCMC Mission Center
- \_\_\_ Seniors Ministry
- \_\_\_ Couples Ministry
- \_\_\_ Singles Ministry
- \_\_\_ Military Ministry

#### COMMUNICATIONS

- \_\_\_ Web site & E-mail
- \_\_\_ Bulletin & Newsletter
- \_\_\_ Public Relations
- \_\_\_ Computer / Technical

Other talents or information not listed above: \_\_\_\_\_



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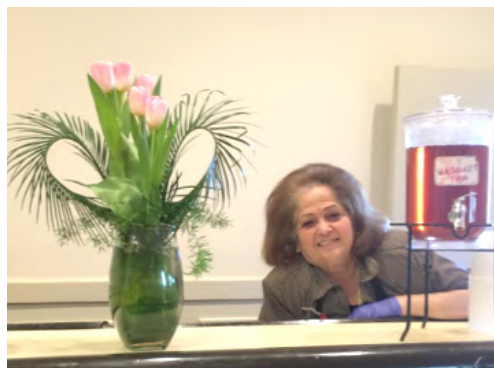
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Thank you to everyone who came and supported our New Building Fundraiser at Cooper River Brewing Company. Much fun was had by all and we generated more than \$2,000!



Our annual Senior League Valentine's Luncheon was a huge success, as always! Thank you to all involved in this special event.



# NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

## BROADWAY CABARET

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February 8th, 2019  
7:00PM

Tickets: \$20 adult/\$10 student  
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Children under 12 free  
Cash Bar, Food & Fun

All Proceeds will go toward the building fund for the new Hellenic Center



# NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

## SENIOR LEAGUE'S ANNUAL VALENTINE'S LUNCHEON



# HOLY TRINITY YOUTH NEWS

## YOUTH CATECHISM

March 10 - **Parish level St John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival** in the upstairs hall. Catechism teachers are hosting coffee hour, come and hear the speeches.

March 17- **Sunday of Orthodoxy.** Don't forget to bring your icon from home for the icon procession.

April 20 - **Saturday of Lazarus.** Following the Divine Liturgy enjoy breakfast as we make the palms for Palm Sunday.

## GREEK SCHOOL



On January 30th, students of the Greek School and Dance minstries joined together to wish Father Ari a happy birthday.

Χρονια Πολλα Πατερ!  
Σε αγαπουμε πολυ.



## JOY/HOPE/GOYA

GOYA was joined by JOY and HOPE to enjoy an afternoon at the Aquarium.

GOYA March Meeting: Sunday, March 3, 4:30pm to 6:30pm at the Gates home.



# HOLY TRINITY YOUTH NEWS

## DANCE MINISTRY

### **Greek Dancing**

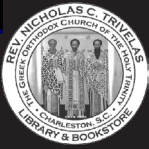
*By Eleni Ferderigos*

The Twists and Turns of delicate feet  
Moving carefully along the floor  
The taste of freedom  
filling your heart  
The layers and layers of culture  
unfolding  
The way I feel like a bird  
Up on that stage  
Flying across  
Breaking free

The elegant music carries you  
note by note  
step by step  
The alluring music pulls you closer and closer  
the rhythm  
all your problems miles away  
your costume flowing behind you  
the loud cheers in the audience  
nothing feels better

The last dance  
showstopping  
breathtaking  
silence throughout the crowd  
all of us stepping forward  
singing our hearts out  
applause  
the smiles from below  
filling you with triumph  
walking down those stairs  
to the embracing audience





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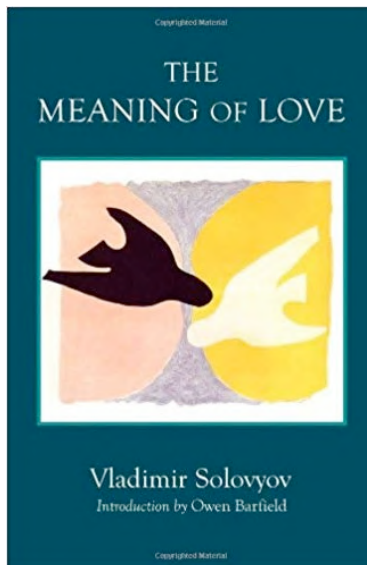
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*by Nitsa Demos*



#### **THE MEANING OF LOVE**

by Vladimir Solovyov

Solovyov, one of the greatest philosophers of the nineteenth century, was the founder of a tradition of Russian spirituality that brought together philosophy, mysticism, and theology with a powerful social message. This “Meaning of Love” is best summed up in his own words: “The meaning and worth of love as a feeling is that it really forces us, with all our being, to acknowledge for another the same absolute significance which we are conscious of only in our own selves. Love is important, not only as one of our feelings but as the transfer of all our interest in life from ourselves to another, as the shifting of the very center of our lies.”

*“For the word of the Lord abides forever” 1 Peter 1:25*

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*“Faith will see great things” JOHN 1:43-51*

# MARCH 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>3 JUDGEMENT SUNDAY MEATFARE 8:45/10:00 am Orthros/Liturgy 11:45am Library/Bookstore Open Adult Catechism Christismation—Connor 12:00pm Baptism—Schultz 4:30-6:30pm GOYA—Gates</p>	<p>4 6:30pm OCF  —FR. ARI ON VACATION—</p>	<p>5 10:00am Women's Bible Study 10:30am-1:30pm Library Open 6:30pm Philoptochos Board Mtg.  —FR. ARI ON VACATION—</p>	<p>6 2:30pm Velonaki 4:30pm Greek School  —FR. ARI ON VACATION—</p>	<p>7 10:00am Preservation  —FR. ARI ON VACATION—</p>	<p>1 CORPORATE DAY OF PRAYER 4:00pm Rehearsal—Mauritz/Roberts</p>	<p>2 SATURDAY OF SOULS 9:00/10:00am Orthros/Liturgy 4:00pm Wedding—Mauritz/Roberts</p>
<p>10 FORGIVENESS SUNDAY CHEESEFARE 8:45/10:00am Orthros/Liturgy 11:45am Library/Bookstore Open Youth Choir Oratorical Festival 6:00pm Vespers</p>	<p>11 CLEAN MONDAY GREAT LENT BEGINS 6:00pm Compline Services 6:30pm OCF</p>	<p>12 10:00am Women's Bible Study 5:30pm NBC Committee Mtg.</p>	<p>13 2:30pm Velonaki 4:30pm Greek School 6:00pm Pre-Sanctified</p>	<p>14  —FR. ARI ON VACATION—</p>	<p>15 5:00pm Confession 6:00pm Salutations</p>	<p>16 SATURDAY OF SOULS 9:00/10:00am Orthros/Liturgy</p>
<p>17 SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY 8:45/10:00am Orthros/Liturgy 11:45am Library/Bookstore Open Adult Catechism</p>	<p>18 6:00pm Compline Services 6:30pm OCF</p>	<p>19 7:00am Men's Bible Group 10:00am Women's Bible Study 10:30am-1:30pm Library Open 5:30pm AHEPA</p>	<p>20 2:30pm Velonaki 4:30pm Greek School 6:00pm Pre-Sanctified</p>	<p>21 11:30am Senior League 6:00pm Parish Council</p>	<p>22 5:00pm Confession 6:00pm Salutations</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 SUNDAY OF ST. GREGORY PALAMAS 8:45/10:00am Orthros/Liturgy 11:45am Library/Bookstore Open Adult Catechism ANNUNCIATION/GREEK SCHOOL INDEP. PROGRAM</p>	<p>25 ANNUNCIATION OF THE VIRGIN MARY 9:00/10:00am Orthros/Liturgy 6:30pm OCF</p>	<p>26 10:00am Women's Bible Study 5:30pm NBC Committee Mtg.</p>	<p>27 2:30pm Velonaki 4:30pm NO Greek School—Spring Break 6:00pm Pre-Sanctified</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 5:00pm Confession 6:00pm Salutations</p>	<p>30 12:00pm Baptism—Dolence</p>
<p>31 SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS 8:45/10:00am Orthros/Liturgy 11:45am Library/Bookstore Open Adult Catechism Memorial—Apostolaros—1 yr.</p>						

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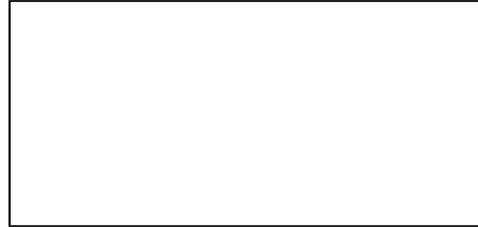
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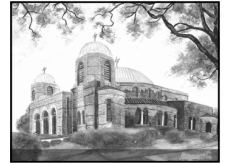
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