

Scholarships available

Applications for the 2017 **Thomas and Katherine LaBache Scholarships** are now being accepted. The updated list of requirements is inserted in today's Bulletin.

Applications are available at the Candle Desk and must be returned by September 30th.

Church School Opening Day

Our **Church School** will begin its 2017/2018 term next Sunday, September 17th.

Please take note.

News from the Women's Council

The September meeting of the **Orthodox Women's Council** will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2017, at Holy Ghost Russian Orthodox Church on East Main St. in Bridgeport, at 1:30 p.m. The proposed slate of elected officers for the next two year term will be presented.

More news from the Women's Council

The *Orthodox Women's Council's* annual drive for **Pajamas for Kids** (*infants to 18-year-olds*) will begin in September and end in March. (Please note, sweat pants will work for the 18-year-olds).

If you would like to contribute **new** pajamas, a container is located in the Church Hall. Thank you for your participation.

Coffee Hour Sign-up Sheet

The new **Coffee Hour Sign-up Sheet** for 2017/2018 is now posted on the wall in the Church Hall.

Take a look today and sign up to host a Coffee Hour in honor of a special event or in memory of a loved one.

Educational Mini-Series to be held

On the last Wednesday of this and the next two months, there will be an adult education "mini-series" on Saints offered in our Church Hall at 7:00 p.m., following the celebration of the Akathist Hymn, "Glory to God for All Things."

See the flyer printed on the back of today's Bulletin for details.

News from the Teuta Ladies' Society

The **Teuta Ladies' Society** is currently accepting donations to offset the costs of their annual **Bazaar**, which will be held on Saturday, October 21st.

See Sue Galich to make your donation.

FORCC Banquet

The **24th Annual FORCC Benefit Dinner** will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 1st. This year's event will be held at St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church on Racebrook Road in Orange. **Fr. Chad Hatfield**, President of St. Vladimir's Seminary, will be the guest speaker.

Menu options include chicken or fish. Tickets are \$35 per person for adults and \$10 per person for children if purchased and paid for by September 24th. Adult tickets will be \$45 per person if purchased between September 25th and September 30th. No tickets will be sold at the door.

See *Father Dennis* or *Bob Lazar* for information.

Parish Finances

Be sure to take a look at the sign at the Candle Desk which shows last month's income and expenses.

Notification of illness

When you or someone you know is sick or in the hospital, please be sure to let Father Dennis know so he can visit. He can be reached at 203-598-4678.

Charity Collection

This month, our Charity Collection will go to **International Orthodox Christian Charities** to help with their relief efforts in areas affected by Hurricane Harvey. Donations can also be made directly at the IOCC website: iocc.org/Harvey.

Please be generous!



Galatians 6:11-18

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand! All those who want to please in a human way are forcing you to be circumcised merely to avoid persecution because of the Cross of Christ. For not even the circumcised observe the Law: but they want you to be circumcised that they may boast of your subjection to external rites. But as for me, God forbid that I should glory save in the Cross of our LORD Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision but a new creation is of any account. And whoever follows this rule, peace and mercy be upon them and on God's Israel. From now on, let no man give me trouble, for I bear the marks of the LORD Jesus in my body. The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

John 3:13-17

The LORD said, "No one has gone up into heaven except the One who has come down from heaven: the Son of Man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that those who believe in Him may not perish, but may have life everlasting." For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that those who believe in Him may not perish, but may have life everlasting. For God did not send His Son into the world in order to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

Galatianëve 6:11-18

Vellezer, vini re me çfarë shkronjash të mëdha ju shkrova me dorën time. Sa duan të duken të mirë në mish, këta ju detyrojnë të rrethpriteni, vetëm që të mos përndiqen për kryqin e Krishtit. Sepse as ata që rrethpriten s'e ruajnë ligjin, por duan të rrethpriteni ju, që të mburren me mishin tuaj. Por për mua qoftë larg të mburrem për tjetër gjë, veç për kryqin e ZOTIT tonë Jisu Krisht, me anë të të cilit bota është kryqëzuar tek unë, dhe unë tek bota. Sepse në Jisu Krishtin as rrethprerja nuk ka fuqi, as parrethprerja, por krijesa e re. Edhe për të gjithë sa ecin sipas këtij rregulli, paqe e përdëllim qoftë mbi ta, dhe mbi Izraelin e Perëndisë. Tani e tutje askush le të mos më shqetësojë; sepse unë mbaj shenjat e ZOTIT Jisu në trupin tim. Hiri i ZOTIT tonë Jisu Krisht qoftë bashkë me shpirtin tuaj, vëllezër. Amin.

Joani 3:13-17

ZOTI tha, "Asnjë s'ka hipur në qiell, veç ai që ka zbritur nga qielli, i Biri i njeriut, që është në qiell. Edhe sikurse Moisiu ngriti lart gjarpërin në shkretëtirë, kështu duhet të ngrihet lart edhe i Biri i njeriut; që të mos humbasë kushdo që t'i besojë, por të ketë jetë të përjetshme. Sepse Perëndia aq e deshi botën, sa dha Birin e tij të vetëmlindurin, që të mos humbasë kushdo që t'i besojë atij, po të ketë jetë të përjetshme. Sepse Perëndia nuk e dërgoi të Birin në botë që të gjykojë botën, po që të shpëtojë bota me anë të tij."