



“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” -1 *Thessalonians 5:18*

Good Morning Parishioners,

Fall is among us as we are well into November with Thanksgiving Day right around the corner. I would like to thank all the efforts that many of our parishioners and parish council members have contributed recently to our church and in various projects.

I would like to recognize and thank John, Nick and Steve Zoumas from JNS Contracting for donating all the labor including the removal and installation of the new ceiling tiles in our community center. A thank you also goes out to Manoli Lilimpakis for installing all the ceiling lights and a thank you to George Voulgarakis of Dimitri Painting for donating the necessary equipment to get this job done.

I am thankful to the volunteers who have been showing up and helping with the Old Church Restoration Project. We have already raised a few thousand dollars for this project but more is needed.

I am thankful for all the efforts of our Beautification Committee who have been working diligently in helping to start the projects needed in giving our community center a “new look”.

I am thankful to Our New Year’s Eve Committee who is overseeing our New Year’s Eve Gala on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Come and celebrate the countdown to 2018!!!!

I am proud to recognize one of our own parishioners, John Tsunis, who was installed by the Archdiocese into The Order of St. Andrew. These laymen are documented and honored as “Defenders of the Faith”, who have been granted the title of Archon by the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople. Several of our parishioners attended the service and ceremony. What an honor!

I am delighted to recognize Peter V. Tsantes for The establishment of the Tsantes Endowed Professorship as well as his contributions to the Center for Hellenic Studies at Stony Brook University. The official opening was celebrated on October 18, 2017 at the ribbon cutting ceremony. Many of our parishioners attended and It was a proud moment to see all of us come together to support Hellenism.

A note of thanks to Father Jim and our PC members who have been speaking to the Iconographer and working to set in motion and finalize the final steps of our Iconography Project.

I want to also thank Kalliope and George Kokolakis for donating and overseeing the competition of the breezeway project that connects our church to the community center. Words cannot express your kind and thoughtful contribution of this colossal project.

Thank you to the new AHEPA Chapter for sponsoring the general Assembly Lunch this coming Sunday.

I’m thankful for a dedicated parish council, our hard working ministries and our office manager Maria. I am truly humbled by the amazing support system.

Lastly, a special thank you to my family, Chris, Alex & Jeff, for their support and for holding down the fort at home so I can do what I need to do at our church.

Wishing you all the happiness of good friends, the joy of a happy family and the miracles of the holiday season at this Thanksgiving!

-God Bless, Marisa Raptis, PC President of Assumption Church