

# JUNE PARISH UPDATES

## Festival News: Planning for Summer and Oct Events



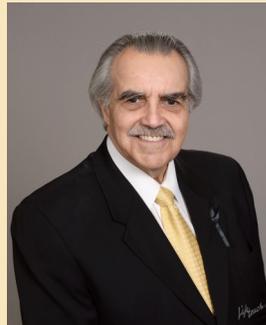
Our Festival Committee, in cooperation with Fr. Alex and our Parish Council, has worked hard to forge new dates for our festival—**now Oct. 2 & 3**. The thinking behind this choice was to place it far enough out to be functional and also to avoid existing dates already announced by our sister parishes. We'll keep you up to date as our plans advance.

On a related note, the committee has also been working toward an event for this summer, a **“Pop-Up” or “Drive-Thru” effort**, designed to find a loving home for the beautiful food already prepared by our dedicated volunteers and to generate much needed funds for our parish. As of the writing of this newsletter, details are still being worked out. However, the committee will certainly be in contact with our parishioners soon, outlining the plan and offering opportunities to help out for all those comfortable doing so.

Advertising opportunities in our annual Ad Book are now available in connection to the October event and possibly, on a limited level, the summer effort. **Contact Joyce Powell to learn more and with questions: [stphilipfestival@gmail.com](mailto:stphilipfestival@gmail.com); 781 858-8458.**

## Virtual Metropolis Awards, June 14—Congratulations to Cos Marandos!

It's no surprise that this year's Metropolis Awards event must go virtual—it's also no surprise that our Saint Philip honoree is **Cosmos E. Marandos**, as Cos is a truly beloved, dedicated and exemplary Steward of Saint Philip, along with his wonderful wife, Lynda, and daughter, Tara. We congratulate them all and look forward to the online event, slated for June 14. In addition to supporting Cos, all parishioners are invited to buy a “ticket” or “table” (\$75 per ticket/\$750 per table) to provide meals for homeless shelters and healthcare workers, via Lombardo's Restaurant in Randolph, MA. It is proper and right, during these remarkable times, that this celebratory event should be powered by an urgent desire to reach out to those in need.



**Please contact Fr. Alex for details or visit the Metropolis site: [www.boston.goarch.org/](http://www.boston.goarch.org/).**

## June Services

As the nature of our June services (partial opening vs being closed to the public) is still very much up in the air, we ask our faithful **to refer to our Weekly eBulletin and website calendar** for ongoing updates on what we are able to offer each week. Especially while the church remains closed, we'll make every effort to continue streaming services.

**Thanks for your patience!**

## Adult Education/Enrichment Continues in June

Assuming it will still be impossible to gather at Saint Philip in June (or most of), both Women's Prayer Group/Bible Study & Orthodox Life will continue via Zoom. Our new Orthodox Life Series, “Eleven Stories,” has been well-attended and is focusing on the eleven Resurrectional Gospel reading of the Orthros Service, striving to relate the faith, courage and strivings exhibited in those readings to our own challenging times. As always, the participants of Women's Prayer Group & Bible Study have been keeping the women of our parish close via their own heartfelt sessions, focused on Biblical study, prayer and fellowship.

**Next Orthodox Life sessions are June 4 & 18, 7 pm; Women's Prayer Group will gather on June 11 & 25, 7 pm. Login info will soon be announced, and we'll take care to keep these events secure.**

## Emergency Outreach Efforts Continue

Our “68 Hours” and NSK lunch programs will continue until further notice. These efforts have both had a significant impact on food insecurity issues in Nashua and beyond.

**Please see our Weekly eBlasts and eBulletins for full details. We appreciate your generosity.**

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## A Note from Fr. Alex

*Fellow Parishioners & Friends ... I hope our June abbreviated newsletter finds you doing well and staying healthy during this uniquely challenging time.*

*As of the writing of this note, Gov. Baker of Massachusetts has allowed partial openings of houses of worship, but there is no "green light" yet from Gov. Sununu. So your Parish Council and I have been studying Metropolis guidelines and what we see laid out for Massachusetts houses of worship, in anticipation of something similar being provided for us soon.*

*I'm sure you, like me, are anxious to resume participation in our divine services and general church life, despite some of the anxieties and reservations we might have; in any event, as we approach opening, we must be safe, prepare our sacred space and try to take our time for the safety of all. Please be patient with all your parish leaders (including me!) as we work on our protocols and plans.*

*Meantime, "be strong and of good courage" (Deut. 31:6); Keep praying, participating in our online services, engaging our remote educational offerings and helping others to the best of your ability. What we do in difficult times really defines us as human beings.*

*We'll be together soon—I'll be praying for you and yours!*

*—with Love in Christ, Fr. Alex*

## Virtual Promotion, Graduation & Scholarship Sunday, June 14

This has, without a doubt, been a challenging time for all our children, and we are especially mindful of our high school and college graduates; while striving to keep a positive attitude, they have endured some disappointments and no doubt have some concerns about the future. Our parish family wants all of our graduates to know how much we love and support them—and how proud we are of each and every one of them. While plans are still in the works, we are looking to hold a virtual event on the 14th. We'll be sharing details soon. Meantime, we look forward to recognizing all our Sunday School children and look forward to honoring our graduates outlined to the right of this block. Read on....



## Congratulations Graduates!

### 2020 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

#### **Evmorfia Alton**

*Souhegan High School*  
(Sacred Heart University. Double Major: Journalism & Theatre; Minor: Marketing)

#### **Elaine Danas**

*Milford High School*  
(Assumption College. Pre Law Preparatory Program)

#### **Katerina Juris**

*Nashua High School North*  
(Becker College. Major: TBD)

#### **Margo Liakos**

*Bishop Guertin High School*  
(Northeastern University. Combined Majors: Political Science & International Affairs)

#### **Joseph Pappas**

*Nashua High School North*  
(McGill University. Major: TBD but interested in government, international relations and politics)

#### **Matthew Peters**

*Nashua High School North*  
(University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Major: Computer Science)

#### **Jennie Powell**

*Greater Lowell Technical High School*  
(Wentworth Institute of Technology. Major: Interior Design)

### 2020 COLLEGE GRADUATES

#### **Maggie Panteli**

*Clark University*  
(Bachelor of Arts in History)

#### **Thomas Pappas**

*Bryant University*  
(Double Major: Global Studies & Spanish; Minor: Business Administration)

#### **Alexia Philipon**

*Pennsylvania State University*  
(Bachelor of Science in Nutritional Sciences; Minor: Biology)

### SCHOLARSHIPS/CAMPERSHIPS

The COVID situation has caused delays in submitting and reviewing applications, and details regarding the MBC remote camping program are still forthcoming. We'll look forward to announcing details on our scholarships and camperships soon.