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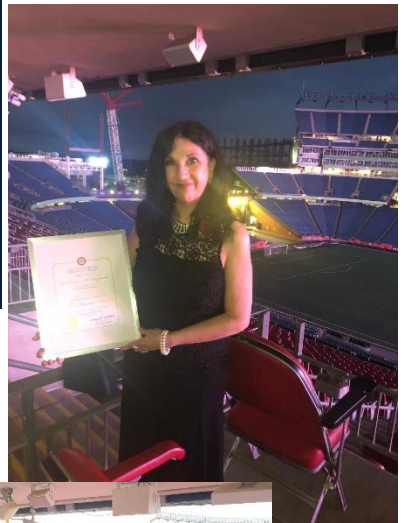
**Ministry Awards  
Celebration**

**Sunday, June 12, 2022**




**Gillette  
STADIUM**

*"Well done good and faithful servant"*  
- MATTHEW 25:21



Parthenope  
"Penny"  
Athanasopoulos  
Lynn, MA






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In July 1903, 110 men of Lynn's small Greek population met for the purpose of organizing a religious society. On August 16, 1903, a constitution was presented to the body in a general assembly for approval. During this assembly the newly formed religious society adopted St. George as its name. To accomplish their goals, the members of the board transferred their endeavors to raise money for this purpose. Every Greek home was asked to contribute five cents per person weekly to the treasury and a penny tax was levied upon each loaf of bread purchased from the local Greek bakery.

On April 2, 1905, the constitution was ratified and incorporated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as the "Hellenic Association of St. George of Lynn." In the same year, the membership decided to purchase the Swedish Evangelical church building on Pleasant Street. The Greek community received the deed on December 26, 1905.

Due to the influx of Greeks into the city during the larger wave of Greek immigration (1909-1912), the members felt the need for a larger house of worship with facilities to teach the Greek language. Thus, the property of the Unitarian Church on South Common Street was purchased and is the site of our current parish structure. Archimandrite Christopher Argyrides arrived in Lynn in 1922. He served the parish faithfully and diligently for forty-eight years. During Fr. Argyrides' ministry, the idea of a new temple and community center was conceived. Before the construction of the new church, Fr. Charles L. Mihos was assigned as assistant to serve the growing community. Fr. Mihos served the St. George community for forty-five years, retiring in 1996.

On May 10, 1952, ground was broken for the community center. It was built first in order to create a temporary space

for services while the sanctuary was being constructed. The community center was dedicated on February 21, 1954, the cornerstone of the sanctuary was laid on May 3, 1954, and the parish building was fully completed by the end of 1954, with the service of Thyrsantia taking place on January 30, 1955. The period following the completion of the building was devoted to beautification in preparation for the parish consecration. Our church was consecrated on May 14, 1978 by His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos.

Rev. George D. Tsoukalas was assigned to St. George Greek Orthodox Church on January 1997. Fr. Tsoukalas is only the third priest assigned to the community in seventy-five years. We have transitioned to fully Byzantine iconography. On the outside of the church, classic brick arches and columns frame the new stained-glass windows and domes cover the towers. Updates and improvements are constantly being made thanks to the tireless commitment and work of Fr. George, the parish council, and the parishioners of St. George. -:-

