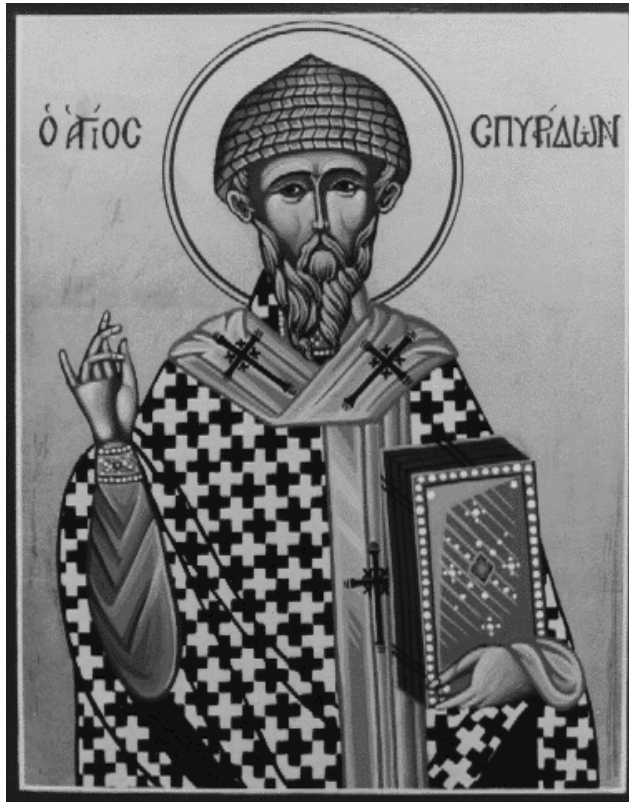

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Sunday Summer Hours

Orthros 7:45 am Divine Liturgy 9am

Wednesdays Vespers (or Small Paraklesis on Festal celebrations in the week:
 last Wednesday of month) 7 Vespers—7 pm*
 pm* Orthros—9 am

Saturdays Great Vespers 6 pm* Divine Liturgy—10 am

* Note: Holy Confession is available each Saturday after vespers, after Wednesday or other evening services (when there are no adult classes), and during office hours by appointment.

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER ANTHONY

I would like to take this opportunity to share some of the highlights of my recent mission trip to Argentina and Chile. First of all, even though you were each thanked individually by letter, let me again thank all the generous sponsors who made this trip possible. Due to your generosity, I was able to cover all the expenses related to my trip, as well as make a donation of the excess funds to the holy Archdiocese of Buenos Aires.

Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, I eventually was taken to the Archdiocesan headquarters to meet with Metropolitan Tarasios. We spent some time going over the plans for the two youth retreats with which I was to be involved. The following evening, we left for Santiago, Chile. We were welcomed by some of the Greek-Chilean youth and adult advisors, who drove us to the coastal city of Viña del Mar, a little over an hour away. The various youth groups, which were from different parts of the country, hosted a two and one-half day conference at a lovely conference center nestled within a grove of eucalyptus trees. The Chilean youth had also included various cultural and education aspects to their conference, as well as my multi-part presentation with the theme "let us be radiant." Saturday evening ended with a vesperal liturgy, which was followed by a closing banquet at which we were entertained by costumed Greek folk dancers.

Early Saturday morning, we were driven to Santiago to celebrate liturgy at the Greek Orthodox parish. After lunch with the parish council and Greek ambassador, we were taken to the airport for our return to Buenos Aires.

The following week was spent in the Archdiocesan offices, fine-tuning my presentation, and assisting Metropolitan Tarasios complete a report that he was to hand-deliver, at the meeting of the Holy Synod in Constantinople. I was fortunately able to see a few sights on the way to and from the Archdiocese each day, as well as during a one-half "day-off" that His Eminence gave me after the Chilean trip. The Greek-Argentinian youth met the following Saturday in Buenos Aires at the

Metropolis complex. This event was strictly a one-day spiritual retreat, at which I presented the same topic again. We ended as at the prior retreat, with a vesperal liturgy on Saturday evening at the cathedral. The youth then went to a nearby Hellenic center for an evening of food and dancing.

What I learned relatively quickly from Metropolitan Tarasios, and my interactions with the youth, was that they were very uniformed regarding their Orthodox faith. Furthermore, the Metropolitan pointed out that the Greek-South American youth were much more *culturally* oriented than *spiritually*, mainly because of a lack of strong spiritual leadership in the past.

A major error that has occurred in the South American Church, is that parishes were not formed as parishes, per se. Instead, they were formed as "Hellenic communities" which includes churches, community centers, parochial schools, etc., many times under one roof. Instead of these communities being *parishes* first and foremost, with the priest heading the local eucharistic community, they have been reduced to secular organizations overseen by laity, which happen to include a church building in which the priest takes care of "performing" his duties. To further complicate the issue, many of these priests are on loan from the Church of Greece, and are therefore paid through the local Greek embassy. This causes even more of a sense of separation of the priest from the life of the local community.

Metropolitan Tarasios has quite a monumental task ahead of him, in order to redirect his flock onto a more traditional and correct spiritual path as a Church. Being a Greek-American himself, he is familiar with the healthier system in place in the Archdiocese of America. Therefore, he is trying to instill new ideas into the minds of his flock, so that they may eventually have a stronger church that will keep the youth, and attract converts as well.

One example is *stewardship*. The churches of Buenos Aires, for example, were accustomed to being supported in the past by local wealthy families such as the Onassis' and others. As these people either passed on or disconnected themselves with the Church, the monies have stopped flowing in. Unfortunately, the regular congregants

have no sense of needing to support their parish, especially if their priest is being paid by the Greek government. This is why many churches have fallen into disrepair, and why no one is doing anything about it.

The Metropolitan is also trying to develop an indigenous priesthood, so that the local priest will truly be one of their own. He would also like to eventually reverse the erroneous administration of the Church, so that the priest may oversee his local parish as per our Orthodox tradition. With correct spiritual leadership, they may begin to see spiritual renewal in their parishes, as well as the attraction of converts.

One important thing that I came back with, is the awareness of how *potentially* strong our parishes in the United States could be. First of all, we have higher numbers in terms of membership. Our focus is the Orthodox faith, with all other activities falling under this "umbrella." We have a keen sense of needing to take care of ourselves, as well as our local Metropolis and the Archdiocese, with their various ministries for the benefit of all. In fact, there is no reason at all why our parishes should not be strong spiritual centers and beacons of Orthodoxy, that are self-supported through Christian stewardship. Maybe we should all make a trip to places like South America, in order to both *appreciate* what we have, and be *motivated* to make it even better.

Please pray along with me for the future spiritual health and renewal of the South American Church, as well as our own local parish. We should never be complacent and satisfied with the *status quo*. Neither should we waste precious time and energy in squabbling and focusing on petty issues that are of no true benefit in the long-run. The Orthodox Church has always been a "big picture," visionary Church headed on the path of salvation. Let's all do our part to keep it that way on the local level, as well.

In Christ's love,

+ Fr. Anthony

FROM THE HOLY FATHERS

“When we love someone, we always think of him or her, strive to please him or her day and night, and our heart is occupied with this. Such is the love we need to give to God, who is our Creator and Who gave His life for all, supports all, nourishes and loves all. Thus do we often turn to Him, do we always think of Him, do we always pray to Him and strive to fulfill His holy commandments. Let us from this day, this hour, this minute love God above all and fulfill His holy will.” – St. Herman of Alaska

“Why are we so ready to judge our neighbor? Why are we so concerned about the burden of others? We have plenty to be concerned about; each one has his own debt and his own sins. It is for God alone to judge, to justify or to condemn. He knows the state of each one of us and our capacities, our deviations, and our gifts, our constitution and our preparedness, and it is for him to judge each of these things according to the knowledge that he alone has.” – St. Dorotheos of Gaza

“A working couple once asked him, ‘Elder, when at night we return very tired to our home, we do not have the desire for prayer.’ How do you have the desire to eat? Just as you do not neglect food, no matter how tired you are, all the more so, and even more so, you should never neglect the food of the soul: communicating with God. Do not ever neglect prayer, whether at the table, in the morning when you rise, in the evening, or at night... It is a matter of self-sacrifice and mainly of love. When a certain person, beloved by you, calls you up very late at night, how is it that despite your tiredness, you hook yourselves to the receiver and furthermore, sometimes one and two hours, without being impatient, but, on the contrary, you rejoice?” – Elder Epiphanius Theodoropoulos

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Traditionally Philoptochos has awarded a scholarship to a deserving senior based upon academic standing and commitment to the church. For the past two years, a scholarship in memory of Mary Janaros has also been established.

This year the committee decided to combine the two and has awarded two scholarships to two meritorious seniors. We are happy to congratulate Nicholas Melikas and Nicholas Tasso as the Philoptochos and Mary Janaros Scholarship Recipients. We wish them well as they begin their University Studies.

We will hold an organizational meeting sometime this summer to plan our calendar for next year. Please stay tuned for the date of this meeting and as always feel free to join this worthy organization. We are always ready to welcome new members.

Enjoy the summer. See you at the Hellenic Fest!

SOUP KITCHEN

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the June Soup Kitchen.

We served over 50 hungry people. Annie Connally's meatloaf recipe was a big hit, together with Rose Apostol's potatoes & bread and Sofi Cofield's desserts.

Thanks also to the Spiratos family who generously provide the milk each month, and all of you who helped to set up, prepare and serve.

If you are interested in helping with next month's meal, please contact Presv. Themmi.

The July soup kitchen is on Monday July 10.

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Sunday Summer Hours

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu

2 3rd Sunday of Matthew	3	4	5 (no vespers) <i>(fast day)</i>	6
9 4th Sunday of Matthew	10	11	12 Sun all Vespers 7 pm <i>(fast day)</i>	13
16 Sun. of the Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council of Chalcedon	17	18	19 <i>(fast day)</i>	20
Fr. Anthony at Clergy-Laity Congress				
23 6th Sunday of Matthew	24	25 Vespers of St. Paraskevi, the Great Martyr 7 pm	26 St. Paraskevi, Orthros & Lit.; Vespers of St. Panteleimon the Great Martyr <i>(fast day)</i>	27 St. Pa Ortho
30 7th Sunday of Matthew	31			

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Fri

Sat

1
Great Vespers 6 pm

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8
Great Vespers 6 pm

(fast day)

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15
Great Vespers 6 pm

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22
Great Vespers 6 pm

(fast day)

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29
Great Vespers **5 pm**
(note earlier time due to festival)

(fast day)

Upcoming Events

July 8—Film Festival

July 10—Soup Kitchen, 5 pm

July 11—Hellenic Fest Meeting, 6 pm

July 11—Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm

July 28, 29, 30—Hellenic Fest

Regular Events

Religious Education—Sundays, immediately after Holy Communion (on break for summer)

Children’s Greek School—Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 4-6 pm and Thursdays, 4-5 pm (on break for summer)

Adult Greek School—Mondays, 5-6 pm (on break for summer)

HELLENIC FEST MEETING

The next Hellenic Festival meeting will be held Tuesday, July 11th at 6 pm at the church center. If you are not able to attend and wish to volunteer for the festival, please contact Steve Melikas as soon as possible. This event is very important for the benefit of our church community.

HELLENIC FEST ITEM SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED

Please consider sponsoring food items for the Hellenic Fest. Simply mail your check to the church office, designating the item(s) you'd like to sponsor. We will take it from there. Any questions contact the church office 846-0555 or Presv. Theمني at 683-0908. Thanks!

You may use the following form when mailing in your festival donation for this purpose.

Name: _____

Item (s) Sponsored: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Items still needing to be sponsored

Pork Souvlaki 28 cases @ \$70 ea.
Chicken 28 cases @ \$70 ea.
Tyropita 25 cases @ \$10 ea.
Pastitsio 46 pan @ \$20 ea.
Mousaka 10 pan @ \$20 ea.
Spanakopita 10 cases \$40 ea.
Gyros 70 cases @ \$25 ea
Meatballs 20 Boxes @ \$25 ea
Feta Cheese 4 cases @ \$60 ea
Tzatziki 15 Cases @ \$20 ea
Pita Bread 25 Cases @ \$20 ea
Produce (misc) 25 Units @ \$50 ea
Salad Dressing 5 Cases @ \$25 ea
Chicken Broth \$100
Paper Supplies 60 Units @ \$10 ea
Pastries 75 trays @ \$10 ea
Dolmades 9 cases @ \$30 ea
Baking & Loukoumades ingredients 60 units @ \$50 ea

Thanks to those who have already come forward to sponsor items for the upcoming festival since the request from last month's bulletin:

Marianne Menas & family
Katherine Koulovardis
Telly & Liza Amarant

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The next parish council meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 11, at 7 pm. The next Hellenic Fest Meeting for 2006 will take place on July 11, at six o'clock.

I would like to thank everyone who has attended the Hellenic Fest meetings and would like to welcome anyone to the meeting who would like to give the stewardship of time to the Church. The parish council will focus on all efforts to make the Hellenic Fest of 2006 a most successful festival. The parish council would like to thank you for the enthusiastic support thus far. The whole community needs your help!

At the June 13th meeting the council accepted in the minutes concerns of members in the parish. At this time the council will review those concerns and their presentation and report back to the parish community.

Please take time to offer some help and make our coming Hellenic Festival of 2006 a successful community effort for all.

Thank you,
Steven J. Mellekas
Parish Council President

ST. SPYRIDON FILM FESTIVAL

Come and join the fun as an audience member for the 6th annual St. Spyridon Orthodox Christian Film Festival on Saturday, July 8th.

Welcome and fellowship begins around 9:30 AM. Coffee, drinks, and muffins will be available at that time. Viewing will begin shortly after 10 AM. A luncheon will be offered after the films have been viewed (about 12:30). And after the awards are announced at about 1:30 PM we will make our way to Bannister's Wharf for the annual sail on the Madeleine (the 75 foot white schooner moored next to the Black Pearl). Lines are cast off at precisely 2:30 PM and the Madeleine returns to the dock at 4 PM. All festival activities are free. We hope to see you there!

IN OUR PARISH

Graduations:

Ryan Hazanakis, son of Chris & The rese Young and grandson of Georgia Young, graduates this year from Rogers High School and will be attending Salve Regina University next year. We wish him the best in his future studies!

Nicholas Tasso, son of James & Janice Tasso, graduates this year from Rogers High School and will be attending Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester, NH next year. We wish him the best in his future studies!

Sofia Amarant, daughter of Telly and Leeza Amarant, graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a B.A. degree in Finance. We wish her all the best!

Christine Krones, daughter of Thomas Krones & Maria Botelho and granddaughter of Stella Volpicelli, graduated from Simmons College with a B.A. degree in English and French and a minor in Philosophy. She is now a candidate in the Masters Ph.D. program. We wish her all the best with her continued studies!

AHEPA NEWS

The Maud Howe Elliot Chapter 245 of the AH EPA met on Monday the 12th of June at a social meeting in Aquidneck Restaurant and Bar, in Newport.

During the meeting, it was decided that the local Chapter award a scholarship to Nicholas Mellekas who graduated from High School and will attend College in September. Congratulations Nick! Look in the bulletin for announcements for the next year's scholarship applications.

It was also decided that the election for new Officers take place during the next meeting in September. All current members please make sure to attend. All people who are not members yet are invited to join the AH EPA or the Daughters of Penelope. Let us work together for the preservation and promotion of Hellenic ideas, ensuring a good present and better future.

The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AH EPA) is the largest Greek-American organization. Its scope is international - with chapters in the United States, Canada, Australia and Greece. AH EPA was founded July 26, 1922, in Atlanta, Georgia, by visionary Americans of Greek descent to protect Hellenes from the evils of bigotry and to help assimilate them in to American society in the early 20th Century. Although a majority of the membership is composed of Americans of Hellenic descent, application for membership is open to everyone who believes in the mission of the organization.

MISSION: The mission of the AH EPA Family is to promote Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, and Family and Individual Excellence.

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