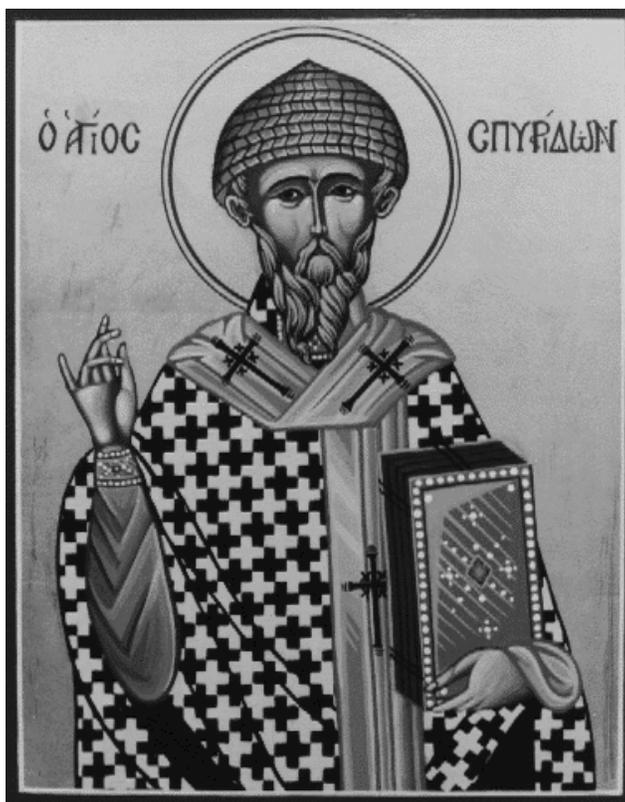

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Summer Hours Orthros 7:45 am Divine Liturgy 9 am

Wednesdays Vespers (or Small Paraklesis on last Wednesday of month) 7 pm* Weekday Festal Celebrations: Vespers—7 pm*

Orthros—9 am

Divine Liturgy—10 am

Saturdays Great Vespers 6 pm*

* 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

(the following article appeared in the June 2004 edition of the *St. Spyridon Voice*)

As we prepare to enter the Apostles' Fast this month, let us reflect a bit on the Holy Apostles of Christ and their important role in His Church. During this holy period in their honor, we should venerate and pray to them more often, continually seeking their holy intercessions before the throne of the Most High, which they flank, seated on their own glorious thrones.

First of all, let us remember the very beginning of the Church on earth after the Lord's Resurrection and Ascension. On the day of Pentecost – 50 days after Holy Pascha, the Lord sent His Holy Spirit upon the Holy Apostles and the other followers of Christ who were gathered together in the upper room. “...*And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*” (Acts 2:1-4).

This incredible and life-transforming act of God gave true birth to the Church. In the absence of Christ, the Holy Apostles took the reigns of the Church, so to speak, knowing that God was truly with them once again, through His Holy Spirit. The promise of Christ given just prior to His holy Ascension into heaven had been kept. They were filled with power from on high to continue the ministry of Christ. Basically, during the mystery of Pentecost, the Apostles were *ordained* as the first bishops of the Church, in order to oversee the Church, to teach her doctrines, and to preside over the celebration of the Eucharist. These three basic elements still constitute the role of the bishop in the Orthodox Church.

The great task of the Spirit-filled Apostles was to spread the Christian faith, both locally and in far-away places of the known world. As they established churches in different lands, they ordained other bishops to oversee those churches. Through the hands of the Apostles and those of the other bishops they ordained, many men were ordained to the ranks of *bishop*, *presbyter*, and *deacon*, which has continued throughout the ages. As you've heard many times, today's Orthodox clergy trace their ordination back to the Apostles themselves, through what is called *apostolic succession*.

Holy Tradition, which encompasses the entire life of the Church from her beginnings to the present, also originated with the Holy Apostles. As direct disciples of the Lord and witnesses of the Resurrection, they passed on the teachings of Christ and the Tradition of the Church which they shaped and forged through the guidance of the Holy

Spirit. *“Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle.”* (2 Thes. 2:15). When other Christians try to criticize the practices of the Orthodox Church by stating that everything we do is based on the traditions of men, we must remind them that our Holy Tradition has its source in Christ Himself, and has continued to be guided by God through His Holy Spirit.

The key thing for us to remember regarding apostolic succession and the Holy Apostolic Tradition, is that these things constitute an *unbroken* chain within the Orthodox Church which begins with the Apostles. The seven ecumenical councils held by the Church during the first eight centuries of her life, specifically dealt with heretical perversions of the apostolic teachings of the Church, again, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The work of the ecumenical councils, as well as the many local councils held at various times and places, has ensured that the chain linking us to Christ and His Holy Apostles has remained unbroken. This my beloved, is what has kept the Church *Orthodox*. This is what has kept the True Faith pure and untainted – the same Faith that the Holy Apostles spread throughout the world and that we have inherited.

Let us use the following hymn found in the Orthros for Thursdays, as a special prayer during the coming fast of the Holy Apostles:

“Passing through all the earth, you preached the holy Incarnation of Christ from the all-spotless Virgin, and you turned men from their error. In teaching all men to adore One God, the Holy Trinity, you shed divine enlightenment upon the nations, O blessed Apostles of Christ the Savior.”

In Christ’s love, and with the prayers and blessings of the Holy Apostles,

+Fr. Anthony

APOSTLES FAST

This year, due to the early date of Pascha, the fast of the Holy Apostles will include most of the month of June. The fast begins on Monday, June 4th, the day after the Sunday of All Saints, and lasts until Thursday, June 28th, the day before the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul. This fast is similar to the first part of the Nativity fast; no animal products are permitted, however, fish, wine and olive oil are permitted daily, except for Wednesday and Friday. His Eminence has asked that we all keep this fast, which is unfortunately ignored by many.

METROPOLIS LAITY AWARD

Our Parish Council has chosen **Marea Lewis** as this year's recipient of the Metropolis Laity Award. We all are very aware of the many things Marea constantly does for all kinds of people, especially for the elderly and the children of our parish, as well as for many people outside our community. In addition, she always makes sure that there is something out for the coffee hour, usually supplementing out of her own pocket. As an exemplary Christian steward, she does these things as quietly as possible. We look forward to celebrating with Marea on **Sunday, 6/10** at *Lombardo's* in Randolph, MA; 5:30 pm cocktails, 6:30 pm dinner. You may contact Ellen Anagnostos in the church office for reservations and more information. Please remember that the ticket price of \$75 goes toward the various ministries of our Metropolis.

SUMMER CHURCH ATTENDANCE

I would like again this year, to remind our families that church attendance should be **year-round**; it should not revolve around the academic calendar. Parents, please set the example for your children of what is most important in life. Understandably, families usual vacation during the summer, and will not always be in town. Remember to seek a local Orthodox church of the various jurisdictions during your travels, and make it a point to attend. This is a beautiful way to expose your families to other Orthodox traditions, and to meet Orthodox brethren around the country or world.

RETIREES LUNCHEON & PRESENTATION

Our last retirees luncheon and presentation took place on Ascension Thursday, 5/17. We had a very interesting and informative presentation by a holistic health counselor. We would like to thank Chris Stefanopoulos and Georgia Stefanopoulos of *Chris' Diner* for providing the lunch. We will be taking a break and resuming our luncheons and presentations after summer ends.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

(the following is taken from *The Orthodox Church: 455 Questions & Answers*, by Fr. Stanley Harakas, Light & Life Publishing Co., 1987)

Q. “What happens to someone’s soul after death according to the Orthodox Church, since we don’t believe in purgatory?”

A. “The Orthodox Church explains the events following death in this manner. Theologically, death is the separation of the spiritual dimension of the human being (the soul or spirit), from the physical (the body). When we die, we begin immediately to experience a fore-taste of heaven or hell. That is, our spirits are either in communion with God, or they are not. This fore-taste experience, based on the general character of our lives regarding our behavior, character and communion with God, is known as the partial judgment. At some unknown time in the future, the Church teaches that Jesus Christ will return. Each Sunday we repeat our belief in the return of Christ when we say in the Creed: ‘And He shall come again in glory...’ We also say in the Creed that when He returns, he will come ‘...to judge the living and the dead.’ The creed also indicates what else will occur when Christ returns: ‘I expect the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.’ Christ will bring an end to this world as we know it, and He will inaugurate a new era, establishing His kingdom, which ‘shall have no end.’ This final judgment is known as the general judgment. Our resurrected existence will then live eternally in heaven in communion with God, or eternally in hell, out of communion with God.”

Q. “If an Orthodox person marries outside our Church, is it true that he or she cannot receive Holy Communion for six years in the Orthodox Church?”

A. “I don’t know where you received this idea, but it is only partially correct. An Orthodox Christian lives his or her life sacramentally united with the Church. One of the sacraments is holy matrimony. If an Orthodox Christian marries outside the Church (civilly or in another religious service), then he or she in effect causes a break between him-or herself and the Orthodox Church. As a result, such persons are no longer in full communion with the Church. The result is that they may not exercise the functions and full privileges of membership until the marriage is blessed with the Orthodox sacrament, not just for a period of six years. This means that, though still members of the Church, they are not in good order. Thus, they cannot properly receive Holy Communion, may not be sponsors at a wedding or baptism, or be elected to and serve as members or officers of the Church council.”

PERSONAL REQUEST FROM FR. ANTHONY

While looking up an entry for someone in our death registry, I came across the name *Nikolaos Evangelatos*, who died in 1947 and was buried in Braman Cemetery. The entry shows that he was 58 years old, single, and that there was no next of kin. His place of birth only shows as Greece. As many of you know, Greek surnames many times indicate a region or island of origin, which is true of Cephalonian surnames. Therefore, there is a strong possibility that this gentleman could have been a relative. I was curious if any of our older parishioners possibly remember this man and anything about him. I would greatly appreciate hearing from anyone who might have some information. Thank you.
+Fr. Anthony

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

Thanks to everyone who helped make the May soup kitchen one of our best. Over 65 guests enjoyed a chicken dinner along with Rose Apostol's signature corn bread and roast potatoes, and Sofi Cofield's delicious desserts. Our guests were also treated to fish that had been generously donated. It was a tremendous success. We're now in our third year and going strong. Next month's soup kitchen will be on Monday, June 11th. To help, please contact Presv. Themmi. Thanks for your continued support.

Note from Fr. Anthony: At our recent clergy brotherhood meeting, Metropolitan Methodios was encouraging his priests to offer meals to the needy, citing a wonderful program at a Catholic parish of which he is familiar. He emphasized the fact that our parishes generally have more than adequate facilities to support this type of philanthropic endeavor. His Eminence commended those few parishes which have already implemented such a program.

SAINT SPYRIDON MEMORABILIA

AHEPA and Daughters are asking for any materials (books, photographs, memoirs, etc.) related to our church's history. They will soon have an exhibition of collected material. For further information contact a brother or sister, or email: AHEPA245@verizon.net

JUNE 2007

Sunday Summer Hours

Sun**Mon****Tue****Wed****Thu**

<i>No fasting during week of Pentecost— all foods</i>				
3 Sunday of All Saints	4	5	6 Small Vespers, 7 pm	7
SUMMER HOURS BEGIN				
<i>Apostles' Fast begins – no animal products; fish, wine & olive oil permitted</i>				
10 2nd Sun. of Matthew	11	12	13 Small Vespers, 7 pm	14
<i>Apostles' Fast continues</i>				
17 3rd Sun. of Matthew	18	19	20 Small Vespers, 7 pm	21
<i>Apostles' Fast continues</i>				
24 Nativity of St. John the Forerunner	25	26	27 (no services)	28
<i>Apostles' Fast continues</i>				
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Orthros 7:45 am Divine Liturgy 9 am

Fri

Sat

1

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Great Vespers, 6 pm

services permitted.

8

9

Great Vespers, 6 pm

services permitted everyday except Wed. & Fri.

15

16

Great Vespers, 6 pm

22

23

Great Vespers, 6 pm

29 The Holy Apostles
Peter & Paul (**no services**)
(fish, wine & olive oil permitted)

30
Synaxis of the Holy Apostles (**no services**)

St. Anthony on Vacation

Upcoming Events

June 5—Festival Meeting, 6 pm;
Parish Council, 7 pm

June 11—Soup Kitchen; setup 4 pm,
meal 5 pm

June 12—Daughters of Penelope,
AHEPA Housing, 7 pm

June 17—Greek School End of Year
Program

Regular Events

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

Children’s Greek School— Mondays,
Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 4-6 pm
and Thursdays, 4-5 pm **(on summer
break after June 17)**

Adult Greek School—Mondays, 5-6
pm **(on summer break after June 17)**

THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP

Every act of charity on earth is an investment in Heaven

Imagine a carpenter with the crudest of tools. It takes him many days to make a simple table; and its quality is so low that the price he obtains for it is poor. He has a choice: either he can spend all the money he earns on food and drink or he can set some money aside, even if it means going hungry, in order to buy better tools. If he does the latter, then he will soon be making good tables much more quickly, and so his earnings will quickly rise. This choice is analogous to a spiritual choice that each of us must make. Either we can spend for our own pleasure all the wealth we possess or we can set aside part of our wealth to give to others. If we do the latter, then we may sacrifice a few immediate, earthly pleasures; but the joy we earn for ourselves in heaven, far, far surpasses the pleasure we have lost on earth. Every act of charity on earth is an investment in heaven.

Saint John Chrysostom

Don't forget to return your Stewardship cards! Our financial goal this year is \$90,000, and we're doing well so far. So, keep the cards coming in!!!!.

Zoe Adamedes, Stewardship Chair
401-274-1316
zadamedes@yahoo.com

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The next Parish Council meeting will take place at 7 pm on Tuesday, June 5, 2007. Please feel free to approach any member of the Council with items for the agenda.

A Hellenic Fest meeting will take place immediately prior, at 6 pm. Please come and volunteer your efforts for this important event! At this point, we also need donations of various items. Please consider helping with any of the items found in the entry on the following page:

Tom Nichols
President

HELLENIC FEST ITEM SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED

Please consider sponsoring these 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. Themmi at 683-0908. Thanks!

Items to be sponsored:

- Pork Souvlaki 28 cases @ \$70 ea.
- Chicken 28 cases @ \$70 ea.
- Tyropita 25 cases @\$40 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
- Rice \$100
- Chicken Broth \$100
- Paper Supplies 60 Units @ \$40 ea
- Pastries 75 trays @ \$40 ea
- Dolmades 9 cases @ \$30 ea
- Baking & Loukoumades ingredients 60 units @ \$50 ea

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

Name: _____

Item (s) Sponsored: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

GREEK SCHOOL NEWS

The Greek School program is nearing the completion of another successful year. An end of year celebration is planned for June 17th in our Church Hall after liturgy. Please join us for lunch. We are now putting together a schedule for the 2007-2008 school year. We would like to know who is planning to attend next year so we can order books and setup the school program. We kindly request that you contact Loula Eliopoulos or Evangelos Giannopoulos and let us know about your plans or to ask any questions about this program. Any adults that would like to participate in lessons should contact Basile Pannoutsopoulos.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

To all women of the St Spyridon Church Community: We invite you to attend our final Dinner Meeting on June 6, 2007 at the Tickets Restaurant. Please let Elaine Brown know at 849-3480 by June 4th if you are able to attend. We would like to encourage all of our most distinguished ladies to attend- you are not too young or too old. We need you all. The Philoptochos Society is the second largest philanthropic organization in the United States and works hard to assist all those who find themselves in need, physical, emotional or spiritual. Our membership and participation has lessened over the last few years and we would like to breathe some fresh energy into the organization. Please consider joining us to share ideas. Your input will be greatly appreciated. A reminder to new brides, for your first year, your membership dues are free. Thank you. Look forward to seeing you all.
Zinovia

IN OUR PARISH

Birth: A baby boy, *Jason Paul*, was born to *David & Carrie Anagnostos* on 5/16. He is the newest grandchild of parishioners George & Ellen Anagnostos. May he live many years!

A baby girl, *Maria Stamatia Williams*, was born on 5/25 to *John & Kathryn Williams* of Upton, MA. She is the granddaughter of Arthur and Mary Michael. May she live many years!

Baptisms: The daughter of Leon & Popi (Gatos) Panteleos was baptized on 5/5, and was given the name *Alexandra*. Her sponsor is her uncle, Aristotelis Gatos. May she live many years.

The daughter of Kyriaki Kyriakides was baptized on 5/6 and was given the name *Zoe*. Her sponsor is her aunt, Parthena Kyriakides. May she live many years!

Graduations: *Steve Kyriakides* graduated from Portsmouth Abbey, and will be attending Salve Regina University this fall. We congratulate him and wish him success during his college years.

Jarrad Kutsaftis graduated from Rogers High School. We congratulate him and wish him success in his future.

Nathanial Kutsaftis graduated from University of Connecticut with a Bachelors in Nutritional Sciences. We congratulate him and wish him success!

John Canale graduated from Quinnipiac University with a Bachelor's of Art Degree from the School of Communications. His major was in Public Relations with a minor in Political Science. Future plans include attending Law School.. We congratulate him and wish him success in his preparations for law school!

Francine Menas, from Nashua, NH, graduated with a Masters Degree in Engineering from John Hopkins University in Maryland. We wish her great success in her future endeavors!

Deaths: *Constantine Logothets* fell asleep in the Lord on 5/12, and was buried on 5/16. He is survived by his wife Myrsine, and her children and grandchildren. May his memory be eternal!

Josefine (chrismation name, Elizabeth) Spielberg of Conway, MA, fell asleep in the Lord on 5/11. She was the mother and grandmother of parishioners Ellen Spielberg and Peter Antonopoulos and their children. Her funeral was held at the family's home parish of St. George in Keene, NH. May her memory be eternal!

Georgette (Demopoulos) Martins of Massachusetts, sister of parishioner Harold Demopoulos, recently fell asleep in the Lord. We offer our condolences to Harold for his loss. May her memory be eternal!

AHEPA NEWS

The last meeting of AHEPA Maud Howe Elliot Chapter 245 will take place on Monday the 11th of June 2007 at 7:00 pm. Members will receive a notice with information and place and are asked to respond before the deadline to the secretary or Treasurer George Koulouvardis. This is an open meeting and members may invite possible candidates. There will be no meetings held in July and August.

AHEPA GOES TO THE PAWSOX

The Newport Chapter of the Order of AHEPA would like to invite our community's youth to join us for an evening of baseball at McCoy Stadium to watch the PAWSOX take on the Richmond Braves on June 14th at 7:05 pm. We purchased some great box seat tickets along the first base line, and are offering these for free to any young person(s) and their parent from the St. Spyridon Church Community. Come along and join the AHEPA for a night of the best family entertainment under the stars. Contact George Koulouvardis to reserve your tickets, this is always a great time, so contact George as soon as possible.

Journey To Greece Program

The AHEPA Journey to Greece Program was a great success in 2006. We Invite You To Join Us for the 2007 Journey to Greece Program. It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to earn college credit while learning about ancient and modern Greece. Visit the AHEPA web site: <http://www.ahepa.org/> and select "Journey toGreece".

Metropolis of Boston Camp

The AHEPA announces a program to support children in the community who wish to attend the Metropolis of Boston Camp in New Hampshire. Limitations are \$100 per child and \$200 total for the program. Each summer there are 5 camp sessions starting the first week of July. Each session is one week long. Children experience a normal country camp experience as well as numerous Orthodox Christian and cultural programs and learning experiences. Of course, they also get to meet and develop friendships with the other 150 fellow Orthodox campers from around New England. For more information on the camp, see <http://www.boston.goarch.org/youthoffice/bdc/>

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE NEWS

The last meeting of the Daughters of Penelope before the summer will be held on TUESDAY, JUNE 12th, at 7 pm at the Ahepa Housing Complex. Election of officers will take place at this meeting. Members are asked to be on time.

<p><i>In loving memory of</i> Gredo Vincent <i>Volpicelli</i></p>	<p>Order of AHEPA Maud Howe Elliott Chapter No. 245 Daughters of Penelope Ares Chapter Number 49</p>	<p>Mel's Cafenio 25 Broadway Newport 849-6420</p>
<p><i>With compliments of...</i> Dr. Joanne and Mr. C. Gus Hologgitas</p>	<p>Aquidneck Pizza Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner 27 Aquidneck Avenue Middletown Take out orders: 849-3356 Daily 7am-12am, Fri & Sat 7am-2am</p>	<p>Enthimia <i>The Wedding and Baptism Store</i> Elegant Accessories 705 Washington Street Norwood, MA (781) 702-6034 enthimia.com</p>
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