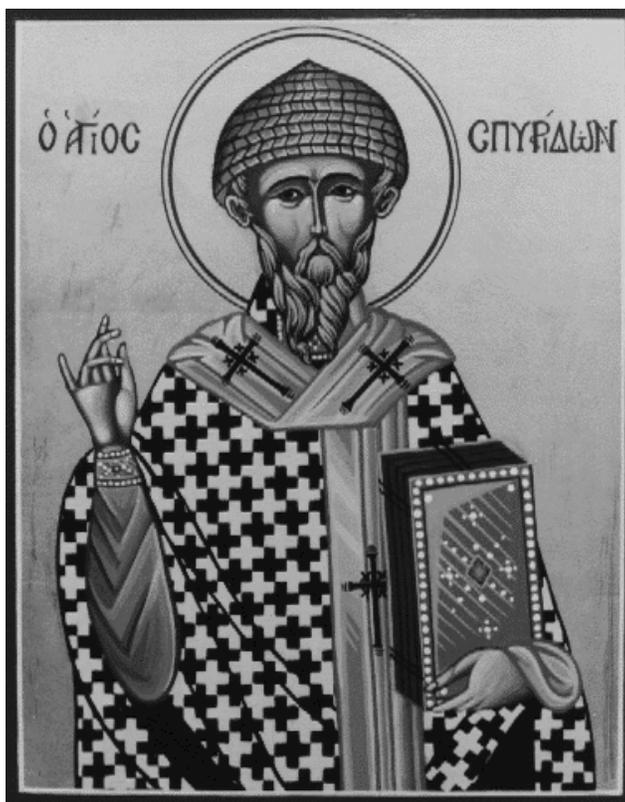

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Winter Hours Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10 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

Beloved in Christ, here we stand again at the threshold of a new ecclesiastical year, which commences on September 1. In the Orthodox Church we have various feast days which signify *renewal*, the celebration of the new ecclesiastical year being one of them. Others such feasts include Theophany, Pentecost, and, of course, the *Feast of Feasts* - Holy Pascha. The feast of the new church year, also known as the *Indiction*, happens to coincide with the renewal of many things in our secular lives as well – most especially, the beginning of a new academic year. Over and above the renewal of secular activities this month, let us all turn our attention to *spiritual* matters, which ultimately affect our lives for all eternity.

The goal of spiritual renewal is especially applicable to families raising children, since parents are responsible for planting the seeds of spirituality in their offspring. As I do from time to time, I would like to appeal to our younger families, especially those who have infants that have been baptized, to participate more fully in the life of our parish. When we baptize our children, they are spiritually *reborn*. The joyous celebration of a baptism is a time of spiritual renewal for the entire family. Why not take the opportunity of the beginning of the new ecclesiastical year to pledge commitment to the liturgical life of the Church? Remember, if the Church is to be the major part of our children's lives, *as it should*, then we must *bring* them to the house of God in order for the Church to feel like *their* house as well.

Many parents are very regular with church attendance, setting a proper example for their children. However, as children become more involved in extra-curricular activities, some parents give in to participation in sports that occur on Sundays. As difficult as these decisions are, it simply comes down to parents setting proper family priorities. Many will defend their decision to allow children to play sports instead of attend church, stating that these are good, wholesome activities that build character, as well as offering many other obvious benefits. Well, let us also remember that it is the Church more than anything on earth, that truly builds character and much more, and which prepares us not just for the struggles of *this* life, but also for the *life of the ages to come!* Perhaps it is our child's "dream" to play in a sport professionally one day, but as we all know, we won't be taking a bat and ball to the next world when we leave this one.

Getting back to the cycle of the church year, liturgical participation is not limited to Sundays alone. Now, obviously, busy families cannot easily take part in the various weekday celebrations that are repeated each church year. Those of us, however, who have already raised our children and are retired, have *every opportunity* to avail ourselves of the blessed feasts of our Lord, the Theotokos, and of the various saints celebrated each year.

If we take a good look at the liturgical calendar in the monthly bulletin, we can find many opportunities to expand our spiritual horizons through the various services offered. Whether we are young or old, single or married, parents or not, let us all seek spiritual renewal this coming church year, through more active participation in the liturgical life of our Church.

Once we become regular with liturgical participation, it then becomes natural to also seek involvement in other aspects of church life. Beloved in Christ, our parish belongs to all of us. Therefore, it is vitally important that our younger families take an active roll in parish life, for these families are both part of the *present*, as well as the *future* of our beloved parish. And there is definitely a promising future for our church, since I celebrate more baptisms than any other holy mystery. The blessed forefathers of St. Spyridon Church, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, have given us what we have today. It is the sacred duty and responsibility of our young, growing families to look ahead, to be visionaries, and to dream new dreams.

Having said all this, I again urge *all* parishioners – young and old – to seek spiritual renewal in this new ecclesiastical year. Take from what is freely given you through the Body of Christ. Live a *Christ-centered* life, which will always lead you to the doors of our church again and again. And if you have been staying away, come back home and find your place at the table along with the rest of the family!

In Christ's love,

+Fr. Anthony

ST. METHODIOS FAITH & HERITAGE CENTER OPEN HOUSE

The annual open house for our Metropolis of Boston camp and retreat center will take place on Sunday, 9/9. The day will include the celebration of the Divine Liturgy with His Eminence, followed by a barbecue and a variety of outdoor activities. If you've never been to the Faith & Heritage Center, please make it a point to visit this beautiful lakeside property which belongs to all of us. From Newport, it is about a three-hour drive.

FR. ANTHONY'S CONTACT INFO

Beloved in Christ, in order to best minister to our parishioners' various needs, it's important that everyone know how and where to contact me. For the most part, this works quite smoothly; however, there have been times when I have not received messages promptly because of people having called our home. Like many families today, we, and our extended family primarily use cell phones, and therefore, we many times have the house phone and message recorder shut off. In order for me not to miss anyone's call, allow me to review my contact information as follows:

- **In general, to contact me please call the church and select Voice Mailbox #1 if no one answers (I state this on the recording). This also applies to after office hours non-emergency calls.**
- **During office hours, always leave a message. Don't assume that no one is here; I'm either on the phone or away from the office. If away, I frequently check messages during office hours.**
- **For emergencies at any time, please call the church. My voice mail recording has an emergency number to call so I can be paged anywhere (please, this number is for true emergencies *only*).**
- **For those with internet access, please send an e-mail. My address is in each monthly bulletin (see Pg. 2), as well as the church's website.**

Thanks to all for your cooperation!

+Fr. Anthony

FLOUR FOR PROSFORON, ETC.

Dear prosforon bakers: There is much left-over flour from the festival in the kitchen. Please help yourself to this flour for your prosforon instead of purchasing. This would be a prudent way of using up the excess. Anyone else doing church baking such as the volunteers who make Lenten cookies, and Philoptochos members who will bake for our patronal feast day, should also take advantage of this flour on hand.

FROM THE HOLY FATHERS

(The following is taken from *The Life in Christ*, by Nicholas Cabasilas, SVS Press 1974)

1. How the life in Christ begins in this life

The life in Christ originates in this life and arises from it. It is perfected, however, in the life to come, when we shall have reached that last day. It cannot attain perfection in men's souls in this life, nor even in that which is to come without already having begun here...But if the life to come were to admit those who lack the faculties and senses necessary for it, it would avail nothing for their happiness, but they would be dead and miserable living in that blessed and immortal world.

Now it is possible for the Son of God to make His friends to share in His mysteries in preparation for that day, and for them to learn from Him what He has heard from the Father (Jn. 15:15). But they must come as His friends who "have ears to hear" (Mt. 11:15)...Those, then, who have not acquired these things before they departed have nothing in common with that life. To this the five foolish virgins and the man invited to the wedding feast are witnesses, since they came without either the oil or the wedding garment and were not able to buy them then.

2. The life in Christ consists of union with Him

In short, it is this world which is in travail with that new inner man which is "created after the likeness of God" (Eph. 4:24). When he has been shaped and formed here he is thus born perfect into that perfect world which grows not old. As nature prepares the foetus, while it is in its dark and fluid life, for that life which is in the light, and shapes it, as though according to a model, for the life which it is about to receive, so likewise it happens to the saints...However, while the unborn have no perception whatever of this life, the blessed ones have many hints in this present life of things to come.

In this present world, therefore, it is possible for the saints not only to be disposed and prepared for that life, but also even now to live and act in accordance with it...Yet the Lord did not promise merely to be present with the saints, but to abide with them – nay more than this, to make His abode in them (Jn. 14:23)...As Paul says, "he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him" (I Cor. 6:17), and "that you may be one body and one spirit, just as you were called" (Eph. 4:4).

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

The new year is upon us. Please find the Calendar for the year and save it for future reference. We will not mail out reminders for meetings, but they will be posted in the monthly church newsletter. Our first meeting is scheduled for September 12th at 6:30 pm in the church hall. We hope to see new faces mixed in with the familiar members!

Philoptochos Calendar 07-08

(The following tentative schedule has not yet received ecclesiastical approval, and therefore, is subject to change.)

September 12- General Meeting 6:30 Church Hall

October 10- Board Meeting 6:30- Ionna's house

November 8- Annual Penny Social and Basket Raffle- 5:30
(more information to follow)

December 11- St. Spyridon Vespers -Coffee Hour sponsored by Philoptochos

January 9- Board Meeting 6:30-Evy's house

January 20- Vasilopita

February 11- Philoptochos sponsors the Soup kitchen

March 12 -General Meeting 6:30 Church Hall

April 9- Philoptochos sponsors Lenten Dinner

April 16- Board meeting 6:30 Rose's house

May 14 General Meeting 6:30 Church Hall

June Dinner To Be Announced

SEPTEMBER 2007

Sunday Winter Ho

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

2
14th Sun. of Matthew

3

4

5
Small Vespers 7 pm

6

(fast day)

9
Sun. before the Elevation
of the Cross
(Winter Hours Begin)

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11

12
Small Vespers 7 pm

13
Vespers of th
the Holy Cro.

(fast day)

16
Sun. after the Elevation of
the Cross

17

18

19
Small Vespers 7 pm

20

(fast day)

23
1st Sun. of Luke

24

25

26 Falling Asleep of St.
John the Theologian,
Orthros & Lit.
Paraklesis 7 pm
(relaxed fast)

27

30
2nd Sun. of Luke;
Protection of Environment
Observance-St. Gregory,
Mansfield, MA 5 pm

Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10 am

Fri

Sat

1
Beginning of
Ecclesiastical Year,
Orthros & Lit.;
Great Vespers 6 pm

7
Vespers of the Nativity of
the Theotokos, 7 pm

(fast day)

8
Nativity of the Theotokos,
Orthros & Lit.;
Great Vespers 6 pm

14
Elevation of the Holy
Cross, 7 pm

(strict fast)

15
Great Vespers 6 pm

21

(fast day)

22
Great Vespers 6 pm

28

(fast day)

29
Great Vespers 6 pm

Upcoming Events

September 4—Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm

September 10—Soup Kitchen; setup 4 pm, meal 5 pm

Regular Events

Religious Education—Sundays, immediately after Holy Communion **(begins September 16th)**

Children’s Greek School— Monday-Thursday, 4-6pm **(begins week of September 17th)**

Adult Greek School—Mondays, 5-6 pm **(begins week of September 17th)**

Holy Confession is available after each evening service, and by appointment during office hours.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Dear Families,

Welcome to another year of Religious Education! If you are a returning family, then I have your registration form already on file. If you are a new family or want to register a new child in the family, please fill out a form the first day of classes.

We will start classes on **Sunday, September 16th**.

Please note the teachers and grades:

- Ms. Marianne Menas and Ms. Vicki Mellekas: Prek-K.
(Please note that this year the Pre-K class will be ages **THREE** to five)
- Ms. Chrissy Logothets : Grades 1-2
- Ms. Sandy Giannopoulos: Grades 3-6
- Ms. Mike Sisak : Grades 7-12

Look forward to seeing everyone the first day of classes!

Marianne Menas

CHURCH BOOKSTORE

The St. Spyridon's church bookstore carries books, icons, compact discs, incense, etc. Items are related to the Christian Orthodox faith and Hellenic topics. Most of the items are difficult to find in the local bookstores.

The prices are printed on the items. If you need an item that is not available, ask Basile or email (Basile.Panoutsopoulos@verizon.net) for further information.

The bookstore operates on the honor system. Please leave the money or your check (payable to St Spyridon, with the indication Bookstore) in the basket located in the middle of the two tables. All items have their price on them.

NEWPORT HELLENIC DANCERS

The Newport Hellenic Dancers had a wonderful summer and three great performances at our hellenic festival. We are very proud of our dancers and we thank them for all their hard work.

We will be starting practices again for young children on September 16th. Please contact Sandy or Evangelos Giannopoulos at 667-2984 if you have a young child that would like to participate.

GREEK SCHOOL NEWS

The Greek School will begin the 2007-2008 school year during the week of September 17th. We invite all to sign up and participate in this wonderful program.

Both children and adult classes are being offered. If you, your children, your grandchildren or anyone else that you know is interested in attending we ask that you fill the registration form and mail it to the church office (attention to the Greek School Program).

We also request that all those that are continuing to fill out the this form to ensure that we have up to date information for the new school year.

Classes are held Monday- Thursday 4-6PM. You will be contacted with specific times and dates the week before school starts.

For additional information on the children's program please contact Loula Eliopoulos 847-7746 or Evangelos Giannopoulos at 667-2984 (or at vaggelis@cox.net). And the adult classes please contact Basile Pannoutsopoulos (basile.pannoutsopoulos@verizon.net).

** See the following two pages of the bulletin for the Greek School Calendar and registration form which can also be found on the church website at:
<http://www.stspyridonchurch.org/greekschool.html>

ST. SPYRIDON GREEK SCHOOL
2007-2008 REGISTRATION FORM

STUDENT: _____
GRADE _____ BIRTHDAY ___/___/___

ADDRESS: _____ CITY & ZIP _____
PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) _____
HOME PHONE(S) _____
PHONE(S) _____
CELL PHONE(S) _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL:
NAME _____ PHONE _____
NAME _____ PHONE _____

DOCTOR NAME _____ PHONE _____

Please list all MEDICAL CONDITIONS AND SPECIAL NEEDS (SUCH AS ALLERGIES) your child's teacher should be made aware of:

List all MEDICATIONS your child is currently taking and for what condition:

PEOPLE THAT CAN PICK UP YOUR CHILD:

WAIVER OF RESPONSIBILITY – I AUHTORIZE THE STAFF OF THE ST. SPYRIDON GREEK SCHOOL TO CALL AN AMBULANCE FOR MY CHILD IN CASE OF AN ACCIDENT OR ILLNESS AND TO ALLOW FOR POSSIBLE EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND SURGICAL CARE IF AM NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE:

PARRENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

**Registration Fee: \$50 per childe, \$100 Per Family Maximum.
Please make checks payable to St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church.
Mail registrations to St. Spyridon Church, Att: Greek School Program**

**St. Spyridon Greek School Calendar
September 2007 - June 2008**

September 2007							February 2008						
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*17 th School Starts							* Three Hierarch Celebration						
8 Columbus Day							18-22 Winter Vacation						
28 October Celebration							* March 25th Celebration at State House						
22 Thanksgiving Day							* March 25th Celebration at church						
Dec 24 th - Jan 1 st Vacation							14-18 School Vacation						
21 Martin Luther King							21-25 Holly Week						
*5 Last Day of Classes							*8 End of Year Celebration						
*8 End of Year Celebration													

X Denotes no School

Loula Eliopoulos 847-7746
 Evangelos Giannopoulos at 667-2984 (or at yaggelis@cox.net)
 Basile Pannoutsopoulos (basile.pannoutsopoulos@verizon.net).

IN OUR PARISH

Birth: A baby boy, *William Richard*, was born to David & Adeline Jasinski on 8/7. We congratulate the parents and grandparents. May he live many years!

Baptisms: The newest son of David & Carrie Anagnostos was baptized on 8/11, and was given the name *Apostolos*. His sponsor is his cousin, Nicole Cullins. May he live many years!

AHEPA AND DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

The local chapters of AHEPA and the Daughters of Penelope will have their regular meetings in September. An invitation is extended to all Hellenes and Philhellenes of the Newport area to join the local AHEPA 245 and Daughters of Penelope 49 chapters. Let us all work together to preserve the Hellenic values.

For more information contact an AHEPA or Daughter member or email AHEPA245@verizon.net. The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) (www.ahepa.org) is the largest Greek-American organization. AHEPA was founded July 26, 1922, in Atlanta, Georgia. Membership is open to everyone who believes in the mission of the organization. Mission: The mission of the AHEPA Family is to promote Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, and Family and Individual Excellence.

<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>
<p>Nikolas Pizza 38 Memorial Blvd West Newport 849-6611</p>	<p>ASTRO CONSTRUCTION INC. PO Box 522 Portsmouth, RI (401) 683-9120 Established 1954</p>	<p>CODDINGTON BREWING COMPANY 210 Coddington Highway Middletown 847-6690</p>
<p>Compliments of the ATLANTIC BEACH CLUB 53 Purgatory Road Middletown 847-2750</p>	<p>A-1 Pizza 306 Broadway Newport Free Delivery 849-2213</p>	<p>Rhea's Bed & Breakfast <i>Accommodations with</i> <i>jacuzzi's available!</i> 120 West Main Road Middletown 841-5560</p>
<p><i>Compliments of</i> Island of Skiathos Organization Established 1967</p>	<p>Flo's Drive-In <i>Portsmouth</i> Flo's Clam Shack <i>Middletown</i> <i>Voted Best in Rhode Island!</i></p>	<p>The Mainstay Inn 151 Admiral Kalbfus Road <i>Newport</i> 849-9880</p>
<p>This space available. Call church office.</p>	<p><i>Compliments of</i> A Friend</p>	<p>This space available. Call church office.</p>



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