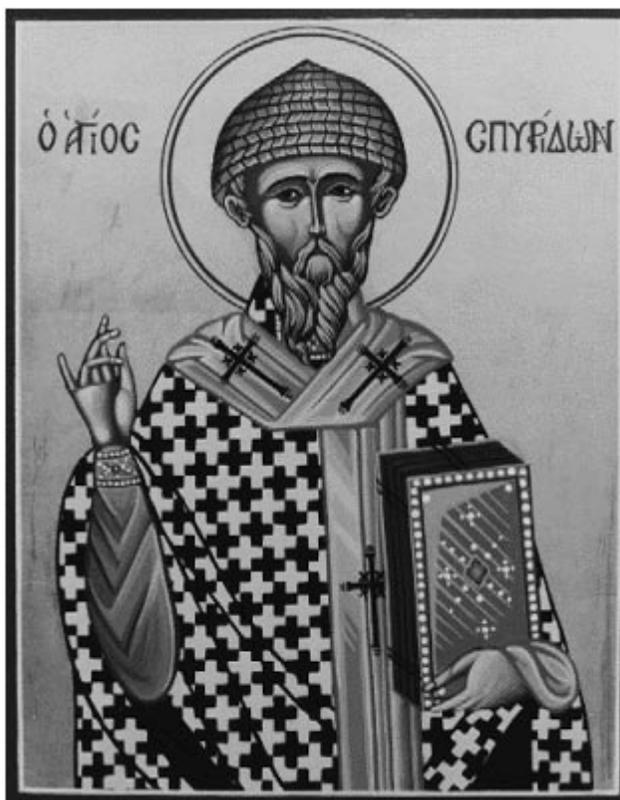


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Priest: Tuesday—Friday, 9 am—3 pm (during Lent, Fr. is off on Thurs. instead of Mon.)

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**Parish Council President:** Zoe Adamedes

**Chanters:** George Spiratos

Basile Panoutsopoulos

**Choir Director:** Paul Cotsoridis

**Organist:** Jane Iandolo

**Religious Education:** Marianne Menas

**Stewardship:** Zoe Adamedes

**Philoptochos President:** Elaine Brown

**Acolytes:** James Mellekas

**GOYA President:** James Mellekas

**JOY Advisor:** Sandy Giannopoulos

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**AHEPA President:** Basile Panoutsopoulos

**Daughters of Penelope President:**

Ellen Anagnostos

**Island of Skiathos Organization:**

Christina Logothets

SERVICE TIMES

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**Sunday Winter Hours** Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10 am

Service Times During Great Lent (see calendar for 1st week of Lent):

Mondays – Great Compline, 7:00 pm

Wednesdays – 9th Hour, 5:15 pm, Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:30 pm

Fridays – 9th Hour, 9:45 am, Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 10:00 am; Salutations to the Theotokos, 7:00 pm (up to 4/11)

Saturdays – Great Vespers, 6:00 pm

Note: During Great Lent, Holy Confession is available after all evenings services, except the Presanctified Liturgy, and during office hours by appointment.

## FROM THE DESK OF FATHER ANTHONY

(The following article appeared in the March 2004 issue of the *St. Spyridon Voice*.)

Recently in our adult religious education sessions, I spoke about the liturgical book which the Holy Church uses during the Great Fast and Holy Week – the *Triodion*. This particular liturgical book is replete with moving and soul-stirring hymnology, which seeks to touch us in the deepest part of our soul. In fact, Great Lent is the season that we want to expose our soul before God more than any other time of year. I would like to share some beautiful examples of Lenten hymns from various services of the season.

The very first service in the *Triodion*, is that of vespers for the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee. One particular hymn shows the centrality of the theme of tears in our Lenten journey of repentance:

*“Almighty Lord, I know how great is the power of tears. For they led up Hezekiah from the gates of death; they delivered the sinful woman from the transgressions of many years; they justified the Publican above the Pharisee. And with them I also pray: Have mercy upon me.”*

Another moving hymn comes from vespers for the Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheesefare), during which we commemorate the expulsion of Adam from Paradise because of his transgression. On the following day we begin Great Lent, uniting ourselves with Adam as a lost soul seeking to regain Paradise:

*“Adam sat before Paradise and, lamenting his nakedness, he wept: ‘Woe is me! By evil deceit was I persuaded and led astray, and now I am an exile from glory. Woe is me! In my simplicity I was stripped naked, and now I am in want. O Paradise, no more shall I take pleasure in thy joy; no more shall I look upon the Lord my God and Maker, for I shall return to the earth whence I was taken. O merciful and compassionate Lord, to Thee I cry aloud: I am fallen, have mercy upon me.’”*

Great Lent actually begins on the evening of the Sunday of Forgiveness. The following hymn summarizes the whole Lenten journey and its purpose:

*“Let us set out with joy upon the season of the Fast, and prepare ourselves for spiritual combat. Let us purify our soul and cleanse our flesh; and as we fast from food, let us abstain also from every passion. Rejoicing in the virtues of the Spirit may we persevere with love, and so be counted worthy to see the solemn Passion of Christ our God, and with great spiritual gladness to behold His holy Passover.”*

Each Monday evening of Great Lent, we conduct the service of the Great Compline, which is basically a service offered after the evening meal, preparing us for

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bodily slumber, and spiritual vigilance. Following is a very short, but very popular and moving hymn of the Lenten season, both in its melody and words:

*“Lord of the Powers be with us, for in times of distress we have no other help but You. Lord of the Powers have mercy on us.”*

One of the crowning jewels of Great Lent is the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete, sung in sections during the first four days of Lent, and in its entirety on Thursday of the fifth week. This canon, or sacred poem, is a personal meditation of repentance, with constant referrals to examples of sin and repentance from Scripture. Here are some samples of this beautiful and spiritually rich work:

*“Where shall I begin to weep for the actions of my wretched life? What first-fruit shall I offer, O Christ, in this my lamentation? But in Thy compassion grant me forgiveness of sins.*

*David once joined sin to sin, adding murder to fornication; yet then he showed at once a twofold repentance. But thou, my soul, hast done worse things than he, yet thou has not repented before God.*

*O my soul, do as the woman who was bowed down to the ground. Fall at the feet of Jesus, that he may make thee straight again; and thou shalt walk upright upon the paths of the Lord.”*

As a final hymn, I offer one from the vespers of St. Mary of Egypt, commemorated on the fifth Sunday of the Fast. St. Mary is a model of repentance, being a former harlot who was converted to Christ through a miraculous sign performed at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem, during the feast of the Holy Cross:

*“The power of Thy Cross, O Christ, has worked wonders, for even the woman who was once a harlot chose to follow the ascetic way. Casting aside her weakness, bravely she opposed the devil; and having gained the prize of victory, she intercedes for our souls.”*

Beloved in Christ, make it a point to come to as many Lenten services as possible, so that you may hear these and other meaningful hymns in their proper context. Nothing can replace the Lenten atmosphere of “bright sadness,” or “joyful sorrow” that we experience during the Lenten services. Remember, Lent is not meant to be a morbid exercise in self pity; rather, it is a time of great joy as we liberate ourselves from the passions and from sin, always keeping the light of the Resurrection as our ultimate goal. My beloved spiritual children, may all of you have a most blessed and fruitful Lenten experience.

*In Christ’s love, +Fr. Anthony*

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## GREAT LENT BEGINS 3/10

Following is a review of traditional fasting guidelines starting with Meatfare Sunday:

Meatfare Sunday, 3/2 – last day for meat (including poultry)

Week of Cheesefare, 3/3-3/9 – eggs & dairy permitted *daily*\*

Clean Monday – Holy Saturday, 3/10-4/26 – *strict fast*: no animal products permitted, including fish\*\*; wine (all alcohol) & olive oil also not permitted, except on Saturdays & Sundays\*\*; shellfish permitted daily

Weekday fasting during Lent: some sources say that we should reduce the amount of food eaten, and if possible, take less than 3 meals per day

Weekend fasting: does not require a reduction of amount of food, or number of meals taken

\*There are two traditions regarding fish during Cheesefare Week – one states that since fish is meat, it should not be consumed between Meatfare and Cheesefare Sunday. The other states that fish is permissible since, on certain relaxed fast days during the year, eggs & dairy products are prohibited, but not fish since it is considered lighter fare.

\*\*Three exceptions to the above are, 1) the feast of the Annunciation (3/25) on which we are permitted fish, wine & olive oil, 2) Palm Sunday, on which we are again permitted fish, wine & olive oil, and 3) Holy Saturday, a *strict fast* with neither olive oil nor wine permitted.

Again, let me remind everyone of the great spiritual benefit of fasting, only when combined with intensified prayer, and charitable works. In addition let us remember that the above rules are the traditionally accepted and most ideal for keeping the fast, for those without health concerns. Please see these as a *starting point* and revise as needed, especially the infirm, the elderly, expectant or nursing mothers, growing children, etc. Your spiritual father can guide you accordingly, to help you keep both a *spiritual and physical* fast.

+Fr. Anthony

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## SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

Thanks to the ladies of the Philoptochos for the wonderful meal they prepared for February's soup kitchen. Our guests enjoyed a pasta dinner. Our next soup kitchen will be held on March 10. We'll prepare at 4 and serve dinner at 5. Please feel free to join us.

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## MAKING LENT MEANINGFUL AT HOME

Great Lent is the most significant time of the year in the spiritual life of Orthodox Christians. As parents, we have an opportunity to teach and reinforce its importance and significance to our children, so that they may always love and appreciate this holy period. Here are some things to consider...

- Purchase an Orthodox prayer book if you don't have one, and use it.
- Plan which services you can realistically attend each week as a family (try for at least one).
- Parents, read a book on Great Lent to understand it better (see Fr. Anthony for suggestions).
- Try as much as possible to keep the fast in an appropriate way for your family (perhaps try keeping a strict fast on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays if you can't do more).
- Curb or eliminate television, movies, etc.; replace with biblical movies, or read Scripture or other spiritually edifying materials.
- Periodically light incense and keep a lit candle or vigil lamp in front of the holy icons (help create a more spiritual atmosphere at home as much as possible).
- Plan on going to confession as a family during Lent (parents are the example in everything to their children – don't rob them of this spiritually beneficial opportunity).
- If properly prepared, receive Holy Communion more frequently as a family during Lent.
- Choose one or more charities that the family would like to support financially or otherwise (involve children as much as possible with this process).

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## COMMUNION WINE DONORS

We gratefully acknowledge the following donors of communion wine:

Anonymous donor – 1 case  
Lucian & Gabriela Dobrot – 1/2 case  
Evangelos & Sandy Giannopoulos – 1/2 case

May this be a blessing for the health of all our donors and their families, and for the repose of the souls of their loved ones.

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## ESTATE DONATION RECEIVED

From the estate of our late sister in Christ, Rita Hologitas, we recently received a substantial donation of \$35,000, to be added to the St. Spyridon Endowment Fund. It is very moving to see how Rita had obviously thought of her church while planning her estate. May we all take from her example of stewardship and consider doing the same as we plan our own estates. May the Lord grant rest to her soul!

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## ITEMS NEEDED FOR GREAT LENT, HOLY WEEK & PASCHA

Following are items needed during this holiest of seasons. Please consider donating one or more items, in order to help defray some of the expenses. All items have been pre-ordered, so please make your check payable to St. Spyridon, noting item on memo line.

- Flowers for Veneration of Holy Cross - \$300
- Flowers for icon of Virgin Mary for Akathist Hymn - \$50
- Palm strips and branches for Palm Sunday - \$50
- Bay laurel branches for Palm Sunday & Holy Saturday (leaves) - \$40
- Flowers for icon of the Nymphios - \$100 (already donated)
- Extra-virgin olive oil, flour & cotton balls for the Efheleon (Holy Unction) – (already donated)
- Floral wreath for crucified Christ (Holy Thursday evening) - \$70 (already donated)
- 15 beeswax lampades for Cross & 12 Gospels (Holy Thursday evening) - \$20
- 7 beeswax lampades for Epitaphios & Cross (Holy Friday) - \$10
- Flowers for banner of the Resurrection - \$70
- Flowers for icon of the Resurrection - \$50
- Floral arrangements for brass candelabra - \$40 each
- 18 doz. eggs for the Anastasi & Agape – (already donated)
- Epitaphios flowers & potted flowers for the Anastasi (lilies, etc.) – **This is our largest, single expense; your generous donations would be greatly appreciated!**

Your donation for any of the above may be left in the basket on the information table in the hall, or mailed to the office. Thank you in advance for your generosity and love for the house of the Lord!

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**Sunday Winter Hour**

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

2 Sun. of the Last Judgment (Meatfare—last day for meat)	3	4	5 Small Vespers 7 pm, followed by adult rel. ed.	6
<i>eggs &amp; dairy permitted daily during Cheesefare Week th</i>				
9 Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheesefare), 40 Martyrs of Sebasteia; Vespers of Forgiveness, 7 pm	10 Clean Monday (LENT BEGINS), Lenten Orthros 10 am; Gr. Compline w/1 <sup>st</sup> part of Gr. Canon, 7 pm	11 Gr. Compline w/2 <sup>nd</sup> part of Gr. Canon, 7 pm	12 9 <sup>th</sup> Hr. 5:15 pm, Presanctified Lit. 5:30 pm; 3 <sup>rd</sup> part of Gr. Canon after Lenten supper	13 Gr. Compline v Gr. Canon, 7 pm
<i>strict fast thru 4/26— no animal products; wine &amp; olive oi</i>				
16 Sun. of Orthodoxy; Pan- Orthodox Lenten Vespers @ Assumption Church- Pawtucket, 5 pm	17 Great Compline, 7 pm	18	19 9th Hr. 5:15 pm, Presanctified Lit. 5:30 pm, followed by Lenten supper	20
<i>strict fast thru 4/26— no animal products; wine &amp; olive oil permitted on S</i>				
23 St. Gregory Palamas; Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers @ Dormition Church-Cumberland, 5 pm	24 Vespers of the Annunciation in CRANSTON, 7 pm	25 Feast of the Annunciation of the Theotokos in CRANSTON, Orthros 9:30, Div. Lit. 10:30 am <i>(fish, wine &amp; olive oil OK)</i>	26 9th Hr. 5:15 pm, Presanctified Lit. 5:30 pm, followed by Lenten supper	27
<i>strict fast thru 4/26 – no animal products; wine &amp; olive oil permitted on S</i>				
30 Veneration of the Holy Cross; Pan-Orthodox Lent- en Vespers @ St. Mary Church-Pawtucket, 5 pm	31 Great Compline, 7 pm			
<i>strict fast thru 4/26 – no animal products; wine &amp; olive oil permitted on Sat. &amp; Sun.</i>				

**ours** Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10 am

**Fri**

**Sat**

1 Saturday of Souls, Orthros & Lit. followed by memorial service; Gr. Vespers, 6 pm

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8 Saturday of Ascetic Souls, Orthros & Lit.; Gr. Vespers, 6 pm

*ek through Cheesfare Sunday*

14 line w/4<sup>th</sup> part of Salutations to the Theotokos, 7 pm

15 St. Theodore of Tyre (miracle of *kollyva*), Orthros & Lit.; Gr. Vespers, 6 pm

*ve oil permitted on Sat. & Sun.*

21 9th Hr. 9:45 am, Presanctified Lit. 10 am; Salutations to the Theotokos, 7 pm

22 Great Vespers, 6 pm

*on Sat. & Sun.*

28 9th Hr. 9:45 am, Presanctified Lit. 10 am; Salutations to the Theotokos, 7 pm

29 Great Vespers, 6 pm

*on Sat. & Sun.*

**Upcoming Events**

March 2—Apokriatiko Glendi (Pre-Lenten Party), 4:30 pm, Church Hall

March 4—Parish Council Mtg, 7 pm

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

March 11—Daughters of Penelope Mtg, 7 pm Ahepa Housing

March 18—Philoptochos General Mtg, 6:30 pm Church Hall

March 18—Retirees Luncheon & Presentation, 12 noon

March 23—Greek School & Hellenic Dancers offer a Greek Independence Day program, after Liturgy

March 25—Greek Independence Day Observance, State House, 5 pm

**Regular Events**

Religious Education—Sundays, immediately after Holy Communion

Adult Religious Education (not held during Great Lent)

Children’s Greek School— Monday-Thursday, 4-6pm

Adult Greek School—Mondays, 5-6 pm

During Great Lent, Holy Confession is available after all evenings services, except the Presanctified Liturgy, and during office hours by appointment.

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## ON REPENTANCE AND CONFESSION

(The following is taken from the book *Making God Real in the Orthodox Christian Home*, by Fr. Anthony Coniaris, Light & Life Publishing Co. 1977. This is a very practical book for our beloved families to have in their home libraries. To give an idea of some of the topics covered, here is a selection of a few of the chapter titles: *Who is Raising the Children?; An Orthodox Family Practice for Saturday Evening; Tell Them About Death; Using Incense in the Home; When Are We in Condition to Receive Holy Communion; Make Lent a Spiritual Spring; Bring Christ into the Home; Helping Our Children Accept Themselves as Worthy Persons*. Since we begin Great Lent this month – the season of repentance – following is a selection from the chapter, *Tell Them About Confession*.)

*“A traveler, recently returned from a trip around the world, related how he saw in Japan a man stagger through a railway station with a huge carton on his back. On the carton were the words, ‘The Universe.’ An individual bent under the weight of the universe! How graphically this describes what has happened to the individual. Through books, newspapers, radio and television, the ‘universe’ and its troubles are daily laid on the backs of staggering individuals – individuals who are already loaded with excess baggage of their own.*

*We shall not deal with the world’s problems. We shall concern ourselves rather with our own. For many of us are staggering under the weight of the excess baggage of our hatreds and jealousies, of our fears and worries, of our failures and our secret sins. How can a man carry all this baggage on his shoulders, day after day, month after months, year after year, without breaking under the burden?*

*God has provided a way for man to rid himself of this excess baggage of sin and guilt. The way is through repentance and confession.*

*The noted Christian psychiatrist, Dr. Paul Tournier, writes, ‘I have at times been accused of over-emphasizing the importance of confession, as if the whole cure of souls were contained in it. I speak from my own experience as a doctor...(nothing) can be compared in importance with confession.’*

*‘I could give very many examples, especially of patients who have come to visit me only once, often from a great distance, with the sole purpose of finding someone to whom they could confess a sin that has been weighing upon them for years...There remained nothing for me to do but to remind them in one way or another that if we confess our sins, He (God) is faithful and just, to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (I John 1:9)...There is no worse suffering than a guilty conscience, and certainly none more harmful...The tremendous joy brought by forgiveness plays an*

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*important part in causing the medical effects (of healing) to which I have referred. In many cases I have seen a physical illness disappear overnight after the confession of a lie or an illicit love-affair.'*

*This is not a clergyman speaking. This is a medical man, a psychiatrist. And he speaks from his own clinical experience."*

*Blessed are Those Who Mourn*

*"'Blessed are those who mourn,' said Jesus, 'for they shall be comforted.' Mourn for what? Mourn for their sins. Among all those who mourn, none – says Jesus – shall be sooner consoled than those who weep for their own sins. Sin is the only evil that can be cured by mourning."*

*Sorrow in the Heart*

*"Before we confess with the tongue, there must always be sorrow in the heart, sorrow that we have disobeyed a loving God. This sorrow of the heart we call repentance. Unless there is sorrow and repentance in the heart, no sin can be forgiven no matter how many times we come to the sacrament of confession. The mouth must always confess out of an abundance of sorrow in the heart."*

(to be continued)

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## RETIREES LUNCHEON & PRESENTATION

Our February retirees program featured a presentation on global warming from a professor of oceanography at URI. Lunch was provided by David and Angie Farias of *A-1 Pizza*. Our next gathering will be on **Tuesday, 3/18 at 12:00 noon**. Please join us for good food and fellowship!

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## OVERSIGHT

In our hurry to get the February bulletin published, there was a small oversight in the Parish Council News. We thanked the out-going council president and secretary, but forgot to acknowledge these three out-going members – Maria Holder, David Jasinski, and Mary Michael. Let us all thank them, as well, for their dedicated service during their term on the parish council.

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## FOCUS ON YOUTH

**JOY:** This group is for our grammar school-age children up to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Their advisor is Sandy Giannopoulos. The JOY members recently joined our Goyans on 2/10 for an ice skating outing, followed by a movie and treats in the church hall. Their next event will be their annual service project of baking Lenten *koulourakia*, to be used during the coffee hours of Great Lent. This will occur on **Cheesefare Sunday, 3/9**, after liturgy.

**GOYA:** This group is for our 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Their advisor is Presvytera Themmi. On 2/10, our Goyans sponsored their annual “Souper Bowl of Caring” fundraiser for IOCC. We would like to thank Steve and Greg Mellekas for donating and cooking the meal, along with Anna Kyriakides, who supplemented the meal in memory of her late father, Achilles Valtaras. There will be a GOYA meeting on **Cheesefare Sunday, 3/9**, after liturgy, in order to plan some upcoming events.

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The following dates are upcoming for the children of Religious Education:

- March 9th: Junior/Senior Division Parish Oratorical Festival
- March 16th: Sunday of Orthodoxy. **Children are asked to bring in an icon, preferably of their patron saint.** After, all children from Greek School are going to stay and rehearse for the performance on the 23rd for Greek Independence Day.

Thank you, Marianne Menas

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Following the swearing in of the 2008 Parish Council on January 27<sup>th</sup>, the following members were elected as officers:

**President:** Zoe Adamedes, **Vice President:** Chrissy Logothets, **Treasurer:** Harry Koulouvardis, **Assistant Treasurer:** Steve Mellekas, **Secretary:** Zinovia Canale

**Council Members for 2008:** Tom Adamedes, Evangelos Giannopoulos, Elaine Parkos Holder, Antigone Koulouvardis, Tom Lewis, Basile Panoutsopoulos and Peter Petrou.

The Monthly Parish Council meeting was held on Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> and several administrative actions were taken. Executive Committees were established in order to provide additional oversight for the needs of our church. The Finance Committee is being led by Harry Koulouvardis. Elaine Parkos Holder will continue her efforts on the Building Committee. The undersigned, assisted by Lily Wong-Panoutsopoulos, will continue as Stewardship Chairman.

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The Council discussed the need for an Outreach and Evangelism Committee, however following a brief discussion, it was agreed that Outreach and Evangelism should not be delegated to one or two parishioners, but should be the responsibility of all. New and wonderful ways in which we can better welcome new Parishioners as well as visitors to our Church were suggested, and it is certain that Parishioners also have some good suggestions. If so, please forward them to any Parish Council Member.

The Church Parking Lot lease will be expiring shortly and its disposition was discussed. As decisions are made in the upcoming months with regards to the terms and conditions of the lease, this information will be provided in upcoming bulletins.

With regards to the various repairs of the church, we are now in the process of soliciting additional bids to effect repairs to the roof. Unfortunately, these repairs will probably be significant. More information with regards to this matter will be detailed in the next few Monthly Bulletins. In addition, Elaine Parkos Holder and Steve Mellekas are in the process of preparing a listing of the various repairs and upgrades needed for the downstairs classrooms. Once this listing has been prepared, competitive bids will be solicited.

An additional upcoming project will be the re-organization of the Parish Hall so as to improve its appearance. The Council will also be looking into obtaining a “portable” stage for use by our various organizations (especially our Sunday School and Greek School). If any parishioners can assist in the location of such a stage, please contact any Parish Council Member.

A Plaque commemorating the wonderful gift made by Mr. James Protulis in memory of his parents will also be obtained in the coming months for placement in a suitable location in the Church Hall.

A By-Law Committee was established, with Arthur Stefanopoulos appointed as Chairman, and Elaine Parkos Holder as Parish Council liaison. This Committee has been tasked with reviewing Parish By-Laws and Endowment Fund By-Laws. Following last year’s review of the Endowment Fund By-Laws, it became apparent that the current Parish By-Laws themselves are not in compliance with Archdiocese Regulations. This Committee will review both sets of by-laws and make recommendations for modifications and changes. The Parish will naturally be notified of any proposed changes and given the opportunity for review and comment.

The next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. As you know, these meetings are open to all members of the St. Spyridon family and all are welcome to attend. In the meantime, should any parishioner have any item of concern or any matter they wish to have placed on the next meeting’s Agenda, please contact any Parish Council member, or the undersigned.

Respectfully,  
Zoe Adamedes, Parish Council President

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## **APOKRIATIKO GLENDI (PRE-LENTEN PARTY)**

Come join us to celebrate the coming of Lent. Bring family and friends for a joyful relaxing event, full of music, food and fun

Date: Sunday March 2nd

Place: St. Spyridon Church Hall

Time: Doors open at 4:30 PM

Special performance by the Newport Hellenic Dancers

Full Buffet Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM

For More Information Call:

Evangelos Giannopoulos 667-2984 or

Basile Panoutsopoulos 848-6487



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## GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Greek School and Newport Hellenic dancers will be celebrating Greek Independence Day on Sunday, March 23rd after liturgy. Our children are preparing a patriotic program for all to enjoy. Please join us in the church hall for this event. The Greek Independence Day celebration at the RI State House is scheduled for Tuesday March 25th followed by a reception at the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. The celebration normally starts at 5PM, and the reception at 6:30PM. We are planning to have some of our children participate at this event. Please join us if you can. For more information contact Evangelos Giannopoulos (401-667 2984).

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## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Dear lovely ladies we are sending you a gentle reminder to please pay your dues. Checks can be mailed to Ionna Bairos-Moreau, 96 Sherwood Terrace, Portsmouth, RI 02871.

Seniors, scholarship information is available in your local high schools. Questions may be directed to Elaine Brown at 849-3480. Our next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 6:30 in the Parish Hall. Refreshments will be served. Please make every attempt to attend. We will be planning our Lenten Dinner.

Thank you to all who assisted with the preparation and serving of our guests at the soup kitchen. As always, the dinner was greatly appreciated.

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## IN OUR PARISH

Deaths: *Konstantinos Iosifides*, father of parishioners Leza Amarant & Eleni Moisiades, fell asleep in the Lord on 2/1 and was buried on 2/4 in Norwalk, Connecticut. We offer our condolences to both families at this time of loss. May his memory be eternal!

*Arthur Michael* fell asleep in the Lord on 2/13 and was buried on 2/16. He is survived by his wife Mary and their children, John Michael, and Kathryn Williams and her family. We offer our condolences to Mary, her children, and their extended family. May his memory be eternal!

*Nicholas Bishop* fell asleep in the Lord on 2/16 and was buried on 2/21. He is survived by his mother, Angela Bishop, and his children, stepchildren, brothers and sister. We offer our condolences to the entire Bishop family. May his memory be eternal!

*Roland Viveiros*, husband of Esther Lascaris-Viveiros, fell asleep in the Lord on 2/20. Funeral arrangements were private. We offer our condolences to Esther at her time of loss. May his memory be eternal!

*Athena Damaskos* fell asleep in the Lord on 2/23 and was buried on 2/28. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Demetri & Irene, and their children and grandchildren. We offer our condolences to the entire Damaskos family. May her memory be eternal!

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## AHEPA NEWS

### **Photo and Video Workshops**

Photo editing and video editing tutoring continues to be offered free of charge in the fellowship hall on select Saturdays from 4:30 PM until 6:00 PM. The Saturday workshops currently planned are March 1, March 8, March 15, March 22, April 5, April 12, and April 19, weather permitting.

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## DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE NEWS

The Daughters of Penelope will meet on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at the Ahepa Housing Complex at 7 pm All members are asked to be on time. Thank you.

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<p><i>In loving memory of</i> <b>Gredo Vincent Volpicelli</b></p>	<p><b>Order of AHEPA</b> Maud Howe Elliott Chapter No. 245 <b>Daughters of Penelope</b> Ares Chapter Number 49</p>	<p><b>Mel's Cafenio</b> 25 Broadway Newport 849-6420</p>
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