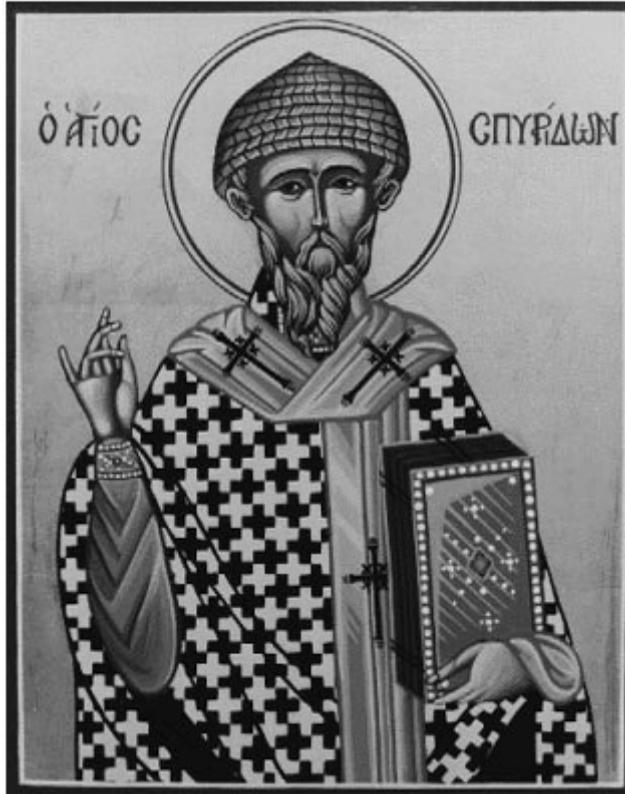

THE SAINT SPYRIDON VOICE
OCTOBER 2008



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SAINT SPYRIDON GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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New priest to be announced.

Office Hours

Priest: To be Announced

Church secretary, Ellen Anagnostos: Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am—1 pm

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

Greek School:

Loula Eliopoulos

Basile Panoutsopoulos (adult classes)

Soup Kitchen: To be announced

Bulletin: Aliko Cooper

(alikooper@yahoo.com)

Affiliated Organizations

AHEPA President: Basile Panoutsopoulos

Daughters of Penelope President:

Ellen Anagnostos

Island of Skiathos Organization:

Christina Logothets

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Summer Hours

Orthros 7:45 am

Divine Liturgy 9 am

Wednesdays Vespers (or Small Paraklesis on last Wednesday of month): *Not scheduled for October at this time.**

Weekday Festal Celebrations:

Vespers—7 pm*

Orthros—9 am

Divine Liturgy—10 am

Saturdays Great Vespers: *Not scheduled for October at this time.**

* 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.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The September meeting of the Parish Council was held on 2 Sep 2008. The topic of the plantings for the front of the church was discussed. Elaine Trainor submitted her Landscape Analysis and Recommendations on what plantings to utilize as well as how to ensure that the plantings survive. The plantings which were selected were characterized by Elaine as “cast iron”, meaning that if we just manage to mulch and water during the first year, the plantings should naturalize quite well. One of the problems identified with the front garden areas were the gutters, and the fact that they emptied directly into the raised beds. This leads to soil compaction and has caused any of our previous attempts at plantings to ultimately die. Elaine also worked with June Halliday at Chaves Gardens in determining the best plantings for our church as well as the timing for the plantings (which should be in place by 1 October). During the week of 21 September, the gutter extensions were installed, the beds were thoroughly worked and mulched and the plants were planted. I think that those who have seen the beds will agree that they are quite lovely. As mentioned before, the cost for the plantings (approximately \$800) was generously donated by a member of our St. Spyridon Church family who wishes to remain anonymous. Thank you once again to this donor!!! Also, our entire church would be remiss in not thanking Aphrodite Cottrell and her daughter Ashley for planting and tending the annuals in the flower beds in the beginning of the summer. These flowers were really lovely and held us over until the landscaping could be completed.

The final numbers on Hellenic Fest 2008 are being compiled as of this reading and will be published in next month’s bulletin. The net from the festival was approximately \$22,000, which, despite the earnest work of many parishioners and donors, is somewhat disappointing. A general discussion of the festival was held, including how to ensure that we have adequate volunteers to work the festival weekend. This issue will have to be looked at seriously in the coming year.

The installation of the ventilation in the school rooms in the basement is nearly complete; all we need is to have the electrical service hooked up, which is being looked into.

Sunday School started in September, and it is really wonderful to see so many children attending the church school. Sunday School allows children of all ages to learn more about their Orthodox faith, have fun, as well as provide a setting whereby children of our parish can bond and become friends with each other. It’s still not too late to sign your children up for Sunday School!

The Protulis Greek School has also started its school year with approximately 25 students signed up. The Protulis Greek School was endowed by the generous gift of Mr. James Protulis in memory of his parents, who instilled in him a love of not only the Orthodox faith, but Greek language, music and culture. According to the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, learning a second language (including at an early age) “has a positive effect on intellectual growth. enriches and enhances a child's mental development. leaves students with more flexibility in thinking, greater sensitivity to language, a better ear for listening, and improves a child's understanding of his/her native language”. I think that these are all good reasons to encourage our youth to attend the Protulis Greek School. Again, it is not too late to sign your children up—and don’t forget that adult classes are also available!

Our church will be continuing its Soup Kitchen Ministry. Workers who can help shop, donate their time, cook, set up or make donations for food are encouraged. In addition, I would ask each parish organization to seriously consider sponsoring one soup kitchen for the coming year. Each month, our soup kitchen serves approximately 50 to 55 people, of whom approximately 12 to 15 are youngsters, with the balance being made up of elderly and homeless. The Soup Kitchen is not just an opportunity for us to help the community but to help ourselves--it allows us to put into action the words of Christ about the Last Judgment in Matthew Chapter 25:34-36 "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Please try to support this important ministry of our church.

The Parish Council also identified another need for the youth of our community, that being a portable stage which can be used during Sunday School and Greek School Programs. This item is now on our community’s “Wish List”—anyone wishing to donate this item, or contribute to its cost, is kindly requested to contact any Parish Council member.

As of this writing, our church has not received official notification from the Metropolis of an assignment of a priest for our parish. Until such official notification is received, our parish will be served by Fr. George Economou, recently retired from the Assumption

Greek Orthodox Church in Pawtucket. Once formal notification is received, each parishioner will receive a special mailing notifying everyone of the assignment. In the meantime, should an emergency arise which requires a priest (God forbid), please call the church office and speak to either Ellen Anagnostos, or listen to the answering machine message which provides information on who to call in case of need.

Respectfully submitted,

Zoe Adamedes
Parish Council President
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THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP

CHEERFUL GIVER AND GROUCH

One church had on its bulletin board this sign: "The Lord loves a cheerful giver. He also accepts from a grouch."

It is now October, and our pledges for 2008 have slowed down. Unfortunately, our pledges to date only amount to \$41,000, whereas our Stewardship Goal for 2008 is \$90,000. If you have not yet turned in your pledge card and/or pledge, please do so. Your church needs you! Remember, despite the fact that we have been blessed with a bequest from the estate of Mr. James Protulis, we can (and will) easily run through this gift if the church continues to spend more than it takes in. We all know of local churches and organizations, which despite healthy savings, are now closed and shut down because these savings were dwindled away year after year to close operating deficits.

I know we all want our beloved Church to continue to grow and prosper, so please send in your pledge now!

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OCTOBER 2008

Sunday Winter Hours

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

1

2

(wine and oil allowed)

 5
 2nd Sunday of Luke

6

7

8

9

(fast day)

 12
 Sunday of the 7th
 Ecumenical Council

13

14

15

16

(fast day)

 19
 3rd Sunday of Luke

20

21

22

23

(fast day)

 26
 6th Sunday of Luke

27

28

29

30

(fast day)

rs Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10 am

Fri

Sat

3

4

(fast day)

10

11

(fast day)

17

18

(fast day)

24

25

(fast day)

31

(fast day)

Upcoming Events

October 7th—Parish Council, 7 pm

October 13th—AHEPA Meeting

October 14th—Daughters of Penelope Meeting, 7 pm, AHEPA Housing

Regular Events

Religious Education—Sundays, immediately after Holy Communion

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

Adult Greek School—Mondays, 4-6 pm

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Philoptochos is getting ready for the annual Fall Social, to be held this year at the Fenner Avenue Hall on November 5th. If anyone has any items to be donated please contact Elaine Brown 849-3480 and they can be picked up. General Admission will be \$8.00. This includes a dinner buffet along with desert. Tickets and basket raffles will be available during the coffee hours on Oct. 19th, 26th and Nov 2nd or contact Elaine Brown.

Philoptochos was recently awarded the "Keeper of the Dream " certificate of appreciation from the Dr. Martin Luther King Center for our contributions. We are also planning on sponsoring the Soup Kitchen in February 2009, more details will follow.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to David Jasinski who made a beautiful wooden frame for the protection of our hand painted icons. The frame is fashioned with a "door" so that different icons may be put in when needed.

IN OUR PARISH

Death: *Helen Bitzileos* fell asleep in the Lord on August 26th and was buried on August 30th. She is survived by her husband, Peter and her daughter Leah and family. May her memory be eternal.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARD

Once again we will be printing a Community Christmas Card as a small fundraiser for our parish. As in previous years, the cost to have your name printed in the card will be \$10 per line. Please use the form below and send it to the Church office as soon as possible. The deadline is December 1st. Thank you for your generosity.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD DONATION

NAME (please print) _____

Amount \$ _____

Telephone number _____

BOOKSTORE NEWS

Visit our Bookstore. You will find icons, books for adults and children (Books make a nice gift!), compact disks, incense, etc. Look also for the following books:

Orthodox Church: 455 Questions and Answers by Stanley S. Harakas

A concise and comprehensive handbook on the Orthodox faith fully and thoroughly indexed for easy reference. In a matter of seconds you will be able to find the answers to 455 questions most often asked about the Orthodox Church, its faith and life. Written for clergy, laity, parish study groups, convert classes and individual study. The author is a pastor and professor who loves and cares for his church and its people... and writes in a language all can understand. Best-Seller! 400 pages.

Guidelines for Marriage in the Orthodox Church by Stanley Harakas

Here finally is a booklet that answers some of the questions most asked by couples about to be married in the Orthodox Church. The chapters deal with: The Meaning of Marriage in Orthodox Christianity, Regulations Regarding Marriage in the Orthodox Church, and Ecumenical Implications of Orthodox Marriage. The information provided will offer much needed direction to couples and contribute to a happy and memorable wedding ceremony.

“MODERN GREEK LANGUAGE AND CULTURE” CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Classes of “Modern Greek Language and Culture” for adults are met on Mondays 4:00 to 6:00. Initially we shall follow the 10 lessons BBC series, so we can practice during the week (Internet connection required): <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/greek/talk/>

Then we shall expand to other topics of interest. Bring a pencil, notebook, and eraser. The class is open to all, bring your friends.

We follow Newport Schools’ schedule.

Cost: FREE

NOTE FOR FAMILIES WITH LITTLE CHILDREN: Little kids can play, under supervision, in a separate room.

For more information, see Basile.

AHEPA NEWS

AHEPA Cafenio

Fellowship, parea, refreshments, and Greek movies will be offered in the community hall by the AHEPA 245 and Daughters of Penelope on selected Saturdays this autumn.

Saturday, 18 October at 7 PM

A Matter of Dignity directed by Michael Cacoyannis. (Synopsis from Netflix)
Prominent Athenian industrialist Cleon Pellas (Giorgos Pappas) is secretly drowning in debt. To help him avoid bankruptcy, his self-centered wife orders the couple's ravishing daughter, Chloe (Ellie Lambeti), to refuse her two handsome suitors and consent to the marriage proposal of an affluent but unattractive Greek-American businessman. Michael Cacoyannis directed this acerbic 1957 drama about Greek aristocratic life.

Saturday, 1 November at 7 PM.

Iphigenia (also directed by Michael Cacoyannis). (Synopsis from Netflix)
Led by Agamemnon (Kostas Kazakos), the Greek army prepares to sail to war, but they're trapped at port by lack of winds. Seeking food for his soldiers, Agamemnon goes ashore, where his actions lead to unthinkable punishment: the sacrifice of his daughter, Iphigenia (Tatiana Papamoschou). Director Mihalis Kakogiannis adapted the classic Greek tragedy by Euripides into this epic retelling.

All the members of the community along with their friends are invited. FREE Admission.

AHEPA and Daughters Memorabilia Project

For anyone who is interested, photo, video, and audio editing tutoring will also be offered free of charge at these times. Michael Sisak will share his knowledge of Adobe Photoshop Elements, Adobe Premiere Elements, Pinnacle, Adobe Audition, and Sony Acid Studio software. Bring your pictures to preserve them. They will be returned back to you.

Next AHEPA 245 Meeting

The next meeting of the local AHEPA Chapter will take place the Second Monday of October at the Clubroom of the AHEPA 245 Apartments, 87 Girard Avenue, Newport, RI.

Initiation of New Members

The initiation of new AHEPA members will take place before our regular meeting. Food will be provided.

Invitation

An invitation is extended to all people of our Community and all Philhellenes to join both the local chapters of AHEPA and Daughters. For more information contact a local member or email: AHEPA245@Verizon.net
AHEPA family web site: <http://www.ahepa.org/>

AHEPA Projects

Join our AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope to become part of the future. The following are some of the projects currently supported:

- Archives – Memorabilia
- Seminars – Cafeneio
- Donation of books to our community and local Schools and Libraries
- Support to Trips to Greece (Journey to Greece, Ionian Village, etc.)
- Donation for a Room to Newport Hospital
- Support to PAIDEIA (URI Center)
- Scholarships,
- etc., etc.

Celebration of OXI Day

The local Chapters of AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope will sponsor the coffee hour on the occasion of celebration and remembrance of the OXI (NO) day, 28th of October 1940.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE NEWS

Several new members will be initiated into the chapter on Saturday, October 4th with lunch to follow at the Main Stay Inn. The initiation will begin at 11 am with lunch to follow at 12:30

The next regular meeting of the chapter will be held on Tuesday, October 14th, at 7 pm at the Ahepa Housing.

<p><i>In loving memory of</i> Grego Vincent Volpicelli</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.com The Wedding and Baptism Store Offering elegant accessories Visit us at www.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</p>	<p>A-1 Pizza 306 Broadway Newport <i>Free Delivery</i> 849-2213</p>	<p>Rhea's Bed & Breakfast <i>Accommodations with 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 Newport 849-9880</p>
<p>All American Foods, Inc.</p>	<p>Steve H. Jennings Certified Senior Advisor, CSA Advanced Planning Associates Retirement Planning Phone: 401.247.9882 E-mail: sjplanner@aol.com</p>	<p><i>In loving memory of</i> Anthony & Dorothea Rozes</p>