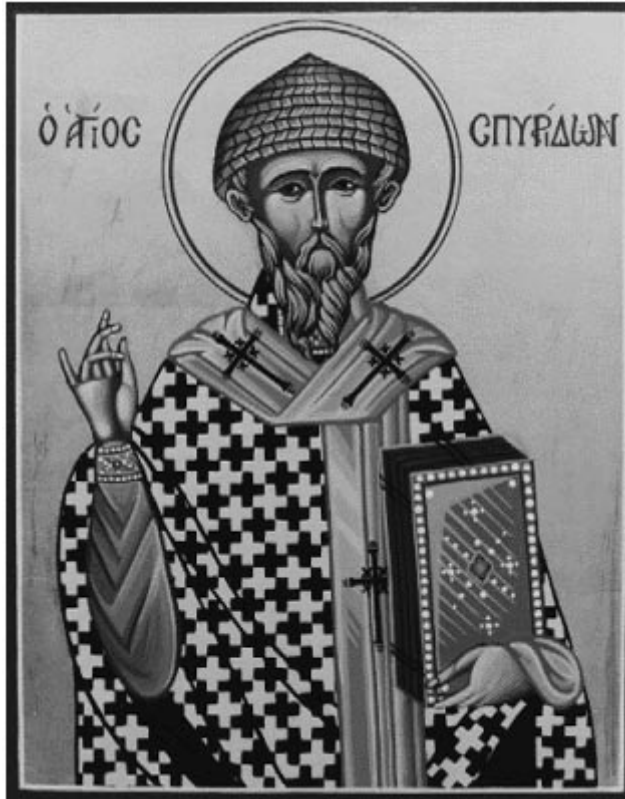

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Office Hours

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 September at this time.**

Weekday Festal Celebrations:

Vespers—7 pm*

Orthros—9 am

Divine Liturgy—10 am

Saturdays Great Vespers: *Not scheduled for September 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

Well, the summer is almost at an end and the Church organizations are getting ready to start up again. The Sunday School, as well as the Choir, will start on the 14th of September (the Feast of the Elevation of the Venerable and Life-Giving Holy Cross). Father Constantine Cambas, who has been our “visiting priest” very frequently over the summer is planning a special Agiasmo service for the start of the school year, so try to make sure that your children are in Church to receive this special blessing. The Protulis Greek School will also be underway.

On behalf of the entire Church community, I would like to thank everyone who helped during the July Hellenic Fest—this includes those who participated in the cooking workshops, worked at the Festival, made donations, etc, etc. The Festival’s gross was in the order of \$53,000. We are awaiting the final invoices to determine how much was netted. The final report for the Festival will be published in next month’s bulletin. Also, I would be remiss not to mention the wonderful job our children’s dance group did—the Newport Hellenic Dancers. They were the “hit” of the festival—a big thank you to Vaggeli and Sandy Giannopoulos for their tireless work in instructing our children in this wonderful cultural activity. I would also like to thank Steve Kyriakides for his performances on the lyra on Friday and Saturday night. He was outstanding and this truly added a special touch to the Festival!

Marianne Menas and the staff of the Sunday School held a one-day “vacation Bible class” for the children of the Sunday School in August. Marianne has also been holding weekly “get-togethers” for the younger Sunday School children during the summer, which has been a wonderful chance for the children of the community to deepen their friendships within the church.

As of this writing, we still do not have a permanent priest assigned to our Parish. As I noted in an earlier bulletin, there are at least 4 vacancies within the Metropolis which must be filled and we are still awaiting word from the Metropolis. You can be sure that any news relative to this matter will be promptly disseminated within the Parish. 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
274-1316, zadamedes@yahoo.com

LITURGICAL SERVICES DURING SEPTEMBER

Please note that at the time this bulletin was printed, we had no word on the assignment of a new priest for our parish. The enclosed liturgical calendars have been prepared highlighting only the Sundays services. Please note that all weekday services for September are pending the arrival of the new priest, and will be announced accordingly. In addition, there will be no Wednesday and Saturday evening vespers during this time. If a new priest is assigned at any time this month, then, most likely, a supplement to this bulletin issue will be mailed with an updated liturgical calendar; or, at least, Sunday bulletins will announce upcoming services and events.

SOUP KITCHEN: HELP WANTED!

We are looking for people to join our successful soup kitchen efforts as we reorganize in the wake of the departure of Fr. Anthony and Pres. Themmi, who did much of the work themselves during the past three years.

We need thrifty people to shop for staples, frozen vegetables, bags of salad, dressings, fruit, and bottles of juice. We need people to cook the veggies and rice, mix up the salad, make coffee, serve the meal and clean up afterward. Steve and Greg Mellekas have volunteered to cook the main dish – Greek chicken or turkeys at holiday times or pork loin. They would like to have relief. How about some of the church organizations stepping forth to do a complete meal once or twice a year?

Every month, the kitchen receives gratis homemade cornbread and desserts for everyone, 2 gallons of milk, and 2 lb. margarine. From time to time, other food gifts come to us. Bills for the meat and other purchases are paid from soup kitchen funds.

PLEASE JOIN US!! Call Steve at Mel's 849-6420 or at home 846-0782. Thank you!

COFFEE HOUR HELP

In order to continue our coffee hours, folks must contribute pastries etc. No one has to sponsor an entire coffee hour! Just bring in a coffee cake, some donuts, salsa, chips, a dozen sandwiches, a bottle of juice—we can freeze or store whatever we have in excess. Without the help of everyone, we will not be able to have these special gatherings.

PROSFORON BAKER NEEDED

A volunteer is needed to bake prosero for the Sunday liturgies. This person would replace the Evangelatos family on the rotation. It is needed about every 6 weeks. Please contact church secretary, Ellen Anagnostos, at the church at 846-0555 if you are interested in helping out with this very worthy service to the church.

SUNDAY WINTER HOURS

Sunday winter hours begin Sunday, September 14th: Orthros at 8:45, Liturgy at 10 am.

IN OUR PARISH

Births: A son was born to parishioners Cosmo and Despina Haralambidis and given the name *Michael Chris*. Proud grandparents are parishioners Chris and Sofia Stefanopoulos and Michael and Pauline Haralambidis of Cranston. May he live many years!

A son was born to Tasia and Gregory Brown on July 31st and given the name *Benjamin Frederick*. Proud grandparents are Elaine and Stan Brown and proud great-grandmother is Helen Hagopian.

Baptisms: The son of parents Dino and Janet Spentzos was baptized on July 26th and given the name *Ioannis (Gianni)*. The sponsor was Joanna Reeves. Proud grandparents are parishioners Noula and Nick Spentzos. May he live many years!

The daughter of Michael and Melissa Martella of Saudi Arabia was baptized on July 27th and given the name of *Mersine (Claire)*. The sponsor was Peter Mellekas. Proud grandparents are Stephen and Marlene Medeiros (of Saudi Arabia) and proud great-grandmother is Kay Medeiros. May she live many years!

The son of David and Adeline Jasinski was baptized on August 16th and given the name *Cosmas (William Richard)*. The sponsor was Eric Jasinski. Proud grandparents are Diane Jasinski of Latham NY, Peter and Margaret Jasinski of Queensbury NY, and Richard and Nancy Ashmore of Portsmouth. May he live many years!

On August 24th, the fiance of parishioner Constantine Amarant, Kristin Devault was baptized and given the name *Kristina*. Her sponsor was Eleni Moisiades. May she live many years!

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Sunday Winter Hours

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

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4

(fast day)

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Sunday before Holy Cross

(fast day)

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The Elevation of the Venerable and Life-Giving Cross

*(fast day)**(fast day)*

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25

Sunday after Holy Cross

(fast day)

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1st Sunday of Luke

Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10 am

Fri

Sat

5

6

(fast day)

12

13

(fast day)

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20

(fast day)

26

27

(wine and oil allowed)

Upcoming Events

September 8th—AHEPA Meeting

September 9th—Daughters of Penelope Meeting, 7 pm, AHEPA Housing

September 14th—First day of Religious Education

September 15th—Greek School starts this week

September 17th—Philoptochos Meeting, 6:30 pm, Church Hall

Regular Events

Religious Education—Sundays, immediately after Holy Communion (starts September 14th)

Children’s Greek School— Monday-Thursday, 4-6pm (starts week of September 15th)

Adult Greek School—Mondays, 5-6 pm (starts week of September 15th)

FILM FESTIVAL NEWS

Six films were screened at this year's Saint Spyridon Orthodox Christian Film Festival on Saturday, 12 July, in the church hall. In the Junior Division, the Saint John of Damascus Award went to **Michael Antonopoulos** for his film entitled "The Religious Significance of Candles". For this film, Michael also earned the Saint Symeon the Translator Award for Best Theological Research. **Alexander Antonopoulos** took the Saint Kassiane Award for his film entitled "Voices to God", a study of hymns and choirs in the church. **Toula Mellekas** won the Saint Marcian Award for her film entitled "Churches of Lesbos".

Fay Lellios from Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Concord, New Hampshire won the Saint Luke the Evangelist Award in the Senior Division for her film entitled "Pascha". Ms. Lellios also earned the Saint Constantine the Great Award for Best New Entrant. **Yianno Pantazelos** of St. Vasilios Greek Orthodox Church in Peabody, Massachusetts took home the Saint Theodora the Empress Award for his film "A Real Spring Break to the Hogar Rafael Ayau Children's Monastery in Guatemala". The Saint Andrei Rublev Award went to **Marianne Menas** for her film "Summer Religious Education and Fellowship".

After the competition, Festival Committee presentations included a short film entitled "Miss Catherine's Class", a picture study of Catherine Violet's Sunday School Class from 1943. And with an eye on the upcoming 100th anniversary of the Saint Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church in Newport (in 2015), the video celebrating the 100 Year Anniversary of the Annunciation Church in Cranston was presented.

Following the videos and the luncheon, participants and audience members alike enjoyed the annual festival boat ride, this time on the Rumrunner II. Once again, the weather was perfect, and the high speed motoryacht was an interesting change of pace from the sail schooner Madeleine which has normally been used.

Special thanks go out to this year's judges, **Andrew Kalford** from Holy Resurrection Bulgarian Orthodox Church in Watertown, MA, **John Psikakos** from the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Cranston, RI, and **Michael Sisak** from Holy Ghost Orthodox Church in Phoenixville, PA.

A Special Thanks to **Ellen and Peter Antonopoulos**, **Marianne Menas**, and **Ann and Mike Sisak** for their luncheon donations.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM: “PANAGIA’S LITTLE FLOWERS”

A Religious Education program was held at the church Monday, August 18th for our young children in preschool through 2nd grade. Ms. Marianne Menas lead the program and was assisted by Ourania Stefanopoulos, Marizette Petrou, Janet Spentzos, and Mihai Dobrot.

The children spent the morning learning about Panagia through special prayers, stories, songs, and a “guided tour” of our church. They also enjoyed Panagia-themed crafts - planting flower seeds to grow at home to glorify Panagia, and decorating a beautiful icon for Ms. Marianne’s classroom. To conclude the day, the children played musical chairs (with Greek children’s music!), and everyone enjoyed lunch together. The children had a wonderful experience and are looking forward to the beginning of the new ecclesiastical year and continuing their religious education.

Thank you to everyone who participated and assisted with the day’s events! We plan to make this an annual event for our children and hope to have greater participation next year.

Note: A mailing in regard to this program was sent to families in our parish; however, it was seriously delayed due to certain new bulk mail handling procedures and not received in time. Please disregard this mailing. Every attempt was made to notify families with young children via e-mail and word of mouth.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education is going to start on Sunday, Sept. 14th (New winter hours will be in affect and church will start at 10 that day). We are going to start out trying a new schedule this year for Grades PreK-Grades 2 who will go downstairs after the gospel and return to the service in time for communion. We can have the classes sit together after communion, in the front pews so they can see. The older classes, grades 3 through high school will continue to go down to school after communion and stay until church is over. It is going to be important for the children in grades Prek-2, to be in church on time and not disrupt classes as they are in session.

GREEK SCHOOL NEWS

Greek School will begin the week of September 15th. More information and schedules will be forthcoming.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Happy Liturgical New Year! The first Philoptochos Meeting will be held on September 17, 2008 at 6:30 at the Church Hall. Refreshments will be served. We hope to see you all there. Final plans are being completed for the Annual Penny Social which will be held on November 5, 2008 at the Fenner Avenue Hall. Please note the change of location.

As always, we ask the if anyone knows of any of our church community members who are hospitalized or suffering from an illness, please let Tina Fowler know (847-0771) so that we may send our best wishes. Looking forward to a wonderful and productive year.

AHEPA NEWS

Next AHEPA 245 Meeting

The next meeting of the local AHEPA Chapter will take place the Second Monday of September at the Club Room of the Newport AHEPA Housing.

Initiation of New Members

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

What is AHEPA?

The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) is the largest and oldest American-based, Greek heritage grassroots membership organization. AHEPA was founded on July 26, 1922 in response to the evils of bigotry and racism that emerged in early 20th century American society. It also helped Greek immigrants assimilate into society. Today, AHEPA brings the ideals of ancient Greece, which includes philanthropy, education, civic responsibility, and family and individual excellence to the community.

Although a majority of the membership is composed of Americans of Greek descent, application for membership is open to anyone 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.

The AHEPA Family works as a unit toward the fulfillment of a common mission. Combined, the four organizations have contributed well over a billion dollars to national projects throughout their history.

- The Daughters of Penelope was established November 16, 1929 as the Women's Affiliate of AHEPA. One of its crowning achievements is Penelope House, a shelter for battered women in Mobile, Alabama. It is the first shelter for battered women and their children in that state.
- The Sons of Pericles was established February 3, 1926, as the Junior Men's Auxiliary of AHEPA.
- The Maids of Athena was founded July 5, 1930 as the Junior Women's Auxiliary of AHEPA.
- The two youth groups have combined to contribute to such worthy causes as: Muscular Dystrophy, Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation, the Special Olympics, St. Basil Academy and Cooley's Anemia research.

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/>

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE NEWS

The first meeting of the Daughters of Penelope will be held on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th at 7 pm in the Ahepa room of the Ahepa Housing complex. Plans will be discussed for the upcoming initiation of several new members. All members are asked to come and take part in the planning.

New officers are:

President: Ellen Anagnostos

Vice President: Maria Botelho

Secretary: Angela Volpicelli

Treasurer: Joanne Hologgitas

<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>
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<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>
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