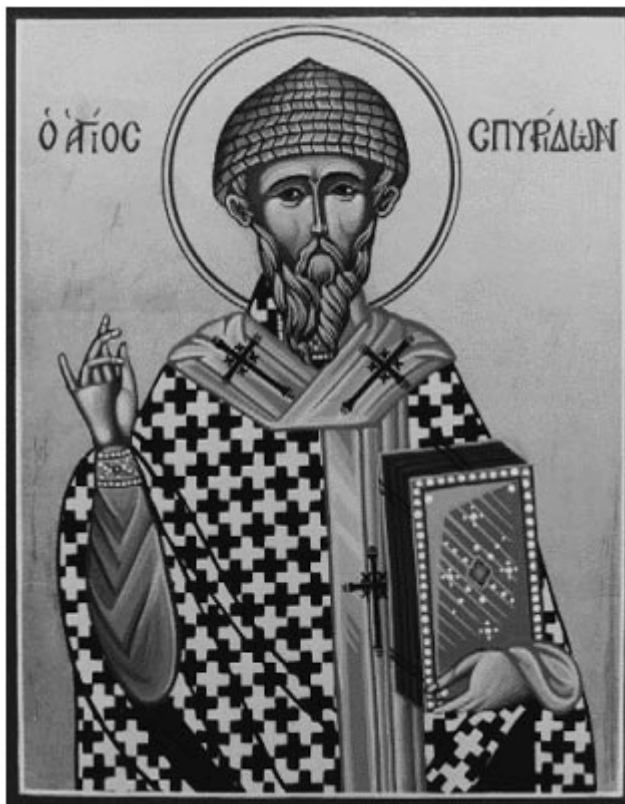

THE SAINT SPYRIDON VOICE
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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Winter Hours

Orthros 9:00 am

Divine Liurgy 10:00 am

Weekday Festal Celebrations:

Vespers—7 pm*

Orthros—9 am

Divine Liturgy—10 am

* Note: Holy Confession is available by appointment.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Christmas 2009—The Greatest Gift

Dear Parishioners, Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

December 25, Christmas Day, is the Feast day that rejoices in the greatest gift offered to humankind - God humbles Himself and takes on flesh, it is the Incarnation of the Son of God, so that you and I may be saved. In commemoration of this day, we exchange gifts with one another.

Contemplating the icon of the Birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ we realize the great love that God offers to His people through His Son. God loves us so much that He sent His Son to show us a new way of life. The Birth of Christ is a celebration of joy, for we have been granted eternal life.

The truth that God became man and entered into history is seen in the icon of the Nativity. Wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger is the Christ Child. All the details of the icon relate to the Lord's presence among us. The icon of the Nativity calls us to praise and glorify the Birth of Christ.

The Iconography and Hymnology of our Orthodox Church teach us wonderful lessons about Christian giving. The following hymn, taken from the Vespers of the Nativity, invites us to recognize the offerings made in celebration of the Nativity of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. We sing:

“What shall we bring to You, O Christ, Who, for our sake, was born on earth as man?
Every creature brings thanks to You: Angels their songs; the heavens a star; Wise
Men gifts; Shepherds amazement; the earth a cave; the wilderness a manger; but we -
the Virgin Mother.”

All creation has acknowledged the Birth of the Redeemer of humankind through the act of Stewardship. We, too, must offer to Him Who was Born for our sake our gift in the enclosed Christmas offering envelope to His Church this Holy Season so that we may truly glorify and confess with a thankful and joyous heart that: Christ is Born !

In closing, please accept our very best wishes for a Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, Joyous and Prosperous New year 2010.

With Agape in the anticipated Incarnate Lord,
Fr. George E. Economou

ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΑ 2009—ΤΟ ΜΕΓΑΛΥΤΕΡΟ ΔΩΡΟ

Αγαπητοί μας ενορίτες, αδελφοί εν Χριστώ,

Δεκέμβρη 25, Χριστούγεννα, ημέρα χαρμόσυνος: που η ανθρωπότητα εορτάζει το **μεγαλύτερο δώρο** που τις προσφέρθηκε – ο Θεός ταπεινώνετε και σαρκώνετε. Ο Υιός του Θεού σαρκώνετε διά να σώση τον άνθρωπο. Την ημέρα αυτή την εορτάζουμε με το να προσφέρουμε δώρα ο ένας στον άλλο.

Σάν ατενίζουμε την εικόνα της Γέννησις του Κυρίου ημών και Σωτήρος Χριστού με προσοχή πολύ γρήγορα γνωρίζουμε την μεγάλη αγάπη του Θεού για τα πλάσματά Του που την εκδηλώνει με τον Υιόν Του. Ο Θεός μας αγαπά τόσο πολύ που δε δυστάζει να στήλει τον αγαπητόν Του Υιόν για να μας δίξει νέο τρόπο ζωής. Τη Γέννηση του Χριστού την εορτάζουμε με μεγάλη χαρά, διότι μας χάρισε την αιώνιο ζωή.

Το γεγονός ότι ο Θεός έγινε άνθρωπος και μπήκε μέσα στην ιστορία το παρουσιάζει τόσο ζωντανά και χτυπητά η εικόνα της Γέννησις. Τυλιγμένος στα βρεφόπανα μέσα στη φάτνη βλέπουμε το νεογέννητο Χριστό. Όλες οι λεπτομέριες της εικόνας προδίδουν μιά πραγματικότητα, ότι ο Κύριος είναι μεθ' ημών. Η εικόνα της ενσάρκωσης του Κυρίου μας καλεί να δοξολογήσουμε και υμνολογήσουμε τη Γέννηση του Χριστού.

Η Εικονογραφία και Υμνηολογία της Ορθοδόξου Εκκλησίας μας, μας διδάσκει ένα πολύ σπουδαίο μάθημα, αυτό που έχει να κάνει με τη Χριστιανική προσφορά, ο παρακάτω ύμνος από τον εσπερινό της Παραμονής των Χριστουγέννων μας που μας προσκαλεί να δώσουμε προσοχή στά δώρα που προσφέρουμε στον εορτασμό της Γέννησις του Σωτήρος Χριστού.

‘ Τι να σου προσφέρουμε, Χριστέ τώρα που ήρθες στη γη ως άνθρωπος για μάς;
Το κάθε ένα από τα κτίσματα που εσύ έπλασες, σου προσφέρη ευχαριστεία, οι
Αγγελοι τον ύμνο, οι ουρανοί το αστέρι, οι μάγοι τα δώρα, οι ποιμένες το θαύμα,
η γή τη σπηλιά, η έρημος τη φάτνη, εμείς δε – τη μητέρα Παρθένο.’

Όλη η κτίση έχει αναγνωρίση τη Γέννηση του Σωτήρος όλης της ανθρωπότητας με τις προσφορές της. Καί μείς αγαπητοί μου αδελφοί, θα πρέπει να προσφέρομε Σαυτόν που Γεννήθηκε για χάρη μας το δώρο μας στην Εκκλησία Του τούτες τις Αγίες Μέρες για να

τον δοξολογήσουμε και να ομολογήσουμε με ευχάριστη και ευγνώμονα καρδιά το
‘Χριστός γεννάται , δόξάσατε,’

Κλείνοντας παρακαλούμε δεχτήτε ολόθερμες ευχές για τις Αγίες Ημέρες της Γέννησις
του Χριστού και τα Θεοφάνεια. Αυτός πού γεννήθηκε απο την Παρθένο, ο Κύριος και
Λυτρωτής μας Χριστός να σας χαρίζει υγεία και κάθε ευλογία. Το δε Νέο Έτος, 2010
αίσιο, ευτυχές και ευλογημένο με κάθε αγαθό.

Με αγάπη του αναμενομένου Σαρκωθέντος Χριστού,
π. Γεώργιος Η. Οικονόμου, Πρωτοπρεσβύτερος

CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARD

Once again we will be printing a Community Christmas Card as a small fundraiser for our
parish. As previously, 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 11th. We would appreciate any extra donations toward the poinsettias that we
use to decorate the church for the Christmas season. Thank you for your generosity.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD DONATION

NAME (please print) _____

Amount \$ _____

Telephone number _____

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

The Philoptochos will be hosting the reception following Vespers for St. Spyridon on
December 11. Anyone who is interested in baking can call Elaine Brown at 849-3580. The
Philoptochos wishes the community a Blessed Holiday and looks forward to a Happy and
Healthy New Year.

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

The uniqueness of the Christian faith is not found in the belief in God – other religions also have that, rather, the uniqueness of Christianity is to be found in the conviction that God is love, and that clearest revelation of this love is to be found in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus was born into midst of an oppressed and demoralized people who were searching for hope and validation. They needed to know that they had not been abandoned by the God of their fathers, and they found assurance of that continuing love at work in the person of Christ.

Christmas 2009 still finds us looking for the same assurances. We live in a difficult and oftentimes very dark world. We too need hope and validation as we make our way through these difficulties, and we need the knowledge that, in spite of our shortcomings, we remain worth loving. By coming into the world, Christ hoped to provide us with that upholding reassurance.

But it is not only important that Christ came into the world. How He came also has a great deal to teach us. He came into this world by being born in a stable. This humble beginnings was meant to teach each of us that no home was too simple or too poor to offer hospitality to the King of Glory. Even the simplest hut is grander than the stable that marked the start of Christ's earthly journey.

That is why Christmas is a joyous celebration. It tells us that God loves us enough to reach out over the unbridgeable chasm that separates us, through the life of Jesus Christ. No one of us, no, not one, is beyond the reach of that love. Christmas also teaches us that no human heart is so humble that it cannot offer hospitality to Christ. He was born in a stable so that each of us could accept in confidence his desire to be part of our lives.

The humility and love of Jesus Christ, however, allows for no coercion. Each of us is free to choose if we shall offer an invitation. As He came into the world He was refused many times until room was found in the stable, and He continues to be refused in many homes today. May God grant that in ours He finds a warm welcome.

A BLESSED AND JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

Η ΓΕΝΝΗΣΙΣ ΤΟΥ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥ

Το μοναδικό στοιχείο του Χριστιανισμού δεν είναι η πίστις στο Θεό, διότι όλες οι θρησκείες του κόσμου ασπάζουν αυτήν την αλήθεια. Μάλλον η μοναδικότης του Χριστιανισμού ευρίσκεται στην πεποίθησι ότι ο Θεός είναι αγάπη, και ότι η πιό άμεση έκφρασι και αποκάλυψι της αγάπης αυτής υπάρχει στο πρόσωπο του Ιησου Χριστού. Ο Χριστός εγεννήθη σε λαό τυραννισμένο και απηλπισμένον, ο οποίος ζητούσε ελπίδα και πεποίθησι. Ήθελε την βεβαίωσι ότι ο Θεός των πατέρων τους δεν τους είπε εγκαταλείψει, και την βεβαίωσι αθή της αγάπης του Θεού την ευρήκε στο πρόσωπο του Χριστού.

Και τώρα τα Χριστούγεννα του 2009 η ανθρωπότητα ακόμα ζητάει την ελπίδα και την πεποίθησι αυτή. Ζούμε σε δύσκολους καιρούς και σκοτεινό κόσμο, και χρειαζόμεθα την γνώσι ότι παρά τας ελλείψεις μας, παραμένουμε άξιοι αυτής της αγάπης. Όταν ήλθε στον κόσμο μας ο Χριστός, ήθελε να μας προσφέρει την βεβαίωσι αυτή.

Αλλά δεν είναι σπουδαίο μόνον το γεγονός ότι ο Χριστός ήλθε στον κόσμο. Καί ο τρόπος με τον οποίο ήλθε έχει πολλά να μας διδάξη. Εγεννήθη σε στάβλο μεταξύ αλόγων ζώων. Με την ταπεινή αυτή αρχή ήθελε να μας τονίση ότι δεν υπάρχει σπίτι τόσο απλό η φτωχό που δεν μπορεί να προσφέρει φιλοξενία στον Βασιλέα της Δόξης. Ακόμα και η τελευταία καλύβα είναι ανώτερη από το στάβλο που σηματοδευσε την αρχή της επιγείου πορείας του Χριστού.

Γιαυτό ο εορτασμός των Χριστουγέννων είναι τόσο χαρμόσυνο γεγονός. Μας λέει ότι ο Θεός έρχεται να γεφυρώση το χάσμα που μας χώριζε, με την ζωή και δράσι του Ιησού Χριστού. Κανένας απολύτως δεν βρίσκεται πέρα από αυτή την αγάπη, και τα Χριστούγεννα μας διδάσκουν ότι καμμιά ανθρώπινη καρδιά δεν είναι τόσο ταπεινή που δεν μπορεί να φιλοξενήση τον Χριστό. Γεννήθηκε σε στάβλο ώστε να μπορέση και ο τελευταίος μεταξύ μας να έχη βεβαία την πεποίθησι ότι ο Κύριος θέλει να είναι μέρος της ζωής μας.

Η ταπεινότητα και η αγάπη του Κυρίου όμως δεν επιτρέπει την βία. Ολοι είμαστε ελεύθεροι να αποφασίσουμε εάν θα προσφέρουμε την πρόσκλησι μας και την φιλοξενία μας στον Κύριο. Όταν ήλθε στον κόσμο ο Χριστός, πολλοί ήσαν εκείνοι που τον αρνήθηκαν και τον ωδήγησαν στον στάβλο, και η άρνησις αυτή συνεχίζεται σε πολλά σπίτια σήμερα. Ευχή μας είναι ότι όταν έλθη στα δικά μας σπίτια θα εύρη ζεστή και λαμπρά υποδοχή. Αμήν

ΚΑΛΑ ΚΑΙ ΕΥΛΟΓΗΜΕΝΑ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΑ

DECEMBER 2009

Sunday Winter H

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
<p>Fathers Emergency Tel .401-474-7700</p>	<p>Fr.George will visit shut-ins before Christmas. Please call the office with names.</p>	<p>1. Philaret the Merciful of Armenia. <u>Office Hours.</u> <u>Parish Council Mtng</u></p>	<p>2. Habakkuk Prophet Cyril of Phileus</p>	<p>3. Zephaniah Prophet John, Bishop sychast <u>Office Ho</u></p>
<p>6. 10th Luke. St. Nicholas Orthros. 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m. Sun. Sch/Fellowship.</p>	<p>7. St. Ambrose of Milan.Athenodoros of Mesopotamia</p>	<p>8. Forefeast of Conception of Theotokos St. Patapios of Thebes <u>Office Hours</u></p>	<p>9. Conception of Theotokos</p>	<p>10. Menas, Hermogenes, Eugraphios. Thomas of bi <u>Office Ho</u></p>
<p>13. 11th Luke. <u>FOREFATHERS</u> Orthros. 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m. Sun.Sch/Fellowship</p>	<p>14.Thyrsos,Leucius and Callinicus. Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>15. St. Eleftherios Orthros.9:00 a.m. Div. Li.10:00 a.m. <u>Visit Shut-ins</u> <u>Office Hours.</u></p>	<p>16. Haggai Prophet Modestos Bishop of Jerusalem <u>Visit Shut-ins</u></p>	<p>17. Daniel & Holy Youths sios of Zakint <u>Visit Shut</u> <u>Office Hou</u></p>
<p>20.<u>Before Nativity</u> Orthros. 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.10:00 a.m. Christmas Program Sun.Sch./Grk. Sch.</p>	<p>21. Forefeast of Nativity. Julian and 630 Companions</p>	<p>22. Anastasia Gr.Mart Orthros.9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.10:00 a.m. <u>Visit Shut-ins</u> <u>Office Hours.</u></p>	<p>23. Ten Martyrs of Crete.</p>	<p>24.<u>Christma</u> Eugenia of R 9:00 a.m.Ho 5:30 p.m. Ve Div.Lit. of C</p>
<p>27.<u>After Nativity</u> Stephen First Mart. Orthros.9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.10:00 a.m. No S.S.Fellowship</p>	<p>28.20,000 Martyrs of Nikomedia.</p>	<p>29. 14,000 Holy Innocents.Marcellus Right</p>	<p>30. St. Anysia of Thessaloniki. Gideon of Mt. Athos .</p>	<p>31. St. Melan Rome. Restitu the Feast of N</p>

Hours Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

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the and He- urs	4. Barbara Gr.Mart. John of Damascus Orthros. 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m.	5. Savas the Sanctified Diogenes Martyr
thynia urs.	11. Daniel and Luke, 7:00 p.m. GREAT VESPERS OF ST. SPYRIDON. Recep- tion after Vespers	12. <u>ST. SPYRIDON WONDERWORKER OUR PATRON SAINT</u> Orthros. 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10.00 a.m.
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s Eve. ome. rs speral christmas	<u>25.HOLY NATIVITY CHRISTMAS DAY</u> Orthros. 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m.	26. Synaxis of Theotokos. Euthemios Bishop of Sardis.
ia of ation of Nativity.	<u>JANUARY 1st. 2010 NEW YEAR.</u> Orthros. 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.10:00 a.m.	<u>No fasting from- Dec.25th –Jan. 4th</u>

Upcoming Events

December 3—Daughters of Penelope
Christmas party, Main Stay Inn

December 8—Parish Council Meeting,
7pm

December 20—Christmas Pageant
(Sunday School & Greek School)
following Liturgy

Regular Events

Religious Education—Sundays,
immediately after Holy Communion

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

Adult Greek School—
Mondays, 4-6 pm

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council Meeting was held on November 2nd, 2009 at 7pm.

As reported last month, the following repairs are being scheduled for the near future. First of all, we need to repair the windows in the kitchen, outside the men's room, and one of the windows in the hall. They just do not close properly and this winter, will simply allow cold air to pour into the hall. Also, we still have a leaking problem by the rear door donated by the Island of Skiathos Organization. This will also be addressed in the coming weeks. In addition, the crack in the parking lot has to be repaired soon (after the winter probably). Because of the arrival of the cold weather, it is doubtful that All American Painting will be able to work on our church hall and window trim. Hopefully, this can be done in the spring.

As we will be coming up on winter weather, check the church phone for any changes in services. As a Parish Council, we will be working hard with the Newport Yachting Center (who has the lease to the lot) to ensure that the parking lot and sidewalks are cleared and sanded. PLEASE notify any Parish Council member, the undersigned, or the church office if you notice any problems with icing, etc. We will ensure that the Yachting Center is diligent in ensuring that the lot is locked when not in use, as when people from the neighborhood park in the lot, the lot cannot be properly plowed or sanded. These neighborhood cars will continue to be towed by the Newport Yachting Center on an on-going basis, especially so that we can plow the lot for our parish family.

As most of us have already noticed, many Parish Council members are unable to serve their pangari duty for various reasons. We all send out a great big THANK YOU to Chris Christopher, George Koulouvardis and Harold Demopolus who have stepped up (without being asked) to function as "ushers", in fact, welcoming newcomers with smiles, bringing up candles, answering questions—you name it. If you are interested in being an usher (or usherette?), please contact either Father George, me, or the church office—your church needs you!

We have really had a time without George Baker to help us, but we are getting by and I am happy to announce that he is well on his way to recovery. However, the kitchen at times, can remain a problem area. The following church organizations are authorized to use the church kitchen: Philoptochos, Soup Kitchen, Ahepa, Daughters of Penelope, Island of Skiathos Organization, Sunday School, Greek School, GOYA and JOY (with adult supervision), and the various Festival workshops which come up during the summer. In addition, those people

hosting coffee hours may also use the church kitchen. We ask that after using the kitchen for your organization or activity, that you leave the kitchen clean and neat—glassware washed, coffee pot cleaned, etc.

Also, as a reminder, the closet outside the ladies room in the church hall is used for storage for items for the Soup Kitchen. There are large plastic bins in there which are clearly marked “Soup Kitchen”. Please do not use these items as all of these items were DONATED by parishioners for the strict use of the Soup Kitchen. I thank you for your cooperation.

To repeat, during those times when Greek School and other meetings are held in the downstairs classrooms, we ask that the Brewer Street door remained closed and locked. If people are late for meetings or school, there is a door bell—please use it and someone will open the door for you.

Also, if you are using the church for a meeting or school during the week, when leaving, please go through the following checklist:

- Did we turn down the heat?
- Did we turn off the lights?
- Did we close any windows?
- Did we lock the doors?

This will help to keep utility costs down, as well as to maintain security.

As mentioned last month, the church doors will be re-keyed. Those members of church and affiliated organizations which need access to the church are kindly asked to contact the church office so that numbered keys can be made and distributed.

The next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8th at 7:00 pm. 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
274-1316/zadamedes@yahoo.com

IN OUR PARISH

Baptism

The son of Leon and Popi Panteleos was baptized on November 7, 2009 and given the name *Antonios Leontis* by his Godfather Yanni Panteleos. May he live a long and blessed life.

2010 PARISH COUNCIL

Starting in 2010 the Parish Council will consist of seven (7) parishioners, four elected for the beginning of an even year term and three for the beginning of an odd year term. Terms continue to be two years.

The nominating committee presented the following slate of members for the 2010 Parish Council to the Parish General Assembly, who were elected by one vote cast by the secretary and approved by acclamation:

2010-2011 Terms

1. Zoe Adamedes
2. Evangelos Giannopoulos
3. Basile Panoutsopoulos
4. Chris Christopher
5. Thomas Adamedes (thru 2010 to complete final year of a resigned term)

Also, the following continue on the Parish Council for the 2nd year of their two-year terms:

2009-2010 Terms (continuing)

6. Elaine Holder
7. Steve Mellekas

Thomas Adamedes graciously accepted to serve the remaining one year of the resigned term, thus avoiding the need to hold elections to determine the four top vote recipients to fill the two-year terms and the fifth top vote recipient to fill the resigned term.

The community wishes to thank the outgoing members of the 2009 Parish Council, Harry Koulouvardis , Antigone Koulouvardis and Christine Logothets, for their dedicated service to the community over these past years.

**St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church Newport Hellenic Dancers
 Holiday Greek Pastry Sale 2009**



Enjoy traditional homemade Greek pastries in attractive holiday packaging, perfect for your home and for gift giving.

Large Mixed Box for \$13. Each box will contain 11 pastries including four Baklava pieces and a combination of Kourabiedes, Melomakarona and Koulourakia.

Small Mixed Box for \$8. Each box will contain 8 pastries including two Baklava pieces and a combination of Kourabiedes, Melomakarona and Koulourakia.

Please place orders by Sunday December 13th. You may place an order at the church hall, through Sandy or Vaggelli Giannopoulos, or by sending the form below to the church .

Make your check payable to St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church
 (With a note for Hellenic Dancers Fundraiser)

Pick up pastries at the Church Hall on:

Saturday, December 19th 1-2PM, Sunday, December 20th After Liturgy

For more information or to place your order, please feel free to contact Sandy or Vaggeli at 667-2984 or e.giannopoulos@verizon.net .

Name: _____	
Phone Number: _____	
Email: _____	
Boxes Ordered:	Large : _____ x\$13= \$ _____
	Small : _____ x\$8= \$ _____
	Total Amount: _____ \$ _____

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Dear Families,

Thank you to all who have donated items for the Woman to Woman shelter on Broadway including the Philoptochos which was a big sponsor. The woman in charge, sent the Religious Education Department a thank you note for all we have donated. Please come downstairs and see the thank you note she wrote to us.

Children will be busy this month working on their lines for the upcoming Christmas pageant. **The pageant will be on December 20th.** Please come and see the children perform in the church hall that day.

Marianne

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

I can't believe that October is already over and it's almost time for Winter!!! I've been working hard, adding and crunching the numbers at home. The numbers are in. The total collected added until the end of October 11, 2009 is: \$51,274. This is the total cumulative amount since January.

Stewardship Goal	\$90,000
% of Stewardship Goal Achieved	56.97%
% of Stewardship Goal Pledged	64.80%

This is good; but we can do better. Keep

the pledges/payments coming in

On another note, I deeply apologize to Mrs. Marguerite Violet and Mrs. Mary Michael for omitting their names in the last bulletin. As you may or may not know, the names are issued on a quarterly basis and therefore, names have been known to be overlooked. As usual, if you do not see your name published in the Bulletin; please don't hesitate to contact me at Church or email at wong.lily@verizon.net.

P.S.—We will shortly be sending out letters to our parish members regarding pledges or payments. Please keep an eye out for this. Thank you.

Stewardship Committee
Lily Wong

AHEPA NEWS

We would like to congratulate the Newport Team who won the AHEPA Hellenic Trophy Competition and brought home a trophy to our church! How proud our whole community is for their hard work!



Left to right:

James Demetriades, Hristos Giannopoulos, & Alexander Antonopoulos (Team Captain)

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE NEWS

There will be no meeting in December due to our annual Christmas party which is being held on December 3 at the Main Stay Inn.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

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