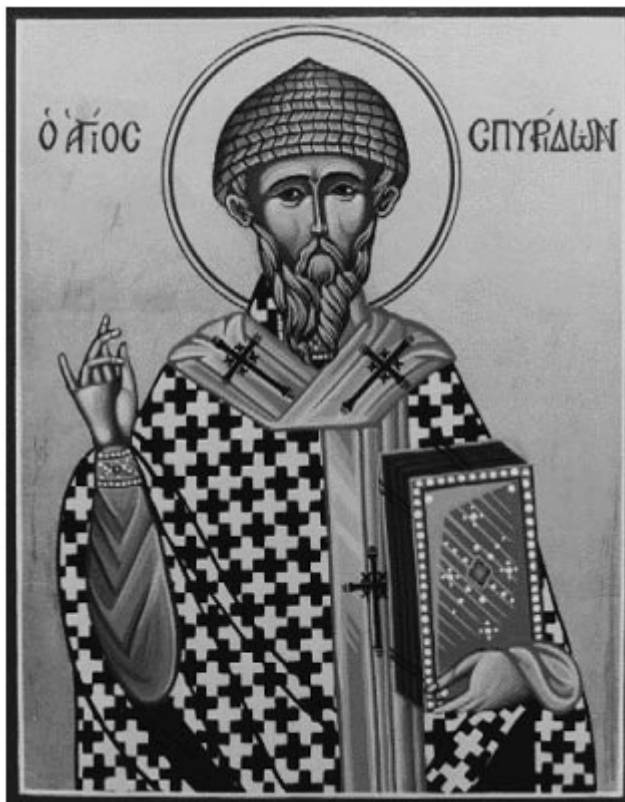

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Acolytes: James Mellekas

GOYA President: James Mellekas

JOY Advisor: Sandy Giannopoulos

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Summer Hours

Orthros 8:30 am

Divine Liturgy 9:30 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 COLLECTION

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

One day some people from a church visited a rich farmer to ask him to make his pledge for the coming year. The farmer filled in an amount that was pitifully low, much less than the poorest member of the congregation would give. One of the visitors looked at the farmer and said, "We really thought you would be able to do better than this." The farmer was astonished. He stood up as straight as he could and said rather bitterly, "Well, I gotta live, don't I?" One of the visitors—perhaps the youngest and most inexperienced one—said, "Why?" Then they left.

A few days later, the farmer rang the doorbell of the man who asked him that troubling question. He was a bit sheepish but he proceeded as one who knew what he must say, "I've been trying to answer your question," he said, "and it isn't easy. Why do I have to live? I guess I need a pretty big reason, don't I? And I'm not big enough all by myself." He asked for a new pledge card and filled in an amount in keeping with his income. "Yes, I can do much better," he said, "and maybe that's the beginning of the reason to live."

Everything we have belongs to God. The Psalmist puts it this way, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein." (Ps. 24:1)

Because everything we have belongs to God we cannot "give" God anything. We can only share with Him what is His in the first place. As Dag Hammarsjold writes in his book "Markings": "In the last analysis, what does the word 'sacrifice' mean? Or even the word 'gift'? He who has nothing can give nothing. The gift is God's—to God."

There, look at those fields! I planted them! I harvest them! I paid for them! I pay taxes on them! You mean to tell me that they're not mine? Whose are they if they're not mine? The minister replied, "Bring me back seventy-five years from now. Ask me that same question, and I'll tell you."

Vance Havner writes, "We hear much about stewardship. We should talk more about Lordship. When a man is right on the Lordship of Jesus Christ, he will be right in his stewardship. His pocketbook will fall in line when he really learns that he is not his own, but bought with a price.

In other words, if Jesus is really our Lord and God, it will show in the kind of pledge we make for the support of His Church. We call Jesus Lord but often our stewardship shows that He is Lord to the tune of one or two dollars a week, that some of us spend more on dog food or liquor or cigarettes or cosmetics or coffee or on gambling than we give to God.

Speaking in the book of Malachi, the Lord God says "Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How are we robbing thee?' In your tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me; the whole nation of you. Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house; and thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessings." (Malachi 3:8—10)

My dear parishioners, your stewardship to our Church is vital for her ability to meet the daily budget needs. We ask, the President of the Parish Council with its members and your parish priest, to please not neglect your stewardship contribution to our church for 2009. If you are giving, we thank you; if you lag behind, please catch up, and if you have not made a pledge or have but not sent anything, PLEASE do so as soon as you can. Thank you.

IN OUR PARISH

Wedding On May 30th *Sofia Amarant and James Sinclair* were married in our church. The koumbara was Sofia's cousin Rhea Crea of Newport. Proud parents are Telly and Leeza Amarant and Lisa Marie Sinclair and Dean Thomas Sinclair. May they have a long and happy life together!

NEW SUNDAY SUMMER HOURS

Starting **Sunday July 5th**, in order to help accommodate those who travel to church on Sunday mornings, we will have NEW Sunday Summer hours. Orthros will be at 8:30 am and **Divine Liturgy at 9:30 am** (instead of 8 and 9 am) for the rest of the summer.

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

On June 8, we served about 70 people. Thanks to George J. Kanary and Panera Bread for a donation of sacks full of a magnificent variety of their justly famous breads, a rare and welcome treat for our guests. We extend thanks also to Esther Lascaris-Vivieros for her generous donations toward our popular baked pasta casserole that accompanied roast Italian sausages and salad. Esther provided fruit juice for everyone as well. During the heat of the summer months, we plan lighter meals consisting of sandwiches, chips, salads and fruit. With unemployment now at over eleven percent here, we are feeding greater numbers of people, all of whom express their gratitude for the help our community gives them.

NEWPORT HELLENIC DANCERS NEWS

The Newport Hellenic dancers are hard at work practicing for Hellenic Fest 2009. As all of you know our festival will be held on 24-26 July. We are planning on holding two "shows" each day. On Friday and Saturday our young group will perform at 6PM and our seasoned dancers at 830 PM. On Sunday we will perform at 3PM and at 5PM. We invite everyone to join us at the festival to see our children dance in their new costumes. We want to thank everyone that supported our fundraisers and contributed towards the purchase of the costumes for our dancers.

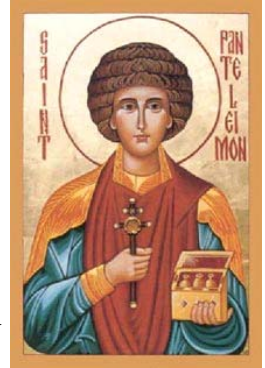
If you would like more information about the group please feel free to contact us by email e.giannopoulos@verizon.net or call us at 667-2984.

- Sandy and Vaggeli Giannopoulos

HOLY GREAT-MARTYR AND HEALER ST. PANTELEIMON

Saint Panteleimon, who had Nicomedia as his homeland, was the son of Eustorgius and Eubula. His father was an idolater, but his mother was a Christian from her ancestors. It was through her that he was instructed in piety, and still later, he was catechized in the Faith of Christ by Saint Hermolaus (see July 26) and baptized by him.

Being proficient in the physician's vocation, he practiced it in a philanthropic manner, healing every illness more by the grace of Christ than by medicines. Thus, although his parents had named him Pantoleon ("in all things a lion"), because of the compassion he showed for the souls and bodies of all, he was worthily renamed Panteleimon, meaning "all-merciful."



On one occasion, when he restored the sight of a certain blind man by calling on the Divine Name, he enlightened also the eyes of this man's soul to the knowledge of the truth. This also became the cause for the martyrdom of him who had been blind, since when he was asked by whom and in what manner his eyes had been opened, in imitation of that blind man of the Gospel he confessed with boldness both who the physician was and the manner of his healing. For this he was put to death immediately.

Panteleimon was arrested also, and having endured many wounds, he was finally beheaded in the year 305, during the reign of Maximian. Saint Panteleimon is one of the Holy Unmercenaries, and is held in special honor among them, even as Saint George is among the Martyrs.

Apolytikion, Third Tone


Panteliemon, saintly champion and healer, intercede with our merciful God to grant our souls remission of sins.

Kontakion, Plagal of the First Tone

O Champion and Martyr of God, imitating the Merciful and bearing from Him the grace of healing, cure our spiritual ills by your prayers, and set free from the temptation of the eternal enemy those who ceaselessly cry out, "Save us, O Lord."


COFFEE DONATIONS NEEDED

We all enjoy our coffee hours however the coffee we buy has become very expensive. Please buy a pound of coffee the next time you are in the super market and donate it to the church. We all would appreciate it and it will help alleviate the cost to the church. Thank you.



HELLENIC FEST

ST. SPYRIDON GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
ANNUAL HELLENIC FEST



FREE
ADMISSION!

FRIDAY, JULY 24 - 4 TO 12PM
SATURDAY, JULY 25 - NOON TO MIDNIGHT
SUNDAY, JULY 26 - 12 TO 6PM

GREEK FOOD, MUSIC, DANCING, MARKETPLACE & TAVERNA
THAMES & BREWER STREETS, NEWPORT RHODE ISLAND

Please see Pages 14 & 15 for important festival announcements.

HOLY TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Our Lord has spoken to His disciples many times not only concerning His Passion, Cross, and Death, but also concerning the coming persecutions and afflictions that they themselves would endure. Since all these evils were near at hand, but the enjoyment of good things which they hoped to receive in their stead was yet to come, our Savior desired to give them full assurance, evidently and openly, concerning that glory which is prepared for those who endure to the end.

Therefore, fulfilling that which He had promised shortly before, that “there be some standing here which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in His Kingdom” (Matt. 16:28), He took His three foremost disciples and ascended Mount Tabor, where He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as the light. Suddenly, together with this dread and marvelous effulgence of light, there appeared those pinnacles of the Prophets, Moses and Elias, who spoke with the Lord Jesus concerning His saving Passion which was about to take place. Standing before Him as reverent servants, they showed that He is the Lord of both the living and the dead, for Moses came forth from Hades, having died many centuries before, and Elias, as it were from heaven, whither he had been taken up while yet alive. After a little while a radiant cloud overshadowed them and out of the cloud they heard that same voice which had been heard at the Jordan at the Baptism of Christ, testifying to the Divinity of Jesus and saying: “This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well-pleased; hear ye Him” (Matt. 17:5).

Such are the marvels, truly worthy of God, celebrated in this present feast, which is an image and prefiguring of the future state of the righteous, whose splendor the Lord spoke of, saying: “Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun” (Matt. 13:43). It is because of this that the Kontakion of the Feast is said daily (when there is not a great feast) in the Service of the Typica in perpetual commemoration of the glory that will be the lot of the Saints. According to tradition, the Lord’s Transfiguration came to pass forty days before His Crucifixion; this is why the Transfiguration is celebrated forty days before the exaltation of the Cross.



ST. SPYRIDON ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FILM FESTIVAL

Come to the church hall on Saturday, July 11, and enjoy the 9th annual St. Spyridon Orthodox Christian Film Festival. All event activities are free. Coffee and donuts will be available at arrival time, 9:30 to 10:00. Films will be viewed from 10:00 until 12:00. Lunch will follow, and then we will enjoy a 90 minute power boat cruise on the Rum Runner [beginning at 1:45 PM sharp]. It is a good sized vessel and historically there has always been more than enough room for our party. And even if you must miss the films, you are still welcome on the boat ride. Hope to see you there!

JULY 2009

NEW Sunday Summer Hours

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
During Fr. Georges Vacation in case of emergency call the church office or the Metropolis	<u>Regular Office Hours</u> <u>Tuesdays/ Thursdays</u> Fathers Emergency Tel. # 401-474-7700		1. Cosmas & Damian the Unmercenaries	2. Deposition Robe of The Vlacher...
5. 4th of Mathhew. Orthros 8:30 a.m. Div. Lit. 9:30 a.m. <u>Visiting clergy</u>	6. Sisoes the Great	7. Thomas the Righteous. Kyriaki Great Martyr Parish Council Mtg.	8. Prokopios the Great Martyr.	9. Pancratios, of Sicily..
12 5th Matthew Orthros. 8:30 a.m. Div. Lit. 9:30 a.m.. <u>Visiting clergy</u>	13. Synaxis of Arch-angel Gabriel	14. Aquila of the 70. Fr. George returns from his vacation.	15. Julitta & Kyriakos Vladimir, Equal to the Apostles.	16. Athenagoras Heracleopol Office Hours
19. Sunday of the Holy Fathers Orthros. 8:30 a.m. Div. Lit. 9:30 a.m.	20. Elias the Prophet	21. Symeon the Fool for Christ. Office Hours	22. Mary Magdalene, Myrrhberer Orthros. 8:30 a.m. Div. Lit. 9:30 a.m.	23. Phocas, B Sinope. Ez Prophet. Office Hours
26. 7th Matthew. Orthros. 8:30 a.m. Div. Lit. 9:30 a.m. <u>Hellenic Fest.</u>	27. Panteleimon the Great Martyr.	28. Prochoros, Nicanor Timon, & Parmenas of the 70 Apostles. Office Hours	29. Kallinikos of Asia Minor. Theodote and her children, Martyrs.	30. Silas & S the 70 Apostles Office Hours

Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

	FRI	SAT.
n of the otokos in ae.	3. Hyacinth of Caesarea	4. Independence Day Andrew of Crete.
Bishop	10. 45 Martyrs of Nikopolis, Armenia	11. Euphemia the Great Martyr.
as of opolis ours	17. Marian of Antioch Veronika & Speratos the Martyrs.	18. Emilianos of Bul- garia. Paul, Thea and Oulalentine Martyrs.
Bishop of ekiel the ours	24. Christina the Great Martyr. Athenagoras the Apologist. <u>Hellenic Fest</u>	25. Dormition of Anna- mother of Theotokos Olympia the Deconess <u>Hellenic Fest</u>
ilvanos of es. ours	31. Forefeast of the Precious Cross. Joseph of Arimathea	

Upcoming Events

July 7—Parish Council Meeting

July 11—St. Spyridon Orthodox
Christian Film Festival

July 24, 25, 26—Hellenic Fest

Regular Events

Religious Education—Sundays,
immediately after Holy Communion
(on break for summer)

Children’s Greek School—
Monday-Thursday, 4-6pm (on break
for summer)

Adult Greek School—
Mondays, 4-6 pm (on break for
summer)

AUGUST 2009

NEW Sunday Summer Hours

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	TH
30. 12th Matthew. Orthros. 8:30 a.m. Div. Lit. 9:30 a.m.	31. Honorable sash of the Theotokos.		Office Hours Tuesdays/ Thursdays Fathers Emergency Tel. # 401-474-7700	
2. 8th Matthew. Orthros. 8:30 a.m. Div. Lit. 9:30 a.m.	3. Isaacius, Dalmatus and Faustus. Salome the Myrrhberer. 5:00 p.m. Paraklesis	4. Seven Holy Youths of Ephesos Office Hours Parish Council Mtg.	5. Forefeast of the Transfiguration. 5:00 p.m. Vespers of Transfiguration	6. HOLY TR GURATIO Orthros. 8:30 Div. Lit. 9:30 Office Ho
9. 9th Matthew. Orthros. 8:30 a.m. Div. Lit. 9:30 a.m.	10. Lawrence, Arch- Deacon of Rome. 5:00 p.m. Paraklesis	11. Euplus, Archdea con of Cantania. Office Hours	12. Photios & Aniketos of Nikomedea. 5:00 p.m. Paraklesis	13. Apothosis Transfigu Office H
16. 10th Matthew. Orthros. 8:30 a.m. Div. Lit. 9:30 a.m.	17. Myron of Cyzikos	18. Floros & Lauros of Illyria. Office Hours	19. Andrew and his 2,593 soldiers	20. Samuel F Office Ho
23. 11th Mathew. Orthros. 8:30 a.m. Div. Lit. 9:30 a.m.	24. Eutyches the Hieromartyr	25. Return of the body of Bartholomew Office Hours	26. Adrian, Natalia and 33 Companions	27. Poimen Office H

Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

	FRI	SAT.
		<p>1.Dormition Fast Begins. Αρχεται η Νηστεία Δεκαπενταυγουστου</p>
TRANSFI- ON 0 a.m. 0 a.m. rs	<p>7. Dometios of Persia and his two Disciples Nikanor the Wonder worker 5:00 p.m. Paraklesis</p>	<p>8. Emilian, Bishop of Cyzikos.</p>
s of the ration ours	<p>14.Forefeast of Dormition Micah Prophet. 7:00 p.m. Great Vespers of Dormition at Pawtucket.</p>	<p>15.DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS Orthros. 8:30 a.m. Div. Lit. 9:30 a.m.</p>
Prophet ours	<p>21. Thaddeus of the 70 Apostles. Bassa and her Sons</p>	<p>22. Agathonikos and his Companions.</p>
the Great ours	<p>28. Moses the Black of Skete.Diomedes and Lawrence the Martyrs</p>	<p>29. Behading of the Forerunner Orthros. 8:30 a.m. Div. Lit. 9:30 a.m.</p>

Upcoming Events

August 4—Parish Council Meeting

Regular Events

Religious Education—Sundays, immediately after Holy Communion (on break for summer)

Children’s Greek School—Monday-Thursday, 4-6pm (on break for summer)

Adult Greek School—Mondays, 4-6 pm (on break for summer)

Η ΜΗΤΕΡΑ ΤΟΥ ΘΕΟΥ

Ο Αύγουστος είναι εποχή πολλών άλλων πραγμάτων, αλλά κατ' ἐξοχήν είναι ὁ μὴν τῆς Παναγίας, ἡ ὁποία κατέθεσε τὸν κοινὸν φόρον ὄλων τῶν ἀνθρώπων εἰς τὴν φθορὰν αὐτὸν ἀκριβῶς τὸν μῆνα. Αὐτὴν λοιπὸν τὴν ἐποχὴν ἡ σεμνὴ Κόρη τῆς Ναζαρέτ συγκεντρώνει τὴν σκέψιν μας περισσότερον ἀπὸ κάθε ἄλλην φορὰν. 'Ἄλλ' ἢ ἀφοσίωσις εἰς τὴν Παναγίαν εἶναι ἀχρόνον φαινόμενον δὲν ἔχει τὸ ὅμοιον εἰς τὴν ἱστορίαν τῆς ἀνθρωπότητος οὔτε πρόκειται νὰ ἔχη ποτέ.

Τὰ χεῖλη τῶν πιστῶν, δανειζόμενα τὰς λέξεις ἀπὸ μεγαλοπνόους ποιητὰς, τὴν ὑμνοῦν μὲ τὰ ἐνδοξότερα καὶ ἱερώτερα ὀνόματα, τὰ ὁποία ἐπλασαν αἱ γλῶσσαι τῶν λαῶν. Καὶ πέραν τῶν λόγων, ἄνδρες καὶ γυναῖκες, γέροντες καὶ νέοι, τῆς προσφέρουν μίαν σιωπηλὴν νοερὰν θυσίαν ἀπὸ τὰ βῆθη τῆς ψυχῆς των.

Ταλαντοῦχοι ζωγράφοι τὴν ἱστόρησαν μὲ μορφάς, αἱ ὁποῖαι ἐκφράζουν ὅλην τὴν τρυφερότητα, τὴν συγκίνησιν καὶ τὸν πόνον ποῦ ἐδοκίμασεν εἰς τὸν ἐπίγειον βίον τῆς, πάντοτε δὲ μὲ ἔκτυπον εἰς τὸ πρόσωπόν τῆς τὴν ἀγιότητα καὶ τὴν πνευματικὴν ὁλοκλήρωσιν. Τὰ πλήθη ἴστανται ἐνώπιον τῶν εἰκόνων τῆς, διὰ νὰ τῆς προσφέρουν προσκύνησιν. Καὶ πέραν αὐτοῦ ὅλοι ἔχουν μέσα εἰς τὴν καρδίαν τῶν ἀποτυπωμένην μίαν ἀχειροποίητον εἰκόνα τῆς, σεβασμίαν καὶ συγχρόνως γλυκεῖαν, ἡ ὁποία εἶναι παραστάτης εἰς τὴν ζωὴν των.

Τί εἶναι αὐτὸ τὸ ὁποῖόν δίδει εἰς τὴν Παναγίαν τὴν μοναδικότητα μεταξὺ τῶν γυναικῶν ποῦ ἐγεννήθησαν εἰς τὸν κόσμον; Ἡ ἀγιότης τῆς πρώτον. Ἐτέραςε σεμνολεπῶς τὰ νεανικά τῆς χρόνια, ὑπερηφάνως τὴν περιόδον τῆς πνευματικῆς προκοπῆς τοῦ Υἱοῦ τῆς καὶ γενναίως τὰς ὥρας τῆς ἀνθρωπίνης συμφορᾶς. Ἐτέραςε μὲ φόβον καὶ ἀγάπην Θεοῦ ὅλην τὴν ζωὴν τῆς.

Ἡ ἰδιότης τῆς μητρὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ ἔπειτα. Κατὰ μίαν ἀνεπανάληπτον ἐκλογὴν ἐδόθη εἰς αὐτὴν ἡ ὑψίστη τιμὴ καὶ τουτοχρόνως τὸ δυσβάστακτον βῆρος νὰ καταστῇ ὁ φορεὺς τοῦ μυστηρίου τῆς ἐμφανίσεως τοῦ Θεοῦ εἰς τὸν κόσμον, νὰ καταστῇ ἡ γέφυρα, ἡ ὁποία ἤνωσε καὶ ἐνώνει διὰ παντὸς τὴν γῆν μὲ τὰ οὐράνια.

Τὸ ἔλος ἡ ἰδιότης τοῦ ἀρχετύπου. Ἡ Παναγία εἶναι τὸ πρότυπον, πρὸς τὸ ὁποῖον προσβλέπουσαι ὅλαι αἱ γυναῖκες ἀποκοῦν τὴν δύναμιν ἢ ἀνηκωθοῦν ἀπὸ τὰς μηδαμινότητας τῆς ζωῆς εἰς τὸν χώρον τῆς τελειότητος· εἶναι ἡ Πλατυτέρα τῶν Οὐρανῶν, ἡ ὁποία τὰς καλεῖ εἰς τὴν σφαῖραν τοῦ ἀπειρου.

ΠΑΝ. Κ. ΧΡΗΣΤΟΥ

Ἀντιπρύτανης τοῦ Πανεπιστημίου Θεσσαλονίκης

THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

Concerning the Dormition of the Theotokos, this is what the Church has received from ancient times from the tradition of the Fathers.

When the time drew nigh that our Savior was well-pleased to take His Mother to Himself, He declared unto her through an Angel that three days hence, He would translate her from this temporal life to eternity and bliss. On hearing this, she went up with haste to the Mount of Olives, where she prayed continuously. Giving thanks to God, she returned to her house and prepared whatever was necessary for her burial.

While these things were taking place, clouds caught up the Apostles from the ends of the earth, where each one happened to be preaching, and brought them at once to the house of the Mother of God, who informed them of the cause of their sudden gathering. As a mother, she consoled them in their affliction as was meet, and then raised her hands to Heaven and prayed for the peace of reclining upon her bed with seemliness, gave up her all-holy spirit into the hands of her Son and God.

With reverence and many lights, and chanting burial hymns, the Apostles took up that God-receiving body and brought it to the sepulcher, while the Angels from Heaven chanted with them, and sent forth her who is higher than the Cherubim. But one Jew, moved by malice, audaciously stretched forth his hand upon the bed and immediately received from divine judgment the wages of his audacity. Those daring hands were severed by an invisible blow. But when he repented and asked forgiveness, his hands were restored.

When they had reached the place called Gethsemane, they buried there with honor the all-immaculate body of the Theotokos, which was the source of Life. But on the third day after the burial, when they were eating together, and raised up the artos (bread) in Jesus' Name, as was their custom, the Theotokos appeared in the air, saying "Rejoice" to them. From this they learned concerning the bodily translation of the Theotokos into the Heavens.

These things has the Church received from the traditions of the Fathers, who have composed many hymns out of reverence, to the glory of the Mother of our God.



GREEK SCHOOL NEWS

The Greek school students completed another successful year. Congratulations to all the children for their hard work.

We are now planning for the 2009-2010 school year. Please let us know if your children or grand children plan to attend classes. This is very important for us to determine the class schedule. Classes are normally held from 4-6PM on Monday-Thursday. Contact Vaggeli Giannopoulos at 667-2984 or e.giannopoulos@verizon.net for more information. For adult classes, please contact Basile Panoutsopoulos at Basile.Panoutsopoulos@verizon.net.

HELLENIC FEST UPDATE—JULY 24, 25 & 26, 2009

This year all pastries and most of the food will be homemade (see details below). Thank you to everyone who participated in the food

workshops held in June! Our dedicated community women have made to date 90 pans of Spanakopita and 75 pans of Pastichio. A Tiropita workshop is being planned for early July. We will also be making 1,200 skewers of Souvlaki and 1,200 marinated chicken breasts. The Mellekas family (Mel's Cafenio) will skewer the Souvlakia. We will also have Gyros cones this year to augment the grilled Gyros strips. Steve Kyriakakis will lead this inaugural Gyros cone effort; however, we will still have the grilled Gyros strips available when the cone machines are not in operation.

Volunteers – YOUR CHURCH COMMUNITY NEEDS YOUR HELP! Please sign up on the volunteer board in the church hall for as many shifts as you can or contact Ashley Cottrell at 286-9634 to coordinate your shift. Elaine Holder will be scheduling all taverna volunteers, so if you are interested in working at the taverna, please speak directly with her prior to signing up on the volunteer board as she is coordinating the overall taverna schedule.

Raffle – Only 300 tickets at \$100 each will be sold and the grand prize is \$10,000. This is an important aspect of our overall festival fundraising. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT! You may purchase a ticket at one of the local establishments selling tickets: Newport (Mel's Cafenio, RI Shoe Repair, Nikolas Pizza), Middletown (Atlantic Beach Club, Flo's Clam Shack, Aquidneck Pizza), Portsmouth (Chris's Diner), Bristol (Bristol House of Pizza), or by contacting the raffle chairperson listed below.

Festival Book – If you have not already done so, please place your festival book greeting or ad today by contacting Ashley Cottrell at 286-9634. The festival ad book helps identify our committed festival sponsors to the Newport community and is also a major portion of the overall fundraising. PLEASE PLACE YOUR AD TODAY!

Food/General Donations – If you would like to donate toward any food item or make a general donation to the festival, please give your donation to Fr. George or send it to the church care of 'Hellenic Fest' and indicate the food item you wish to donate toward (e.g., Gyros, Souvlaki, Band, Security, etc.), or if general specify "Hellenic Fest Donation". If you would like to donate the full amount of any given item, please contact the church office to obtain the total cost of any such item.

July Food and Pastry Workshops - The Tiropita and Baklava workshops will be held in July. IF YOU COULD NOT ASSIST WITH THE JUNE WORKSHOPS, PLEASE MAKE AN EFFORT TO ASSIST IN JULY!

Final Meetings - The final meetings will be held on Sunday, July 12th after liturgy in the church

hall and Tuesday, July 21st at 6:30pm at the Atlantic Beach Club.

Festival Committee Members (Booth and Area Coordinators/Chairpersons):

Areas:

1. Pastry Workshops - Giannopoulos Family (Kourambiedes), Philoptochos (Koulouria), Elaine Holder/Atlantic Beach Club (Baklava), Giannopoulos and Haralambidis Families (Finikia)
2. Food Workshops - Helen Nelson (Spanakopita and Tiropita), Eleni Anagnostopoulos (Pastichio)
3. Souvlaki Preparation - Mellekas Family (Mel's Cafenio)
4. Kitchen Operations - Leon Panteleos
5. Raffle - Maria (Stefanopoulos) Johnson
6. Publicity - Aliko Cooper and Peter Manis
7. Ordering/Inventory – Thanasi Stefanopoulos and Leon Panteleos
8. Setup/Breakdown - John Johnson and Chris Psilos
9. Bank/Finance - Zoe Adamedes
10. Logistics - Thanasi Stefanopoulos, Gianetis Family (Coastal Electric)
11. Dance Troupe (Newport Hellenic Dancers) - Xanthoula and Vaggeli Giannopoulos
12. Church Tours - Fr. George Economou

Booths:

1. Taverna - Peter Kyriakides/Elaine Holder
2. Food Booth - COORDINATOR NEEDED (Please see Leon Panteleos)
3. Pastry Booth - Xanthoula and Vaggeli Giannopoulos
4. Souvlaki Booth - Steve and Greg Mellekas
5. Gyros Booth - Steve Kyriakakis
6. Soft Drinks Booth - Greek School and Sunday School Children
7. Cultural Marketplace Booth - Ourania Stefanopoulos and Valerie (Petropoulos) St. Peter
8. Loukoumades Booth - Menas/Walsh/Christopher Families
9. Chips Booth - AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope

AHEPA NEWS

There were three more initiations during the June meeting at Western Mainstay. Alex Antonopoulos is attending AHEPAcademy. He received a partial tuition scholarship from our local chapters of AHEPA and Daughters. The next AHEPA 245 meeting will take place in September.

<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>This space available Please contact church office</p>
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