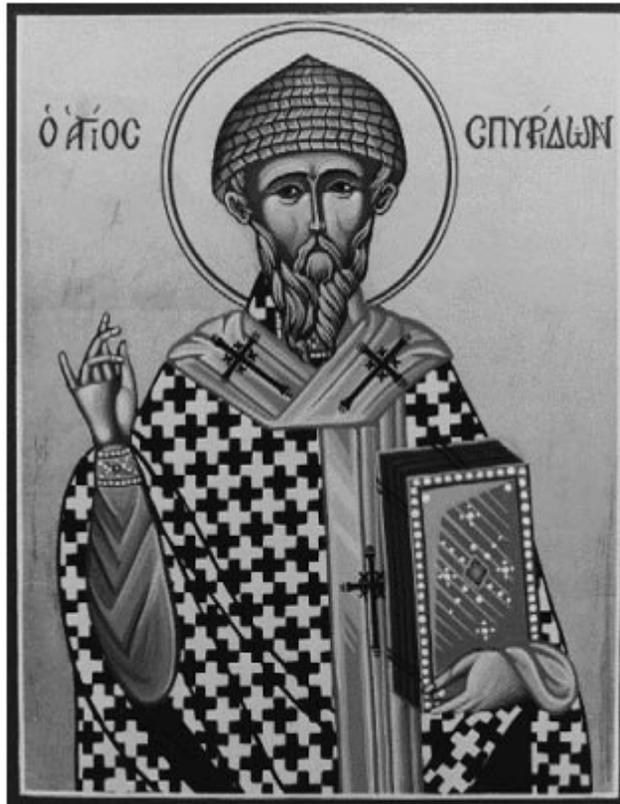

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Winter Hours

Orthros 9 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.

Weekday Festal Celebrations:

Vespers—7 p.m.*

Orthros—9 a.m.

Divine Liturgy—10 a.m.

* Note: Holy Confession is available by appointment.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Christmas 2010—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 2011.

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

ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΑ 2010—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 τού 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 στήσει τον αγαπητόν Του Υιόν για να μας δώσει 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 μία 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 στα 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 προσφέρει 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.’

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

τον δοξολογήσουμε και να ομολογήσουμε με ευχάριστη και ευγνώμονα καρδιά το
'Χριστός γεννάται , δόξασατε,'

Κλείωντας 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, 2011
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 5th.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD DONATION

NAME (please print) _____

Amount \$ _____

Telephone number _____

CHRISTMAS DECORATION DONATIONS

We kindly request that if you are able to make a donation towards the poinsettias and other
Christmas decorations for the church this year, please contact the church office. Thank you
for your generosity. May we all enjoy a blessed Christmas season!

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 2010 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 είψε εγκαταλείπει, και την βεβαίωσι αθτή της αγάπης του Θεού την ευρήκε στο πρόσωπο του Χριστού.

Και τώρα τα Χριστούγεννα του 2010 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 προσφέρη την βεβαίωσι αυτή.

Αλλά δεν είναι σπουδαίο μόνον το γεγονός ότι ο Χριστός ήλξε 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 προσφέρη φιλοξενία στον Βασιλέα της Δόξης. Ακόμα και η τελευταία καλύβα είναι ανώτερη από το στάβλο που σηματοδεδυσε την αρχή της επιγειού 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. Κανέναν απολύτως δεν βρίσκεται πέρα από αυτή την αγάπη, και τα Χριστούγεννα μας διδάσκουν ότι καμμιά ανθρώπινη καρδιά δεν είναι τόσο ταπεινή πού 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 2010

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<u>Pastoral visit of Metrop. Methodios Dec.12th for Feast of our Patron Saint Luncheon follows</u>	Fathers Emergency Tel .401-474-7700	Fr.George will visit shut-ins before Christ mas. Please call the office with names.	1. Philaret the Merciful of Armenia.Nahu Nahum the Prophet	2. Habakkuk I Cyril of Phil <u>Office Hour</u>
5.10th Luke. St.Savas Sanctified Orthros. 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m. S.S. / Fellowship	6. St. Nicholas the Wonderworker.	7. St. Ambrose of Milan.Athenodoros of Mesopotamia <u>Office Hours</u> <u>Parish Council Mtng</u>	8. Forefeast of Conception of Theotokos St. Patapios of Thebes	9. Conception Theotokos Orthros. 9:00 Div. Lit.10:00 Office Hours.
12. St. Spyridon Wonderworker. Orthros. 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10.00 a.m. Metrop. Methodios	13. Auxentios and Martyrs of Sebaste Soup Kitchen	14.Thyrsos,Leucius and Callinicus. <u>Visit Shut-ins</u> <u>Office Hours.</u>	15. St. Eleutherios Bishop of Illiria. Susannah Deaconess	16. Haggai Pr Modestos Bish Jerusalem <u>Visit Shut-i</u> <u>Office Hour:</u>
19. <u>Before Nativity</u> Orthros. 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.10:00 a.m. Christmas Program Sun.Sch./Grk. Sch.	20.Forefeast of the Nativity. Ignasius the God- Bearer	21. Forefeast of Nativity. Julian and 630 Companions <u>Office Hours.</u>	22. Anastasia Great Martyr. Chrysogonos Martyr.	23. Ten Martyr Crete. <u>Office Hou</u>
26. <u>After Nativity</u> Orthros.9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.10:00 a.m. No S.S./Fellowship	27. St. Stephen First Martyr. Theodore the Confessor <u>No fasting from Dec.25th –Jan. 4th</u>	28.20,000 Martyrs of Nikomedia. <u>Office Hours</u>	29. 14,000 Holy Innocents. Marcellus Right	30. St. Anysia Thessaloniki. C of Mt. Athos . <u>Office Hour:</u>

Winter Hours Orthros 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.

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<p>uk Prophet Phileus</p> <p><u>Hours</u></p>	<p>3. Zephaniah the Prophet John, Bishop and Hesychast</p>	<p>4. Barbara Gr.Mart. John of Damascus</p>
<p>otion of okos 9:00 a.m. 0:00 a.m. <u>urs.</u></p>	<p>10. Menas, Hermogenes, Eugraphios. Thomas of Bithynia</p>	<p>11. Daniel and Luke, 7:00 p.m.Great Vespers of St. Spyridon. Reception to follow by Philoptochos.</p>
<p>ai Prophet Bishop of alem <u>ut-ins hours.</u></p>	<p>17. Daniel & ThreeHoly Youths Dionysios of Zakinthos</p>	<p>18. Sebastian and his Companions. Michael Synkellios Confessor</p>
<p>artyrs of <u>Hours</u></p>	<p>24.<u>Christmas Eve.</u> Eugenia of Rome. 9:00 a.m. Hours <u>5:30 p.m. Vesperal Div. Lit. of Christmas</u></p>	<p><u>25.HOLY NATIVITY CHRISTMAS DAY</u> Orthros. 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m.</p>
<p>ysia of iki. Gideon ios . <u>Hours</u></p>	<p>31. St. Melania of Rome. Restitution of the Feast of Nativity.</p>	<p><u>JANUARY 1st. 2011 NEW YEAR.</u> St.Basil the Great Orthros. 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.10:00 a.m.</p>

Upcoming Events

December 9—Daughters of Penelope Christmas Party, Atlantic Beach Club

December 12—Our Church’s Feast Day, Luncheon at the Atlantic Beach Club with Metropolitan Methodios

December 19—Christmas Pageant and Greek School Program

Regular Events

Religious Education—Sundays, immediately after Holy Communion

Children’s Greek School—Monday-Thursday, 4-6 p.m.

Adult Greek School—Mondays, 4-6 p.m.

VISIT YOUR
ST SPYRIDON’S
BOOKSTORE
TO FIND THE PERFECT
CHRISTMAS GIFT!



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Well, 2010 is rapidly drawing to a close. It's been a busy year for all of us and I hope that we all can take some time at Christmas to just sit back and relax! BUT, Christmas isn't here yet, and work continues! The most recent Parish Council meeting was held on 2 November 2010. The Council has been working several issues which hopefully now will be drawing to a close:

- D&D Fence Company has been contracted with to make repairs to the parking lot fence damaged during the summer by the uninsured motorist. Repairs will include the re-cementing of two steel posts (knocked loose by the impact), replacement of the affected sections of fence, as well as replacement of all the 2 x 8's which have been weathered over time. The hardware will also be replaced.
- The Church will be working with National Grid and getting energy efficient lighting. The church will pay a portion of the costs (~\$350), with the majority of the costs being borne by National Grid. The church should recoup this investment over the next 2 years in energy savings. These lights will be installed shortly.
- The Church filed an application to the City to have a yellow stripe put in front of the Church Hall doors, in addition to a crosswalk as well as ramping of the sidewalk to make it wheelchair accessible. We are awaiting the City's decision.
- Because of leaks and other problems, new energy efficient windows (multi-paned) will be installed in the men's room, the hall outside the men's room, the kitchen, and the corner window in the hall (near where we keep the coffee pot). The windows are being installed by Nick and Ernie Georgiou and we thank them for working with us!
- Because of cost and service issues, the Church has changed oil companies, which should save the church approximately 35 cents a gallon on heating oil. The elevator has been inspected and an electrical problem has been identified as the cause of its not functioning. Repairs will be undertaken very soon.

Our end of fiscal year is upon us and I strongly urge those who haven't fulfilled their stewardship pledges do so now! As reported during the Fall General Assembly (held on 31 October), it looks like we'll be ending the year approximately \$12,000 in the hole. This is of course UNLESS we all step up and either make our pledge, and/or consider an extra gift to the Church at this holiday season.

At this time, I would like to thank Lily Wong-Panoutsopoulos for all her efforts in taking on the Church's Stewardship program. As you may know, Lily will be unable to fulfill these duties next year, but we thank her and wish her luck! In the meantime, I'd like to thank

George Menas and Stephanie Martland who have stepped up to take on the challenge of Stewardship and revamping the system. I know we will all give them our full support.

At the close of the year, our thoughts naturally turn to how our year went: our triumphs, joys and our sorrows. I like to think that this past year we have grown closer as a community. Certainly, there have been spats and for my part in any of these, I offer my deepest apologies. At the same time, I would like to thank everyone who has taken the time out to help and advise me. It's been appreciated more than you know!

In closing, on behalf of the entire Parish Council, we wish each and everyone one of you a blessed Christmas and New Year and all good things for 2011.

Respectfully submitted,
Zoe Adamedes
Parish Council President
274-1316/zadamedes@yahoo.com

Instead of a blooper, a thought it would be nice to have something of a Christmas theme:

“Why Jesus is Better Than Santa Claus”

Santa Claus lives at the North Pole...JESUS is everywhere.

Santa Claus rides in a sleigh...JESUS rides on the wind and walks on the water.

Santa Claus comes but once a year...JESUS is an ever present help.

You have to wait in line to see Santa Claus...JESUS is as close as the mention of His name.

Santa Claus lets you sit on his lap...JESUS lets you rest in His arms.

Santa Claus doesn't know your name, all he can say is "Hi little boy (or girl,) what's your name?"...JESUS knew our name before we did. Not only does He know our name, He knows our history and He even knows how many hairs are on our heads.

Santa Claus says "You better not cry"...JESUS says "Cast all your cares on me for I care for you."

Santa's little helpers make toys...JESUS makes new life, mends wounded hearts, repairs broken homes and builds mansions.

Santa Claus is a "jolly old elf"...JESUS is the King of Kings.

Santa Claus may make you chuckle but...JESUS gives you joy that is your strength.

While Santa Claus puts gifts under your tree...JESUS became our gift and died on a tree.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

A hearty thank you to all parishioners for making the St. Spyridon Philoptochos major fundraiser/luncheon such a wonderful success. We are please to congratulate the winners of our raffle.

First Prize- Father George

Second Prize- Eliza Pyliotis

Third Prize-Poppy Pyliotis

Our Christmas Get-Together will be held on Wednesday evening, 6:00 pm, December 8 at Portofino Restaurant. This is located in the Royal Plaza Hotel across from Frosty Freeze. We will order off of the menu and all dinners are \$9.95. We hope as many ladies as possible will attend. Please call Elaine Brown at 849-3480 by Sunday, December 5th to let her know if you will be attending.

The Philoptochos will be hosting the coffee hour following St. Spyridon's Vespers on Saturday, December 11th.

A blessed holiday to all and best wishes as we begin a new year.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Dear Families,

Our Christmas pageant is upon us again! The children will be busy in December memorizing their lines and practicing for the big day! On Saturday, December 18th, all children will be asked to come to church and practice. On Sunday, December 19th, the children will perform in the church hall. Hope to see everyone there!

Marianne

IN OUR PARISH

Birth

Thomas and Gina Gianetis welcomed a baby girl, *Sophia*, into the world on September 17, 2010. Sophia joins big sister Hannah into the Gianetis family. Proud grandparents are Costa and Garnet Gianetis. Congratulations to the Gianetis family!!

FEAST DAY OF ST SPYRIDON

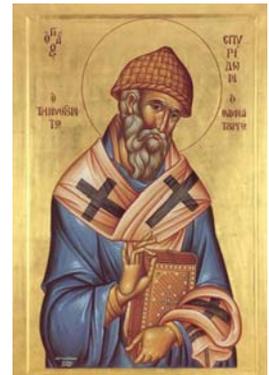
This year we are honored that His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios will be with us to celebrate the Liturgy of the Feast Day of our beloved patron saint, St Spyridon. Please mark your calendars and make every effort to attend this beautiful celebration of our parish feast. The entire community is invited to join His Eminence at a luncheon at the Atlantic Beach Club following Liturgy.

St Spyridon Feast Day Luncheon

Sunday, December 12th, 2010, following Liturgy

Atlantic Beach Club

\$20 for adults, \$5 for children



St Spyridon—December 12th

Spyridon, the God-bearing Father of the Church, the great defender of Corfu and the boast of all the Orthodox, had Cyprus as his homeland. He was simple in manner and humble of heart, and was a shepherd of sheep. When he was joined to a wife, he begat of her a daughter whom they named Irene. After his wife's departure from this life, he was appointed Bishop of Trimythus, and thus he became also a shepherd of rational sheep. When the First Ecumenical Council was assembled in Nicaea, he also was present, and by means of his most simple words stopped the mouths of the Arians who were wise in their own conceit. By the divine grace which dwelt in him, he wrought such great wonders that he received the surname "Wonderworker." So it is that, having tended his flock piously and in a manner pleasing to God, he reposed in the Lord about the year 350, leaving to his country his sacred relics as a consolation and source of healing for the faithful.

Apolytikion in the First Tone

O Father, God-bearer, Spyridon, you were proven a champion and Wonder Worker of the First Ecumenical Council. You spoke to the girl in the grave and turned the serpent to gold. And, when chanting your prayers, most sacred One, angels ministered with you. Glory to Him who glorified you; glory to Him who crowned you; glory to Him who, through you, works healing for all.



Scenes from the Rhode Island Hellenic Community Dinner Dance hosted by AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope on November 21, 2010 at the Atlantic Beach Club.

PROTULIS GREEK SCHOOL NEWS

On Sunday, December 19th the Greek School students will perform the traditional singing of the Kalanta for the St. Spyridon community. This will take place after the Christmas pageant presented by the Sunday School.

We would like to remind the parents that December's Σαββατιάτικη Παρέα (Saturday Gathering) will be held on Saturday, December 18th from 10:00am to 12pm (noon). All Greek School students are asked to be present this day to prepare and rehearse for the December 19th presentation.

Of note, the Protulis Greek School is seeking to establish a lending library consisting of books and audiovisual materials. We are requesting donations of books or audiovisual materials (VHS/DVD/Tape/CD) in Greek (or English) related to Greek language and culture, including children's books, school books, songs, movies, literature, and classical Greek works in the original or translated form. Please give your donations to Basile or leave them at the Bookstore.

We wish everyone a blessed and enjoyable Christmas! Kala Xristouyenna!

Best regards,
Basile Panoutsopoulos & Thanasis Stefanopoulos
Co-Directors, Protulis Greek School

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE AND AHEPA NEWS

The Christmas party for the Daughters of Penelope and AHEPA chapters will be held on Thursday, December 9 at the Atlantic Beach Club. The cost is \$26.50 per person and deadline for reservations is December 2nd. All Ahepans and Daughters and their guests are invited to attend. For more information, please call Marianne Pylotis at 781-760-9450 or Despina Haralambidis at 401-667-7123.

The next Daughters of Penelope meeting of the chapter will be held on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2011 at 7 pm at the Ahepa Housing Complex.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR FRIENDS.

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