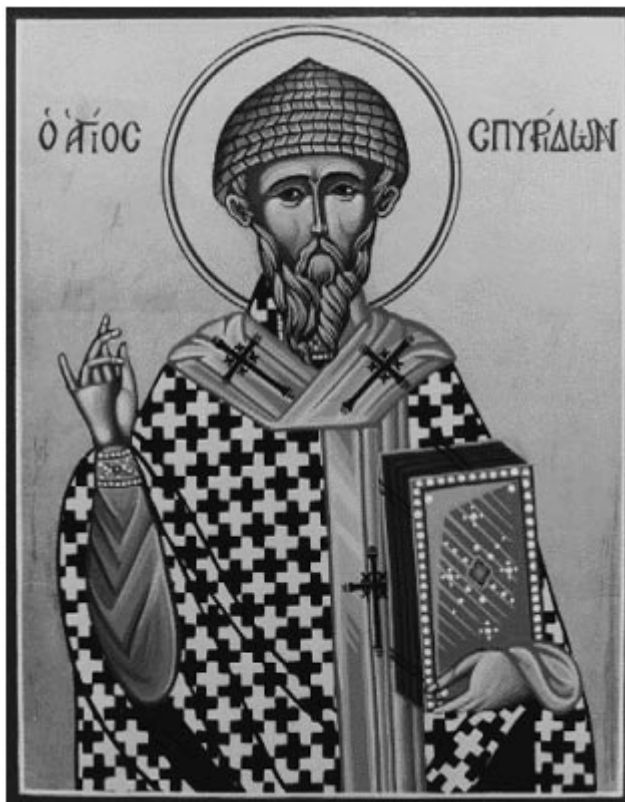


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THE SAINT SPYRIDON VOICE  
JANUARY 2010

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## SAINT SPYRIDON GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Reverend Dr. George E. Economou

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### Office Hours

Priest: Tuesday & Thursday, 10 am—1 pm; For emergencies, call (401) 474-7700 (cell)

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:** Lily Wong-Panoutsopoulos

**Philoptochos President:** Elaine Brown

**Acolytes:** James Mellekas

**GOYA President:** James Mellekas

**JOY Advisor:** Sandy Giannopoulos

**Soup Kitchen:** Sofi Cofield, Rose Apostal  
and Jane Iandolo

### Greek School:

Loula Eliopoulos

Basile Panoutsopoulos (adult classes)

**Bulletin:** Aliko Cooper

([alikooper@yahoo.com](mailto:alikooper@yahoo.com))

### Affiliated Organizations

**AHEPA President:** Basile Panoutsopoulos

**Daughters of Penelope President:**

Ellen Anagnostos

**Island of Skiathos Organization:**

Christina Logothets

### 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

SOME THOUGHTS ON THE NEW YEAR

The last words that were found in Sir Walter Scott's dairy were, "Tomorrow, I shall." But there was no tomorrow for him. He died with good intentions to accomplish a particular goal, but he never had the opportunity to either state or accomplish it.

It seems to me that this curious footnote of history is symbolic of all of us. Most of us live with the very best intentions, and with many positive goals; the problem, however, is that we very seldom accomplish any of them. Like that page in Sir Walter's diary, our life is a series of endless pages with plans that are never realized.

Christ knew fully well that it is all too human for us to have lofty ideals but also procrastinate endlessly so that they never become a reality in our lives. That is why the Bible in all its wisdom warns us to be "doers of the word, and not hearers only."(James 1:22)

Plans, goals, and intentions simply don't count; they are not realities, and never will be until we decide to act on them, and to become doers and not only thinkers or hearers. As a new year begins, we are offered a new opportunity to act. Let this be the year that we renew a friendship, visit the lonely, comfort the grieving and be a participant and involved Christian in the worship, the spiritual, the social and the cultural life of our parish. Let this be a new year that does not add to the story of our life another page of unrealized goals, but rather let it be the year in which many of them are accomplished and we are transformed into the doers of God's word.

A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR 2010

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## ΣΚΕΨΕΙΣ ΕΠΙ ΤΟΥ ΝΕΟΥ ΕΤΟΥΣ

Τα τελευταία λόγια που έγραψε ένας μεγάλος Αγγλος άνδρας της ιστορίας στο ημερολόγιό του ήταν, « Αύριο θα. . . Δυστυχώς όμως το αύριο για τον άνθρωπον αυτόν ποτέ δεν ήλθε. Απέθανε με αγαθές προθέσεις, αλλά δεν του δόθηκε η ευκαιρία να τις πραγματοποιήσει.

Μου φαίνεται όμως ότι η μικρή αυτή υποσημείωσι της ιστορίας συμβολίζει όλους μας. Ολοι ζούμε με καλές προθέσεις και θετικά σχέδια, το πρόβλημα όμως είναι ότι ελάχιστοι από μας τα φέρνουμε εις πέρας. Σαν την σελίδα του ημερολογίου του μεγάλου αυτού άνδρα, η ζωή μας είναι μόνον ατελείωτες σελίδες γεμάτες με καλές αποφάσεις και προθέσεις που δυστηχώς ποτέ δεν εφαρμόστησαν.

Ο Χριστός ήξερε ότι ανθρώπινον είναι να έχει κανείς υψηλά φρονήματα και καλές διαθέσεις, αλλά να τα αναβάλλη συνεχώς ώστε ποτέ να μην δούν το φώς της πραγματικότητας στην ζωήν μας. Γιαυτό ακριβώς το Ευαγγέλιο μας λέγει «Γίνεσθε δε εργάτες του λόγου και μη μόνον ακροατές.» (Ιακ. 1.22)

Σχέδια, προθέσεις, προφορικές αποφάσεις καμμιά αξία δεν έχουν. Δέν είναι πραγματικότητες και ποτέ δεν θα έλθουν σε αποπεράτωσι εάν πρώτα δεν αποφασίσουμε να τις θέσουμε σε εφαρμογή, και να γίνουμε «εργάτες του λόγου του Θεού και όχι μόνον ακροατές του» Τώρα που αρχίζει ένας καινούργιος χρόνος, δίνεται μιά νέα ευκαιρία γιά να τις αξιοποιήσουμε. Ας είναι ο νέος αυτός χρόνος, ένας χρόνος μέσα στον οποίον δεν θα προσθέσουμε άλλες άδειες σελίδες στην ιστορία της ζωής μας, αλλά σελίδες γεμάτες με έργα που πηγάζουν μέσα από την πίστιν μας και μας μεταμορφώνουν σε εργάτες του θείου νόμου που μας προοθούν σε μιά ποιό δυναμική κοινωνία με τούς συνανθρώπους μας, με την Εκκλησία του Χριστού και την κοινότητά μας.

ΕΥΧΟΜΕΘΑ ΤΟ ΝΕΟ ΕΤΟΣ 2010 ΑΙΣΙΟΝ ΕΥΤΥΧΕΣ, ΕΥΛΟΓΗΜΕΝΟ.

## HOUSE BLESSING FOR THE THEOPHANY SEASON

Fr. George is available for the venerable tradition of the blessing of homes after Holy Theophany. He will commence house blessings on 1/8. Many of our parishioners have never taken advantage of this tradition, which is offered for the sanctification of your homes and families. Please call Fr. George at church to arrange a mutually convenient time for your house blessing.

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## SERVICE CANCELLATIONS

As we do each winter, service cancellations on bad weather days will be announced on the church's voicemail system. Simply call the church at 846-0555, and select #4 on the main menu: "additional services for the current week." Make sure to check before departing for church, since the decision to cancel is usually made in the morning, or late afternoon for evening services.

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## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT RESCHEDULED

Due to inclement weather, we had to reschedule the Christmas Pageant—please join us on Sunday, January 3rd for the pageant!

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## THANK YOU

A huge thank you to the volunteers who help with our mailings every month: Mary Champion, Penny Hiotas, Joanne Hologgitas, Esther Lascaris-Viveiros, George Baker and George Anagnostos. Mr. Baker, our custodian, also carries the mailings to the post office for us which is a big help to the secretary. Thanks, George!

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## PHILOPTOCHOS

The Philoptochos will be hosting the annual Vasilopeta on Sun. Jan 10th immediately following church. We look forward to seeing our St. Spyridon Community there. Happy, Healthy, and Blessed New Year to us all.

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## THE HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST, JANUARY 6

Epiphany means “appearance.” Theophany means “the appearance of God.” After Easter and Pentecost, Theophany is considered the third greatest feat of the Orthodox Church, more so than Christmas.

It commemorates the baptism of Christ in the Jordan River by Saint John the Baptist. Saint Cyril states that the beginning of the world was water, the beginning of the Gospel was the Jordan, when the Holy Spirit was revealed to the senses.

The father spoke, saying, “This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased.” The Holy Spirit was seen in the form of a dove hovering over the waters, and Saint John the Baptist bore witness, saying, “Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world.” Jesus took on the sin of the world, symbolically died by being immersed in the Jordan, and rose again out of the Jordan.



## ANASTASIOS THE HIEROMARTYR, JANUARY 22

Magundat, his Persian name at the time, was a magician. When the Persians plundered Jerusalem in the seventh century and stole the Holy Cross, Magundat, then a soldier, saw the Holy Cross and heard the Christian lessons. He went to a church and asked about the lives of the saints in the icons. He went on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and met Patriarch Modestos II and was baptized by him with the name Anastasios. He became a monk at the monastery of Saint Anastasios, studied Greek, and learned the Psalter by heart. He lived there seven years and then had a vision that he was called to be a martyr. He secretly left the monastery and went to several churches, praying to the Theotokos to show him the way. He saw a Persian magician and chastised him, saying he himself had once been the same. He was jailed and taken before the judge and asked to deny Jesus Christ. He refused clearly and was beaten, chained, and made to carry heavy rocks. A vision was seen by the jailers one night showing Anastasios in the company of two other celebrants, all three dressed in white. He was given permission to attend the church service of the Elevation of the Holy Cross, and the Christians reverently kissed his wounds. He was marched to a river and there strangled with seventy other Christians.



FESTIVAL FINANCIAL REPORT 2009

Gross Income \$83,645.00
Gross Expenses <u>\$38,289.28</u>
<b>Net Income \$45,355.72</b> (54% Margin)

	Income	Expenses	Profit	% Margin	
<b>Estimated Revenue by Booth</b> →	Taverna <sup>1</sup>	\$13,565.00	\$45.88	\$13,519.12	100%
	Gyro	\$10,696.00	\$2,949.38	\$7,746.62	72%
	Souvlaki	\$9,057.00	\$1,399.34	\$7,657.66	85%
	Pastry	\$7,711.00	\$1,169.61	\$6,541.39	85%
	Food	\$10,096.00	\$4,156.00	\$5,940.00	59%
	Soda/Water	\$2,393.00	\$179.51	\$2,213.49	92%
	Loukoumathes	\$3,028.00	\$205.26	\$2,822.74	93%
	Marketplace	\$2,587.00	\$1,775.69	\$811.31	31%

<b>Other Income</b> →	Ad Book	\$2,812.00	\$830.60	\$1,981.40	70%
	Raffle <sup>2</sup>	\$21,500.00	\$8,190.73	\$13,309.27	62%
	Donations	\$200.00			
	Post-Sales <sup>3</sup>	\$0.00			

<b>General Expenses</b> →	Bands/Dancers	\$2,800.00
	Logistics <sup>4</sup>	\$3,544.70
	Advertisement	\$1,669.85
	Tent	\$2,994.06
	Police/Fire Detail	\$2,025.00
	Security	\$546.00
	Rubbish	\$580.00
	Licenses	\$155.00
	Propane	\$603.00
	Paper Products	\$2,469.67

<b>Bottom Line</b> →	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$83,645.00</b>	<b>\$38,289.28</b>	<b>\$45,355.72</b>	<b>54%</b>
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**Notes** →

<sup>1</sup> Includes donation of beer/liquor by the Kyriakides Family

<sup>2</sup> Includes donation to church of \$5000 by grand prize winner

<sup>3</sup> \$300 Pastichio sales allocated to Food - All other food returned to vendor for credit.

<sup>4</sup> Includes signs, sound system rental, funds for workers, decorations and bank priming

# JANUARY 2010

Sunday Winter H

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	TH
31. Prodigal Son. Cyrus and John . Orthros. 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m. SunSch/Fellowship		<b>Fathers Emergency</b> Tel .401-474-7700		
<u>3. Before Theophany</u> Orthros. 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m. .SunSch./Fellowship	4. Synaxis of the 70 Apostles. Theoctistus the Righteous.	5. Eve of Theophany Hours.9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.10:00 Blessing of Waters <u>Parish Council Mtg</u>	<b>6. Holy Theophany</b> Orthros. 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m. Blessing of Waters	7. Synaxis of John the Bapt Orthros. 9:00 Div. Lit. 10:00 <u>Office Hours</u>
10. After Theophany Orthros.9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.10:00 a.m. SunSch/Fellowship <u>Vasilopita</u>	11. Theodosios the Cenobiarch. Vitalis of Gaza..  Soup Kitchen	12. Martyr Tatiana Martyr Mertios  <u>Office Hours</u>	13. Hermylos and Stra- tonikos. Maximos the Righteous.	14. Apodosi Theophany. slain at Sinai <u>Office H</u>
17. 1st. Luke. Zakheos St. Anthony Great Orthros.9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.10:00 a.m. SunSch/Fellowship	18. Martin Luther King Jr. Day St Athanasios & Cyril Patr. of Alexandria Xenia the Martyr.	19. Makarios the Great of Egypt.  <u>Office Hours.</u>	20. Euthymios Great Zacharias New Martyr of Patras.	21. Maximos Confessor. N Mart.  <u>Office Ho</u>
<b><u>24. Publican Phari</u></b> <b><u>see. TRIODION.</u></b> Orthros. 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m. SunSch/Fellowship	25. Gregory Theolog. Archbishop of Const. Orthros and Div. Lit. Mansfield. MA	26. Xenophon and Companions.. Symeon the Elder <u>Office Hours.</u>	27. Translation of the Relic of St. John Chry- sostom. Peter Righteos	28. Ephraim Isaac the Syn  <u>Office Ho</u>



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

	<b>FRI</b>	<b>SAT.</b>
	1. <u>New year 2010</u> Circumcision of the Lord. St. Basil Great Orthros. 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m.	2. Pope Silvester. Kosma Patr. of Constantinople.
Saint otist 0 a.m. 00 a.m. E.	8. George Chozebite Dominica Righteous	9. Martyr Polyeuctos Eustratios Wonderwrkr
of Fathers i/ Raitho <u>ours.</u>	15. Paul of Thebes. John cave dweller	16. Veneration of the Chains of Apostle Peter Makarios Kalogeras of Patmos.
s Neophytos <u>urs.</u>	22. Timothy of the 70 Anastasios Persian	23. Clement of Ancyra Agathangelos Martyr
Syrian rian <u>urs.</u>	29. Translation of the Relic of St. Ignatius the Godbearer. Laurence of the Kiev Caves	30. Three Hierarchs Hippolytos of Rome.

**Upcoming Events**

January 3—Christmas Pageant  
(rescheduled)

January 5—Parish Council Meeting,  
7pm

January 13—Daughters of Penelope  
Meeting, 7pm, 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

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

On Sunday, 22 November, our church came together as a family for its Fall General Assembly. The meeting was both productive and informative. The 2010 Budget was approved and the final Festival 2009 financial report was presented (found elsewhere in this bulletin for your review).

The subject of installing air conditioning in the church hall was discussed in depth. Although the consensus was positive, the Assembly requested that the Council obtain quotes to also include air conditioning of the kitchen with a separate thermostat. All agreed that the kitchen becomes unbearably hot in the summer, especially during the festival, and unless we control the movement of hot, humid air from the outside to the inside of the hall and kitchen, then air conditioning would be fruitless. This may require the replacement of exit doors, and the kitchen sliding doors so they seal more effectively. In any event, this is an action to be pursued by the Parish Council in the 2010 calendar year.

Because of the successful 2009 Festival, it is possible that our parish may close the financial year somewhat in the black. Once the final numbers are in, this will be reported to you. This doesn't mean however that certain areas of our income cannot be strengthened, including Stewardship. We all recognize the economic hardships experienced this year as a result of various market forces and on behalf of the entire parish family, I want to sincerely thank all who were able to give to their church (of their time, talent and treasure), in order to see her and her ministries sustained throughout the year. Hopefully, the economy will soon be recovering and those of us who have experienced job loss, wage freezes, or drops in sales will soon see these rebound.

The Nominating Committee presented their nominations for Parish Council to the General Assembly. (As you know, at the Spring General Assembly, corrections to our Parish By-Laws were approved so as to bring them into alignment with the Archdiocese Uniform Parish Regulations. In addition to these changes, the number of seats on the Parish Council was changed to seven (7)). As only 7 names were put forth by the Nominating Committee at the Fall Meeting, no elections will be necessary. Unfortunately, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Koulouvardis both indicated their intentions not to serve on the Council in 2010, as well as our current Vice President Chrissy Logothets. They will be sorely missed. The Parish Council slate consists of the following parish members: Evangelos Giannopoulos, Basile Panoutsopoulos, Thomas Adamedes, Elaine Parkos Holder, Steve Mellekas, Chris Christopher, and the undersigned. These names must be submitted by Father George to the Metropolis for ratification after which the formal swearing-in will occur.

The General Assembly also nominated an Audit Committee to audit the books for 2009. Those who make up the Audit Committee for 2009 are Mr. George Menas, Mr. Tom Lewis, and Mrs. Mersina Christopher-Walsh. We thank them for their generosity in volunteering their time in this important undertaking.

For me, the highlight of the General Assembly was the reporting by the various organizations of our parish family of all the philanthropic and charitable outreach activities in which we participate.

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- Our Soup Kitchen is in its 6<sup>th</sup> year of operation, and over that time has served over 20,000 meals. So many people within the parish donate their time, money, and food to keep this ministry going. The Soup Kitchen also receives a very generous monetary donation every year from an anonymous Aquidneck Island organization, as well as other donations from outside our community.
- Our Philoptochos not only supports our Soup Kitchen, but also actively supports Child and Family Services, the United Way, Feed a Friend, Lucy's Hearth, as well as making major contributions to Newport Hospital. (This is just the activities they support on a local level!)
- Our Ahepa and Daughters of Penelope offer scholarships and are also major benefactors of the Newport Hospital (on the local level) but also support major and significant medical research activities on a national scale.
- Our church collects food for the needy (dry goods) in the collection baskets in the Church Hall. This food is then distributed to local food banks on the island.
- Our parish also is blessed with a very active group of parents who identify needs and then act on them. Over the summer, this group collected a HUGE quantity of used toys (in good condition) and donated these items to the Philoxenia House in Boston. This group is now planning a used furniture collection, again to benefit the Philoxenia house.
- Again, our ad hoc group of moms is always available in case of critical need. Very recently the Church office received a call from one of the local women's shelters that they were running low on diapers, formula and wet wipes. Well, within only a few days, several carloads of items were collected and then brought to the shelter. The magnitude of this generosity was something completely unexpected.

Finally, through the actions of one of our parish family, Marianne Pylotis Fox, a generous donation of child car seats was also made to Philoxenia House, thus allowing the sick and recovering children to be transported back and forth in safety to the hospitals where they were being treated.

I hope that in this coming year even more charitable events and activities can be included. One item definitely to be pursued will be a collection for our troops serving overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan. Our parish can make these donations to our various organizations, but we'd prefer to send "care packages" to those who have a connection to our parish—either sons, daughters, in-laws, etc. Please notify the undersigned for family and friends that we should include in this new outreach effort.

The next Parish Council Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, January 5th 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

## BOOKSTORE NEWS

### *HAPPY NEW YEAR - GIVE A BOOK AS A GIFT*

Bookstore SALE!!!! 20-40%.

All books prices are 20-40% off the suggested retail price.

A book will make GREAT Christmas' gifts for the ones who love to read; for young children; for history buffs; etc...

Come check them out!!! Remember, all monies go back to the Bookstore to purchase new items; support your Bookstore!

**Liturgical Material:** Presanctified Liturgy, Holy Week Services, Incense

**Christian Orthodox Books:** The Orthodox Study Bible, Children's books, Other Books

**Religious CDs:** Christmas Music, Easter Music, Other Music

**Cultural CDs:** Various CDs with popular Greek Music

**Cultural Books:** A guide to the Greek customs and traditions in America by Rouvelas, Other Books

**Icons:** A rich collection of icons in various styles.

**Children's Book in Greek:** A rich collection of books in Greek from religion, mythology and history.

Additional Information: For additional information and special orders please see Lily Wong-Panoutsopoulos.

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## STEWARDSHIP NEWS

### MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

### ΚΑΛΑ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΑ ΚΑΙ ΕΥΤΥΧΙΣΜΕΝΟ ΤΟ ΝΕΟ ΕΤΟΣ

In the following passage there will be names of stewards for the months of October, 2009 until December 7, 2009. A full and complete list of names of all the stewards for the whole year will be in February's bulletin. So, there is still time to send in your pledges/ payments until DECEMBER 31st.

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2009 Stewardship Gift Analysis

# cards mailed	260
# cards returned	124
% returned	47.69%
Total Pledged to Date	\$56,817
Total Received	\$53,846
2009 Stewardship Goal	\$90,000
% of Stewardship Goal	59.83%

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Adamedes, M/M Thomas & Artemis	Medeiros, Mrs. Catherine	Pylotis, M/M Brett & Marianne Fox
Anagnostos, M/M David & Carrie	Mellekas, M/M John & Martha	Rego, M/M Joshua & Lindsey Koutsogiannis
Brown, Mrs. Elaine	Menas, M/M George & Irene	Rozes, Ms. Beatrice
Cooper, M/M Jon & Aliki	Menas, M/M Gilbert & Marianne	Rozes, M/M James & Maureen
Crea, Mrs. Sotiria Moisiades	Michael, M/M Mary	Rozes, Ms. Joan
Diomandes, M/M Steve	Moisiades, M/M Anthony	Rozes, Ms. Mary
Dobrot, M/M Lucien & Gabriela	Moisiades, M/M Constantine & Eleni	Ruiz, M/M Kially
Economou, Fr. George & Presvytera Elaine	Morin, Ms. Melanie	Sisak, Mr. Michael
George, Jim Mr. (Narragansett)	Nelson, Ms. Helen	Soliozy, M/M Charles & Sadie
Jasinski, M/M David & Adeline	Nichols, Mr. Tom	Spiratos, M/M George & Evie
Korolenko, M/M Cyrill & Svetlana	Panteleos, M/M Leon & Popi	St. Peter, M/M Adam & Valerie
Koutsogiannis, M/M Konstantinos & Paraskevi	Parkos, Ms. Nadine	Stefanopoulos, M/M Athanasios & Ourania
Koumas, M/M Sokratis	Parkos, Ms. Jaclyn	Stefanopoulos, M/M Chris & Sofia
Kutsaftis, Mr. Michael	Parkos, Mr. John T., Jr.	Stefanopoulos, Ms. Georgia
Kutsaftis, M/M James	Parkos, Mr. John T., Sr.	Steluta, Mrs. Bordei
Kutsaftis, Mrs. Rose	Perry, Mrs. Gail Karanikolas	Stoupis, Ms. Eva
Kyriakakis, M/M Stephen & Mary	Petropoulos, Ms. Christy	Sullivan, M/M Patrick & Gail
Lascarlis-Viveiros, Mrs. Esther	Petropoulos, M/M George & Agnes	Tasso, M/M Jimmy & Jane
	Petropoulos, Ms. Athena	Violet, Mrs. Catherine
	Petrou, M/M Peter & Marizete	Violet, Mrs. Marguerite
	Psilos, M/M Chris & Connie	
	Psilos, M/M Haralambos	

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Dear Families,

The children were busy in the month of December getting ready for Jesus' birth and the pageant. The children in both Greek School and Religious Education spent time preparing their songs, their lines, their costumes and the preparation of the hall.

**(UPDATE: Please note that due to the inclement weather, the pageant had to be rescheduled for Sunday, January 3rd—please join us!)**

Although we have not yet had the pageant, we would still like to thank all the parents who helped with the costumes, helped decorate the hall, helped with food preparation and helped with the props. We would like to extend a special thank you to the Spentzos and Johnson families for building and donating the crèche and cradle and to the Stefanopoulos family for putting up and decorating the beautiful tree in our hall.

Thank you,  
Marianne

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## NEWPORT HELLENIC DANCERS

We would like to thank all of the parents who helped with baking for the Newport Hellenic Dancers' pastry sale this Christmas. A big thank you also to those who bought the pastries for your support of our children and their great efforts with the dance group.

Lastly, all of the parents of the Newport Hellenic Dancers would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to Sandy Giannopoulos for her coordination of the pastry sale and to Sandy and Vaggelis Giannopoulos for their tireless efforts and dedication towards teaching our children such a beautiful part of our Greek heritage!

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## DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE NEWS

Thank you to all who attended our Christmas Party at the MainStay Inn on December 3rd. A good time was had by all. The next meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2010 at the Ahepa Housing complex at 7 pm. A Very Happy New Year to all.

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## AHEPA NEWS

THE LOCAL AHEPA FAMILY WISHES YOU A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

### **Next AHEPA 245 Meeting:**

The January meeting of the local AHEPA Chapter will take place the Second Tuesday of January.

### **AHEPA Projects:**

Various projects are currently supported by the local chapters of AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope. Please join us and support the preservation and transmission of Hellenic ideas.

### **AHEPA and Daughters Memorabilia Project:**

Points of Contact: Michael Sisak and Basile Panoutsopoulos. Bring your old pictures to preserve them. They will be returned back to you.

### **AHEPA KAFENEIO:**

The fall season of AHEPA Kafeneio is over. We plan to have a spring round with quality movies.

### **What is AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope:**

The mission of the AHEPA Family is to promote Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, and Family and Individual Excellence. 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 and Daughters Scholarships:**

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