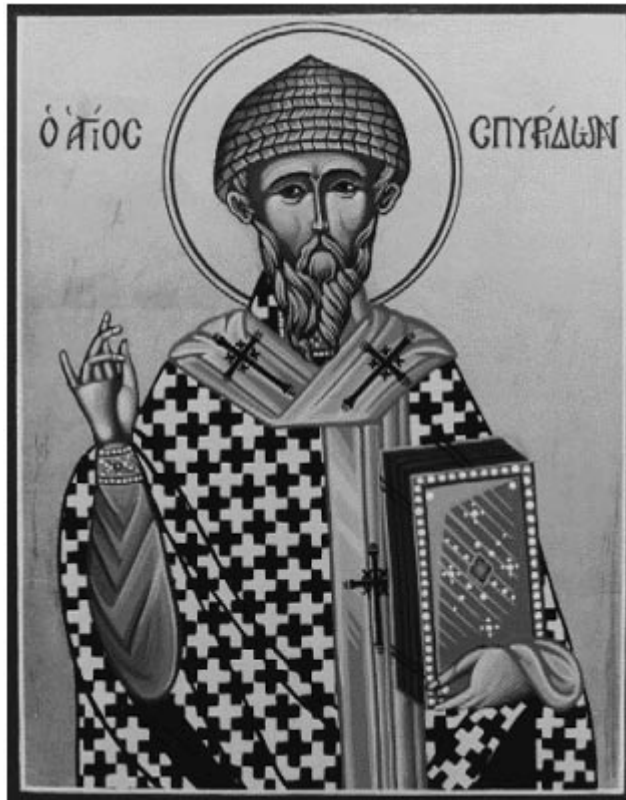


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**Chanters:** George Spiratos  
Basile Panoutsopoulos

**Choir Director:** Paul Cotsoridis

**Organist:** Jane Iandolo

**Religious Education:** Marianne Menas

**Stewardship:** Lily Wong-Panoutsopoulos

**Philoptochos President:** Elaine Brown

**Acolytes:** James Mellekas

**GOYA President:** Missy Mellekas

**JOY Advisor:** Sandy Giannopoulos

**Soup Kitchen:** Sofi Cofield, Rose Apostal  
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Basile Panoutsopoulos (adult classes)

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**AHEPA President:** Basile Panoutsopoulos

**Daughters of Penelope President:**  
Ellen Anagnostos

**Island of Skiathos Organization:**  
Christina Logothets

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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 2010. 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.

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## THE HOLY AND GLORIOUS PROPHET ELIAS THE TISHBITE

Feast Day July 20

Elias of great fame was from Thisbe or Thesbe, a town of Galaad (Gilead), beyond the Jordan. He was of priestly lineage, a man of a solitary and ascetical character, clothed in a mantle of sheep skin, and girded about his loins with a leathern belt. His name is interpreted as “Yah is my God.” His zeal for the glory of God was compared to the fire, and his speech for teaching and rebuke was likened unto a burning lamp. From this too he received the name Zealot.

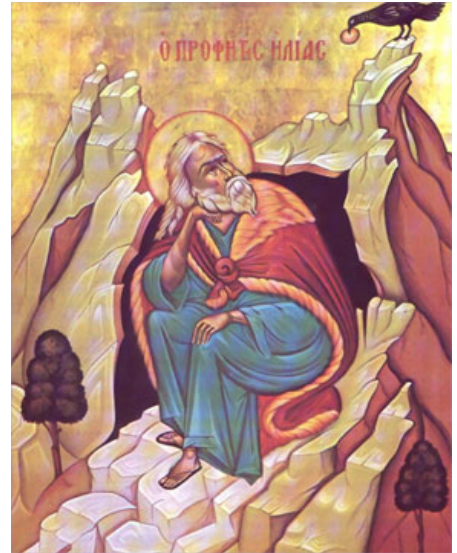
Therefore, set aflame with such zeal, he sternly reproved the impiety and lawlessness of Ahab and his wife Jezebel. He shut up heaven by means of prayer, and it did not rain for three years and six months. Ravens brought him food for his need when, at God’s command, he was hiding by the torrent of Horraath.

He multiplied the little flour and oil of the poor widow of Sarephtha of Sidon, who had given him hospitality in her home, and when her son died, he raised him up. He brought down fire from Heaven upon Mount Carmel, and it burned up the sacrifice offered to God before all the people of Israel, that they might know the truth. At the torrent of Kisson, he slew 450 false prophets and priests who worshipped idols and led the people astray. He received food wondrously at the hand of an Angel, and being strengthened by this food he walked for forty days and forty nights.

He beheld God on Mount Horeb, as far as this is possible for human nature. He foretold the destruction of the house of Ahab, and the death of his son Ohozias; and as for the two captains of fifty that were sent by the king, he burned them for their punishment, bringing fire down from Heaven.

He divided the flow of the Jordan, and he and his disciple Elisseus passed through as it were on dry land; and finally, while speaking with him, Elias was suddenly snatched away by a fiery chariot in the year 895 B.C., and he ascended as though into heaven, whither God most certainly translated him alive.

But from thence also, after seven years, by means of an epistle he reproached Joram, the son of Josaphat, as it is written: “And there came a message in writing to him



from Elias the Prophet, saying, Thus saith the Lord God of David they father, Because thou hast not walked in the way,” and so forth (II Chron. 21:12). According to the opinion of the majority of the interpreters, this came to pass either through his disciples Elisseus, or through another Prophet when Elias appeared to them, even as he appeared on Mount Tabor to the disciples of Christ.

**Apolytikion, Fourth Tone**

The incarnate Angel, the Cornerstone of the Prophets, the second Forerunner of the Coming of Christ, the glorious Elias (Elijah), who from above, sent down to Elisha the grace to dispel sickness and cleanse lepers, abounds therefore in healing for those who honor him.

**Kontakion, Second Tone**

O Prophet and foreseer of the great works of God, O greatly renowned Elias (Elijah), who by your word held back the clouds of rain, intercede for us to the only Loving One.

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## WHAT IS AMERICA

America means far more than a continent bounded by two oceans. It is more than pride of military power, glory in war, or in victory. It means more than vast expanse of farms, or great factories or mines, magnificent cities, or millions of automobiles and radios.

It is more even than the traditions of the great tide westward from Europe which pioneered the conquest of a continent. It is more than our literature, our music, our poetry. Other nations have these things also.

Maybe the intangible we cannot describe lies in the personal experience and the living of each of us rather than in phrase, however inspiring. The meaning of our word “America” flows from one pure spring. The soul of our America is its freedom of mind and spirit in man. Here alone are the open windows through which pours the sunlight of the human spirit. Here alone is human dignity—not a dream, but an accomplishment.



Hon. Herbert C. Hoover, 31st President of the United States

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## HELLENIC FEST UPDATE—JULY 23, 24 & 25, 2010

There will be a festival meeting on Tuesday, July 13th at the Atlantic Beach Club at 7pm. Please plan to attend!

### ***Booth and Area Coordinators***

Thank you to everyone that has already volunteered as a booth and area coordinator.

**We still are looking for coordinators in the following areas!!!**

- Food Booth - COORDINATOR NEEDED (Responsible for scheduling workers and the smooth operation of the Food Booth during the festival)
- Pastry Booth – COORDINATOR NEEDED (Responsible for scheduling workers and the smooth operation of the Food Booth during the festival)

### ***Workshops***

Thank you to everyone who volunteered for the pastitsio, moussaka, spanakopita, and tiropita workshops. There are still pastry workshops to come—please plan to come and help! We have the same *few* people running these workshops each year and they need your help!

### ***Publicity***

We are appreciative of the work of Marianne and Brett Fox who are doing a great job on publicity. Hellenic Fest has a Facebook page so please become a fan on Facebook and recommend it to all of your friends! They will continue to update this page with festival news so make sure you find it today!! You can find it on **Facebook under “Hellenic Fest Newport—2010”**. This Facebook page will also lead you to the Hellenic Fest website created by Ashley Cottrell—check it out!

### ***Festival Book***

As we did last year, we will offer a Festival Ad Book. Please contact Ashley Cottrell (286-9634) to place your family or business ad. 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 OR GREETING TODAY! Deadline for submissions is July 12th!!**

Major Sponsor (full page with banner)	\$250
Full Page	\$100
Half Page	\$50
Quarter Page	\$25
Eighth Page	\$20
Patron List ( <i>Parishioners Only</i> )	\$10

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### ***Raffle***

Our raffle is well underway under the leadership of Chairperson Maria Stefanopoulos Johnson. Tickets this year are \$50 each, with the Grand Prize of \$2500 as well as two (2) \$500 Prizes. This raffle is so tremendously important to the success of our festival! **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!** You may purchase a ticket at one of the local establishments selling tickets: Newport (Mel's Cafenio, Nikolas Pizza), Middletown (Atlantic Beach Club, Flo's Clam Shack, Aquidneck Pizza), Portsmouth (Chris's Diner), Bristol (Bristol House of Pizza), or by contacting Maria.

### ***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.

### ***How Can I Help????***

This year, each booth chairperson will be responsible for ensuring that their booth is fully staffed. If you are not contacted directly by a Booth or Area Coordinator, please sign up on the volunteer board in the church hall in the area in which you want to help (food, pastry, cultural, etc), and you will be contacted. Or, you may contact the Booth Coordinator directly. Remember, our Festival is our #1 fundraiser (outside of Stewardship) so it's very important to our church's financial stability.

We ask our beloved parishioners to kindly let us know where and when they can help out during the festival. We can not be successful without everyone's participation ... **PLEASE, PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO ONCE AGAIN MAKE THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL A GREAT SUCCESS!!**

### ***Festival Set Up***

Please note that this year set up for the festival will begin on **WEDNESDAY, July 21st** to prevent us from having to do everything on Thursday. So set up will be on Wednesday and Thursday, July 21 and 22. Please plan to come out and help!

### ***Photos***

Please forward any good photos you have of Hellenic Fest 2010 to Ashley Cottrell at [hellenicfest2010@yahoo.com](mailto:hellenicfest2010@yahoo.com) so she may update the website!

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Hello families,

Our summer is going to fly by! In August we will have our summer retreat! Also, registration forms will be emailed out again to all families. There will be some items to donate to the classes and some items to donate to our Orthodox brothers and sisters in other parts of the world.

Marianne Menas

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## NEWPORT HELLENIC DANCERS NEWS

The Newport Hellenic Dancers are hard at work learning and practicing their routines for Hellenic Fest 2010. This year the performances have an Island Theme. We will continue to practice during July so please look out for email announcements regarding times. If you are not receiving emails about practice times, please email Vaggeli Giannopoulos at [e.giannopoulos@verizon.net](mailto:e.giannopoulos@verizon.net)

Currently, the dancers are scheduled to perform at the following times:

<b>Friday</b>	Young Performers at 6:00pm Seasoned Dancers at 8:30pm
<b>Saturday</b>	Young Performers at 6:00pm Seasoned Dancers at 7:30pm (**new time**)
<b>Sunday</b>	Young Performers at 3:00pm Seasoned Dancers at 5:00pm

Our children practice so hard for this each year. Please let your friends and family know to set aside the weekend for this event and come out and support our dancers!

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## *GIVE THANKS BY FATHER MAKARIOS*

We all enjoyed having Fr. Makarios with us while Fr. George was on vacation and were especially touched by the song about Giving Thanks which he sang and spoke of in one of his sermons. Peter Antonopoulos had him record the song and offered to share it. A link to the song can be found on the opening page of our website: [www.stspyridonchurch.org](http://www.stspyridonchurch.org).

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## STEWARDSHIP 2010

The payments are coming in and I want to thank all the parishioners of the church that have contributed and or have yet to contribute to the church. Can you believe it!!! It's already July (where has the summer gone!!!) The following is a list of the stewards that have paid up till June 6, 2010. I understand that this will be a combined bulletin for the months of July & August. Have a great summer and hope to see everybody at the Greek Festival this year!!!!

The next updated list will most likely appear in the October issue.

Adamedes, M/M Thomas & Artemis	Farias, M/M David & Angela	Meares, M/M Spyridon
Agias, Mr. John	Ms. Fotiadis, Kiriaki	Meiczinger, Ms. Paula
Alexakos, Dr. Frances	George, Mr. Jim (Narra.)	Menas, M/M George & Irene
Anagnostopoulos, Dr./M Cons. & Eleni	Georgiou, M/M Ernie & Pam	Moisiades, M/M Anthony & Julia
Anagnostos, M/M David & Carole	Haralambidis, Dr./M Cosmas & Despina	Panteleos, M/M Leon & Popi
Antonio, M/M Steven & Lisa	Holder, M/M Charles & Elaine	Parkos, Mr. John T., Sr.
Antonio, M/M Tom & Estelle	Hologgitas, Mr./ Dr. Gus & Joanne	Petropoulos, M/M George & Agnes
Parkos	Houlihan, Hon./M Terrence & Pamela	Petropoulos, Mr. Christos
Antonopoulos, Drs. Peter & Ellen	Janaros, Mr. Emmanuel	Petropoulos, Mrs. Athena
Bartis, M/M Canelo & Anastasia	Jennings, M/M Steven & Elizabeth	Psilos, Haralabmos Mr. & Mrs.
Bonafas, M/M Nicholas & Diane	Karanikolas, M/M Nick & Margaret	Stefanopoulos, M/M Athanasios & Ourania
Borodemos, Mrs. Angie	Karapatakis, M/M Steven	Stefanopoulos, M/M Christos & Sofia
Canale, M/M Greg & Zinovia	Koulouvardis, M/M Harry & Antigone	Sullivan, M/M Patrick & Gail
Caragianis, Mr. William	Koutsogiannis, M/M Konstantinos & Paraskevi	Tsaparas, Koula
Caragianis, Mrs. Nina	Krones, Ms. Christine	Violet, Mrs. Marguerite
Cooper, M/M Jonathan & Alik	Kyriakakis, M/M Stephen & Mary	Volpicelli, Ms. Angela
Cotsoridis, Mr. Paul	Mazzulli, M/M Armand & Nancy	Volpicelli, Ms. Stella
Daglis, Ms. Mary		Walsh, Mrs. Mersina
Dedreux, Mr. Bill		Christopher
Demetriou, M/M James & Rosemary		Williams, M/M John & Kathryn
Demopulos, Mr. Harold W.		
Diomandes, M/M Steve		
Diomandes, Mr. Kerry		
Dobrot, M/Dr. Lucian & Gabriela		
Economou, Fr. George & Presvytera Elaine		

# JULY 2010

**Sunday Summer H**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
	<u>Regular</u> <u>Office Hours</u> <u>Tuesdays/ Thursdays</u> Fathers Emergency Tel. # 401-474-7700			1. Cosmas & I the Unmercer  <u>Office Hour</u>
4. 6th of Mathhew. Andrew of Crete. <b>Independence Day</b> Orthros 8:30 a.m. Div. Lit. 9:30 a.m.	5. Athanasios of Mt. Athos. Lampadus the Wonderworker	6. Sisoes the Great. Archipus, Philemon and Onesimus  <u>Office Hours</u> 7.00 p.m.PC. Mtg.	7. Thomas of Maleon Kyriaki Great Martyr	8. Prokopios th Great Marty  <u>Office Hour</u>
11. 7th Matthew Euphemia Grt.Mart. Orthros. 8:30 a.m. Div. Lit. 9:30 a.m..	12. Proklos,Hylarios of Ankara	13. Synaxis of Archangel Gabriel  <u>Office Hours</u>	14. Aquila of the 70. Joseph the Confessor	15.Julitta & K Vladimir, Equ Apostles.  <u>Office Hou</u>
18 Sunday of the Holy Fathers Orthros. 8:30 a.m. Div. Lit. 9:30 a.m.	19. Macrina sister of St. Basil the Great.	20. Elias the Prophet Orthros. 8:30 a.m. Div. Lit. 9:30 a.m.  <u>Office Hours</u>	21. Symeon the Fool for Christ.	22. Mary Ma Myrrhberer  <u>Office Hour</u>
25. 9th Matthew. Orthros. 8:30 a.m. Div. Lit.9:30 a.m. <b><u>Hellenic Fest</u></b>	26. Hermolaos and Companions. Paraskevi of Rome	27.Panteleimon Gr.M Orthros. 8:30 a.m. Div. Lit. 9:30 a.m.  <u>Office Hours</u>	28. Prochoros,Nicanor Timon, & Parmenas of the 70 Apostles.	29.Kallinikos Minor. Theodc her children, N  <u>Office Hour</u>

**Hours** Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

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s & Damian mercenaries  <u>Hours</u>	2. Deposition of the Robe of the Theotokos at Vlachernae. Juvenal, Patriarch .of Jerusalem	3.Hyacinth of Caesarea Anatolios, Patriarch of Constantinople
os the Martyr  <u>Hours</u>	9. Pancratios, Bishop of Sicily	10. 45 Martyrs of Nikopolis, Armenia
& Kyriakos Equal to the  <u>Hours</u>	16.Athenagoras of Heracleopolis Julia of Carthage	17.Marina of Antioch Veronika & Speratos the Martyrs.
r Magdalene, r  <u>Hours</u>	23. Phocas, Bishop of Sinope. Ezekiel the Prophet.  <b><u>Hellenic Fest</u></b>	24.Christina the Great Martyr. Athenagoras the Apologist.  <b><u>Hellenic Fest</u></b>
ikos of Asia eodote and en, Martyrs  <u>Hours</u>	30. Silas & Silvanos of the 70 Apostles.	31. Forefeast of the Precious Cross. Joseph of Arimathea

**Upcoming Events**

July 10—St Spyridon Orthodox  
 Christian Film Festival, 9:30

July 23—25—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 2010

Sunday Summer H

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
<p>10th Matthew. <b><u>Dormition of Theotokos Fast Begins.</u></b> Orthros. 8:30 a.m. Div. Lit, 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>2. Relics of Stephen the 1st Martyr. <b><u>Strict fast</u></b></p>	<p>3. Isaacius, Dalamatus Fastus. Salome Myrbr <b><u>Office Hours</u></b> 5:00 p.m. Paraklisis 7:00 p.m. PC mtg</p>	<p>4. 7 Holy Youth. of Ephesus <b><u>Strict fast</u></b></p>	<p>5. Forefeast of Transfiguration <b><u>Office Hours</u></b> 5:00 p.m. Paraklisis <b><u>the Theotokos</u></b></p>
<p>8 11th of Matthew. Emilian of Cyzikos Myron Wonderwork. Orthros: 8:30 a.m. Div. Lit. 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>9. Matthias Apostle of the 70. Anthony of Alexandria <b><u>Strict fast</u></b></p>	<p>10. Lawrence Archdeacon of Rome <b><u>Office Hours</u></b> 5:00 p.m. Paraklisis to the Theotokos</p>	<p>11. Euolus, Archdeacon of Catania <b><u>Strict fast</u></b></p>	<p>12. Photios and Aniketos of Nicomedeia <b><u>Office Hours</u></b> 5:00 p.m. Para</p>
<p><b>15. Dormition of the Theotokos.</b> Orthros: 8:30 a.m. Div. Lit. 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>16. Deomedes of Tarsus</p>	<p>17. Myron of Cyzikos <b><u>Office Hours</u></b></p>	<p>18. Floros, Lauros of Illyria</p>	<p>19. Andrew and 2,593 Soldiers <b><u>Office Hours</u></b></p>
<p>22. 13th Matthew Agathonicus &amp; comp Orthros: 8:30 a.m. Div. Lit. 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>23. Apodosis of the Feast of Dormition. Ireneaus Bishop of Lyon</p>	<p>24. Eutyches Hieromtr <b><u>Office Hours</u></b></p>	<p>25. Return of body of St. Bartholomew. Titus of the 70.</p>	<p>26. Adrian, Nat 33 Companion <b><u>Office Hours</u></b></p>
<p>29. <b>Beheading of St. John the Baptist</b> Orthros. 8:30 a.m. Div. Lit. 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>30. Alexander, John and Paul the new. Patriarchs of Constan</p>	<p>31. Honorable Sash of the Theotokos <b><u>Office Hours.</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>1st of September Beginning of the New Ecclesiastical Year.</u></b></p>	<p>2. September Mamas the ma <b><u>Emergency N</u></b> <b><u>1-401-474-770</u></b></p>

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s and of a <u>Hours.</u> <u>Paraklisis to</u>	13. Apodosis of the Feast of Transfiguration <b><u>Strict fast</u></b>	14.Forefeast of the Dormition 7:00 p.m. Great Vespers of the Dormition Pawtucket
w and his Soldiers <u>Hours</u>	20.Samuel Prophet Lukios Counselor	21.Thaddeus of the 70 Bassa and her sons.
1,Natalia and nions <u>Hours.</u>	27. Poimen the Great Phanourios Gr.Mart	28. Moses the Black. Diomedes and Lawrence
iber e martyr  <b><u>cy Number</u></b> <b><u>-7700</u></b>	<b><u>3. September.</u></b> Anthimos of Nicomedeia	<b><u>4. September.</u></b> Babylas Hieromartyr Moses,Prophet and Godseer

**Upcoming Events**

Religious Education Summer  
Retreat—Date TBA

**Regular Events**

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

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



## 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.



## PROTULIS GREEK SCHOOL NEWS

The Greek School concluded a successful academic year and also kicked off the beginning of summer on Sunday, June 20th by presenting an enjoyable program consisting of end of school year/summer-themed poems, songs and a beach-oriented play.

We would like to congratulate the students listed below who were presented with a Certificate of Completion for the 2009-2010 academic year:

Panos Panagiotopoulos	Theodoros Panoutsopoulos	Nikos Spentzos
Anastasia Psilos	Panagiotis Panoutsopoulos	Stathis Panagiotopoulos
Bobby Psilos	Christos Johnson	Melina Johnson
Eleni Cooper	Priamos Koumas	Christos Soares
Emily Sullivan	Sofia Stefanopoulos	George St. Peter
Isabel Petrou	Theodoros Kyriakakis	Maria Johnson
Dimitris Moisiades	Pauline Cooper	

Anastasia Psilos was also recognized for earning The Three Hierarchs Award of Excellence, which was awarded for exceptional performance in her Greek School studies this year.

The “Nipiagogeio” (Pre-K group) entertained those in attendance with a short, clever and proficient presentation. This year the group consisted of Eleni Haralambidis, Eleni Soares, Giannis Spentzos and Athanasia Stefanopoulos.

All the students were presented with a Greek-English dictionary as a gift that they can utilize over the summer to help further build their Greek vocabulary.

The St. Spyridon Church community would like to express its sincere appreciation to Kyria Loula Eliopoulos, the teacher for the Protulis Greek School, for her tireless efforts to help teach the children of our community the Greek language and culture.

We also wish to thank K. Eleni Anagnostopoulos (Nipiagogeio) and Basile Panoutsopoulos (Adult Classes) for volunteering their time this past year to teach their respective classes. Finally, epharisto to the families of the students for making their Greek studies a priority

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“Nipiagogeio” (Pre-K group)



Anastasia Psilos  
Winner of the Three Hierarchs  
Award of Excellence



2009—2010 Protulis Greek School

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## IN OUR PARISH

### **Graduations**

*Trevor Kutsaftis* graduated from Middletown High School and will attend Roger Williams University in the fall. Trevor is the son of James and Laura Kutsaftis. We wish him every success.

*Parthena Christina Kyriakides* graduated from Portsmouth Abbey. She is the daughter of Anna and Harry Kyriakides.

*Spiros Eliopoulos* graduated from Brown University with a Masters in Computer Science. He is working on building his own software company in Providence.

### **50th Anniversary**

Congratulations to *George and Evelyn Spiratos* who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 10th. The Spiratos' are the proud parents of four children and three grandchildren. Best wishes to the Spiratos family!

### **Death**

*Helen Hagopian* fell asleep in the Lord on May 21. She is survived by her daughter, Elaine and her husband Stanley Brown, Grandsons Kevin and Gregory and 4 great grandchildren. Our deepest sympathy to all of her family. May her memory be eternal.

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## 2015 VIDEO BRAINSTORMING SESSION (PIZZA PARTY)

Everyone is welcome to chime in and offer their thoughts regarding a possible, home-made, collaborative video project to be finished in 2015 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church in Newport which will occur in 2015. A brainstorming session will be held in the community hall with the doors opening at 7:00 PM, Friday, 9 July. The following day will be the annual St. Spyridon Orthodox Christian Film Festival, and the film festival committee will supply the pizza and drinks for the Friday evening event. Anyone who cannot make the brainstorming session can submit their ideas to anyone in the film festival committee.

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## ST SPYRIDON ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FILM FESTIVAL

Come to the church hall on **Saturday, July 10**, and enjoy the 10th 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 big vessel and there is room for everybody. Even if you miss the films, you are still welcome on the boat ride. Hope to see you there!



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## AHEPA NEWS

### News

Alex Antonopoulos is attending Salve Regina University and is the recipient of AHEPA Chapter 245 Scholarship.

### Next AHEPA 245 Meeting

The next meeting will take place the second Tuesday of September.

### Panhellenic Scholarship Foundation

For more information, please visit: <http://www.panhellenicscholarships.org/>  
(Deadline August 2nd!)

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## DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE NEWS

The Daughters are pleased to welcome Agnes Petropoulos and her daughter Valerie St. Peter into our chapter. They were initiated at the last meeting before the summer break. Over 45 members, Ahepans and guests enjoyed our end of the year banquet on June 16. Anyone interested in joining our chapter please contact membership chairman Maria Stefanopoulos-Johnson for an application. Have a great summer and we'll see you at Hellenic Fest 2010!



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