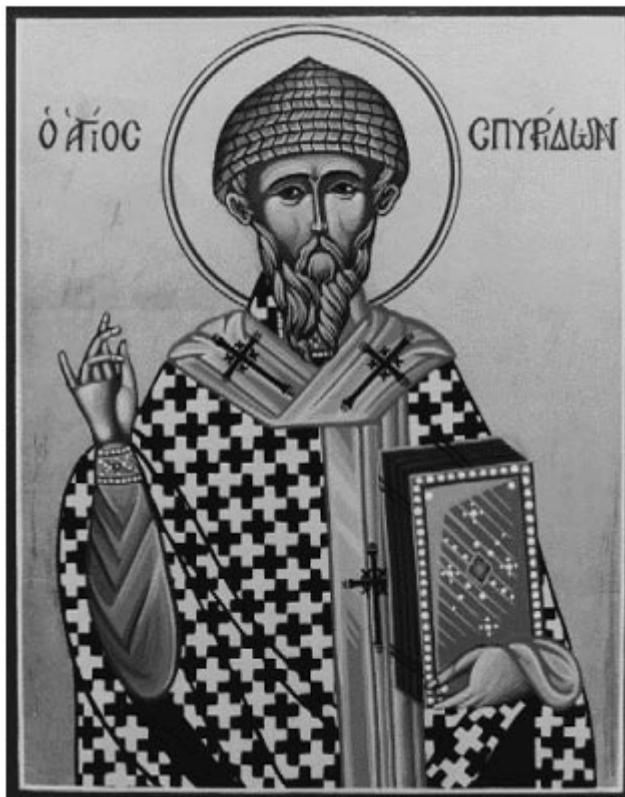

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Summer Hours

Orthros 8:30 am

Divine Liurgy 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

The Holy Spirit by Fr. Phillip Zymaris

To speak of the Holy Spirit, to attempt to explain faith in Him using our rational human speech, is immeasurably more difficult than to speak of the Father and the Son. God, as Creator of the world, as the loving Father, as the Almighty - this our minds can partially grasp. And we believe in His only-begotten Son because we have come to trust and love Jesus Christ, who Himself affirms that He is the Son of God. But when we attempt to speak of the Holy Spirit it becomes difficult, if not impossible, for us to feel, to understand, to realize His differentiation from the Father and the Son, or, more simply, to understand the meaning of the Church's faith in the Triune God, in One God who reveals Himself to us in Three Persons. It is this understanding of God, this religious experience of Him which the Church has always considered the pinnacle of faith, the height of spiritual life, of that final and all-encompassing truth, the knowledge of which is what the Gospel calls eternal life.

In ancient Hebrew, the language in which the Old Testament was written, the word for spirit is ruach, whose first meaning is wind, a power invisible to the eyes which nevertheless causes things to move, an invisible yet obvious life force. And therefore, when we apply the word "spirit" to God, we affirm at once both His invisibility and His presence, His activity, His life-giving force in the world and in life. The Holy Spirit is God's presence in all places and at all times. This is why we call Him Spirit, then Lord, and finally "the Giver of Life." Without experiencing this presence of the invisible yet perceptible God, God for us would only be an idea, and even then only the weakest, most unverifiable, most abstract of all ideas. We cannot "show" God to people, and therefore we cannot "prove" Him, just as we can neither show nor prove the joy and beauty of the sun's rays to someone blind from birth; just as we are unable to prove the radiant spirit of Pushkin's work to a person who does not know Russian and cannot read his words. The idea of God can be argued endlessly without conclusion. But the experience of His spiritual presence requires no proof whatsoever and was described once and for all by the Apostle Paul as "joy and peace in the Holy Spirit" (Rom ' 14:17).

Thus we pray to the Spirit: "Come and abide in us!" We call on Him saying: "Comforter, Treasury of blessings, Giver of Life ... ", And in answer He comes to abide in us, to lead us, as Christ promised, into all truth (cf. Jn 16: 12), to give us eternal life. This then is the radiant mystery of Christian faith, the mystery of God who is Trinity, the God who is Love.

THE LIVES OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

The Holy Apostle Peter

The son of Jonah and brother of Andrew the First-Called, of the tribe of Simeon and the town of Bethsaida, he was a fisherman and was at first called Simon, but the lord was pleased to call him Cephas, or Peter (In 1 :42). He was the first of the disciples to give clear expression to his faith in the lord Jesus, saying: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God" (Mt 16:16). His love for the lord was very strong, and his faith in Him went from strength to strength.

When the lord was put on trial, Peter denied him three times, but it needed only one look into the face of the lord, and Peter's soul was filled with shame and repentance. After the descent of the Holy Spirit, Peter became a fearless and powerful preacher of the Gospel. After his first sermon in Jerusalem, about 3,000 souls were converted to the Faith. He preached the Gospel throughout Palestine and Asia Minor, in Italy and Illyria. He performed many wonders, healing the sick and raising the dead, and even his shadow had the power of healing the sick. He had a major struggle with Simon the Magician, who declared himself to be from God but was actually a servant of the devil. He finally put him to shame and overcame him.

Peter was condemned to death on the order of the wicked Emperor Nero, a friend of Simon's. After installing Linus as Bishop of Rome and exhorting and encouraging the flock of Christ there, Peter went to his death with joy. When he saw the cross' before him, he asked the executioner to crucify him upside-down, because he felt himself unworthy to die in the same way as his lord. And so this great servant of the greatest Master went to his rest and received a crown of eternal glory.

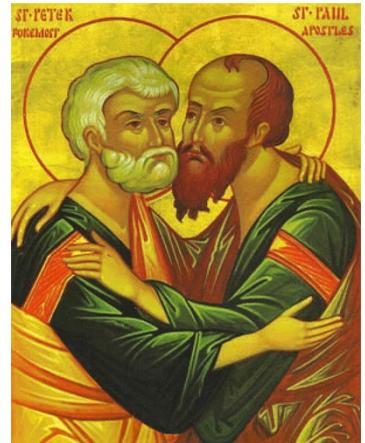
The Holy Apostle Paul

Born in Tarsus and of the tribe of Benjamin, he was formerly called Saul and studied under Gamaliel. He was a Pharisee and a persecutor of Christians. He was wondrously converted to the Christian faith by the lord Himself, who appeared to him on the road to Damascus. He was baptized by the Apostle Ananias, named Paul and enrolled in the work of the Great Apostles.

He preached the Gospel everywhere with burning zeal, from the borders of Arabia to the land of Spain, among both the Jews and the heathen, and receiving the title of "The Apostle to the Gentiles." His fearful sufferings were matched only by his superhuman endurance. Through all the years of his preaching, he hung from day to day like a thread between life and death.

Filling his days and nights with toil and sufferings for Christ, organizing the Church in many places and receiving a high level of perfection, he was able to say: "I live, yet not I but Christ lives in me" (Gal 2:20). He was beheaded in Rome in the reign of Nero, at the same time as St. Peter.

-From the Prologue from Ochrid by St. Nikolai Velimirovic.



SUNDAY SUMMER HOURS

Sunday Summer Hours begin **Sunday, June 6th**. The times will be as follows:
Orthros 8:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Mersina and Ken Walsh who very generously donated a much needed paper shredder to the church office. They saw a need and responded - many thanks!

METROPOLIS OF BOSTON LAITY AWARD

The Parish Council has selected Council President Zoe Adamedes to be honored at the Metropolis of Boston Laity awards. Zoe has been on the Parish Council for many years, serving in various capacities including the office of President. Zoe has been a member of the choir for many years and served on many committees throughout her years of service to St. Spyridon Church. She is very deserving of this honor.

The awards will be presented on June 13th at Lombardo's Restaurant in Randolph Mass. Anyone wishing to attend, please call the church office.

PHILOPTOCHOS

The St. Spyridon Philoptochos scholarship has been awarded to James Mellekas with great pleasure. James is graduating from Rogers High School this year and will be attending the University of Rhode Island. I know you will all join us in extending our heartfelt congratulations to him. I am sure Toula is smiling. She was so devoted to the work of the Philoptochos.

Please look for future dates as we develop the new calendar. Enjoy the summer!

STEWARDSHIP 2010

The midyear report will be mailed soon. All Stewardship material has been mailed. Please complete and return back your form. Please, complete all parts of the form: Personal information, Pledge of Resources, and Pledge of Time and Talent.

A BOY'S TRIBUTE TO HIS DAD (AUTHOR UNKNOWN)

Dear Dad: I've been looking for a card to send you which would in a measure express what is in my heart to say to you. But I have found none to suit. So I'm writing this letter to let you know what you've meant to me through the years.

First of all, I'd like to tell you that your patient love and protection have not all been lost. Doubtless there are many things you've done for me; many thoughts and plans that you've entertained on my behalf, which have never found their way to my inner consciousness at all.

But you will like to know that some of your fatherliness has found me! After long years, I've begun to appreciate it. Time, the greatest alchemist, turned the common ore to gold. Or perhaps I should say that it always was pure gold, only now my eyes have been anointed and whereas I was blind to your golden qualities, now I am able to see them. Secondly, Dad, I'd like to hold up the ideal, so that it may create a desire in others to become to their children what you have always been to me.

Thirdly, I want intellect and heart to grasp this fact: that the best of earthly fathers is but a faint reflection of what the heavenly Father is. I'm proud to remember that you worked with your hands as well as with your head. Do you remember the day when as a little boy I was playing tug of war? It was the little boys against the bigger boys. You watched us pulling; watched the little fellows straining every nerve against their competitors; yet, slowly, surely ... losing. Then—I can see you yet—you went stealthily behind the smallest hindermost boy, and how you pulled! Over topped the big boys, dragged right into the territory of the weaker side. That one action is representative of you. You were always throwing your weight on the other side. It was your delight to secure victory for the feeble, pitted against the strong.

I remember, too, Dad, thinking as a very small kid of the Judgment Day. Oh, I know I've never expressed these inner feelings to you before, but this one thing I must tell you now. I imagined myself standing with the small and great before the Great White Throne, when the Books were opened in Heaven. I didn't know then about the Other Book, or, if I did, I didn't understand how my name was going to be written there. And so I planned in my frightened brain that I'd be sure to stand very close to you; that I'd hold your hand so tight, no one could tear me from your side. I imagined that in this way, I, your week dependent one, might slip through to the joys of heaven. It was a poor tangle of error, of course, but I venture to think it was a stepping-stone to a great truth. I was so sure you'd not wish to be separated from me there. I had learned as a toddling child that fathers know how to love. But I know that even you couldn't get me a passport into heaven. That is the prerogative of the Only Begotten Son of God. You couldn't by all right of your strength place your trembling child among the circle of the redeemed; but this I say—you did point the way in. Oh, that every father would do that! If father's knew how their influence tell and weighs, they would be more particular about many things. I feel so glad and proud, Dad, that you were one of those who felt your responsibility.

Well, Dad, there is much more I could say but I don't want to make you weary. All I can say now in closing is that in your life I find an analogy most precious. As you were close to me as a boy, our Heavenly Father is not far from every one of us, His sin-sick children. He does not require us to put our wants in words. He's not hard of hearing. He's very near, all powerful and supremely tender.

Like as a father pitieth, God pities me—so David saith. I'm groping at it—grasping at it, rather, because, you see, God's so—so—loving—if He's like my father!

From *A Look at the World Through a Look at the Book* (precursor to *Pulpit Helps*), August 19, 1971, compiled by Austin L. Sorenson.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO FATHERS OF OUR PARISH!

BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE



June 11th

Bartholomew was crucified twice while spreading the Gospel of Jesus. He was one of the twelve apostles and at times preached with the Apostles Philip and John the Theologian. Once,

Bartholomew and Philip, by prayer, killed a snake that was housed and worshiped in a pagan temple and also healed a blind man. They were crucified and immediately there was an earthquake that killed their pagan judges and a part of the crowd. Seeing this, the pagans hastened to save the apostles, but Philip had already died. Bartholomew lived to translate the Gospel and teach in India. In Armenia, he was again crucified, but this time he was also beheaded by the brother of a girl he had cured of madness. He was buried in a lead coffin, and when his miracles continued because of his relics, the coffin was thrown into the sea. But the coffin would not sink, instead it floated to the island of Lipara. The bishop there had been waiting for it, having been foretold in a dream. Bartholomew appeared to Joseph the Hymnographer and blessed him to create “streams of heavenly wisdom” which are still powerful presence in church music today. He also appeared to an emperor insuring that he would protect his town. His relics were finally translated to Rome.

METHODIOS, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE



June 14th

Methodios was tormented and humiliated because of his support of the icons, yet he endured and prevailed. Born in ninth-century Sicily, he was well educated

before he became a monk. In a short time he became the abbot of his Monastery in Henolakkos near Byzantium. Then Patriarch Nicephonos appointed him Archbishop of Kyzikios. Methodios was known for his efforts to better and spiritually elevate his people as well as for his staunch defense of the icons. For the latter the emperor had him exiled and imprisoned under inhuman conditions with thieves, in dampness, without light or enough food for seven years. Empress Theodora released him and elevated him to patriarch, and yet the heretics pursued him. They hired a woman and she accused him of having physical relations with her. His defense before the court put the heretics to shame. Finally, Methodios and Empress Theodora together convened a general synod and reaffirmed the veneration of icons.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Monthly Parish Council meeting was held on Tuesday, May 4th. Items relative to church repairs were reviewed. During the past month, the following actions were completed.

1. The Warranty repair of the leak in the church roof was completed. (As this leak also damaged some of the paint underneath the balcony in the church, this must still be repaired).
2. All American Painting continues to work on painting the outside of the church hall. As mentioned last month, they are donating the labor and materials for this work and have promised to have it completed by the Festival.
3. The exit doors were repaired to prevent water from blowing in the church.
4. The sump pumps in the cellar were replaced.
5. The leaking bathroom sink fixtures were also replaced.
6. We are still working on UG Nason for the AC in the church hall.

As we all know by now, our dear Father George and Presvytera Elaine will be in Australia until June 18th. During their absence, arrangements will be made for substitute priests to serve our parish. Should an emergency arise during this time, please contact either the church office, or me directly (401-441-0456) so your needs can be taken care of.

Festival planning continues, and I don't have to stress that in order to be successful, we need the help of everyone in the parish. This "help" can be in the form of donating your time to work at the festival, buying a few raffle tickets, taking out an ad in the festival ad book, or by assisting in underwriting the costs of the festival by buying certain items. I'm not sure if at this time this list is completed, but when it is, the items will be listed in the weekly bulletins and also emailed to the community.

I'd like to discuss now how we, as a Parish, use the church refrigerator and the freezer. As the festival is fast approaching, we again must ask that EVERYTHING placed by individuals within these appliances be removed by 30 May or these items will be thrown out by the undersigned. If you HAVE placed anything in the refrigerator or the freezer which is not festival or prosforo or Soup Kitchen related, be advised that these items will be thrown out. (For the Soup Kitchen, it is only on rare occasions that any leftovers are retained—they are typically given away to the people coming for meals).

A few words about our coffee hours.....

- As we all know, we welcome everyone to take the opportunity to sponsor a coffee hour during the year. However, it has recently come to the Parish Council attention that **SEVERAL CHILDREN IN OUR PARISH ARE ALLERGIC TO PEANUTS AND PEANUT BUTTER, SO THEREFORE, WE MUST ASK THAT YOU DO NOT BRING THESE ITEMS INTO THE CHURCH!!**
 - Although people are free to bring in what they feel appropriate for their coffee hour, after
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discussing the matter with several parents, it appears that the consensus is that our parish family be discouraged from bringing in high sugar snacks which are loaded with empty calories for the kids (and which perhaps may be contributing to the running around by the kids in the classrooms during the coffee hours?) There are more appropriate snacks for kids without such high sugar content and we should all make attempts to keep these thoughts in mind when buying or baking for a coffee hour. (NOTE THAT THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO BAKLAVA!)

- Be sure to check that all items presented for consumption are within their expiration date. If food is expired, we don't have any way of knowing if someone (especially a young child) will get sick from this expired food which may or may not have been frozen and/or refrozen. Therefore, all food brought into the church must be fresh or within the expiration date or it cannot be served.
- If someone needs to use the kitchen facilities to prepare for a coffee hour, they should first notify the Parish Council (or the undersigned) so we can make sure there is no conflict with another group or organization. Keep in mind that over the next few months, the church's kitchen will be fully booked for festival baking, etc.
- Due to liability issues, the parish cannot afford to allow individuals to make use of the church kitchen for personal use. The concerns as stated by our Insurance carrier are not only personal injury, but damage to church property should a stove malfunction. Therefore, for the protection of the church from liability issues, private use of the church kitchen is prohibited.

Having said this, the Council would like to remind all Parishioners that these guidelines are meant to keep everyone safe and healthy, and NOT meant in any way to offend anyone or any organization. But, as was mentioned in last month's bulletin, the Parish Council, as fiduciaries, have a legal duty to ensure that the church and its property are used appropriately and safely and that our membership remains safe. Thanks for your understanding!

The next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for the first Tuesday of June at 7:00 pm.

In closing, again I encourage everyone to please support in whatever way possible our annual Hellenic Fest as it is so important to our financial health and well-being.

Respectfully,

Zoe Adamedes, Parish Council President

Bloopers

- Pastor is on vacation. Massages can be given to church secretary. (Appropriate since Father George is away!!!)
 - Don't let worry kill you. Let the Church help.
 - This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
 - Due to the Rector's illness, Wednesday's healing services will be discontinued until further notice.
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JUNE 2010

Sunday Summer

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	TH
<p>Fathers Emergency Tel .401-474-7700</p>	<p><u>SUMMER HOURS</u> <u>BEGIN SUNDAY</u> <u>- JUNE 6TH</u> <u>ORTHROS 8:30 a.m.</u> <u>DIV. LIT. 9:30 a.m.</u></p>	<p>1. Justin Martyr Pyrros Hieromartyr</p> <p>Parish Council Mtg</p>	<p>2. Nikiphoros Patr.of Constantinople Erasmus of Ochrid</p>	<p>3. Lucillian a Martyrs Athanasios t Wonderwork</p>
<p>6. 2nd. Matthew Hilarion of Dalmat. Orthros. 8:30 a.m. Div. Lit. 9:30 a.m <u>Sun School Ends</u></p>	<p>7. Theodotos, Bishop of Ankyra Panagis Basias the Righteous</p>	<p>8. Relics of St Theodore the Commander Kalliope the Martyr <u>Church Office Open</u></p>	<p>9. Cyril, Patriarch of Alexandria. 3 Virgin Martyrs of Chios</p>	<p>10. Alexand Antonina, M Timothy, Bis Proussa. <u>Church Offic</u></p>
<p>13. 3rd Matthew Akylina Martyr. Orthros. 8:30 a.m. Div. Lit. 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>14. Elisha Prophet Methodios Patriarch of Constantinople. <u>Metropolitan</u> <u>Methodios, name day.</u></p>	<p>15. Amos the Prophet Augustine, Bishop of Hippo. Jerome Right. <u>Church Office Open</u></p>	<p>16. Tychon the Wonderworker. 40 Martyrs of Rome.</p>	<p>17. Isaurus an Companions Athens. Manuel, Sabe <u>Church Offic</u></p>
<p>20. 4th Matthew Fathers Day Orthros. 8:30 a.m. Div.Lit. 9:30 a.m. <u>Greek School Ends</u></p>	<p>21. Julian Martyr Terentius of Iconium</p>	<p>22. Eusebius Bishop Zenon and Zenas <u>Church Office Open</u> <u>Office Hours Fr.Geo</u></p>	<p>23. Agrippina Martr. Aristocleus, Demetrius Athanasius</p>	<p>24. Nativity John the Ba Orthros.8:30 Div.Lit. 9:30 <u>Church Offic</u></p>
<p>27. 5th Matthew. Orthros. 8:30 a.m. Div. Lit. 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>28. Relics of Cyrus and John. Pappias the Martyr</p>	<p>29. Holy Apostles Peter and Paul Orthros.8:30 a.m. Div. Lit. 9:30 a.m. <u>Church Office Open</u></p>	<p>30. Synaxis of the Holy Apostles. Michael New martyr of Athens.</p>	

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

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Upcoming Events

May 18—June 18—Fr. George will be away. Metropolis will assign priests for Sundays.

June 1—Parish Council Meeting, 7pm

June 6—Sunday Summer Hours begin

June 6—Last Day of Sunday School

June 9—Daughters of Penelope Meeting, 7 pm, AHEPA Housing

June 20—Greek School End of Year Program, following Liturgy

Regular Events

Religious Education—Sundays, immediately after Holy Communion (on break for summer after June 6)

Children’s Greek School—Monday-Thursday, 4-6pm (on break for summer after June 20)

Adult Greek School—Mondays, 4-6 pm (on break for summer after June 20)

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

The planning for the HELLENIC FEST is off to an excellent start, with most areas manned with Booth Chairmen/women.

As we tried last year, we will be trying to have most of the food and pastries homemade. In order to do this, we NEED YOUR HELP! Workshops will be held in June and July so if you have the time and the talent, why not volunteer at least one morning or afternoon to these workshops. Notification of these workshops will be made either through the weekly bulletins, the July bulletin and/or email (see page 14).

Booth and Area Coordinators

The following have volunteered their time to be Booth and Area Coordinators and Chairpersons, however we still have a few “vacancies” and we are still seeking coordinators to be responsible for the areas of the festival detailed below. (Where a coordinator is needed, the tasks involved with the booth/area are described):

- Taverna - Peter Kyriakides/Elaine Holder
- Souvlaki Booth - Steve and Greg Mellekas
- Soft Drinks Booth - Greek School and Sunday School Children
- Cultural Marketplace Booth – Penny Hiotas
- Loukoumades Booth - Menas/Walsh/Christopher Families
- Chips Booth - AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope
- Kitchen Operations - Leon Panteleos
- Raffle - Maria (Stefanopoulos) Johnson
- Publicity – Marianne Pylotis Fox
- Ordering/Inventory – Peter Kyriakides, Leon Panteleos, Steve Mellekas, Elaine Parkos Holder
- Bank/Finance - Zoe Adamedes
- Logistics – Steve Mellekas, Elaine Parkos Holder, Gianetis Family (Coastal Electric)
- Dance Troupe (Newport Hellenic Dancers) - Xanthoula and Vaggeli Giannopoulos
- Church Tours - Fr. George Economou

HELP!!! 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)
 - Gyros Booth – COORDINATOR NEEDED (Responsible for scheduling workers and the smooth operation of the Gyros Booth during the festival)
 - Setup/Breakdown: COORDINATOR NEEDED (Involves arranging Tables, Chairs, Linens, Booths, Signage & Decorations)
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Workshops (see page 14 for email list sign up)

- Food (Pastichio, Spanakopita) and Pastry (Baklava, Kourambiedes and Finikia) workshops will be scheduled in the coming weeks. We have several coordinators, but we still need more help! Please volunteer to help if you can.
- Souvlaki skewering will be scheduled in the weeks prior to the festival; please contact Steve and Greg Mellekas to assist.
- Pastry Workshops will also be scheduled in the coming weeks. Please volunteer your time to helping our church!

Festival Book

As we did last year, we will offer a Festival Book (see page 15 for more info). Ashley Cottrell has taken on this task (she did a great job last year) and has already sent letters out to the community. 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!**

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, and don't be surprised if YOU are asked personally to help! Remember, our Festival is our #1 fundraiser (outside of Stewardship) so it's very important to our church's financial stability. **PLEASE VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME AND TALENTS TO YOUR CHURCH!!!!**

HELLENIC FEST IS ONLINE!!

Ashley Cottrell and Marianne Pylotis Fox have worked very hard in the last few weeks to give our festival a presence online through a Facebook page and website. Facebook is a great way to generate buzz for the festival so please become a fan on Facebook and recommend it to all of your friends! They will continue to update this page and the website with festival news in the coming months so make sure you find it and bookmark it today!! You can find it on **Facebook under “Hellenic Fest Newport—2010”** and the website is at **www.hellenicfest.org**.



HELLENIC FEST BAKING WORKSHOP EMAIL LIST

All parishioners please keep your eyes open for upcoming festival baking workshops which will be scheduled in the next few weeks. Please forward your e-mail information to Ashley Cottrell at **HellenicFest2010@Yahoo.com** to be included on our bake workshop mailing lists and be sure to check for updates on our Facebook page and website (see above entry)! The more hands to help, the better success we will have in not only the kitchen but in selling our homemade creations!



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 June and July so please look out for announcements regarding times.

We plan to take the Newport Hellenic Dancers **group photo on Sunday, June 20th** after church. We realize that this is Father's Day, but we hope that as many of you as possible can attend and be a part of this.

The festival is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 23-24-25. Each day we will have two performances. On Friday and Saturday our younger group will dance at 6PM and our older group at 08:30. On Sunday our younger group will dance at 3PM and our older group at 5 PM. We ask that you have the children downstairs one half hour before the performances to dress and line up.

Our children practice so hard for this each year. Please let your friends and family know now to set aside the weekend for this event and participate at our festival.

FESTIVAL AD BOOK

We would like to extend to you an opportunity to be part of our festival by participating in our 2010 Advertising Book. We continue to grow each year through sponsors and advertisers like you. Monies raised through this effort will benefit the church and its ongoing ministries including local community outreach for families in need and for philanthropic programs through the International Orthodox Christian Charities. The choices for sponsorship opportunities are listed below, this year the Major sponsor will give those of you interested the ability to have prime placement in the Ad Book Publication and additional advertisement through recognition throughout our Festival!

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

To Purchase an Ad you may contact parishioner Ashley Cottrell. She can be reached on her cell phone at 401-286-9634, or via e-mail at HellenicFest2010@Yahoo.com, or you can simply approach her on Sunday's after services.

These ads are a great way to recognize the accomplishments of recent graduates, memorialize those dear to us and advertise the many successful businesses of our parishioners.

*** Please remember that you must include your check with your ad request!***

If you need a receipt, please use a copy of this form and canceled check.
If you wish to provide art work/graphics for your ad, please email them to:
HellenicFest2010@yahoo.com.

If mailing, please send to: St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church
Attn: Hellenic Fest Ad Book
P.O. Box 427
Newport, RI 02840

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Dear Families,

Another wonderful year is finishing up for Sunday School! The children collected \$196 worth of coins for our Orthodox Missionaries.

Thank you to all for helping out this worthy cause! Thank you also to the wonderful teachers this year! In PreK this year was Janet Spentzos, and in K was Gabi Dobrot, and in grades 1-2 was Vicki Mellekas, and in 3-6 grades was Sandy Giannopoulos, and in grades 7-12 was Mike Sisak.

Thank you also to all the parents who helped out and some who substituted during the year. Please look for information this summer on registration and summer retreat in August.

Marianne

PROTULIS GREEK SCHOOL NEWS

The last week of classes for this school year will be the week of June 14th.

We wish to remind everyone that the year-end Greek School program will be held on Sunday, June 20th after Divine Liturgy in the community hall. The Greek School families will be sponsoring the coffee hour that day.

Also, a parents meeting for the families with students currently enrolled in the program will be held on Sunday, June 27th immediately following Divine Liturgy in the Greek School classroom. At this meeting we wish to gain your feedback on the program in order to help continuously improve the program and the educational experience for the children of our community.

Information regarding registration for the 2010-2011 school year will be included in the September newsletter. Classes for the new school year will commence in September.

We wish everyone "Kalo kalokairi" (have a good summer)!

Basile Panoutsopoulos and Thanasis Stefanopoulos
Co-Directors, Protulis Greek School



St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church
PROTULIS GREEK SCHOOL
Year-End Presentation and Celebration

Sunday, June 20, 2010

Immediately following Divine Liturgy in the Community Hall

The entire Parish Family is invited to celebrate with us!
Coffee and Pastries will be served.

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.

IN OUR PARISH

Awards

Congratulations to *Eleni Giannopoulos* who won 2nd place in the District Oratorical Festival in Connecticut. We are all so proud of Eleni!

Graduations

Alexander Antonopoulos graduates this May 28th from the Cornerstone Christian School in San Antonio, Texas as a high school senior with a 4.0 average. He has been designated a RI scholar and recipient of a four year McCauley Scholarship, Alex plans to attend Salve Regina University in Newport, R.I. in the Pell Honors Program, in the fall.

Cameron Harrigan is graduating from Portsmouth High School. He has received an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD and has accepted. He will commence on July 1, 2010. Cameron is the son of Gia and Peter Harrigan, grandson of Martha and John Mellekas, and godson of Zoe Adamedes.

Anthony Kutsaftis, son of Anthony and Donna Kutsaftis, will be graduating from Rogers High School. He will be attending University of Rhode Island in the fall.

James Mellekas, son of Gregory and Maria Mellekas, will be graduating from Rogers High School. He will be attending University of Rhode Island in the fall.

Death

Anna Mellekas passed away on May 5, 2010 in Ithaca New York. Anna is survived by her son William C. Mellekas and daughters Phyllis Mellekas and Rita Rosenberg-Barber. Our sympathy goes out to her children, grandchildren and her great-grandson. May her memory be eternal.

AHEPA GOES TO THE BALL GAME

The Newport Chapter of the Order of AHEPA would like to invite any of our community's youth to join us for an evening of baseball at McCoy Stadium to watch the **PAWSOX** take on the Scranton Wilkes-Barre **YANKEES** on June 30th at 7:05pm. We have purchased some great box seats along the Third base line, and we are offering these for free to any young person(s) and an accompanying adult from the St. Spyridon's Church Community. Come along and join the AHEPA for a night of the best family entertainment under the stars. Contact George Koulouvardis or Steve Jennings (253-0308) to reserve your tickets, this is always a great time, so contact us as soon as possible.



AHEPA NEWS

Next AHEPA Chapter 245 Meeting

The next local AHEPA Chapter 245 will take place the Second Tuesday of June.

Initiation of New Members

We welcome our newest brother and member Dr. Ernie Violet, to the Chapter and to the AHEPA Family.

Panhellenic Scholarship Foundation

For more information, please visit: <http://www.panhellenicscholarships.org/>



DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE NEWS

On Saturday, May 8th, we were very pleased to welcome Leah Violet and Mary Kyriakakis into our chapter. Several members will attend the District convention the weekend of May 23 in Norwalk, Conn. and also the Supreme Convention in Montreal in July.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 9th at the Ahepa Housing at 7 pm and our June Banquet will be held on Wednesday, June 16th at the Atlantic Beach Club. Our Brother Ahepans are invited and information will be sent out to all members.

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