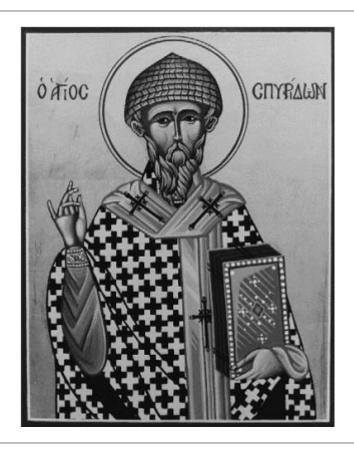
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SERVICE TIMES

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Orthros 9 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.

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Vespers—7 p.m.*

Orthros—9 a.m.

Divine Liturgy—10 a.m.

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^{*} Note: Holy Confession is available by appointment.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Let us Give Thanks Unto the Lord

Lord, I lift up my soul above the din and clamor of vanity on this Thanksgiving day; open my eyes, clarify my mind and motivate my spirit that I may recall my many blessings over the journey that I have traveled. Then, surely, with a smile on my face, gratitude in my heart, sincerity in my thoughts and restful peace in my soul, I will thank Thee: FOR daily sustenance; the ability to walk into my home as a provider and to merit that rewarding look of a nourished child's face. FOR shelter that transforms the fearful thud of falling rain into a lullaby. FOR raiment that changes the frosty bite of winter into the caressing touch of comfort. FOR health that transforms painful agonies into hopeful pursuits. FOR faith and guidance which, like a candle, has led me out of the dark labyrinths of my transgressions into illuminated highways of Christian purposes. FOR peace of mind by day and restful sleep by night through the deliverance from my many sins. FOR banishing fear from my heart and preventing from happening the things that I came to dread. FOR lifting me with Thy Hand from the edge of the abyss of despair, and shining in my way the light of hope. FOR the church of my fathers; those who founded her, maintained her, enlarged her, beautified her, and enriched her, with their labors. FOR the country of my ancestry and the heritage she has bequeathed to me, which has worth and dignity. FOR this, my country, that fearlessly champions every God given right and every moral and humane cause; where the will of the people reigns supreme; where, even if the President dies, the Presidency never does. Where tragedy is succeeded by greatness, despair by decision, complacency by rededication. Where every man can make his contribution in freedom. FOR friends near and far who individually and collectively, personally, and nationally help me smile in my adversity, temper my disaster with their sympathy, warm my heart with their embrace. Grant that memories of sorrows consoled, catastrophes averted, joys experienced, and tears shed become no mere incidents on an aimless course, but permanent landmarks of Thy Exceeding Grace, on our way, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOR all these, Lord, I thank thee!

ON STEWARDSHIP

"A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is Holy to the LORD" (Lev. 27:30 NIV).

For the most part of my life, tithing was a foreign concept. I never even considered it. Oh, I knew that there were churches that taught and practiced tithing, but they were different and strange. The fact that it was presented so clearly made no difference to me at all. Since it was in the Old Testament, it had no relevance in my life, or so it seemed.

As I have gotten closer to God, I have been aware of the Holy Spirit teaching me and convincing me of the importance of tithing. At first I was uncomfortable with the radical nature of this teaching, but slowly I began to examine it.

The first realization I came to was that my giving was haphazard and undisciplined, and so were my finances. Usually, giving was hardly an afterthought for me. If I had anything left over after bills and wants and if I felt like it, I would give. But it was not a priority in my life. The idea that my money was really God's money just did not occur to me. Learning to tithe and then vowing to tithe has been a life-changing experience for me. I have now learned that God does provide, that He provides more than I need, that He uses me as a vessel to get more of His own money to further His Kingdom, and that His storehouse of blessings is limitless. I am so thankful for this great lesson and for the confirmation of faith that God has provided.

I do not know what our weekly contribution to God's kingdom would be if all Christians tithed, but my speculation is that it would be more than double what it is now. My encouragement to you is that you seek God's will for you and ask God about tithing. Ask Him for help and direction in this matter. He will guide you and give you His will, and you will be enabled to do His will.

- Charles Kirklin

My Dear Parishioners,

This letter of testimony by Charles Kirklin on the benefits of Tithing is reprinted from "Pulpit Helps". By reprinting this letter I am not asking or suggesting that you tithe, however I am hoping it will have some impact amongst us Orthodox Christians of St. Spyridon parish to seriously contemplate the issue of our Christian Giving—our Stewardship—to our Church as we come to the end of 2010 and soon into the new Stewardship year 2011, remembering this man's testimony and his commitment to giving based on the concept that everything we have comes from God and therefore we need to return that which belongs to God as the dismissal prayer at the end of the Divine Liturgy says, "... For every good and perfect gift is from above, coming from You, the Father of lights." that we do this through our sincere and honest giving proportionately to our financial strength and our love for the Lord and His Church and our parish of St. Spyridon. - Fr. George

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CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARD

Once again we will be printing a Community Christmas Card as a small fundraiser for our parish. As in previous years, the cost to have your name printed in the card will be \$10 per line. Please send your **name**, **amount of donation and telephone number** to the Church office as soon as possible. The deadline is **December 5th**. We would appreciate any extra donations toward the poinsettias that we use to decorate the church for the Christmas season. Thank you for your generosity.

ACOLYTES

Father George is looking for any boys aged eight or older to serve as altar boys assisting during the various services. Please see him if you are interested.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Please join the St. Spyridon Philoptochos on Sunday, November 7 for a delicious Luncheon to be served directly after church. On this day, we will draw the lucky winners of the prizes as described below:

St Spyridon Philoptochos Raffle, November 7th, 2010

1st Prize – 14kt Italian Gold Bracelet, with Cabochon Onyx and Cubic Zirconium clasp (Valued at \$1,500)

2nd Prize – Sterling Silver Hammered Bowl from Dimas Jewelers of Athens, Greece (valued at \$400)

3rd Prize – Ladies Diamond Watch, donated by A&A Jewelers North Dartmouth, Mass.

If you have not had the chance to purchase tickets, we will have additional tickets available. We thank all those who have supported this major fundraiser so far.

We will also be conducting a Membership Drive and hope that the ladies of our community will take a moment to review the literature which will be provided explaining all of the important charitable causes supported by our philanthropic group. We will hold a raffle for the women who join on Sunday as a small token of appreciation.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 17th - General meeting @ church, 6:30 pm.

THE FATHERS SPEAK ON PHILANTHROPY

St. Justin in his First Apology for the Christian faith gives us a second century description of the Sunday Eucharis as a communal action that manifest three equally important and inseparable elements: the proclamation of the Word of God, the celebration of the Eucharist, and the sacrament of the poor brethren.



"And on the day named after the sun, all, whether they live in the city or the countryside, are gathered together in unity. Then the records of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read for as long as there is time. When the reader has concluded, the preside in a discourse admonishes and invites us into the pattern of these good things. Then we all stand together and offer prayer. And, as we said before, when we have concluded our prayer, bread is set out to eat, together with wine and water. The preside likewise, offers up prayer and thanksgiving, as much as he can, and the people sing out their assent saying the amen. There is a distribution of the things over which thanks have been said and each person participates, and these things are sent by the deacons to those who are not present. Those who are prosperous and who desire to do so give what they wish, according to each one's choice, and the collection is deposited with the

preside. He aids orphans and widows, those who are in want through disease or through another cause, those who are in prison, and foreigners who are sojourning here. In short the preside is a guardian of all those who are in need."

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	Saints Cosmas and Damianos. Theodota and David of Evia.	2. Akyndinos & Comp.,Domiica, Domna and Kyriaki Office Hours.	3. Aceptimas of Persia	4. Ioannikios Nikandros I <u>Office Hor</u>
7. 7th Luke God-Parents/God- Children Sunday. Orthros. 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m.	8. Synaxis of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel Soup kitchen	9. St. Nektarios the Wonderworker. Orthros: 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m.	10. Olympas of the 70. Arsenios of Cappados	11. Veterens Menas of E Victor and Step Office Hor
14. 8th Luke Philip Apostle Orthros: 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m. Sun. Sch/Fellowship	15 Fast of Nativity of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ begins today.	16. Matthew Apostle and Evangelist. Orthros: 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m. Office Hours	17. Gregory Wonderworker. Genadios Patr. of Constantinople	18. Plato of A Romanos N Office Hou
21. ENTRANCE OF THEOTOKOS Orthros. 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m. Sun. Sch/Fellowship	22. Philemon of 70 Cecilia &Companions	23. Amphilochios Bishop of Iconium and Gregory Bishop of Agrigentum Office Hours	24. Clement, Pope of Rome. Peter of Alex. 7:00 p.m. Gr. Vespers St. Catherine Gr.Mtr. Braintree, MA	25. THANKSC DAY St. Catherine C Orthros: 9:00 Div. Lit. 10:0
28. 13th Luke Stephen the New Orthros: 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m. Fellowship	29. Paramonus & 350 7:00 p.m. Gr.Vespers of St. Andrew at Metropolis,Brookline	30. Andrew the First called of the Apostles Orthros. 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit 10:00 a.m. Office Hours	SUNDAY NOV.7 God - parents /God- children Sunday. Please join us in Wor- ship this Sunday.	God-Parents J be prepared & and receive H Communion v your God-Chi

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

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erens Day of Egypt Stephanie Hours	12. John the Merciful of Alexandria. Nilus the Ascetic of Sinai	13. John Chrysostom
of Ankyra nos Martyr Hours.	19. Obadiah Prophet Barlaam of Caesarea	20. Forefeast of the Entrance Theotokos Gregory of Decapolis
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Upcoming Events

November 7—Godparent Sunday

November 8—Soup Kitchen

November 10—Daughters of Penelope meeting, 7 p.m., AHEPA Housing

November 17—Philoptochos General Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Church Hall

November 21—Dinner Dance at the Atlantic Beach Club

Regular Events

Religious Education—Sundays, immediately after Holy Communion

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

Adult Greek School—Mondays, 4-6 p.m.

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EVENTS OF NOVEMBER

The Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple

Since Joachim and Anna, parents of the Theotokos, had been childless for a long time, Anna prayed that she would dedicate her future child to the Temple of God. When the Theotokos was three years old, she was taken in a procession to the temple. Her parents, relatives, and maidens, all bearing candles, lead the way to the first step of the temple, she ran up the remaining fourteen steps. John the Baptist's father, Zacharias, took her by the hand into the temple, and by divine inspiration also past the second curtain in the Holy of Holies, where only the high priest enters but once a year. Joachim and Anna visited her often until their death. The Theotokos wished to remain a virgin in the temple her entire life. However, the Jewish law would not permit this, nor had this ever been heard of. For this reason, Zacharias chose an elderly relative to whom she was betrothed but not



married, to protect her virginity. Her parents were buried at the base of the Garden of Gethsemane about fifty steps down a cement staircase, and the empty tomb of the Theotokos is again fifty steps below this.

Holy Unmercenaries Cosmas & Damian

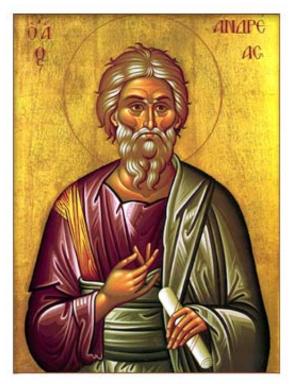
There have been three pairs of unmercenaries who have become saints in Orthodoxy. All three have been physicians, and they have healed without charge and for the glory of god, and for this reason have been called unmercenaries. Coincidentally, they have all been named Cosmas & Damianos. The two who are commemorated today were the first of those three pairs. The second pair is celebrated on July 1, and the third pair on October 17. These two celebrated today were brothers from Asia Minor and were raised as Christians by their mother. The money for their own needs was from their parents' estate. Cosmas once became extremely upset when his brother received three eggs



from a patient, even though she has sworn an oath that he would have them. The brother believed that "of the most high comes most healing." God gave them the gift of working miracles by their prayers as well. They both died peacefully. Even then, calling on the saints for intercession has worked miracles. A python had wrapped itself around a worker while he slept, covering his mouth and his stomach. When in desperation he called upon the saints, he was spared.

Andrew the First-Called Apostle

Andrew was at first a disciple of Saint John the Baptist along with Saint John the Theologian. When the Forerunner pointed out Jesus, they both became His disciples. After Pentecost, Andrew taught in Byzantium, Thrace, Russia, Epiros, and Peloponnesos. In Amisos, he converted the Jews in the temple, baptized them, healed their sick, built a church and left a priest for them. In Sinope, he prayed for the imprisoned Apostle Matthias, and his chains fell from him and the cell door opened. The people beat Andrew, breaking his teeth, cutting his fingers, and left him for dead in a dung heap. Jesus appeared to him and healed him, telling him to be of good cheer. When the people saw him the next day, they were amazed and believed. In Patras, Andrew healed the wife of the proconsul Aegeates of an incurable disease. The Proconsul Aegeates' family believed in the



miracles and preaching of St. Andrew, and the enraged Proconsul tortured and crucified St. Andrew. St. Andrew did not find himself worthy enough to die in the same manner as Christ, and requested that he be crucified upon an "X-shaped" cross. The new converts wanted to remove him from his cross, but the saint would not allow them. Instead, he comforted them from the cross and as he prayed an extraordinary light encompassed him for about a half hour. When it left, he gave up his soul. It was the year 62 AD.

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NEWPORT HELLENIC DANCERS NEWS

The fall season is already in full swing for The Newport Hellenic Dancers. Our dancers have been busy practicing learning new dances and participating in community events. We are very proud to have been part of the Annual Dinner for the Council for International Visitors on October 12th as they honored the sister city of Skiathos. Our children performed a variety of dances and ended the program with inviting the audience to dance, which everybody enjoyed. We thank the Council for International Visitors and the Skiathos Organization for allowing us to be part of this special evening. We are now looking forward to participating at the Tri-Community Dinner/Dance for the Benefit of the Paideia URI Rodos Hellenic Studies Center at the Atlantic Beach Club on November 21st, along with the dancing groups from the other two Rhode Island communities.

We are also kicking off our annual fundraiser to support the group. For more information please see the next page and the display at the church hall.

We are always looking for new members. Please join us downstairs or contact us.

Vaggelis and Xanthoula Giannopoulos

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NEWPORT HELLENIC DANCERS PERFORM AT THE ANNUAL DINNER FOR THE COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL VISITORS ON OCTOBER 12TH AS THEY HONORED THE SISTER CITY OF SKIATHOS.

St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church Newport Hellenic Dancers *Holiday Greek Pastry Sale 2010*

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Make your check payable to St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church (With a note for Hellenic Dancers Fundraiser)

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All proceeds will be used to support the Newport Hellenic Dancers

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IN OUR PARISH

Deaths

Eleni Vouras fell asleep in the Lord on October 7. She is survived by her son Andrew and daughter Angela. She was predeceased by her husband Zacharias and her daughter Carol. May her memory be eternal!

Bella Janaros Ternes, formerly of Newport, fell asleep in the Lord on October 12 in Norwich, Conn. She is survived by her husband Charles, son Peter and daughter Sofee Noblick, four grandchildren and her brother Emmanuel (Mike) Janaros of Newport. May her memory be eternal!

PROTULIS GREEK SCHOOL NEWS

Students of the Protulis Greek School participated in a program to celebrate OXI day on Sunday, October 24th. Children of all ages recited poems and sang songs which honored our heritage and Hellenic identity as we remembered the stand of the people of Greece against the forces of tyranny and the sacrifices that were made for our freedom.



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November 21st dinner dance @ atlantic beach club

Save the pre-Thanksgiving date for you and your family and friends!

Our community will host a dinner dance at the Pavilion Ballroom at the Atlantic Beach Club on Sunday, November 21 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. The event is being sponsored by the AHEPA/Daughters of Penelope and the Parish Council for the benefit of the University of Rhode Island Rodos Hellenic Studies Center.

This special night will feature live musical entertainment by The Olympians in addition to special performances by the dance troupes from the three Rhode Island communities, including our very own Newport Hellenic Dancers. Please consider purchasing a table for your family and friends and do not forget to bring the children as this should be a memorable event for everyone.

Tickets are available during coffee hours or by contacting the individuals listed on the enclosed flyer.

AHEPA NEWS

The next meeting of the local AHEPA Chapter will take place the Second Tuesday of November at the Clubroom of the Newport AHEPA Housing.

The local Chapters of AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope sponsored the coffee hour for commemoration of the 28th of October 1940 - OXI Day, celebrated on the 24th of October.

The KAFENEIO started in October. More movies to come. For additional information contact Dr. Michael Sisak.

Daughters of Penelope News

The next meeting of the Daughters of Penelope will be held on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10th at 7 p.m. at the AHEPA Housing.

Final plans will be discussed for the Dinner Dance to be held on November 21st at the Atlantic Beach Club to benefit The Hellenic Studies Center "Rodos" at the University of Rhode Island. Tickets are on sale every Sunday from Ourania Stefanopoulos. This is a family event and begins at 5 p.m. Please support this very worthy cause.

In loving memory of

Gredo Vincent Volpicelli

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