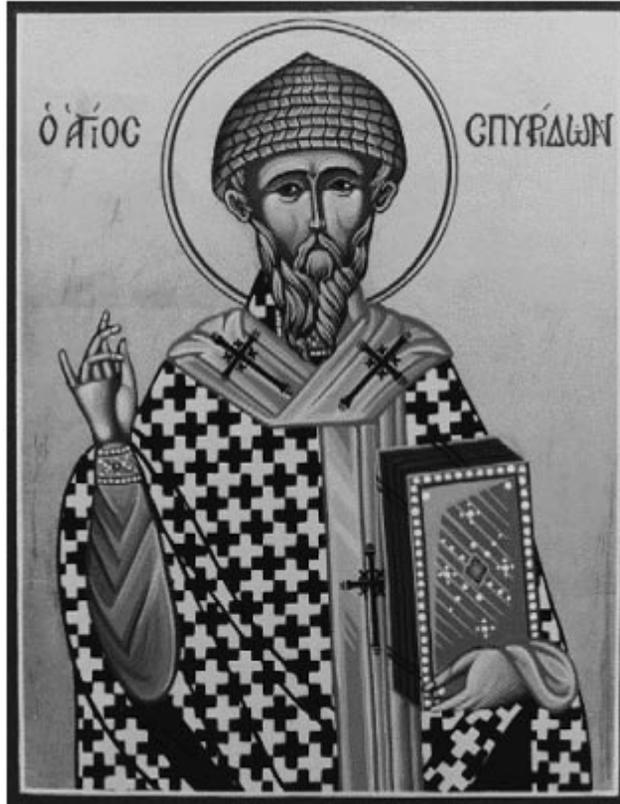


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**Organist:** Jane Iandolo

**Religious Education:** Marianne Menas

**Stewardship:** Lily Wong-Panoutsopoulos

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**Acolytes:** James Mellekas

**GOYA President:** Missy Mellekas

**JOY Advisor:** Sandy Giannopoulos

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**Daughters of Penelope President:**  
Ellen Anagnostos

**Island of Skiathos Organization:**  
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SERVICE TIMES

**Sunday Winter Hours**

Orthros 9 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.

Weekday Festal Celebrations:

Vespers—7 p.m.\*

Orthros—9 a.m.

Divine Liturgy—10 a.m.

\* Note: Holy Confession is available by appointment.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S COLLECTION

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord, Greetings to you and yours. Very often these days we hear, “We have no time—Our work doesn’t allow us—we have family commitments—we have responsibilities—we struggle day and night to make a living—life is very difficult nowadays.” **These are the responses habitually given to anyone who may have the kindness to express concern that we ought to pay more attention to our souls; to be more interested in our spiritual well being and life.** “Who has time for such things”, we usually respond. “Maybe later”, we may say. As a result of this indefinite postponement we allow the days, months and years of our life to go by without any attempt worthy or courageous enough for our spiritual direction. Why this neglect? Where will it lead us? What kind of results do we expect? Have we ever thought seriously how swift the days of our lives go by and that the daily cares of life choke our souls hopelessly? No one can tell us not to work, not to be concerned for the well-being of our loved ones. The Holy Bible strongly teaches us that work is necessary and needed. However, there is a great gap between this admonition and the relentless pursuit of our daily cares. It is our duty to work. **But work and cares that alienate us from God are roads leading to death and are the devil’s trap.** You have no time you say, because you are drowning in so much work. And what is the gain from all this work? Will this fulfill or serve all your needs? Will it bring you the happiness that you seek? To be specific, no one really knows how things develop and what turn they will take. Maybe you will be very successful in your business and you’ll gain a lot. Even if your storehouses are filled to capacity and bursting at the seams, like that of the “Foolish Rich Man” of the Bible, even if, with your entrepreneuring mind, the whole world becomes your possession, what have you gained? Nothing really, **if in the meantime you have lost your soul!** Because, as the Lord said, “What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? What can a man give in return for his life? (Matt. 16:26) You have no time because of social commitments, an open house, you are obliged to invite people over or to visit others, to organize outings, take trips, take your children to soccer, football, hockey, baseball, etc. Even though many of these events take place on Sundays or Feastdays. You live a secular life, distancing you from studying the Divine word, from Christian Fellowship, from Church, and from God! And furthermore, what gain do you receive from this lifestyle that has you willing to sacrifice all your time for but doesn’t leave you time to think about your soul? What remains after you have participated in these noisy encounters and events other than a sense of emptiness, despair, bitterness, disillusion, and even a revulsion and antipathy toward those with whom only yesterday you were having fun with? You forget the divine words that say, **“The world and everything in it that people desire is passing away; but he who does the will of God lives forever” (1 John 2:17).** You have no time because you are a scientist, philosopher, researcher, or intellectual, worthy pursuits and pleasing to God, because God has given the sciences, but, if your involvement in the human sciences do not allow you the time for the Wisdom of God, on the road of virtue you gain nothing. You waste your time and the eyes of the soul shut out the lifesaving heavenly light. You forget Paul’s profound message, “...I may have all knowledge and understand all the secrets, but I have no love, I have nothing.” Everything will be

done away with. What remains, what is everlasting and the most beautiful adornment of the human being, is the treasure of the soul. Yet you say you have not time for it!! Even if you are a powerful man or woman, governing nations, and the outcome of the Universe depends on you, you must not say “I have not time to be concerned for my soul.” **Nothing, absolutely nothing, ought to minimize or deaden our interest for our salvation and for knowledge of Christ our Lord in our lives.** In prioritizing our interests, the first place must be given to the care of our souls. The destructive and unfound excuse of “I have not time” ought not to even cross our mind. For many other things in life we may not find time. But for the wellbeing of our souls we must, at all costs, find the necessary time. For this reason, **God placed us in the world and blesses us with the days of our lives to work toward our salvation!**

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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.

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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.

Stay tuned for further details in the November newsletter. Tickets are available during coffee hours or by contacting the church office.

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## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

By now you have all received two packets of raffle tickets. The Philoptochos is looking forward to having all of your support in purchasing them. The tickets are \$5.00 each or \$10.00 for a book of three. The prizes are as follows:

### **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.

**Mail check and ticket stubs to Iona Bairos-Moreau at 96 Sherwood Ter. Portsmouth, RI by November 4th, 2010**

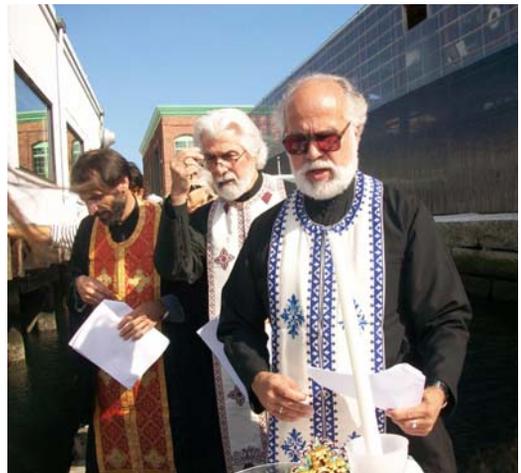
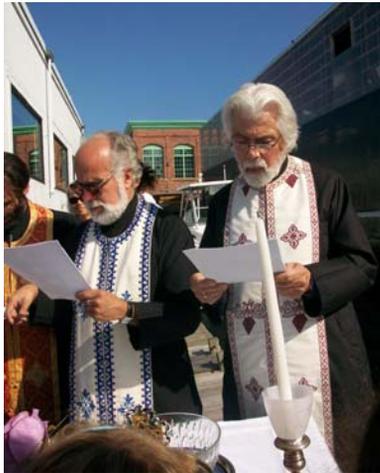
The Philoptochos will host a coffee hour November 7th and conduct the raffle after church.

October 20th is the Philoptochos General Meeting at the Church Hall at 6:30 p.m.  
Refreshments will be served. Plans will be made for the November 7th coffee hour.

New members are welcome to attend.

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The Blessing of the Waters took place on Sunday, September 19th on the deck of the Pier restaurant.



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**SAINTS TO KNOW**

As faithful Orthodox Christians, it is important that we know who the people we commemorate are, as well as what they have contributed to the body of Christ. This month I would like us all to remember Sts. Demetrios and Nestor, who we remember on October 26th & 27th, respectively.

The names of Demetrios and Nestor are so linked in the annals of Christianity that it would be almost sacrilegious to mention one without the other in any account of the story of these two beloved men of God, who are now as inseparable in church archives as they were in life. It was their combined defiance of the early fourth-century tyranny which brought them to a martyrdom, which individually they may not have attained, but which places them on equal footing in the final judgment. While Demetrios was the better known of the two, it was the quiet courage of his friend, Nestor, added to the complete piety of Demetrios, that assured their immortality.

Demetrios was a native of the city of Thessaloniki, the city founded by Alexander the Great, who named it for a sister very dear to him. In the tradition of the great thinkers of ancient Greece, Demetrios honed his keen oratorical power in the public forum, where the debates of the great minds of the day drew the spirited Christians as much as the gladiatorial games attracted the pagans. As the second leading city of the empire, Thessaloniki had a reputation for providing the brightest intellectuals on the public platform and the most fearsome gladiators in the arena, strange bedfellows, indeed, and oddly enough, in both of which the power of Demetrios was to find expression.

Demetrios was in the military service as well as a devout Christian, a study in contrast that was countenanced in Thessaloniki, but when it came to the attention of the Emperor Maximinus, who had come for an annual exhibition of gladiatorial prowess in the arena, the dual nature met with royal displeasure. For his part in the Christian cause, Demetrios was stripped of his military rank and cast into prison to await a certain fate. It was at this point that the friendship of Nestor came to light. At great personal risk Nestor visited his friend in prison regularly and sought to intercede on his behalf, a move which availed him little but aroused suspicions of those who surrounded the emperor. This provided the setting for one of the finest displays of the power of God through the friendship of two gallant Christians.

It seems that one of the favorites of the arena, admired particularly by the emperor, was a giant man name Lyaivos, a seventeen foot brute who destroyed every hapless gladiator he ever faced, and for whom the pagans sought an opponent who at least had the courage to walk up to Lyaivos and give a good account of himself before succumbing to the inevitable. It was during one of the visits that Nestor heard from Demetrios that the power of the Lord could be transmitted through him to any man and make him invincible against any foe in the arena. The youthful Nestor, with the spirit of a true believer welling within him, agreed to hurl a challenge to the best of the gladiators with a declaration that the power of God would, thanks to his friend, Demetrios, prevail against all comers. Buoyed by the assurance of Demetrios, he stepped into the arena and shouted his defiance in the name of the Lord.

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The pagan crowd, thinking this some practical joke, roared with laughter, but when Nestor strode to the royal box where Maximinus had looked on with amusement and heard the young man invoke the name of Demetrios and the awesome power of God, his smile turned into a snarl and the audience joined him in derision, whereupon the scowling Lyaios was brought into the pit. The crowd settled back to witness the anticipated cat and mouse match, which the giant would conclude when it pleased him. But they were brought to their feet in disbelief when the supposed victim withstood the withering attack of the gladiator who had never tasted defeat, and, in due course, turned the tables while soundly defeating the greatest of gladiators. Nestor scorned the thumbs down signal of the mob who now screamed for death, and the young Christian walked away from his prostrated foe. The frustrated emperor then ordered the deaths of both Christian companions, without delay, by the Roman soldiers. Not all who left the arena that day remained pagans.

## Ο Άγιος Δημητριος και οι νεοι

Ο Άγιος Δημήτριος, ἄν και πολύ νέος, εἶχε καταλάβει ἕνα πολύ ὑψηλό ἀξίωμα. Εἶχε γίνει στρατιωτικός διοικητής τοῦ Ἰλλυρικοῦ, δηλ. περιποῦ ὀλόκληρης τῆς Βαλκανικῆς.

“Ὅμως οἱ μεγάλες ὑποχρεώσεις του δέν τόν ἐμπόδιζαν ἀπό τόν σκοπό του, ἀπό τίς πνευματικές του ὑποχρεώσεις.

Χωρίς νά ὑπολογίζει οὔτε τό χάσιμο τοῦ χρόνου, οὔτε τόν κίνδυνο νά χάσει τήν θέση του, πού μέ τούς ἀγῶνες του και κίνδυνο τῆς ζωῆς του στίς μάχες εἶχε κερδίσει, προσπαθοῦσε κάθε ἡμέρα νά κάνει κάτι!

Τί ἦταν αὐτό τό κάτι;

Νά φέρει ἕναν ἄνθρωπο στόν δρόμο τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

Νά ὀδηγήσει ἕναν ἄνθρωπο στήν πίστη τοῦ Χριστοῦ, στήν σωτηρία.

Μόλις τελείωνε τό ἐπίσημο στρατιωτικό του ἔργο, ἄλλαζε. Φοροῦσε ροῦχα ἀπλᾶ. Καί γύριζε! Ἀναζητοῦσε νέους, νά τούς μιλήσει γιά τόν Χριστό.

Ὁ ἅγιος Δημήτριος ἐγνώριζε καλά τόν Χριστό. Γνώριζε πόσο εὐτυχισμένος γίνεται ὁ ἄνθρωπος κοντά Του. Ἐβλεπε τήν ταλαιπωρία τοῦ κόσμου

χωρίς πίστη και πνευματική ζωή. Καί πονοῦσε. Ἰδιαίτερα ἐφαχνε γιά τά παιδιά τῆς ἡλικίας πού ἀρχίζουν οἱ μεγάλοι πνευματικοί προβληματισμοί.

Μιά εικόνα ἀρχαία, παρουσιάζει τόν ἅγιο Δημήτριο ἀνάμεσα σέ τέτοια παιδιά. Καί εἶναι γνωστό ὅτι τά παιδιά εἶχαν ἀγαπήσει τόν ἅγιο Δημήτριο και τόν ἀκολουθοῦσαν. Ἐνα τέτοιο νεαρό παιδί ἦταν και ὁ Νέστορας, πού μέ τήν εὐχή τοῦ ἁγίου Δημητρίου νίκησε τόν γίγαντα πρωταθλητή Λυαίτο.

Τό ἔργο τοῦ ἁγίου Δημητρίου συνεχίζεται και σήμερα. Μέ τά κατηχητικά σχολεῖα.

Ἡ Ἐκκλησία καλεῖ τά παιδιά κοντά στό Χριστό.

Βέβαια τά παιδιά σήμερα εἶναι ὄλα βαπτισμένα. Μά αὐτό δέν σημαίνει πώς εἶναι χριστιανοί! Πρέπει ὅμως νά γίνουν. Τό βάπτισμα πρέπει νά ἐνεργοποιηθῆ. Γιά νά γεμίσουν ζωή, χαρά, εὐτυχία.

Ἐλάτε, νέοι, κοντά στόν Χριστό.

Βοηθήσατε, γονεῖς, τά παιδιά σας νά πλησιάσουν τόν Χριστό.

Ἀρχιμ. Α. Κ.

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<p><b><u>October 31. 5th Luke</u></b> Stachys of the 70. Orthros. 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b><u>Fathers Emergency</u></b> Tel. # <b>401-474-7700</b></p>			
<p><b>3. <u>2nd Luke.</u></b> Dionysios Areopagit Orthros: 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m. Sun Sch./Fellowship</p>	<p><b>4. Ierotheos Bishop of Athens. Domnina and her daughters</b></p>	<p><b>5. Charitina, martyr. Methodia of Kimolos</b></p> <p><u>Office Hours</u> <u>Parish Council Mtg</u></p>	<p><b>6. Thomas, Apostle Eroteis of Cappadocia</b></p>	<p><b>7. Sergius &amp; B of Syria. Polychr the Hieromarty</b></p> <p><u>Office Hour</u></p>
<p><b>10. <u>3rd Luke</u></b> Eulampios, Eulampia .Orthros: 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m. Sun .Sch./Fellowship</p>	<p><b>11. Philip Apost of 70 . Theophanes, Bishop of Nicaea</b></p>	<p><b>12. Symeon the New Theologian. Provos, Andronicus, Terachos</b></p> <p><u>Office Hours.</u></p>	<p><b>13. Carpos, Papylos, Agathodoros and Agathoniki,</b></p>	<p><b>14. Nazarios, Gervasios, Protas and Celsius.</b></p> <p><u>Office Hour</u></p>
<p><b>17. <u>7th Ecum. Council</u></b> Hosea, Prophet. Orthros. 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m. Sun .Sch./Fellowship</p>	<p><b>18. Luke Evangelist Marinos, the martyr</b></p>	<p><b>19. Joel, Prophet Varys, the Martyr.</b></p> <p><u>Office Hours</u></p>	<p><b>20. Gerasimos of Cephalonia. Arsenios, Gr.</b></p>	<p><b>21. Hilarion the Great, Relics Christodoulos Patmos.</b></p> <p><u>Office Hours</u></p>
<p><b>24. <u>6th Luke</u></b> Arethas Gr. Mart Orthros: 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m. Sun. Sch./Fellowship</p>	<p><b>25. Marcianos and Martirios. Tabitha Raised by St. Peter. 7:00 Gr. Vespers of St. Demetrios. Fall River</b></p>	<p><b>26. St. Demetrios, the Myrrhstreaming. Orthros. 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m.</b></p> <p><u>Office Hours.</u></p>	<p><b>27. Nestor of Thessaloniki. Kyriakos, Pat. of Constantinople</b></p>	<p><b>28. Terrence an Eunice.</b></p> <p><b><u>OXIDAY</u></b></p> <p><u>Office Hour</u></p>

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

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	<b>1.</b> Holy Protection of Theotokos. Romanos	<b>2.</b> Cyprian and Justinian, Eleftherios and Roustikos.
& Bacchus lychronios nartyr.	<b>8.</b> Pelagia, Righteous Pelagia of Antioch.	<b>9.</b> James, Apostle. Andronikos and Athanasia of Egypt.
<u>Hours.</u>		
trios, Protasios	<b>15.</b> Loukianos of Antioch, Savynos Bishop of Catania.	<b>16.</b> Longinos, the Centurion.
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ce and .	<b>29.</b> Anastasia of Rome. Avramios & Maria of Mesopotam	<b>30.</b> Cleopas of the 70. Zenobios and Zenobia
<b>AY</b>		
<u>Hours.</u>		

**Upcoming Events**

October 5—Parish Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

October 13—Daughters of Penelope meeting, 7 p.m., AHEPA Housing

October 20—Philoptochos General Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Church Hall

October 24—OXI Day Greek School Program following Liturgy

**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.

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Well, the summer is finally ended, and once again, our Parish organizations (never dormant) have kicked things up into high gear. For our young people, Sunday School has started along with the Protulis Greek School. God's Holy Church is an anchor to all of us, especially our kids and young people. Christ exhorted the adults to "let the children come to me". Let's not stand in their way! Although as parents, grandparents and Godparents we all have busy lives during the week and it would be so tempting to sleep in on Sunday mornings, let's not forget that one of the most important things that we can do is to BRING our children to church on Sunday. I know that Miss Marianne, her fellow teachers and Father George have planned an exciting year. And the summer retreat held for the children of the community in August (the theme being the Holy Cross) was well attended and from the photos posted on the church's website, looked like great fun! One priceless thing to remember is that the friendships that our children make at church over the years they will keep for the rest of their lives. Not only will they be bound to each other by a common faith, but by common experiences: Sunday school retreats, Apokreatiko glendis and other fun activities. This is a tremendous gift to give our children.

Last month I was "AWOL" in preparing the Parish Council News, and in the process neglected to give a heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped during the July Hellenic Fest—this includes those who participated in the planning meetings, the cooking workshops, booth chairmen/women, all those who gave so generously of their time to work the festival, as well as those who made donations, etc, etc. I would like to extend our special thanks to this year's Festival Chairmen: Peter Kyriakides, Leon Panteleos and Elaine Parkos Holder for the tremendous job they did. As always, I would be remiss if I did not recognize the efforts of Costa and Tom Gianetis of Coastal Electric, who, once again, donated their services in setting up the electrical system for the tent. And, the Hellenic Dancers were once again the hit of the Festival! Pending the receipt of the final few invoices, this year's Festival will net in the order of \$22,000—as per our Operating Budget, we had hoped to net \$29,000 in order to help balance the budget. But, because of inclement weather, our gross income was reduced. This should in no way discourage us, but rather help provide an impetus whereby improvements and efficiencies can be implemented for the future!!

For those who haven't noticed, ductless air conditioning was installed in the church hall in early July and it is glorious! I think it would be appropriate for all of us to remember in our

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prayers Willis Haviland Carrier, the inventor of the modern electric air conditioner!!! Truly, his invention certainly helped make the Festival activities in the church hall very pleasant. Also, we need to thank once again All American Painting for their generous donation in painting the outside of the church hall.

Other work being undertaken by the Parish Council are the repairs to the parking lot fence (due to the motor vehicle accident) as well as making the church and church hall more energy efficient. Mr. Chris Christopher has spearheaded this effort and as a result, the lighting in the church/hall will be upgraded at a nominal cost to the parish (approximately \$400), with the balance of the costs being borne by National Grid. More details will follow.

The Fall General Assembly is being scheduled for Sunday, 31 October, after Liturgy. Informational packets will be mailed prior to the meeting for review. As advance notice, projections show that at the close of this fiscal year (31 December), the church will incur a \$16,000 deficit. The majority of this deficit is due to a shortfall in Stewardship collections, as well as the reduced Festival proceeds. However, it's still not too late for all of us as a family to come together and help close this gap! For those of you who have not yet made their Stewardship pledge, do so now! If you have pledged but have not yet given, do so now! If you can afford an extra gift to the church, please kindly consider doing so. With just a little bit of effort, we can eliminate this deficit—by all of us pulling together we can do this! Let's give it a real try!

The next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. 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.

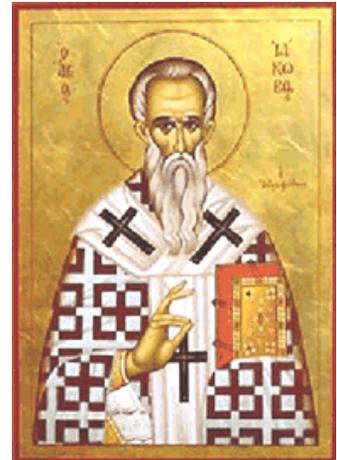
Respectfully,

Zoe Adamedes  
Parish Council President  
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## OCTOBER SAINTS

**Apostolos Iakovos (James).** James was the son of the Elder Joseph, the betrothed of the Theotokos. His mother was Salome, the first wife of Joseph. He was first named Joblian, which in Hebrew means “righteous.” He had mastery over himself as a child, read the scriptures, and gave alms. He always fasted from meat, fish, and shellfish, and did many prostrations. He would sign his name, “James servant of God, and the Lord Jesus Christ.” He would correct those that said that sin is natural, for if it were, that would also mean that God created evil. Instead, he taught that man is enticed by his own lust. He also taught that man should control his tongue, not lie, or swear an oath, even if it is true. His word often influenced the other Apostles. James influenced them to not circumcise the Gentiles, but instead to have them abstain from idols, fornication, blood, and things strangled. The Pharisees once asked James to speak to all the people when they were assembled for the Feast of Passover. Since all the people respected him, they asked him to tell the people that Jesus was not the Christ and that they were being deceived by a mere man. Instead, when James ascended the parapet to speak and be seen by all in the temple, Jew and Christian alike, he spoke thus: “Why do you question me concerning Jesus? He is seated in heaven at the right hand of His Father with the heavenly powers, and He will come again on the clouds of heaven, to judge the world with righteousness!” This statement converted many. When he did not give the response that they had expected, they threw him down from the parapet and stoned him, while James prayed for them and asked, “Father forgive them, for they know not what they do.” Finally, one of them hit James in the head with a club and he gave up his spirit.



**Venerable Pelagia.** Pelagia was a harlot from Antioch in the third century. She was famous, beautiful, and wealthy. At that time, a group of bishops were gathered in the city to discuss a certain issue. When Pelagia rode by in her carriage, Saint Nonnos, one of the bishops, gazed at her intently and condemned himself for not caring for his soul the way she cared for her appearance. Nonnos had a vision that during the Liturgy a foul-smelling dove hovered about him. When he left there, he dipped his hand where they baptized the catechumens and the dove became suddenly clean. The next day, Nonnos spoke to the congregation on the immortality of the soul, and by the will of God, Pelagia was there. It



caused compunction in her and she cried bitterly. She sent a note to him saying that she wanted to confess her sins to him, that she had heard that Jesus came to call sinners to repentance. Not wanting to see her alone, he ordered that she confess also before the other bishops in church. She was baptized and communed, her godmother being the nun Romania. The devil appeared in their midst in the form of a man and accused Nonnos of taking away his powers, and accused Pelagia of being a traitor. She made the sign of the cross and he vanished. The devil tempted her again at night, and again she sealed him with the sign of the cross. She asked Nonnos to distribute all of her ill-gotten gains to the widows, orphans, and the poor. The next day she dressed in a hair skirt and an old garment and secretly went to live in disguise as a monk on the Mount of

Olives, as monk Pelagios. She lived there three years and was well respected by the monastic community. By revelation, Nonnos knew of her whereabouts and sent his deacon to see her. When she opened the door, she asked only that Nonnos entreat God on behalf of her sins and she closed the door. Within a short while, Pelagia died.

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## PROTULIS GREEK SCHOOL NEWS

The 2010-2011 school year commenced on September 13 with an Agiasmo service conducted by Fr. Economou in the church. The students and teachers then followed Fr. George downstairs where he blessed the classrooms prior to the start of the Monday afternoon class.

The students are continuing to follow a series of lesson books obtained from the Greek Language and Culture Program sponsored by the Greek Government through the Greek Consulate of New York.

The various class levels meet Monday through Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. A special Pre-K class takes place on Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Adult classes are conducted on Monday afternoons. If you have not yet registered and wish to do so, please call the church office.

The first presentation of the year by the Greek School will take place on Sunday, October 24th after Divine Liturgy in commemoration of OXI Day. The Greek School families will join the AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope in sponsoring the Coffee Hour on this day.

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## Η 28η ΟΚΤΩΒΡΙΟΥ ΣΑΝ ΜΙΑ ΠΑΓΚΟΣΜΙΑ ΙΣΤΟΡΙΚΗ ΕΠΕΤΕΙΟΣ

Η 28η Οκτωβρίου, 1940 είναι μιά από τίς ιστορικότερες ημέρες τής ομογένειάς μας, και ίσως όλης τής Εύρώπης. Είναι ημέρα πού έχει συνδέσει άρρηκτα τήν σύγχρονη ομογένεια μέ τήν ομογένεια του Πλάτωνα και του Εύριπίδη.

Τά πολεμικά κύματα είχαν πλημμυρίσει όλη τήν Εύρώπη. Όλα σχεδόν τά κράτη της, άλλα είχαν γονατίσει φοβισμένα και άλλα ύποχωρούσαν σέ δουλική σούδετερότητα, τό ένα μετά τό άλλο.

Και μόνον ό Έλληνικός λαός, μετά από τήν Αγγλία, πού βάσταζε όλο τό βάρος και πολεμούσε γιά τήν ανθρωπότητα, σήκωσε τό μέτωπο και είπε μέ ένα ιστορικό ΟΧΙ, ότι θά έπαιξε και τήν ύπαρξή του ακόμα γιά τό καλό όλου του κόσμου.

Και ό κόσμος όλος περίεργος και κατάπληκτος, περίμενε νά δει μέχρι ποιου σημείου θά άντεχε ή ομογένεια. Και ό άγώνας τής ομογένειας σ' αυτό ακριβώς τό σημείο απόκτησε τραγικό μεγαλείο. Παρ' όλην τήν ανισότητα και τήν έλλειψη των σύγχρονων πολεμικών μέσων, άπαντούσε, μικρή όπως ήταν, σέ μιά τεράστια τραπωτική δύναμη μέ τό "Μολών λαβέ". Και έτσι έδειχνε σέ όλο τον κόσμο τον δρόμο των ελεύθερων και αδούλωντων ανθρώπων, και μέ τό διδαγμα της αυτό έμπαινε γιά μιά ακόμα φορά στην άθανασία.

Αδιαφορούσε τί θά ήταν τό αποτέλεσμα και διαλέγοντας τον δρόμο τής τιμής, έμπαινε στην ιστορία των άθανάτων. Ήξερε ότι ό άγώνας θά ήταν πολύ σκληρός, γεμάτος από δοκιμασίες, άλλα ήταν έναμένη μέ τήν απόφασή της νά κερδίσει τον τελικό θρίαμβο.

Είχε μπροστά της ένδοξη και πρωτοφανή ιστορία πού δέν μπορούσε νά προδώσει, πού δέν μπορούσε νά άφίσει.

Και στά βουνά τής Έλληνικής Ηκείρου, τό μικρό κράτος μέ τά 9 εκατομμύρια, άπόκρουσε μέ νίκη τίς πολυάριθμες όρδες του Φασισμού. Και όταν άργότερα μιά άλλη μεγάλη δύναμη, ή Ναζιστική Γερμανία, του έκανε επίθεση, και κει άντιστάθηκε, άντιστάθηκε και άναποδογύρισε τά σχέδια του Αξονα, και άλλαξε τήν πορεία του Δεύτερου Παγκόσμιου Πολέμου.

Δέν θά ήταν ύπερβολή ή και ψέμμα νά πούμε ότι: "Αν δέν κέρδισε μόνη της ή Ελλάδα τον Παγκόσμιο Πόλεμο, πάνω παρα πολύ είχε νά κάνει μέ τήν τελική νίκη. Συντέλεσε στο νά σωθεί ή Μεσόγειος και νά μείνει άπρόσιτη ή Μέση Ανατολή, ή Ρωσία πήρε καιρό νά προετοιμασθεί χάρη στην άντίσταση τής Ελλάδας, ή Ισπανία άρνήθηκε νά βοηθήσει τον Αξονα και νά παραδώσει τό Γιβραλτάρ, και ή Αμερική έτοιμιάσθηκε καλύτερα.

Όλοι πήραν θάρρος και μαθήματα από τήν μικρή Ελλάδα και οι δύο δικτάτορες, ό Χίτλερ και ό Μουσσολίνι, αναγκάσθηκαν νά τροποποιήσουν τά σχέδιά τους. Τό Έλληνικό τόλμημα τής 28ης Οκτωβρίου, 1940 άλλαξε τή πορεία του πολέμου και τίς επχειρήσεις του Αξονα γιά πάντα.

Αυτή είναι ή σημασία τής 28ης Οκτωβρίου. Αυτή είναι ή μεγάλη επέτειος πού γιορτάζουμε σήμερα.

Είναι έξαιρετικά μεγάλη και έξαιρετικά ιστορική ή επέτειος αυτή πού μάς θυμίζει τό "μολών λαβέ" του Λεωνίδα και τό "όχι" του Μεταξά. Είναι έξαιρετικά χαρακτηριστική ή 28η Οκτωβρίου, 1940 όχι μόνο γιά μάς τους ομογενείς, άλλα και γιά όλους τους πολιτισμένους ανθρώπους πού μιλούν μέ θαυμασμό γιά τό κατόρθωμα του 1940.

IN OUR PARISH

**Birth**

Christopher and Beth Georgiou welcomed *Jacob Christopher* on July 7 in Boca Raton Fla. Proud grandparents are Ernie and Pam Georgiou and great-grandmother Christine Krones.

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GREEK SAILING TEAM VISITS NEWPORT



On Sunday, September 19th, St. Spyridon was happy to welcome the Greek sailors who were in Newport competing in the ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championship. With women's match racing being featured for the first time in the 2010 Olympic Sailing Competition, there was much interest in this race. We wish them the best of luck in their endeavors!

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**“Cherish the Little Things”: A Celebration of Youth  
Fashion Show, Dinner, Silent Auction**

**Saturday, October 23, 2010**

5 p.m.—Cocktail Hour, 6 p.m.—Dinner & Youth Fashion Show

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Adults: \$25 Children (Ages 4-12) \$10, Advance Ticket Sales Only

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All Proceeds benefit the Church of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Parish Mortgage Fund

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AHEPA NEWS

The next meeting of the local AHEPA Chapter will take place the Second Tuesday of October at the Club Room of the Newport AHEPA Housing.

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DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE NEWS

The next meeting of the Daughters of Penelope will be held on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13 at 7 p.m.. at the AHEPA Housing.

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