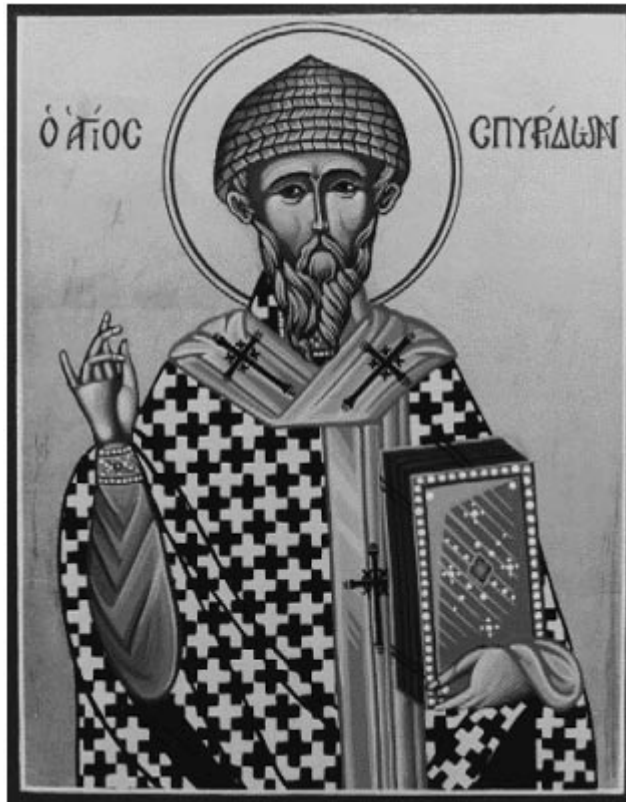


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**Daughters of Penelope President:**

Penelope Hiotas

**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 DESK

**Christmas 2011—The Greatest Gift**

Dear Parishioners, Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

December 25, Christmas Day, is the Feast day that rejoices in the greatest gift offered to humankind - God humbles Himself and takes on flesh, it is the Incarnation of the Son of God, so that you and I may be saved. In commemoration of this day, we exchange gifts with one another.

Contemplating the icon of the Birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ we realize the great love that God offers to His people through His Son. God loves us so much that He sent His Son to show us a new way of life. The Birth of Christ is a celebration of joy, for we have been granted eternal life.

The truth that God became man and entered into history is seen in the icon of the Nativity. Wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger is the Christ Child. All the details of the icon relate to the Lord's presence among us. The icon of the Nativity calls us to praise and glorify the Birth of Christ.

The Iconography and Hymnology of our Orthodox Church teach us wonderful lessons about Christian giving. The following hymn, taken from the Vespers of the Nativity, invites us to recognize the offerings made in celebration of the Nativity of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. We sing:

“What shall we bring to You, O Christ, Who, for our sake, was born on earth as man?  
Every creature brings thanks to You: Angels their songs; the heavens a star; Wise  
Men gifts; Shepherds amazement; the earth a cave; the wilderness a manger; but we -  
the Virgin Mother.”

All creation has acknowledged the Birth of the Redeemer of humankind through the act of Stewardship. We, too, must offer to Him Who was Born for our sake our gift in the enclosed Christmas offering envelope to His Church this Holy Season so that we may truly glorify and confess with a thankful and joyous heart that: Christ is Born !

In closing, please accept our very best wishes for a Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, Joyous and Prosperous New year 2012.

With Agape in the anticipated Incarnate Lord,



Fr. George E. Economou

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**ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΑ 2011—ΤΟ ΜΕΓΑΛΥΤΕΡΟ ΔΩΡΟ**

Αγαπητοί μας ενορίτες, αδελφοί εν Χριστώ,

Δεκέμβρη 25, Χριστούγεννα, ημέρα χαρμόσυνος: που η ανθρωπότητα εορτάζει το **μεγαλύτερο δώρο** που τις προσφέρθηκε – ο Θεός ταπεινώνετε και σαρκώνετε. Ο Υιός του Θεού σαρκώνετε διά να σώση τον άνθρωπο. Την ημέρα αυτή την εορτάζουμε με το να προσφέρουμε δώρα ο ένας στον άλλο.

Σάν ατενίζουμε την εικόνα της Γέννησις του Κυρίου ημών και Σωτήρος Χριστού με προσοχή πολύ γρήγορα γνωρίζουμε την μεγάλη αγάπη του Θεού για τα πλάσματά Του που την εκδηλώνει με τον Υιόν Του. Ο Θεός μας αγαπά τόσο πολύ που δε δυστάζει να στήσει τον αγαπητόν Του Υιόν για να μας δώσει νέο τρόπο ζωής. Τη Γέννηση του Χριστού την εορτάζουμε με μεγάλη χαρά, διότι μας χάρισε την αιώνιο ζωή.

Το γεγονός ότι ο Θεός έγινε άνθρωπος και μπήκε μέσα στην ιστορία το παρουσιάζει τόσο ζωντανά και χτυπητά η εικόνα της Γέννησις. Τυλιγμένος στα βρεφόπανα μέσα στη φάτνη βλέπουμε το νεογέννητο Χριστό. Όλες οι λεπτομέρειες της εικόνας προδίδουν μιὰ πραγματικότητα, ότι ο Κύριος είναι μεθ' ημών. Η εικόνα της ενσάρκωσης του Κυρίου μας καλεί να δοξολογήσουμε και υμνολογήσουμε τη Γέννηση του Χριστού.

Η Εικονογραφία και Υμνηλογία της Ορθοδόξου Εκκλησίας μας, μας διδάσκει ένα πολύ σπουδαίο μάθημα, αυτό που έχει να κάνει με τη Χριστιανική προσφορά, ο παρακάτω ύμνος από τον εσπερινό της Παραμονής των Χριστουγέννων μας που μας προσκαλεί να δώσουμε προσοχή στα δώρα που προσφέρουμε στον εορτασμό της Γέννησις του Σωτήρος Χριστού.

‘ Τι να σου προσφέρουμε, Χριστέ τώρα που ήρθες στη γη ως άνθρωπος για μάς;  
Το κάθε ένα από τα κτίσματα που εσύ έπλασες, σου προσφέρει ευχαριστεία, οι  
Αγγελοι τον ύμνο, οι ουρανοί το αστέρι, οι μάγοι τα δώρα, οι ποιμένες το θαύμα,  
η γή τη σπηλιά, η έρημος τη φάτνη, εμείς δε – τη μητέρα Παρθένο.’

Όλη η κτίση έχει αναγνωρίσει τη Γέννηση του Σωτήρος όλης της ανθρωπότητας με τις προσφορές της. Καί μείς αγαπητοί μου αδελφοί, θα πρέπει να προσφέρουμε Σαυτόν που Γεννήθηκε για χάρη μας το δώρο μας στην Εκκλησία Του τούτες τις Αγίες Μέρες για να τον δοξολογήσουμε και να ομολογήσουμε με ευχάριστη και ευγνώμονα καρδιά το ‘Χριστός γεννάται , δόξασατε, ....’

Κλείωντας παρακαλούμε δεχτήτε ολόθερμες ευχές για τις Αγίες Ημέρες της Γέννησις του Χριστού και τα Θεοφάνεια. Αυτός πού γεννήθηκε απο την Παρθένο, ο Κύριος και Λυτρωτής μας Χριστός να σας χαρίζει υγεία και κάθε ευλογία. Το δε Νέο Έτος, 2012 αίσιο, ευτυχές και ευλογημένο με κάθε αγαθό.

Με αγάπη του αναμενομένου Σαρκωθέντος Χριστού,

*π. Γεώργιος Η. Οικονόμου*

π. Γεώργιος Η. Οικονόμου, Πρωτοπρεσβύτερος

## CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARD

Once again we will be printing a Community Christmas Card as a small fundraiser for our parish. As previously, the cost to have your name printed in the card will be \$10 per line. Please contact the Church office as soon as possible. The deadline is **December 4th**. 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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## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

The Philoptochos was thrilled to have hosted our General Meeting Social with all the wonderful ladies of the community who attended. Many great ideas were generated that have inspired us all to continue to pursue our charitable work. At this writing we look forward to the Christmas Party to be held in coordination with the Daughters of Penelope. We will also be working with the Sunday School children in an activity toward meeting the holiday needs of an adopted family. Together with the Sunday School, Philoptochos, and the Daughters we will be asking the community to help us as we attempt to provide this family with some holiday cheer and hope.

As is always necessary, we gently remind our ladies that dues are now being accepted in the amount of \$25.00. Checks can be made out to St. Spyridon Philoptochos Society and can be mailed to Ionna Bairos-Moreau, 96 Sherwood Terrace, Portsmouth, Rhode Island. A reminder - our new brides are automatic members and do not need to pay dues for their first year. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for January 11th to be held at the church hall at 6:30 pm. The Vasilopita is scheduled for January 15. On behalf of the Philoptochos we wish our community a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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## SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

Dear Friends,

Please call or email Sofi Cofield to sign up to help at this month's soup kitchen—this month it is on **Monday, December 12th**— (401847 8593 / sofikip@aol.com )

Thank you for your help in our Ministry,  
St. Spyridon Soup Kitchen Team  
Jane Iandolo, Rose Apostol and Sofi Cofield

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## THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

The uniqueness of the Christian faith is not found in the belief in God – other religions also have that, rather, the uniqueness of Christianity is to be found in the conviction that God is love, and that clearest revelation of this love is to be found in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus was born into midst of an oppressed and demoralized people who were searching for hope and validation. They needed to know that they had not been abandoned by the God of their fathers, and they found assurance of that continuing love at work in the person of Christ.

Christmas 2011 still finds us looking for the same assurances. We live in a difficult and oftentimes very dark world. We too need hope and validation as we make our way through these difficulties, and we need the knowledge that, in spite of our shortcomings, we remain worth loving. By coming into the world, Christ hoped to provide us with that upholding reassurance.

But it is not only important that Christ came into the world. How He came also has a great deal to teach us. He came into this world by being born in a stable. This humble beginnings was meant to teach each of us that no home was too simple or too poor to offer hospitality to the King of Glory. Even the simplest hut is grander than the stable that marked the start of Christ's earthly journey.

That is why Christmas is a joyous celebration. It tells us that God loves us enough to reach out over the unbridgeable chasm that separates us, through the life of Jesus Christ. No one of us, no, not one, is beyond the reach of that love. Christmas also teaches us that no human heart is so humble that it cannot offer hospitality to Christ. He was born in a stable so that each of us could accept in confidence his desire to be part of our lives.

The humility and love of Jesus Christ, however, allows for no coercion. Each of us is free to choose if we shall offer an invitation. As He came into the world He was refused many times until room was found in the stable, and He continues to be refused in many homes today. May God grant that in ours He finds a warm welcome.

**A BLESSED AND JOYOUS CHRISTMAS**

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## Η ΓΕΝΝΗΣΙΣ ΤΟΥ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥ

Το μοναδικό στοιχείο του Χριστιανισμού δεν είναι η πίστις στο Θεό, διότι όλες οι θρησκείες του κόσμου ασπάζουν αυτήν την αλήθεια. Μάλλον η μοναδικότης του Χριστιανισμού ευρίσκεται στην πεποίθησι ότι ο Θεός είναι αγάπη, και ότι η πιο άμεση έκφρασι και αποκάλυψι της αγάπης αυτής υπάρχει στο πρόσωπο του Ιησού Χριστού. Ο Χριστός εγεννήθη σε λαό τυραννισμένο και απηλπισμένον, ο οποίος ζητούσε ελπίδα και πεποίθησι. Ηθελε την βεβαίωσι ότι ο Θεός των πατέρων τους δεν τους είψε εγκαταλείψει, και την βεβαίωσι αθτή της αγάπης του Θεού την ευρήκε στο πρόσωπο του Χριστού.

Και τώρα τα Χριστούγεννα του 2011 η ανθρωπότητα ακόμα ζητάει την ελπίδα και την πεποίθησι αυτή. Ζούμε σε δύσκολους καιρούς και σκοτεινό κόσμο, και χρειαζόμεθα την γνώσι ότι παρά τας ελλείψεις μας, παραμένουμε άξιοι αυτής της αγάπης. Όταν ήλθε στον κόσμο μας ο Χριστός, ήθελε να μας προσφέρει την βεβαίωσι αυτή.

Αλλά δεν είναι σπουδαίο μόνον το γεγονός ότι ο Χριστός ήλθε στον κόσμο. Και ο τρόπος με τον οποίο ήλθε έχει πολλά να μας διδάξη. Εγεννήθη σε στάβλο μεταξύ αλόγων ζώων. Με την ταπεινή αυτή αρχή ήθελε να μας τονίση ότι δεν υπάρχει σπίτι τόσο απλό η φτωχό που δεν μπορεί να προσφέρει φιλοξενία στον Βασιλέα της Δόξης. Ακόμα και η τελευταία καλύβα είναι ανώτερη από το στάβλο που σηματοδευσε την αρχή της επιγείου πορείας του Χριστού.

Γιαυτό ο εορτασμός των Χριστουγέννων είναι τόσο χαρμόσυνο γεγονός. Μας λέει ότι ο Θεός έρχεται να γεφυρώση το χάσμα που μας χώριζε, με την ζωή και δράσι του Ιησού Χριστού. Κανένας απολύτως δεν βρίσκεται πέρα από αυτή την αγάπη, και τα Χριστούγεννα μας διδάσκουν ότι καμμία ανθρώπινη καρδιά δεν είναι τόσο ταπεινή που δεν μπορεί να φιλοξενήση τον Χριστό. Γεννήθηκε σε στάβλο ώστε να μπορέση και ο τελευταίος μεταξύ μας να έχη βεβαία την πεποίθησι ότι ο Κύριος θέλει να είναι μέρος της ζωής μας.

Η ταπεινότητα και η αγάπη του Κυρίου όμως δεν επιτρέπει την βία. Ολοι είμαστε ελεύθεροι να αποφασίσουμε εάν θα προσφέρουμε την πρόσκλησι μας και την φιλοξενεία μας στον Κύριο. Όταν ήλθε στον κόσμο ο Χριστός, πολλοί ήσαν εκείνοι που τον αρνήθηκαν και τον ωδήγησαν στον στάβλο, και η άρνησις αυτή συνεχίζεται σε πολλά σπίτια σήμερα. Ευχή μας είναι ότι όταν έλθη στα δικά μας σπίτια θα εύρη ζεστή και λαμπρά υποδοχή. Αμήν

**ΚΑΛΑ ΚΑΙ ΕΥΛΟΓΗΜΕΝΑ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΑ**

# DECEMBER 2011

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<b><u>His Eminence Metro-politan Methodios at our Church for its Feast Day Sunday December 11th.</u></b>	General Assembly Sunday Dec. 4 th. Please make every effort to be present	Fr. George will visit shut-ins. Please call the office with names. Fathers Emergency Tel .401-474-7700		1.Philaret the M of Armenia. Nahum the Pro <u>Office Hou</u>
4. 10th Luke. Barbara Gr. Martyr Orthros. 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m. GEN. ASSEMBLY	5 St..Savas Sanctified Diogenes the Martyr	6. St. Nicholas the Wonderworker. Orthros. 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m. PC Mtg 7:00 p.m.	7. St. Ambrose of Milan.Athenodoros of Mesopotamia	8.Forefeast Conception of Theotokos St.Patapios of T <u>Office Hou</u>
11. 11th. Luke Orthros.9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m. 7 p.m.Great Vespers of St. Spyridon	12. St.Spyridon Wonderworker. Orthros. 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10.00 a.m.	13. Auxentios and Martyrs of Sebaste <u>Visit Shut-ins Office Hours.</u>	14.Thyrsos,Leucius and Callinicus.	15. St. Eleuthe Bishop of Illiri: <u>Visit Shut-in Office Hours</u>
18.. <b>Before Nativity</b> Orthros. 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.10:00 a.m. Christmas Program Sun.Sch./Grk. Sch.	19.Boniface of Tours Gregentius, Bishop of Ethiopia	20.Forefeast of Nativity St.Ignatios GodBearer <u>Visit Shut-ins Office Hours.</u>	21. Forefeast of Nativity. Julian and 630 Companions	22. Anastasia GreatMartyr. Chrysogonos Martyr. <u>Office Hour</u>
<b><u>25. HOLY NATIVITY OF OUR LORD CHRISTMAS DAY</u></b> Orthros. 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m.	26.Synaxis Theotokos <b><u>No fasting from Dec.25th –Jan. 4th</u></b>	27.S t.S tephen First Martyr.Theodore Conf <u>Office Hours</u>	28.20,000 Martyrs of Nikomedia.	29. 14,000 Hol Innocents.Marc Right <u>Office Hou</u>



**inter Hours:** Orthros: 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m.

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the Merciful a. : Prophet <u>Hours</u>	2. Habakkuk Prophet Cyril of Phileus	3. Zephaniah the Prophet John, Bishop and He- sychast
t n of s of Thebes <u>Hours.</u>	9. Conception of Theotokos	10. Menas, Hermoge nes, Eugraphios. Tho- mas of bithynia
ertherios Illiria. <u>ut-ins</u> <u>Hours.</u>	16. Haggai Prophet Modestos Bishop of Jerusalem	17. Daniel & Three Holy Youths Dionysios of Zakinthos
sia yr. ios <u>Hours</u>	23. Ten Mart. of Crete Conc. Hagia Sophia <b>9:00 a.m. Gr. Hours of Christmas</b>	24. <b><u>Christmas Eve.</u></b> Eugenia of Rome. <b><u>5:30 p.m. Vesperal</u></b> <b><u>Div. Lit. of Christmas</u></b>
Holy Marcellus <u>Hours</u>	.30. St. Anysia of Thessaloniki. Gideon of Mt. Athos .	31. St. Melania of Rome. Restitution of the Feast of Nativity

**Upcoming Events**

December 2—Daughters of Penelope/  
Ahepa Christmas Dinner, Atlantic  
Beach Club

December 11—**Pastoral visit from  
His Eminence Metropolitan  
Methodios to celebrate our church's  
feast day**

December 12—Feast Day of St.  
Spyridon

December 12—Soup Kitchen

December 18—Christmas Pageant and  
Greek School Program

**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.

## FEAST DAY OF ST SPYRIDON

This year we are honored that His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios will be with us Sunday, December 11th to celebrate the Divine Liturgy of the Feast of our beloved patron saint, St Spyridon. Please mark your calendars and make every effort to attend this beautiful celebration of our parish feast. The Parish Council will host His Emminence at a luncheon at the Atlantic Beach Club following the Divine Liturgy and parish reception in our church hall.

### St Spyridon Feast Day Celebrations

#### Sunday, December 11th

His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios will celebrate Liturgy with us Sunday  
Parish reception in the church hall following Liturgy  
Parish Council will host His Eminence at ABC for lunch

Great Vespers of St Spyridon at 7pm, Reception to follow

#### Monday, December 12th

Feast of St Spyridon Wonderworker, Patron Saint of our Holy Church  
Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy, 10am



### St Spyridon—December 12th

Spyridon, the God-bearing Father of the Church, the great defender of Corfu and the boast of all the Orthodox, had Cyprus as his homeland. He was simple in manner and humble of heart, and was a shepherd of sheep. When he was joined to a wife, he begat of her a daughter whom they named Irene. After his wife's departure from this life, he was appointed Bishop of Trimythus, and thus he became also a shepherd of rational sheep. When the First Ecumenical Council was assembled in Nicaea, he also was present, and by means of his most simple words stopped the mouths of the Arians who were wise in their own conceit. By the divine grace which dwelt in him, he wrought such great wonders that he received the surname "Wonderworker." So it is that, having tended his flock piously and in a manner pleasing to God, he reposed in the Lord about the year 350, leaving to his country his sacred relics as a consolation and source of healing for the faithful.

### Apolytikion in the First Tone

O Father, God-bearer, Spyridon, you were proven a champion and Wonder Worker of the First Ecumenical Council. You spoke to the girl in the grave and turned the serpent to gold. And, when chanting your prayers, most sacred One, angels ministered with you. Glory to Him who glorified you; glory to Him who crowned you; glory to Him who, through you, works healing for all.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Dear Families,

This year the Religious Education families along with Philoptochos are planning to adopt a family through the Child & Family Holiday program. Once we have a list of the ages and needs of this family, we will get the information to you and would be most appreciative if families could bring in gifts wrapped and labeled to be taken to our adopted family for the Christmas holiday. As we are all preparing to celebrate Christmas together, it is a wonderful time to teach our children about giving to others less fortunate.

Our Christmas pageant is upon us again! The children will be busy in December memorizing their lines and practicing for the big day! On Saturday, December 17th, all children will be asked to come to church and practice at 12:30pm (just after Greek School practice). On Sunday, December 18th, the children will perform the Christmas pageant in the church hall following Liturgy. Hope to see everyone there!

Marianne

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## PROTULIS GREEK SCHOOL NEWS

Fr. George has requested that the Protulis Greek School participate in the Great Vespers for the Feast of Saint Spyridon on **Sunday evening, December 11th** by chanting the Apolytikion of Saint Spyridon. The Greek School teachers will inform their students as to which classes will participate as it is an evening service and there will be visiting clergy. We look forward to a memorable presentation of this beautiful hymn by our Greek School children.

On **Saturday, December 17th**, a *Σαββατιάτικη Παρέα* (Saturday Gathering) will be held for all students from 11:00am to 12pm (noon) in the Greek School classroom to rehearse for the Christmas Kalanta program.

The Kalanta will be sung as a part of the Christmas Pageant on **Sunday, December 18th**, immediately following the Divine Liturgy. The coffee hour on this day will be co-hosted by the Greek School and Sunday School families.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2012!  
Καλά Χριστούγεννα και Ευτυχισμένο το Νέο Έτος 2012!

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## OXI DAY PROGRAM

The children of St. Spyridon's Protulis Greek School are pictured above at the OXI Day program on October 30, 2011.

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## NEWPORT HELLENIC DANCERS

The Newport Hellenic Dancers continue their annual holiday pastry sale fundraiser. Orders are being taken up to **December 12th**. As in previous years, homemade pastries will be made available in decorated boxes for sale. The funds will go to support our community dance group. Look for our handouts in the church hall and the monthly bulletin.

Xanthoula (Sandy) and Vaggelis Giannopoulos

Phone: (401) 667-2984

Email: [e.giannopoulos@verizon.net](mailto:e.giannopoulos@verizon.net), [xanthoula@verizon.net](mailto:xanthoula@verizon.net)

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**St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church Newport Hellenic Dancers**  
**Holiday Greek Pastry Sale 2011**

***Enjoy traditional homemade Greek pastries in attractive holiday packaging, perfect for your home and for gift giving.***

**Mixed Box for \$10.** Each box will contain a combination of Baklava , Kourabiedes, Melomakarona and Koulourakia.

Place your order by Monday December 12<sup>th</sup>

- 1) Sign up at our display at the Church Hall or
- 2) Call Sandy at 401-667-2984 or
- 3) Email your order at e.giannopoulos@verizon.net or
- 4) Fill out attached order form and give it to us or mail it to the church.



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

**Pickup pastries at St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church Hall on:**

**Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> 1-2PM, Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> After Liturgy**

For more information please contact Sandy or Vaggeli at 667-2984 or e.giannopoulos@verizon.net

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Boxes Ordered:

Total Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

All proceeds will be used to support the Newport Hellenic Dancers

## AHEPA HELLENIC HISTORY TROPHY NEWS

The Hellenic History Trophy (HHT) is a special scholarship program sponsored by the Yankee District #7 of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) which identifies and rewards those high school students who know the most about the 3500 year old history of the Hellenes.



The Newport team of Michael Antonopoulos, Eleni Giannopoulos, and Pareskevi Kyriakakis performed admirably at the recent Hellenic History Trophy competition in Orange, Connecticut. They made it into the second round, and, by participating, they earned a nice entry into their college portfolios. We are very proud of our Newport team!



## IN OUR PARISH

### **Birth**

Baby girl born to Sofia and James Sinclair on October 13, 1011. Her name is "*Eva*" and her proud grandparents are Telly and Leeza Amarant. Congratulations to all!

### **Baptisms**

On October 8, the son of Sean and Stephanie Kapos Todd was baptized and given the name *Alexander Sean (Alexander Vasilios)* by his Godparent William Panagako. May he have a long and happy life!

On October 29, the daughter of Brian and Georgianna Mihalek was baptized and given the name *Adrianna Anna* by her Godparent Harry Cicma. May she have a long and happy life!

### **Achievement**

Congratulations to *Evelyn Spiratos* who was chosen "Auxilian of the Year" by the Newport Hospital Auxiliary. Evie was surprised at the annual dinner on October 24 and was chosen for her many years of service to the Auxiliary and her many volunteer activities.

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## DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE NEWS

The Daughters of Penelope Christmas Dinner will be held Friday, December 2nd at the Atlantic Beach Club. We will be joined by the Ahepans, Philoptochos and guests. Please see Maria Johnson or Leah Violet for further information or contact Penny Hiotas at 847-1807. The Daughters will be visiting shut-ins during this month. If you know of a shut-in, please contact Penny Hiotas at 847-1807. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at the Ahepa Housing Complex at 7 pm.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Daughters of Penelope!

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