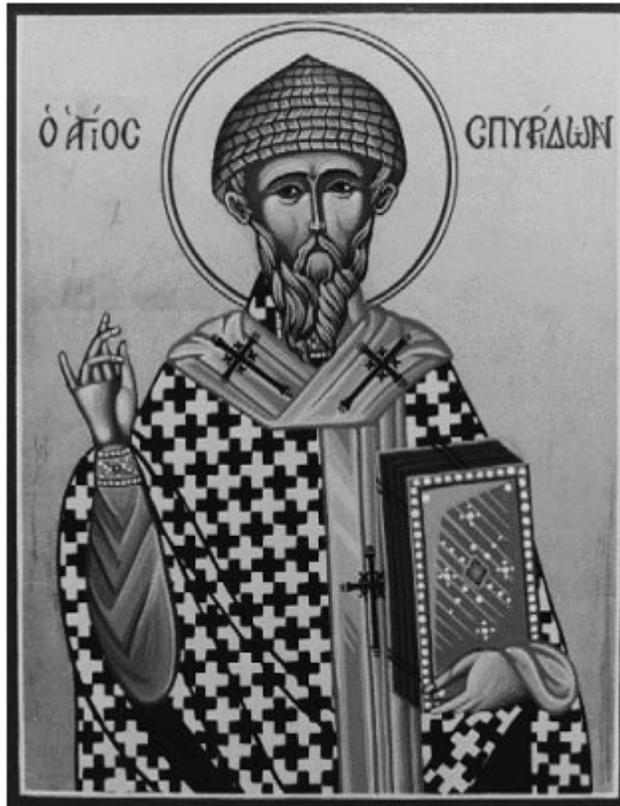

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Summer Hours

Orthros 8:30 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 9:30 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

PENTECOST

Pentecost occurred on the fiftieth (*pentekoste* in Greek) after the Jewish Passover and the fiftieth day after the Resurrection of Christ. This was also a day on which the Jews celebrated a great feast commemorating the giving of the Tables of the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai. Jerusalem was full of foreigners, Jews living abroad (called the "Diaspora"), who had come from all corners of the world to celebrate the feast.

Several days earlier, a group of about one hundred and twenty disciples had gathered together with the apostles and the Theotokos. At Peter's suggestion they had chosen a twelfth apostle to replace Judas, Matthias.

The disciples were waiting in Jerusalem for the coming of the Comforter whom Jesus had promised. They were full of joyful expectation. They would finally know Him of whom Jesus had said, "It is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you" (Jn 16:7). Since Jesus had departed and now sat at the right hand of the Father (Mk 16:19), He could now fulfill His promise.

And so Jesus bestowed the Spirit upon them on the anniversary of the day that Moses had been given the Law, "for the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." (Jn 1:17).

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all gathered in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own language?...We hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

This is the story of Pentecost as told by Luke in the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. We also celebrate this event with thanksgiving, singing the troparion of the feast:

*Blessed are Thou, O Christ our God,
Who hast revealed the fisherman as most wise
By sending down upon them the Holy Spirit.
Through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net.
O Lover of man, glory to Thee!*

Troparion for Pentecost, tone 8

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.

SUNDAY SUMMER HOURS

Sunday Summer Hours begin **Sunday, June 5th**. The times will be as follows:
Orthros 8:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

PHILOPTOCHOS

Last call to pay for dues for 2011. Please send checks to Ionna Bairos Moreau,
96 Sherwood Terrace, Portsmouth, RI 02871.

Have a wonderful summer. See everyone at the Hellenic Fest!

PEANUT ALLERGIES

We have several children in our parish family who are allergic to peanuts. Naturally, we wouldn't want any of our children to inadvertently become ill during a coffee hour. Because of this, and because peanut allergies can be life-threatening, the Parish Council is once again requesting your cooperation in **NOT** offering peanut butter, peanuts, peanut candy, or peanut butter cookies, etc during coffee hour. Thank you all in advance for your cooperation!

IN OUR PARISH

Baptisms

On May 7th the son of David and Adeline Jasinski was baptized and given the name *Harry James*. Harry joins his brother William in the Jasinski family. Congratulations to the Jasinski family.

On May 14th the daughter of Thomas and Gina Gianetis was baptized and given the name *Sophia*. Sophia joins her sister Hannah in the Gianetis family. Congratulations to the Gianetis family.

Graduations/School Awards

Carissa Borodemos graduated from the Community College of Rhode Island Nursing School. Congratulations to Carissa and her proud family - we wish her all the best in her future endeavors!

Congratulations to *Missy Mellekas* who was one of two students at Rogers High School who prepared a National History Day exhibit which will be displayed at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC. The museum is honoring first prize winners in each of the states on June 15.

ON THE FEAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES

As we prepare to enter the Apostle's Fast this month, let us reflect a bit on the Holy Apostles of Christ and their important role in His Church. During this holy period in their honor, we should venerate and pray to them more often, continually seeking their holy intercessions before the throne of the Most High, which they flank, seated on their own glorious thrones.

First of all, let us remember the very beginning of the Church on earth after the Lord's Resurrection and Ascension. On the day of Pentecost—50 days after Holy Pascha, the Lord sent His Holy Spirit upon the Holy Apostles and the other followers of Christ who were gathered together in the upper room." *...And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."* (Acts 2:1-4)

This incredible and life transforming act of God gave true birth to the Church. In the absence of Christ, the Holy Apostles took the reigns of the Church, knowing that God was truly with them once again, through his Holy Spirit. The promise of Christ, given just prior to His holy Ascension into heaven, had been kept. Basically, during the mystery of the Pentecost, the Apostles were *ordained* as the first bishops of the Church, in order to oversee the Church, to teach her doctrines, and to preside over the celebration of the Eucharist. These three basic elements still constitute the role of the bishop in the Orthodox Church.

The great task of the Spirit-filled Apostles was to spread the Christian faith, both locally and in far-away places of the known world. Through the hands of the Apostles and those of the other bishops ordained, many men were ordained to the ranks of *bishop, presbyter, and deacon*, which has continued throughout the ages. As you've heard many times, today's Orthodox clergy trace their ordination back to the Apostles themselves, through what is called *apostolic succession*.

Holy Tradition, which encompasses the entire life of the Church from her beginnings to the present, also originated with the Holy Apostles. As direct disciples of the Lord and witnesses of the Resurrection, they passed on the teachings of Christ and the Tradition of the Church which they shaped and forged through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. *"Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle."* (2 Thes. 2:15). When other Christians try to criticize the practices of the Orthodox Church by stating that everything we do is based on traditions of men, we must remind them that our Holy Tradition has its source in Christ Himself, and has continued to be guided by God through His Holy Spirit.

The key thing for us to remember, regarding apostolic succession and the Holy Apostolic Tradition, is that these things constitute an *unbroken* chain within the Orthodox Church which begins with the Apostles. The seven ecumenical councils held by the Church during the first eight centuries of her life, specifically dealt with heretical perversions of the apostolic teachings of the Church, again, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The work of the ecumenical councils, as well as the many local councils held at various times and places, has ensured that the chain linking us to Christ and His Holy Apostles has remained unbroken. This my beloved, is what has kept the Church *Orthodox*. This is what has kept the True Faith pure and untainted—the same Faith that the Holy Apostles spread throughout the world and that we have inherited.

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 toppled 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 weak 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!

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Christos Anesti! Hristos a inviat! Xristos voskrese!

The Monthly Parish Council meeting was held on Monday, May 3rd. Vice President Gianopoulos was absent, which was a good thing as it allowed the rest of the Parish Council to name Vaggeli and his lovely wife Xanthoula as the 2011 Laity Award honorees from our parish (Vaggeli would never have allowed it!). There is no need to mention how much Vaggeli and Xanthoula have done for our community and our youth programs, including the Newport Hellenic Dancers. The Laity Award Dinner will take place in June at Lombardo's in Randolph, MA. Please call the church office if you plan on attending.

As for other news and Parish Council is currently:

- Working out the new Parking lot lease with the Newport Yachting Center which should be put in place shortly.
- Completed the roof (flashing) repairs during this period (no cost) and it appears that after the recent heavy rains that the church has remained dry.
- Completed the repairs and inspection to the church's wheelchair lift (formerly known as the "elevator"). If anyone can document how to operate the lift so we can print up some nice signs for both inside and outside the lift that would be great!
- Working on getting a plasterer in to repair the curved portion of the church ceiling which fell from water damage. Once the plaster is repaired, then the area will be painted.
- Working on getting pricing for the professional refinishing of the church pews. More information to follow as this becomes available
- Working to get the outside windows of the church painted since there is a lot of chipping/peeling paint and it looks terrible

Along with all the above activities, the Church needs to have some water-damaged plaster board replaced and then repainted up in the balcony area. If you have skills that can help in this area, please consider the donation of your time and talents to make these repairs!

Plans for the festival continue to move along. The only booth without a chairperson/coordinator is the Pastry Booth and as we all know, this booth is one of the biggest draws to our Festival. Why not consider being the chairperson for this booth? You don't have to do it alone---why not volunteer with some of your friends, koumbaroi, relatives, and maybe break it down by day (one gang working on Friday, another on Saturday, etc)? If you think you may be interested, please contact either Steve Mellekas or Elaine Parkos Holder and

THANK YOU!!! Also, workshops will be starting up soon, and raffle tickets will soon be mailed out. Please make every attempt to support our Parish's Hellenic Fest!

As I'm sure we have all heard, our dear Father George and Presvytera Elaine are off once again to Australia to attend (actually officiate) a family baptism. They will be gone from late-June to late-July and we wish them Kalo Taxidi (Safe Trip!). And of course, to hurry back to us soon! 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.

The next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 7th at 7:00 p.m. And, once again, as a reminder, ANY Parish Council meeting is OPEN to anyone and anyone should feel free to attend whenever you wish.

Respectfully,
Zoe Adamedes
Parish Council President

Bloopers

- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community
- Don't let worry kill you ~ let the church help.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Dear Families,

Our last day of Sunday School will be June 5th. On this day, each child will receive a certificate, and picture of each class. What a wonderful year it has been! We ended the year with 45 students strong in Sunday School. What a remarkable number! First, a big thank you goes to the teaching staff of Janet Spentzos in the Preschool class, Gabi Dobrot in the K class, Vickie Mellekas helping me out in the 1-2 grade class, Sandy Giannopoulos in the 3-6 grade class and Mike Sisak in the 7-12 grade class. Then another thank you to Alike Cooper who has photographed every event for us and has helped out with teaching this year. Also a thank you to Alex Antonopoulos who helps out in the classrooms each week. Another big thank you to the parents who have brought the children every Sunday to learn about the Orthodox faith.

To a healthy, relaxing summer! More information to come on our summer Vacation Bible day in August!

Marianne

JUNE 2011

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<p>Father's Emergency Tel .401-474-7700</p>	<p><u>SUMMER HOURS</u> <u>BEGIN SUNDAY</u> <u>- JUNE 5TH</u> <u>ORTHROS 8:30 a.m.</u> <u>DIV. LIT. 9:30 a.m.</u></p>	<p>Fr. George will be away from the Parish Monday June 20th. to Wednesday July 20th.</p>	<p>1. Apodosis Of Pascha. Justin Martyr Pyrros Hieromartyr</p>	<p><u>2. Holy Asce</u> Orthros. 9:00 a Div. Lit. 10:00 <u>Church office.</u></p>
<p><u>5. Fathers of 1st. Ecumen. Council</u> Orthros. 8:30 a.m. Div. Lit.9:30 a.m. <u>Sun. Sch. Ends</u></p>	<p>6. Hilarion of Dalmat. Attalos Wonderwork.</p>	<p>7. Theodotos, Bishop Panagis Basias Righ <u>Church Office Open.</u> <u>Parish Council Mtg 7.</u></p>	<p>8. Relics of St Theodore the Commander Kalliope the Martyr</p>	<p>9. Cyril, Patri Alexandria. 3rd Martyr of Chi <u>Church Office.</u></p>
<p><u>12. PENTECOST</u> Orthros. 8:30 a.m. Div. Lit. 9:30 a.m Knelling Prayers. <u>Metr.Laity Awards</u></p>	<p><u>13. Holy Spirit.</u> Akylina the Martyr. Eulogios PatrAntioch.</p>	<p>14. Methodios Patriarch of Constantant. <u>Metropolitan Metho-</u> <u>dios Name Day</u> <u>Church Office Open</u></p>	<p>15. Amos the Prophet Augustine, Bishop of Hippo. Jerome Right.</p>	<p>16. Tychon th Wonderworker Martyrs of Ror <u>Church Office.</u></p>
<p><u>19. All Saints</u> <u>Father's Day</u> Orthros. 8:30 a.m. Div.Lit. 9:30 a.m. <u>Greek School Ends</u></p>	<p>20. Methodios Bishop of Olympus.Kallistos the First Patr. of Con. <u>Fr.George leaves for his vacation.</u></p>	<p>21. Julian Martyr Terentius of Iconium <u>Church Office Open</u></p>	<p>22. Eusebius Bishop Zenon and Zenas</p>	<p>23. Agrippin Martr.Aristock Demetrius Ath <u>Church Office.</u></p>
<p><u>26. 2nd Matthew</u> David of Thessalon Icon of Theotokos Orthros. 8:30 a.m. Div. Lit. 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>27. Sampson the Innkeeper. Joanna the Myrrhbearer</p>	<p>28. Relics of Cyrus and John.Pappias the Martyr <u>Church Office Open</u></p>	<p>29. Holy Apostles Peter and Paul</p>	<p>30. Synaxis of Holy Apostles. <u>Church office (</u></p>

Hours Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

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<p>Ascension. 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. <u>Office Open.</u></p>	<p>3. Lucillian and Paula Martyrs Athanasios the Wonderworker.</p>	<p>4 Metrophanes Patr.of Constantinople Mary and martha</p>
<p>Patriarch of a. 3 Virgin of Chios <u>Office Open</u></p>	<p>10. Alexande, Antonina, Martyrs. Timothy, Bish. of Proussa.</p>	<p>11. Bartholomew and Barnabas Apostles. <u>Ecumenic.Patriarch Bartholomew Name Day.</u></p>
<p>on the orker. 40 of Rome. <u>Office Open</u></p>	<p>17. Isaurus and Companions of Athens. Manuel,Sabel,Ismael</p>	<p>18. Leontios, Hypatios and Theodoulos of Syria.</p>
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Upcoming Events

June 5—Sunday Summer Hours begin: 8:30 Orthros, 9:30 Liturgy, Last Day of Sunday School

June 7—Parish Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

June 15—Daughters of Penelope meeting, 6 p.m., St. Spyridon Church Hall

June 19—Greek School End of Year Program

June 20—July 20th—Father George away, Visiting priests on Sundays

Regular Events

Religious Education—Sundays, immediately after Holy Communion (last day on June 5)

Children’s Greek School—Monday-Thursday, 4-6 p.m. (last week is week of June 13th)

Adult Greek School—Mondays, 4-6 p.m. (last week is week of June 13th)

HELLENIC FEST UPDATE—JULY 22, 23 & 24, 2011

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 16).

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 - Norman and Ionna
- Food Booth—Paul Stevens and Leah Violet
- Souvlaki and Gyros Booth - Steve and Greg Mellekas
- Cultural Marketplace Booth – Penny Hiotas and Despina Haralambidis
- Loukoumades Booth - Menas/Walsh/Christopher Families
- Chips Booth - AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope
- Kitchen Operations - Leon Panteleos
- Raffle - Maria (Stefanopoulos) Johnson
- Advertisement – Brett and Marianne Fox and Ashley Cottrell
- 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)
- Donations—Leeza Amarant
- 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!!!

- Pastry Booth – COORDINATOR NEEDED (Responsible for scheduling workers and the smooth operation of the Pastry Booth during the festival)
 - Setup/Breakdown: COORDINATOR NEEDED (Involves arranging Tables, Chairs, Linens, Booths, Signage & Decorations)
 - We also need someone reliable to volunteer to run the gyros machines/cones for the three days of the fest and also to run the indoor salad station.
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Workshops (see page 16 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 \$20 each, with the Grand Prize of \$2000. This raffle is so tremendously important to the success of our festival! WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT! Please plan to buy a ticket and sell some as well! You may purchase a ticket at one of the local establishments selling tickets: Newport (Mel's Cafenio, Nikolas Pizza, The Pier), Middletown (Atlantic Beach Club, 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. Or, consider sponsoring a booth—see page 14 for more information.

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!!!!

Next meeting is scheduled for June 20th at 6 p.m. at the Atlantic Beach Club. Please come!

SPONSOR A HELLENIC FEST BOOTH

This year we are asking parishioners to consider sponsoring a booth for Hellenic Fest. Any parishioner who makes a donation over \$250 are asked to pick a particular booth at the festival to donate that money to and in return they will be recognized on the "booth banner" and receive full page recognition in the ad book. IF a parishioner chooses to pay the entire amount of a booth's cost they will have a banner with just their business or family name on it above that booth.

Please make checks payable to:

Saint Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church

In the *memo section* please include: donation for the specific Festival booth you would like to sponsor

Please mail check and if applicable company logo/business card to:

Saint Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church

Attn: Hellenic Fest Committee

P.O. Box 427

Newport, RI 02840

E-Mail:

If you are making a contribution over \$250 we would like to acknowledge your contribution on the booth you choose to support. To do so we prefer a business logo to print on a banner, if you would prefer to e-mail your company logo or business card to the Festival Committee for our use during the festival weekend, please do so by sending it to HellenicFestHelper@yahoo.com

Deadline for receipt of funds with a guarantee of recognition in the Ad Book and, if applicable, the festival booth banner is Friday, June 10th, 2011

FESTIVAL AD BOOK

We would like to extend to you an opportunity to be part of our festival by participating in our 2011 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, sponsoring a booth 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!

Sponsor a Booth (see previous page)	\$250+ (Full page ad, plus booth banner)
Full Page	\$100
Half Page	\$50
Quarter Page	\$25
Eighth Page	\$20

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 hellenicfesthelper@yahoo.com , or you can simply approach her on Sundays 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.

The deadline for entry into the Ad Book is **Tuesday, June 28th**. Your ad will not be published if your ad information and payment is not received by this date.

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

If you wish to provide art work/graphics for your ad, please email them to: **hellenicfesthelper@yahoo.com**.

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

HELLENIC FEST IS ONLINE!!

Once again, Brett and Marianne Fox are working hard to give our festival a presence online through a Facebook page and Ashley Cottrell continues to work on our festival 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 by searching for “Hellenic Fest Newport”** 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 **hellenicfesthelper@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 Hellenic Dancers have started practicing for the 2011 Hellenic Festival. This will be the ninth year that we will be performing at our festival. It is with pride and joy that we see our group growing every year. This is a great time for all to join since we will start with basics. No prior experience necessary.

Please let us know if your children or grandchildren are interested in participating. The last chance to join for this Summer is Sunday June 5th.

Please feel free to contact us for more details.
Sandy and Vaggelis Giannopoulos

Phone: 401-667-2984
Email: vaggelis.giannopoulos@gmail.com

PROTULIS GREEK SCHOOL NEWS

The last week of classes for this school year will be the week of June 13th.

We wish to remind everyone that the year-end Greek School program will be held on Sunday, June 19th after Divine Liturgy in the community hall. The children will present Summer-oriented play along with poems and songs. The Greek School families will be sponsoring the coffee hour that day.

The June Σαββατιάτικη Παρέα (Saturday Gathering) for all Protulis Greek School students will be Saturday, June 18th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. This will be a rehearsal for the year-end program and our last Saturday Gathering for this school year.

Also, a parent's meeting for the families with students currently enrolled in the program will be held on Sunday, June 26th 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 2011-2012 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

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 Lehigh Valley **IRON PIGS** on June 16th at 7:05 p.m.. We have purchased some great box seats along the First base line (so bring your gloves for foul balls) 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 to reserve your tickets. This is always a great time, so contact George as soon as possible.



AHEPA NEWS

Friend of the Family Program

As previously announced, the Newport AHEPA is spearheading a new initiative designed to help our community children experience life in “the homeland” (Greece, Cyprus, Slovakia, Romania, Russia, Ukraine, etc). In an effort to provide an additional opportunity for our children to be able to visit and experience life in the homeland, the AHEPA is promoting a ‘Friend of the Family’ program in which families travelling to their homeland might consider coordinating with a family of one of their children’s church friends to also bring that child along with them. The AHEPA knows that there are many families from our community who travel to their homeland annually and believes it would be a worthwhile endeavor for them to consider bringing along one of our community youths during a future trip. This new program is in addition to the Ionian Village program that the AHEPA also annually promotes. If you are a family that is planning to travel this year or if you have a child that you would like to send to Greece or another country but are unable to do so, please contact Michael Sisak for more information as the AHEPA will generously contribute \$300 toward the child’s expenses.

AHEPA Day

On the 15th of May the local Chapters of AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope offered a light luncheon on the occasion of AHEPA Day. The local chapters, continuing the tradition of promoting Education and Hellenism, distributed books to the members of the community.

2011 Hellenic History Tournament

Register by **June 30th** for the 2011 Hellenic History Tournament which will be held on Saturday, October 29th at St Barbara Greek Orthodox Church in Orange, Conn. Prizes of \$3,000 and \$1500 will be awarded to the winning teams. It is for students in grades 8-12 during the 2010-2011 school year. Contact Nicholas Nikas at (203) 554-5570 or niketes@yahoo.com or go to www.ahepa7.org and click on “Hellenic History” for more information.

AHEPA Donates \$10,000

The Newport AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope recently presented a check for \$10,000 to the Paideia Society of Rhode Island for the Hellenic Studies Center being built at the University of Rhode Island. The funds were raised from the Rhode Island Hellenic Community Dinner Dance hosted last Fall by the Kyriakides Family at the Atlantic Beach Club in Middletown. This donation is in addition to a previous \$10,000 donation made and totals \$20,000 donated toward the \$25,000 pledge made.



Pictured from left to right: Peter Petrou, Dr. Peter Antonopoulos, Dr. Michael Sisak (AHEPA Vice President), Thanasis Stefanopoulos, Dr. Basile Panoutsopoulos (AHEPA President), Christos Xenophontos (representing PAIDEIA), Dr. Cosmas Haralambidis, George Koulouvardis (AHEPA Treasurer), Rev. Dr. George Economou (parish priest).

The building (pictured on right in an artist's rendering) is in mid-construction with the walls and roof now going up. Please consider a donation for this most worthwhile endeavor.



DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE NEWS

Thank you to all who participated in the New England Regional Convention in May and helped make it the success it was.

The next meeting of the chapter will be held on **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15 in the ST. SPYRIDON CHURCH HALL at 6 p.m.** Please notice the change in the meeting place for this month only. This will be the final meeting of the year until the fall and members are asked to call Penny Hiotas at 847.1807 for details. See you in the fall!

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