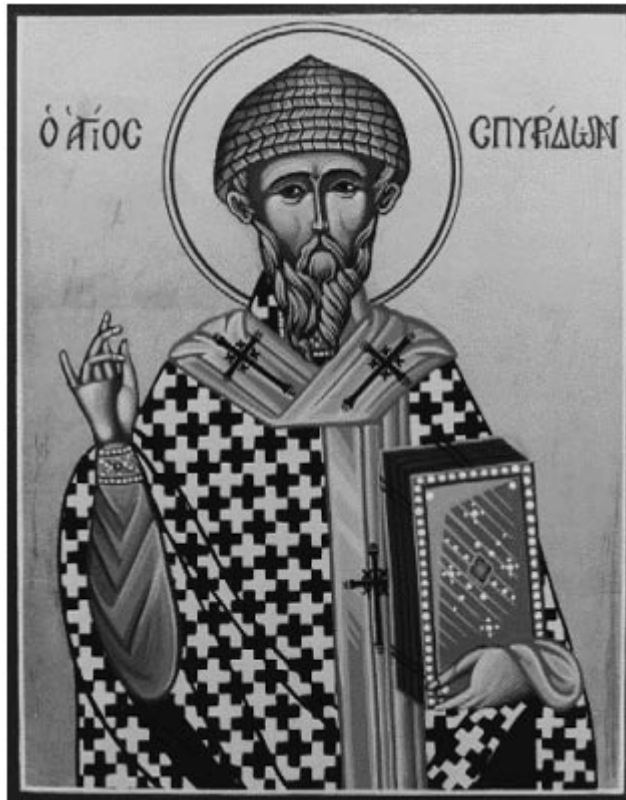

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SERVICE TIMES

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

by Father Gregory Christakos of Saints Anargyroi in Marlborough, MA.

T.S. Eliot famously wrote "April is the cruellest month" but those of us who live in the North East may well consider February to hold that honor. The weather is cold and often stormy, and milder spring days still seem far away. Pennsylvania Germans capitalized on this circumstance and brought with them the tradition of Groundhog Day, when according to lore the end of winter (and thus nicer weather) is predicted. Groundhog Day, observed on February 2, has become a popular secular celebration, although no one really takes the groundhog's weather prediction seriously. In the Orthodox Church, February 2 has a far larger and more meaningful significance; it is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. Just as the enjoyable Groundhog Day is connected with a change in seasons, the Presentation of the Lord (Hypapante in Greek) signifies a change in (liturgical) seasons. It is the fortieth day after Christmas and the last day on the calendar oriented toward that feast. After February 2, everything is focused on the long preparation for and ultimate celebration of Pascha.

The Presentation (or Meeting) of the Lord has its scriptural origins in the Gospel of Luke. Joseph and Mary take the baby Jesus to the temple in accordance with the Law of Moses. They meet Simeon, whose scriptural role is to represent the Old Testament as well as Anna the prophetess (one of four women with that title in scripture, with the others being Miriam, Deborah and the more obscure Huldah). Three times in the passage it is stated that the event is to fulfill the precepts of the Law. Simeon's canticle is used in the vespers service in the Orthodox Church, while the tradition of blessing candles on this day (hence the western term Candlemas) comes from the light reference in Simeon's song. The feast is the only major feast in the Church that has characteristics of a Feast of the Lord and a Feast of the Theotokos.

Whenever Pascha is early (such as this year, where it falls in mid-April) the preparation for Lent and Pascha begins soon after the Presentation. While Lent itself is a time of preparation, the period before Lent is a time of preparing as well. This seems redundant, but Lent is ideally a time of spiritual and physical rigor, and having a period to prepare for this makes sense. This year, several days after the Presentation feast comes the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee (Feb 5). The Gospel reading is a reminder of the need for humility. The week following the reading is a fast-free week to remind us to avoid the hypocrisy of the Pharisee. Soon after we have Meatfare and then Cheesefare Sundays. The fast is gradually introduced and Lenten elements begin to be seen in the daily services.

The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple is a signpost on the Orthodox calendar and in our lives. It signifies a change of seasons and is a call to begin preparations for Lent and Pascha. It is a powerful passage from scripture that encapsulates the saving work of Christ and his fulfillment of the Law. Finally, it is a light in the often dreary month of February and a harbinger of the wonderful things to come.

A JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

When we think of the Lenten period, and of preparation for Easter, we think of abstinence from food. Surely, fasting is an important part of the Lenten discipline, but preparing for Easter is not only accomplished by avoiding certain foods and elements of our life styles.

If we are to prepare fully and completely for Easter, then Lent should also be a period of positive action. It should remind us to avoid sin, as well as, inspire us towards positive action. It should remind us that we avoid sin only when we do that which is required of us by God. It is not difficult to make Lent a time of action as well as of abstinence. What follows are my suggestions.

First Week – Begin to develop the practice of setting aside a quiet time each day. As a beginning, fifteen minutes spent in Bible reading and simple prayer is adequate.

Second Week – Write a letter to a good friend who lives far away and from whom you have not heard recently. Express your appreciation for the friendship.

Third Week – Make a local telephone call each day to at least one friend that you do not usually see or call. Tell him that you were thinking of them and of your joy in speaking to them.

Fourth Week – Buy, or better yet, make a small gift, and visit someone who has been ill or is lonely. Do not end your visit without setting the date for your next visit.

Fifth Week – Easter is approaching; remember to express words of forgiveness to someone who has wronged you. Still more important, ask for forgiveness where you know this is necessary.

Sixth Week – Prepare to celebrate Easter by sharing its joy with another. Invite someone to share the hospitality of your home and your Easter meal.

Let us open our hearts to the opportunities for spiritual growth that Lent provides.

REV. ANDREW DEMOTSES

PRESANCTIFIED LITURGIES DURING LENT

Please note change of times of the Presanctified Liturgies during Lent (see calendar for dates). The 9th Hour will begin at 4:30pm, with Presanctified Liturgy following at about 5pm. These liturgies will be followed by the Lenten dinners which will begin around 6pm. Please plan to join us whenever possible.

LIST OF ITEMS FOR GREAT LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

During Great Lent, Holy Week and Pascha (Easter) the Church appeals to you her parishioners for donations for the various items needed. Your response in the past has always been generous and we thank you for your generosity. Once again this year the Church appeals for your support.

Please consider making a donation for the items listed below. You may call the church office at (401) 846-0555 on Tuesdays or Thursdays 9am – 1pm or see Fr. George after the Sunday Divine Liturgy.

Thank you. May our Lord God from Whom all blessings flow, bless you abundantly.

1. Flowers for the decoration of the Icon for the Salutations (5 Fridays)
2. Flowers for the decoration of the Icon of Annunciation
3. Flowers for the Feast of the Veneration of the Holy Cross (Mid-Lent)
4. Palm Sunday: 6 Palm trees, Vayia, Palms for Palm Sunday Crosses
5. Holy Wednesday: Holy Unctions items
6. Holy Thursday: 12 Candles for 12 Gospels, 12 Candles for the Cross Crown of Thorns
7. Holy Friday: Flowers to decorate the Epitaphio (An envelope will be enclosed in our March Newsletter), 4 Candles for the Epitaphio
8. Holy Saturday: Lilies for Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday (if available)
9. Holy Saturday: Paschal Candle. Flowers for the Resurrection Banner

A MUSICAL INVITATION

We are forming another children's choir. If your child is interested in singing, please see Zoe Adamedes or Jane Iandolo for more information. This would be a wonderful way for the children to be more involved in the Liturgy!



SERVICE CANCELLATIONS

As we do each winter, service cancellations on bad weather days will be announced on the church's voicemail system. Simply call the church at 846-0555, and select #4 on the main menu: "additional services for the current week." Make sure to check before departing for church, since the decision to cancel is usually made in the morning, or late afternoon for evening services.

PHILOPTOCHOS

To the Ladies of the community— as the new year has begun, we are in need of collecting dues to assist in fulfilling our National and Local obligations. We have been so excited about the help, the interest, and the participation of our ladies in the past few months. But it is necessary to appeal to you at this point since our fund-raising efforts have been a bit limited. This we do hope to address soon. More news to follow. So if you can, please send checks in the amount of \$25.00 to Ionna Bairo-Moreau at 96 Sherwood Terrace, Portsmouth RI, 02871.

To high school graduating Seniors- The Philoptochos offers an annual scholarship. Please contact Elaine Brown at 849-3480 for an application and information about due dates.

We thank Tina Fowler for her many years as the Sunshine coordinator for Philoptochos. Her kindness and consideration was certainly appreciate by all!

We will be announcing our new coordinator shortly.

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, February 13th**— (401 847 8593 / sofikip@aol.com)

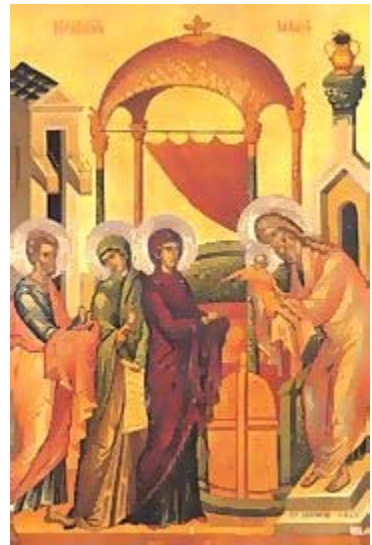
Thank you for your help in our Ministry,
St. Spyridon Soup Kitchen Team
Jane Iandolo, Rose Apostal and Sofi Cofield

THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE, FEBRUARY 2

Forty days after Christ was born he was presented to God in the Jerusalem Temple according to the Mosaic Law. At this time as well his mother underwent the ritual purification and offered the sacrifices as prescribed in the Law. Thus, forty days after Christmas, on the second February, the Church celebrates the feast of the presentation called the Meeting (or Presentation or Reception) of the Lord.

The meeting of Christ by the elder Simeon and the prophetess Anna (Luke 2:2-36) is the main event of the feast of Christ's presentation in the Temple. It was "revealed to Simeon by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ" (Luke 2:26), and inspired by the same Spirit, he came to the Temple where he 'met' the new-born Messiah, took him in his arms and said the words which are now chanted each evening at the end of the Orthodox Vesper service.

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy Word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation which Thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for the revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to Thy people Israel. (Luke 2:29-32)



At this time as well Simeon predicted that Jesus would be the "sign which is spoken against" and that he would cause "the fall and the rising of many in Israel." He also foretold Mary's sufferings because of her son. (Luke 22:34,35) Anna also was present and, giving thanks to God "she spoke of Jesus to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem" (Luke 2.33). In the service of the feast of the Meeting of the Lord, the fact emphasized is that Christ, the Son and Word of God through whom the world was created now is held as an infant in Simeon's hands; this same Son of God, the Giver of the Law, now himself fulfills the Law, carried in arms as a human child.

WHAT IS FASTING?" BY FR. PHILLIP ZYMARIS

On February 27 this year we begin the period in the Church year called Great Lent, a period of six weeks leading up to Holy Week and Pascha, a period of intensified prayer, fasting and concentration on the things that really matter.

There are so many things one can say about this important time of the year but we will concentrate on the meaning of fasting, which, although it is so important in our Church, it is often misunderstood.

Fasting is stressed during this period because, if it is used correctly, it is a very powerful spiritual tool. This is only possible if we make our fasting more than a mere concentration on rules and regulations on what food we may and may not partake of. These rules are important but ultimately fasting must reach beyond the stomach. The ultimate purpose of true fasting is to transform our whole being. The well-known adage says: "the best way to a man's heart is through his stomach." Indeed this is true and the Church knows this. The Church, through the body wishes to get deeper to the very core of our being in order to allow true change or "Metanoia," which means a total "change of mind" and not mere "repentance" which has a negative connotation. Fasting brings us back to the crucial memory that "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that issues forth from the mouth of God." This means that God is our only *real food*, i.e. our only real source of life. Since we are made for God then this kind of fasting is an extremely natural and positive human event! Lent and fasting in this sense therefore are not to be seen in negative terms of "what am I going to give up?" No, this season is not about giving up, it is about giving, and even more, it is about total transformation! Fasting is needed to foster a sort of crisis to wake us up and to remind us why we are here and what we are here for. This then is a time when we are the way we are supposed to be, concentrated in God and therefore truly human. This is therefore a positive not a negative time. This positive attitude towards Lent is very evident in the worship life of our Church. In the weekday Orthros service during Lent, the hymn that is usually chanted the rest of the year, the "Theos Kyrios" ("God is the Lord") is replaced by – of all things – the repeated singing of *allelouia* in order to underline the spirit of rejoicing that fills this period!

Christ in the Gospels also instructs us that fasting should be a happy time: "And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret, and your Father who is in secret will reward you."

According to this injunction, then, Lent is certainly not a time to show off to people how miserable we are because we are fasting!

We have to mention at this point that food in and of itself is good as a gift of God, as is all creation. However, in order to use it well and not become a slave, and in order to appreciate this gift in its proper, positive context, the Church has ordained times of feasting and fasting in order to keep a healthy balance. This balance between the two is necessary because when we feast we should partake of God's good gifts with an attitude of thanksgiving and gratitude. In this sense feasting with others becomes an important opportunity for communion with God and neighbor (it is not accidental that Holy Communion is also taken in the form of food and that it originally was in the context of a feast). Yet, we need to balance this positive feasting with fasting because it is easy to forget God when all is well and the stomach is full: there is a danger of getting bogged down by too many stimuli and forget that God really is the ultimate source of these and all good things. This is why we fast not only from food but from other things that take our attention away from God. We try to fast from the many noises and stimuli that bombard us in modern society and distract us from the "one thing needful." Not only do we fast from the noises that come in but also from the noises that come out of our mouth, especially those that hurt others. There is a Greek saying: "the tongue has not bones yet it can crush bones!" Thus this season is also an opportunity to recover the lost human art of silence before God! St. Ambrose (a 4th century saint) once wrote that if you are incapable of keeping absolute conscious silence (sleep doesn't count here) at least for half an hour before God then it is better that you never talk, for what you will say will not have any weight or substance." What a revolution in this sea of noise and information and images to say **STOP** ... God, you really exist and *your word* is my only true life!

In short when we truly fast we say a bigger no to things that distract us from God (good and bad things) in order to say a bigger **YES** to God.

During the Lenten season that is approaching during the three preparatory weeks the Triodion period gives us before the great fast, let us not forget the true purpose of Lenten fasting and feasting, the purpose of human life, that we always in all things recognize and acknowledge His presence and blessings all around us especially in the person of our neighbor who is the icon of God. In this way this time and all times of the year will indeed be the very best time of the year.

Allelouia! Have a blessed Lenten journey!

FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday Winte

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
			1. Forefeast of the Presentation. Tryphon Martyr.	2. PRESENTATION OF THE LORD Orthros: 9:00 Div. Lit. 10:00 <u>Office Hours</u>
<u>5. 16th Luke</u> <u>Publican & Pharisee</u> Orthros: 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m. Sun. Sch./Fellowship	6. St. Photios Patriarch of Constantinople Bucolos Bishop <u>FAST FREE WEEK</u>	7. Parthenios Bishop of Lampsakos and Luke the Righteous <u>Office Hours</u> 7:00 p. P C Mtg.	8. Theodore General Zachariah Prophet	9. Leavetaking Feast of the Presentation Nicephoros Archbishop <u>Office Hours.</u>
<u>12. 17th Luke.</u> <u>Prodigal Son</u> Orthros: 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m. Sun Sch/Fellowship	13. Martinianos Right Aquila and Priscilla the Apostles <u>Soup kitchen</u>	14. Auxentios of the Mountain and Cyril the Enlightener of Slavs <u>Office Hours</u>	15. Onesimus of 70. Anthimos of Chios	16. Pamphilos and Companions. Flavianos Patriarch of Constantinople <u>Office Hours</u>
<u>19. 17th Luke</u> <u>Meatfare Sunday</u> Orthros: 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m. Sun. Sch./Fellowship	20. Presidents Day Leo Bishop of Catania Agathon Pope Rome	21. Timothy Righteous John III Patriarch of Constantinople <u>Office Hours</u>	22. Relics of martyrs Eugenios, Thalassios and Baradatus.	23. Polycarp Bishop of Smyrna <u>Office Hours</u>
<u>26. Forgiveness Sunday</u> <u>Cheese Fare Sunday</u> Orthros: 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m. Sun Sch/Fellowship	27th. GREAT LENT BEGINS	28. Basil Confessor Kyranna of Thessaloniki Neo Martyr. Proterios Hieromartyr	29. John Cassian 4:30 9th Hour 5:00. Presanctified 6:00 Lenten Meal and Religious discussion	<u>For emergencies please call Father at 401-474-77</u>

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

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INTATION E LORD. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. <u>Hours</u>	3. Symeon and Anna Stamatios, John and Nicholas Martyrs	4. Isidore of Pelusion Nicholas Confessor
making of the presentation of Antioch <u>Hours.</u>	10. Haralambos Mart Orthros. 9.00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10.00 a.m.	11. Vlassios Martyr Theodora Empress <u>The Book of Triodion</u> <u>begins tonite and ends</u> <u>Holy Saturday.</u>
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up Bishop nyrna <u>e Hours</u>	24. St. John Baptist	<u>25. Saturday of Souls</u> <u>Ψυχοσάββατο</u> Orthros. 9:00. a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m. Trisagion Prayers.
<u>gencies</u> <u>l Father at</u> <u>4-7700</u>	<u>SATURDAY FEB 18</u> <u>PARISH APOKREA</u> <u>TIKO GLENDI.</u> <u>Please join us in our</u> <u>Parish Celebration</u>	

Upcoming Events

February 7—Parish Council Meeting, 7pm

February 8—Daughters of Penelope meeting, AHEPA Housing, 7pm

February 13—Soup Kitchen

February 18—Apokreatiko Glendi

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.

IN OUR PARISH

Birth

On January 23, *Constantine Cosmas* was born at 7:33 am weighing 6pds, 9oz. Proud parents are Cosma & Despina Haralambidis, siblings Eleni & Michael, grandparents Chris & Sofia Stefanopoulos and Michael & Pauline Haralambidis of Cranston.

Baptism

On January 8, the daughter of Marianne Pylotis and Brett Fox was baptized and given the name *Olivia Poppy* by her Godparents, George and Eliza Pylotis. May she have a long and happy life!

Honor

In the January 7-8th edition of the Newport Daily News, Matt Harrigan was recognized as the Athlete of the Week. Matt plays on the Portsmouth High School hockey team. He is the son of Peter and Gia Harrigan. Congratulations to him on this honor!

Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Dedreux celebrated their 64th Wedding Anniversary in January. Alfred and Penelope are the parents of parishioner Bill Dedreux and reside with him in Kingston RI. We wish them many more years of good health and happiness!

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

I'd like to start out by speaking a bit about Stewardship. By this time, everyone should have received their Stewardship Packets and I hope, prayerfully considered your pledge and returned your card on Stewardship Sunday (which was held on 15 January). This year, we are fortunate to have Mrs. Maria Johnson and Mrs. Leah Violet on our Stewardship Committee and I'm sure they will be bringing new ideas and concepts to make our stewardship program more vibrant, alive and effective. We are being told that the new tracking software should be available to our parish in April, which will greatly assist in sending out receipts, reminders, etc.

I am hoping that this will be the year where we all become more mindful with regards to Stewardship and that we learn to better identify ways in which we all can help our parish grow, not only to become more financially stable, but that we all open ourselves up to

the many opportunities to share our time and talents with our church. I need not remind you that our parish is located in Newport, RI and not in Greece or other Orthodox countries, and thus, the responsibility of supporting our parish priest and our parish in general **falls upon us**, and not the government! How much we can accomplish and grow our church is simply put, **up to us**. How important is our **Orthodox faith** to us and our families? If suddenly being a Christian was a crime, would there be enough evidence to convict any of us? I'd like to share something that exemplifies stewardship, and I hope I don't embarrass him, but during the December General Assembly, it was mentioned by several people that there was a problem with loose kneelers and pews in the church. By the time of the December Parish Council meeting a few days later, David Jasinski had already contacted the Parish Council, brought his tools and a supply of hardware and performed the necessary inspections and repairs of all the pews and kneelers on the afternoon of the Parish Council meeting. A big thank you to David!

Although a bit in the future, our community will be hosting the Greek Independence Day State House celebration on March 27th. We will be holding an organizational meeting soon so keep a look out for announcements and emails.

(And as for emails, does the church have your email address? More and more, communications are being sent via email, so please, if you have not done so already, please give your email address to the church office).

On Saturday, February 18th, our parish's annual Apokreatiko Glendi, sponsored by the families of the Hellenic Dancers will be held in the church hall at 5pm. This is always a lot of fun for everyone and I hope you all can make it!

Also, plans are being made for a community dance by Mrs. Maria Johnson, Mrs. Leah Violet and Mrs. Mary Kyriakakis. The date has not been set but a big "thank-you" to this dynamic trio for offering to organize this event!

The next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7th at 7:00 pm. 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

274-1316/zadamedes@yahoo.com

ST SPYRIDON 2011 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

On behalf of the St. Spyridon Church Family, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the 2011 Stewards who have generously supported the work of our beloved parish with financial gifts.

If your name has been inadvertently omitted from the following list, please accept my personal and sincerest apologies and contact me as soon as possible so that any omissions may be included in next month's bulletin.

At the same time, we must also thank our many devoted Stewards who give every day of their time and talent in meeting the needs of our church, many times anonymously and sometimes (unfortunately) without thanks. Thank you once again!!!

The 2012 Stewardship packages have already been mailed out and so far we have gotten a good response. Our Stewardship Committee for 2012 consists of Mrs. Leah Violet, Mrs. Maria Johnson and Mrs. Stephanie Martland (who will be helping with the software when it arrives in April).

Zoe Adamedes, 401-274-1316, zadamedes@yahoo.com

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M/M Telly Amarant	Mrs. Nina Caragianis	M/M Steve Diomandes
Dr. & Mrs. Constantine	Mrs. Mary Champion	M/M. Lucian & Gabriela Dobrot
Anagnostopoulos	Mr. Chris Christopher	
Capt. & Mrs. George Anagnostos	M/M Dino Christy	Fr. George & Presvytera Elaine
M/M David Anagnostos	M/M Matthew Christy	Economou
Mrs. Estelle Parkos Antonio	M/M William Christy	M/M Aristides Eliopoulos
M/M Steve Antonio	Mr. Harry Cicma	
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	Mr. Jason Cotsoridis	
Mrs. Ionna Bairos-Moreau	M/M Charles Cotsoridis	M/M Athanasios Gatos
M/M Canelo Bartis	Mrs. Irene Cotsoridis (of	Mr. Aristotle Gatos
M/M Nicholas Bonafas	blessed memory)	M/M George Gatos
Mrs. Angie Borodemos	Mr. Paul Cotsoridis	Mr. Jim George
M/M Gregory Borodemos	M/M Theodore Cotsoridis	Ms. Myrna George

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Mr. James Lewis	Mrs. Athena Petropoulos	

METROPOLIS OF BOSTON WINTER CAMPS



The Metropolis of Boston is offering winter camps in the month of February at the St Methodios Faith and Heritage Center in Contoocook, NH.

The Family Winter Camp will be February 24-26th and is an opportunity for families and people of all ages to share in the camp experience together, strengthening their relationship with God and each other. Highlights include fun and fellowship during sessions, campfires, outdoor sledding and the Contoocook Fishing Derby.

The GOYA Winter Camp will be February 17-20th and offers a long weekend of fun and fellowship for campers ages 12-18 including outdoor winter activities, meeting new friends, a day spent at Pat's Peak for skiing, snowboarding, and tubing and a dance.

Go to www.mbcamp.org to register online and get more information or call 603-746-4400 or email mbcamp@tds.net.

IONIAN VILLAGE



Registration for the Ionian Village Summer Camping Ministry is open. Registration is open to Greek Orthodox youth who have completed grades 7 through 12. There are two camping sessions: Summer travel Camp on June 29 to July 18 and Byzantine Venture

on July 25 to August 13.

Please visit www.ionianvillage.org or call the church office for more information.





The students of the St Spyridon Greek School chanted The Hymn of the Three Hierarchs (Ύμνος των Τριών Ιεραρχών) and gave a brief history of the Hierarchs in church as part of the Three Hierarchs and Greek Letters Day celebration on Sunday, January 29th.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Dear Families,

On March 11th, the Sunday School will be hosting the junior/senior level oratorical festival in the church hall. Junior level students must be in the seventh to ninth grades. Senior level students must be in the tenth to twelfth grades. Please see and/or email Mike Sisak with any questions or comments on this event coming up.

Marianne



Apokreatiko Glendi
(Pre Lenten Party)

Date: Saturday February 18th, 2012

Place: St. Spyridon Church Hall

Time: Doors open at 5:00 PM

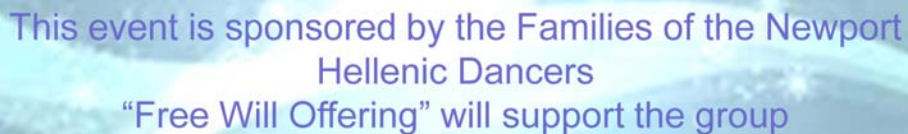
Celebrate the coming of Lent with family and friends in a joyful relaxing event, full of music, food and fun

Buffet Dinner served at 6:00 PM

**Performance by the
Newport Hellenic Dancers (7:00PM)**

**For More Information Call:
Evangelos or Xanthoula Giannopoulos
Phone: 667-2984**

Email: e.giannopoulos@verizon.net



**This event is sponsored by the Families of the Newport Hellenic Dancers
"Free Will Offering" will support the group**

NEWPORT HELLENIC DANCERS

The Newport Hellenic Dancers started their practices for 2012. In the next two months we are practicing for our annual Apokreatiko Glendi/Pre Lenten Party (See enclosed flier for details) and the March 25th Greek independence day celebrations. In February we will be holding the following practices focusing on the Glendi.

- Sunday February 5th, All Groups 12:00 - 12:30 (subject to change)
- Sunday February 12th, Group A 12:15 - 1:00, Groups B&C 12:30 - 1:30
- Saturday February 18th, GLENDI 5PM, church hall

As, always we welcome all to participate. This is a great time to join us since we are teaching basics.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or comments.

Evangelos and Xanthoula Giannopoulos

NEWPORT PLAYHOUSE AND CABARET NIGHT

Last year was such a success that we are doing it again, and EVERYONE in the community is invited. As part of the District 7 AHEPA Convention to be held in Newport this spring, the Friday (May 4) participants will enjoy the buffet, show, and cabaret of the Newport Playhouse. Ticket requests are needed by March 15 in order to arrange for a discount on block tickets. Please communicate your interest (including the number of tickets) to Steve Jennings as soon as possible. Steve's email address is SJPLANNER@aol.com.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE NEWS

The February meeting of the Daughters of Penelope will be held Wednesday, February 8th at the Ahepa Housing Complex at 7 pm. We are very happy to initiating 6 new members into our Chapter. This will take place on Saturday, February 11th. At that time our District Governor and her lodge will be attending. Please call Penny Hiotas at 847-1807 for information.

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