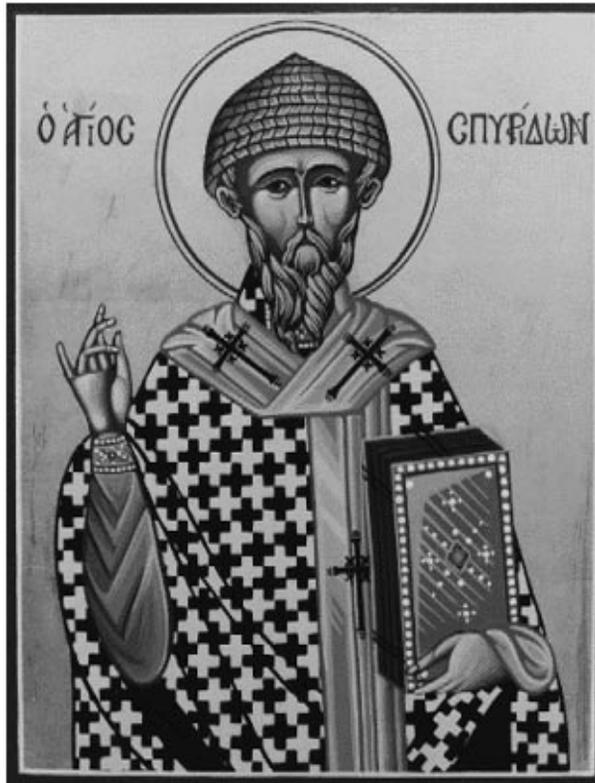

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SERVICE TIMES
Sunday Winter Hours

Orthros 9 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.

Weekday Festal Celebrations:

Vespers—7 p.m.*

Orthros—9 a.m.

Divine Liturgy—10 a.m.

* Note: Holy Confession is available by appointment.

FROM THE PASTOR'S COLLECTION

THE CROSSES OF CALVARY

In the 23rd Chapter of his gospel narrative, St. Luke describes the final events of the crucifixion in stark terms. "When they came to the place called 'The skull' they crucified Jesus there, and together with Him, the two criminals, one of his right, and the other on his left." (v.32-33). Whenever I picture that awesome event in my mind's eye, I am impressed by the fact we sometimes forget; that three crosses, and not one only, were lifted at Mt. Calvary on that fateful day. But I would ask you to remember that today, and think upon the wonderful lessons they have to teach us.

On the cross to the right a bandit was hung. We are told by the Evangelist, however, he recognized and acknowledged the person of Christ as Lord, repented of his evil life and received the promise of paradise that very day. In that act of contrition and leap of faith, a common criminal teaches us that even the most hopeless may obtain mercy, and that no matter how low we may have sunk, we are never beyond the merciful reach of a forgiving God.

On the cross to the left, another bandit was hung. But he left this world in a far different way, unwilling to be reconciled to God and "hurling insults" until the very end. In his stubborn refusal to accept that he was wrong, he came to teach us that no matter how close we are to the means of salvation, we can still be lost if we do not respond in a meaningful way. We cannot take comfort in our Christian faith and live with assurance when that faith finds no expression in the depths of our heart.

And so, dear brothers and sisters let us remember the other two crosses on Mt. Calvary. The one teaches us that we are never too far to experience the forgiving love of God, while the other reminds us that we are never so close that we can afford complacent arrogance. The one is our hope, the other our admonition. Praise be to God who gave us both.

Fr. Andrew Demotses

Please join us for the annual

Palm Sunday Fish Dinner

Hosted by the Daughters of Penelope



Sunday, April 28, 2013

Immediately following Liturgy

\$15 for adults and \$8 for children under 12 years old

Tickets are now on sale every Sunday in the church hall.

Please get your tickets early as seating is limited and once capacity is reached, no one without a ticket can be seated.

FLOWER GIRLS FOR GOOD FRIDAY EVENING

Any girls between the ages of 6 and 10 who are interested in being flower girls on Good Friday evening should call Maria Johnson at 683-5566 to put your names on the list. Only those girls who attend practice on Palm Sunday, April 28th will be allowed to participate. All girls must wear all white dresses and white shoes.

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 9.00 a.m.– 1.00 p.m. 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 decorating the Icon for the Salutations (Fridays) \$50 each
 2. Flowers for the Feast of Veneration of the Holy Cross (Mid-Lent) \$75.
 3. Palm Sunday: 6 Palm trees - \$150, Vayia (bay leaves-\$150), Palms for Palm Sunday Crosses. \$75
 4. Holy Wednesday: Holy Unction items (donated).
 5. Holy Thursday: 12 Candles for 12 Gospels. \$30,
 6. 12 Candles for the Cross –Holy Thursday. \$30
 7. Crown of Thorns (donated)
 8. Holy Friday: Flowers to decorate the Epitaphio.(An envelope will be enclosed in the April Newsletter. 4 Candles for the Epitaphio. \$10
 9. Holy Saturday: (Lilies) Because our Easter is so late this year Lilies will not be available so other spring flowers will be used to decorate the Church for Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. Any offering is acceptable.
 10. Holy Saturday: Paschal Candle. \$50. Flowers for the decoration of: the Resurrection Banner- \$100, and for the Resurrection Icon- \$75.
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THE SUNDAYS OF LENT

Each of the Sundays of Great lent has its own special theme. The first Sunday is called the Feast of the Triumph of Orthodoxy. It is a historical feast commemorating the return of the icons to the churches in the year 843 after the heresy of iconoclasm was overcome. The spiritual theme of the day is first of all the victory of the True Faith: “This is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith.” (1 John 5:4) Secondly, the icons of the saints bear witness that man, “created in the image and likeness of God” (Genesis 1:26), becomes holy and godlike through the purification of himself as God’s living image.

The Second Sunday of Great lent is the commemoration of St. Gregory Palamas. It was St. Gregory (d.1359) who bore living witness that men can become divine through the grace of God in the Holy Spirit; and even in this life, by prayer and fasting, human beings can become participants of the uncreated light of God’s divine glory.

The Third Sunday of Lent is of the Veneration of the Cross. The cross stands in the midst of the church in the middle of the Lenten season not merely to remind men of Christ’s redemption and to keep before them the goal of their efforts, but also to be venerated as that reality by which man must live to be saved. “He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.” (Matthew 10:38) For in the cross of Christ Crucified lies both “the power of God and the wisdom of God” for being saved. (1 Cor.1:24)

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is dedicated to St. John of the Ladder (Climacus), the author of the work, The Ladder of Divine Ascent. The abbot of St. Catherine’s Monastery on Mount Sinai (6th century) stands as a witness to the violent effort needed for entrance into the God’s Kingdom. (Matthew 10:12) The spiritual struggle of the Christian life is a real one, “not against flesh and blood, but against...the rulers of the present darkness...the hosts of wickedness in heavenly places...” (Ephesians 6:12) Saint John encourages the faithful in their effort for, according to the Lord, only “he who endures to the end will be saved.” (Matthew 24:13)

The Fifth Sunday recalls the memory of **Saint Mary of Egypt**, the repentant harlot. Mary tells us, first of all, that no amount of sin and wickedness can keep a person from God if he truly repents. Christ himself has come “to call sinners to repentance” and to save them from their sins. (Luke 5:32) In addition, Saint Mary tells us that it is never too late in life – or in Lent – to repent. Christ will gladly receive all who come to him even at the eleventh hour for their lives. But their coming must be in serious and sincere repentance.

SIN

Sin is a mutiny, the rebellion of creation against its Creator, disobedience to the Creator, treason against Him, delight in the divine honor or self-deification. "You shall be gods" (Genesis 3:5) whispered the serpent in the ears of Eve, just as now he whispers to the sinner – the distortion of one's nature, willful insanity, disgraceful wantonness, the purely arbitrary falling from grace into rage; from truth into untruth; from simplicity to evil; from the light into darkness; from power into weakness; from breadth into narrowness; from peace into disturbance; from life to death. Sin is an impulsive impunity, vile captivity, soul-corrupting poison. Sin has given birth to all the misfortunes in the world, and all the sickness, pestilence, distraction, epidemic disease, wars, earthquakes and death, both temporary and eternal. The sin of this highest angel Lucifer made him the Devil, Satan, and all the spirits who rebelled against God, who were angels of light and of indescribable beauty became dark and repulsive demons. Sin produced and still produces horrible evil, horrible calamities, horrible revolutions in the world, in the human race. Because of sin, all creation is in confusion. It is impossible to describe, it is impossible to adequately weep – the tears of the whole human race would not be sufficient – for the awful consequences of sin in the world. Brother! Let us respect, let us repeat with all our hearts, so that the Sun of Righteousness, Christ, might shine in our hearts, that the Kingdom of Heaven might be at hand in our hearts. Let us repent constantly, every day and hour before the eyes of God Who sees all. We sin constantly, let us also constantly repent. For sin is darkness! Amen.

FORGIVENESS

But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which spitefully use you, and persecute you; that you may be the children of your Father which is in Heaven. For He makes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the just and the unjust and the just. (Matthew 5:44-45) And when you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against another: that your Father, Who is in Heaven, also may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father Who is in Heaven forgive your trespasses. (Mark 11:25-26) For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. (Matthew 6:14) Therefore, if your enemy hungers, feed him: if he thirsts, give him a drink. (Romans 12:20) But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again: and your rewards shall be great, and you shall be the children of the Highest: for He is kind to the unthankful and to the evil. Be merciful therefore, as your father is merciful. Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you shall be forgiven. (Luke 6:35-37)



PRAYER AND FASTING

Prayer is born of love. Is it not the same as to say, “Prayer is born of tears?” I realized this quite recently when I heard a young girl answer a question addressed to her. “How can I learn to pray?” The question did not puzzle her and she said unhesitatingly, “Go and learn to weep and you’ll learn to pray.” She completed the words of the Fathers.

Modern city life leaves no place for lengthy prayers. Probably it is not a matter of incompatibility between our daily life and prayer. It is just that even in a Christian, believing home, it is difficult to isolate an hour of peace and quiet within the stream of daily cares, or to pray openly for any length of time. It seems that to withdraw into oneself for a length of time destroys something which is even more necessary than prayer in the modern desert of life. Thus anyone who lives in a close relationship with others must know the short prayer rule of Saint Seraphim of Sarov, teacher of Christian spirituality for modern times (the Lord’s Prayer, Prayer to the Theotokos and the Creed). Saint Seraphim advises using the short prayer rule in the morning and then proceeding to one’s daily work, constantly and silently appealing to God. Bishop Theophan the Recluse also taught that any short prayerful exclamation can serve as a morning prayer: “Lord, have mercy!” “Help me. O Lord!”

The real meaning of the new prayer rule is its brevity within the home and its constant use at work, among people. You must go out to people from your own private corner, but you must go with prayer in your heart. Like many other Church Fathers, St. Theophan said that we must look for our own words in order to pray. We simply cry out to God, “Lord, please come to him and comfort him!” The audacity of prayer is born only in the audacity of love. Saint Macarius said, “Love gives birth to prayer.” Therein lies the mystery and meaning of prayer.

We can recite endless litanies, we can endlessly finger our prayer beads, but unless we have love, unless we have learned to grieve for others, we have not even begun to pray. We can thus go through all our life without having begun to pray. This is why Anthony the Great said, “Let’s learn to love sorrow in order to find God!” He did not say “let us look for sorrow,” but “let us love” it because sorrow is a cup offered us by Christ, and drinking it, we begin to partake of prayer.

(Excerpts from the book “Light in the Darkness.”)

PHILOPTOCHOS

Philoptochos will be preparing the Lenten dinner on April 17th. Please contact Zinovia (zinovia.canale@gmail.com or 225-3101) if you are available to organize.

All high school seniors are eligible to apply for the annual Philoptochos Scholarship. Please contact Elaine Brown for an application at 849-3480. The deadline for submission is May 1st.

Remember to save your items for the Philoptochos Annual Yard Sale to be held on Saturday, May 18 from 9 to 1:00. More information will follow.

Please let Loula Eliopoulos (847-7746) know of any community members that could use a "spot of sunshine!" We would like to send our best wishes to anyone who is ill or recovering from an illness.

Also, if you have not paid your dues for 2013 please make an effort to do so by mailing a check for \$25.00 to Ionna Bairos-Moreau at 96 Sherwood Drive, Portsmouth, RI 02871.

JOY/GOYA —PALM CROSSES AND RESURRECTION CANDLES

As we do every year, we will be weaving crosses for Palm Sunday on Saturday of Lazarus, April 27th right after Liturgy. This is a good activity, especially for families. We ask that all of you join us on this day. A Lenten lunch will be served. Please contact Sandy Giannopoulos at 667-2984 for more information.

The Goya will also be decorating and selling Resurrection candles starting Palm Sunday.

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, April 8th**— (401 847 8593 / sofikip@aol.com)

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

APRIL 2013

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<p><u>GODPARENTS & GODCHILDREN</u> <u>SUNDAY APRIL 7</u> Please strive to ne in Church Sunday</p>	<p>1. Mary of Egypt. Gerondiot /Vasilidis</p>	<p>2. Titus Wonderwork Theodora of Palestine 7:00 p.m.PC Mtg</p>	<p>3. Nikitas Confessor 4:30 p.m. 9th Hour 5:00 pm.Presanctified <u>Lenten meal</u></p>	<p>4. George of M <u>Office Hou</u></p>
<p><u>7. Holy Cross</u> <u>Godparent/children</u> Orthros. 9:00 a.m. Div.Lit. 10:00 a.m. SunSch/Fellowship</p>	<p>8. Agavos,Roufos,Any Ngritos,Phlegon,He- Rodion & Hermes. Rufur the Obident. <u>Soup Kitchen</u></p>	<p>9.Eupsychios Martyr Vadin of Persia</p>	<p>10.Terence & Compa Gregory V.Pat.of Con 4:30 p.m. 9th Hour 5:00 p.m. Presanctif <u>Lenten Meal</u></p>	<p>11.Antipas Bisl Pergamon.Phar thios Anchorite <u>Office Hour</u></p>
<p><u>14. John Climakus</u> 9:00 a.m. Orthros 10:00 a.m. Div.Lit. SunSch/Fellowship 5:00 p.LentenVesp.</p>	<p>15.Crescens Martyr Leonidas of Athens</p>	<p>16.Agape,Chionia, Irene Martyrs <u>10:00 Visit Shut-Ins</u> <u>Office Hours</u></p>	<p>17.Symeon of Persia Makarios of Corinth 4:30 p.m. 9th Hour 5:00 p.m. Presanctif. <u>Lenten meal</u></p>	<p>18.Great Canor Andrew of Cre <u>10:00 Visit Sh</u> <u>Office Hour</u></p>
<p><u>21 Mary of Egypt.</u> Orthros: 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m. Sun.Sch./Fellowship 5:00 Lenten Vespers</p>	<p>22.Theodore Sykeotis</p>	<p>23.George Gr.Martyr <u>10:00 Visit Shut-Ins</u> <u>Office Hours</u></p>	<p>24.Elezabeth Wonder worker.Savas General 4:30 p.m. 9th Hour 5:00 pm.Presanctified <u>Lenten Meal</u></p>	<p>25.Mark Apost Emanuel,Theoc Gregory, Mich: Gregory New M <u>Office Hour</u></p>
<p><u>28 PALM SUNDAY</u> Orthros:9:00 a.m. Div.Lit. 10:00 a.m. <u>COM. LUNCHEON</u> 7:00 p.mNymphIos</p>	<p><u>29. Holy Monday</u> Jason and Sosipater Kerkyra Martyr 7:00 p.m. Service of Nymphios</p>	<p><u>30. Holy Tuesday</u> James the Apostle Angyra New Martyr 7:00 p.m. Service of Nymphios.</p>	<p>Fr. George will visit the Shut-ins on 16th 18,th and 23rd April Please call the office give names to visit.</p>	<p>Father's Emer Tel.401-474-77 Please use only emergencies. C wise leave mes</p>

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Canon of St. Crete <u>Shut-Ins</u> <u>Hours</u>	19.Paphnoutios Holy Mart.George Confes. <u>7:00 p. AKATHIST TO THEOTOKOS</u>	20.Theodore Trichinas Zachaeus of Caesaria
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Upcoming Events

April 2—Parish Council Meeting, 7pm

April 8—Soup Kitchen

April 9—Daughters of Penelope dinner meeting, Ahepa Housing

April 27—JOY/GOYA make palm crosses following Liturgy on Saturday of Lazarus

April 28—Palm Sunday Luncheon hosted by Daughters of Penelope

Regular Events

Religious Education—Sundays, immediately after Holy Communion

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

Adult Greek School—Mondays, 4-6 p.m.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Well, Great Lent has started and we are on the path to our own Holy Passover or Pascha. I think as Orthodox Christians we can all agree that Pascha (from the Triodion, through Lent, and Holy Week) is our favorite time of the year and our favorite holiday. And I'm sure our parents are doing their best to keep this a truly religious feast. After all, when we were growing up, we may have gotten "Easter" candy but we all knew it didn't come from a rabbit. (In my case, it came from my Pappou Gianakellis!)

Over the winter, the floors in the hall were cleaned and buffed. And, the Church obtained 3 quotes to have the parking lot repaved and restriped. Once the weather warms up, this will be done. It's going to run in \$15,000 to \$20,000 range, but next Sunday when you're at Church, take a good look at the lot and you'll see how badly it needs to be re-done.

We all have received our Stewardship packets and I know that under the new leadership of Dr. James Rozes and his committee, things will certainly look up. Here are a few facts about our Parish Finances:

- Yearly expenses run at \$165,000.
- Monthly expenses run approximately \$13,750 each month.
- For 2012, our Stewardship income was approximately \$65,000.

For the 1st quarter of 2013, our income was \$29,110 and our expenses were over \$38,500; so we are running in the red for the 1st quarter by about \$10,000. Please consider these facts when thinking about your church giving! Dr. James Rozes has taken on the role of Stewardship Chairman. We all remember what an awesome job he did with the Festival raffle last year. We have met with him and he is full of enthusiasm and great ideas and we most certainly wish him luck!

If you have any questions or comments about anything, please contact me or any parish council member.

Respectfully submitted,
Zoe Adamedes
Parish Council President

And on the lighter side.....

Some priests were talking about death and dying over coffee at a local diner. "What would you want people to say about you at your funeral?" one of them asked.

"I'd want people to say, 'He was compassionate and cared about those in need,'" one answered.

"I'd like for people to say, 'He was a good father and husband, a man whose life was a fine example for others to follow,'" intoned another.

"Oh, I'd like for people to remember me for my fine sermons and church growth," said the newest member of the group.

A grizzled old farmer leaned over from the next table and said, "That's all well and good, fellas, but I'd rather hear 'em say 'Look, he's moving!'"

IN OUR PARISH

Baptism

On March 3, 2013, the son of Marianne Menas and Gilbert Soares was baptized and given the name, *Theodore George* by his Godparents Gregory Brown and Rebecca Hubbard. May he have a long and happy life!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Dear Families,

Orthodox Missionary Boxes have been given to all children. Please have your child put in their loose change. Our goal is to raise 400 dollars this year. The boxes will be due the Sunday after Pascha.

On April 3rd, Sunday School and Greek School will be hosting the lenten dinner. Families are asked to donate food items for this night.

On April 7th, will be the Veneration of the Cross. All children will stay upstairs to watch the procession.

On Palm Sunday, there will still be classes. Please have children come the Saturday before, to make palms.

Marianne



The children of the St. Spyridon Sunday School participate in the procession for the Sunday of Orthodoxy, proudly carrying their special icons from home.

NEWPORT HELLENIC DANCERS NEWS

The Hellenic Dancers were invited to participate in the world fair event organized by the Salvation Army. We were proud to showcase food, music and our fabulous young ambassadors from our community that performed dances from all over Greece. We were one of fifteen countries represented. These community events are a good way to promote our culture and we look forward to participating again in the future.

As in other years we will not hold practice during Lent, but we will continue after Easter.

Feel free to get in touch with us if you have questions.

Sandy and Vaggeli Giannopoulos, Email: xanthoula@verizon.net



The Newport Hellenic Dancers participate in the international fair sponsored by the Salvation Army on March 2nd.

APOKREATIKO GLENDI 2013

The Lenten season is upon us again, and as we have done in the past few years, we held our annual community "Apokreatiko Glendi" to prepare and celebrate. We would like to thank all the families that contributed in so many ways (provided food, drinks, deserts, helped to serve, setup, decorate, break down, clean up,...) to make this event a big success. We also thank all of you that donated generously to support the Hellenic Dancers. It was truly a community effort that resulted in a fun filled evening for many families in our community. The children tell us that this is one of their favorite events of the year. Kali Sarakosti.



GREEK SCHOOL NEWS

The students of our afternoon Greek School proudly presented a full program for the celebration of Greek Independence Day on Sunday, March 24th. Thirty (30) students participated, and through their program of poems and songs, they told the story of the valiant Hellenic struggle for freedom and independence from the Ottoman Empire in 1821. Congratulations to all the students and their families, who are to be commended for their enthusiastic preparation for this outstanding and memorable celebration!



Above: Greek Independence Day program on March 24th.



Left: The community joined Mayor Harry Winthrop in the Mayor's Office at Newport City Hall on Monday, March 25th for his reading of the proclamation to commemorate Greek Independence Day.

THE ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL NEWS

The Parish St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival was held on March 10, 2013 in the fellowship hall. In the Junior Division (grades 7-9) **Panagiotis Panoutsopoulos** spoke on Archdiocese Junior Division Topic One: Considering the Lord's words to His disciples, "If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all" (Mark 9:35), discuss the relationship between service and leadership.

In the Senior Division (grades 10-12) **Theodore Panoutsopoulos** earned second prize for speaking on Topic Two: In 313 AD, St. Constantine the Great proclaimed the Edict of Milan, which allowed Christians to practice their faith freely. What did religious freedom mean then, and what does it mean for people of faith today in countries where violent religious persecution occurs? **Eleni Giannopoulos** earned first prize speaking on the same topic.

Roxanne Gordon and **Thea Mancini** from the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Pawtucket, RI served as judges. **Lucian Dobrot** served as our time keeper. The **AHEPA** kindly provided the prizes for this year's festival.

The luncheon was offered by **Panagiotis Panoutsopoulos** and **Theodore Panoutsopoulos** on the occasion of their birthdays, and the **families of the Religious Education community** also helped with the luncheon.



Panagiotis Panoutsopoulos, in the Junior Division, Eleni Giannopoulos and Theodore Panoutsopoulos, in the Senior Division all advanced to the next round of the Oratorical Festival and will be representing our community at the Holy Trinity Church in Danielson Connecticut on March 30th.

GREEK SCHOOL: GREEK LANGUAGE AND CULTURE:

CLASSICS E-116

The Hero in Ancient Greek Civilization (<http://www.extension.harvard.edu/open-learning-initiative/ancient-greek-civilization>)

This course is part of Harvard Extension School's Open Learning Initiative, which brings a selection of noncredit online courses featuring Harvard faculty to the public for free.

The true "hero" of this course is the logos, or word, of logical reasoning, as activated by Socratic dialogue. The logos of dialogue requires careful thinking, realized in close reading and reflective writing. The last "word" read in the course comes from Plato's memories of the last days of Socrates. These memories depend on a thorough understanding of concepts of the hero in all their varieties throughout the history of Greek civilization and beyond. This course is driven by a sequence of dialogues that lead to such an understanding, guiding the attentive reader through some of the major works of the ancient Greek classics, from Homer to Plato.

(Submitted by Basile Panoutsopoulos)

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Applications and instructions are available for 3 scholarships administered by the Chancellor's Office of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America for the 2013-2014 academic year. The deadline for applying is April 26, 2013. Further details, including complete instructions and applications, are available on-line on the website of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America at www.goarch.org/archdiocese/administration/chancellor/2013. Applications may also be requested by e-mail at scholarships@goarch.org or by written request to the Scholarship Committee, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, 8-10 East 79th Street, New York, NY, 10075.

IONIAN VILLAGE 2013 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Ionian Village, the summer camping ministry of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, is now accepting registrations for its summer 2013 programs. There are two camping sessions: Summer Travell Camp - June 23 to July 12 and Byzantine Venture - July 20 to August 8. For more information please call the Church office.

AHEPA 245—YANKEE DISTRICT #7 HELLENIC HISTORY TOURNAMENT

The registration deadline will be June 30 and the competition date will be in the fall, to be announced when the venue is secured. The venue will again be St Barbara GOC in Orange , CT. The students must be in High School by September 2013. There will be preparatory meetings either in a local library or another place to be determined. Availability of a computer will be helpful. Please contact Basile Panoutsopoulos (Basile.Panoutsopoulos@verizon.net) for additional information.

EVERYBODY LOVES NEWPORT

The 12th New England Regional AHEPA Convention will be held in Newport, May 17-19, 2013. Events will take place at the Mainstay Inn. This will be the biennial combined convention for all three districts of New England.

The planning committee intends to once again coordinate for the attendees an outing to the Newport Playhouse and Cabaret on Friday night, 17 May. Note that EVERYONE in the community is invited, not just members of the AHEPA and the Daughters of Penelope. We will once again enjoy the buffet, show, and cabaret of the Newport Playhouse. The show that weekend will be “Spreading It Around”, by Londos D'Arrigo.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE NEWS

The March dinner/meeting held at the Main Stay was both a successful and enjoyable evening for both Daughters and Ahepans. Grand Vice President Anna-Helene Grossomanides presented a 60 year pin to Sister Esther Lascaris-Viveiros and a 25 year pin to Sister Eleni Anagnostopoulos. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 9th - please note change of date due to vespers on Wednesdays - 7 pm at the Ahepa Housing. Please make every effort to attend since we have to plan for our Palm Sunday Fish Luncheon to be held on April 28th.

Penelope Hiotas, President

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