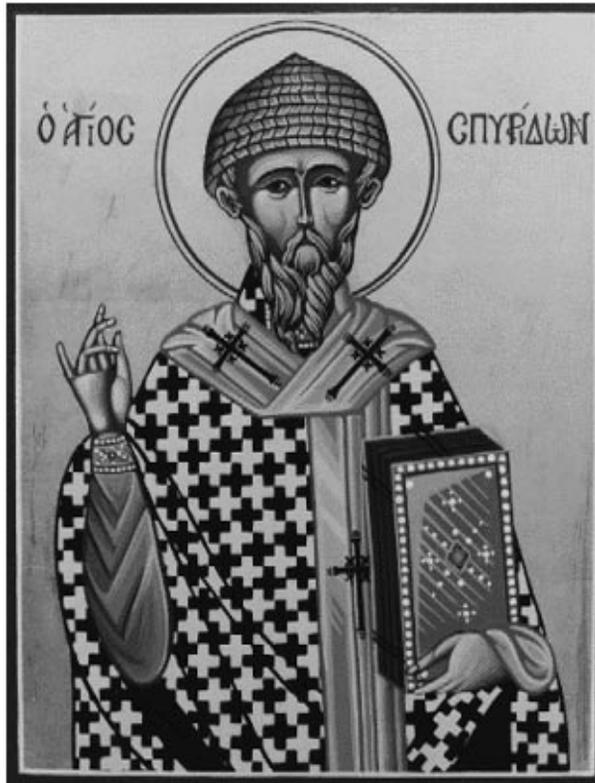

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SERVICE TIMES

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 PASCHAL SEASON

“Having beheld the resurrection of Christ.”

It is now the paschal season, forty days of feasting. For forty days, at every service we repeat, like the ringing bell.

Christ has risen from the dead, trampling down by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

During these forty days, we also greet our fellow Christians with the paschal exclamation. It is the expression of our joy, the sharing of our faith, the assurance that Christ has defeated the death:

Christ is risen? Indeed, He is risen!

For forty days liturgical vestments and linens remain white, like the robe of the angel announcing the Good News. The epitaphion of Holy Friday remains in the sanctuary during this time, for the death of the Savior is always linked to his resurrection. The Icon of Christ in the tomb covers the altar table, and on it we celebrate the eucharist, for out of the tomb comes life.

No one may kneel or bow until Pentacost. It is no longer the time to fast, but rather to invite all one's friends, particularly the poor and the lonely, to share the festal meals.

This is a privileged time. We feel Christ's presence in our midst, just as when he appeared to the apostles; in the upper room, on the road to Emmaus, on the mountain in Gallilee, at the shore of the lake of Tiberias, sharing a meal with friends.

The week of Pascha is often called “Bright Week.” Indeed, the days become longer, the sun is brighter, warming us and filling us with joy. Spring blossoms, everything is covered with greenery and flowers. “Each spring, nature prophesies the future spring of the whole world.” The feasts of Pascha is a foretaste of the day without end, when spring will be eternal.

During Bright Week, the liturgical services follow a special *ordo*, as if each day were Sunday. Instead of singing all the hymns according to a single tone for the entire week, as is done in ordinary time, a new tone is used each day, as if it were eight consecutive Sundays. In Orthodox countries, paschal matins and the eucharist are celebrated each day; there is a daily procession around the church, and water is blessed for use by the faithful. The churches remain open night and day, and the doors of the iconostasis are not closed for the entire week. “In this way is symbolized our free access to the Holy of Holies, which Jesus Christ, our high priest, has opened for us through his blood.”

Two thousand years have passed since the Crucifixion and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus. How are we affected by this event today? How does the “forgiveness of sins” for which Jesus dies upon the Cross become the forgiveness of our sins today? How does the eternal life of the Risen One, who will never die again, become our eternal life? How does Jesus Christ’s victory over death deliver us from death? How can everything that the Lord Jesus did for men whom He loved so much benefit the people of our time? How can the gift of God which He brought be effectively received by us today? How can this mystery of the Cross and Resurrection affect us; how can we appropriate it, make it our own, so that His Resurrection becomes our resurrection, so that His union with the Father becomes our reconciliation with God, so that His Life becomes our life? The answer is given in a short phrase of the Creed: “I believe in one baptism for the remission of sins.” The Death and Resurrection of Christ are made real to us through Baptism. It is through Baptism that we are united to His death so that we may participate in His Resurrection. It is in Baptism that we are “planted together” with the risen Christ; it is Baptism which grafts us onto Him.

The great mystery which the Holy Spirit accomplishes in Baptism becomes part of one’s consciousness only through free cooperation or “synergy” on the part of the baptized. In order for the baptized individual to truly attain the image of Christ, to become really a Christian, a whole lifetime is needed during which the action of Christ and the Holy Spirit in free cooperation with the baptized can gradually penetrate into all the nooks and crannies of his heart and soul, his body and spirit.

Excerpts for this article from the book: The “Incarnate God” (The Feasts of Jesus Christ and the Virgin Mary Vol. II) Catherine Aslanoff, Editor of the French edition, and Translated by Paul Meyendorff. (St. Vladimir’s Seminary, Press 1995)

MEMORIAL DAY CEMETERY VISITS

On Memorial day, Monday May 27th, Fr, George will be at the following cemeteries to chant the trisagion prayers for our loved one who have fallen asleep in the Lord.

Island Cemetery Annex. - 10:00 a.m.

(for anyone with loved ones at the main Island Cemetery across the street, please meet at the Annex and we will proceed to the main cemetery after.)

Middletown Cemetery - 11:00 a.m.

THE MEANING OF EASTER-PASCHA

The women who had followed Jesus from Galilee went with Joseph and saw the tomb and how Jesus' body was placed in it. Then they went back home and prepared the spices and perfumes for the body. On the Sabbath they rested, as the law commanded.

Very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, carrying the spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the entrance to the tomb, so they went in; but they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

They stood there puzzled about this, when suddenly two men in bright shining clothes stood by them. Full of fear, the women bowed down to the ground, as the men said to them, "Why are you looking among the dead for one who is alive? He is not here; he has been raised. Remember what he said to you while he was in Galilee: "The Son of Man must be handed over to the sinful men, be crucified, and three days later rise to life."

Then the women remembered his words, returned from the tomb, and told all these things to the eleven disciples and all the rest. The women were Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James; they and the other women with them told these things to the apostles. But the apostles thought that what the women said was nonsense, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb, he bent down and saw the grave cloths but nothing else. Then he went back home amazed at what had happened.

(Luke 23:55-56; 24:1-12)

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

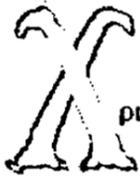
Thank you for your help in our Ministry,
St. Spyridon Soup Kitchen Team
Jane Iandolo, Penny Hiotas and Sofi Cofield

COOKBOOKS FOR SALE

We have a number of editions of the cook book put out by the Assumption Philoptochos available in the church hall. They are \$22.00 each.

Η ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΗ

ΠΗΓΗ ΑΙΘΙΝΗΣ ΖΩΗΣ



Χριστός ανέστη! Ἡ Ἀνάσταση τοῦ Χριστοῦ μᾶς μαρτυρεῖ σαφῶς, ὅτι ἡ ἐπαγγελμένη σωτηρία τοῦ κόσμου ὀλοκληρώθηκε. Ἡ χάρις ἔλαμψε. Ἡ κατάρα ἔσβησε. Ὁ ἄδης νεκρώθηκε. Ὁ Χριστός μᾶς ἐξαγόρασε ἀπὸ κάθε κατάρα, γιατί ἔγινε ὁ ἴδιος γιὰ μᾶς κατάρα. Καί πέθανε πάνω στὸν Σταυρό, θυσία καί προσφορά ὑπὲρ τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν μας.

Κανείς δὲν μπορεῖ πλέον νὰ ἀπελπίζεται. Μὲ πίστη καί ἐλπίδα πρέπει νὰ προσεγγίζουμε τὸν Ἐλεήμονα Κύριό μας, μὲ τὴν βεβαιότητα, ὅτι θὰ μᾶς δεχθῆ, ὅπως δέχθηκε τὸν τελῶνη, τὸν ληστή, τὴν πόρνη.

Τώρα εἴμαστε στὸν δρόμο. Βαδίζουμε γιὰ τὴν αἰώνιο ζωὴ. Ἐδῶ εἴμαστε ξένοι καί παρικοί. Ἐδῶ εἶναι τόπος ἐτοιμασίας. Πατρίδα μας εἶναι ἡ ἄνω Ἱερουσαλήμ, ἡ Ἐκκλησία τῶν πρωτοτόκων. Ἐδῶ σπέρνομε. Ἐδῶ ἐργαζόμαστε ἐν ἰδρώτι τοῦ προσώπου μας. Θλιβόμεθα. Κοπιάζομε. Τοὺς καρπούς θὰ τοὺς δρέψουμε εἰς «τάς αἰώνιους μονάς», στὸν Παράδεισο.

Φαίνεται, πῶς ἡ ζωὴ στὴν γῆ περνάει τόσο γρήγορα ὡς χεῖμαρρος. Σβῆνει πρὶν προφθάσης νὰ τὴν καταλάβης. Πρὶν τὴν γευθῆς. Καί ὁμως. Γιὰ ὅσους πιστεύουν στὴν ἀνάσταση τοῦ Κυρίου, ἡ γαλήνη καί ἡ παρηγορία τῆς κοινῆς ἀναστάσεως φωτίζει καί τίς καρδιές καί τίς διάνοιες. Καί διαλύει τὰ ζοφερά σκοτάδια, πού ἀπλώνει γύρω τοὺς ἢ παγωνιά τῆς ἀποστασίας καί τῆς σαρκολατρικῆς ζωῆς.

† Νικοπόλεως ΜΕΛΕΤΙΟΥ

Ὅποιος πιστεύει στὸν Χριστό καί στὴν Ἀνάστασή Του, ξέρει, ὅτι οἱ δίκαιοι τὴν ἡμέρα τῆς κοινῆς Ἀναστάσεως θὰ λάμπουν σάν τὸν ἥλιο, καί θὰ εἶναι ἔνδοξοι σάν θεοί.

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Χαίρετε, ἀδελφοί, χαίρετε.

Χαίρετε, διότι ὁ Χριστός μετὰ τὴν δύση τοῦ θανάτου Του στὸν Σταυρό, «καί αὐθις ἐκ τοῦ τάφου ὠραῖος, δικαιοσύνης ἡμῖν ἔλαμψεν Ἡλιος». Ἄδυτος πλέον. Φῶς ἀνέσπερον.

Χαίρετε, ἀδελφοί. Ὁ Χριστός, ἀναστάς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ἔστειλε τοὺς δούλους Του στίς πλατεῖες καί τὰ σταυροδρόμια νὰ προσκαλέσουν τοὺς πάντες (χωλοὺς, ἀναπήρους, τυφλοὺς, παραλύτους κλπ.) στὸ δεῖπνο Του, ἕως ὅτου πληρωθῆ ὁ Οἶκος Του. Δέχεται τοὺς πάντες. Ἀρκεῖ νὰ ἔχουν ΕΝΔΥΜΑΓΑΜΟΥ, δηλαδὴ μετάνοια.

Μὲ ποιά ἐπίγεια χαρὰ μπορεῖ νὰ συγκριθῆ ἡ χαρὰ τῆς Ἀναστάσεως, ἡ χαρὰ πού μᾶς φυτεῦει στὴν ψυχὴ ἢ πίστη καί ἡ ἐλπίδα τῆς Ἀναστάσεως!

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Μὲ πίστη ὀρθή, μὲ ἀγάπη θερμὴ καί μὲ ἐλπίδα ἀκλινῆ ἄς στρέψουμε τὸ βλέμμα μας στοῦ Χριστοῦ τὴν μορφὴ. Καί μὲ καρδιά πού πιστεύει ἀκράδαντα καί χεῖλη πού ὁμολογοῦν χωρὶς δισταγμούς, νὰ ψάλλουμε τὸ - ἀκόμη καί γιὰ τοὺς ἀγγέλους - γλυκύτατο μελῶδημα τῆς Ἐκκλησίας μας, τὸ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ.

IN OUR PARISH

Death

Mr. Constantine "Gus" Hologgitas fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 in Newport. Gus was the husband of Dr. Joanne Hologgitas and is survived by several cousins, nieces and nephews. His funeral was held in our church on Saturday, April 13. May his memory be eternal.

HELLENIC FEST

Dear parishioners. It has been decided that we will bring back the festival again this year but it will be streamlined. It will be Friday and Saturday only.

Again we ask for your help. Will you please help out this year by chairing a booth or volunteering your time. We will be having a meeting soon and will contact you by email if you kindly send a note to Elaine Holder at Epholder@aol.com

The church really needs the proceeds from this festival so **please give us your help.**

Thank you,
Elaine Holder

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Dear Families,

May is our last month of classes for Sunday School. As the year winds down here is an explanation on what happens each Sunday in May.

May 5—Pascha, no classes

May 12—OCMC boxes are due and pictures taken of each class and the whole Sunday School

May 19—Elementary Oratorical Festival by children in Sandy's class

May 26th—Memorial Day, no classes

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<p><u>A REMINDER</u> Office Hours Tuesdays/ Thursdays Fathers Emergency Tel. # 401-474-7700</p>	<p>Fr. George will be on vacation from May 28 to June 20. Metropolis will assign priest for Sun.Liturgy</p>		<p>1.Holy Wednesday 8:00 a.m. Presanctif. 3:00 pmHolyUnction 7:00 p.mMatins Holy Thursday/</p>	<p>2.Holy Thursd 8:00 a.m.Vesp. Liturgy of St. F 7:00 p.m. Servi HolyPassion.12</p>
<p>5.GREAT & HOLY PASCHA-EASTER 11:00 a.m. AGAPE Holy Gospel read in many languages.</p>	<p>6. Renewal Monday. St.George Gr.Martyr 9:00 a.m. Orthros. 10:00 a.m. Div. Lit.</p>	<p>7. Renewal Tuesday Cyril of Jerusalem, Raphael,NicholasIrene <u>Office Hours</u> 7.00 p.m. P.C. Mtg</p>	<p>8. Renewal Wednesd John the Theolog. Arsenius the Great</p>	<p>9. Renewal Th Isaiah the Proph Chrystopher Ma <u>Office Hou</u></p>
<p>12.Thomas Sunday Mothers Day Orthros.9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m. SunSch/Fellowship</p>	<p>13. Glykeria Virgin- Martyr.of Heraclia Sergios Confessor Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>14. Isidore Martyr of Chios. <u>Office Hours.</u></p>	<p>15. Pachomios Great Martyr. Achillios Bish Larissa</p>	<p>16. Theodoros s Peter martyr. <u>Office Hour</u></p>
<p>19.Sunday of the Myrrhbearers Orthros. 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.10.00 a.m. Sun.Sch/Fellowship</p>	<p>20.Thallelaos and his Companions.</p>	<p>21. SS Constantine and Helen Orthros. 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10.00 a.m. <u>Office Hours</u></p>	<p>22. Basiliskos Bishop of Comana</p>	<p>23. Michael Bis Synada. Mary th rhbearer. <u>Office Hours</u></p>
<p>26. Sunday of the Paralytic. Orthros. 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m. Su.nSch./Fellowship</p>	<p>27.MEMORIAL DAY Hieromart. Helladios John Russian of Evia 10:00 Annex Prayers</p>	<p>28.Eutyches,Bishop Niketas Bishop Fr.George begins his vacation</p>	<p>29.<u>Mid-Pentecost</u> Theodosia of Tyre Theodosia of Constan</p>	<p>30.Isaakios, Fo Monast. of Dalr Emelia mother St.Basil. <u>Office Hou</u></p>

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

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<p>Thursday esp.Divine St. Basil service of m.12Gosp</p>	<p>3.Holy Friday 8:00 a.m. Gr. Hours Decorate Epitaphio 3:00 pm Apokathilosi 7:00 Lamenatations</p>	<p>4.Holy/Great Saturday 8:00 a.m.Lit St.Basil 11:00pm.Prep-Service 12:00 <u>ANASTASIS</u> 12:30 <u>PASCHAL LIT.</u></p>
<p>11.Thursd. prophet. r Martyr</p> <p><u>Hours.</u></p>	<p>10. Renewal Friday Zoodochos Peghe. 9:00 a.m. Orthros 10:00 a.m. Div.Lit.</p>	<p>11.Renewal Saturday Mokios Holy Martyr</p>
<p>ros sanctfd r.</p> <p><u>Hours.</u></p>	<p>17.Andronikos & Julia Martyrs Nectarios of Varlaam</p>	<p>18. Peter,Dionysios, Andrew,Paul,Julian The Martyrs.</p>
<p>l Bishop of ury the Myr-</p> <p><u>Hours</u></p>	<p>24. Symeon Stylite Vincent of Lerins</p>	<p>25. Third finding of Head of St. John Bapt. Therapon B.ishop of Cyprus.</p>
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Upcoming Events

May 7—Parish Council Meeting, 7pm

May 8—Daughters of Penelope
 meeting, 7pm, Ahepa Housing

May 13—Soup Kitchen

May 27—Memorial Day Cemetery
 visits

Regular Events

Religious Education—Sundays,
 immediately after Holy Communion

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

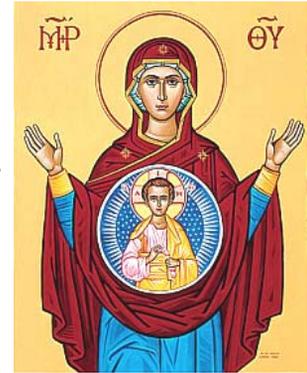
Adult Greek School—
 Mondays, 4-6 p.m.

HOW TO LOVE YOUR MOTHER—BY TONYA STONEMAN

Mary, the mother of Jesus, stood by the cross at Calvary and witnessed as history's greatest tragedy was inflicted upon her Son. "When Jesus then saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, 'Woman, behold, your son!' Then He said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother!' From that hour the disciple took her into his own household" (John 19:26-27).

John the Beloved lived to be an old man—long enough to take good care of Mary all the days of her life. Even as He hung dying on the cross, Jesus demonstrated His love toward His mother, making provision for her care in His absence. The older a mother gets, the more she needs to know that her children still love her.

How can you show love to your mother? **1. Love her Verbally.** When you tell your mother that you love her, it is important to be specific. Tell her why and how you love her. Express some of the qualities for which you love her, like the fact that you enjoy the meals she prepares or you appreciate how dependable she is. When you stop and think about all the things your mother does to serve her household, you will find plenty of examples. **2. Love her physically.** Your mother was the first person to touch you. Before you were born, she wrapped you in her womb. After you came into the world, she kissed your cheeks in the middle of the night and held your little hands. She touched you constantly during all those years when you needed the security of her touch. When her primary duties as a mother have expired, she will need to know that she is still needed. She will need your touch. **3. Love her patiently.** Moms have big jobs. There likely is not corporate responsibility that rivals motherhood when it comes to physical, emotional and spiritual commitment. Sometimes they are late to appointments, prepare meals we don't like, or don't follow through the way we expect them to. In these times, we must exercise patience. It's important to remember that our mothers aren't bottomless wells from which we draw each time we have a need. Our mothers have their own schedules and needs. It is unfair to expect them to align their lives to accommodate ours. **4. Listen to her.** Can you remember a time when your mother stopped what she was doing to listen to you pour out your burdens? Maybe somebody you were dating stood you up, a friend didn't invite you to a party, or you didn't make the basketball team. What did your mother do? She put her arm around you and encouraged you. She listened. Sometimes our mothers long for someone to talk to. A lot of mothers suppress fears, anxieties,



frustrations, and inner torments because they don't want to worry their children. In fact, there are no parents who never have fears, heartaches, or burdens. In her latter years, she may face troubles more intense than anything she has helped you overcome in your life. It is important to keep the door of communication open so our mothers can express their fears when necessary. **5. Love her gratefully.** Think, how many meals did she prepare for you while you lived at home? How many boxes of cereal did she buy? You wanted Corn Flakes, so she bought that. You switched to Lucky Charms, so she bought that. Mothers never bring these things to our attention. They just make their trips to the grocery store and stand in line with their carts full of food because they love us. If we begin to enumerate all the little things that our mothers have done throughout the years, we will realize that we owe them an enormous debt of gratitude. **6. Love her tenderly.** A mother sometimes needs acceptance and understanding rather than a lot of advice. Her actions may seem strange, but when you love somebody, you accept them just as they are. Don't judge your mother—just tenderly love her, and accept that she is going through a difficult time. **7. Love her generously.** More than likely your mother sacrificed so that you could wear the clothes you wore, she made sure that you had the best she could afford first. What was left over she spent on herself. Mothers do this every day with their time and energy. How can we be stingy toward our mothers when they have been so selfless, loving and generous toward us? **8. Love her forgivingly.** Perhaps you do not have a harmonious relationship with your mother. Whatever has happened between you, you have a responsibility before God to forgive her. Maybe there is no excuse for her sins, however, when we do not forgive we cannot love, and God tells us to love. If he can forgive us despite our failures, surely we can do the same for our mothers. **9. Love her cheerfully.** What comes to your mother's mind when she thinks about you? Does she smile or frown? The next time you visit your mother, encourage her, laugh with her, and do your best to make her happy. In doing so, you will show her how you genuinely feel toward her. **10. Love her honorably.** "Honor your father and mother that your days may be long upon earth" (Ex. 20:12 NASB). It is the only one of the 10 Commandments with a built in promise for blessing. When you live the kind of life that honors your mother, she will be proud of you. How do you love your mother? Love her with all of your heart. Demonstrate your love to her in a way that makes her grateful for every moment of time she invested in you, every penny, she sacrificed for you, and every experience she provided that helped you become the person you are.

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO MOTHERS OF OUR PARISH!



Greek School students from our community who participated in the 2013 Rhode Island State House celebration. The students sang patriotic songs for the dignitaries in attendance together with students from the other Greek Language Schools in Rhode Island. Our Greek School was also represented this year by Isabel-Sophia Petrou and Emilee Sullivan who recited poems during the program. We congratulate them for their excellent performance in front of a full house in the Governor's State Room. The link to this celebration:

<http://ricaptv.discovervideo.com/play/show.aspx?id=205&t=1>

GREEK SCHOOL NEWS

Year-End Dates - The year-end Greek School program will be held on Sunday, June 9th after Divine Liturgy in the community hall. The Greek School families will be sponsoring the coffee hour that day. There will be a rehearsal for the year-end program on Saturday, June 8th at 10 a.m. for all Greek School students. The last week of classes for this school year will be the week of June 3rd.

Thank You - We wish to thank Basile Panoutsopoulos and his family for their very generous gift of a Greek Flag for each of the families in our Greek School during the recent Greek Independence Day celebrations.

Parents/Teachers Meetings - To help properly plan for the 2013-2014 school year, there will be a few important meetings in the coming months. First, the year-end parent(s)/teacher conferences will begin from Tuesday, May 28th through the final day of classes on Thursday, June 6th. Please make a point to schedule a meeting with your child's teacher to discuss progress made this year and expectations for next year. Parents should be taking a proactive role in determining and promoting what is best for their children. If you have any outstanding questions after meeting with the teacher, then please contact Thanasis Stefanopoulos directly. To conclude the school year there will be an all Greek School Parents/Teachers meeting held on Sunday, June 16th after Divine Liturgy. Please check your emails for any further updates.

Examinations in Modern Greek – Each year, the Archdiocese offers a comprehensive examination “Ellhnomathia” for Greek School students (past and present) in order to determine the level of proficiency attained to date, and also to provide a baseline for their progression in Greek language studies. The examination for the Boston Metropolis Greek Schools is held

every May in Boston. Students as young as eight years old may take the exam to determine their current level of understanding. As far as we are able to determine, no students from our community have ever registered to take this exam and it is our hope that we can begin participating by sending students to take the exam in May 2014.

Study materials, registration costs and transportation logistics will be covered by our Greek School. We urge all past students who have graduated from the Greek School program to consider taking this exam. By doing so, they can determine their certification level, and we can have a better sense of the success of our program over the years. Students also have an opportunity to earn college foreign language credits via certification.

Please note, this is not a pass/fail exam, it simply determines the current level of competency. The test can be repeated yearly as the students' progress in their studies, and as such their level of certification should continue to increase. If you would like to begin studying for this exam by reviewing past exams, please see the detailed entry for study materials in this newsletter.

RESOURCES FOR MODERN GREEK EXAMINATION

The 'Comprehensive Examinations in Modern Greek' workbook covers examples of the "Ellhnomathia" exams administered to Greek School students in the United States from the years 2003-2011. We now have several copies of this workbook available to assist in studying for this exam. We urge all parents who wish to have their children take this exam next May, 2014 to request a copy of the study materials. The exam is not a pass/fail exam; it simply provides a certified baseline of the exam-takers current comprehension of the Greek language (reading, writing and verbal). Addition online resources to learn and practice are below:

1) Εδώ Λιλιπούπολι - EDO LILIPOUPOLI (For children of all ages)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PjVZcZ1az1c>

2) Εδώ Λιλιπούπολη - Ο Χαρχούδας δράκος

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kGVq4LG7Ukw>

3) Η Όφη Σόφη μαθαίνει καλούς τρόπους στον παπαγάλο.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=My3YVkVyhbw>

4) Bodossaki Lectures on Demand (For advanced users of Modern Greek)

<http://www.blod.gr/default.aspx>

To obtain a copy of the Ellhnomathia workbook or if you have any questions on study materials, please contact Basile directly (Basile.Panoutsopoulos@verizon.net).

THE HOLY EMPEROR CONSTANTINE AND THE EMPRESS HELENA

May 21st

Constantine's parents were Emperor Constantius Chlorus and the Empress Helena. Chlorus had other children by another wife, but from Helena he had only Constantine. After his coronation Constantine fought three great battles: one, against Maxentius, a Roman tyrant; the second, against the Scythians on the Danube and the third, against the Byzantines. Before the battle with Maxentius, while Constantine was greatly concerned and in doubt about his success, a brilliant Cross appeared to him in the sky during the day, completely adorned with stars and written on the Cross were these words: "By this Sign Conquer."

Astonished, the emperor ordered a large cross to be forged similar to the one that appeared to him and that it be carried before the army. By the power of the Cross he achieved a glorious victory over the enemy who was superior in members. Maxentius was drowned in the Tiber river. Immediately after that, Constantine issued the famous Edict of Milan in the year 313 A.D. to halt the persecution of Christians. Defeating the Byzantines, Constantine built a beautiful capital on the Bosphorus which from that time on was called Constantinople.

Before that, however, Constantine succumbed to the dreaded disease of leprosy. As a cure, the pagan priests and physicians counseled him to bathe in the blood of slaughtered children. However, he rejected that. Then the Apostles Peter and Paul appeared to him and told him to seek out Bishop Sylvester who will cure him of this dreaded disease. The bishop instructed him in the Christian Faith, baptized him and the disease of leprosy vanished from the emperor's body.

When a discord began in the Church because of the mutinous heretic Arius, the emperor convened the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, 325. A.D., where the heresy was condemned and Orthodoxy confirmed.

St. Helena, the pious mother of the emperor, was very zealous for the Faith of Christ. She visited Jerusalem, discovered the Honorable Cross of the Lord, built the Church of the Resurrection on Golgotha and many other churches throughout the Holy Land. This holy woman presented herself to the Lord in her eightieth year in 327 A.D. Emperor Constantine outlived his mother by ten years. He died in Nicomedia in his sixty-fifth year in 337 A.D. His body was interred in the Church of the Twelve Apostles in Constantinople.



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.

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. The Byzantine Venture—July 20 to August 8—still has spots available. For more information please visit <http://www.ionianvillage.org>.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE NEWS

The May meeting will be held Wednesday, May 8th, 7 pm at the Ahepa Housing. Please make every effort to attend as we will be discussing the upcoming New England Regional Ahepa Convention to be held May 17, 18, 19. It is important that we all support this and make it successful.

Penelope Hiotas, President



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