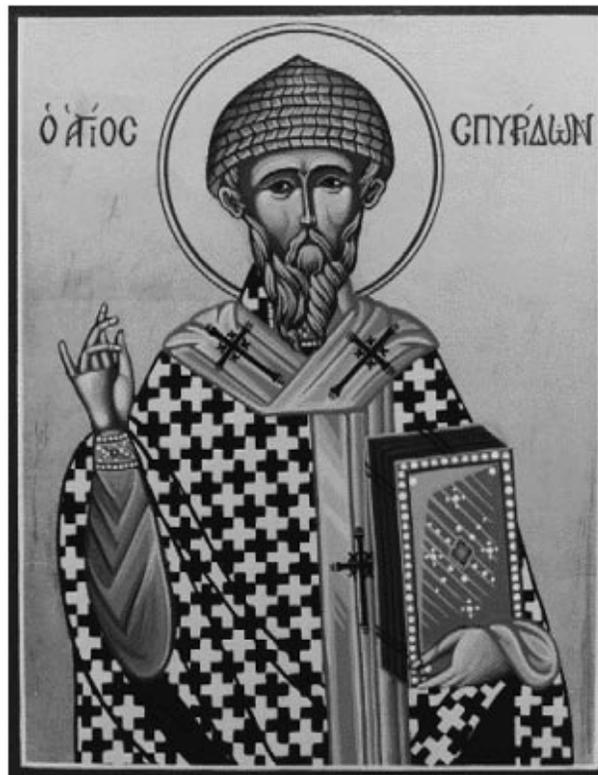

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SERVICE TIMES
Sunday Winter Hours

Orthros 9:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 10:00 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

FR GEORGE'S REMARKS AT THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

Your Eminence Metropolitan Methodios, Rev. Fathers, Anthony and Philip, Presvyteres, Distinguished Guests, Parish Council president Zoe Adamedes and members of the Council Representatives of Ahepa, Daughters of Penelope, Philoptochos Society of St. Spyridon, Island of Skiathos, choir members, Sunday and Greek School teachers, Newport Hellenic Dancers members and instructors, co chairs of the luncheon Elaine Holder and Leah Violet committee members, Sara Brown, Despina Haralamibidis, Marianne Menas, Elaine Brown and you dear parishioners and guests who have come to this 100th anniversary luncheon. Thank you for being here to celebrate this historic milestone in the life of our parish of Saint Spyridon.

We celebrate this milestone as we did in previous years 25, 50, 75 years. But somehow this milestone of 100 years seems to resonate strongly in our hearts and minds. And we celebrate because over a hundred years ago when the first immigrants came to these shores and settled in the city of Newport and surrounding towns and worked very hard to establish themselves as members of this country they did not forget their homeland, their faith and worship, their culture, or language or traditions and because of their desire they established their community at first using other places to worship and in 1915 established their own place of worship to gather in, to celebrate the liturgy and sacraments and gather for other life events in the parish. They sacrificed, worked hard and gave even more to make their dream come true. So here we are today celebrating this milestone in the history of our St. Spyridon Church and community.

From the time I was appointed by His Eminence, six years ago, to serve St. Spyridon parish, Presvetera Elaine and I have witnessed the love, dedication and commitment of our parishioners for their parish, their Orthodox Christian faith and worship, the religious instruction of the children, as well as the learning of the Greek language in our afternoon school, celebrating our culture and traditions especially during our annual Hellenic Festival. And may I also say of their love, their warmth and respect they have shown us.

We honor this day and we have throughout this year 2015 these laborers whose love for their faith, cultures and traditions inspired them to establish their place of worship. For all they accomplished, we love and admire them, respect them and are truly grateful for the legacy they left to their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

As we celebrate the past this day and look forward to the future that our parish will prosper and grow for generations to come. "May our faith, love, dedication and commitment for our St. Spyridon Church and parish be the strength of generations to come as they carry on into the years to come."

At this time I humbly request His Eminence if he would share with us his thoughts on this historic milestone. Following His Eminence remarks our dance troupe will entertain us with a brief program of traditional dances. After which His Eminence will offer the benediction and conclude this day's celebration.

PORTRAIT SESSION FOR 100TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK

Please remember to sign up for your photo session for our 100th Anniversary Book. Don't get left out! See Peter Yalanis after church or email him at pyalanissunrise@aol.com.

100TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

Please plan to join us for the 100th Anniversary Gala on November 21st at the Viking Hotel. See the next page for details.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARD

We will again be printing a Community Christmas Card as a small fundraiser for our parish. The cost to have your name printed in the card will be \$20 per line. Please use the form below and send it to the Church office as soon as possible. The deadline is December 6th. We would appreciate any extra donations toward the poinsettias that we use to decorate the church for the Christmas season. Thank you for your generosity.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD DONATION

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Please join us for St. Sypridon's Greek Orthodox Church

100th Anniversary

Gala

Hotel Viking

One Bellevue Avenue, Newport, RI 02840

Saturday, November 21, 2015

6:30 pm cocktails - Dinner 7:30 pm

Music by : Orfeas

\$100.00 per person

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100TH ANNIVERSARY REMARKS

ZOE ADAMEDES, PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

We gather here today to celebrate an auspicious occasion, the 100th Anniversary of the founding of St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox church here in Newport RI. We have celebrated this occasion first with a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, led by our Metropolitan Methodios. And please allow me to repeat one of the most moving portions of the Divine Liturgy, where his eminence calls upon God and repeats these stirring words: “O Lord, look down from the heavens, and see, visit and strengthen this vineyard which Your right hand has planted”—to allow it to grow and strengthen.

A lot has changed in 100 years. Some things momentous and some simply horrific. Could anyone back in 1915 have ever envisioned that mankind would travel to the moon? That air travel would exist? That diseases such as smallpox and polio would be eradicated, only to be replaced with new scourges. That mankind would have in its power the ability to destroy this beautiful planet which we call home.

I won't dwell on our parish history as others have spoken on this. However I would like to offer some brief reflections on the year 1915 as this history brings forth many of the reasons that our families came to the United States.

In 1915 the Balkan Wars had only recently ended, adding the additional territories of Macedonia, Crete and the islands of the eastern Aegean, including that of Lesbos, or Mytilene, from whom so many of our parishioners claim their ancestry. World War I continued to rage on in Europe, and after the defeat of the Allied Forces in Gallipoli, the French and British retreated to Thessaloniki early in October 1915, turning this city into a military base. And after the end of World War I, peace was still not to come, as the agonies of the collapse of the Ottoman Empire and the rise of the Young Turks led to the defeat of Greece in the Greco-Turkish war, the Great Fire and destruction of Smyrna, and the Catastrophe, which included the forced exchange of populations between Greece and Turkey in 1923, and the wholesale slaughter of Greeks from Asia Minor and Pontos, (and of course of Armenian brothers and sisters), populations which had thrived for millennia. The Catastrophe that we speak of today was the first genocide of the 20th century. And history tells us that Adolph Hitler studied it well. And since then, the world has learned very effectively how to implement genocide.

And what of Newport? What were times like here? Information from the 1915 Annual Report to the City of Newport shows that not only were 81 homes built (with a total evaluation estimated at \$226,650), but 5 stables as well.

The Report from the Chief of Police is interesting and summarizes some of the convictions from 1915, including:

- 2 convictions for the abandoning of a wife and child
- 1 conviction for bigamy
- 265 convictions for public drunkenness
- 8 convictions for fornication
- 1 conviction for driving while intoxicated, and
- 37 convictions for profane swearing and cursing

The report from the City Health inspector reported that 1 in 5 children never used a tooth brush, and that there were 50 cases of Tuberculosis, with 18 deaths

Interestingly, since this was before the advent of modern antibiotics and vaccines, fumigations were used as a means to prevent infection: 56 homes were fumigated because of scarlet fever, 76 for tuberculosis, 5 for typhoid, and 20 for Diphtheria,

The Tax rate was 1.6% (based upon land, bldgs., and tangible personal property). Lambros Brown, one of the founders of our church owned property on Wesley Street valued at \$6800; Constantine and Demetrios Damaskos and Harry Violet all lived on Long Wharf and were each taxed at \$3.20 for tangible property worth \$200; Michael Violet of Spring Wharf had land and property valued at \$1100 (and was taxed \$17.60)

So given the conditions in Europe at the time, it is no wonder what brought these early Greek settlers to what became their new home, it was clearly their quest for peace, safety, and for opportunity. A place where they could raise their families without threats of violence and terrorism. A place where, if not they, then their children could receive an education. A place where they could worship freely, without concerns or worries about men on horseback coming to burn the churches down from around them. And for those who immigrated after World War II and suffered through the German occupation and resulting starvation, their wants were no different.

For Greek Americans, this is our history, these are our roots. But I would be remiss not to mention the similar struggles of our Orthodox brothers and sisters from other parts of the Orthodox world who are now part of the St. Spyridon community—the struggles in Russia, Ukraine, Eastern Europe and the Middle East. Sadly, if we try to imagine what these times were like, we need look no further than the evening news, where we can witness the struggle of Syrian refugees and the torture and beheading of Christians in North Africa and the Middle East on a nightly basis. The nation of Greece has taken quite a hit lately on the

world front due to its economic problems. They are the butt of jokes. But with all this turmoil, the Greek people and our spirit of Filotimo, of doing for others simply because it's the right thing to do lives on. Just last week, New York Times columnist Roger Cohen reported from Mytilini on the refugee crisis and said of Greece, and I quote "No European country has been more battered in recent years. But no European country has responded with as much consistent humanity to the human crisis". This makes me so proud and should make all of us proud. And why is the response of Greece like this? It is simply because Greeks understand.

What will the next 100 years hold for us here in Newport? I can't predict, I have no crystal ball. But I do know that if we neglect our young children and our youth then we are in trouble. If we don't ensure that our church is welcoming of those on a spiritual journey to Orthodoxy then we are in trouble. Our empty churches could become a testament to the failure of our generation to pass on the faith or to open its doors to newcomers.

Moving forward, we must hold to our faith more than ever. And recognize in these modern times that even though we may not all have the same ethnic identity, we all share the gift of Orthodoxy. We must ensure that we all, adults and children alike, know and live our Christian faith, not just on Sundays but every day. Our doors must always be open and welcoming to those seeking spiritual truth. We must constantly be reaching out to those in need—the hungry, the poor, the homeless. And we must not allow petty dissensions to weaken us. People shouldn't have to guess what our faith is. They should be able to see that we are Christians by what we do.

We've just completed some much needed repairs to our Church, including some wonderful beautification projects. Why not take this anniversary as the first step to begin a spiritual renewal? Saint Seraphim of Sarov said and I quote "Acquire the gift of the Holy Spirit and thousands around you will be saved". He said that we didn't even have to preach anything—that if we were filled with God's love and the Holy Spirit that people would notice just by our everyday demeanor and wonder why we were different.

We, as a parish community, have taken several tough hits regarding the loss of active and vibrant members of the community. Who will fill their shoes? There's a writing in the Talmud which says "I did not find the world desolate when I entered it. My fathers planted for me before I arrived, so I plant for those who come after me". Are those of us gathered here at this occasion ready to step up to the plate and do our part? Are we setting the right example and reaching out to the youth of our community so that they are ready to move forth as active and engaged Orthodox Christians.

In closing, I'd like to leave you with the words of the Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw who said:

"I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community... and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work, the more I live. I rejoice in life for its own sake. Life is no brief candle to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for a moment and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations."

We each need to ask ourselves what we will be passing on to our community, St. Spyridon's. I leave you with this question. Thank you.

IN OUR PARISH

Birth

On September 9, 2015, David and Adeline Jasinski welcomed a baby girl, *Despina Brigitte*. Despina was also welcomed by her big brothers, Billy and Harry. Our best wishes for a long and happy life for Despina and her family!

Wedding

Steven Jennings and *Jessica Anterni* were united in Holy Matrimony on September 12, 2015. Koumbara was Steven's sister Sarah Redman. We wish them many years of happiness.

Death

Joanne Hologgitas, PhD, fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, September 14, 2015. Joanne was a long time parishioner and a very active member of our parish. She is survived by her sister, Bessie and her husband Manny Mihailides and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Constantine "Gus" Hologgitas. May her memory be eternal.

RIDE TO CHURCH NEEDED

Fr. Julian, who is well known to many of our parishioners, is now living at St. Clare's Nursing Home at 309 Spring Street. Fr. Julian loves our church and would love to come and celebrate the Divine Liturgy with us on Sundays. Fr. Julian walks with a walker and is quite ambulatory. If you would like to get on a list to pick him up on a Sunday, please call the Church office. If we get enough volunteers, it would mean that you would only have to do it one day a month or less. Thank you.

OCTOBER 2015

Sunday Winter

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	<u>OXI DAY CELEBRATION Sunday</u> October 25th by the children of our aft Greek School.	<u>GENER. ASSEMBLY SUNDAY OCT.18TH</u> <u>GRANDPARENTS SUNDAY OCT.18.</u>	<u>Fathers Emergency</u> Tel. 401-474-7700	1.Holy Protectic Theotokos. Ron the Melodist. An Apostle one of 7 <u>Office Hours</u>
<u>4. 2nd.Sunday Luke.</u> Hierotheos of Athens Orthros. 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m. Sun Sch./Fellowship	5.Charitina Martyr Methodios Kimolos	6. Thomas Apostle Eroteis Martyr of Cappadocia <u>Office Hours</u>	7. Sergius/Bacchus of Syria, Polychronios Hieromartyr	8. Pelagia Righ Pelagia of Antic <u>Office Hour</u>
<u>11. 7thEcum.Council</u> Orthros: 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m. Sun. Sch/Fellowship	12.Symeon the New Theologian. Provos, Andronikos and Tarachos <u>Soup Kitchen</u>	13.Carpos,Papylos, Agathodoros Agathoniki. Benjamin Deacon <u>Office Hours</u>	14.Nazarios and Gervasios Protasios and Celsius, Kosmas Hagiopolitis	5. Loukianos ar Savinos <u>Office Hour</u>
<u>18. St. Luke Evangel</u> Orthros. 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m. <u>Grandparents Day</u> <u>GEN. ASSEMBLY</u>	19. Joel the Prophet Varys Martyr	20.Artemios of Antioch. Gerasimos of Cephalonia <u>Office Hours</u>	21.Hilarionn the Great.Relics of Christoddoulos of Patmos	22. Averkios of Hierapolis. Rufi Righteous. <u>Office Hour</u>
<u>25. 6th Sunday Luke</u> <u>OXI DAY CELABR</u> Orthros: 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m. <u>Gr.Vesp.Fall River</u>	<u>26. St Demetrios Great Martyr</u> Orthros. 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit. 10:00 a.m.	27. Nestor of Thessaloniki. Kyriakos Patri arch of Constantinople <u>Office Hours</u>	<u>28. OXI DAY</u> HolyProtectTheotokos Terrance , Eunice	29. Anastasia of Avramios & Ma Mesopotam <u>Office Hour</u>

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Upcoming Events

September 1st—Parish Council Meeting, 7pm

October 12th—Soup Kitchen

October 13th—Daughters of Penelope Meeting at Ahepa Housing - Building 1 at 6:30 p.m.

October 14th—Philoptochos Meeting, 6:30, Church Hall

October 18th—Grandparents Day, General Assembly

October 25th—Oxi Day Celebration by the Greek School

Regular Events

Religious Education—Sundays, immediately after Holy Communion

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

Adult Greek School—Contact Basile Panoutsopoulos

100TH ANNIVERSARY LITURGY AND LUNCHEON

On Sunday, September 27th, we enjoyed a beautiful day of celebrating our church's 100th anniversary. We started with a special Liturgy led by His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios who was joined by Father George and Father Anthony who represented all past priests.

Afterwards, we joined together for a luncheon at the ABC where we enjoyed speeches from various leaders of our church and our island community and also a special performance by the Newport Hellenic Dancers. Thank you to the committee of Sara Brown, Elaine Brown, Despina Haralambidis, and Marianne Menas for planning such a special celebration for our community.

Pictures from both the Liturgy and luncheon can be found here:
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/135862581@N08/albums>



PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

The Philoptochos looks forward to a productive new year! We have established a calendar for the year. We would like members to please hold on to it in order to plan your schedules. Please make every effort to attend our first general meeting. Dues are \$25.00 and can be sent to Ionna Bairos Moreau at 25 Seafare Lane, Portsmouth, RI 02871. Also, if any member of our community could use a breath of sunshine because of illness, please contact Loula Eliopoulos at 847-7746.

First General Meeting: October 14 at 6:30 at the Church Hall

Philoptochos Sunday: November 1

Turkey Basket Raffle: November 15

Board Meeting: December 2 at 6:30 at Elaine Brown's house

St. Spyridon Vespers Reception: December 11

Vasilopita: January 10

Philoptochos Sponsored Soup Kitchen- February 8

Board Meeting: April 6 at 6:30 at Zinovia's house

Major Fund Raiser- June TBA

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, October 12th**— (401 847 8593 / sofikip@aol.com)

Thank you for your help in our Ministry,

St. Spyridon Soup Kitchen Team
Rose Apostol, Sofi Cofield , and Jane Iandolo

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Following the beautiful comments by His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios at our 100th Anniversary Liturgy about how we need to be sure to be spreading love in today's world, it seemed appropriate to rerun the speech given by Eleni Giannopoulos in the Oratorical Festival a few years ago which took her to the national competition.

Eleni Giannopoulos
Senior Division, June, 2012

Topic #1: In Leviticus 19:33, we read, "And if a stranger dwells with you in your land, you shall not mistreat him." Immigration has always been a source of growth and change in American society. What should be the attitude of an Orthodox Christian toward immigration and immigrants?

"Did you know that your parents speak with an accent?" The question took me aback. It wasn't just the randomness of it. Sitting in my high school cafeteria you get used to all the conversations wildly jumping from one topic to another with seemingly no sense at all. But this was something else. I took a breath before blurting out "Ahh Yeah! They're from Greece," and quickly changing the subject. But my friend's question, or rather comment stayed with me. Did I know my parents spoke with accents? Of course I did! What I did not realize, however, was that this made them seem somehow different, even to my friends. And if my parents were different, was I also different?

Growing up in a family like mine, you get to hear many stories, some of them told over and over again, the words hammered into you until they become part of who you are. So I know from countless retellings how both my Mother **and** Father were born in Greece, and how they came over to this country with their families when they were still young; my Mom, a small shy girl of 10 in odd clothes, starting fourth grade in the middle of the school year, without being able to speak a word of English, and all the while having the responsibility of caring for her younger sister while both of her parents worked. And my Dad, who came to the United States when he was in high school, tried hard to get accepted into any of the social circles, and excelled in Math, partially because this was the only subject he could understand. I hear about how my grandparents suffered in menial, exhausting jobs, for very little money, and how the families had to make do without many of the things we now take for granted.

The stories of my family are the stories of all immigrants that, throughout history, left their homeland in search of a better life: the chance to work hard, make a decent living,

get an education, and to be free to worship God, all the while facing unimaginable prejudices, hardships and scorn. Our country was founded by such groups of people, and to this day, waves of new immigrants are still coming over with reasons as old as the story of the Israelites fleeing from Egypt to escape slavery and persecution. When I'm in New York City I often hear of how a certain neighborhood used to be all Greek and Italian, but now it's all Indian and Korean. Same people, different languages, same stories, different faces. Will these new immigrants face the same challenges as people in the past? Have we learned from our own past how to be compassionate, helpful and welcoming to strangers? How not to fear them, but to embrace them as brothers and sisters, all of us children of God?

“Never mistreat a foreigner living in your land.” (Leviticus Chpt. 19: Verse. 33)

“For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” (Galatians Chpt. 3 Verse 28)

“You shall have the same rule for the sojourner and for the native, for I am the Lord your God.” (Leviticus Chpt. 24: Verse 22)

The bible is very clear about how we should treat immigrants. They should be shown the same respect, and granted the same rights as those who are native to your country. Time after time, the bible shows us that you will even be rewarded for extending hospitality to those in need. Lot, a good man in a city of wicked, took in two strangers when everyone else had shut their doors, and because of this God spared the lives of him and his family while Sodom and Gomorrah burned to the ground. Abraham exhibited boundless hospitality to three strangers, later revealed to be angels, when they appeared by his tent, and in turn, they bore to him a message from God that he would at long last, become a father.” We never know who a stranger might turn out to be, or how they might repay our kindness, but we do know that we should always greet friends and foreigners alike with open hearts.

And in our hearts, we all know the pain of the stranger.

“Thou shalt neither vex a stranger, nor oppress him: for ye were strangers once in the land of Egypt.” (Exodus Chpt. 22: Verse 21)

We've all been strangers at some point in our lives, whether it be to a new school, job, community, or to a whole new land. People are constantly moving, shifting from place to place in search of a better life. But in reality, we are all just strangers upon this earth, and the only path that can truly lead us home, is the path to God.

And as we are reminded in (Galatians Chapter 3: Verse 28) “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

(My sincere apologies for inadvertently putting in the wrong entry last month for Religious Education. Here is the correct issue. Thanks, Aliko)

Dear Families,

Over the summer, 21 children were busy getting our church ready for opening day. A big thank you to Mrs. Elaine Trainor who donated her time, and materials for the older children to clean the side yard of our church and plant flowers by the side door. When you enter or leave the hall, notice the two potted plants on either side of the steps. Also, the younger students were busy cleaning the bookshelves downstairs, the tables, the chairs, and vacuuming the floors in the classrooms. Thank you to Mrs. Aliko Cooper for taking before and after pictures to show their hard work. All is set for our opening day on September 13th.

If your child is there please come and see Marianne Menas to register him/her for classes. On opening day, Fr. will bless the children for a good Sunday School year and academic year. On September 27th, there will be no classes due to our 100th year luncheon at the Atlantic Beach Club.

Due to Mrs. Adeline Jasinski being on maternity leave, Ms. Kathy McKeon has agreed to be a Sunday School teacher. Therefore, the staff includes: Mrs. Kathryn Williams, Mrs. Janet Spentzos, Mrs. Sandy Giannopoulos, Mr. Mike Sisak, and Ms. Marianne Menas.

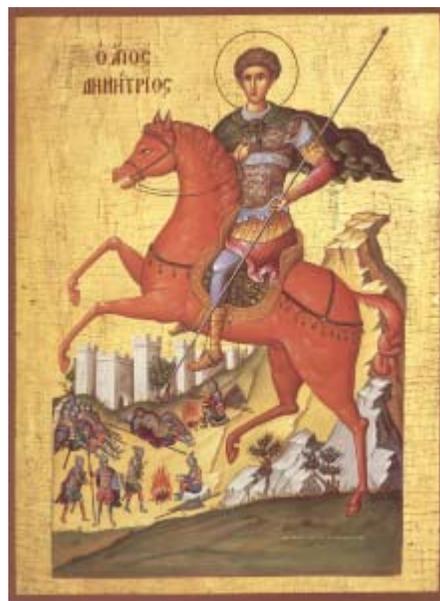
Also, children are to be working on their 100th year anniversary books by October 10th. All instructions are on the paper located in the Sunday School rooms. Mrs. Aliko Cooper will put together this book as a permanent keepsake for our church.

Let us enjoy our new year together!
Marianne Menas



THE HOLY GREAT MARTYR DEMETRIUS THE MYRRH-STREAMER,
OCTOBER 26

Saint Demetrius was a Thessalonian, a most pious son of pious and noble parents, and a teacher of the Faith of Christ. When Maximian first came to Thessalonica in 290, he raised the Saint to the rank of Duke of Thessaly. But when it was discovered that the Saint was a Christian, he was arrested and kept bound in a bath-house. While the games were under way in the city, Maximian was a spectator there. A certain friend of his, a barbarian who was a notable wrestler, Lyaeus by name, waxing haughty because of the height and strength of his body, boasted in the stadium and challenged the citizens to a contest with him. All that fought with him were defeated. Seeing this, a certain youth named Nestor, acquaintance of Demetrius', came to the Saint in the bath-house and asked his blessing to fight Lyaeus single-handed. Receiving this blessing and sealing himself with the sign of the precious Cross, he presented himself in the stadium, and said, "O God of Demetrius, help me!" and straightway he engaged Lyaeus in combat and smote him with a mortal blow to the heart, leaving the former boaster lifeless upon the earth. Maximian was sorely grieved over this, and when he learned who was the cause of this defeat, he commanded straightway and Demetrius was pierced with lances while he was yet in the bath-house, As for Nestor, Maximian commanded that he be slain with his own sword.



Apolytikion in the Third Tone

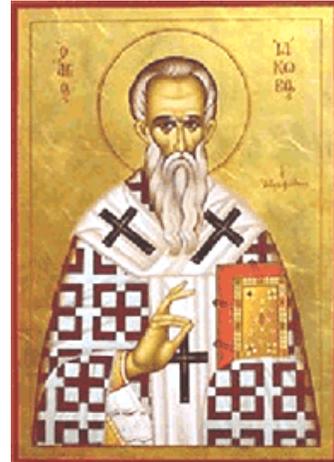
The world has found in you a great champion in time of peril, as you emerged the victor in routing the barbarians. For as you brought to naught the boasts of Lyaaios, imparting courage to Nestor in the stadium, in like manner, holy one, great Martyr Dimitrios, invoke Christ God for us, that He may grant us His great mercy.

Kontakion in the Second Tone

God, who gave you invincible power and with care kept your city invulnerable, royally clothed the Church in purple with the streams of your blood, for you are her strength, O Dimitrios.

OCTOBER SAINTS

Apostolos Iakovos (James). James was the son of the Elder Joseph, the betrothed of the Theotokos. His mother was Salome, the first wife of Joseph. He was first named Joblian, which in Hebrew means “righteous.” He had mastery over himself as a child, read the scriptures, and gave alms. He always fasted from meat, fish, and shellfish, and did many prostrations. He would sign his name, “James servant of God, and the Lord Jesus Christ.” He would correct those that said that sin is natural, for if it were, that would also mean that God created evil. Instead, he taught that man is enticed by his own lust. He also taught that man should control his tongue, not lie, or swear an oath, even if it is true. His word often influenced the other Apostles. James influenced them to not circumcise the Gentiles, but instead to have them abstain from idols,



fornication, blood, and things strangled. The Pharisees once asked James to speak to all the people when they were assembled for the Feast of Passover. Since all the people respected him, they asked him to tell the people that Jesus was not the Christ and that they were being deceived by a mere man. Instead, when James ascended the parapet to speak and be seen by all in the temple, Jew and Christian alike, he spoke thus: “Why do you question me concerning Jesus? He is seated in heaven at the right hand of His Father with the heavenly powers, and He will come again on the clouds of heaven, to judge the world with righteousness!” This statement converted many. When he did not give the response that they had expected, they threw him down from the parapet and stoned him, while James prayed for them and asked, “Father forgive them, for they know not what they do.” Finally, one of them hit James in the head with a club and he gave up his spirit.

Apolytikion of James (Iakovos), the Brother of the Lord in the Fourth Tone

As the Lord's disciple, O righteous One, you received the Gospel, as Martyr, you have unwavering courage, as the Lord's brother, you have forthrightness, as Hierarch, intercession. Intercede with Christ our God, that our souls may be saved.

Kontakion of James (Iakovos), the Brother of the Lord in the Fourth Tone

O wondrous Iakovos, God the Logos, only-begotten of the Father, who dwelt among us in latter days, declared you, the first shepherd and teacher of Jerusalem, and faithful steward of the spiritual mysteries. Wherefore, we all honor you, O Apostle.

GREEK SCHOOL NEWS

The 2015-2016 Greek School year commenced on September 14th. The scheduled classes meet on a weekly basis on Monday through Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The first presentation of the year by the Greek School will take place on Sunday, October 25th after Divine Liturgy in commemoration of OXI Day. The Greek School families will join the AHEPA on that day in sponsoring the Coffee Hour.

2015 GREEK LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY EXAM “ΕΛΛΗΝΟΜΑΘΕΙΑ” RESULTS

We are pleased to announce that the following parishioners participated in the 2015 Greek Language Proficiency Exam and reported that they were recently notified of their successful certification at the A2 Exam level (for students over the age of 12).

Congratulations to Panagiotis and Theodore Panoutsopoulos and Nikos Spentzos! Kudos also to Janet Spentzos, a student of the Adult Greek class program, for also being certified at the same exam level.

Thank you to Eleni Anagnostopoulos and Basile Panoutsopoulos for instructing the Adult Greek class program and for helping to prepare these folks for this Ellhnomatheia exam.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE NEWS

The next meeting of the Daughters of Penelope will be held on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015 at the Ahepa Housing - Building 1 at 6:30 p.m. A short social with refreshments will be held before we separate for our respective meetings. Please let me know if you would like to bring something for the social hour.

<p><i>In loving memory of</i> Gredo Vincent Volpicelli</p>	<p>Order of AHEPA Maud Howe Elliott Chapter 245 Daughters of Penelope Ares Chapter 49</p>	<p>Mel's Cafenio 25 Broadway Newport 849-6420</p>
<p><i>In loving memory of</i> Constantine Hologgitas</p>	<p>Aquidneck Pizza Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner 27 Aquidneck Avenue Middletown Take out orders: 849-3356 Daily 7am-12am, Fri & Sat 7am-2am</p>	<p><i>In loving memory of</i> Stelios and Frangoula Christopher</p>
<p>NIKOLAS PIZZA 38 Memorial Blvd West Newport 849-6611</p>	<p><i>In loving memory of</i> Estelle Parkos Antonio</p>	<p>CODDINGTON BREWING COMPANY 210 Coddington Highway Middletown 847-6690</p>
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