



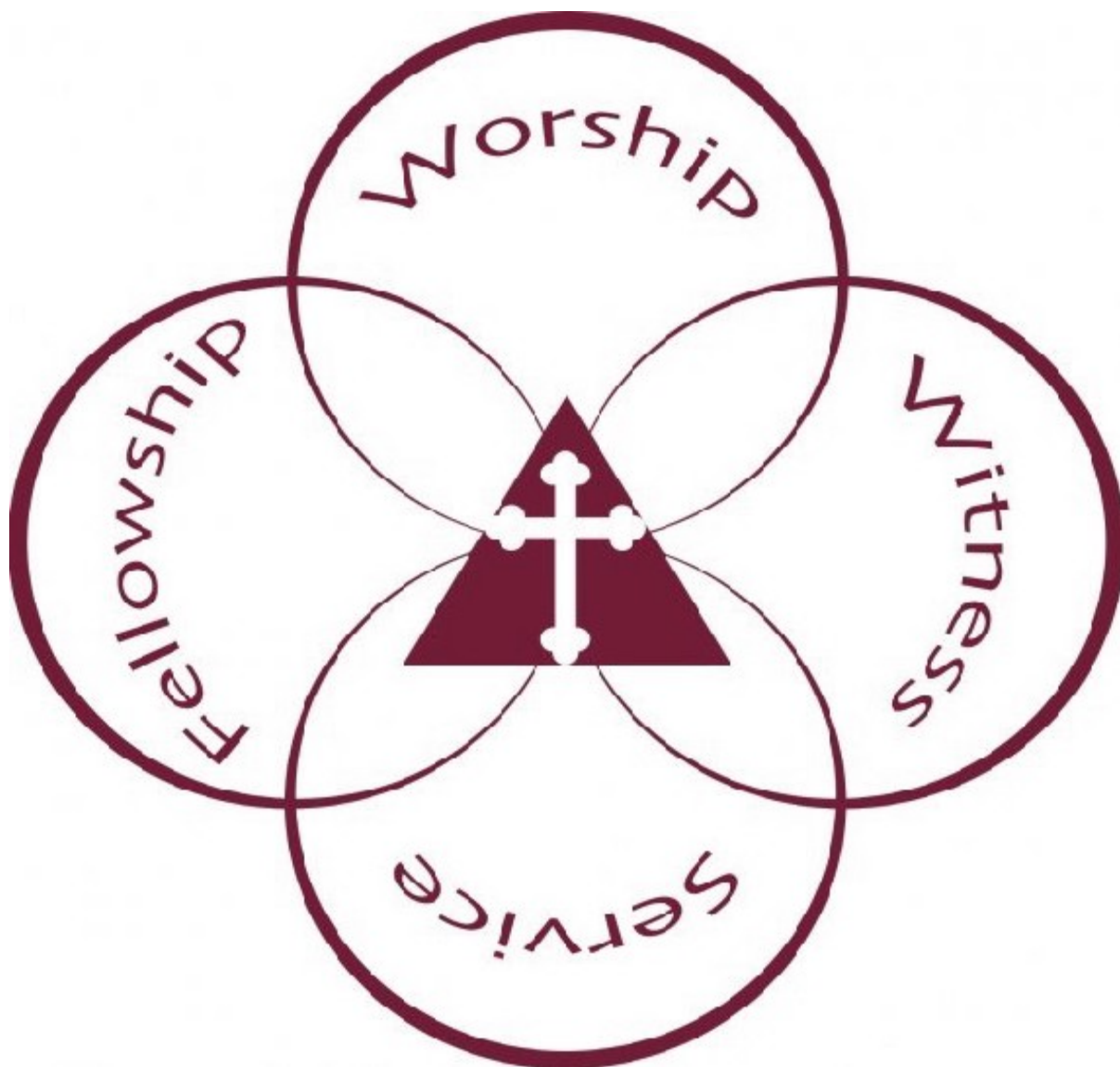
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From the desk of Fr. Matthew

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

This month we are beginning our journey through Great and Holy Lent, a time set aside by the Church for intense self-examination and prayer. Instead of viewing the 40 day fasting period as a burden or disruption, we are called to view the Lenten fast as an opportunity to reorient our priorities and actively strive to place God first in our lives. We are also given more opportunities to pray and worship God through the additional services offered during this time. Please make every attempt to attend these services, and I pray that this Lenten season will be a time of spiritual renewal for all of us.

Great Compline

The service of Great Compline can be offered on many days through the Lenten period, but Monday evenings seem to be the custom in many of our Orthodox parishes. The compline service has monastic roots and has been adapted and adopted for use in the parish setting. This service is traditionally offered after the evening meal and includes the hymn “Lord of the Powers” (Κύριε τῶν Δυνάμεων).

The Presanctified Liturgy

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is offered on Wednesday evenings during Lent. The structure for this service is unique because it incorporates elements from both the Vespers service and the Divine Liturgy. During this service, there is no consecration of the Gifts. This consecration has already taken place within the previous Sunday’s Divine Liturgy. On the previous Sunday, the priest prepares two Lambs and offers them to be consecrated. After they are consecrated by the Holy Spirit, the priest places the Lamb to be used during the Presanctified service on another disk or paten, and he makes a procession with the Lamb held high in the air to the other side of the Holy Altar.

During Great and Holy Lent, the Divine Liturgy is not observed Monday through Friday because at its core, the Divine Liturgy remembers the joy of the Resurrection. The Lenten season is a somber, solemn, and sober time; a specific time for personal reflection through prayer.

The Akathist Hymn

The Akathist Hymn chanted on Friday evenings is considered by many to be the most beautiful service of Great and Holy Lent. The Akathist Hymn is an ecclesiastical poem, which relates to us the relationship the Virgin Mary has with God and with us. The Akathist Hymn consists of twenty-four stanzas broken into four sections, each consisting of six stanzas. Each of the four sections is chanted individually on the first four Fridays of Great and Holy Lent. On the fifth Friday of the Lenten period the entire hymn (all twenty-four stanzas) is chanted without sitting. In fact, the title of this service can be literally translated as *The Hymn Without Sitting*. During the Akathist Hymn we chant Τη Υπερμάχῳ (O Champion General).

From Emanuel Miliotis, Parish Council President

On January 10th, the newly sworn in parish council met to elect officers. The new officers are now:

Emanuel Miliotis	President
Angelo Fragos	Vice President
Tina Bostic	Secretary
Barbara Reynolds	Treasurer
Ron Demas	Assistant Treasurer

I will speak for the officers as well as the rest of the parish council that we are excited to serve our church in this upcoming year. If you need any assistance from any of the officers or the other parish council members please don't hesitate to ask, we have a very energetic group.

For those in our community that don't know me, I am married to Mary Beth and have two children, Pantelis and Alexandra. I have been part of St. Nicholas community for 25 years this July. (I can't believe I just typed that; where have the years gone) While I know many people in the community, I don't know everyone so forgive me if maybe we haven't gotten to know each other. I look forward to getting to know more of our community in my new role.

Switching gears I would like to recognize our families which just came back from the HDF function in Orlando Florida. We had both Junior and Senior Dance groups participating as well as a Choral team. As one of the smallest parishes at the event, we brought 62 people to the event. I am so proud of our community. It was a great experience for both everyone who participated as well as the parents who got to bond with one another in a positive uplifting environment and at a fun location as well. Finally thank you to all the leaders, Antonia Ioannou, Michael Rallis, Alexandros Theodoropoulos and special HDF support team of Nota Dukas and Irene Vogiatzis.

The last thing I wanted to comment on was our Parish Council & Ministry leader work shop which we had on January 22 & 23. This meeting was facilitated by Fr. Steve Dalber from St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church of Charlotte NC. Fr. Steve has many years of experience as a parish priest and has been instrumental in growth of St. Nectarios, one of the model parishes in our Metropolis. He left us excited about how to continue to grow and expand the role of St. Nicholas as the body of Christ. This only can occur by leveraging the talents of our community through broader involvement in existing and new ministries of the church. We are looking forward to sharing details with you in the upcoming venues.

In Christ's service

***From Daphne Snow,
Education, Culture, & Youth Diakonia Chair***

Can you feel the *positive* energy at St. Nicholas!?! It's because so many incredible things are happening. Just look at the faces of our youth, they will tell it all. Hellenic Dance Festival, Lenten Retreat, Basketball, St. Stephen's Camp, the Cross Dive, Family Night, Greek Festival, GOYA, JOY/HOPE, Oratorical Festival, Adult Education, Worship, the Divine Liturgy...WOW!

This is the message that has been shared at every meeting and event, bring the youth together in all these aspects and watch what happens. Parents and leaders a huge thank you for making all these possible.

Hellenic Dance Festival was once again an incredible weekend. Hundreds of youth from our Metropolis got together in Orlando, Florida to participate in spiritual workshops, to worship the Divine Liturgy with Metropolitan Alexios and to show off their skills in dance and song. Yes, once again our teams came home medal winners, a big round of applause to them and the instructors Antonia Ioannou, Alexandros Theodoropoulos and Dr. Michael Rallis. The host committee put on a spectacular event which included a night at Sea World. Next year HDF will be held in Greenville, SC. Preparations are already underway...Go Romiosini.

The leaders of our community had the privilege and honor of attending a leadership workshop held by Fr. Steve from St. Nektarios in Charlotte, NC. The enthusiasm for which they all have is quite contagious. Thank you parish council and ministry leaders.

Things to get excited about this month. Oratorical Festival, Godparent Sunday, Philoptochos General meeting, Lenten Retreat, Family Night, Adult Education, SuperBowl Sunday, Basketball, the beginning of lent for Pascha and the many beautiful services, Vesper Services and Divine Liturgy. We look forward to seeing you there.

Have a very blessed month.

Daphne M. Snow
ECY Diakonia Committee Chair

«ΓΝΩΣΙΣ» (KNOWLEDGE) FROM THE HELLENIC SCHOOL MINISTRY

Hellenic «Παιδεία» (Education), Christian Thought and the Three Hierarchs

Dear youth and parishioners,

As all of us know, on January 30th, we will be celebrating the Feast of the Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs, St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory the Theologian and St. John the Chrysostom. The Three Hierarchs, who were contemporaries that lived between 329 and 407 AD, played such a great role in the events and developments of the Christian Church in the fourth century that the faithful for several centuries contended as to which one of the three was the most important. It was in the eleventh century, however, that the Church proclaimed their equality and set aside a special day of the year to commemorate all three. More information about this important feast can be found on the Archdiocese's website (<http://www.goarch.org/chapel/saints/408>). Most of us probably know that St. Basil and St. John the Chrysostom wrote the beautiful liturgies that we attend at the church throughout the year but maybe not that many understand why the Three Hierarchs are commemorated as the patron saints of the Hellenic (Greek) Letters and the Hellenic schools.

There is a great article by Demetrios J. Constantelos on this topic that can be found on the Archdiocese's website (<http://www.goarch.org/ourfaith/ourfaith8143>) and I encourage all of you to read. In case you don't have access to the Internet, please contact me and I will mail a hard copy to you. Using excerpts from this article we will highlight some very important points. Although questions concerning the relationship between Hellenic thought and Christian faith have never been absent from the history and experience of the Church and Hellenism, a synthesis and a balance was achieved in the fourth century thanks to the intellect of persons like the Three Hierarchs, Cynesios of Cyrene, Socrates Scholastikos and others.

A student of early Christianity soon discovers how often ideas from the wisdom of the ancient Greek compliment rationally some of those in the Gospels and the literature of the New Testament. Thinking rightly, reasonable assumptions, a dialogic approach to issues and problems that divide nations and communities; a search for a balance in the conflict between belief and reason; a sense of what is right and wrong; the principle that it is more ethical to be treated unjustly than treat anyone unjustly, as Socrates advised; the belief that each deed leaves its imprint in one's deepest inner self; the conviction that there is a correlation between right thinking and correct action, patient suffering and ultimate victory, knowledge and the overcoming of evil - these are some of the fundamental educational ideals of the ancient Hellenes.

The Hellenes summed up all their educational ideas in two words: "know thyself". Also, whether in ancient or Christian Hellenism, Greek thinkers emphasized that there is an affinity between humanity and divinity. Both the Parthenon on the Acropolis of Athens, and Hagia Sophia in Constantinople, the symbols of pagan and Christian Hellenism, remind us of the Divinity's presence in the Greek experience.

From the sixth century before Christ arose among the Greeks views which freed the gods of objectionable features attributed to them either by myths or by writers. Some philosophers emphasized the limits of human knowledge and human intelligence to penetrate the mystery of Divinity. According to Herakletos of Ephesos, for example, God is the universal Logos, the mind and law of the Cosmos. "All things came into being in accordance with the Logos." One must live according to this Logos, a common possession of all. In the fourth century, Plato (d. 347 BC) in his dialogue *Kratylos* has Ermogenes questioning Socrates whether it is logical to give names to the divinities, or divinity. The view that God has no name and that there is "an unknown" God gained ground to the extent that several Greek city-states had erected statues to the "unknown God" as the New Testament also mentions in the *Acts*.

In addition, Menander (342-290 BC) wrote: "By each of us there stands straightway from birth a kindly spirit-guide to lead us through the labyrinthine mysteries of life. And we must never think this spirit evil, nor filled with wickedness to harm our lives, but always hold God good in everything. Those who themselves turn base in character and complicate their lives exceedingly, when they have ruined all through heedlessness, declare and hold as cause this spirit-guide, and make him evil, becoming themselves". The formation of character, the making of the " *kalos kagathos anthropos* " (the good and virtuous person), was the ultimate purpose of education. And character is the result of some cardinal virtues. Aeschylus speaks of the *sophron*, *dikaios*, *agathos* and *euseves aner*, the man of self-control, justice, goodness and piety. It is character that differentiates the logical from the illogical animals. "Good breeding in cattle depends on physical

health, but in human beings on a well-formed character," writes Demokritos. Man is "a miniature cosmos - a microcosm," in the words of the same philosopher, and he must live in conformity with the orders, beauty, harmony and laws of the cosmos.

It was in the light of these and several moral precepts and ethical standards of the ancient Greeks that early Christian Fathers like the Three Hierarchs saw in ancient Greek thought elements or germs of divine revelation. These fathers formulated the attitude of Orthodox Christianity toward the ancient Greek heritage. They became effective social reformers, defenders of Orthodox Christianity, and supporters of Greek learning. Christian Hellenism received its final form in the fourth and fifth centuries.

The educational ideal of the Three Hierarchs was the training of the human being into a cultivated person possessing faith in a core of values and a persistent effort to apply them in everyday life until the *ikon* of the god-man Christ, the *theanthropos*, is formed in him. An educated person is one who has developed a character and is thoughtful, kind and considerate; one who has a proper regard for the rights, the liberties and the privileges of his fellow men. An educated person is modest and unassuming, searching and inquisitive. He does not think of himself as the center around which mankind or his neighborhood revolves. He practices the ancient Greek wisdom "know thyself" (ΓΝΩΘΙ Σ' ΑΥΤΟΝ). He has learned to appreciate the heritage of the past in order to confront the present and contribute to a better future. The teachings of the Three Hierarchs derived from the Bible and the Greek classics, because the object of both is the formation of the perfect human person, indeed the salvation, the *theosis*, of the human being. The Greek philosophers emphasized virtue, spiritual freedom, character. The practice of philosophical training and asceticism was the elevation of the human to the godly, "*philosophia esti omoiosis theo kata to dynaton anthropos*" as Plato wrote. People like the Three Church Fathers brought together the best of antiquity with the best of the new faith. They brought about the synthesis of Hellenic-Christian civilization. And the reason why the Three Hierarchs reconciled the old heritage with the new faith is that the Christian community considered the achievements of the ancient Greek mind as propaedeutic (preparatory instruction) for the Christian faith, as providential and as a divine gift.

In order to understand the importance of the Greek heritage for Christianity one needs to understand first the impact of Hellenism on the era before and around the advent of Christianity. Long before the Byzantines established the acceptance of the Orthodox Faith as the only prerequisite for one to become a citizen of the Byzantine Empire, the Hellenes had declared that "Hellene is not a person of Hellenic descent but rather a person that has received Hellenic education". This facilitated the spread and the impact of Hellenism in the whole known world and, in addition to the Romans, many people in Asia and Near East like Syrians, Jews, Egyptians and Persians received Hellenic Education. Judaism also accepted Hellenism and by the middle of the second century the whole of the Hebrew Bible (the Old Testament) was translated in Greek for the use of the Greek-speaking Jews. It is also well known that one of the two languages that the New Testament was written in was Greek.

In conclusion, it was Christianity's encounter with Hellenism that made the former a cosmopolitan religion. This relationship, not without periodic tensions, prevailed throughout the Byzantine millennium and centuries beyond. Long before modern anthropologists, philosophers, and theologians, Church fathers confirmed that culture is the outer garment of religion and religion is the heart of culture, that is the two are inseparable. In this manner, Hellenic heritage can be considered part of our Church's heritage

Alexandros A. Theodoropoulos
Hellenic School Director

2010 Stewardship Drive as of Feb 10

Andrews, Louis & Roula	Marmaras, Mary
Angeledes, Angelo & Evelyn	Mayorga, Edward & Kathleen
Balourdos, Konstantinos & Karla	Mayorga, Stephanie
Balourdos, Kosmas & Melissa	McGowan, Calvin & Diane
Batis, John or Emily	Melts, Martha W
Bostic, Michael & Tina	Miliotis Manny & Mary Beth
Brilakis, Antony & Shirley	Omirty, Roubini
Brown, Doug & Argie	Papanicolaou, Efstratios & Sandra
Brunetti, George & Cindy	Papanicolaou, Haralambos & Androniki
Burgee, John & Beth	Patsalos, Jimmy & Anna
Carter, Fr. Matthew & Emily	Patsalos, Nick & Joyce
Copulos, Danna	Pinkston, Anne Bakalis
Cranidiotis, Chris & Joy	Ponos, Mark & Rhonda
Dandulakis, Gregory & Kimberly	Poulos, John & Athena
Demas, Dr. Ronald & Sharon	Poulos, Dena
Demetriou, Angelo & Emilee	Poulson, Elpetha Tsingelis
Dentiste, Angela	Prokou, Theodore & Katherine
Dias, Tony & Debbie	Psilos, Constantine & Renee
Dimopoulos, Pete & Kathy	Psilos, John & Catherine
Doukas, Peter	Rallis, Dr. Michael & Debra
Dukas, Nota	Reynolds, Richard & Barbara
Faraclas, Pearl	Ronner, Thomas & Connie
Flowers, Helen	Rousonelos, Emmanuel & Irene
Fokakis, George	Saffo, Angeline B.
Fouros, Theodore & Elizabeth	Saffo, Doky & Despina
Fragos, Evangelos & Olympia	Saffo, Nick & Tia
Franck, John & Argie	Saffo, Peter W. & Kimberly
Frangakis, John & Sophia	Saffo, Tony & Jamie
Galantis, Nick & Jennie	Schaefer, Robert Mr. & Mrs.
George, Dimitra	Skandalakis, Kay
Gerry, Despina	Sljaka, Mary Tomica
Gibbs, Ryan & Aspasia Mayorga	Sljaka, Sophia
Hale, Pam	Snow, Dr. & Mrs. David H.
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Jeffries, Phil & Irene	Spiliotis Georgia
Johns, Christopher & Shannon	Stasios, James & Maria
Karafas, Tony & Maria	Theodoropoulos, Alexandros & Eleni
Karonis, Yianni & Evyenia	Theophilos, Plato & Renee
Katris, Angelo & Anastasia	Tsingelis, Christos & Angela
Kefalas, Thalia	Vallianos, Stella
King, Lee & Doris	Veros, Stacey
Kirkby, Matt & Melissa	Vogiatzis, Anastasios & Georgia
Koklanaris, Dena	Vogiatzis, Ioannis & Barbara
Koklanaris, Emmanuel Dr. & Lambra	Vogiatzis, Vasilios & Sotiriou, Irene
Lionikis, Emmanuel & Athanasia	Wall, James & Mary Ann
Logothetis, Anestis & Constance	Wells, Rickey & Lolotiti S.
Lozides, Michael & Lola	Whitley, John & Helen
Macris, Georgia	Wiersteiner Samuel & Kyriaki
Malahias, Peter & Courtney	Yucius, Erika
Maraveylas, Nick & Jennifer	Zezefellis, Effie
Markatos, Aristeia	

Stewardship 2009

STEWARDSHIP 2009

We are happy to report that we ended 2009 with 167 pledges. That is approximately 84% participation from our parish. We collected \$192,430 which exceeded our goal of \$182,584.

Total Pledgers	167
Total \$ Pledged	\$192,430.00
2009 Budget (goal)	\$182,584.00
Avg \$ pledge per steward	\$1,152.28
% Parish participation to date	84%

2010 Pledge breakdown	
\$1-\$599	91
\$600-\$999	31
\$1000-\$2499	25
\$2500-\$4999	10
\$5,000-\$9,999	7
\$10,000+	3

Stewardship 2010 Update

We have received 86 out of a possible 200 Stewardship Cards. Thank you to all those who have turned in their cards.

We have received pledges of \$143,470 towards our budget of \$200,000.

We will be approaching the remaining parishioners to fill out their cards by February 28th.

Our goal is 100% participation. Currently, we are at 43%. Remember no amount is too small nor too large. What matters is that you pledge.

Stewardship cards will be available in the church pews and in the Hellenic Center.

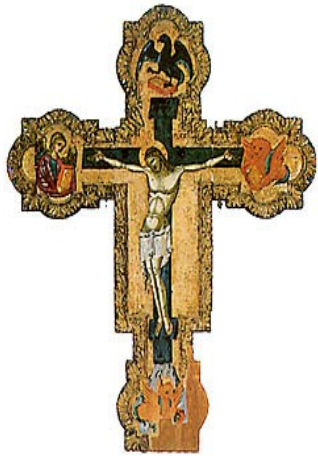
You may ask why 100%? The answer is: we want to provide a loving, caring and welcoming environment where all belong and grow in the faith through worship, service, witness, and fellowship.

Total Pledgers as of 12.17.09	86
Total \$ Pledged	\$143,470.00
2010 Budget (goal)	\$200,000.00
Avg \$ pledge per steward	\$1,668.26
% Parish participation to date	43%

2010 Pledge breakdown	
\$1-\$599	34
\$600-\$999	20
\$1000-\$2499	17
\$2500-\$4999	8
\$5,000-\$9,999	2
\$10,000+	5

February Liturgical Guide

SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY SERVICES

**Acolytes**

All young men (ages 10 - 18) are encouraged to serve in the altar.

All altar boys are kindly requested to serve every Sunday and major feast days.

Please report to the altar immediately after Sunday School.

Please contact Fr. Matthew or Doug Brown if you are interested.

Monday, February 1 - Presentation of Christ

6:00 PM Great Vespers/7:00 PM Divine Liturgy
Romans 8:28-39/Luke 10:19-21

Saturday, February 6 - Saturday of Souls

8:30 AM Orthros/10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2/John 10:9-16
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, February 7 - Judgment Sunday (Meatfare)

8:30 AM Orthros/9:45 AM Religious Education/10:30 AM Divine Liturgy
I Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2/Matthew 25:31-46

Saturday, February 13 - Saturday of Souls

8:30 AM Orthros/10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2/Matthew 6:1-13
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, February 14 - Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare)

8:30 AM Orthros/9:45 AM Religious Education/10:30 AM Divine Liturgy
Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4/Matthew 6:14-21
6:00 PM Forgiveness Vespers

Monday, February 15 - Lent Begins (Clean Monday)

6:00 PM Compline

Wednesday, February 17

6:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, February 20

No Great Vespers

Sunday, February 21 - Sunday of Orthodoxy

8:30 AM Orthros/9:45 AM Religious Education/10:30 AM Divine Liturgy
Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40/John 1:43-51

Monday, February 22

6:00 PM Compline

Wednesday, February 24

6:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, February 26

7:00 PM Salutations to the Theotokos (Akathist)

Saturday, February 27

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, February 28 - Sunday of Saint Gregory Palamas

8:30 AM Orthros/9:45 AM Religious Education/10:30 AM Divine Liturgy
Hebrews 1:10-14; 2:1-3/Mark 2:1-12

Forever Young

Forever Young did not meet during the month of January due to the many activities taking place during the week of our meeting. We will begin meeting again on Wednesday, February 3, at 11:00 AM, at the church. Please bring a Lenten dish. Let's start off this year the right way by all of us attending the first meeting of 2010.

Romiosini Dancers

Our Romiosini Dancers and Choral Group would like to thank you for your continued support. Everyone had a great time in Orlando, FL and the performances there were amazing. Our three groups – Advanced Junior Dancers, Advanced Senior Dancers and Choral Group had awesome performances. The Adv. Jrs received a medal of “EXCELLENT” for dance and the Adv. Senior dance group and the choral group received a medal of “MERITORIOUS”. A medal of ‘excellent’ is equivalent to a silver medal and a ‘meritorious’ is equivalent to a bronze medal. We would like to thank all our directors for their hard work and all the time they have given us during the year: Antonia Ioannou, Nota Dukas, Alexandros Theodoropoulos, Dr. Michael Rallis and Zaharoula Katsikis. Thank you from the bottom our hearts. AXIOI.

Soon we will begin practicing for next year's competition. Contact Antonia Ioannou for more information.

Hellenic Cultural Committee

Hellenic Culture Special Activities Committee will participate at UNCW Intracultural Festival which takes place on Saturday, February 20 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Burney Building. We will have a “Greek Booth”, informing people about our Hellenic culture.

Please don't miss this international festival where many countries also participate.

Philoptochos

Philoptochos will have a general meeting on Tuesday, February 9 at 6:00 PM in the Hellenic Center. All ladies are invited to attend.

Godparent/Godchild Sunday

Godparent/Godchild Sunday will take place on Sunday, February 14. Please sit with your Godchildren and receive Communion together. Philoptochos will sponsor the coffee hour.

Spring Orthodox Youth Rally

In conjunction with the AHEPA District Convention, the Spring Youth Rally will be held May 21-23, 2010, in Fayetteville, NC. Registration to follow.

Sympathy

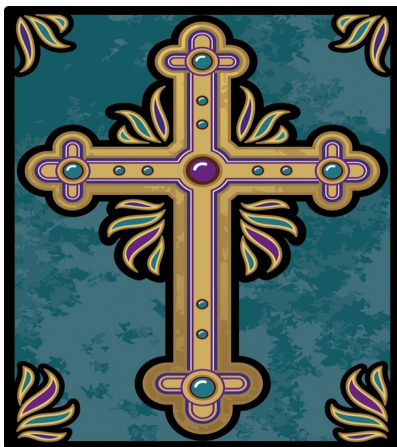
OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios on the falling asleep of his father, Speros Panagiotopoulos on January 5. He was 96 years old. May his memory be eternal!

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to Elie Calabrese and her family for the falling asleep of her husband, Alfonz (Seraphim) Calabrese. May his memory be eternal!

Memorials

A 40 day memorial was offered on January 31 for Koula Fragos, wife of John Fragos. May her memory be eternal!

A four year memorial was offered for Spyridoula Sotiriou, mother of Irene Sotiriou Vogiatzis, on January 31. May her memory be eternal!



*With the saints give rest to the soul
of your servant
where there is no pain, nor sorrow,
nor suffering,
but life everlasting.*

Communications

Any parishioner who is interested in joining our email list please send your email address to the church office. It will then be added to our email list.

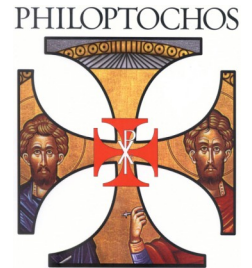
Hellenic (Greek) School

Hellenic (Greek) School started on September 18. If you would like to join our Greek school, are interested in teaching or for any other questions contact Alexandros Theodoropoulos at alexandros_a_t@hotmail.com or 910-791-8873.

Congratulations

CONGRATULATIONS to Stella and Micaiah McTaggart on the 40 day blessing of their daughter, Fiona Christine, on January 10.

St. Nicholas Ladies Philoptochos Society
General Meeting



will be held on
Tuesday ~ February 9, 2010 at 6:00 pm

at the St. Nicholas Hellenic Center

All women of the community are invited to attend.

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Literally, *Philoptochos means friend of the poor*—  
not only poor in financial resources but also poor in spirit, poor in health,  
poor in companionship, poor in emotional stability  
and poor in whatever is needed to lead a fulfilling life.

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Since 1931, when it was established by the late  
Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras I, Philoptochos has been the largest  
organization of Greek Orthodox women which supports many charities  
while spiritually enriching its members through their participation  
in it's philanthropic work.

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In over 77 years of existence, we can proudly state that Philoptochos  
is the largest Christian women's philanthropic organization in the United States.  
Nationwide it is second only to the Sisterhood of Hadassah,  
the Jewish women's charitable group.

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Philoptochos functions at the local, diocesan, archdiocesan,  
metropolitan, national, and international levels and is open to all women  
over 18 years old who are of the Greek Orthodox faith.

**It is your right and your privilege to be a member of Philoptochos.**

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If you have not already signed up to be a member of  
The St. Nicholas Ladies Philoptochos  
please consider doing so today!

**Please check our online Parish Calendar at**

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