

## ***From Maria Melts Stasios, Parish Council President (continued)***

- Annual Greek Festival well supported and attended
- Metropolis Clergy Laity meeting
- Youth attendance at St. Stephens summer camp, and Fr. Matthew as camp priest
- Routine meetings for Education, Culture and Youth Diakonia; Youth Groups; Greek School parents/teachers; and Sunday School teachers;
- Active groups for JOY/HOPE, GOYA, Forever Young, Ladies Philoptochos Society
- Parish participation in an active AHEPA Brotherhood and Pan-Ikarian Association
- September Cross Dive attended by His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios and Fr. Grigorios Tatsis (Nicholas James Mueller, from Charleston retrieved the cross)
- Oxi Day celebration with presentations by youth and adults
- Philoptochos sponsors Thanksgiving Baskets for 13 families
- St. Nicholas Feast Day activities with visiting clergy
- Parish Council elections
- Christmas program by youth with parish fellowship to follow
- Scheduled New Year's Eve dance sponsored by Pan-Ikarian Association

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

Greetings from the ECY Diakonia Committee. Wishing you a Blessed Nativity Season!

This past year has been a truly beautiful year. One of our goals was to insure that there was something on the calendar everyday of the month, ensuring an event for everyone. Our church family is so important to each of us, and it gives us all such great pleasure seeing each and everyone of you at the various events. One of my personal favorites is Family Night. If you were not able to attend one in 2009 do not worry, we will see you in 2010. Please bring the children, there is something for everyone. My Wednesday evenings would not be complete without Adult Education. It is a time for adult conversation, reflection and spiritual growth. This too will continue in 2010, we look forward to seeing you here as well.

I would like to thank each ministry leader for their leadership and commitment to the Education, Cultural and Youth Diakonia Committee. It has been an honor working with you. The committee is committed to maintaining and growing the life of the St. Nicholas Parish.

Wishing you all a very Blessed Nativity, a very Happy New year, good health and prosperity to all.

Daphne M. Snow  
ECY Diakonia Committee Chair