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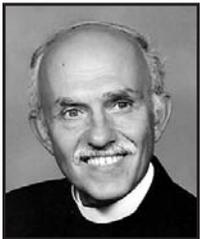
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From Father Bill...



Thoughts About Change

Has our parish changed in the last ten years? At our family picnic last month, I observed everyone, young and old alike. In ten years, faces changed and children who once took part in the races were now adults. That night, as I continued to toss in bed reliving the day's events, I asked myself: Has our church changed in the past 10 years?

Jim Collins' insightful work, "Good to Great" has inspired both business and church leaders. It is a study of 28 good companies that became great as measured by their outperforming the stock market by at least seven times over a 15-year period. Likewise, many churches are seeking to become great churches. Fundraising, church building programs, and programming have been emphasized. But large churches discover a troubling secret. Size alone isn't good enough.

At midlife, many people discover they've built their lives around success only to find emptiness. So they reinvent themselves to build the second half of life around significance. I think we should camp here and examine if Holy Apostles is now focusing on significance and less on success.

Since our beginning in 1959, Holy Apostles has been marked by a wonderful enthusiasm. There was always a new project, a new building, a new cause. During this period, our vision was to serve the spiritual needs of our church family. Baptisms, weddings and funerals increased year after year. Reaching out to others became a primary purpose for the community. Developing leaders and establishing the foundation of a viable stewardship pro-

...See Fr. Bill on P.4



Members of the Tsicouris family, dad Nick, mom Marcia, and kids Nick and Marissa, have found a church home at Holy Apostles in an unusual way.

Brought up Roman Catholic, Tsicouris children decide to convert to Orthodoxy

Often it's the parents who prevail upon their children to attend church on a regular basis. In the Tsicouris family, it unfolded a little differently.

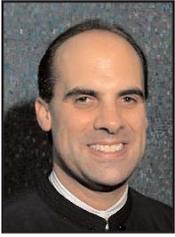
Nick and Marcia Tsicouris were married at Holy Apostles in 1985. Nick was Greek Orthodox. Marcia was raised in the Roman Catholic church. They baptized their children, Nick and Marissa, in the Roman Catholic church. The family always spoke freely about religion and the presence of God in their lives but found that the Roman Catholic church "wasn't a perfect fit," Marcia recalled. Then, last year, their son, Nick said he wanted to learn more about Greek Orthodoxy.

Less than a year later, the family routinely attends Holy Apostles. "I have a great admiration for the tradition of the Orthodox religion," Marcia said, "and I have a new appreciation for it since we've been going and I feel very comfortable with it. We feel very much like that's where we belong—all of us."

After Nick made his initial request last year, the family decided to attend the Greek Orthodox church nearest their home in Elmhurst. But they found the heavy emphasis on the Greek language at St. Demetrios a little overwhelming. So, they visited Holy Apostles. Right away, Marcia said, they knew

...See Chrismation on P.4

From Father Nicholas



Passing the Baton of Faith

Last May our Holy Apostles' Junior Olympians earned 28 medals in the Metropolis of Chicago Junior Olympics. I am so thankful for and proud of the children and their parents who participated. One of the events that I really enjoyed watching was the running relay. As the lead sprinter on each team runs the first leg of the race, the next runner gets ready. He anxiously times his teammate's arrival and begins running before the lead person overtakes him. Then, the crucial moment arrives and the lead person passes the baton to the second runner. The process is repeated twice more in the race as each person surrenders his baton to the next. My high school running coach told me that the relay is won or lost in the transferring of the baton. A miscalculation or hesitation can cost the race.

Some of us, parents and grandparents, may feel that our children are losing the race of the Christian life. We feel that we are fumbling the transfer and that our children are dropping the baton.

How can we pass this beautiful Christian faith and life to our children? The Book of Deuteronomy provides the answer: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise."

We can be an example to our children. We are commanded to love the Lord with all that we are, our whole being. Whether we know it or not, we are being watched. The things that we do as parents, purposefully or accidentally, powerfully communicate our convictions to our children. We have to model Christian values in our own lives if we want to pass them on to our children. As we read above, the Lord's words must be in our hearts and an integral part of our lives before we can impress them on the hearts and minds of our children. Although we may not live perfect lives, our lives ought to be consistent. Our actions should be consistent with our words. Did you ever catch yourself telling your child, "Do what I say and not what I do"?

Once we start living consistent lives, we can share the Christian beliefs with our chil-

Fun and philanthropy combine in this year's *Streets of Europe* fashion show

By CYNTHIA STATHOPOULOS

Philoptohos invites you to this year's annual fashion show, *The Streets of Europe*, Saturday, October 4th at Ashton Place in Willowbrook. Social hour and raffle viewing will begin at 11 am, with luncheon at 12 noon. Fashions will be presented by Tracy Tarantino of Zzazz Productions. Her program includes fashions for women, children, and men from Von Maur, York Furrier, and other specialty boutiques of Oak Street in Chicago.

Chairwomen Eleni Poteres, Beth Fotos, and their committee of talented and energetic women are planning an exciting show, open to families, including an emphasis on children and men. A wide range of raffle prizes will entice guests of all ages and genders. Due to the success of last year's table scape, more will be available as a silent auction. The super raffle tickets are for sale to win the exciting 'super' prizes.

The proceeds of the show will benefit The Chicago Lighthouse, the most comprehensive rehabilitation and education facility in Illinois dedicated to assisting children and adults who are blind, visually impaired or disabled. The Chicago Lighthouse is a not-for-profit agency committed to providing the highest quality educational, vocational, and rehabilitation ser-

grams supplement the Christian training that our children are receiving at home. TOTS is a group for children from 2-5 years old. Kindergarteners through Eighth graders can participate in The WAY. The GOYA group is for high school students. College students and post college age people can be a part of the Young Adults League (YAL). These ministries help parents convey the Christian faith to our children in a fun, engaging environment. The programs are another way to pass the baton of faith to our children. We are reminded in the Book of Proverbs to "train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."

Another way to share our beliefs is through participation in the ministries that the church offers. As we approach the beginning of a new school year, remember that Holy Apostles offers many children's programs. These pro-

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Reservation may be obtained following Liturgy on Sundays until September 28th, or by calling Irene Boutzarelos at (630) 773-8277 or Aleka Ernst at (630) 904-5955. Groups of eight or more may choose their tables upon payment. Children, ages twelve and under are half price.

Your reservations and patron contributions are essential in helping Philoptohos support these extremely worthy causes among other charitable endeavors.

Lighthouse has evolved into a comprehensive facility offering many opportunities to the visually impaired.

The other recipient of the proceeds, Hellenic Family and Community Services (HFCS) provides social services to families and individuals of all ages. HFCS counsels families and groups of adults and youth at risk for substance abuse, domestic violence, child abuse, gambling, and other addictions. HFCS offers information on various topics such as Public Aid, Social Security, housing, child and elder care, and emergency assistance.



The **HARC** CORNER

Christ Is Calling You! A Course in Catacomb Pastorship

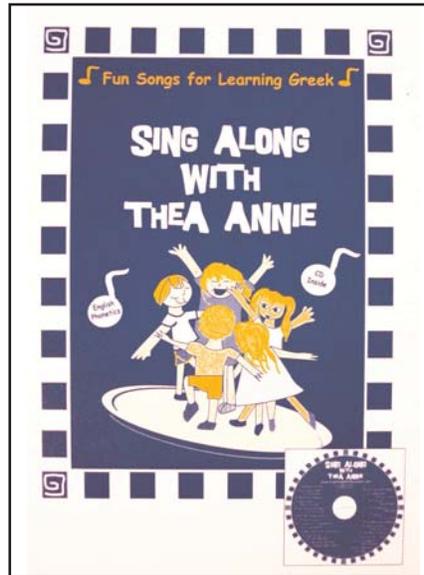
By Fr. George Calciu

The book begins in 1978. The setting is the Romanian Orthodox Seminary in Bucharest where Fr. Calciu delivers seven homilies to the youth who yearned to learn of the truths of Orthodoxy. This activity caused his second arrest by Ceausescu's atheist government of Romania in 1979.

The second section is his brief autobiography and the third is an interview conducted by Nun Nina in 1996 entitled *The message of a living martyr*.

Fr. Calciu was a boy from the peasant class in Romania. He was arrested by the Romanian communists during his second year in medical school and sentenced in 1948 as a political prisoner. Despite the humiliations of his captors, he survived and was released in 1964, keeping great Christian fervor.

He married and secretly finished the Romanian Orthodox Seminary in Bucharest. Once again incarcerated in 1979, he endured tremendous physical and mental hardships. In prison, Fr. Calciu conducted a prison ministry. Having memorized the Divine Liturgy, he had weekly Eucharist. He was an inspiration to the Orthodox prison population. His Christian example was a positive influence on various non-believing inmates and prison staff, opening their pathway to Christianity. He survived humiliations, assassination attempts and the brainwashing of the 're-education' process. International pressure on Romania and the threat of being



Sing Along with Thea Annie

By Jennifer Patselas, Dotty Vlamis, and Annie Konidaris

A musical treasury for children. Introduce children to Greek language and culture in a way they love...through music. From the seashore, to the village, to the market, young children will feel the beat as they roll koulourakia, sing, clap and count their way through Greece. Set includes song CD and hardcover, color illustrated songbook. All songs are translated into English with English phonetics.

Hardcover and CD, \$24.00

denied Most Favored Nation Status resulted in Fr. Calciu's release in 1984.

The book is much more than a historical narrative of events during a communist regime and a Christian's 'martyria' to overcome, with no malice, the hardships of his oppressor. It speaks beyond the personal choices a faithful Christian has to make under the pressure of a totalitarian regime.

The youth of Romania, disenchanted by the emptiness of communist ideology was thirsting for spiritual truths. When no other cleric dared come forth Fr. Calciu bravely delivered his seven homilies, one every Wednesday of Lent 1978 knowing very well this would result in imprisonment.

The youth was being actively brain-washed in matters of the material world. They were taught their only purpose was to be of some service to the 'regime'. If their activities were accepted by commu-

nist society then their life was meaningful, if not, the memory of their existence should be over and done.

The value of these homilies is not circumstantial to Romania or to communism. They were not merely designed to revive the Christian flame that was lost due to imposed materialistic doctrines of the time. They transcend these particular circumstances and apply to all situations in which the spirit is made idle. Idle from ignorance, idle from indifference, idle from the passive brainwashing of living in a society has 'everything'.

Fr. Calciu points out how individuals in the western 'free' society may face similar spiritual voids as did atheist communist Romania. He challenges us to define the role of Christ in our lives. His own life is dedicated for this purpose and he is truly a Christian inspiration.

... reviewed by Spero Kinnas

Volunteers are needed to help with Synaxis' Fall events

Synaxis will once again kick off their events for the year with the annual Greek Lamb Roast on Saturday, September 20, in the multi-purpose room, following Great Vespers at 5 pm. The cost is \$30 per couple, which includes appetizers, barbecued lamb, spanakopita, rice, salad, dessert, and wine. A children's menu will be available for \$8 per child, and includes babysitting. Your help is needed for setting up, serving, and clean-up.

George and Kathy Beshilas will be in the

kitchen and Greg Vandarakis and Jim Fotopoulos will be outdoors cooking the lamb. We are looking for people who are interested in learning the art of the kitchen and lamb roasting to cook alongside Kathy, George, Greg and Jim. A couple is needed to coordinate this event and another to accept reservations. If you are interested, please call Vanessa and Jim Clohessy at 630-782-9533.

Synaxis thanks Jim and Stacy Kuncf for their leadership during the past year and con-

gratulates them on the birth of their new baby boy. Special thanks also go to previous leaders Jim and Vanessa Clohessy, Chris and Cathy Zurales, and Joe and Cindy Clark for their active involvement in planning and coordinating past events and to Kathy and Tom Obmascik for their editorship of the monthly newsletter.

Dues for the 2003-2004 year are \$10 per couple and can be submitted to the church office in care of Synaxis.

Who takes Catechism classes?

BY GEORGE J. DEMETRALIS

Since 1980, I have been conducting two sessions of catechism instruction classes at Holy Apostles Church, one beginning in January and the other in September, with approximately ten classes to each session. Classes are held Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 8:45.

This series of classes is geared primarily toward those wishing to convert to Orthodox Christianity, but Orthodox Christians who want a refresher course in their faith are also welcome. The curriculum covers a wide range of subjects: i.e., a definition of the church in general and the Orthodox Christian Church in particular; our two main sources of faith—Holy Scripture and Sacred Tradition—and what place the Virgin Mary and the saints, candles, icons, incense, and fasting have in our private and congregational worship. We also study the Lord's Prayer, the Symbol of Faith, and the Seven Sacred Mysteries. Questions and comments are welcomed and encouraged during class time.

Over the years, classes have been as large as 15 and as small as one student. I strongly encourage the Orthodox Christian partner to attend class with his or her non-Orthodox

spouse, fiancé, or fiancée for support.

I've also had students who desired to become Orthodox Christians, not for marital reasons, but because they desired the pearl of Orthodox Christianity through their own personal investigation.

The majority of my catechism students have been adults, but there have been a few children, two of the most recent being Nick Tscouris, a high school freshman, and his sister Marissa, a seventh grader. Both children were chrismated on June 1st, and have become eager members of the Adventure Theater, the Way, and Sunday School. Catechism lessons for children are conducted separately from the adults.

During the past 3 years, persons chrismated have included: Christina Fikaris, Vasilios Menzer, Kim Karr, Tracey Collins, Laura Tatooles, Lara Lynn Pappas, Gina Santucci, Charlene Sobieszczyk, Marissa Tscouris, Nicholas Tscouris, Sarah Stanos, Bridgette Ann Vraney, Kenneth Lowell Johnsen.

This fall, Catechism Instruction classes will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 17th, and will meet weekly through mid November. Interested? Please contact Fr. Bill or Mr. D. as soon as possible.

Do you know where you're going?

Fr. Bill from P. 1

gram was paramount. Those were indeed unique days and will be remembered for years to come, but we need to move forward. Our church now by God's grace is 44 years old and I have noticed the listlessness in the community. People have complained "It doesn't feel the same around here."

While it is true that we have small pockets of believers feeding the poor, assisting the aged, supporting missions, it isn't enough. We need to proclaim the gospel of hope and truth. At one stage in my ministry, I looked for the day when our community would surpass 1000 members. Now I know that is no longer a top priority. If we touch others in the community by the way we live, how we worship, and how we work, we will have accomplished our goal.

Often we are influenced when we learn how great men and women live their lives. Billy Graham was honored by leaders in Charlotte, North Carolina. After wonderful things were said about him, Graham stepped to the rostrum and said: "I'm reminded today of Albert Einstein, the great physicist honored by Time magazine as the Man of the Century. Einstein was once traveling from Princeton on a train when the conductor came down the aisle, punching the tickets of each passenger. When he came to Einstein, Einstein reached

in his vest pocket. He couldn't find his ticket, so he reached in his other pocket. It wasn't there, so he looked in his briefcase in the seat by him. He couldn't find it. The conductor said, 'Dr. Einstein I know who you are. We all know who you are. I'm sure you bought a ticket. Don't worry about it.' Einstein nodded appreciatively.

"The conductor continued down the aisle punching tickets. As he was ready to move to the next car, he turned around and saw the great physicist on his hands and knees looking under his seat for his ticket. The conductor rushed back. 'Dr. Einstein, don't worry he said, "I know who you are. No problem. You don't need a ticket. I'm sure you bought one.' Einstein said, 'Young man, I too know who I am. What I don't know is where I'm going.'"

Dr. Graham continued, "See the suit I'm wearing? I bought it for this luncheon and one more occasion. This is the suit in which I'll be buried. But when you hear I'm dead, I don't want you to remember this: I not only know who I am, I also know where I'm going."

As a parish, I want us all to know who we are and where we are going so that ten years from now, it can be said that Holy Apostles has made significant changes and grown to become a church of the Living God!

Chrismation from P.1

Kids convert to new spiritual home at Holy Apostles

they had found the right fit.

The children started attending Sunday school and enrolled in Orthodox education classes a few weeks later with Mr. Demetralis, who even taught Nick and Marissa at his home a few times to get them caught up with the material. Then, in June, Nick, 14, and Marissa, 12, were chrismated at Holy Apostles. They also participated in an Adventure Theater production. Nick was so engaged with friends he met there that the family delayed leaving for their summer vacation so he could attend the Adventure Theater pool party. "I think what impressed them the most was how everyone made them feel so comfortable right away," said Marcia, who also is considering chrismation. "They came here and said, "Gee, we feel like we've been coming here all our lives."

*September
Registry*

Baptisms

Andrew, son of
Anthe & Anthony Conforti
Sponsor: Amelia McKay

Max, son of
Susan & Nick Kanellopoulos
Sponsor: George Katsoudas

August, son of
Tina & George Krnich
Sponsor: Susan Battaglia

Weddings

Pattie Mihalakakos
& Kurt Voneyser
Sponsor: Peter Mihalakakos

44th Golf Outing a series of firsts



Far left, Fr. Nicholas, Tom Gregory, and Jim Clohessy wait to tee off. At left, Gus Lekatsos takes a warm up swing. Below right, Michael Peterson watches his son Jim Peterson sink a putt.

by Don Alexander

Congratulations to George Mannos Jr. and wife, Karen, who were co-chairs of the successful 44th annual golf outing. The total profits are expected to be 10% more than last year.

Some of the winners included:

Low Gross Foursome of John Anos, Ed Campbell, Todd Wilkins and John Hamilton with a score of 60; Longest Drive, Jennifer Zack and Rocky Quiroga; Straightest Drive, Mary Kapolas; and Closest to the Pin, Joanne Volakakis.

A few milestones reached this year were: more women golfers; more senior golfers; more total golfers; more hole sponsors; and one of the golfers from the original 1959 outing, Mr. George Mannos, Sr.

See you next year on July 19.



Greek School to begin September 16

It's back to school for our Greek School students. Tuesday, September 16th marks the start of the 2003-2004 Greek School year. Classes meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30 to 6:15 pm. Students range from pre-school age through 6th grade.

A 10-week beginner's adult Greek class will be offered on Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00 pm beginning October 7th (contingent upon a minimum enrollment). Mimi Natsis will teach the adult class. To register for adult or child classes, please contact the church office.

Mrs. Mando Gouvas is the new Greek School principal. She has taught at Holy Apostles Greek School for 10 years and is currently the principal at St. Demetrios in Elmhurst. Mrs. Gouvas also teaches at Socrates Day school. We wish Mrs. Gouvas and the students a great year!

...by Stacy Kinnas

Other Philoptohos news

Diocesan Luncheon

The Metropolis' (Diocese of Chicago) Philoptohos Society annual luncheon, *Philoptochos-It's Heart Work!* will be held on Saturday, September 20 at the Rosewood Banquets in Rosemont. This year's event will benefit philanthropic endeavors and Children's Memorial Hospital Heart Program – Cardiovascular Information System (CVIS).

CVIS is a digital information system designed to compare one's diagnosis to the many others previously treated around the world. CVIS will greatly improve the way in which Children's Memorial heart specialists diagnose and treat young patients in Chicago. Implementing CVIS is crucial to the work that Children's does in the Heart Program and hospital-wide.

To make a reservation to sit with the group from Holy Apostles, please contact Susie Regos at (708) 409-0328 by September

12th.

Membership Meeting

Philoptohos welcomes all women to the membership meeting on Tuesday, September 16th at 7:30pm, in the multi-purpose room. The meeting will feature speakers representing The Chicago Lighthouse and Hellenic Family and Community Services. Philoptohos encourages all women to join and express their talents to ensure the continued success of the organization in bringing relief and happiness to those in need. For those who are unable to attend the meeting, you may join the two Sundays following the 16th in the multipurpose room after Liturgy, or by mail. Clipboards will be on display, which feature each project and include sign up sheets.

Direct lines highlight new church phone system



Our complete phone system was replaced this past spring at a cost of \$7,000. The old Merlin system had failed and was replaced with an up-to-date Panasonic system. All phones and the main in-house control system were replaced with many new features that will result in a lower monthly phone bill.

Some new phone locations were included. In addition, two new incoming lines were added, one for our security system and the other for a direct line to HARC. You can now dial directly to HARC at 708-562-2706, and to Mr. George Demetralis' office at 708-562-0869 or as in the past, through the church office.

Full Fare of Fall Fun from Mr. D Adventure Theater

On September 5th at 4:30 p.m., the Adventure Theater will begin rehearsals for its Christmas stage play, which will be presented following a luncheon on Sunday, December 7th. We are proud to announce that the author of the play is a member of the group.

The Adventure Theater, comprising boys and girls of grade school, junior high, and high school age, produces three original plays annually—two stage plays and one play in a radio studio format. The goal of these plays is to teach Orthodox Christian values and their application in everyday life. The group also sets aside time for fellowship which includes outings, a Halloween party, a retreat, a lock-in, and pizza parties.

The Lamplighters

The Lamplighters, a unique group for seventh and eighth graders, will meet on four Saturdays during the 2003-2004 school year, with our first meeting scheduled for Saturday, October 4th, at 4 p.m. The curriculum will include lessons on early Christian religious symbols and a study of parts of the book of Revelation appropriate for this age group.

At 5 p.m., we will attend Saturday Vespers, followed by pizza at a local restaurant. Since churches were lit entirely by oil lamps and candles during Vespers until the invention of electricity, I've named this group "The Lamplighters."

The Adult Christian Fellowship and Study Group

Adult Christian Fellowship and Study Group meets weekly throughout the year, on Wednesday afternoons. Sessions begin at 1 p.m. with refreshments and fellowship, followed by the study of Holy Scripture and other aspects of our faith. In 1979, the group started with three members, and now attracts a weekly attendance averaging at least 30 adult men and women. In addition, from September through June, excellent recreational activities are provided for the group.

The Way

The Way, which provides an excellent opportunity for religious instruction and fellowship for boys and girls from first through eighth grade, will begin its fall program on September 15th. And yes, you read it right, The Way will now include first and second graders, hurrah, hurrah, hurrah!

The group meets Mondays twice a month from 5:15 to 7 p.m., and the lesson is preceded by an agape meal. On September 7th and 14th, parents may register their children following Divine Liturgy in the multipurpose room. The registration fee is \$10.00 per child. When the children are registered, parents may also indicate whether they would like to host a simple agape meal. We are also requesting that all parents who register their children meet with The Way teaching staff for a brief get-acquainted session when they pick their children up on the 15th.

If interested in any of these programs, contact Mr. D in person or by phone at 708-562-0869.

I want to thank you all for the Christian love and friendship you've shown to my family and me over these twenty-four exciting years. I love you all lots and lots and triple lots.

Homosexual propaganda gaining ground

BY GEORGE J. DEMETRALIS

A moral alert must be issued for our precious young people. A recent news item announced that a high school for gay, lesbian, and transgender students will be opening in New York City in the fall. The reason given is that such boys and girls are often harassed in high schools by straight students. But could there be a more cryptic motivation for the creation of such a school?

As a grade school and high school student with a visual impairment, I wanted to attend classes with normal-vision boys and girls and be accepted by them. Most visually and physically disabled kids desire the same thing, plus a willingness to become a productive and respected part of everyday society. It is true that I was often ridiculed by some of my schoolmates, but that was far outweighed by the compassion, understanding, and acceptance I received throughout my school years by the vast majority of my fellow students.

Therefore, what precedent is the New York City school system setting? Should we also create high schools specifically for short or heavy kids, or kids with unusual last names? Furthermore, haven't we been encouraging school desegregation for years?

But the strongest argument against indelibly placing the homosexual brand on young people is that some teenagers, because of a moment of poor, impulsive, or naive sexual indiscretion, may think that they are homosexual, but are in fact not.

I believe the creation of a gay, lesbian, and transgender high school, a demand to legalize homosexual marriages, plus an increasing number of homosexual-centered television programs, is another grindstone in the powerful homosexual propaganda mill to convince Americans, especially young people, to accept this perverted lifestyle as a normal alternative to marriage and celibacy.

Holy Scripture is clear in its condemnation of homosexuality as sin (Lv. 18:22, 20:13; Rom. 1:26-27; 1 Cr. 6:9-11; 1 Tm. 1:9-11).

Those Orthodox Christians actively participating in this lifestyle must, through the Mystery of Repentance, confess their sins before receiving the Divine Eucharist.

On the other hand, we must never turn our backs on family members and friends who are homosexual, praying unceasingly for their salvation. "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved" (Jn. 3:17).

See also Ezek. 18:23, 33:11; 2 Pt. 3:9.

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Memorials

*Mae Alexis
Olympia Alexis
James Konos
Frances Xinos
Peter Sakoulos
Christ Pessimisis
Lazaros Dali
Despina Lazakis*

Funerals

none

Directory Reminder

Last Chance!

Don't be left out! Sitting appointments are still available on September 24, 25, and 26. Call Zoe Tomaras at 630-469-6414 to schedule your appointment.

Mosaic Deadline

The deadline for the October Mosaic is Monday, September 8.

Weekday Services

Vespers

Saturday, September 13
(Holy Cross in Justice)
7:00pm

Saturday, September 20
5:00pm

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin

Monday, September 8
8:00am Orthros
9:00am Divine Liturgy

Wednesday Night Bible Study Resumes

Barbara Pappas will resume her weekly classes on Wednesday evenings from October 8 through November 19. There will be three topics for discussion.

The first will be Islam: its ancient roots, history, theology, and impact on the world.

The Book of Thessalonians will then be discussed including the life of holiness as outlined by St. Paul, especially in sexual relations and the endurance of tribulation.

Finally, the Second Coming of Christ and the Resurrection of the Dead including the conditions prevalent in the world prior to that grand event, will be discussed.

All are welcome and no prior knowledge is necessary. The class meets at 7pm for refreshments, followed by the presentation from 7:15pm to 8:15pm.

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