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The *Passion of The Christ* transports moviegoers to the foot of the Cross

About 90 Holy Apostles parishioners attended a Saturday morning showing of the controversial film, *The Passion of the Christ*. By the end of the movie, many acknowledged it had been an emotionally wrenching experience. A few debated the historical accuracy of some of the film's details and discussed whether they viewed it as anti-Semitic.

They took away slightly different interpretations, but they all agreed on one thing: as draining as the movie may be to watch, it was well worth it.

Parishioner Tom Pekras voiced a common theme among the group, which returned to church after viewing the movie for a brief discussion. "I thought it was very powerful and beautifully done," he said. "It was very, very moving."

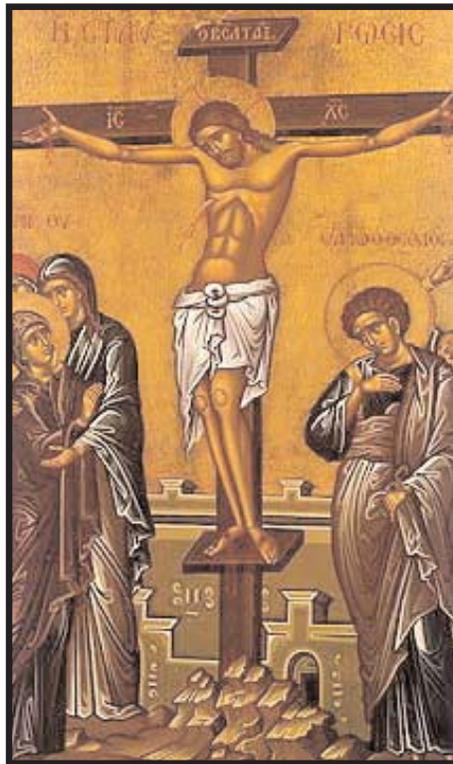
He also agreed with others that "it was pretty graphic. I would almost say it might have been a little too graphic." But, he added "I think it just makes us value our faith. I think everyone should see it."

Pauline Hamalis said she thought the film was amazing. "Yes, I would have liked to see a little more of the Resurrection," she added. "But that wasn't the director's intention. The director's intention was to portray Jesus' suffering and I think we need to see that. This is Lent. Let's feel it."

Father Bill half jokingly said in a hoarse voice to the group that, "I must have been so tense myself that I lost my voice."

And, while he noted that the accuracy of various scenes and characters depicted in the film may be debatable, he was glad the film was made. "It will spark us to discuss our faith, to be more committed to it and more focused during Lent", Father Bill said. "Those who say it is not all scriptural... no it isn't all scriptural but most of it is," Father Bill said. "This is the real thing and it's a message of hope and salvation."

The outing, organized by Synaxis, was the second time Andrea Zuales had seen the film.

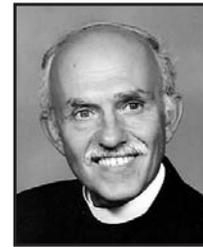


Icons don't depict as gruesome an image of Christ's suffering as is shown in the movie.

"I thought it'd be easier to see the second time," Andrea said, "but it really wasn't. It was just as hard to see it the second time; seeing the brutality, the love was unbelievable." The visual power of the movie helped strengthen her understanding of Christ's suffering. "I knew everything that was going to happen in the movie, but I almost had to see it to fully understand it," she said.

Like Andrea, parishioner Cindy Clark said Holy Communion will be a more powerful experience after seeing the film. "I can honestly say I don't think I'll ever receive Holy Communion in the same manner," Cindy said.

From Father Bill...



Jesus triumphs over the grave

It was a morning like any other in the ancient Roman city. Children romped just as they did the day before. Men and women went about their business as usual. The market place was filled with merchants and buyers. Yet in a few precious hours, they would all be dead, as the fury of Mount Vesuvius would erupt to encase Pompeii in a tomb of lava for centuries to come.

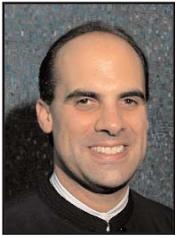
About forty years before Pompeii was destroyed, another eruption had taken place that shook the foundations of heaven and earth. An ordinary woman had come to the tomb of her beloved friend, as she had probably done the day before and the day before that. Today she was horrified by an open grave; the body missing and the stone rolled away. She ran away in terror and grief, but what she didn't know was that the tomb had erupted with the power of God. The crucified Son of God had risen, triumphantly conquering death and bringing new life to a human race encased in sin since time began.

Recently I read an article concerning escape from the fear of death. Approximately 6400 die each day in the US from various causes: heart attacks, cancer, accidents, and the like. That means that twice as many people died of natural causes on that fateful day, September 11, as died in the terrorist attacks. Death is ever with us.

Many Christians welcomed the plagues during the early centuries after Christ because they believed imminent death gave them an opportunity to demonstrate to pagans that Christians die differently. Before

...See Fr. Bill on P. 5

From Father Nicholas



Holy Week

Did you see the Super Bowl? This year's game was exciting. With only four seconds left, Adam Vinatieri of the New England Patriots kicked a 41-yard game winning field goal. As they say in sports, the game isn't over until the final buzzer or whistle blows. The same saying holds true during Lent. It is never too late to turn to God. We are graciously given this Lenten period to prepare ourselves for the coming of our Lord. If you have squandered Lent away and not taken advantage of this time to grow closer to the Lord, the good news is that you have one last chance.

Have you seen Mel Gibson's movie, *The Passion of the Christ*? The movie details the last 12 hours of our Lord's life here on the earth. In the Orthodox Church, we have something that helps us remember, relive and participate in the last week of Christ's life on earth...Holy Week.

Every year we are invited to enter the sanctuary of Holy Week. We enter not as spectators watching a football game but as participants in the commemoration and enactment of the Lord's divine acts that changed the world. If we die with Christ during Holy Week, we will be resurrected with Him at Pascha!

Sorrowfulness and somberness dominate the week. We gather to remember an event that affects everyone. The Son of God suffered and died for all of us. As Mel Gibson said in one of his interviews, "We all crucified Him." We mourn our sinfulness as we stand in silence and remember all the Lord did for us.

Holy Week reveals our sinfulness and shortcomings, and when we contemplate all of these things, we mourn. We are faced with our rebellion and God's great humility and love for us. This causes a change of heart. When we mourn, we experience true repentance. A changed heart can create the desire to grasp, accept, and renew our commitment to follow the Lord.

On Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights we celebrate the services of the Bridegroom. The services of the Bridegroom call us to repentance or metanoia (a change in attitude or mindset). Our Lord is the Divine Bridegroom. We sing, "Behold the Bridegroom comes in the middle of the night." The words reveal the final union of

...See Fr. Nicholas on P. 4



Gavel to Gavel



BY PETER POTERES... Parish Council Secretary

Parish Council meeting of Thursday, February 19

Present: Fr. Bill Chiganos, Fr. Nicholas, George Alex, Don Alexander, John Anos, James Banakis, George Chechopoulos, Terry Chiganos, Sandy Fiascone, Nick Kirkeles, George Mannos Jr., Peter Poteres, Dennis Poulos, Steve Savas, Peter Tomaras, and Chris Zurales.

Finance

✦ Nick Kirkeles reviewed the Financial Statement dated January 31. For the month, the church was favorable \$27,567.35. Sandy Fiascone moved to approve the statement. The motion passed unanimously.

Stewardship

✦ George Mannos Jr. reported that as of January 31, the church has received 447 pledges (down 20 from 2003) totaling \$390,133.50 (up \$33,795 from 2002) for an average pledge of \$872.78 (up \$109.74 per pledge from 2003). Amount paid YTD is \$173,891 (up \$8,967.81 from 2003). George thanked everyone for their hard work.

Correspondence

✦ Nick Kirkeles read a letter from the Archdiocese requesting that stewardship be paid via an electronic withdrawal program. The Council decided to continue paying the Archdiocese stewardship in the traditional manner.

Meditation

✦ Father Bill spoke about Great and Holy Lent. How you handle the next 40 days will be up to you and your families. Fasting, prayer and penance will be the theme. We will be caring for others by raising funds at the Macaronatha luncheon. Funds will be given to Metropolitan Nikitas for missions, to missionaries for their fund raising expenses and to the retired clergy association. Fr. Bill noted that parishioners come to church on major dates during Holy Week but do not attend the other beautiful services during Lent. If we seek first the Kingdom of God, all of these other things will be handed to us. This is how we prosper.

Building and Grounds

✦ George Alex reported that the classroom furnace failed the week of Feb. 9. He received an emergency approval to replace it which was done for a cost of \$9,250.
✦ \$6000 has been paid for work on the north and south door canopies.

✦ The committee will bid out a new contract for combined lawn/snow service for 2004-2005.

Finance

✦ Nick Kirkeles and Peter Tomaras addressed the Council on the status of the employee health care program. The new plan will yield about \$4800 in savings.
✦ Peter Tomaras said that a request had been submitted for additional robes for the choir due to an increase in membership. The request was for a dozen new robes at a cost not to exceed \$2,000. A majority passed a motion.

Old Business

✦ George Alex said the dinner dance finances in the budget might be overstated. A realistic income amount for the dinner dance should be re-stated in the budget. Peter Tomaras said that a committee has already begun meeting on how the budget will be tracked.
✦ George Alex suggested that future icon donations should go into a separate icon account and taken out of the budget.
✦ George Alex reported that the thirty day trial for the mail and folding machines has been successfully completed, and we will be keeping the machines.
✦ Peter Poteres reminded the Council that an employee pension program update was due for this meeting. The committee will schedule a meeting.

New Business

✦ Peter Tomaras said that a meeting will be held to review the Greek School program for 2004-2005.
✦ George Chechopoulos said that a request was made to move the handicap parking spaces to the new north lot so access to the sidewalk is easier. The issue will be addressed when the parking lot resurfacing and restriping is done.
✦ Peter Tomaras, in response to a Don Alexander question from an earlier meeting, said that Nick Kirkeles would go to the Harris Bank and ask them to match rates.
✦ Fr. Nicholas delivered the closing prayer.

Church Wish List

Our Choir has had a membership expansion and is in need of 12 new robes, which will cost \$2,000. Contributions from parishioners wishing to donate towards the robes can be sent to the church.

Greek School Olympic Glendi



Left, Dena Stamatelos, and Demi Kallis enjoy the magician's performance. Above, Fr. Bill and Mando Gouvas, Greek School Principal.

The Olympic Games was the theme of the Greek School annual dinner dance held on Feb.15 which was a gold medal success. Over 270 guests attended the gala, which was chaired by Mary Syregelas and Nancy Stamatelos. Guests were entertained by a wonderful magician and the Orpheus dance troupe, along with the musical styling of John Grammatos.

The school was honored by the presence of Father Bill, Father Nicholas, Mrs. Scouras, Council for Educational Affairs, and Mrs. Hatzis, Counsel General of Greece.

In addition to the entertainment, 25 magnificent baskets, donated by Greek School families, were raffled off. Other very special gifts were part of a very successful auction.

The Greek School presented Father Bill

with a \$1,000 donation to help defray some of the costs associated with the new construction taking place at the church. The dance committee is grateful to all those who attended this wonderful event and contributed to its resounding success.

... by Nancy Stamatelos

The HARC CORNER

Recommended Readings in HARC

Adara

by Beatrice Gormley

Adara, a strong-willed girl growing up in 9th century B.C. Israel, longs to share the same privileges as boys. She wants to read, write, and travel. She wants freedom.

During an invasion to her city, Adara's adventurous spirit leads her to captivity and a total loss of freedom. This is a historical fiction novel for young adolescents.

Softbound \$6.00

The Purple Mantle

by Aliko Kafetzopoulou

This moving historical fiction novel for young adults takes place during the Roman Empire under the reign of Diocletian, a ruthless persecutor of Christians. It gives an

intense view of the lives of the early martyrs. Young men and women, then and today, face the same ultimate choice between comforts of this world and the eternal joy of the world to come.

Softbound \$12.00

Helping Children Grieve

by Theresa M. Huntley

The author is a clinical social worker and grief specialist who catalogs the different stages of grief and the descriptive markers for children in all age groups. Explanations and suggestions for assisting young people in this sensitive area, along with poignant illustrations, are informative and reassuring.

Softbound \$23.00

The Compassion of the Father

by Boris Bobrinsky

Fr. Bobrinsky, in a very readable style, explores evil and suffering, forgiveness, and

theology and spirituality through scriptural references and explanation of God's mercy.

Our attempt to comprehend and grow toward spiritual union with Christ is clearly delineated.

Softbound \$14.00

Reviewed by

Elaine Regopoulos and
Pauline Franks

New CDs in HARC

Two new CDs are now available in HARC. *For His Honor* and *Looking For You* performed by the Lodenkamp children, who are grandchildren of parishioners Nicholas and Gloria Patinos. All proceeds from these CDs go to support the Lodenkamp family (mother Maria and four children), whose husband and father Mark, died of prostate cancer in mid-2003 at the age of 45.

Fr. Nicholas from P. 2

Through Holy Week Services, we enter into the life of the Lord

the Lover (the Lord) and the beloved (us). Each day of Bridegroom Services has its own theme. **Monday** (celebrated in anticipation on Sunday night) of Holy Week commemorates the fig tree that was cursed by God (because it bore no fruit) and withered. The tree had leaves but no fruit. This is symbolic of we who come to Church and claim a religious identity but have empty lives that bear no fruit. Jesus cursed the tree and said, "May no fruit ever come from you again." (Matthew 21:19) The tree is contrasted to the virtuous

Joseph of the Old Testament. He was a model of propriety and committed to observing ethical principles. **Tuesday** (celebrated Monday night) commemorates the parable of the Ten Virgins. The vigilance of the wise virgins and their readiness to see the Lord is compared to the foolish virgins. Watchfulness in guarding the heart and intellect from sinful actions and thoughts is stressed. The foolish virgins were not vigilant and not ready for the Lord's coming. **Holy Wednesday** (celebrated on Tuesday night) focuses on the sinful woman

who repents. The services compare the sinful harlot woman who repents to Judas, a chosen apostle, who is lost. One gives her wealth to Christ and kisses his feet; the other betrays Christ for money with a kiss.

On Holy Wednesday evening, we participate in the Holy Unction service. In this sacrament, the Lord's invisible grace is given to us through visible oil. As each person is anointed with the Holy Oil, the priest prays that God's grace, spiritual power, strength and healing of soul and body be given to that person.

Thursday morning we celebrate the first Divine Liturgy. On Holy Thursday evening, we read the 12 Passion Gospels. The first Gospel is the account of the Lord's discussion with the disciples at the Mystical Supper. Following that, the next 10 readings deal with the Lord's sufferings. The last Gospel recounts the Lord's burial and the sealing of the Tomb. In this service, we have the beautiful procession of the Holy Cross. We celebrate and remember the holy, saving Passion of Christ. Our Lord willingly endured the spitings, scourgings, buffetings, scorn, mocking, the Cross and Death for us. On **Holy Friday**, the Royal Hours are read in the morning. They are hymns, psalms and readings from the Old and New Testament that relate to the Person of Christ. Following this, Jesus is taken down from the cross in the Vespers service. Holy Friday evening we sing the Encomia which are short, poetic verses lamenting the passion, death and burial of Christ. In this service, the priests proceed with the Kouvouklion (tomb of Christ) near the end of the service. The priest sprinkles the Sepulchre and the congregation with fragrant water. In this way, we remember the Crucifixion and look to the Resurrection of Christ and the redemption of all of us. No longer do we lament the sufferings of Christ but our own sins because we are far from God.

Holy Week services draw us closer to God through repentance and dying to ourselves. At the end of the week is good news...the Resurrection! We joyfully sing, "Christ trampled down death by death and restored life to those in the tombs." In His Resurrection, we, too, are resurrected and are given the opportunity to be in total communion with Him.

If you have not taken advantage of Lent or not fully experienced Holy Week, it's not too late. As we read in St. John Chrysostom's Easter sermon, "If any of you have arrived only at the eleventh hour, do not be dismayed for being late. The Master is gracious: He accepts the last even as the first. He gives rest to those of the eleventh as well as to those who have labored from the first."

The Passion of the Christ and St. Veronica and Simon of Cyrene

BY GEORGE J. DEMETRALIS
(alias Mr. D.)

In one of the moving scenes of Mel Gibson's epoch motion picture "The Passion of the Christ," we watched a woman wipe Christ's bloody face with her head scarf, as He was being led to the place of His execution. Then, when Jesus fell from exhaustion under the weight of His cross, a man was compelled by the Roman soldiers to carry it.

What do the Holy Scriptures and Sacred Tradition say about these two people? St. Veronica, according to tradition, was the one who wiped the bloody face of our Lord with her scarf as He was being led to the place of His crucifixion. When she took the scarf back, she found miraculously imprinted on it an image of our Lord's face. Some sources identify Veronica with the woman whom Jesus cured of an issue of blood (Mt. 9:20-22; Mk. 5:25-34; Lk. 8:43-48). There is another tradition that says that Veronica is one in the same as the Gentile mother of the demon-possessed girl healed by Jesus (Mt. 15:21-28; Mk. 7:24-30). Still other traditions say that Veronica was the wife of a Roman army officer, or the wife of Zaccheus (Lk. 19:1-10).

It should be noted that the Gospels do not record the incident of a woman wiping the Lord's face with her scarf, nor does the name Veronica appear in the New Testament. Nevertheless, such a kind and compassionate gesture cannot be ruled out, either.

The etymology of the name Veronica is from two words, one Latin and the other Greek, "verus" and "icon," which mean "the true image," referring to the imprint of Christ's face on Veronica's head scarf.

Tradition traces the journey of the cloth containing the image of Christ's face from Jerusalem to Edessa (in today's geography, Urfa, Turkey), to Constantinople (in today's geography, Istanbul, Turkey), and finally from

Constantinople to St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, where it is to this day.

Because of numerous traditions, some extremely embroidered, concerning Veronica, many scholars deny her existence altogether.

However, to completely rule out the possibility that, during Christ's agonizing walk to Golgotha, a compassionate woman wiped His blessed face with her head scarf is at the very least arrogant and presumptuous. Veronica is remembered in the Orthodox Christian Church as well as the Roman Catholic Church on July 12th.

Simon of Cyrene is identified in the Gospels as being from Cyrene (in today's geography, the ruins of which are near Shabbat, in eastern Libya). Since Jesus, exhausted from the brutal punishment He suffered, fell under the weight of His cross, the Romans compelled Simon to carry it for Him (Mt. 27:32; Mk. 15:21; Lk. 23:26).

We do not know for certain whether Simon just happened to be in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish Passover, or made his home there (the Cyrenians had their own synagogue in Jerusalem [Acts 6:9]). Mark tells us that Simon was the father of Alexander and Rufus. We can conclude from this that they were well known to the Christians in Rome. It was in Rome that some scholars believe Mark wrote his gospel.

It is significant that the Evangelists identify by name the man who, although not of his own free will, relieved our Savior for a time, of the burden of the Cross. Orthodox Christian theologians see Simon as setting a spiritual example for all Christians. That is, we must always be prepared to bear the burden of the Cross and all it stands for (Mk. 8:34-38).

Although neither Simon of Cyrene or his sons are listed among the saints of our Holy Orthodox Church, I feel they should be.

Fr. Bill from P. 1

Resurrection, the sequel to the Cross

Christ, history reminds us that people died of many plagues and disease. Psalm 91 states: "Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence." No wonder the pagans said of the Christians, "They carry their dead as if in triumph!"

On that fateful day of September 11, millions of people focused on the television screen in absolute disbelief and horror, witnessing the unforgettable scene of death. Our world is full of people who are terrified to die, and history contains stories of thousands who've tried to escape death, or cheat it. It's said that Louis XIV of France wouldn't even allow the word death to be mentioned in his presence.

Sadly, many of our own Orthodox friends live with this same fear. They've been so accustomed to seeing death as an enemy that they forget it is also our friend. For it is through death that God opens the door to Heaven for us. The awe-inspiring holy icon of the Resurrection shows the Risen Lord bringing Adam and Eve and all the Old Testament Saints out of the darkness of Hades.

Saint Paul encouraged the saints with the truths of the Resurrection. "If there is no resurrection of the dead," he says, "then even Christ has not been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is useless and so is your faith." (1 Cor. 15:13-14.)

It's no wonder that, ever since the first Pascha, people have been trying to keep Christ in the tomb. His Resurrection is the single biggest challenge to their belief. Every year at the Midnight Resurrection Liturgy many familiar faces are missing, because they have lost a loved one that year. Absence from this meaningful and inspiring service reflects a lack of understanding of the faith. Where else may our faith be sustained other than that glorious moment when our church resounds with the loud affirmation that "Christ is Risen?"

Make no mistake what the Apostle Paul is saying: if Jesus did not rise from the dead, then Christianity itself collapses like a house of cards. The Resurrection is the one fact that explains the other facts of Christianity and gives meaning to our lives.

In John 20:1-7, three important pieces of material evidence support Christ's resurrection: the displaced stone, the empty tomb, and the linen wrappings.

In the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, the celebrant reads the following prayer immediately after he has partaken of Holy Communion: "Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ, let us worship the holy Lord Jesus, the only Sinless One. We venerate Your cross, O Christ, and we praise and glorify Your Holy Resurrection. You are our God.

We know no other than You, and we call upon Your name. Come all faithful, let us venerate the Holy Resurrection of Christ. For behold, through the cross joy has come to the world. Blessing the Lord always, let us praise His resurrection. For enduring the cross for us, He destroyed death by death." Even in the golden years of Chrysostom's ministry, the people must have had difficulty with the doctrine of the Resurrection. In his attempt to dispel any fear of death, he emphasized the joy of the triumph of death.

Thus, we have evidence from scripture and tradition affirming the message of the Church, the Resurrection and the powerful and unmistakable results in our lives. On four separate occasions in this brief liturgical prayer the faithful are called to venerate the Resurrection.

In our rigid imaginations, we strain to make room for miracles. Like Thomas, we are so used to living by sight rather than by faith that we are constantly looking for hands with nail prints.

Sometimes we need to be nudged again and again to come to the realization of truth. Such was the case of the young and successful executive traveling down a neighborhood street, going a bit too fast in his new Jaguar. He was watching for kids darting out from between parked cars and slowed down when he thought he saw something. As his car passed, no children appeared. Instead, a brick smashed into the Jag's side door! He slammed on the brakes and backed the Jag back to the spot where the brick had been thrown.

The angry driver then jumped out of the car, grabbed the nearest kid and pushed him up against a parked car shouting, "What was that all about and who are you? That's a new car and that brick you threw is going to cost a lot of money. Why did you do it?"

The young boy was apologetic. "Please, mister...please, I'm sorry but I didn't know what else to do," he pleaded. "I threw the brick because no one else would stop..." With tears dripping down his face and off his chin, the youth pointed to a spot just around a parked car. It's my brother," he said. "He rolled off the curb and fell out of his wheelchair and I can't lift him up..."

Now sobbing, the boy asked the stunned executive, "Would you please help me get him back into his wheelchair? He's hurt and he's too heavy for me."

Moved beyond words, the driver tried to swallow the rapidly swelling lump in his throat. He hurriedly lifted the handicapped boy back into the wheelchair, then took out a linen handkerchief and dabbed at the fresh

scraps and cuts. A quick look told him everything was going to be okay.

"Thank you and may God bless you," the grateful child told the stranger. Too shook up for words, the man simply watched the boy push his wheelchair-bound brother down the sidewalk toward the house. It was a slow walk back to the Jaguar.

The damage was very noticeable, but the driver never bothered to repair the dented side door. He kept the dent there to remind him of this message: "Don't go through life so fast that someone has to throw a brick at you to get your attention!"

Some of us go through the Easter Season so quickly that we forget what we have learned from the empty tomb. Christ is alive and through His triumph over death He has given to all, the hopeless and the helpless, reason not to fear death. We too have reminders of this event.. Forty days we recite that Christ has risen; we have lighted candles and we crack the red eggs. We rejoice and our hope is sustained. Christ is Risen!

March & April Registry

Baptisms

Katrina, daughter of
Anastasia & Steven Heffner
Sponsors: Rania & Foti Golemis

George, son of
Elizabeth & Steven Fotos
Sponsor: Gina Michalopoulos

Alexandra, daughter of
Anthoula & Norman Pomrenig
Sponsor: Georgia Alexakis

John, son of
Christine & Mark Kerns
Sponsor: Joanna Karr

Weddings

Katherine Feldmann & Dale Severs
Sponsor: Michelle Collis

Meghan Regan & Anthony Vandarakis
Sponsor: Nick James Vandarakis

Jessica Allen & Anastasios Balos
Sponsor: Andrew Gavrilos

What's Happenin' at Holy Apostles

Acolyte Pilgrimage

The Metropolis of Chicago Acolyte Pilgrimage will take place April 21-25. Altar boys will travel to Holy Cross Seminary in Brookline, MA. They will experience the daily cycle of worship, seminary life, and participate in three discussion sessions. The cost is \$550 per person for air travel, hotel, and local transportation in the Boston area. If you are interested, please call Fr. Nicholas.

Junior Olympics...

is held annually on Memorial Day weekend in Palos Hills. Please consider participating in this year's events. Contact Elouise Diamantopoulos, Holy Apostles' coordinator at (708) 223-9004 or Fr. Nicholas.

Fanari Camp

Two one-week sessions will be offered this summer. The first session will be from June 13 - 19 and the second session will be from June 20 - 26. Camper applications are available at the church office. All interested 6th through 11th graders should register as soon as possible since the registration deadline is May 14. Any questions? Please contact the church office.

Adventure Theater

On Sunday, April 25, immediately following Divine Liturgy, the Adventure Theater will present its spring play, a Western called *God's Word And The Rifle*, in the multipurpose room, preceded by a delicious luncheon. We will be taking reservations (donation \$6.00) on Sunday, April 4 and 18, in the multipurpose room following Divine Liturgy. You may also make your reservations by calling Mr. D. at 708-562-0869, or E-mailing him at fanari@interaccess.com

Please come! We promise an excellent meal and a play that includes romance, adventure, and is sure to keep you on the edge of your seat until the very end.

Seniors Social

Luncheon and Theater
April 14
"Lucky Stiff"
A hilarious musical
at Drury Lane
Lunch at Noon
Show at 2 pm
For reservations
call Kay Bobis 630-512-0586
Cost:
Lunch and show \$33.50
Show only \$19

Vacation Bible School

The workout coach shouts, "Power Up! Join the team." Vacation Bible School (VBS) leaders are responding to the challenge. "Jesus Helps You Power Up" is about far more than being in physical shape. It offers our children the opportunity to reshape their spiritual lives with the help of the parables of Christ. Each day will focus on a parable and be put in terms the children can understand and remember:

"Love One Another" with the Good Samaritan
"Accept One Another" with St. Fotini at the well
"Serve One Another" as Jesus did washing the Disciples' feet

"Comfort One Another" as in the Raising of Lazarus
"Forgive One Another" like the Unforgiving Servant
This high impact spiritual workout will take place June 21 - June 25 from 9 am - 12 pm at Holy Apostles Church.

Please sign up at the registration tables on April 18, 25 and May 2. Registrations will not be taken through the church office. If you are not able to register on those Sundays, please contact Presbyteria Michelle at (630) 428-1525.

We have a limited number of spaces. After May 31, registration will be closed - so register soon! 3 yr. olds through children entering 5th grade will be accepted. This year's fee is \$20. The price includes a t-shirt, CD, and the crafts that are made each day. Please join us for a fun-filled, interactive week of learning about our Orthodox Christian faith.

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

 <p>Did you know that...</p> <p>An Easter offering envelope is included in this Mosaic. Your response to this annual appeal is much appreciated.</p> 							<p>12:00pm Sixth Hour 4:30pm Greek School</p>	<p>4:30pm Adventure Theater 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>SATURDAY OF LAZARUS 8:00am Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time Starts Tomorrow</p>
<p>PALM SUNDAY 8:00am Orthros 9:15am Awaken To God 9:30am Divine Liturgy Fellowship Hour 7:00pm Nymphios Service</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4</p>	<p>HOLY MONDAY 7:00pm Nymphios Service</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5</p>	<p>HOLY TUESDAY 7:00pm Nymphios Service 8:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO GREEK SCHOOL</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6</p>	<p>HOLY WEDNESDAY 10:00am Holy Unction 3:30pm Holy Unction 7:00pm Holy Unction</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7</p>	<p>HOLY THURSDAY 6:30am Divine Liturgy 7:00pm 12 Gospel Readings</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO GREEK SCHOOL</p> <p style="text-align: right;">8</p>	<p>HOLY FRIDAY 9:00am Royal Hours 3:00pm Apokathelosis 7:00pm Epitaphios</p> <p style="text-align: right;">9</p>	<p>HOLY SATURDAY 8:00am Divine Liturgy 10:30pm Easter Choir Concert 11:00pm Easter Service 12:00am Resurrection Service 12:15am Divine Liturgy</p> <p style="text-align: right;">10</p>			
<p>EASTER SUNDAY 11:00am Agape Service</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">11</p>	<p>5:15pm The Way</p> <p style="text-align: right;">12</p>	<p>9:45am TOTS 4:30pm Greek School 7:00pm GOYA Bright Week Dinner</p> <p style="text-align: right;">13</p>	<p>12:00pm Seniors Luncheon At Drury Lane 2:00pm Seniors Attend Play At Drury Lane</p> <p style="text-align: right;">14</p>	<p>4:30pm Greek School</p> <p style="text-align: right;">15</p>	<p>4:30pm Adventure Theater 7:00pm YAL Dinner</p> <p style="text-align: right;">16</p>	<p>10:00am The Way Attends Charlotte's Web At Drury Lane 5:00pm Great Vespers</p> <p style="text-align: right;">17</p>			
<p>SUNDAY OF ST. THOMAS 8:00am Orthros 9:15am Awaken To God 9:30am Divine Liturgy Fellowship Hour</p> <p style="text-align: right;">18</p>	<p>4:30pm Adventure Theater</p> <p style="text-align: right;">19</p>	<p>4:30pm Greek School</p> <p style="text-align: right;">20</p>	<p>1:00pm Adult Christian Fellowship And Study Group</p> <p style="text-align: right;">21</p>	<p>4:30pm Greek School 8:00pm Parish Council Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: right;">22</p>	<p>FEAST DAY OF ST. GEORGE 8:00am Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 4:30pm Adventure Theater</p> <p style="text-align: right;">23</p>	<p>12:30pm Adventure Theater (till 5pm) 5:00pm Great Vespers</p> <p style="text-align: right;">24</p>			
<p>8:00am Orthros 9:15am Awaken To God 9:30am Divine Liturgy Adventure Theater Luncheon And Play</p> <p style="text-align: right;">25</p>	<p>5:15pm The Way</p> <p style="text-align: right;">26</p>	<p>9:45am TOTS 4:30pm Greek School 7:30pm GOYA Meeting & Discussion</p> <p style="text-align: right;">27</p>	<p>1:00pm Adult Christian Fellowship And Study Group 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p> <p style="text-align: right;">28</p>	<p>4:30pm Greek School</p> <p style="text-align: right;">29</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p>				

Memorials

*Eugenia Pavlopoulos
Anastasios Pavlopoulos
Eugenia Theodorou
Simeon Bakas
Stefania Vartelas
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Peter Chentes
Christopher Messerges
Nota Papanton
Mary Chrisanthakis
Dr. Kathryn Azar
Mary Moore
Peter Lostarakos
Katherine Skoubis
Stella Varygianes
Peter Varygianes*

Funerals

*Socrates Shukas
Angeline Karahalios*

Mosaic Deadline

The deadline for the May Mosaic
is Monday, April 12.

Weekday Services

Sixth Hour

Thursday, April 1 at 12:00pm

Saturday of Lazarus

Saturday, April 3
8:00am Orthros
9:00am Divine Liturgy

Holy Monday

Monday, April 5
7:00pm Nymphios Service

Holy Tuesday

Tuesday, April 6
7:00pm Nymphios Service

Holy Wednesday

Wednesday, April 7
10:00am Holy Unction
3:30pm Holy Unction
7:00pm Holy Unction

Weekday Services

Holy Thursday

6:30am Divine Liturgy
7:00pm Twelve Gospel Readings

Holy Friday

9:00am Royal Hours
3:00pm Apokathelosis
7:00pm Epitaphios

Holy Saturday

8:00am Divine Liturgy
10:30pm Easter Choir Concert
11:00pm Easter Service
12:00 Midnight Resurrection Service
& Divine Liturgy

Great Vespers

Saturday, April 17
Saturday, April 24
5:00pm

Feast Day of St. George

Friday, April 23
8:00am Orthros
9:00am Divine Liturgy

New Directory Thanks

Congratulations and thanks to Zoe Ann Tomaras and her committee of Karen Mannos, Pat Anos and Sandy Fiascone for an outstanding job. Special thanks to Ginny Petru who did the graphics and layout, and to all the faithful volunteers who made the appointments, and were hostesses at the photo sessions. If you haven't picked up your copy yet, please do so in the church office.

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