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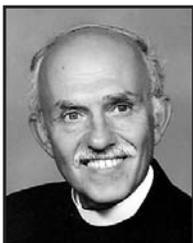
Annual hunt for the coins yields contributions for charity



Father Bill, assisted by Anna Eriotes hands out the vasilopita, left, as Jim Karones displays the coin he found in his table's bread, above, as his wife Clara watches.



That's all there is, says Father Bill after distributing the vasilopita.



From Father Bill... *Your struggles could be your greatest growth opportunities*

Life is a jungle. Have you noticed that lately? All kinds of pressures, demands, and deadlines suck us deep into the quicksand of overcommitment and burnout. There are those surprise attacks of criticism that tear into us like the huge paw of a hungry lion. Meanwhile, beneath the visible surface of our lives are the

subtle snares of daily temptations that lurk like alligators in a swamp, ready to devour us when we least expect them.

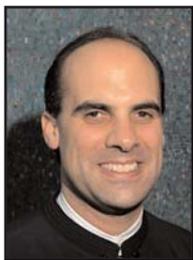
Many of you reading this carry a burden. You find yourself in a time of need. Maybe your spouse just walked out of your marriage or corporate downsizing has made the classifieds your daily breakfast companion. Maybe a test came back positive, but the results were anything but. Difficulty has become your daily

reality.

If there is one person in Scripture who can teach us about the subject of pain, stress and hardship, it is the Apostle Paul. While many books have been written on the life of this great giant in the faith, none better describe the trials and testing in his life than in his own letters. Any serious study of the life of Paul requires addressing the subject of pain and suf-

...See Fr. Bill on P.5

From Father Nicholas



40 Day Blessings

It's hard to believe that Valentine's Day is almost here. Stores are filled with cards, chocolates and gifts for the special people in our lives. Everything is focused on Valentine's Day and love. Didn't we just celebrate Christmas? Can you believe that Christmas was almost 40 days ago? The Nativity of our Lord is a celebration of another type of love...God's great love for us. A love so deep that He came to earth, took on human form and became man so that we could be with Him always.

On February 2, forty days after our Lord's birth and this great act of love, we celebrate another great feast day in the church...The Presentation of Christ in the Temple. We find the "Presentation of the Lord" narrative in the Gospel of Luke (Luke 2:22-29). Jesus' parents, Mary and Joseph, were faithful Jewish people. They followed the tradition of their faith and brought Jesus to the Temple when He was forty days old. An old man named Symeon met them as they arrived. He spent much of his time studying about the prophets of Israel. During his studies, he learned of the coming of the Messiah. From that time on, Symeon prayed for the Messiah to come. He spent many years in prayer. God promised Symeon that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah. When Symeon saw Jesus enter the Temple, he immediately took baby Jesus in his arms and exclaimed, "Lord, now let your servant depart in peace according to Your word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared for all people." Symeon now realized that he had seen the Messiah.

Today we follow this same churching tradition. After giving birth, the mother and child remain outside the church and normal routine of the Church's sacramental life for 40 days. This practice is practical. It is a time for Mom to regain her spiritual and physical "balance". During these days, the mother does not participate in the normal ascetic discipline of the Church. She does not practice the disciplines that would be necessary to receive Holy Communion. In the days following birth, the mother does not fast or pray like she does normally. The Church blesses this time because the mother's body has already been humbled, she does not need the assistance of fasting. Once she has recovered her physical and spiritual equilibrium (40 days), she is reintegrated into the life of the Church.

The churching service is typically offered at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. The

...See Fr. Nicholas on P. 6



Gavel to Gavel



By PETER POTERES... Parish Council Secretary

Parish Council meeting of Thursday, December 15

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

Finance

✦ While the financial report was not available, Nick Kirkeles stated that the \$17,000 deficit between September and October financial reports was due to September being a high revenue month. Three \$25,000 CD accounts (3-month at 2.0%, 6-month at 2.4%, and 12-month at 2.7%) were opened at the Harris Bank in Westchester. The brokerage account through November 30, 2004 had \$27,271.60.

Stewardship

✦ George Mannos Jr. reported that as of November, the church received 887 pledges (down 40 from 2003) totaling \$594,001 (up \$25,253.50 from 2003) for an average pledge of \$669.68 (up \$56.15 per pledge from 2003). Amount paid YTD was \$558,253.98 (up \$31,680.48 from 2003).

✦ Through 12/14/04, the church received 183 pledges totaling \$176,000 (down \$36,000 from 2004 early Stewardship) for 2005.

Correspondence

✦ St. Michael The Archangel Church in Lecanto, FL is celebrating the groundbreaking of their new Byzantine Style Sanctuary on 2/26/05 and is requesting ad sponsors. The Hellenic College and Holy Cross School and Seminary sent a Christmas card requesting a holiday donation.

✦ Submissions to the suggestion box were reviewed and will be addressed by the Building and Grounds Committee.

✦ Peter Tomaras read a letter from the Archdiocese/Metropolis that the our 2005 pledge commitment is \$96,000 (up \$4,000 from 2004). The Archdiocese/Metropolis will review the Parish's financial reports to determine our 2006 pledge, which may be increased up to 15% of the Parish's total revenues. A discussion was held on the future financial commitment to the Metropolis. George Alex moved to approve the \$96,000 pledge commitment for 2005. The motion passed unanimously.

Meditation

✦ Fr. Bill said that he is disappointed that the

Archdiocese has failed at Stewardship. The Holy Apostles community has always given what is fair according to the teachings of Christ. The Archdiocese falls short financially due to deficit spending and from failed commitments from parishes throughout the country. Our concern is what we are capable of doing and how we are accountable to God. The Holy Apostles parish has never surpassed 1,000 pledges, although we have come close, so we know we can do more as a parish. We need to understand why pledges are not made, and why outstanding pledge balances are not honored. We need to foster God's spirit, embrace God, continue His work, and not fear bottom lines.

✦ Fr. Bill then thanked John Anos and Dennis Poulos for their years of service to the church.

Building and Grounds

✦ George Alex and Jim Fotopoulos reported that the final costs for the new office computer and software were not available but were estimated at \$8,800. The bids for the snow removal contract will be received by 12/20/04. The alarm system needs to be approved by a certified firm by the end of January 2005.

Ways and Means

✦ The annual golf outing is scheduled for July 11 and the annual church picnic is scheduled for July 17.

Old Business

✦ AED Training through Ted McVickers is being scheduled for January 2005.

New Business

✦ There was a complaint from the Sunday School that the Greek School was not maintaining the classrooms properly. A larger trashcan with a cover top is needed for the nursery.

✦ George Alex thanked John Anos and Dennis Poulos for their years of service to the church. Peter Tomaras thanked George Aravosis for his service to the church.

✦ The oath of office for the new Parish Council and election of officers is tentatively scheduled for January 9.

✦ The 2005 budget meeting will be scheduled for sometime in January.

Upcoming dates to plan for in 2005

February 6
Godparents' Luncheon

February 18-21
YAL Conference Chicago
yalchicago@yahoo.com

February 27
Philoptohos Wine Event
at Elmhurst Art Museum

March 6
Greek School Apokreatiko
Dinner Dance

March 14
Lent begins

March 27-31
Celebrations of Books

May 1
Holy Easter

June 19-25
Fanari Summer Camp Session 1

June 26-July2
Fanari Summer Camp Session 2

July 11
Golf Outing

July 17
Parish Picnic

Seniors Social

Seniors will play bingo at
1:00pm on Feb. 9.
Coordinator Harry
Pappas asks that you
bring a White Elephant
item for the prize table.

There will be an
Apokreatiko on
Wednesday, Feb 23
at 12pm.
Everyone is asked to bring
a dish to pass.
(no fasting this week)

The tyranny of the few and the acquiescence of the many

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

For more than 70 years, Russia was ruled by the Communist Party, whose members made up a small percentage of the population. Nevertheless, they were able to command key positions in government, the military, education, the news media, etc. The citizens of Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy suffered the same fate, but for a shorter period of time.

For many years and until recently, the majority of the American people remained indifferent while secularists and Hollywood marketers of social and spiritual lawlessness and immorality gained increasing control and influence over the political, educational and entertainment structure of the United States. Americans remained largely acquiescent as the proponents of abortion, the homosexual lifestyle and heterosexual promiscuity reigned supreme. Americans stood by, for the most part, as this small but powerful minority sought to remove God from every facet of our society and limit any mention of Him.

A peaceful revolution: Political pundits have tried to explain the 2004 election results in various ways. Although I don't claim to be an expert in these matters, I saw the election outcome as a vote to protect and preserve basic family, religious and moral values.

Then, over the Christmas holiday, Christians and other people of faith, joined by prominent, conservative TV and talk-radio hosts and others, began fighting back against

that small, but vocal, minority who want to completely remove Christ from Christmas, Easter, our schools, businesses, etc.

What this determined minority doesn't want you to know is that since our Declaration of Independence in 1776, God has been an integral part of the American experience. To prove this, here are some quotes from the Declaration of Independence: "...the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God... endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights...therefore, the Representatives of the United States,...appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world...solemnly publish and declare, that these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States...with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence."

We have been led to believe that there is no direct reference to God in the United States Constitution. Surprise! Surprise! Right before the Amendments to the Constitution begin, we find, "...done in Convention by the Unanimous Consent of the States present...in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven." In this context, if the word "Lord" doesn't refer to Jesus Christ, who does it refer to?

President William McKinley's said in his Thanksgiving 1900 proclamation, "It has pleased Almighty God to bring our nation in safety and honor through another year... I, William McKinley,...do hereby appoint and set apart Thursday, the 29th of November next, to be observed by all the people of the

United States,... as a day of thanksgiving and praise to Him who holds the nations in the hollow of His hand. I recommend that they gather in their several places of worship and devoutly give Him thanks for the prosperity wherewith He has endowed us...In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand...this twenty-ninth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred.'

To this day, the words "the year of our Lord" appear in Presidential Thanksgiving proclamations.

Finally, we have these words from President Bush's Christmas 2004 radio address: "Christmas reminds us that the grandest purposes of God can be found in the humblest places, and it gives us hope that all the love and gifts that come to us in this life are the signs and symbols of an even greater love and gift that came on a holy night."

People of faith on the march at last: Perhaps future historians will see 2004 as the beginning of a peaceful and relentless campaign by Christians and other people of faith to return God to the position He deserves in American life. For, if the secularist minority in this country want to remove all mention of God and Christ from American society, they had better find a substitute for the calendar, charities like the Salvation Army, Christian-based hospitals and schools, names of cities and towns like Corpus Christi and San Diego, and so much more. Let us pray that the spiritual revolution to reclaim America for God gains strength, momentum, and our determined participation.



Orthodox Christians around the world assist tsunami victims

By ELIAS KUSULAS

Orthodox Christians from around the world are reaching out to assist victims of the disastrous earthquake and tsunamis in South Asia. The effort is being coordinated by International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), a humanitarian aid agency of Orthodox Christians, and by the Orthodox Metropolitanate of Hong Kong and Southeast Asia. Through their efforts urgently needed items such as medicines, tents, blankets, food and hygiene supplies are reaching tsunami victims through airlifts to the affected regions.

His Eminence Metropolitan Nikitas of the Orthodox Metropolitanate of Hong Kong and Southeast Asia is working with IOCC to extend the network of church-based humanitarian relief in the region. Metropolitan Nikitas is planning to travel to the United States in order to personally bring to the attention of Orthodox Christians here the plight of the victims and to appeal for assistance.

A team composed of IOCC staff from Greece and Hong Kong and local Indonesian church officials will work from the island of Sumatra in order to coordinate the growing

response and to travel to the areas of devastation. The team will coordinate their efforts with IOCC's longtime partners Church World Services (CWS) and Action by Churches Together (ACT).

Assistance throughout the region will be required for many weeks and months to come. Orthodox Christians wishing to provide assistance are urged to forward contributions directly to the Orthodox groups coordinating the aid efforts.

Donations for IOCC's "Asia Disaster Response" may be sent to International Orthodox Christian Charities, P.O.Box 630225, Baltimore, MD 21263-0225. Donations may also be made online at www.iocc.org or by calling toll-free 1-877-803-4622.

For those wishing to contribute directly to the Metropolitanate's "Orthodox Asian Earthquake and Tsunami Disaster Relief Fund", you may forward your checks to Holy Apostles Church and they will be sent to Metropolitan Nikitas. Make checks payable to Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church.

Hellenic Museum offers new programs

**Move over, Oprah!
Oprah has nothing on Opah!**

The Hellenic Museum and Cultural Center (HMCC) seeks literature lovers for its new Opah Book Club.

If you are interested in reading books by authors of Greek descent, books that explore Greek life and ideals, and/or attending book signings and discussions by Greek authors, this is the book club for you. Also, if you are interested in reading and discussing works written in Greek, mention this when you call to reserve a space.

Contact Georgia Mitchell at 847-272-3620 today.

Let your voice be heard!

'Papou loved his new country so much that he became a citizen and fought in WWII as a U.S. citizen.'

'My family and I rode the street car every Sunday to the original site of Assumption, where I sang in the choir.'

Countless stories, like the ones above are told by individuals who immigrated from Greece or who are growing up Greek in America. Many of these tales are passed from one generation to the next. Yet, so many others are lost before they've ever been recorded.

Now, the Hellenic Museum and Cultural Center (HMCC) in conjunction with Columbia College Chicago, wants to preserve these stories and traditions by orally interviewing and recording individuals and/or groups. These recordings will be deposited in the HMCC archives and may be used for research, documentaries, public presentations, publications, or the internet, to name a few.

Offering an oral history about yourself, Greek relatives or friends, is a way to ensure that your legacy continues.

If you or someone you know is interested in participating in this project, either as an interviewee or interviewer (training will be provided), contact HMCC's Program Coordinator, Janine Weis at (312) 665-1234. The museum is located on the fourth floor at 801 W. Adams in Chicago.

Philoptohos News

General Meeting

The Philoptohos General Meeting will be held on Tuesday morning, February 15 at 10am, in the multi-purpose room.

Holiday Welfare Programs a Success

Due to the tremendous support from the members of our church, Philoptohos was able to spread joy this past holiday season. The Needy Children's Fund was one of the major donors to the Holiday Shop of the Family Shelter Service of Dupage, which serviced over 800 families. The gift basket program continued as in the past. The small baskets were filled with goodies and certificates to area grocers. The Hellenic Family Community Services appreciated the generous donations from our Philoptohos. Gift certificates were sent to each child resident of St. Basil's Academy.

Anna Eriotes, our Welfare Chairman, with the assistance of Dolly Pantou, collect, delegate shopping sprees, and organize the gift buying for the needy. They, as well as the Philoptohos Board, thank all those who contributed to the Needy Children's Fund and Holiday Gift Giving Programs. Your donations were much appreciated and well received.

Fr. Bill from P. 1 **When life gets stormy**

fering. It's not considered a pleasurable subject, but it is an important one. Some have been raised hearing the lines, pain and suffering come from the devil, that he is the architect of pain and discomfort. Added to this thought is that the Lord gives healing and happiness. That sounds good, but there is one problem: it's not true. The Devil isn't always the one responsible for pain and suffering. It frequently comes directly from God, who knows what is best for us.

In the words of C.S. Lewis, "Pain is God's megaphone." We are called to attention and told to listen. We may never understand, but we are required to believe and trust.

Our understanding of pain tends to get a little fuzzy at times. After an extended trip to the United States, well-known pastor and theologian of the Protestant faith, Helmut Thielicke was asked what he saw as the greatest defect among American Christians. His answer was insightful: "They have an inadequate view of suffering."

I have no way of knowing what is transpiring in your life and the pressures you live with. Perhaps you can identify with Paul who said: "Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me—to keep me from exalting myself!" (2 Corinthians 12:7)

There have been numerous guesses as to what he meant by his use of the word "thorn", but we do know its purpose, which was to keep him from exalting himself. What is the purpose of your pain and mine? I honestly can't answer that question. For Paul, it was to keep him from becoming prideful. For us, it could be our greatest opportunity to grow. We may not know the answer to this perplexing

question today, but we should never surrender to the difficulties around us.

A story about a little donkey perhaps will impart an answer to life's perplexing issues. One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well and cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do. Finally, he decided the animal was old, and the well needed to be covered up anyway. It just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey.

He invited all his neighbors to come help. Grabbing shovels, they began to shovel dirt into the well.

At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement he quieted down. A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down the well and was astonished at what he saw. With each shovel of dirt that hit his back the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up. Pretty soon the donkey stepped up and over the edge of the well and happily trotted off!

Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a stepping stone. We can get out of the deepest wells just by not stopping and never giving up.

The recent devastation of the tsunami that swept away hundreds of thousands of lives on Southeast Asia taught us some essential truths for survival. The survivors' stories seem to say that their lives were spared because they held on to some object with all their strength. We, too, must learn to cling tight when it's stormy and when the swells of life crash over us.

The little donkey did not surrender. Can we do anything less? Remember, your struggles can be your greatest opportunity for growth.

Philoptohos to host art exhibit, fundraiser

Philoptohos is hosting an art exhibit, wine tasting, and light dinner. The fund raiser, "Escape the Winter Blues" will be held on Sunday, February 27 at the Elmhurst Art Museum, 150 College Hill Avenue from 6pm to 9pm.

Wines for the evening have been graciously donated by Jim Fotopoulos. He and his wine stewards will be in attendance presenting and answering questions about a variety of wines. The museum will feature landscape paintings.

Reservations will be accepted after Liturgy on February 6 and 13, or contact Helen Alex at (630) 323-6186 for tickets before February 18. Attendance is limited to 275 persons. Donations are \$50.00 per person. If you are unable to attend, donations to help Holy Apostles Philoptohos meet their charitable obligations for 2005 are appreciated.

February Registry

Baptisms

Kara, daughter of
Tina & Thomas Dillon
Sponsors: Angela Tzelepis
& Alexandra Manolts

Evan, son of
Freida & Deno Varlas
Sponsor: Andron Kavouras

Dominick, son of
Joan & Sotiro Panopoulos
Sponsor: Elouise Kouimelis

Peter, son of
Georgia & James Sakkos
Sponsor: Angeline Koulis

Alaina, daughter of
Nicole & Tom Stamas
Sponsor: Alex Skouras

Chrismations

Dr. Scott Schieber
Mauricio Forero
Beth Booras

Weddings

None



New parish council members recite the oath of office following the January 9 Liturgy. Then the new council met to elect officers. At left, Fr. Bill is flanked by the new officers l-r: Peter Poteres, Treasurer; Nick Kirkeles, Vice President; Peter Tomaras, Immediate Past President; Fr. Bill, Sandy Fascione, president; and George Mannos Jr., Secretary.



Fr. Nicholas From p. 2

Forty days after a mother gives birth are a very special time

mother brings her child, her entire family and the child's sponsor, to the narthex of the Church. There, they meet the priest. He makes the sign of the cross over the infant. The priest places his hand on the baby's head and offers prayers for both the baby and the mother as she prepares to reenter the Church. Then the priest takes the infant in his arms and makes the sign of the cross with the child as they enter the church. The priest raises the baby and proclaims it received into the church in the name of the Holy Trinity. They will proceed to the middle and in front of the Royal Doors. The child is then brought into and around the Holy Altar. This service concludes as the priest recites the famous prayer of St. Symeon that was cited above.

The 40 days after birth are special both in the mother's relationship with God and her relationship with her child. These can be quiet, peaceful, secluded days of bonding and memories with a new baby. The 40 days can provide a peaceful beginning of life for the child and its mother. Our Church sets these days apart. At the conclusion of this special time is the 40-day blessing. The child is blessed and Mom is reintegrated into the Church community. This is a beautiful tradition that was practiced on February 2, forty days after our Lord's birth.

The **HARC** CORNER

Recommended Titles

The Truth of our Faith

By Elder Cleopa of Romania
Translated from Greek
& edited by Peter Alban Heers

Many people sought the advice and knowledge of Cleopa of Romania (1912-1998), leaving his presence with "tranquility and clarity of thought." This book is a compilation of these discussions, written to reach more people who yearn for spiritual truth from an exceptionally qualified guide. In a question-answer format, some of the topics covered are fasting, Holy Scripture, salvation, and the Virgin Mary.

Softbound \$20.00

Faith of Our Son

A Father's Wartime Diary
By Frank Schaeffer

Frank Schaeffer's eighteen year-old son, John, enlisted in the Marines right after high school. This is the provocative, powerful, and prayerful account of the struggles of those left behind who await their safe return, and of those whose loved ones don't return.

In addition to demonstrating the comfort of prayer, Schaeffer also wants us to know that he feels that America's elite (college students, sons and daughters of our legislators), are not proportionately represented in our military.

Hardbound, \$25.00

Challenge Questions on Orthodoxy A to Z for Students

More Challenge Questions on Orthodoxy Volume Two

By Gayle E. Woloschak

Illustrations by Cameron Thorp

These two books were originally written for an Orthodox College Bowl competition. The quiz questions have been used since then to encourage and promote religious education. There are hundreds of multiple-choice questions with answers covering a wide range of topics such as Old Testament, Church Traditions, and American religions.

Softbound, \$11.00 each

Voices from the Front Letters Home from America's Military Family

By Frank Schaeffer

Well known author Frank Schaeffer (a convert to Greek Orthodoxy) has collected a myriad of letters from American servicemen currently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. The letters unveil all manner of gut-wrenching emotions, boundless love, loyalty, sacrifice and resolve. All of these feelings are what weaves the fabric of America's protectors.

Hardbound, \$25.00

Reviewed by Elaine Regopoulos and Pauline Franks

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		4:30pm Greek School	PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE 8:00am Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 1:00pm Adult Christian Fellowship And Study Group 7:30pm Catechism	4:30pm Greek School	4:30pm Adventure Theater 7:30pm YAL Meeting	9:00am Religious Education Seminar At SS Peter & Paul 5:00pm Vesper Service
GODPARENTS SUNDAY 8:00am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Godparents' Luncheon (Following The Liturgy) Sunday School Is In Session	5:15pm The Way	9:45am TOTS 4:30pm Greek School 7:30pm GOYA Meeting	1:00pm Seniors Bingo 7:30pm Catechism	FEAST DAY OF ST. HARALAMBOS 8:00am Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 4:30pm Greek School	4:30pm Adventure Theater	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
8:00am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Fellowship Hour		9:30am Philoptohos Board Meeting 10:00am Philoptohos General Meeting 4:30pm Greek School	1:00pm Adult Christian Fellowship And Study Group 7:30pm Catechism	4:30pm Greek School 7:30pm Parish Council Meeting	4:30pm Adventure Theater	4:00pm Lamplighters
YAL CONFERENCE Weston O'Hare in Rosemont						
8:00am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Fellowship Hour	5:15pm The Way	9:45am TOTS 4:30pm Greek School 7:00pm GOYA Bowling	12:00pm Seniors Apokreatiko Luncheon 7:30pm Catechism	4:30pm Greek School	4:30pm Adventure Theater	10:00am Adventure Theater Retreat 5:00pm Vesper Service
YAL CONFERENCE CONTINUES						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
8:00am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Fellowship Hour 6:00pm Philoptohos Evening At Elmhurst Art Museum		Tradition and Custom... Is there a difference? Tradition pertains to what we believe, not necessarily to what we do. It is interwoven with Sacred Scripture as well as the writings of Church Fathers. It can never change. Customs deal primarily with the niceties of practicing our faith, such as various blessings during the liturgical year, times of services and styles of vestments. They are a distant second to Holy Tradition in importance and meaning.				
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Weekday Services

Vespers

Saturday, February 5
Saturday January 26
5:00pm

Presentation In The Temple

Wednesday, February 2
8:00am Orthros
9:00am Divine Liturgy

Feast Day Of St. Haralambos

Thursday, January 10
8:00am Orthros
9:00am Divine Liturgy

Mosaic Deadline

The deadline
for the March Mosaic is
Tuesday, February 8.

Hospital Visits

If you or a family member would like a pastoral visit while in the hospital, it is essential that someone call the church office at (708) 562-2744 and a staff member will handle your request.

Thank you, and may God bless you or your loved one with a complete recovery.

Fellowship Appeal

The majority
are among the missing.

Huh? No kidding, did you know that about 90 percent of our parishioners have never hosted a Fellowship Hour? In order to insure that this popular Sunday gathering doesn't disappear, won't you consider being a host? If you ask two or three other families to do it with you, it isn't hard or expensive. Detailed instructions are provided, and someone will explain the mysteries of the coffee maker for you. Please call Cathy and Chris Zurales, 630-932-9584, or sign up in the multi-purpose room. There is a sign-up poster right outside the kitchen. How about making this a New Year's resolution that you keep: I will not let another year go by without hosting a Fellowship Hour?

Are You Moving?

We'd like to know...

Please notify the Church office with your change of address and any other contact information you'd care to provide the church.

Memorials

*Nick Georges
Gregory Kafkes
Antigone Kafkes
Thomas Kafkes
Marianthy Stoumbelis
Rudolph Dorner
Theodora Dorner
William Panagakis
Helen Sievers
Nicholas Papanicholas
Christopher Messerges
Angeline Johnson*

Funeral

Dr. George Alles

Cemetery Space

If you are interested in purchasing cemetery spaces in Chapel Hill cemetery, contact the Church office for details of availability

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