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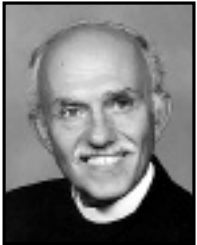
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From Father Bill



Motion sustained

I always enjoyed reading history, especially American history. Recently I thought it

time in my life to begin to examine some of the articles accumulated in the past 60 years. I came across an article describing the most astounding presidential victory of all time, the 1948 upset win of Truman over Dewey. It was the year pollster Elmo Roper on September 9 showed Dewey leading Truman by an enormous 52 to 37 percent, and announced that he would do no more polling in the campaign. The tide was irreversible. Dewey was in! The Gallup Poll and others made similar projections of a landslide victory for Thomas E. Dewey.

Life magazine, the leading popular magazine of the time, carried a full-page picture of Governor and Mrs. Dewey captioned, "The next president travels by ferryboat over the broad waters of San Francisco Bay." The Saturday Evening Post of Oct. 16 featured an article, "What Kind of a President will Dewey Make?"

The remarkable thing about it all was that Truman didn't believe any of it. On his cross-country whistle-stop tours, the first question every reporter asked in joining the train was, "Doesn't he know?" Nobody seemed to want to tell Truman that he was licked. "The most impressive thing about President Truman," Life magazine wrote, "was his incredible ability to pretend that nothing was wrong. Finally there was the edition with photographs of Truman cackling over a copy of the Chicago Tribune with its embarrassing DEWEY DEFEATS TRUMAN headline. I have often wondered what sustained President Truman through that "hopeless" campaign. Looking back we realize that something sustained him, some kind of inner strength kept him going. Truman wasn't a particularly religious man so we can't identify that as the source.



Twenty Goyans spent Saturday, September 14 scrubbing and washing down cars to raise money for a trip to Boston in 2014 and had a good time doing it.

Diana Nyad recently captured the attention of millions for her incredible swimming achievement. At age 64, she became the first person to swim from Cuba to Florida without the protection of a shark cage or using swim fins. Swimming on her fifth attempt to reach the coast, she succeeded, and one of her first comments was, "Never give up."

Other people in history were sustained by something within their character that is a mystery to others.

We do know, however, what sustained two biblical persons. The psalmist David and the apostle Paul, both of whom faced serious opposition in their lifetimes, gave credit to God. "The Lord sustains me," the psalmist exclaimed after stating that he had many foes, even "ten thousands of people who have set themselves against me round about" (Psalm 3:5-6.)

So too Paul, after recounting to Timothy how he had "fought the good fight," and finished the race," he said he was sustained by God: "The Lord stood by me and gave me strength..." (2 Tim. 4:7:17). Bruised and hurt, Paul had known days when he wondered if he could take even one more step. Then listening

to the "still, small voice," he pushed on, building a church hardly anyone seemed to want, preaching a gospel few wanted to hear, offering a way of life only a handful wished to know.

It is not difficult to understand why he wrote that "we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen." So far as anyone could see there was nothing in the visible scene to keep Paul and his contemporaries on their feet. There was something more to sustain them, however, than the obvious. There was the love of God evident in their lives. There was a gentle calling, "Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. I will sustain you." Although we do not know the inner strength of Harry Truman and Diana Nyad, we do know unequivocally that God's love and grace flowed through the veins of the psalmist and the apostle Paul.

We all struggle and have personal challenges in life from time to time. Let us emulate the strong faith of our two biblical persons that will sustain us to do all things that are pleasing to Him. In pursuit of our daily goals, go forward believing...God sustains us.

From Father Nicholas



Fans or followers of Christ?

Fall is here, which can only mean one thing. NFL football season is upon us! Two students in Emory University's Sports Marketing Analytics program conducted an interesting study to find the most "loyal and supportive" NFL fans. Instead of simply finding the team with the most tickets sold, the students factored in the team win/loss record, area population and median income to determine which teams' fans come to the games most. A fan equity ranking indicated which fans are the most committed to their teams. The results were fairly predictable at the top, but the bottom was surprising. The Dallas Cowboys have the most loyal fans followed by the New England Patriots. The Chicago Bears ranked seventh. Oakland Raiders' fans finished last!

A fan is defined as an enthusiastic admirer. The Bears have many fans. In the same way, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has many fans when things are going well.

What if challenging times come? We Christians tend to blame God. If we find ourselves in difficult seasons of our lives, we fans sometimes walk away from Christ. The Gospel of Matthew issues a strong warning. Jesus said: "Not everyone who says to Me Lord, Lord, shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven but he who does the will of My Father in heaven." (Matthew 7:21) Fans cannot be passive observers but active participants.

We are challenged to confess with our mouth and even more with our lives. Later in the passage, Christ warns again: "I will declare to them, I never knew you; depart from Me." (Matthew 7:23) Christian fans often grade themselves on a curve. They look at the lives of others and tell themselves: "I am not that bad." If they feel they are more Christian than the other person, everything is fine. Our relationship with Christ, however, is graded with Him alone. He does not grade on a curve. Does He know us? Are we mere fans or true followers of Christ?

The Holy Scriptures have many examples of fans and followers of Christ. The Pharisees knew much about God. They believed in Him, but they did not really know Him intimately. The Pharisees did not have a personal relationship with God. Jesus described the Pharisees: "These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me." (Matthew 15:8) They were fans. Does this describe us?



Gavel to Gavel



BY PAUL KALLIS, SECRETARY

Parish Council meeting highlights from June 13, 2013

Present: Father Bill Chiganos, Father Nicholas Georgiou, George Chechopoulos, Terry Chiganos, Cindy Clark, James Fotopoulos, Paul Kallis, Louis Katziaris, Nick Kirkeles, Nick Kouchis, George T. Mannos, Jr., Mary Maragos, Peter Poteres, and Steven Savas

Financial Report

✦ The comparative financial report dated May 31 was reviewed by George Mannos. Jim Fotopoulos moved to approve the financial statements dated May 31 subject to year-end review. The motion passed unanimously.

Stewardship

✦ Louis Katziaris reviewed the Stewardship Report for May 31. Pledges to date for 2013 are 669 which are 8 better than this period last year. Total amount pledged to date for 2013 is \$616,769.25 which is \$6,240.71 less than the same period last year. Percent paid to date is 74% vs. 73% for the same period last year.

Correspondence

- ✦ Metropolitan Ambrosios of Korea sent a thank you for our recent donation of \$1,000.
- ✦ Zoe Ann Tomaras sent a thank you for our recent donation to the Purple Stride Pancreatic Cancer Walk.
- ✦ Nick Paloumpis sent a thank you for the new choir robes.
- ✦ Archbishop Ieronymos of Athens and All Greece visited the site of the Boston Marathon terrorist attack and laid a wreath at the site.
- ✦ The 56th Annual Choir Conference is being held Oct. 11-13. Nick Kirkeles made a motion to buy a full page ad for \$100. The motion passed unanimously.
- ✦ Greek American Rehabilitation & Care Center along with the Hellenic American Academy is holding a golf outing fund raiser.

St. Nicodemus was a ruler of the Jewish people. Nicodemus was a secret admirer or fan of Christ. While he believed Jesus was from God, he was afraid of being seen with Christ. What would people say? Hence, he came to Jesus "by night." (John 3:2)

Christ wants our hearts and souls all day not just at night. Nicodemus had to choose between being a fan or follower of Christ. Christ told Nicodemus he had to be "born again" (John 3:3). He committed his life to

Building & Grounds

- ✦ Electrical work, RPZ back flow preventer and roof work will be done during the summer.
- ✦ The bid for the sidewalk work came in at \$5,500. This is \$500 more than was approved at the last meeting. Permit has been attained for the work. Peter Poteres made a motion to adjust the approval to reflect the new amount. The motion passed unanimously.
- ✦ The Council requested that we get bids for the A/C Compressor.

Old Business

- ✦ George Mannos provided an update for the 55th Anniversary Luncheon. The date being looked at is Nov 30, 2014. The committee is currently looking at venues.

New Business

- ✦ George Chechopoulos mentioned that we need to renew our building insurance. The new policy premium will be \$16,068 an increase of \$502. Multiple bids were attained. Paul Kallis made a motion to renew our policy. The motion passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous

- ✦ 5K Family Run & Walk
Father Nicholas provided a recap of the event held on June 8. He thanked the Council for its support. Father thanked Lou Kafkes, Steve Savas, and Kiki Liston for their help with the event. The event raised \$5,700 for the Philoxenia house.
- ✦ Fanari Camp
Nick Kirkeles stated that 426 campers attended. This is the largest group in the history of the camp.
- ✦ Greek School
The Education Committee in consultation with the Greek School principal met to discuss various items prior to the start of the school year. A decision was made to raise the tuition for the 2013-14 school year by \$75 per student.

Christ and became an active follower. Nicodemus publicly defended Jesus' legal rights before the Sanhedrin rulers. He later prepared and entombed Christ's body. This is a bold public expression of faith. The former fan was a committed follower of Christ!

Old Testament saints were real Christ followers. Moses could not follow God without standing in front of Pharaoh. Noah actively followed God by building an ark that was

...See Fr. Nicholas on P. 3



The Adventure Theater radio presentation **Friendship and Betrayal** was performed on August 25. Performers at the microphones from left, were Gracie Govostis, Louka Ziogas, and Constantine Carrigan.

Service projects and fun for Jr. GOYA

7th and 8th graders, there's a special group for you at Holy Apostles! Jr. GOYA kicked off the school year with a Meet & Greet Pizza Party in September. Sunday, October 20 is a busy day for the group! A Bake Sale will be held following the Divine Liturgy. This is the group's primary fundraiser and it allows the children to work together to generate funds needed to implement the many projects planned for the year.

The year will be marked by a combination of service projects and social activities. Years ago, the Jr. GOYA established the tradition of collecting items for 'Operation Support our Troops' which supports our armed forces. This tradition continues and is one of the many ways Jr. Goyans reach out to others. The Holy Apostles community has been incredibly generous in the past and once again we ask for your support. Throughout the month of October donations will be accepted in the multi-purpose room. Please consider donating the following items:

Crackers (16 oz or less, Ritz type or graham)

Individually wrapped Beef Jerky and Slim Jims

Individual packets of coffee creamer
Chapstick or lip balm
Mouthwash/Dental Rinse (20 oz or less, plastic bottles)
Wipes (baby or adult wipes, flat packs of 100 ct or less)
Foot Powder (20 oz or less)
Vitamin C
Nasal Spray
Anti-itch or antibiotic creams
Shaving Cream (non aerosol)
Lotion for Men (16 oz or less)
magazines and Comics
Mechanical Pencils
Individually wrapped Twizzlers
New CD's and DVD's
Small Crossword or other Puzzle Books
Canned Soup/Pasta (20 oz or less)
Canned Fruit (20 oz or less)
Snacks: Pringles (canisters); Pop Tarts;
Granola Bars; bags of nuts

The Jr. Goyans will be packing the items at their meeting on Wednesday, November 6 from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm at Holy Apostles. It's never too late to join Jr. GOYA! For more information please contact info@jrgoya.org

Upcoming fundraiser to help Sunday School

On Sunday November 3, Holy Apostles is having a fundraiser at the Greek Islands, Lombard. All proceeds are going to Sunday School classroom renovations. There will be a special menu for all who attend at either 12:30pm or 3:00pm seating.

The donation is \$50.00 per person. Reservations will be taken in October after the Liturgy or you may contact Nick Kirkeles at 630.627.6700 or nkirkeles@comcast.net.

Fr. Nicholas from P. 2

Take this test

ridiculed by his neighbors. Daniel followed God by praying and being thrown into a lion's den.

Are you ready for a test? The Gospel of Luke details a story about a fan and follower of Christ. Simon, a Pharisee, invited Jesus to his home to dine with him. Simon knew all about Christ, but did not really know Him. This religious leader with all the head knowledge is a fan. A sinful woman came to the home and "stood at Christ's feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil." (Luke 7:38) Jesus reprimands Simon and tells him that when He entered his home, Simon did not offer Him water to wash the dust from His feet. The sinful woman washed them with tears and her hair. Simon did not greet Christ with a kiss. The sinful woman continually kissed Christ's feet. She is a true follower. Who are you most like in this story?

Many believe, but how many actually follow? In the four Holy Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, Jesus says "believe in Me" about five times. "Follow Me" is utilized about 20 times! As football season begins, our challenge is to become not just fans but true followers of Christ!

Synaxis family retreat



Forty families, along with several young adult volunteers, gathered this year over Labor Day weekend for the annual Family Synaxis retreat. The children are taught hymns during their workshops, which they have an opportunity to sing for their parents. The children, including Alexandra Drechsler from Holy Apostles, (top right) also helped out with the services.

Philoptochos Fall update

Membership

If you were unable to attend Membership Night held on September 17, it is not too late to join Philoptochos. We welcome new and returning members. Membership envelopes and volunteer forms are available in the church office. Contact Membership Chair Faye Adams at 630.517.8097 if you have questions.

October 19 Annual Luncheon & Fashion Show

It is not too late to come "Aboard the Orient Express" – luxury train service from Paris to Constantinople. Board the train at 11 am. Lunch will be served at 12 pm. Seats still available. First class ticket \$50 for adults, \$25 for children 12 and under. Don't get left behind at the station! Contact Nia Kouchis at 630.910.8224 for reservations.

October 24 Koukla's Kafenio

All seniors are invited to attend our Fall session of the popular Koukla's. Doors will open at 12 pm. Lunch will be served at 12:30 pm. Those planning to attend must respond by October 17 to Faye Adams at 630.517.8097.

Veterans' Day

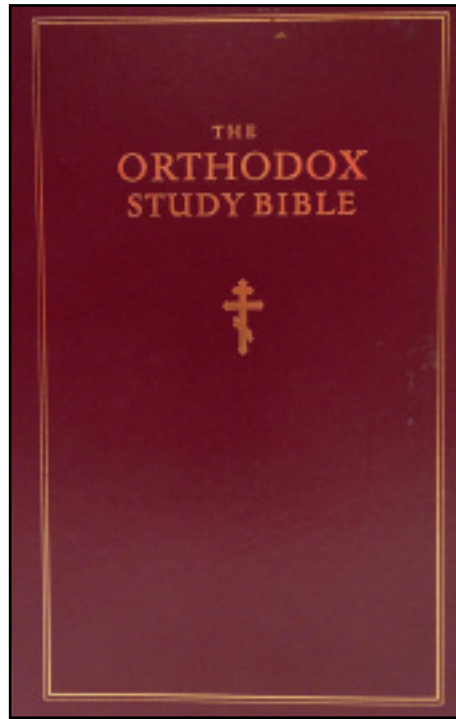
Philoptochos will celebrate Veterans Day on Sunday, November 10 with an Artoclasia honoring those who have served in the military. We encourage our veterans to attend for this special blessing following the Liturgy.

Poised for Success

New and gently used fall and winter women's career clothing is being collected between October 27 and November 7. We would greatly appreciate if you could take a peek at your closets and bring any donations to the multi-purpose room. The clothing drive is for Poised for Success, a non-profit organization that provides career clothing to women who cannot afford appropriate clothes for a job interview. The women are provided two interview outfits and once they secure a job, they are provided three more so they will have a week's worth of clothing.

New ministry for girls only!

Sign up after the Liturgy for our new ministry for girls, ages 12-18 called The Light Keepers. We are seeking out girls who are interested in helping with the candles during Liturgy on Sundays. This will be a year-round ministry. If you are interested, please sign up in the multi-purpose room or call Presbyteria Michelle at 630.428.1525.



Evening Bible Study begins

The Shadow Of God: A New Bible Study Series with Barbara Pappas. Scripture tells us that no-one can see God and live. But He has manifested His presence to mankind in many ways throughout the ages. Join us as we take a look at the people, places and events through which God has made His love, His Divine Plan, and His will for man known. Wednesdays @ 7:15 pm in the multi-purpose room at Holy Apostles. All are welcome. Bring your friends!

Registry

Baptisms

*Katerina, daughter of
Connie and Nicholas Philippas
Sponsor: John and Theodora Booras*

*Sophia, daughter of
Connie and Nicholas Philippas
Sponsor: Jim and Nadia Papagiannis*

*Son of
Christa and Dimosthenes Valkanos
Sponsor: Petro Tryfonopoulos*

*Son of Elizabeth and James Dietz
Sponsor: Gus Demos*

Wedding

*Elaine Kidonakis and Brian Murphey
Sponsor: Niki Arias*

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Thinking Through Faith

**New perspectives from
Orthodox Christian Scholars
Edited by Aristotle Papanikolaou
& Elizabeth H. Prodromou**

Within these pages a younger generation of Orthodox scholars in America takes up the perennial task of transmitting the meaning of Christianity to a particular time and culture. This collection of twelve essays is the result of six years of selective conversation and collaboration regarding core beliefs of the Orthodox faith, tenets that the authors present from fresh perspectives that appeal to reason and spiritual sensibilities alike.

\$22.00

Letters to St. Lydia

By Melinda Johnson

Lydia's life is turning upside down. Her family has converted to Orthodox Christianity without her, she's just about to leave home for college, one of her friends is pregnant, and soon she will be facing all the trials and temptations encountered by every young adult who's on her own for the first time. She needs a friend badly and she finds one in the most unexpected place: an icon of St. Lydia. Lydia pours out her troubles in letters to St. Lydia, who (invisibly to Lydia) answers, guiding her through her time of troubles with deep love and compassion.

\$18.00

The Lord is My Shepherd

Illustrated by Anne Wilson

The words of Psalm Twenty-Three have long comforted and reassured people of all ages. This imaginative, new presentation of the psalm pairs the timeless words with vibrant, contemporary illustrations that reinforce and aid our understanding of the psalm's powerful message. This unique reminder of God's constant presence with us makes a thoughtful and inspiring book for both children and adults.

\$16.00

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8:00am Orthros 9:15am Awaken To God 9:30am Divine Liturgy Fellowship Hour	5:15pm The Way	10:00am TOTIS 4:30pm Greek School 7:30pm Philoptochos Board Mtg.	1:00pm Adult Bible Study And Fellowship 7:15pm Evening Bible Study 7:30pm Catechism	4:30pm Greek School 5:00pm Greek School Picture Day	4:30pm Adventure Theater 7:00pm Parent Membership Night	
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13		4:30pm Greek School	1:00pm Adult Bible Study And Fellowship 7:15pm Evening Bible Study 7:30pm Catechism	4:30pm Greek School 7:30pm Parish Council Meeting	4:30pm Adventure Theater	11:00am Fashion Show At The Carifile
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
GOYA Fall Festival 8:00am Orthros 9:15am Awaken To God 9:30am Divine Liturgy Fellowship Hour		4:30pm Greek School	7:15pm Evening Bible Study 7:30pm Catechism	4:30pm Greek School	Thought for the Month Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil: it has no point.	
27	28	29	30	31		

Memorials

Bess Kuchuris
John Kinnas
Ann Kinnas
Kay Sarantopoulos
Lynette Hoppe
Julis Stavropoulos
Malamati Sikavitsas
Christos Sikavitsas
Thomas Tollios
Sophia Petrakos
Harry Petrakos
Nicholas Petrakos
JoAnne Manos
Pericles Manos
Carol Vessol
Nick Jumes
Jennie Jumes
James Athas
Pauline Athas
James Carres
Sophia Carres
Margaret Carres
Ernest Carres

A movie to see

Papadopoulos & Sons, is a movie about a rich London Greek family whos loses everything in a financial crash and starts again in a London fish & chip shop, where they learn the true meaning of joy and family unity.

The movie is going to be shown on Oct 24 at the Studio Movie Grill Wheaton (Screen 1), 301 Rice Lake Square, Wheaton, IL and we are trying to gather the Greek community there.

Here are the booking details for the screening on Oct 24:

<http://gathr.us/screening/5678>

This is the trailer for the movie:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=83J2uhKjOxE>

Weekday Services

Feast Day Of St. Demetrios

Saturday, October 26

8:00 am Orthros

9:00 am Divine Liturgy

More Photo Times Available

We have added two more opportunities for your family to take pictures for our new photo directory. The dates are Tuesday, October 15 and Wednesday, October 16.

Please go to our website and click on the link under the paragraph "photo directory".

If you do not have access to a computer please call the church office and we will assist you with your appointment.

Funerals

William Tassaras

James Alexander

Dr. Andrew Tomaras

Mary Sfondilias

Pat Chiampas

Mosaic Deadline

The November Mosaic deadline is Tuesday, October 8.

Postmaster: Please deliver by the 3rd of October

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