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Archbishop Sets Spiritual Tone at Florida Epiphany

TARPON SPRINGS, Fla.—As it has every year for nearly a century, Tarpon Springs' St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral once again hosted tens of thousands of people at the nation's largest Holy Theophany celebration, replete with the ornate and aesthetic beauty of Orthodox traditions. However, this year the quaint seaside town experienced an epiphany of its own.

By Patti Paxson

"At some point throughout the years, this important holy celebration grew and evolved, and it lost a little of its meaning along the way, but all the while putting Tarpon Springs on the map nationally as 'America's Epiphany City,'" noted Speros Theofilos, chairman of Epiphany '98's planning committee. When His Eminence Archbishop Spyridon presided at the celebration last year, he saw the incredible growth of the event and felt its general public, more secular popularity had overshadowed its religious significance." His Eminence participated in the event as an altar boy when he attended Tarpon Springs High School.

The epiphany that took place among the event's planners was evident throughout the celebration this year, shining through in everything from the way the mainstream press repeatedly emphasized the Christian significance of the event, to the solemnity and reverence of the religious procession to the town's Spring Bayou, where His Eminence presides at a service that ends in the traditional dive for the cross.

In fact, a young Greek Orthodox man who was covering the event for a local television station expressed to one of the event organizers how moved he was by the reverence and religious significance of the event. He said he had never seen an Epiphany celebration and didn't understand the significance of the event. "Now I do," the young man quietly noted, obviously moved, adding, "I want to come back next year just to be a part of it."

His Eminence also encouraged the members of St. Nicholas Cathedral to enlist the support of members of Tampa Bay's five other Greek Orthodox churches since the celebration has become so large and actually encompasses three full days of events beginning with His Eminence's arrival on Holy Theophany Eve and ending with the Feast Day of St. John the Baptist on Jan. 7 at St. John the Baptist Church in Tampa.

"We had clergy and lay people from several of the Bay area Greek Orthodox parishes helping with the planning for all the events. It was a great success enjoyed by the area's entire Greek Orthodox community," Theofilos said.

The celebration began Jan. 5 at Tampa International Airport with the joyous greeting of Archbishop Spyridon by his relatives, children dressed in Greek costumes and carrying flowers for His Eminence, and other Orthodox faithful.

A relaxing luncheon in honor of His Eminence followed, attended by area clergy and presbyteres and the Epiphany planning



ARCHBISHOP SPYRIDON flings the cross into Spring Bayou as more than 50 teens dive into the water in hopes of retrieving it. Looking on is Bishop Alexios of Troas, Archiepiscopal Vicar of the Atlanta Diocese. (D. Panagos photo)

committee. The lunch was hosted by the Ladies Philoptochos Society of Clearwater's Holy Trinity Church.

The pace picked up as the flurry of events began later that day, with AHEPA kicking off the celebration at their 62nd annual banquet at Spartan Manor in New Port Richey.

The morning of Epiphany arrived in a thick fog and gray clouds. But as Orthros proceeded beginning at 8 a.m. at St. Nicholas Cathedral in Tarpon Springs, the sun began to break through, streaming plenty of warm Florida sunshine onto the tens of thousands of people staking out their spot on the grassy hills surrounding the bayou, along the antique shop-lined streets where the religious procession would take place, or in one of the quickly filled seats inside the Cathedral.

More than 400 people filled the Cathedral long before the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy began at 10 a.m. About 400 more were directed next door to the community center where a closed circuit television and seating were available — a first for the Cathedral. The Epiphany services were celebrated by Archbishop Spyridon, Cathedral Dean Fr. Tryfon C. Theophilopoulos and 11 other Orthodox clergy.

But amidst the magnificence and opulence of the Holy Theophany Divine Liturgy and Agiasmo services were His Eminence's simple words of love. His message was clear in his homily: Love your neighbor and find God's love in your heart.

"People must change their ways," he said. "We can start a new life only if we can recognize what we have done wrong in the past, change our way of thinking and really repent. Then perhaps we might embark on a new beginning." He further illustrated with his inspiring words to the faithful how "Epiphany marks the beginning of a new phase in the life of Jesus."

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PATRIARCHAL PROCLAMATION ON THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST

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FROM CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR BORN IN
BETHLEHEM

*"For unto us a Child is born,
unto us a Son is given."*

Beloved Brethren and Most Dear
Children in Christ,

We have returned to the Ecumenical Patriarchate, from our lengthy journey and visit to the flock of the Holy and Great Church of Christ throughout the *Oikoumene*. Over the past few years, as we have traveled through the countries of Europe and Asia, to Australia and most recently America, we have experienced the unforgettable blessing and joy of meeting so many beloved people. We have seen faces shining with the light of hope, but also faces darkened by clouds full of tears and despair.

The countenances of young and old alike remain deeply engraved in our heart. We have seen many adults heavy laden with life's responsibilities and we have seen young people full of high hopes of a good career. We have seen the sick and infirm on their bed of suffering and the aged at the twilight of their life. We have heard the cries of young children, who are the hope for the renewal of our People.

We have tangibly experienced just how small our world really is and just how fleeting life can be. We have seen how

the light of hope and expectation shines in the eyes of people of all ages. And we have seen how much pain, suffering, and injustice exist in the world. We have seen how our weakness and sinfulness can demean the beauty of life, which by the love of God is capable of becoming paradise and all of us one loving family.

But amidst all of mankind's trials and tribulations, there comes the birth of a child, a divine gift to every family. Such a child is the harbinger of great joy and graces every family with the certainty, that through him the family grows, is blessed and has hope.

In this spirit of empathy and true understanding we should like to address to all of you sincere words of thankfulness and consolation. Having been graced by the joy of your love during our journey, we desire to give you something back in return.

And that which we want to offer you, and which is not possible for us to do fully, comes as a gift from heaven itself.

From one end of the world to the other, amidst the entire human family, that joyous message resounds: *"For unto us a Child is born, a Son is given . . . and His name shall be called the Angel of Great Counsel, Wonderful Counsellor, the Mighty God . . ."*

He is the expectation of the Nations. He is the joy of all children. He is the gladness of mothers. He is the sanctification of our human nature.

He is God born of a Virgin Mother. What greater marvel has the world ever seen?

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ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

Thousands Attend Epiphany in Tarpon Springs

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Just as the sun was breaking through the clouds, the solemn 15-minute procession comprised of Archbishop Spyridon, Bishop Alexios of Troas (Archiepiscopal Vicar of the Atlanta Diocese), priests, altar boys, choir members, cantors, 56 16-18-year-olds diving for the cross, last year's cross retriever, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Tarpon Springs High School band, Greek school children, the dove bearer, Greek dance groups and a color guard proceeded from the Cathedral to Spring Bayou for the blessing of the waters and the cross dive.

As the procession approached the top of the stairs leading to the bayou, the divers sprinted bare-footed to the dock to where the service was to be held and leaped into the water, swimming furiously to the 10 dinghies roped in a semi-circle to claim a good position for the dive.

As Archbishop Spyridon read the pas-



VASILIKI LEONTARAS gently holds the dove that will be released at the Cross Diving ceremony as she and members of the choir parade down the street to Spring Bayou.

(D. Panagos photo)

sages from the Holy Scriptures about Jesus' Baptism, followed by the blessing the bayou waters, 14-year-old Tarpon Springs resident Vasiliki Leontaras stood next to him gently holding a white dove. As she released the bird it flew majestically into the air during the part of the reading describing the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a

dove upon Jesus Christ. The dove bearer traditionally is a young, unmarried woman who has shown dedication to the Church.

His Eminence then tossed the white wooden cross into the slightly muddy, but warm waters of the bayou, and the young men dove into the water in an entangled, churning struggle for the cross.



ARCHBISHOP SPYRIDON with Constantine Triantafilou (Orthodox Observer photo)

IOCC Interim Director Visits Archdiocese

NEW YORK — Constantine M. Triantafilou, the new interim executive director and director of programs of the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), recently visited Archbishop Spyridon to discuss the organization's upcoming projects and events.

Triantafilou has been working with the IOCC since April 1993 as country representative and director of programs. He is now responsible for the overall management of all IOCC operations here and abroad. "I am very eager to collaborate with the Greek Orthodox Church and help relay the message that IOCC is the avenue for relief and development for humanitarian activities around the world," said Triantafilou.

He also shared his deep concern for the recent kidnapping of two IOCC staff in the Caucasus. "Unfortunately, we still do not have any information on their whereabouts. Local authorities and government officials have had meetings and developed a special task force that aims to investigate and apprehend the kidnapers," he said.

Since its founding in 1992, IOCC has administered more than \$50 million in programs throughout the world. Through these programs IOCC assists an estimated 500,000 people each year. These programs are administered in the form of construction and rehabilitation for schools and homes, emergency assistance, agricultural assistance, income generation and employment, social assistance such as soup kitchens and bakeries and assistance to educational institutions.

In February 1998, two fund-raising events are scheduled to raise public awareness of the IOCC's humanitarian efforts. The IOCC and the Orthodox Humanitarian Women's Society "Alkyonides" will co-host one of the events in Athens, Greece. The other will be hosted by the Hellenic Centre in London, England.

IOCC was formed by the Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas as the international humanitarian agency of Orthodox Christians worldwide.

Breaking through the surface of the water while clutching the cross was a thrilled, tearful and breathless 18-year-old, Theofilos Andreas Mamouzelos, a member of Holy Trinity Church in Clearwater and a Dunedin resident. His priest, Fr. James Rousakis, the vicar for the Tampa Bay area Greek Orthodox churches, stood by beaming with fatherly pride and joy that one of his flock received this blessing.

"I didn't believe it," Theo said raising the cross and the trophy he received as his fellow divers carried him on their shoulders through the streets to the Cathedral. "Somebody knocked it right into my hand," he said excitedly. This year for the first time, the divers were required to attend a religious education class about Epiphany before being allowed to dive for the Cross.

Theo had participated in the dive for the Cross two years before, but came up empty handed. This year, though, it was God's will that he would retrieve the Cross, noted some of the other divers as they congratulated Theo at the bayou, who was surrounded by more than a dozen media members anxious to interview him and his family about the blessing they all received.

The retrieval of the cross is a source of God's abundant blessings and grace. Orthodox Christians profess belief in Divine Providence, not luck (good or bad), and therefore believe the diver's retrieval of the cross is guided by God—God's will. The boys diving into the water share in Jesus' death; whoever finds the cross and raises it from the depths shares in Jesus' Resurrection, and therefore receives abundant grace.

However, all the other divers are renewed in the sanctified waters and also experience the redemptive power of the Cross.

The thousands of people strolled afterward to nearby Craig Park for the traditional Glendi Epiphany celebration festivities, where savory Greek food, drink, and live music and dancing were on tap for the afternoon. Archbishop Spyridon walked among the faithful, greeting them and partaking of the feast.

Later that evening the annual Epiphany Ball was held in grand style at the Westin Innisbrook Resort, which His Eminence also attended. More than 500 people enjoyed dancing and entertainment by the Grecian Keys.

The following day culminated the events of the week with a Feast Day of St. John the Baptist celebration at St. John The Baptist Greek Orthodox Church in Tampa, where Archbishop Spyridon, Father George Konstantopoulos—the parish's protopresbyter—and other area priests celebrated the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. The service was attended by more than 250 people and was followed by a luncheon in honor of His Eminence. Children from St. John Greek Orthodox Day School sang for the Archbishop after the lunch.

Afterward, the winter-orange sun set on the warm and windy day, concluding the event-filled, three-day celebration along the waters of Tampa Bay commemorating Jesus' baptism.

Patti Paxson is the Observer's Tampa-based correspondent.

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ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

Organizational Changes at the Archdiocese

NEW YORK- Archbishop Spyridon has announced a re-allotment of personnel and some organizational changes at the Archdiocese.

As a result, three clergymen have received new, expanded duties.

The Rev. Protopresbyter Alexander Karloutsos, in addition to his duties as vicar for public affairs (which focuses on governmental relations at the federal, state and local levels), has been named director of the Worldwide Ecumenical Patriarchate Endowment Fund.

The Rev. Presbyter Mark Arey, until recently the executive director ad interim of Leadership 100, has taken on full-time responsibilities as director of Communications, coordinating and facilitating public relations, the Orthodox Observer, GOTELECOM, Internet Ministries and general publications.

Leadership 100, the major gifts program and permanently restricted Endowment Fund of the Archdiocese, is in the process of becoming a separately incorporated organization supporting the National Ministries of the Archdiocese.

Fr. Arey will continue in an oversight capacity of Leadership 100 until a new executive director is selected.

The Very Rev. Archimandrite Gabriel Karambis, in addition to his duties as the director of Stewardship Ministries, has assumed the new position of coordinator of the National Ministries.

He will facilitate the National Ministries, including Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Religious Education, Greek Education and Culture, Missions, Outreach Mission (including Inter-Faith and Inter-Christian Marriage), Ionian Village, St. Michael's Home for the Aged and St. Basil's Academy.

CLERGY UPDATE

Assignments

Fr. Stephen C. Shagoury to Sts. Constantine and Helen Church, Middletown, Ohio.

Fr. Michael A. Kouremetis to Annunciation Cathedral, Atlanta.

Very Rev. Nicholas E. Pissare to Holy Cross Church, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Fr. Jon C. Emanuelson to Transfiguration Church, Charlottesville, Va.

Fr. Thomas Zaferes to St. Sophia Church, Syracuse, N.Y.

Fr. George W. Wilson to Panagia Pantovasilissa Church, Lexington, Ky.

Fr. Demetrios N. Kehagias to St. Demetrios Church, Clearwater, Fla.

Fr. George A. Xenofanes to Annunciation Church, North Miami, Fla.

Fr. John Glaros to Holy Trinity Church, Port Charlotte, Fla.

Very Rev. Maximos Moses to St. George Church, Norwalk, Conn.

Fr. Johannes L. Jacobse to Dormition Church, Greensboro, N.C.

Fr. Andrew C. Koufopoulos to St. George Church, Knoxville, Tenn.

Deacon Christopher Stamas to St. Demetrios Church, Weston, Mass.

Fr. Ignatios Achlioptas to St. Barbara Church, Durham, N.C.

Fr. Mark Arey, pastor of St. George the Tropeoforos Church, New York.

Fr. Alexander G. Leondis, pastor of St. Spyridon Church, New York.



Attends installation

On Saturday, Jan. 10, His Eminence Archbishop Spyridon represented the Greek Orthodox Faith at the installation of Bishop Frank Tracy Griswold III as the 25th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. The ceremony took place in Washington at the National Cathedral. Pictured above, His Eminence stands with a select group of Ecumenical and Inter-Faith Leaders, preparing to address Bishop Griswold and present him with an icon of our Lord Jesus Christ. The service was telecast via satellite around the world.

Ionian Village to Offer New Ad-'venture'

The Ionian Village program will offer a new pilgrimage this summer – a “Byzantine Venture” to Istanbul for 16- to 18-year-old campers scheduled for July 26 to Aug. 13.

Highlight of the pilgrimage will be an audience with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. Campers also will spend several days in Constantinople, visiting St. Sophia and many other sites of importance to the Church and Byzantine Empire.

A typical day will include morning prayer service, followed by various workshops, a Monastery walk, visits to Ancient Olympia, Delphi, and Athens, including the Acropolis, Monastiraki and Sounion and other activities. There

will be free time for sports, crafts or just relaxing.

Departure date will be July 21.

Of course, Ionian Village will offer its other summer programs, including Summer Travel Camp for ages 12-15, and Spiritual Odyssey for young adults ages 19 and up. Summer Travel Camp will take place June 30 to July 18, and Spiritual Odyssey runs from July 12-27.

All programs include extensive travel within Greece, enabling young Greek Americans to experience the land of their forebears.

For more information about any of these programs, write: Ionian Village, 8 East 79th St., New York, NY 10021.



Vasilopita cutting

Archbishop Spyridon celebrated the annual Vasilopita ceremony for the Archdiocese staff on Jan. 9. Later in the day, he also hosted area priests and their families for another Vasilopita cutting.

Archbishop Spyridon to Lead St. Photios Shrine Pilgrimage

ST AUGUSTINE, Fla. – Archbishop Spyridon will lead the 16th annual St. Photios National Shrine Pilgrimage on Friday, Feb. 6, the Feast of St. Photios the Great.

Bishop John of Amorion, St. Photios National Shrine president, will be the celebrant and homilist at the Archieratical Divine Liturgy at the St. Photios Shrine Chapel at 10:30 am, preceded by the Orthros services at 9:30 am.

The Bishop will be assisted by the Very Rev. Dimitrios Couchell, executive director of the National Shrine and the Orthodox Mission Center and other Orthodox priests of the area.

Protopsalti George Moutsopoulos will be the guest chanter for the Orthros period. He is the Director of the Byzantine Men's Choir from Daytona's St. Demetrios Church.

After the services, Bishop John C. Kallos will have a book-signing for his latest publication on Patriarch Meletios Metaxakis.

On Feb. 7, the annual meeting of the St. Photios Shrine Board of Trustees will be held at the Ponce Resort in St. Augustine. Archbishop Spyridon, Board chairman, will preside. Following the meeting, a trustees/spouses dinner will take place.

His Eminence will later conduct a Great Vespers and Artoclasia, assisted by area Orthodox priests and his deacon, Elias Villis.

Sunday, Feb. 8, Orthros will be chanted at the St. Photios Shrine Chapel, at 9:30 a.m. and the Archieratical Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., by His Eminence Archbishop Spyridon, with Bishop John of Amorion as co-celebrant, and other local clergy.

A memorial service will be held afterward for the Shrine founders, benefactors and trustees. Hymns and responses will be chanted by the Byzantine Choir of St. John's Church in Jacksonville under the direction of Mrs. Frances Trengas.

Later Sunday afternoon, at 1:30 p.m., the St. Photios Shrine Feastday Luncheon will be held at the Ponce Resort. Speaker will be Archbishop Spyridon.

Reservations may be made for the Shrine Luncheon by calling the St. Photios Shrine Office, 904-829 8707.

Archdiocese Adds Bible Meditation to Web Site

For the past year, with the support of His Eminence Archbishop Spyridon the Archdiocese has prioritized the availability and integration of material pertinent to the Orthodox Christian faith and life as well as material for the spiritual edification of the faithful on its web site.

The Archdiocese recently integrated a new, daily scriptural meditation known as “DYNAMIS” to its web site for clergy and laity.

DYNAMIS provides daily meditations on the Church's daily readings from the Scriptures. DYNAMIS, as well as a listing of the daily scriptural readings may be found online at: <http://www.goarch.org/access/devotional> (Select the link entitled Daily Scripture Readings from the Liturgical Calendar)

It is our sincere hope and prayer that the addition of this scriptural reflection to our web site will continue to help edify the faithful in both the Archdiocese of America and around the world.

To receive DYNAMIS each day via e-mail, simply send an e-mail to: A3dynamis@aol.com

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS



Fr. PASSIAS HONORED - Fr. George Passias, Archdiocese chancellor, and his family with Archbishop Spyridon. Fr. Passias recently was honored by his former parish, St. Nicholas in Flushing, N.Y., for his 19 years' service to the community. (D. Panagos photo)



DINNER FOR THE NEEDY - Archbishop Spyridon joins several homeless and needy people for a Thanksgiving dinner at El Greco Diner in Brooklyn, NY. Diner owner Anastasia Venetoklis and her son, Peter, have been serving the holiday meal for the past three years in memory of her late husband, Minos. (D. Panagos photo)

Greek Letters Week Event Set Feb. 1

The Archdiocesan Department of Education, in cooperation with the Committee on Hellenic Letters and Arts, will host the 10th annual Greek Letters luncheon, Feb. 1 at the Waldorf Astoria in Manhattan.

The event will be devoted to the rich cultural heritage of Byzantium and its impact on Western Civilization.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Ann Marie Wyel-Carr, chairman of the Department of Art History of Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

Proceeds from the luncheon will benefit the Archbishop Spyridon Scholarship Fund.

Co-chairing the event will be Fannie Petalides Holliday and Elias J. Kulukundis.



A FRUITFUL VISIT Goyans from parishes in Illinois, Massachusetts and New York recently visited the Archdiocese during their Christmas break and had the opportunity to engage in an open discussion with Archbishop Spyridon, who answered their many questions about the Church. The groups also attended a retreat at St. Vladimir's Seminary in Crestwood, N.Y. (Orthodox Observer photo)

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TUESDAY, Dec. 2 - Press conference for Ecumenikos Ellenismos, Archdiocese headquarters

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 3 - Vespers, St. Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church, Tom's River, N.J.

THURSDAY, Dec. 4 - Orthros, Liturgy for St. Barbara's Feast Day, St. Barbara's Church, Orange, Conn.

FRIDAY, Dec. 5 - Opening of art exhibit at Holy Trinity Cathedral Center, Manhattan.

- Vespers, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 196-10 Northern Blvd., Flushing, N.Y.

SATURDAY, Dec. 6 - Orthros, Divine Liturgy, St. Nicholas Church, Newark, N.J.

SUNDAY, Dec. 7 - Divine Liturgy, 75th anniversary celebration, St. George Greek Orthodox Church, Trenton, N.J.

FRIDAY, Dec. 12 - Open house at Archdiocese headquarters, 8 E. 79th St., Manhattan.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 17 - Orthros/Divine Liturgy for St. Dionysios of Zakynthos, Archdiocese Chapel of St. Paul, Archdiocesan headquarters.

- Christmas Concert, Hellenic Cultural Center, Astoria.

THURSDAY, Dec. 18 - Reception for Washington-area Patriarchal Visit staff and volunteers, St. George Church, 7701

Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, Md.

FRIDAY, Dec. 19 - Reception for New York-area Patriarchal Visit staff and volunteers, Archdiocese headquarters.

SATURDAY, Dec. 20 - Christmas program, St. Basil Academy, Garrison, N.Y.

- Pastoral visit to St. Demetrios Church, 57 Brown St., Weston, Mass.

SUNDAY, Dec. 21 - Continuation of pastoral visit to St. Demetrios Church, Weston, Mass.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 24 - Orthros and Divine Liturgy, Archdiocesan Chapel of St. Paul., departure for Charlotte, N.C., Orthros and Divine Liturgy, Holy Trinity Cathedral, Charlotte, N.C.

THURSDAY, Dec. 25 - Return from Charlotte

SATURDAY, Dec. 27 - Orthros and Divine Liturgy, St. Paul Archdiocesan Chapel, followed by breakfast with Archdiocese Young Adult League.

SUNDAY, Dec. 28 - Christmas gathering at St. Michael's Home for the Aged, 3 Lehman Terrace, Yonkers.

MONDAY, Dec. 29 - Christmas luncheon with staff, Archdiocese headquarters

TUESDAY, Dec. 30 - Visits to the Archdiocese by Goyans from Illinois and Massachusetts.



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Festive Scenes of the Christmas Season at the Archdiocese

(right)
Archdiocese staff members pose with His Eminence for the traditional annual Christmas photo.



(below)
His Eminence, Archbishop Spyridon of America, cuts a cake presented to him on the occasion of his nameday, the feast of St. Spyridon.



(above)
Archbishop Spyridon hangs the final ornament on the Archdiocese Christmas tree. *(Orthodox Observer photo)*



(left)
Songs of the season
Archbishop Spyridon is joined by (from left) Frs. Evangelos Kourounis, George Passias, Anastasios Bourantas and daughter Corina Catherine, and George Dragas in leading the Archdiocese staff in Christmas Carols during the annual tree lighting ceremony.

(Dimitris Panagos photos)



(above)
Transfiguration School children from Corona, N.Y., with Archbishop Spyridon in front of the Archdiocese Christmas Tree.

(above left)
Astoria school kids
St. Demetrios Day School students were among several school groups who came to honor His Eminence on his name day.



(below left)
Students from W.Spyropoulos School of St. Nicholas Church in Flushing, N.Y., sing Carols to the Archbishop.

ORTHODOXY WORLDWIDE

Remains of Last Russian Czar Brought to Moscow

MOSCOW (Reuters) — Controversy still surrounds the issue of the remains of Russia's last czar. The czar and his family, murdered by Bolshevik revolutionaries in 1918, were brought to Moscow by train early last month for more authenticity tests, a government official said.

President Boris Yeltsin last month ordered the bones to be transferred from the Urals city of Yekaterinburg, where Czar Nicholas II, his wife and children were shot, for final identification to Moscow before a re-burial in 1998.

Scientists in Russia and abroad have agreed after conducting sophisticated DNA tests that the remains, found outside Yekaterinburg, belong to Nicholas and his family.

But the Russian Orthodox Church has raised doubts about their authenticity.

The decision to send the bones to Moscow for final testing has caused controversy. Officials in Yekaterinburg protested because they fear they might never be returned.

NTV television said the bones were taken to a research institute which was expected to complete tests by Jan. 15 and to deliver a report to the government the same day.

Syriacs Invade UN Center in Protest Against Turkey

GENEVA (Reuters) — A group of Syriac Christians from southeast Turkey briefly occupied part of the United Nations' European headquarters in mid-November demanding action to stop what they said was a Turkish clampdown on their rights.

The UN security guards looked on as fewer than 100 protesters, mainly men but also including some women and children, rushed past the main gate of the sprawling 1930's complex and forced their way into the Palais des Nations.

Only a few thousand Syriac Christians, whose Syriac language is a dialect of Aramaic, are left in mainly Muslim Turkey. They live uneasily in and around the southeast Turkish town of Midyat where they have an ancient Christian Orthodox church.

The group was protesting against a Turkish government decision to close monasteries, churches and schools of the Syriac Christians in Turkey, the remnants of one of the most ancient Christian communities in the Middle East.

The protest was peaceful and the group left after UN officials agreed to meet their representatives to discuss their grievances. The UN office in Geneva is the world body's center for dealing with human rights' issues.

One protester said he feared the Turkish authorities wanted to convert the community's remaining churches in Turkey into mosques. "Since the Ottoman times, Turkey has never recognized our rights. Our churches are the only place where our ancient language is taught and now they are trying to shut them down."

New Orthodox Jurisdictions

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt (ANA) — Patriarch Petros of Alexandria and All Africa recently announced the creation of four new archbishoprics at a recent Holy Synod meeting. The new jurisdictions consist of Tanzania, Nigeria, Ghana and Madagascar.

In addition, the Synod appointed new bishops in Cameroon, Zimbabwe and Kenya. The Patriarch also announced his schedule of upcoming pastoral visits at the meeting.

Metropolitan of France Elected as CEC President

GENEVA (ENI) — Metropolitan Jeremie Caligiorgis of France has been elected president of Europe's most representative ecumenical organization, the Conference of European Churches (CEC). Metropolitan Jeremie had served at CEC vice president since 1992. He succeeds the Rev. John Arnold, Anglican dean of Durham, England.

The new president, a hierarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, is one of the most important Orthodox leaders in Western Europe. Along with his duties as Metropolitan of France, he serves as Exarch of Spain and Portugal. He also has held senior positions in church and ecumenical organizations in Europe.

Cyprus Says More Religious Booty Found in Germany

NICOSIA (Reuters) - Cypriot authorities said that German police had found scores of religious artifacts in Munich that apparently had been plundered from Greek Orthodox churches on the island.

Some 130 icons, 25 frescoes and two mosaics were discovered in a crypt at a Munich apartment on Nov. 26, Cyprus police said. The frescoes had been removed from the churches by chipping plaster from the walls.

"According to the German police, the religious objects probably come from the

church of Panayia Kanakaria and the chapel of Antiphonitis in the occupied areas," a Cypriot police statement said. Relics from both churches in the Turkish-held area of northern Cyprus have been recovered from art smugglers in recent years. The Munich apartment was allegedly leased by a Turkish archaeologist arrested in the city in October in connection with other finds of stolen Cypriot artifacts, including icons and mosaics.

Cypriot authorities are seeking the man's extradition for trial in Cyprus.

Orthodox Church Sponsors Seminar for EU

LUXEMBOURG (ANA) — The Church's European Union Liaison Office recently organized a seminar titled "A Continent in Transition: Completion and Reconciliation" that examined issues of concern to Orthodox Christians.

The seminar was attended by delegates from the Patriarchates of Constantinople, Moscow, Serbia, Romania, and the Autocephalous Orthodox Churches of Greece, Cyprus, Albania, Slovakia, the

Czech Republic, Poland and Armenia. It took place Oct. 30 to Nov. 11.

Among the issues examined were the prospects of the EU's expansion, the role of churches in Europe, the Ecumenical Patriarchate's contributions in Europe, and the Church's position on the EU's expansion in Central and Eastern Europe.

During the opening ceremony addresses were delivered by European officials and Greece's ambassador to Luxembourg.

Greek Cypriot Pilgrims Visit North Cyprus Monastery

NICOSIA (Reuters) — About 1,000 Greek Cypriots set off on a pilgrimage to a Greek Orthodox monastery in northern Cyprus, the largest group visit since the island's division in 1974.

The trip, which took place in late November, was the second to the monastery during 1997, part of a package of reciprocal goodwill humanitarian gestures encouraged by the UN to improve relations between Greek and Turkish Cypriots. The previous group, consisting of 650 pilgrims, visited the monastery last August.

The 19th century monastery is built on the site where Apostle Andrew, one of Jesus' disciples, ran aground during a missionary journey.

Pilgrims filed on to 20 buses at a United Nations controlled checkpoint in Nicosia, the capital, for the 80-mile journey to Apostolos Andreas on the northeastern tip of the island. The pilgrimage took on an added importance since Nov. 30 is the saint's feast day.

"I am getting the shivers just thinking about going back after 23 years," confessed Rena Savva, 50, while other women held yellowed photos of missing persons and pictures of youths killed on the cease-fire line by Turks in August 1996.

Patriarch Petros Expresses Thanks to Zimbabwe Leader

HARARE, Zimbabwe (PANA) — Patriarch Petros VII of Alexandria and All Africa recently met with President Robert Mugabe to express his gratitude on the support his Church received from the government. Patriarch Petros, who was in the country for the fifth time, also expressed appreciation for Zimbabwe's stance on the Cyprus problem.

During a visit to Cyprus in earlier this year, President Mugabe said Zimbabwe was against the invasion of Cyprus by Turkey. Cyprus has been virtually partitioned into a Greek Cypriot south and Turkish Cypriot north since troops from Turkey landed in the country in 1974.

The Orthodox leader was accompanied by the Greece's ambassador to Zimbabwe, Athanasios Valassidis, Archbishop Lounnis of the Greek Orthodox Church in Zimbabwe and the Archbishop of North Africa, Chrysostoneos.

Dialogue Held on Church-State Relations

BRUSSELS (ANA) — The second dialogue meeting between the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Presidium of the European Peoples Party's (EPP) Parliamentary Group and the Presidium of the European Christian Democrat Union (ECDU) took place in Thessaloniki Dec. 11-13, at the invitation of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.

The dialogue's focal point was "Relations between the church and the state. Man and his environment in Europe of the third millennium."

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ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE

The Catholic Standard

Although he lives on the other side of the world, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I of Constantinople, the spiritual leader of the world's 300 million Orthodox Christians, has a pretty good handle on the spirituality of Americans. This, I must admit, kind of surprised me.

By Richard Szczepanowski

When editor Mark Zimmermann assigned me to write about the Patriarch's visit here, I really thought he would come here with a Byzantine view of western society and speak in esoteric terms about eastern mysticism. How wrong I was.

In talks at the Capitol building and at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore, Patriarch Bartholomew lamented the "spiritual hunger" many Americans suffer. He also warned that the hunger must not be met by "the proliferation of secular therapies in the jargon of popular psychology."

"While recognizing the values and insights of secular psychology and the con-

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temporary culture of therapy, we affirm that these disciplines are nonetheless incomplete, reductive, and in some cases, antithetical to the healing traditions of the Church," he said in Baltimore. "If we fully embrace the true spiritual life, out of love for the Lord, we shall be full of joy and gladness."

In receiving the Congressional Gold Medal, Patriarch Bartholomew referred to "a great hunger for spirituality . . . a thirst for transcendent meaning" among Americans.

"We believe that, as we enter the next millennium, religious values, religious feeling, and religious faith are undergoing a massive revival," he said. "The modern era has not eliminated faith-you could no more eliminate faith than love. Even atheists believe in atheism. The modern era has simply replaced spiritual faith in God with secular faith in man."

Pointing out the violence that has marked the 20th century, the Patriarch said, "In its own fearsome power, humanity recognized its own appalling fallibility. Thus

began our return to faith. It is no longer considered unfashionable or backward to believe. A generation that worshipped many false idols—from drugs and cult to power and wealth—now seeks an authentic tradition for its own children."

It's amazing that these "false idols" of American life are so clearly identified by a churchman living in Istanbul, but they are not so clearly seen by those of us who have succumbed to those very same false idols.

He is right, too, about the "pop psychology" mentality that teaches us not to take responsibility for our own actions, but instead to view ourselves as some sort of victims. Through this false teaching, it has become vogue to be a "survivor" of one thing or another, and therefore have no responsibility for acting in ways that are moral and correct. This often self-absorbing "pop psychology" has introduced us to our need for "sharing" and "validation" and "healing our inner child." It is mostly self-centered, and teaches that any whim, any want,

any caprice is equally—if not more—important than being the good and holy people God calls us to be.

In a talk at St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Northwest Washington, Patriarch Bartholomew urged the faithful to worship Christ "in spirit and in truth." That message is important for Catholics, as well.

"You live in a world which holds the view that Christian truth is not important. It maintains that to be ethically good is enough," he said. "Certainly, ethical goodness is necessary, but we say unto you . . . live your lives by Christ and as faithful children of the truth." Faith in Christ, he added "is the sensing of that which is beyond all sensation. It is the assurance of things unseen. It is the blessedness that exceeds time and space."

Patriarch Bartholomew speaks the truth: "the blessedness that exceeds time and space" can only be found in God. And, I think that same God, that more and more of us are learning "it is no longer considered unfashionable or backward to believe."

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Special Memories of Patriarch's Visit

For only the second time in history, an ecumenical patriarch (worldwide father) has come to the United States. The spiritual leader of 300 million Orthodox Christians, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew holds the title "first among equals" of the world's Orthodox patriarchs.

By Fran Presley

When I heard that Dallas was one of the 16 cities he would visit during his trip here from Istanbul, Turkey, I decided to go to see him. I saw on his schedule that among other Dallas activities he would lead a vespers service at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church on Tuesday evening last week.

I arrived at the Church early. A line of people had already formed, waiting for the doors to be opened. I didn't mind the wait, for an unexpected encounter made the time fly by.

"Are you covering the Patriarch's visit?" a small, bespectacled, older woman asked me, noticing the press card around my neck. She was sitting in a chair, waiting patiently to get into the Church.

I answered her question, and she invited me to sit by her. Her name was Irene.

I learned she had ridden a bus from Houston with 50 other Greek Orthodox, and they would drive back to Houston after the service. She looked a little tired but very happy.

"I came on the spur of the moment; I don't go very many places," Irene told me. Then she smiled. "I can't believe I'm here! This is just as important as seeing the pope."

Irene looked at me with alert, dark eyes as she told me about herself. She was born in the United States, but her parents were born on the island of Mitylene, Greece. Under Turkish rule, Orthodox Christians had to worship God secretly, and Irene said her parents worshipped at services held in the caves of mountains.

As she told me about herself, it became obvious to me that Irene's parents and grandparents passed on a strong faith to her. For example, in 1947, Irene and her husband were operating a business in Texas City when a ship explosion rocked the city, killing hundreds and wounding thousands.

The day before the explosion, they were in Galveston, and happened to drive past an Orthodox Church. Irene asked her husband to stop so she could go in and say a prayer. He did not attend Church regularly with her and he did not want to stop. Reluctantly, he parked the car at the Church.

When Irene came out of the church after praying, to her surprise her husband asked, "Was anyone else in there?" Irene said no. Then he said he wanted to go in and pray, too. His late mother had been a devout Greek Orthodox woman, and he wanted to light a candle for her.

The next day, when the tragic explosion occurred, they escaped harm. They were thankful for the strengthening prayers of the day before.

Irene kept my attention with other stories of faith, and proudly showed me a picture of her mother, a handsome woman now in her 90s and living in Houston.

Irene said her mother was such an impressive cook that once she was asked to cook a special meal for a visiting archbishop. Ten years later, the archbishop saw Irene's mother again, called her by name and listed every dish she had cooked.

When Irene and I saw that our wait was over and the church doors were opened, we parted company to sit in different places. Irene must have felt at home, for the dignified, white-bearded patriarch led the prayers in Greek. He then gave a short message to his flock in both English and Greek, saying among other things, "Preserve the faith of our fathers. Be strong. Be courageous. Have no fear; have faith."

During the service, he made the sign of the cross over the congregation several times, blessing them with the cross in his hand. As he did so, I thought of another of Irene's stories.

When she was a little girl, her parents moved to Texas from Connecticut. On her first day at school in Texas, her male teacher looked at her with hatred and said, "Get out of my class, you (expletive) Yankee!"

The following Sunday, an archbishop was visiting her church. As he passed Irene, he gently rested his hand on the little girl's head. She told me that when she felt his hand, all her hurt and fear melted away.

As Patriarch Bartholomew blessed his flock, I was sure, somehow, that Irene received a special blessing.

I will never think of the Patriarch's visit to Dallas without also thinking of a dark-eyed Greek lady who has preserved the ancient faith.

Fran Presley is an Orthodox Christian and a columnist for the *Texarkana Gazette*. Her article, which appeared under the title "Orthodoxy at core of woman's faith" in the Nov. 15 issue of the *Gazette*, is reprinted with permission.

His All Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, while visiting and meeting with Archdiocese staff, graciously accepts a commemorative plaque from the director of the Orthodox Observer Constantine Deligiannis and the Observer staff. The plaque featured the cover page of the October 5, 1997 issue, the first of four issues dedicated to the historic Patriarchal visit to the U.S.



PATRIARCHAL PROCLAMATION ON THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST

from page 1

Let all creation leap for joy and all those born on earth rejoice!

With the incarnation of God the Logos and His assumption and deification of our human nature, we have all become brothers. We can hope. We are encouraged. We draw strength. We feel tangible love. We marvel at the divine Child, Who through humility joins the fellowship of man. He is born in a cave. He reclines in a manger. He is wrapped in swaddling clothes. He enters into our poverty, our isolation, our desolation. He does not come as a mere visitor. He comes to become man, and endures all the sufferings of the flesh, save sin. He suffers the icy cold of winter, the helplessness of poverty, the hatred of Herod, the bitterness of exile, the flight into Egypt, the hardships endured by His All Holy Mother and His foster father.

He comes and He saves us. Emmanuel is born! God is born, and He abides with us.

And so, we live the miracle, not only one where God makes man, but where the All Holy, Pure Virgin gives birth to God. Therefore, let heaven and earth be filled with the Angels' hymn: *Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace!*

Glory and divine peace reign in heaven and on earth!

Uncreated glory and unending peace reign in the palace and sanctuary of peace, the liturgical world of the Church. This peace and glory reign in the heart of every person of faith, who entrusts all of his life and places it in the hands of the incarnate

Word of God.

For without the Lord — the God-Man — without Emmanuel, we are alone. We are powerless, frail, and barren. But now we are children of God, brethren and co-heirs with Christ.

At this time of the universal joy of Christmas, we send not letters written by a man, but we announce to you the Message of the God-Man:

"Thou hast dawned, O Christ, from the Virgin, Thou Noetic Sun of Righteousness."

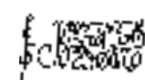
This Sun enlightens everything under the sun. He gives light to the ends of the earth and to the depths of the human soul.

Whether you celebrate Christmas in the Northern or Southern hemisphere, during winter or summer, we all need the defining love and grace of the Incarnate God.

We pray with all our heart that "the young Child, the Pre-eternal God" will abundantly bestow on all of you this love and grace, so that you may enter joyfully into the new year of His goodness. And may you be counted worthy to be more prepared to celebrate the millennial observance of the two thousand years of that great day in the history of the world, the Nativity of the Savior of us all, the God-Man our Lord Jesus Christ.

May His grace and infinite mercy be with you all.

At the Phanar, Christmas, 1997



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"The Light of the Orthodox Church"

WORLDWIDE PROMOTION OF THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE USING COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

Following discussions with the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, His All Holiness Bartholomew, Mr. Tassos Anthonias, Lecturer of Computer Science, has produced a comprehensive computer program on CD-rom disks which presents the Ecumenical Patriarchate and its history using a wide range of colored illustrations and reproductions, texts, excerpts from Services and photographs. The program runs in Greek and English.

Mr. Anthonias visited the Patriarch a year ago and proposed the program with two goals in mind: as a contribution to the international promotion of the Patriarchate of Constantinople and to Hellenism in general (especially for Greeks living abroad), using the program to convey the spirit and the traditions of the Orthodox Church.

The combination of tradition and modern technology reveals just how alive these traditions are in today's world.

The Ecumenical Patriarch showed great interest in the production of the program and was of enormous assistance in collecting the material used (audio, printed, recorded and taped).

The title of the program is "The Light of the Orthodox Church."

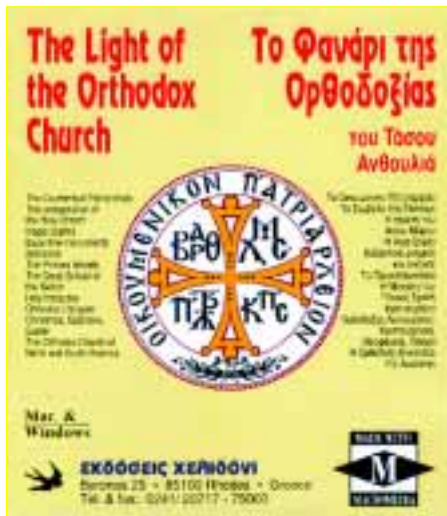
It is 250 mb in size and published in CD-rom disks and compatible with either IBM or Macintosh computer programs.

The program is divided into 8 parts. The first part is entitled "The Ecumenical Patriarchate: past and present" and is made up of the following sections:

The Patriarchate Today, The History of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, The Patriarchal Churches (St. George), Holy Treasures, Sacred Persons and Great Personalities, The Consecration of the Holy Chrism and The List of the Patriarchs.

The second part of the program presents the Church of Aghia Sophia and its history.

The third part presents the most important Byzantine monuments and icons which are to be found in Constantinople today.



The fourth part presents Greek and religious traditions in the Princes islands.

The fifth part deals with the history of the Great School of the Nation.

The sixth part includes excerpt from the Liturgies of Christmas, Epiphany and Easter, recorded at the Patriarchal Church, along with colored photographs of Byzantine icons, each of which is accompanied by a relevant chant. The user of the program can read the original Greek text and the English translation.

In this section of the program, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew himself reads the "Creed" and the "Our Father." Also, for the first time, it is possible to hear the Symbol of the Faith set to music.

The seventh part presents a selection of the activities of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, together with a message from him. There is also an illustrated account of his life.

Finally, the eighth part centers on the activities, structure and institutions of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

All of the information and the material contained in the program is based on Byzantine tradition. For example, illustrated capital letters are used from Byzantine manuscripts and borders copied from Byzantine icons.

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By Fr. Andonios Paropoulos

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Having No Bones, Yet Breaking Bones

What part of our body is so important that if we could learn to control just that one part then perhaps as the scriptures say, we could be considered to be a perfect person?

By Fr. George Passias

What part of our body is it that in a moment's notice can either establish us in the presence of the saints or abruptly remove us from any semblance of holiness? What part of the body of the person is essentially the door to the soul? When it opens it exposes the truths, the existence, the pulse and the texture of the being that is within. What part of our body? What part of our body has the ability to kill or to raise-up, to destroy or to build, to heal or to wound, to make whole or to make lame, to love or to hate, to distress or to comfort, to teach or to blind, to give life or to bring death quickly?

The Proverbs give us very quickly the answer. In the 18th: "from the fruit of his mouth a person is satisfied, death and life are in the power of the tongue." St. James (Iakovos) in his Epistle tell us: "what good is it my friend your religion if your tongue has not been bridled? If you deceive your heart with the way you speak your religion is useless to you."

Our Lord says the following in Matthew: "For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things. An evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. But I say to you that every idle word men may speak they will give account of it in the Day of Judgment. For by your words you will be justified. And by your words you will be condemned."

We started out with the issue of the tongue. How quick we are to condemn. Imagine how those who reviled our Lord Jesus Christ felt when they finally saw Who He really was and is? Imagine those who stood by the Cross and railed "if you're the Christ come down; you saved others, now save yourself and come down and we'll believe."

Can you imagine what it is going to be like in the afterlife to see people as saints who we criticized at will in this world while in the next we may be begging them for their prayers and intercessions?

Our words leave our mouths ever so

superficially. We condemn and destroy at will and at sight, from mouth to mouth, mouse to mouse, and click to click, without really knowing the facts.

St. Basil writes "the person who listens to rumors is as guilty as the person who spreads them." St. John Chrysostom says, "if you are fasting from meat and dairy and fish and oil and even bread and water and you condemn your brother, even if it is Holy Friday, go and eat the meat and fish and dairy products etc. and shut your mouth and don't condemn your brother. For eating your brother with criticism is far worse than breaking the fast that we hold so dear."

In closing my friends, I ask you to consider the tongue, which accepts the body and blood of Christ, the very door of the soul. The tongue is able to give glory to God.

The tongue that takes a young child or a child in your home, is able to build them up or destroy them. Why do we suffer in the U.S. from so many children with low self-esteem? Could it be that their parents are destroying them without ever even touching them? Are they breaking the bones of their soul and their personhood into pieces with their tongue?

In the Greek language there is a famous saying: "the tongue has no bones but it is able to break bones."

Let us close with this account from the Holy Scriptures. Moses had married an Ethiopian girl. His sister and brother didn't approve of her. Miriam and Aaron criticized her so harshly. All of a sudden Miriam was covered with leprosy from her head to her foot. She went running to Moses, "Moses you are holy and you talk to God, go and pray to Him to cleanse me." He asked her, "Miriam what have you done, what have you said?" She told him painfully and regrettingly.

Moses said to her, "I forgive you, but I must ask God if He will forgive you." Moses got down on his knees and begged God to forgive his brother and sister and God responded: "let her remain a leper for one week and then she shall be cleansed."

Look at the power of the tongue; her misguided tongue brought leprosy. His righteous tongue brought cleansing, salvation and forgiveness, and the ear of God. How do you think we should best use our tongue?

Fr. Passias is Archdiocese chancellor.

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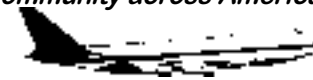
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OPINIONS

EDITORIALS

Swift Justice Needed

The bombing of the Patriarchal Cathedral of St. George by Islamic fundamentalists in early December underscores once again the Ecumenical Patriarchate's precarious position.

In the wake of His All Holiness' highly successful U.S. tour, these fanatics expressed their paranoid fears about either the re-opening of Halki, or perhaps that the Patriarch somehow plans to set up a Vatican-style state on Turkish soil. Their cowardly act of tossing a grenade in the middle of the night surely backfired on them and their country.

Based on the wide range of condemnation of the bombing, including that of the Turkish government, world opinion supports the Patriarchate.

A Great Beginning

1997 was a watershed year for the Archdiocese. The historic first visit of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew last fall has demonstrated the kind of progress and new heights that can be achieved when Orthodox Christians across the nation come together to work for Christ and His Church, and for the common good, despite the negativism and carping of those who did not want this visit to succeed.

The unity and spirit of good feeling that this olympian project has generated in such a short period is something that the Church must build upon in the ensuing years as we enter a new millennium.

Never before in the history of this Archdiocese has there been an event of this magnitude that captured the imagination and brought out the best of the faithful as this Patriarchal visit has.

Under the strong leadership of Archbishop Spyridon, and the efforts of many key people who developed the framework and organization for the project, thou-

While the physical damage to the building can be repaired, the emotional injuries that result from the attack on the Patriarchate's security won't heal as easily, especially when you consider that two other such attacks have taken place since 1994.

This time, however, someone was seriously injured. Deacon Nektarios Nikolou underwent three hours of surgery for his extensive wounds, but has made a successful recovery.

How can the center of world Orthodox Christianity be safeguarded against such attacks? There is no simple solution, but a good start would be to swiftly bring these terrorists to justice and give the clear message that such a crime receives severe punishment.

sands of people across the country selflessly gave of their time, talents and resources to make it all happen.

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew was able to bring out the message of Orthodox Christianity to his widest audience ever because of this hard work.

Although the Patriarch could not possibly travel to every major city and Orthodox community, the impact of his message in the areas he did visit, and through the media coverage that resulted (more than 1,500 newspaper and magazine articles alone), has been disseminated to every corner of this Archdiocese and around the world.

Although we can bask for a while in the satisfaction of such a great accomplishment, we cannot rest on our laurels. This Orthodox Christian spirit and standard of excellence and cooperation can and must be sustained and expanded for the future progress of the Church.

It's a great way to begin the New Year!

was outstanding. It was truly impressive, first class and everyone in attendance should have walked away extremely proud that our church has so much to offer.

My problem is as follows: Upon leaving MSG, my children asked, "but where were the young adults?", meaning, the 20- to 35-year-olds. There were very few to be seen, unfortunately. Later that same week, my sister and her family attended the Patriarch's dinner in Chicago. Her children made the same comment. Why aren't our young people involved?

The televangelists that appear almost daily in our living rooms cater to the young adults. When the television cameras pan the crowd in attendance, the majority appear to be young adults.

Our last large get-together was five or six years ago when Patriarch Benedictos (sic) visited the U.S. We cannot, we should not wait another five or six years for another 15 minutes of fame - using your words. Pushing this responsibility down to the individual communities, in my mind, is not the answer either. Now that we have the momentum, the initiative must come from the leaders of the church. This has to become their responsibility.

Our church has much to offer our young and old alike. Our church needs a strong second act - a very strong second act, before the enthusiasm evaporates.

M. S. Makrenos, New Jersey

While there are no figures on attendance by age group, a large number of young adults did attend the Liturgy. Patriarch Bartholomew even addressed his En-

COMMENTARY

Extreme Measures for Infertility

"Am I the only one who doesn't think the birth of septuplets is cute?," writes Barbara Brotman of the Chicago Tribune.

No, Barbara, you are not!

By Fr. Angelo Artemas

The babies are in stable condition and expected to go home this month. May God bless and protect them from the many risks they face. But a word to the parents: Stop saying that this was God's will! It wasn't God's will for the McCaugheys to have septuplets; it was drugs.

Frustrated couples in their late 30s or into their 40s who have been trying to have children for many years have been able to turn to fertility drugs.

But Kenny is 27 years old and Bobbi is 29 years old, and they already had a 21-month-old daughter, MiKayle.

Time magazine reports that Kenny and Bobbi wanted another child, preferably a boy, and that they didn't want to wait more than a year. These births are all about Kenny's and Bobbi's will - not God's will. One could argue that, by taking fertility drugs, the McCaugheys circumvented God's will.

Isn't it laughable that Bobbi had her tubes tied immediately after the births?

Was that also God's will? Kenny and Bobbi had the potential of conceiving naturally, but not the patience or faith.

The couple repeatedly proclaimed that their faith prevented them from reducing the conceived fetuses. While that is certainly very Christian of them, where was their faith before they took these drugs? Where was their thanks to God for their wonderful and healthy 21-month-old daughter - now forever to be overshadowed? Who's spiritual advice did they seek before they turned to drugs?

Agreeing to not reduce the fetuses is an easy faith decision. Taking the miracle of life into one's own hands and turning it over to drugs is selfish and presumptuous.

glish-language homily to them and to the youth. Furthermore, the Patriarch set a high priority in meeting with young people - at a breakfast in his honor held by the YAL in New York, and at youth rallies in Chicago, Los Angeles and elsewhere. For those who are committed Orthodox Christians, their enthusiasm does not evaporate; faith, not fame, matters. It is at the local level where the average American can interact with the Church. — Editor

Monasticism a blessing

Editor,

I read with some concern the letter entitled "Monasticism vs. the Parish" that appeared in your Oct. 5 issue. I can not speak about events in other parishes. But I would have to say that we have had two visits from athonite monks in our parish, and each has been a blessing to our people. I have seen scores come to Confession, as well as good turn-outs at sessions conducted by the monks regarding the spiritual life.

In addition, I and a number of my parishioners have been blessed by visits to monasteries for women that have been established here in our state, at Goldendale, Wash., as well as St. Nicholas Ranch in California.

I realize that here in America our people have not had the normal relationship with monasteries that typifies the Church in traditional Orthodox lands. But I rejoice that this situation is rapidly changing.

I can understand the reluctance of parents to see their son or daughter accept a monastic vocation. We often have other

Human children were not intended to be born in litters. One infant goes a long way in draining the physical and emotional energies of the parents.

Infants need plenty of one-on-one time for crucial brain development. While nature makes it possible to have twins or triplets, or to have a dozen children one at a time, the birth of septuplets is radically different.

Gaps between children make it possible for parents to give infants undivided attention, while older siblings learn to wait, and yet even older siblings lend their parents a hand.

The emotional and developmental risks for septuplets are many, and the reality of raising them will not be nearly as cute as the hype surrounding their births.

Infertility is a growing problem. Delayed marriages and delayed childbearing help explain why, not to mention that multiple sexual partners earlier in life can lead to fertility problems.

It seems like the only couples conceiving on their first try are unmarried teenagers who then leave their little miracles in public restrooms.

Older couples who turn to fertility technology face many difficult decisions. The most difficult decision, however, is to accept reproductive circumstances and still be thankful to God.

While technology and reproductive donors make all kinds of births possible, creating life is not an inalienable right, but a Godly miracle. The desire to love, nurture and raise children is not limited to biological reproduction. Adoption is always a "viable" option, as is loving and nurturing other people's children. Look around, there are many children starving for affection.

Christianity presents Zacharias and Elizabeth and Joakim and Anna as role-models of faith and parenting. Where would Christian history be if they had stopped praying and took matters into their own hands?

careers with more status in mind for our offspring. And of course, parents all look forward to grandchildren. Even so, one who has reached the age of 18 is legally an adult, and his or her wishes must be respected.

We can't forget that monasticism has always involved sacrifice-not only on the part of the individual monk or nun but their families as well. Nonetheless, where the calling to the monastic life is genuine, that sacrifice is well worth the effort.

Rev. Michael B. Johnson
Tacoma, Wash.

Mixed marriages

Although everyone has a different opinion, I find it ludicrous when we do not extend our arms to non-Orthodox people to join our religion and our community.

According to an article written by our priest that appeared in our community bulletin board and very clearly indicates the canons of the Church regarding mixed marriages, "our community (Kingston, N.Y.) has 45 mixed marriages through the years; 41 (or 91 percent) are lost from ecclesiastical life." I wonder if these members of this church know that they are lost souls? I certainly hope that my daughters do not see this article because I would want them to make sure that, if in the event that they did marry a non-Greek Orthodox, that they would make every effort to continue to maintain their religious background and ethnic tradition.

Sophie P. Sirpanlis-Caliendo,
Lake Katrine, N.Y.

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LETTERS

Grateful for contributions

Editor,

I wish to express my sincere, heartfelt gratitude to you for announcing a fundraising appeal on my behalf, nearly a year ago, to help defray the expenses of my impending liver transplant. Through Professor Andreas Tzakis, I recently learned of this successful fundraising effort on my behalf.

My sincere thanks to everyone for their concern and their contributions. I especially and wholeheartedly wish to thank His Eminence Archbishop Spyridon for this blessed act. Many thanks to the clergy, the faithful and all the known and anonymous contributors without whom this transplant would not have been possible.

Their love is transferred not only to me but to Holy Orthodox Monasticism and to the Holy Mountain. I am grateful to all, whose names God knows, and I humbly hope for abundant strength and God's blessing to all.

Monk Moses Agioritis
Miami, FL

Where were young adults

Editor,

In response to your recent editorial, "The Secret Is Out", please allow me to take exception with some of your comments. Yes, I agree, Orthodoxy has much to offer.

My family and I attended the services offered by the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew at Madison Square Garden in New York City. The entire proceeding

Tell Me Father

Promise Keepers and the Family Crisis

Q Early in September hundreds of thousands of male adults from all parts of America came to Washington to make "a promise" that they would keep their marriage vows. Among the participants were some Orthodox who maintain that the Promise Keepers helped them understand the responsibility of marriage and family. Does the Church have a position on this rally of the Promise Keepers? Is this something that you would encourage?

T. S.
Falls Church, Va.

A I have been following with great interest all the rallies that have taken place in Washington in the last 25 years, especially those related to family, marriage and children.

In October of 1995, America witnessed the Million-Man March to the nation's capital under the leadership of Black Muslim Leader Louis Farrakhan, who promised to take their role as husbands and fathers very responsibly.

By Father George Papaioannou

Last September's rally of the Promise Keepers attracted my special interest because it had a Christian connotation.

I must confess that initially I was very skeptical about both, the march of the one million black men and the rally of the Promise Keepers. My experience with previous similar demonstrations on social and ethical issues had created a certain skepticism in my mind and some fear in my heart. I was concerned that such demonstrations would widen the already existing gender division.

The Million-Man March in 1995 and the Promise Keepers' rally in 1997 brought to mind the women's demonstrations of yesteryear.

But this was something different; I heard a cry for help. How can one not feel sympathy for those men who traveled from faraway places to join other men for the purpose of pledging publicly to keep their promises to their spouses, to change diapers, to bring them flowers, and show them respect? I was touched by the organizer of the rally and head of the Promise Keepers movement.

Former college football coach Bill McCartney saw his family shattered because of his ethical indiscretions and personal failings. McCartney wished that, with his Promise Keepers movement, he could help others recover and prevent younger men from falling into the trap from becoming indifferent to their families and going astray as he did.

I feel sympathy for the Promise Keepers because I am alarmed by the condition of the American family today. The breaking of the family has become a dreadful sign to us all, for what is happening to the fabric of the American Society. The foundation of society is marriage. Statistics show that the majority of marriages end in divorce.

Another tragedy is the birth of children outside of marriage. I am not referring to the poor or to the uneducated alone, but also to the middle and upper classes.

On a Sunday in November, I watched an interview on my favorite program, "60 Minutes," of actor and movie director Clint Eastwood.

Eastwood, although married, is known for fathering a number of children with other women. When the host of the program asked him if it was true that he is the father of several children by several women

to whom he was not married, he simply responded, "I love children."

It is this attitude that worries me; men and women who believe that money can replace a father or a mother. Nothing is further from the truth. Spouses need each other and children need both parents in order to have a healthy upbringing.

During the weekend of the Promise Keepers' rally to Washington the news media transmitted the story of a 12-year-old boy from California whose parents are divorced. The boy became friends with an adult man from Virginia through the Internet and traveled from California to Northern Virginia to meet his friend, without his parents' permission. Fortunately, police were able to locate the boy. They found him in a closet in a friend's house. No doubt, he wished to send a message to his parents: keep your marriage and the family together.

So, you can see why I am sympathetic to Bill McCartney's movement and any other movement that tries to make men and women aware of their responsibilities to their spouses and children.

Do I believe marches and demonstrations such as those of the Promise Keepers and the Million-Man March are the answer to the marriage and family crisis in America? I have some very strong reservations.

For us Orthodox, marriage and family are deeply rooted in sacred tradition. Marriage and family are as sacred as life itself. This is what we mean when we say that marriage is a Sacrament.

The fact that we don't talk about the basics of marriage in our Churches frequently is a tragic omission. If the institution of marriage is in crisis, we should tackle it as vigorously as possible.

One of the most fascinating experiences I had was to read six homilies on marriage and family by St. John Chrysostom, translated by Catherine P. Roth and David Anderson and published by St. Vladimir's Seminary Press.

In reading Chrysostom's homilies, I realized how inept we are in dealing with the foundation of church and society: marriage and family. I completely agree with Roth that "most of this advice, (Chrysostom's) is as applicable now as ever."

In homily 19, Chrysostom gives lessons in harmony. Husbands and wives should trust each other and make it easier to enjoy each other's company. Disharmony is catastrophic: "when husband and wife are at odds with one another their household is in no better shape than a storm-tossed ship in which the captain and the pilot disagree."

Listen to Chrysostom's advice to the husbands: "Never call your wife by her name alone but with terms of endearment, honor, and love. If you honor her, she won't need honor from others; prefer her before all others, both for her beauty and her discernment, and praise her."

The parents' example of love and faith will benefit the children; "What sort of person do you think the children of such parents will be? Will they not eventually be the recipients of countless blessings? For generally the children acquire the character of their parents, are formed in the mold of the parents' temperament, love the same things their parents love, talk in the same fashion, and work for the same ends."

This is marvelous advice coming to us from the depths of tradition! It is imperative for us to teach it in churches, in Sunday School, Junior GOYA, YAL, and everywhere. This method should be the Orthodox answer to marriage and family crises we are facing today.

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New Strategies and Programs Discussed

ATLANTA — Bishop Alexios of Troas, recently convened a series of meetings over a two-week period, to enhance the progress of Orthodoxy throughout the eight southern states that comprise the Atlanta Diocese.

This included clergy and lay persons representing 60 churches.

One group of meetings focused on the formulation of new strategies and objectives for all Orthodox education programs.

These programs included catechism school, music education, family life, Hellenic culture programs, Greek language school, and the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival.

The second set of meetings included discussions on ways to improve and promote stewardship, public relations, radio and TV programming, health and nutrition, outreach, missions, finance, and strategic planning in the diocese.

There was also an announcement about the establishment of a new diocesan press called Archangel Michael Press, which will be publishing liturgical materials in the near future.

All parishes were encouraged to become computer literate in order to communicate with each other through e-mail.

Youth Challenge Day for Teens

OAKLAND, Calif. — Ascension Church's GOYANS held a Challenge Day for Teens for Greek Orthodox teen-agers of Northern California on Jan. 10, at the Ascension Community Center.

According to information from Fr. Thomas J. Paris, pastor, Youth Challenge is a powerful interactive workshop designed to unite the youth of the Church. The professional facilitators and trainers for the day combine large and small group games and activities with several moving and innovative educational presentations to promote feelings of inclusion, personal empowerment and success. This program is based on the belief that everyone deserves equal respect.

Program participants were encouraged to re-examine their personal beliefs and attitudes concerning the people around them. Throughout the day they were challenged to speak out and "un-learn" stereotypical roles and behaviors which can limit their ability to make healthy and productive choices in their relationships with others. The primary goal of Challenge Day is to build a healthy community and foster unity and acceptance for all people.

Maria Fakaros, youth coordinator at Ascension, in cooperation with youth advisor, Jackie Reckas, worked with parish priests, the Revs. Paris and Aristotle Damaskos to organize this program.

Humorist at Charity Luncheon

Comedienne Hope Mihalap will highlight the 26th annual luncheon of the Combined Philoptochos Charities of Brooklyn and Staten Island on Jan. 19.

Proceeds will benefit breast cancer research at Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital.

More information: Maria Konstantakis (718) 336-8902, or Eva Vardakis (718) 763-6334.

The event will take place at Russo's on the Bay, in Howard Beach, Brooklyn.

Portland Holds Third Annual Camp Agape

PORTLAND, Oregon — Most of us will never know the pain of having a child with cancer, but none of the volunteers at Camp Agape will ever forget the shining examples of faith, love and hope we witnessed in the families that attended this year's third annual Kids 'N' Cancer Camp.

By Christine Rulli

The time honored Camp Agape activities such as fishing on Lake Melonas, archery, arts and crafts, a computer lab, library, games, Newfoundland dog rides, petting zoo, pony rides, face painting, dress up and talent show, Greek dancing and cooking demos, ping-pong, swimming and camp fires were again the mainstay of the week's fun. But the families' eager anticipation was focused on the new surprises that lay ahead at this year's camp.

Offered in mid-August in the form of theme days, these activities included an Oregon Trail pioneer and Clogger dancing presentation, square dancing, mirror etching, basketmaking, a "science of magic presentation," a mock archaeological dig where campers hunted for treasures, and a surprise visit and scrimmage with members of the Portland Pride, our own professional soccer team which brought out many of the children eager for the chance to score against these athletic giants.

These efforts were enjoyed by over 120 campers housed in 12 cabins and three tents on a 100-acre campsite.

Many enthused Philoptochos and Holy Trinity volunteers worked daily to assure all activities were enjoyed to their fullest. Buddies were available to all fami-

lies who wished to have childcare so they could have a temporary reprieve and enjoy some quiet time.

The Camp ended with our heartstrings being tugged once more as the weeks efforts culminated in the unveiling of a huge ceramic bear sculpture which the families lovingly created.

Each child was then presented with gifts which included a "God is Love" pin, a stuffed bear, copy of "The Jester Has Lost His Jingle," a children's book about cancer, and a new fishing pole.

The families were so overwhelmed by these gifts only to be outdone by one more; each child received a small box containing a butterfly, and in unison they made a wish and released them along with their own hopes and dreams of returning yet another summer to Camp Agape, a place where love and life meet.

Many of us attended a memorial service for a 9-year-old girl who attended Camp Agape for two years. It reinforced our efforts when we heard her family and dear friends share their most treasured memories of her. Camp Agape was one of the major highlights in their lives since diagnosis.

We don't have the power to obliterate childhood cancer, but through combined efforts, we certainly can provide the place where they can build beautiful and lasting memories.

Portland's Camp Agape, Kids 'N' Cancer Camp, is one of three Philoptochos camps held within the Diocese of San Francisco. Volunteers work year round to raise the funds and plan the camp, so that it can be provided at no cost to the families.



GREETING PATRIARCH - Fr. Byron Papanikolaou, pastor of Sts. Constantine and Helen Church in Palos Hills, Ill, and Pete Lagen, parish president, greet Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew during his recent visit to Illinois. Mr. Lagen was the benefactor of the Presbyters' Dinner in honor of His All Holiness.

PHILOPTOCHOS

Week to Honor Inter-Church Marriages

National Philoptochos Board President Mimi Skandalakis has designated the week of Feb. 9-15 as "Valentine Week" to honor inter-church marriages and those who have embraced and converted to Orthodox Christianity.

Much has been said about the contributions of this large and dedicated group of Christian Orthodox who are parish presidents, Philoptochos chapter presidents, serve in choirs, festivals and Sunday School. Many have given their talent and professional expertise, and have become a strong and integral part of our community.

Each Philoptochos chapter can honor these exceptional parishioners in their own way: a coffee hour in their honor, a lun-

cheon, a special part of the service, to say thank you for their commitment and love.

"Family and Society" through letters and suggestions to the chapters has tried to bring an awareness of the social needs and concerns in parishes, including teens, divorced parents, stress, the inter-church marriages, the aged, and the need for family counseling through lectures and groups.

Chairman of "Family and Society" is Helen L. Lambros of Los Angeles. The committee includes: Kathy Gabriel, Mary Georgatos, Pat Gogos, Nora Iliades, Cleo Maletis, Esther Mitchell, Marjorie Moyer, Ph.D., Irene Philip, Arlene Siavelis, Aphrodite Skeadas, Pat Sourlis, Mary Spirou, Chrysoula Tomaras and Lenore Trigonis.

Trustees Hold Regular Board Meeting

BROOKLINE, Mass. — The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology met on Monday, Nov. 17, at the School for their regular monthly meeting.

Presiding at the five-hour meeting was Archbishop Spyridon of America, chairman.

Also present was His Excellency Metropolitan Isaiah of Proikonisos, school president; the Rev. John Chryssavgis, acting dean; and Executive Committee members George Behrakis, Michael Krone, Emmanuel Miliadis, Demitrios M. Moschos, Fr. Dean Paleologos, and George Safiol.

The Committee reviewed the financial status of the School with Leon Zaimes, the controller, and noted that fund-raising needs to be intensified to meet the budget.

The Committee urged the Administration to fill the vacant posts of director of development and superintendent of building and grounds.

The Committee reviewed extensively the issue of visitations by the accrediting agencies in connection with a complaint filed with the agencies by a former staff member.

The Executive Committee is also currently investigating the manner in which the complaint has been handled. It has also informed the accrediting authorities that relevant communications should be directed only through the School administration or board, rather than individual faculty or trustee members.

The Committee noted the successful visitation to the campus of His All Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. His All Holiness received an honorary doctorate at the School on Oct. 30th, before a large gathering of academic and community leaders, as well as faculty and students of Hellenic College and Holy Cross.

He addressed the gathering on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of Holy Cross.

The Executive Committee also reviewed the progress of the construction of the new library which is expected to be completed by the fall of 1998. The Committee urged that the Library fund-raising campaign be completed in order to properly open the library for the 1998-1999 academic year.

The Executive Committee expressed the hope that all members of the Church in America will continue to support Hellenic College and Holy Cross, both financially and with their prayers, in order for the School to fulfill its mission of providing the leaders of the Church in America for the next century.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Hellenic Times to Award \$75,000 in Scholarships

The Hellenic Times will award \$75,000 in scholarships this year to Greek American students across the country.

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Με ιδιαίτερη λαμπρότητα και παρουσία του Σεβασμιότατου Αρχιεπισκόπου Αμερικής κ. Σπυρίδωνα, τελέστηκε στο Τάρπρον Σπρίνγκς της Φλόριδας ο αγιασμός των υδάτων.

Η γιορτή των Θεοφανείων αποκτά ιδιαίτερη σημασία για τους κατοίκους της Φλόριδας, αλλά και τους Ομογενείς που συγκεντρώνονται κατά χιλιάδες στο φημισμένο χωριό των σφουγγαράδων, το ελληνικό Τάρπρον Σπρίνγκς, για να παρακολουθήσουν τις γιορταστικές εκδηλώσεις.

Ιδιαίτερο χαρακτηριστικό των εκδηλώσεων είναι η συμμετοχή πολλών νέων δυτών, από την γύρω περιοχή, ηλικίας 16-18 χρονών που βουτούν στα νερά του «Σπρίνγκ Μπαϊγιού» για να ανασύρουν τον Σταυρό. Οι «βουτηχτές», όπως έχουν γίνει γνωστοί, ξεπέρασαν τους 50. Ιδιαίτερη σημασία δόθηκε φέτος στην ανάγκη κατανόησης της πνευματικής σημασίας που έχει η συμμετοχή τους στην κατάδυση και ανασύρση του τιμίου σταυρού. Για το σκοπό αυτό οι νέοι που «βούτηξαν» φέτος παρακολούθησαν ειδικό σεμινάριο για την κατηχητική τους κατάρτιση σε σχέση με τον εορτασμό των Θεοφανείων.

Φέτος, ο Σεβασμιότατος, που πέρασε

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Με περηφάνεια και ενθουσιασμό υψώνει τον τίμιο Σταυρό και το έπαθλο ο 18χρονος Θεόφιλος Μαμουζέλης, που κατάγεται από τη Κάλυμνο. (φωτ. Δημ. Πανάγος)

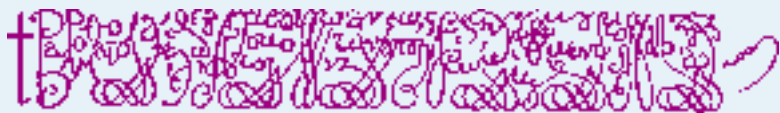
τα γυμνασιακά του χρόνια στο Τάρπρον Σπρίνγκς, χοροστάτησε για δεύτερη φορά, στη Θεία Λειτουργία στον Καθεδρικό ναό του Αγίου Νικολάου και στην τελετή του αγιασμού και της κατάδυσης του τιμίου Σταυρού. Μαζί με τον Αρχιεπίσκοπο συλλειτουργήσε και ο Επίσκοπος Τρωάδος Αλέξιος, Αρχιερατικός Επίτροπος της Επισκοπής Ατλάντας, καθώς και ο ιερατικός προϊστάμενος του Αγίου Νικολάου π. Τρύφωνας Θεοφιλόπουλος.

Από νωρίς χιλιάδες κόσμου, συνέρχονταν στο ναό του Αγίου Νικολάου στο Τάρπρον Σπρίνγκς για να παρακολουθήσουν την Θεία Λειτουργία και στην συνέχεια να συμμετέχουν στην πομπή που σχηματίστηκε και κατευθύνθηκε μέσω της σημασιολογμένης λεωφόρου Τάρπρον, στο σημείο που γίνεται ο αγιασμός των υδάτων. Στην πομπή συμμετείχαν και τοπικοί άρχοντες με επικεφαλής την δήμαρχο του Τάρπρον Σπρίνγκς κ. Ανίτα Πρότος και τον Ελληνοαμερικανό μοσοπονδιακό βουλευτή της περιοχής κ. Μάικλ Μπιλιράκη.

Κατά την διάρκεια της Θ. Λειτουργίας ο Αρχιεπίσκοπος έκανε αναφορά στην σημασία της ημέρας και το μήνυμα των Θεοφανείων και τόνισε ότι «σαν Εκκλησία

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ΠΑΤΡΙΑΡΧΙΚΗ ΑΠΟΔΕΙΞΙΣ ΕΠΙ ΤΟΙΣ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΟΙΣ



παντί τῷ πληρώματι τῆς Ἐκκλησίας χάριν, Ἐλεος καὶ Εἰρήνην παρά τοῦ ἐν Βηθλεέμ γεννηθέντος σωτήρος Χριστοῦ

«Παιδίον ἐγεννήθη ἡμῖν, υἱός καὶ ἐδόθη ἡμῖν».

Ἀγαπητοὶ ἐν Χριστῷ ἀδελφοὶ καὶ τέκνα πεφιλημένα,

Ἐπανακάμψαντες εἰς τὸ Οἰκουμένικόν Πατριαρχεῖον ἐκ τῆς μακρᾶς ἡμῶν πορείας καὶ ἐπισκέψεως τοῦ εἰς τὴν Οἰκουμένην ἀπλουμένου ποιμνίου τῆς Ἁγίας τοῦ Χριστοῦ Μεγάλης Ἐκκλησίας, ἀφοῦ κατὰ τὰ τελευταῖα ἔτη περιωδεύσαμεν τὰς χώρας τῆς Εὐρώπης, Ἀσίας, Αὐστραλίας καὶ Ἀμερικής, δὲν λησμονοῦμεν τὴν εὐλογία καὶ τὴν χαρὰν τῆς συναντήσεως τόσων ἀγαπητῶν προσώπων. Προσώπων φωτιζομένων μετὰ τὸ φῶς τῆς ἐλπίδος, ἀλλὰ καὶ σκιαζομένων μετὰ νέφη κλαυθμοῦ καὶ συμφορῶν.

Μένουν ἐντὸς ἡμῶν κεχαραγμένοι αἱ μορφαὶ μικρῶν καὶ μεγάλων. Ἐνηλίκων ἐπιφορτιζομένων τὰς εὐθύνas τῆς ζωῆς. Νέων μετὰ τὰς χρηστάς ἐλπίδας καλῆς σταδιοδρομίας. Ἀσθενῶν εἰς τὰς δυσμάς τοῦ βίου. Βρεφῶν κλαυθμηρίζοντων καὶ συνιστάντων τὴν ἐλπίδα τῆς ἀνανεώσεως τοῦ Γένους ἡμῶν.

Ἡσθάνθημεν πόσον μικροὶ εἶναι ὁ κόσμος καὶ ὁ βίος ἡμῶν βραχύς. Πόσον φῶς προσδοκίας λάμπει εἰς τοὺς ὀφθαλμούς τῶν ἀνθρώπων κάθε ἡλικίας. Ἀλλὰ καὶ πόσοι πόνος, πόση ἀγωνία καὶ ἀδικία ἐνυπάρχει εἰς τὸν κόσμον. Πόσον ἡ ἀδυναμία καὶ ἁμαρτία μας ἀμαυρώνει τὸ κάλλος τῆς ζωῆς, ἡ ὁποία θὰ ἦτο δυνατόν, ἐντὸς τῆς ἀγάπης τοῦ Θεοῦ, νὰ εἶναι παράδεισος καὶ ὄλοι ἡμεῖς μία ἀγαπημένη οἰκογένεια.

Ἐντὸς ὁμῶς τῶν πολλῶν κόπων καὶ ἀνθρωπίνων βασάνων ἔρχεται, ὡς δῶρον θεῖον διὰ πᾶσαν οἰκογένειαν, ἡ γέννησις ἑνὸς τέκνου, τὸ ὁποῖον τόσην χαρὰν προξενεῖ καὶ βεβαιότητα χαρίζει εἰς τὴν οἰκογένειάν του, διότι δι' αὐτοῦ αὐξάνεται, εὐλογεῖται καὶ ἐλπίζει.

Ἐντὸς αὐτοῦ τοῦ πνεύματος τῆς συμπαθείας καὶ τῆς ἀληθοῦς κατανοήσεως θὰ ἠθέλωμεν νὰ ἀπευθύνωμεν πρὸς πάντας ὑμᾶς λόγους εὐχαριστίας καὶ παρακλήσεως. Νὰ σὰς ἀνταποδώσωμεν κατὰ τὴν χαρὰν ποῦ ἡ ἀγάπη σας μᾶς ἐχάρισε κατὰ τὴν μακρὰν ἡμῶν περιοδείαν.

Καὶ ἐκεῖνο τὸ ὁποῖον θὰ ἠθέλωμεν νὰ σὰς προσφέρωμεν καὶ μᾶς ἦτο ἀδύνατον εἰς τὴν πληρότητά του νὰ πράξωμεν ἔρχεται ὡς δῶρον ἐξ οὐρανοῦ.

Ἐντὸς τῆς μιᾶς πανανθρωπίνης οἰκογενείας τῆς ἀπὸ περάτων ἕως περάτων τῆς οἰκουμένης, ἀκούεται τὸ χαρμόσυνον μῆνυμα: «Παιδίον ἐγεννήθη ἡμῖν, υἱός καὶ ἐδόθη ἡμῖν. . . καὶ καλεῖται τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ μεγάλης βουλήs ἀγγελος, θαυμαστός σύμβουλος, Θεός ἰσχυρός. . .».

Αὐτός εἶναι ἡ προσδοκία τῶν Ἐθνῶν. Ἡ χαρὰ τῶν τέκνων. Ἡ ἀγαλλίασις τῶν μητέρων. Ὁ ἀγιασμός τῆς ψύσεως ἡμῶν.

Θεός τὸ τεχθέν, ἡ δὲ μήτηρ Παρθένης. Τί μεγαλύτερον θαῦμα εἶδεν ἡ Οἰκουμένη;

Σκιρτάτω ἡ κτίσις καὶ εὐφραινέσθωσαν πάντες οἱ γηγενεῖς.

Μετὰ τὴν σάρκωσιν τοῦ Θεοῦ Λόγου, μετὰ τὴν πρόσληψιν καὶ θέωσιν τοῦ ἀνθρωπίνου φυράματος, ἅπαντες κατέστημεν ἀδελφοί. Δυνάμεθα νὰ ἐπιζώωμεν. Λαμβάνομεν θάρρος. Ἀντιπῶμεν δύναμιν. Ψηλαφῶμεν τὴν ἀγάπην. Θαυμάζομεν τὸ θεῖον βρέφος, τὸ ὁποῖον διὰ τῆς ταπεινώσεως πολιτεύεται. Εἰς σπήλαιον γεννᾶται. Εἰς φάτιν ἀνακλίνεται. Διὰ σπαργάνων ἐλίσσεται. Εἰς τὴν πτωχείαν, ἐρημίαν καὶ ἐγκατάληψιν ἡμῶν ἔρχεται. Δὲν ἔρχεται ὡς ἀπλοῦς ἐπισκέπτης. Ἐρχεται καὶ γίνεται ἄνθρωπος καὶ ὑπομένει πάντα τὰ πάθη τῆς σαρκός, χωρὶς ἁμαρτίας. Ὑποφέρει τὸν παγετῶνα τοῦ χειμῶνος, τὴν ἀδυναμίαν τῆς πτωχείας, τὸ μῖσος τοῦ Ἡρώδου, τὴν πικρίαν τῆς ἐξορίας, τὴν φυγὴν εἰς Αἴγυπτον καὶ τὴν ταλαιπωρίαν τῆς Παναγίας μητρός Του καὶ τοῦ θετοῦ πατρός Του.

Ἐρχεται καὶ μᾶς σώζει. Γεννᾶται ὁ Ἐμμανουήλ. Γεννᾶται ὁ Θεός, ὁ ὁποῖος μένει μετ' ἡμῶν.

Καὶ ζῶμεν τὸ θαῦμα, ὄχι μόνον ὁ Θεός νὰ πλάθῃ τὸν ἄνθρωπον. ἀλλὰ καὶ ἡ Παρθένης παναγία, ἀγνή, νὰ γεννᾷ τὸν Θεόν. Διὰ τοῦτο γῆν καὶ οὐρανὸν πληροῖ ὁ ἀγγελικὸς ὕμνος: «Δόξα ἐν ὑψίστοις Θεῷ καὶ ἐπὶ γῆς εἰρήνην».

Δόξα καὶ εἰρήνη θεϊκῆ βασιλεύει εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ εἰς τὴν γῆν. Δόξα ἄκτιστος καὶ εἰρήνη ἀδιάπτωτος βασιλεύει εἰς τὸ ἄστυλον τῆς εἰρήνης παλάτιον, τὸν λειτουργικὸν κόσμον τῆς Ἐκκλησίας. Ἡ αὐτὴ βασιλεύει εἰς τὴν καρδίαν κάθε πιστοῦ, ὁ ὁποῖος ἐμπιστεύεται καὶ ἐναποθέτει τὴν ζωὴν του ἅπασαν εἰς τὸν σαρκωθέντα Θεόν Λόγον.

Χωρὶς τὸν Θεάνθρωπον Κύριον, χωρὶς τὸν Ἐμμανουήλ, θὰ εἴμεθα μόνοι, ἀδύνατοι, εὐάλωτοι καὶ ἀκλήροισ. Τώρα εἴμεθα τέκνα Θεοῦ, ἀδελφοὶ καὶ συγκληρονόμοι Χριστοῦ.

Ἐντὸς τῆς παγκοσμίου ταύτης χαρᾶς τῶν Χριστουγέννων, δὲν σὰς ἀποστέλλομεν γράμματα ἀνθρώπινα, ἀλλὰ σὰς ἀναγγέλλομεν τὸ Θεανθρώπινον Μῆνυμα: «Ἀνέτειλας Χριστὲ ἐκ Παρθένου, νοητὴ ἦλιε τῆς δικαιοσύνης».

Αὐτός ὁ Ἥλιος φωτίζει τὴν ὑφήλιον. Φωτίζει τὰ πέρατα τῆς γῆς καὶ τὰ βάθη τῆς ἀνθρωπίνης ψυχῆς.

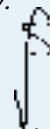
Εἴτε ἐορτάζομεν τὰ Χριστούγεννα εἰς τὸ βόρειον ἡμισφαίριον, εἴτε εἰς τὸ νότιον, εἰς περίοδον χειμῶνος ἢ θέρους, ἔχομεν τὴν ἀνάγκην τῆς θείας στοργῆς καὶ χάριτος τοῦ Σαρκωθέντος Θεοῦ.

Αὐτὴν εὐχόμεθα ἐκ μέσης καρδίας πλουσίως νὰ ἐπιδαμιλεύῃ εἰς πάντας ὑμᾶς τὸ «Παιδίον νέον, ὁ πρό αἰώνων Θεός», ὥστε καὶ τὸν νέον ἐνιαυτὸν τῆς χρηστότητός Του μετὰ χαρᾶς νὰ διεῖθωμεν καὶ νὰ ἀξιωθῶμεν πλέον ἔτοιμοι νὰ ἐορτάσωμεν τὴν μεγάλην ἐπέτειον τῆς συμπληρώσεως τῶν δύο χιλιάδων ἐτῶν ἀπὸ τῆς κοσμοϊστορικῆς ἡμέρας τῆς Γεννήσεως Αὐτοῦ, τοῦ Θεανθρώπου Κυρίου καὶ Σωτήρος πάντων ἡμῶν.

Αὐτοῦ ἡ χάρις καὶ τὸ ἄπειρον ἔλεος εἴησαν μετὰ πάντων ὑμῶν.

Φανάριον, Χριστούγεννα 1997

† Ὁ Κωνσταντινουπόλεως διάπυρος πρὸς Θεὸν εὐχέτης πάντων ὑμῶν.



Χριστούγεννα στον «Άγιο Μιχαήλ»

Η οικογενειακή θαλπωρή, η ζεστασιά και η αγάπη είναι βασικά στοιχεία που κυριαρχούν στην καθημερινή λειτουργία και ζωή του Οίκου Φιλοξενίας Ηλικιωμένων του Αγ. Μιχαήλ.

Δείγμα αυτής της ατμόσφαιρας ένοικωσαν όσοι βρέθηκαν στη Χριστουγεννιάτικη γιορτή που διοργάνωσε η διεύθυνση του «Αγ. Μιχαήλ» για τους τροφίμους του ιδρύματος, την Κυριακή 28 Δεκεμβρίου, παρουσία του Σεβ. Αρχιεπισκόπου Αμερικής κ. Σπυριδώνα, του Γενικού Προξένου της Ελλάδος στη Νέα Υόρκη κ. Χαράλαμπου Μάνεση, των οικογενειών και φίλων των φιλοξενουμένων και υποστηρικτών του Γηροκομείου.

Ο Σεβασμιότατος αφού παρακάθισε στο πλούσιο γιορτινό γεύμα και μοίρασε χριστουγεννιάτικα δώρα σε όλους τους τροφίμους και υπαλλήλους, συνεχάρη όλο το προσωπικό και τον διευθυντή Αρχιμ. π. Αντώνιο Παρόπουλο για την άρτια οργάνωση του ιδρύματος και τόνισε πως το ίδρυμα αυτό ανήκει σ' όλη την ομογένεια και είναι ανοιχτό για όλους όσους έχουν ανάγκη κάποιου στέγης. «Ο στόχος της Στέγης Ηλικιωμένων Άγιος Μιχαήλ», είπε χαρακτηριστικά, «είναι η παροχή μιας ζεστής φωλιάς στους ομογενείς υπερήλικες, όπου θα νοιώθουν σαν στο σπίτι τους».

Ξεχωριστή ήταν η έκπληξη που επιφυλάχθηκε στον Κωνσταντίνο Δάσκαλο από το Κιάτο Κορινθίας, φιλοξενούμενο υπερήλικα του Αγ. Μιχαήλ, που εκείνη τη μέρα γιόρτασε τα 103 του χρόνια. Ο ίδιος έχοντας στο πλάι του τον Αρχιεπίσκοπο, συγκινημένος και



περήφανος έσβησε τα κεράκια και δέχθηκε τις θερμές ευχές όλων.

Ο «Άγιος Μιχαήλ» βρίσκεται σε μια ήσυχη γειτονιά στο Γιόνκερς της Νέας Υόρκης και φιλοξενεί επί του παρόντος 44 ηλικιωμένους ομογενείς, ενώ έχει τη δυνατότητα να στεγάσει μέχρι 60. Πρόσφατα ολοκληρώθηκαν οι εργασίες επέκτασης του κτιρίου και ανακαίνισης πολλών εσωτερικών χώρων κοινής χρήσης και δωματίων. Τελευταία παρέχεται η δυνατότητα πραγματοποίησης ορισμένων ιατρικών εξετάσεων, όπως εξετάσεις αίματος και ακτινογραφίες, μέσα στις εγκαταστάσεις του ιδρύματος, ώστε να μην χρειάζεται η μετακίνησή τους εκτός ιδρύματος. Σύντομα προβλέπεται και η παροχή περιορισμένων ιατρικών υπηρεσιών από ειδικευμένες νοσοκόμες σε όσους από τους φιλοξενούμενους χρήζουν τέτοιας ανάγκης.

Σ' ένα ευχάριστο οικογενειακό και ελληνορθόδοξο περιβάλλον παρέχονται άριστες υπηρεσίες. Οι τρόφιμοι του «Αγίου Μιχαήλ» ζουν και συναναστρέφονται με άτομα όχι μόνο της ίδιας ηλικίας αλλά και κοινής, καταγωγής, γλώσσας, παράδοσης και θρησκείας. Στοιχεία απαραίτητα για τη δημιουργία της ζεστής και οικογενειακής ατμόσφαιρας που είναι εμφανής στον επισκέπτη και ανακουφιστική για τους απόμαχους παππούδες και γιαγιάδες.

(Σύντομο σχετικό άρθρο στα αγγλικά, του διευθυντή του ιδρύματος π. Αντωνίου Παρόπουλου στη σελ. 8)

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βρισκόμαστε μπροστά σε μια νέα αρχή».

«Έχουμε, πρόσθεσε, μπροστά μας ένα λαμπρό και φωτεινό μέλλον, το οποίο εξαρτάται από το πλήρωμα της Εκκλησίας, γιατί χρειάζεται αγάπη και ενότητα». Ο κ. Σπυριδών ζήτησε από τους πιστούς, που έφθασαν στο Τάρπον Σπρίνγκς, από κάθε γωνιά της Φλόριδας αλλά και από γειτονικές πολιτείες, να διαφυλάξουν την ενότητα ως κόρη οφθαλμού.

Τον σταυρό ανέσυρε ο 18χρονος Θεόφιλος Μαμουζέλος, από την κοινότητα της Αγίας Τριάδας του Κλιαργουότερ. Με πρόσωπο που έλαμπε και φανερά συγκινημένος γονάτισε μπροστά στον Αρχιεπίσκοπο, έλαβε την ευλογία του αλλά και το αναμνηστικό έπαθλο. «Το ήξερα ότι θα ήταν η χρονιά μου», είπε στους δημοσιογράφους και πρόσθεσε: «Το βράδυ προσευχήθηκα και το πρωί, πριν ξεκινήσω ήπια τον αγιασμό κι έκανα τον σταυρό μου. Κι εγώ δεν κατάλαβα καλά-καλά πώς έγινε. Νοιώθω ότι με άγγιξε σήμερα ο Θεός και μου έδειξε την πορεία που πρέπει ν' ακολουθήσω».

Όλοι οι νέοι που συμμετείχαν στην κατάδυση, επισκέφθηκαν στη συνέχεια τα σπίτια και τα καταστήματα του Τάρπον Σπρίνγκς, για τον καθιερωμένο αγιασμό στην διάρκεια του οποίου οι κάτοικοι προσφέρουν διάφορα ποσά στο ταμείο της εκκλησίας του Αγίου Νικολάου.

Μετά την θρησκευτική τελετή του αγιασμού των υδάτων, ακολούθησε πλούσιο ελληνικό γλέντι, που παραθέτει η κοινότητα του Αγίου Νικολάου στο οποίο παρακάθονται χιλιάδες προσκυνητών.

Το βράδυ δόθηκε ο καθιερωμένος χορός των Θεοφανείων, στον οποίο έδωσαν τον παρών πολλοί επώνυμοι και ανώνυμοι ομογενείς και πολλοί επίσημοι. Στην διάρκεια της εκδήλωσης αυτής η κοινότητα του Αγίου Νικολάου, πρόσφερε χρηματικό ποσό για την ενίσχυση του ταμείου υποτροφιών της Θεολογικής Σχολής.

Μετά την τελετή ο Σεβασμιότατος Αρχιεπίσκοπος εξέφρασε την ικανοποίησή του για την μεγάλη κοσμοσυρροή που παρατηρήθηκε και συνεχάρη τους διοργανωτές της τελετής. Τόσο ο πρόεδρος της κοινότητας του Αγίου Νικολάου στο Τάρπον Σπρίνγκς κ. Τόνι Γιαλουράκης όσο και ο επικεφαλής της διοργανωτικής επιτροπής κ. Σπύρος Θεόφιλος εξέφρασαν την χαρά τους για την επιτυχή διοργάνωση και υπογράμμισαν ότι τα έσοδα από τις εορταστικές εκδηλώσεις θα διατεθούν για την επισκευή του τρούλου του ναού, που υπέστη σημαντικές ζημιές από τις βροχοπτώσεις.

Την κοινότητα του Αγίου Ιωάννου της Τάμπα που πανηγύριζε επισκέφθηκε την επομένη Ο Σεβ. Αρχιεπίσκοπος και χοροστάτησε της Θείας Λειτουργίας. Κατά την παραμονή του στην Φλόριδα ο Αρχιεπίσκοπος παρέστη σε πολλές εκδηλώσεις και επισκέφθηκε κοινότητες της περιοχής μεταξύ των οποίων και την Κοινότητα της Αγίας Τριάδας στο Κλιαργουότερ όπου παρακάθισε στο γεύμα της Φιλοπτώχου. Παρευρέθηκε επίσης στον ετήσιο χορό των Θεοφανείων που διοργανώνει το τοπικό τμήμα Τάρπον Σπρίνγκς της ΑΧΕΠΑ. Στην εκδήλωση αυτή παρευρέθηκαν και μίλησαν μεταξύ άλλων ο βουλευτής Μάικλ Μπιλιράκης, η δήμαρχος της πόλης κ. Α. Πρότος, ο ύπατος πρόεδρος της ΑΧΕΠΑ κ. Στιβ Μαντάς και ο πρόεδρος του Αρχιεπισκοπικού Συμβουλίου κ. Άλεξ Σπανός.

Διοικητική Αναδιάρθρωση

ΝΕΑ ΥΟΡΚΗ.- Ο Σεβ. Αρχιεπίσκοπος κ. Σπυριδών ανακοίνωσε ορισμένες διαρθρωτικές αλλαγές και την ανάθεση επιπροσθέτων διοικητικών καθηκόντων σε τρεις αξιωματούχους κληρικούς της Ιεράς Αρχιεπισκοπής.

Ο πρωτοπρεσβύτερος π. Αλέξανδρος Καρλούτσος, διορίζεται διευθυντής του Διεθνούς Ταμείου του Οικουμενικού Πατριαρχείου, που έχει ιδρυθεί για την ενίσχυση του, διατηρώντας παράλληλα την ευθύνη των σχέσεων της Αρχιεπισκοπής με τις ομοσπονδιακές, πολιτειακές και τοπικές αρχές.

Ο π. Μαρκ Αρεί, προσωρινός εκτελεστικός διευθυντής της Ηγεσίας των 100, αναλαμβάνει διευθυντής επικοινωνιών, με ευθύνη τον συντονισμό των δημοσίων σχέσεων, του Ορθόδοξου Παρατηρητή, του τμήματος τηλεπικοινωνιών, του τμήματος Ιντερνέτ και του τμήματος γενικών εκδόσεων.

Ο π. Αρεί θα συνεχίσει επί του παρόντος την εποπτεία της Ηγεσίας των 100 μέχρις ότου διορισθεί νέος εκτελεστικός διευθυντής.

Ο αρχιμανδρίτης π. Γαβριήλ Καράμπης, εκτός των καθηκόντων του ως διευθυντής του τμήματος οικονομικής επιστάσεως, αναλαμβάνει θέση συντονιστή των διαφόρων εθνικών διακονιών της Ι. Αρχιεπισκοπής όπως, μεταξύ άλλων, τα προγράμματα Νεολαίας, κατηχητικής εκπαίδευσης, Ιεραποστολής, μεικτών γάμων, Ιονικού Χωριού, του τμήματος Ελληνικής εκπαίδευσης και πολιτισμού, του Γηροκομείου του Αγ. Μιχαήλ και της Ακαδημίας του Αγ. Βασιλείου.

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Στους «Χριστομίμητους» Πατέρες και διδασκάλους οι οποίοι εορτάζουν τον Ιανουάριο. . .

Ο μήνας Ιανουάριος είναι κατ' εξοχήν ο μήνας των μεγάλων Πατέρων της Εκκλησίας. Την 1η Ιανουαρίου γιορτάζουμε την ιερή μνήμη του Μεγάλου Βασιλείου, στις 10 Ιανουαρίου τιμούμε τη μνήμη του Αγίου Γρηγορίου του Νύσσης, στις 17 Ιανουαρίου τη μνήμη του αγίου Αντωνίου του Μεγάλου, στις 18 Ιανουαρίου τη μνήμη του Μεγάλου Αθανασίου και του αγίου Κυρίλλου, Πατριαρχών Αλεξανδρείας. Την 21η

του καθ. Γεωργίου Σ. Μπεμπή

τιμούμε τη μνήμη του αγίου Γρηγορίου του Θεολόγου, Αρχιεπισκόπου Κωνσταντινουπόλεως, την 28η τη μνήμη του Εφραίμ του Σύρου και του Παλλαδίου και βεβαίως, στις 30 Ιανουαρίου τιμούμε τη μνήμη των Τριών Μεγάλων Ιεραρχών, Βασιλείου του Μεγάλου, Γρηγορίου του Θεολόγου και Ιωάννου του Χρυσοστόμου, «τους αρχιεράρχες» και «πανάγιους διδασκάλους» κατά την ωραία έκφραση του υμνωδού της Εκκλησίας μας.

Όλοι αυτοί πανάμωμοι Πατέρες της Εκκλησίας μας διαποτίζονταν από μια κοινή αγάπη και κοινό σεβασμό προς την Ελληνική Παιδεία, την Ελληνική σκέψη και την Ελληνική γλώσσα. Ο διάσημος Γερμανο-Αμερικανός καθηγητής του Harvard, διαπρεπής φιλόλογος και στοχαστής, Werner Jaeger στο κλασικό, πλέον, βιβλίο του «Ο Αρχαίος Χριστιανισμός και η Ελληνική Παιδεία» κατάδειξε πόσο οι πλείστοι των Πατέρων της Εκκλησίας εκτιμούσαν, θαύμαζαν και χρησιμοποιούσαν την Ελληνική μεθοδολογία, την Ελληνική φιλοσοφία, την Ελληνική διαλεκτική, δηλαδή όλα εκείνα τα θεία δώρα του ανθρώπινου νου, τα οποία καλλιεργούν τη σκέψη και την αρετή.

Ορθά τονίζει ο καθηγητής Jaeger ότι, ιδιαιτέρως, οι Καππαδόκες Πατέρες θαύμαζαν την Ελληνική Παιδεία, ότι διατήρησαν τις βασικές τάσεις του κλασικού πνεύματος και ότι χρησιμοποίησαν την Ελληνική Ρητορική και Φιλοσοφία, για να δημιουργήσουν μια «πραγματική χριστιανική λογοτεχνία». Αλλά ταυτόχρονα να μην «να ίστανται επί της Ελληνικής κλασικής παραδόσεως» αλλά και πέραν αυτής, διότι να μην ήταν «Χριστιανοί Έλληνες», αλλά

παρέμειναν βαθυνούστατοι χριστιανοί θεολόγοι.

Τελευταίως, ο διάσημος Καθηγητής Jaroslav Pelikan στο βιβλίο του «Ο Χριστιανισμός και η Κλασική Παιδεία» τονίζει επίσης, την βαθύτατη εκτίμηση, την οποία οι Πατέρες της Εκκλησίας και μάλιστα οι Καππαδόκες έτρεφαν προς την κλασική Παιδεία και φιλοσοφία. Είχαν σπουδάσει ελληνική φιλοσοφία και ρητορική και πολλάκις ταύτιζαν την «αληθή φιλοσοφία» με την καθ' εαυτήν χριστιανική θεολογία. Το είχε αισθανθεί αυτό ο Μέγας Αθανάσιος, ο οποίος δεν δίστασε να καταπολεμήσει, στο περίφημο βιβλίο του «Κατά Ελλήνων», όλες τις κακοδοξίες και ασχημίες της «ελληνικής θρησκείας», αλλά ταυτόχρονα χρησιμοποίησε πλούσια την Ελληνική σκέψη και την Ελληνική γλώσσα, για την ακριβή περιγραφή των Ορθόδοξων δογμάτων.

Στην χορεία των αγίων Πατέρων που γνώριζαν την Ελληνική φιλοσοφία και την χρησιμοποίησαν προς δόξα Θεού, ανήκει και ο άγιος Κύριλλος, ο μέγας Πατριάρχης Αλεξανδρείας. Σε σύγγραμμά του κατά του αποστάτη αυτοκράτορα Ιουλιανού υποστηρίζει την ποιοτική ανωτερότητα του Χριστιανισμού έναντι του Ιουδαϊσμού και της Ειδωλολατρίας, αλλά χρησιμοποιεί έντονα, όλα

τα καλλιεπτή όργανα της Ελληνικής Παιδείας, γλώσσα, διαλεκτική, επιχειρηματολογία. Αναδεικνύεται ένας ακόμη πραγματικός Έλληνας Πατέρας της Εκκλησίας.

Για τους Τρεις Μεγάλους Ιεράρχες, τους «τρεις μέγιστους φωστήρες», τον Μέγα Βασίλειο, τον Γρηγόριο τον Θεολόγο, τον Ιωάννη το Χρυσόστομο έχουν γραφεί πάμπολλα. Είναι γνωστή η θέση του Μεγάλου Βασιλείου για την ανάγκη της μελέτης των αρχαίων ελληνικών κειμένων που διδάσκουν τη σύνεση και την αρετή. Ας σημειωθεί ότι ο άγιος Γρηγόριος ο Θεολόγος είχε διαβάσει τον Όμηρο, τον Ησίοδο, τον Πίνδαρο τον Αριστοφάνη και τους άλλους. Ο δε Γρηγόριος ο Νύσσης δικαίως έχει χαρακτηριστεί ο «Πλάτων του Χριστιανισμού». Ας τους έχουμε πάντοτε ως άγιο και φιλοσοφημένο παράδειγμα παιδείας και νοουθεσίας Κυρίου.

Ο κ. Γεώργιος Σ. Μπεμπής είναι καθηγητής της Πατρωλογίας στην Θεολογική Σχολή Τιμίου Σταυρού της Ι. Αρχιεπισκοπής Αμερικής.



Απ' εδώ...

Η ΠΛΟΥΣΙΑ πολιτιστική κληρονομιά του Βυζαντίου και η επιρροή της στον Δυτικό πολιτισμό θα είναι το θέμα της φετινής γιορτής των Ελληνικών Γραμμάτων. Οι εκδηλώσεις που συνδέονται με την γιορτή των Τριών Ιεραρχών στις 30 Ιανουαρίου οργανώνονται από το Τμήμα Παιδείας της Ι. Αρχιεπισκοπής σε συνεργασία με την επιτροπή Ελληνικών Γραμμάτων και Τεχνών.

Το αποκορύφωμα των εκδηλώσεων είναι το καθιερωμένο γεύμα που θα πραγματοποιηθεί την Κυριακή 1 Φεβρουαρίου στο ξενοδοχείο Γουόλντορφ Αστόρια της Νέας Υόρκης. Η κ. Annemarie Weyl Carr, καθηγήτρια και διευθύντρια του τμήματος Ιστορίας και Τέχνης του Πανεπιστημίου Southern Methodist University, θα είναι η κύρια ομιλήτρια της εκδήλωσης με θέμα: «Δώρα από μια ξεχασμένη Αυτοκρατορία: Βυζάντιο και Δυτικός Πολιτισμός». Τα έσοδα από το γεύμα θα διατεθούν για υποτροφίες φοιτητών της Θεολογικής Σχολής του Τιμίου Σταυρού.

Η Γιορτή των Τριών Ιεραρχών γιορτάστηκε για πρώτη φορά το 1100 μ.Χ., όταν ο Αυτοκράτορας του Βυζαντίου Αλέξιος ο Κομνηνός διακήρυξε ότι την 30η Ιανουαρίου θα τιμούνται μαζί οι τρεις πατέρες, τα έργα των οποίων προσέφεραν πολλά στη διαμόρφωση της Ελληνικής Ορθοδοξίας, του Ελληνικού Πολιτισμού και Παιδείας.



Ο ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΟΣ Σπυρίδων παρευρέθηκε ως επίσημος προσκεκλημένος και εκπρόσωπος όλων των Ορθόδοξων Χριστιανών στην ενθρόνιση του Επισκόπου Φράνκ Γκρίσγουολντ, 25ου προεξάρχοντος επισκόπου της Επισκοπेलιανής Εκκλησίας, που πραγματοποιήθηκε στις 10 Ιανουαρίου στον Εθνικό Καθεδρικό Ναό της Ουάσιγκτον.



ΜΕ ΤΟ ΠΟΣΟ των 220.000 δολαρίων θα ενισχυθεί το Ταμείο για τα καρκινοπαθή Ελληνόπουλα, τα οποία νοσηλεύονται στο αντικαρκινικό νοσοκομείο Μερμόριελ Σλόαν Κέτερνγκ της Νέας Υόρκης, σύμφωνα με ανακοίνωση του προέδρου του, κ. Σαμ Μάθιους. Το ποσό προήλθε από την επιτυχημένη διοργάνωση της Συνουσίας της Ελπίδας στις 4 Οκτωβρίου 1997 στο Μάντισον Σκουέαρ Γκάρντεν, όπου παραβρέθηκαν πάνω από 17.000 ομογενείς.



ΤΟ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ, «Τα δοχεία της Αγάπης» ξεπέρασε το 1997 κάθε προηγούμενο σε οικονομική είσπραξη, φτάνοντας σχεδόν τις 100.000 δολάρια. Το πρόγραμμα λειτουργεί με την βοήθεια πολλών εθελοντών από το 1988, υπό την εποπτεία του Ορθόδοξου Χριστιανικού Ιεραποστολικού Κέντρου, που εδρεύει στον Άγιο Αυγουστίνο της Φλόριδας. Οι μικροί κουμπάρδες συλλογής κερμάτων βρίσκονται διάσπαρτοι σε πολλά καταστήματα επιχειρήσεις και εκκλησίες σε όλη τη χώρα. Τα έσοδα διατίθενται για φιλανθρωπικούς και ιεραποστολικούς σκοπούς σε φτωχούς, σχολεία και ορφανοτροφεία στην Αμερική αλλά και σε χώρες όπως η Αλβανία, η Ουγκάντα, η Αιθιοπία, η Κένυα, η Τανζανία, η Μαδαγασκάρη, η Γουατεμάλα και οι Φιλιππίνες.



ΚΟΜΜΑΤΙΑ από μία Βυζαντινή Πόλη, είναι ο τίτλος της έκθεσης ζωγραφικής και γλυπτικής που παρουσιάζει ο Γιώργος Τζανής, από 18 Φεβρουαρίου έως 20 Μαρτίου στην Γκαλερί Beatrice Conde στην Νέα Υόρκη. Ο καλλιτέχνης αντλεί τα θέματα του από τη Βυζαντινή Πόλη της Παλαιοχώρας στα Κύθηρα, απ' όπου και κατάγεται, που καταστράφηκε το 1537 από τον πειρατή Μπαρμπαρόσσα.



Οι μάγοι, οι βοσκοί και τ'αγγελούδια, τα παιδιά της Ακαδημίας του Αγίου Βασίλειου, που περιστοιχίζουν τον Αρχιεπίσκοπο Σπυρίδωνα, απήγγειλαν χριστουγεννιάτικα ποιήματα, έψαλλαν τα κάθηντα και αναπαρέστησαν τη Γέννηση του Θεανθρώπου, στη χριστουγεννιάτικη γιορτή τους. (φωτ. Α. Πανάγος)



Το όνειρο πολλών Ελληνορθόδοξων του Νιού Πόρτ Ρίτσεϊ, στη Φλόριδα, έγινε πραγματικότητα. Τα θυρανοίξια του μεγαλοπρεπούς ναού του Αγίου Γεωργίου τέλεσε πρόσφατα ο Θεοφ. Επίσκοπος Τρωάδος και Αρχιεπισκοπικός Επίτροπος της Επισκοπής Ατλάντα, κ. Αλέξιος. Στη φωτογραφία μεταξύ άλλων ο ιερατικός προϊστάμενος π. Νικόλαος Νικόλης, ο π. Γ. Παπαδέας, ο πρόεδρος της κοινότητας Δημ. Κορδής, ο αντιπρόεδρος Γεώργ. Ψέτας, ο κ. Ευριπίδης Κόντος, μέγας ευεργέτης της κοινότητας και η σύζυγός του Εύα.

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Απ' εκεί...

ΕΠΙΣΤΡΑΦΗΚΕ και παραδόθηκε στη Μονή Ζωγράφου του Αγίου Όρους το πολύτιμο ιστορικό χειρόγραφο του γέροντα Παϊσίου Χελανδαριανού, από όπου είχε κλαπεί το 1985 κατά τη διάρκεια εργασιών συντήρησης. Το χειρόγραφο, που έχει τον τίτλο «Σλάβο-βουλγαρική ιστορία», αποτελείται από 61 φύλλα και γράφηκε το 1762. Το χειρόγραφο «βρέθηκε» το 1996 στο Εθνικό Μουσείο της Σόφιας. Μεταφέρθηκε στην Ελλάδα στις 13 Ιανουαρίου, συνοδεία βουλγαρικών προξενικών αρχών και στη συνέχεια στο Άγιο Όρος από εκπροσώπους του ελληνικού υπουργείου Εξωτερικών. Οι υποψίες που υπήρχαν από ελληνικής πλευράς για ανάμειξη βουλγαρικών μυστικών υπηρεσιών, τελικά επιβεβαιώθηκαν όταν την ίδια μέρα, ο πρώην αρχηγός των βουλγαρικών μυστικών υπηρεσιών παραδέχθηκε σε βουλγαρικό τηλεοπτικό πρόγραμμα, την απ' ευθείας ανάμειξη του στην κλοπή του χειριδίου.



ΜΕ ΤΙΤΛΟ «Οι Σέρβοι στα ελληνικά σχολεία», η εφημερίδα του Βελιγραδίου "Πολίτικα" δημοσιεύει συνέντευξη του ακολούθου στην ελληνική πρεσβεία, κ. Αντώνη Κούλα, η οποία αναφέρεται κυρίως στην ομιλία του στη διεθνή επιστημονική συνάντηση που έγινε στη Σερβική Ακαδημία Επιστημών και Τεχνών, τον περασμένο Δεκέμβριο με θέμα "Συνάντηση ή σύγκρουση πολιτισμών στα Βαλκάνια;". Στη συνέντευξη ο κ. Κούλας τονίζει την επίδραση της ελληνικής παιδείας στη σερβική, σημειώνοντας και τα εξής: «*Αρχίζοντας από το Μεσαίωνα, από τη βυζαντινή και μοναστηριακή μεταφραστική λογοτεχνία, η επίδραση αυτή ήταν όλο και μεγαλύτερη. Στα μέσα του 18ου αιώνα, η μελέτη της ελληνικής αρχαίας λογοτεχνίας και της ελληνικής μετάφρασης της Αγίας Γραφής, βγήκε από το πλαίσιο της εκκλησιαστικής παιδείας και μπήκε στη στοιχειώδη εκπαίδευση. Σε όλες τις σερβικές πόλεις, όπου υπήρχε ελληνικός πληθυσμός (κυρίως οικογένειες εμπόρων), λειτουργούσαν ελληνικά σχολεία. Στο Βελιγράδι ελληνικό σχολείο λειτούργησε το 1718, στο Νόβι Σαντ το 1782, στο Ζέμουν το 1794. Στη συνέχεια λειτούργησαν σχολεία στο Σμεντέρεβο, Νέγκοτιν, Βάλιεβο, Κραγκούεβατς. Ταυτόχρονα και στα σερβικά δημοτικά και εμπορικά σχολεία και γυμνάσια διδασκονταν η ελληνική γλώσσα.*»



ΥΠΟΓΡΑΦΗΚΕ στο Παρίσι, από 17 ευρωπαϊκές χώρες, μεταξύ των οποίων και η Ελλάδα, το πρώτο διεθνές πρωτόκολλο του Συμβουλίου της Ευρώπης που απαγορεύει ρητά την κλωνοποίηση ανθρώπων. Το πρωτόκολλο προβλέπει αυστηρές ποινές σε ερευνητικά ιδρύματα και επιστήμονες που θα κάνουν έρευνες για τη δημιουργία κλώνων από νεκρούς ή ζωντανούς ανθρώπους..



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OBITUARIES

Andrew Vance

SCARSDALE, N.Y. — Andrew Peter Vance, 72, a member of the Archdiocesan Council for more than 30 years and an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, died recently at White Plains Hospital.

Mr. Vance served in many capacities at the national level, including chairman of the Clergy-Laity Congress Standing Committee on Education, trustee of St. Photios Foundation, and Orthodox Observer Advisory Board member from 1986-88. He served on the governing board of the National Council of Churches from 1969-87. A friend and advisor to Archbishop Iakovos, he was the recipient of the St. Paul Medal, the Archdiocese's highest honor.

Mr. Vance's service to the Church began in the early 1950s when he co-founded the Greek Orthodox Youth of America (GOYA), and was its national chairman from 1953-55. He was instrumental in the building of the Holy Cross School, which was financed by GOYA. He also was a member and former president of the Eastern Orthodox Youth Leaders of America.

At the local level, Mr. Vance served his parish, Church of Our Savior in Rye, N.Y., as a trustee from 1963 to 1988, and again from 1991 to 1997. And also served

two terms as president.

Born in Detroit in 1925 to Peter and Anna Maktos Vance, he served in the U.S. Navy as a Seabee during World War II, then graduated from Harvard College in 1948 and from Harvard Law School in 1952.

His distinguished law career included service as a trial attorney and in various other capacities with the U.S. Department of Justice, including the Customs Section. Mr. Vance helped draft the Federal Customs Act of 1980.

In 1976, he joined the law firm of Barnes, Richardson and Colburn and continued to practice customs and international trade law until his death.

He had numerous professional affiliations and was the recipient of several prestigious awards of the legal profession.

Mr. Vance also served as a trustee of Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pa.

Survivors include his wife, Olivia (Cambourelis) Vance of Scarsdale; a son, Peter Andrew of San Diego, Calif.; three daughters, Catherine A. Vance of Briarcliff Manor, N.Y., Penelope of Upper Montclair, N.J., and Dorothy of Peru, N.Y.; and numerous other relatives.

Memorials in his name may be made to Church of Our Savior, 2195 Westchester Ave. East, in Rye, or Juniata College, 1700 Moore St., Huntingdon, Pa 16652, att: Andrew P. Vance Fund.

Reverend Deacon Christodoulos Vigil

DENVER — The Diocese of Denver recently announced the death of the Rev. Deacon Christodoulos Vigil.

A native of Denver, Deacon Vigil was born Dec. 12, 1925. Active in civic affairs in the Denver community, he was received into the Orthodox Church through Chrismation, together with his wife, Margarita, in 1973 at Holy Transfiguration Cathedral of the Orthodox Church in America.

Deacon Vigil was also very active at Assumption Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Denver and, with the encouragement of his pastor, the Rev. George Neofotistos, he applied in 1980 for ordination to the diaconate.

With the authorization of Archbishop Iakovos, Deacon Vigil was ordained by

Bishop Anthony of San Francisco on May 26, 1980, and was assigned to serve at Assumption Cathedral. He was elevated to the rank of Archdeacon and appointed to serve as Deacon to Bishop Philip of Daphnusia on Oct. 2 1987.

Upon the founding of Saint Catherine Parish in Greenwood Village, Colo., Deacon Vigil was assigned to serve as assistant to the pastor, the Rev. Dean Talagan.

Deacon Vigil worked for the U.S. Department of Labor, and at his retirement was certifying officer of the Employment and Training Administration.

Following a long bout with cancer, Deacon Vigil fell asleep in the Lord at a nursing home on Oct. 14. Deacon Vigil is survived by his two daughters.

Costa Hayden

NEW YORK — Costa Hayden, the prolific photographer who for nearly 40 years chronicled the life of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese and of the Greek community in the United States, died recently after a lengthy illness. He was 79.

Born Constantinos Hadjiconstantinou on May 1, 1918, in Thessaloniki, he moved to Athens to pursue his photography, then to New York in 1958. He was at dockside on April 1 and covered the arrival of the new Archbishop, Iakovos. Since that time Mr. Hayden was often at his side, whether for an event at the Archdiocese, or the White House, or anywhere in the world throughout the year, as staff photographer. His work appeared in nearly every issue of the Orthodox Observer for more than 25 years, and in many commercial publications in the United States and Greece.

He approached his work with great zeal and enthusiasm and often "took charge" of a situation to ensure that the best possible photograph was taken.

In May, Mr. Hayden was awarded a "Lifetime Achievement Award" at the Hellenic Times Scholarship Dinner Dance in New York.

Survivors include four children and two grandchildren.



Costa Hayden shown in a typical pose, "taking charge" in setting up a photo.

WOMEN & ORTHODOXY

Surviving Against All Odds

As a triumphant cancer survivor, Georgia Photopulos of Northbrook, Ill., celebrates life and retains her optimism. A nationally recognized speaker and author, she brings hope and inspiration to many.

By Eleni Daniels

In 1968, on her 10th wedding anniversary, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Everything was going so well in her life. "My husband and I were in love - we always said we were the perfect couple - and we had wonderful children. My husband had just been promoted to an ABC network correspondent, which he had long dreamed of, so all seemed so perfect."

The prognosis was "less than hopeful," for Georgia but her abiding faith in God carried her throughout her most difficult days. During her battle with cancer, Georgia promised God, first and foremost that in return for the gift of life, she would devote herself to helping others afflicted with this disease.

With the help of her family and friends she maintained a hopeful, positive attitude which in turn allowed her to surpass the difficult periods. After more than 19 cancer-related surgeries and 120 radiation treatments, Mrs. Photopulos has indeed survived and has kept her vow.

It all has to do with her faith in God and St. Nectarios, the patron saint of cancer patients in the Greek Orthodox tradition. She recounts the story of how she came to learn of St. Nectarios.

"After my first mastectomy, I was receiving therapeutic radiology at the local hospital where I happened to chat briefly with a man from our church who was there with his daughter. I later saw him in church, and he asked me then why I had been at the hospital. When I told him, he wept openly.

"The next week, he was waiting for us at the hospital and told me he had something for me. It was a relic of St. Nectarios. St. Nectarios was a 20th century saint and this man had actually known him back in Greece. He had great faith in his intercessory powers, so he urged me to pray to him for help."

Georgia kept the relic and prayed to St. Nectarios for the strength to make it through. She found it very difficult to learn about, or even to discuss the disease. "Nothing existed, cancer wasn't out in the open, the word wasn't spoken. I vowed that if I lived, I would help every sick and dying person that came my way for the rest of my life."

Since then, Georgia has had many recurrences of cancer - including a bout with a benign brain tumor - and survived.

Despite complications over the years, Georgia has fulfilled that promise. In the years since her diagnosis, she has become a national spokesperson and a pioneer of support systems for cancer patients.

In 1973, she founded Cancer Call PAC (People Against Cancer), the nation's first 24-hour emotional support phone service of the American Cancer Society. It became a prototype for other hot lines like one for the National Cancer Institute and HOPENET of the Hope Cancer Care Net-

work of Chicago.

"One-on-one support, personal as well as professional, has a profound impact when you have cancer," said Mrs. Photopulos.

She is a syndicated columnist that addresses issues related to cancer, answering readers' questions. With her husband, she co-authored the best-seller, *Of Tears and Triumphs: One Family's Courageous Fight Against Cancer*, a dramatic account of survival against all odds, a poignant love story about husband, wife and family, and a source of hope to cancer patients and their families.

She has delivered numerous professional and public lectures on the topic. She is an Emmy award-winning writer, a consultant to the National Cancer Institute and a radio commentator on women's health issues, as well as a volunteer with the American Cancer Society.

Back in 1993, Georgia began the Sts. Peter and Paul Cancer Ministry in Chicago as a volunteer. It provides updated information on all cancer site treatments and clinical trials from the National Cancer Institute at no cost.

In July 1997, she was named as one of Chicago's "Top 100 Women Making A Difference" by *Today's Chicago Woman* magazine.

She has developed an informational brochure on cancer for women titled *Breast & Uterine Cancer Facts* printed in Greek and distributed by the Daughters of Penelope.

If this weren't enough, Georgia leads a cancer support group at her church for people with all kinds of cancer - from all walks of life and also writes a monthly column for the *Greek Star* newspaper in Chicago.

Georgia has a BA in health education communications from Northeastern Illinois University and is very active in the Church.

Prior to her illness, she was employed with the FBI in Chicago for 10 years, serving as a Greek translator, assisting agents in security and criminal investigations and serving as associate editor of *Investigator*, the FBI's national magazine.

HER MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT: "Surviving the debilitating effects of cancer, radiation, brain surgery and numerous residual complications for more than 28 years and being able to keep my promise to God to help others afflicted by the illness."

Mrs. Photopulos recently cleared yet another hurdle. She underwent major heart surgery in October to replace an aortic valve.

Her faith in Jesus Christ, along with prayers to Him, the Virgin Mary and St. Nectarios kept her alive. "If it hadn't been for the outpouring of letters and prayers from people around the nation, the holy oil and holy water, I don't believe I would have made it," she said.

For additional information about Mrs. Photopulos, or on cancer, write: Georgia Photopulos, PO Box 92, Northbrook, IL 60065-0092.

This new column of the Observer will highlight women and the Orthodox faith and look at how their faith has changed their lives and those around them.



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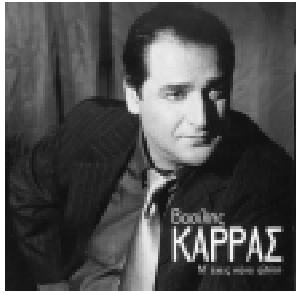


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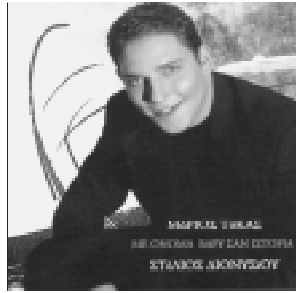
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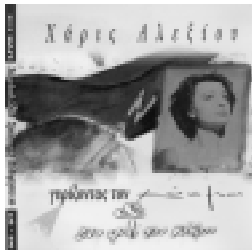


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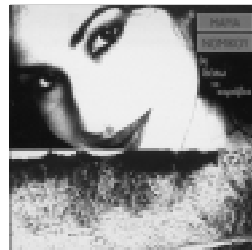
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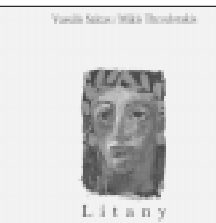
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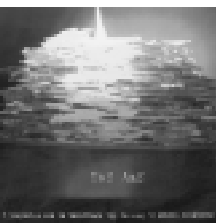
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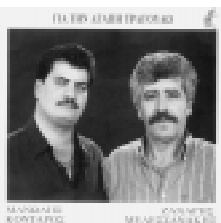
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A Concise Biography of St. John Chrysostom

LANSING, Mich. — “The Golden Mouth” orator most probably was born in 349 in Antioch, Syria, to faithful Christian parents. His mother bore the name Anthusa and his father, Secundus, was a noble general in the Roman army.

By Fr. Costa Christofis

At age 18, he completed his rhetorical studies and philosophical education.

During the celebration of the Paschal Feast in 368, Bishop Meletius of Antioch baptized Chrysostom a Christian. After his 22nd birthday, John began his lectorate in the Church of Antioch and, soon afterwards, he interrupted it only to begin his strict monastic life (372).

He retired to the mountains and lived as a hermit for several years, impregnating his mind with the teachings of Jesus Christ. However, since his austere regimen severely affected the functioning of his gastric organs, and the extreme cold temperature impaired the operation of his kidneys, he returned to the Church in Antioch in 378, where he resumed his duties as a lector.

At 31 years of age, Bishop Meletius ordained him a deacon. When Chrysostom became 36, Bishop Flavian of Antioch ordained him a priest.

His ministry in Antioch ended rather unexpectedly when Nectarius, the Archbishop of Constantinople, died Sept. 27, 397, and John was chosen to succeed him. On Feb. 26, 398, Chrysostom, at age 49, was consecrated Archbishop of Constantinople by an imperial decree of the Roman Emperor Arcadius, and at the unwilling hands of Archbishop Theophilus of Alexandria.

Chrysostom immediately began to reform the imperial city and its clergy since

they succumbed to terrible corruption under the lax Nectarius. His soul was too pure, unselfish and noble to fathom the devilish intrigues of the imperial court. His fiery temperament for the reform of the clergy and laity was offensive to high-ranking court officials, and his loving, faithful and uncompromising adherence to the teachings of Christ and His Church united all hostile forces against him.

After the downfall of the all-powerful and influential Eutropius in 399, who served as Arcadius' chief advisor and secretary, the Empress Eudoxia gained tremendous authority and power. She, together with Chrysostom's episcopal comrades, Severian of Gabala, Acacius of Beroea, Antiochus of Ptolemais and, especially, his most dangerous enemy Theophilus of Alexandria, summoned Chrysostom in 403 to the Synod of the Oak, a suburb of Chalcedon. There, he was deposed from his episcopal throne and exiled. Eventually he was recalled only to be permanently exiled in 404, first, to Caucasus in Lesser Armenia. After three treacherous years of traveling and fighting against the elements of nature and his own people, he finally arrived at Comana in Pontus where he was to enter the company of the saints in heaven.

Realizing his closeness to death, he dragged his ailing body to the Church of the Martyr Basiliscus and beckoned his entourage to dress him with the white garments of death, according to an ancient Roman custom. The priest of the Church administered to Chrysostom the Holy Mysteries of Christ's Body and Blood.

On Sept. 14, 407, Chrysostom stated with his final breath, “Glory to God for all things. Amen.” He made the sign of the Cross and rested peacefully at the age of 56 in the bosom of the Church that he courageously defended until the end of his life.

Theodosius II, a son of Eudoxia, ordered Chrysostom's relics be taken to Constantinople on Jan. 27, 438 where they were interred in the Church of the Holy Apostles.

His feast day is celebrated by the Church on Nov. 13 so that it does not conflict with the Feast Day of the Cross on Sept. 14.

Almost 800 years passed before Chrysostom's relics would be disturbed once again. In 1204, the Venetians during the Fourth Crusade conquered the city of Constantinople and seized many precious religious artifacts, among those being the earthly remains of Chrysostom.

They transferred them to Rome and Chrysostom's tomb is shown next to that of St. Peter the Apostle in the choir chapel of the Basilica of St. Peter, according to J.N.D. Kelly in his recent book on Chrysostom, *Golden Mouth, The Story of John Chrysostom, Ascetic, Preacher, Bishop* (Cornell University Press, Ithaca, NY, 1995; p. 290).

This priest, who has dedicated his life to the study of the great Church Father, requested the Vatican to release a portion of Chrysostom's relics.

In a rare ecumenical gesture by Pope John Paul II, a fragment of the Saint's body has been issued officially from the Pope's private chapel to Holy Trinity Church in Lansing.

Bishop Pierre Duprey of the Pontifical Council For Promoting Christian Unity transferred to me at Notre Dame University in South Bend, Ind., Chrysostom's relic on May 26. Bishop Maximus of Pittsburgh, locum tenens of the Detroit Diocese, enshrined the relic in Holy Trinity Church on July 28.

Bishop Gerasimos of Abydos: The Spiritual Elder of America

Translated and edited by Fr. Peter A. Chamberas

In the time since the falling asleep of Bishop Gerasimos of Abydos in 1995, many people have begun referring to him in saintly terms, with many recollections about his life and work, especially at Holy Cross School of Theology. Here is his biography, prepared by his nephew, Stylianos Papadopoulos, the bishop's autobiography, found among his papers at the time of his death, and his last scholarly reflection, on the historical prayer of Jesus in the Gospel of John.

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- 25 SUN Col. 3:4-11; Lk. 17:12-19
- 26 M Ja. 2:14-26; Mk. 10:46-52
- 27 T Ja. 3:1-10; Mk. 11:11-23
- 28 W Ja. 3:11-4:6; Mk. 11:23-26
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- 5 Th 1 Pet. 4:12-5:5; Mk. 12:38-44
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- 11 W 2 Pet. 3:1-18; Mk. 13:24-31
- 12 Th 1 Jn. 1:8-2:6; Mk. 13:31-14:2
- 13 F 1 Jn. 2:7-17; Mk. 14:3-9
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- 15 SUN 1 Cor. 6:12-20; Lk. 15:11-32
- 16 M 1 Cor. 6:12-20; Lk. 15:11-32
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Taking a Mission Sabbatical

The desirability of taking a mission sabbatical became a compelling idea for me and Presbytera Alexandra after I visited our son Nicholas and Bishop Jonah in the mission field of the fast-growing Tanzanian Orthodox Church in the summer of 1996.

By Fr John Chakos

After traveling through rolling grasslands along bumpy, unpaved roads and foot paths, while visiting remote villages in the region of Lake Victoria, I encountered a poverty that could not easily be dismissed or forgotten.

The sight of the bare-footed and long-suffering African people carrying their heavy burdens on their heads, backs, shoulders or arms reminded me of the weary and humbled Christ carrying His Cross with no one to help Him.

Upon returning to America, I realized how important it would be for us, if only for a short-term stay, to leave our comfortable lives and tithe a portion of our priestly ministry for the work of missions.

I was further struck by the fact that there was virtually no presence of American Orthodoxy in this vast mission field of hungry souls waiting to hear a good word from us. Worshipping in the village churches of stick and mud and swaying to the rhythms of the Byzantine Liturgy in Swahili became irresistible.

After much prayer and with the blessings of Bishop Maximos and the overwhelming support of our Holy Cross parish family, we arrived in Bukoba, Tanzania, the humble seat of the diocese, in mid-January of 1997.

What followed for the next six months was an experience of life in the mission field that would leave its indelible mark on our souls. Every day presented its challenges of survival and tests of faith.

We marveled at the people's endless patience and vibrant faith. Weekly visits to the village parishes gave us a taste of a life so harsh that every day was Good Friday, but every Liturgy like Pascha.

As we traveled throughout the country, we delivered your message of love - that of the Orthodox Christians of America - to all our brothers and sisters in Christ. Out of gratitude for the gifts that we gave to them, whether icons, books, medicines or clothing, the Tanzanians reciprocated with gifts of live chickens, fruit offerings, home-grown vegetables, woven straw mats and very spirited Christian songs of welcome.

Although not much by our standards, it came from a great scarcity which showed the depth of their love.

In their smiling eyes, polite bows, warm greetings and friendly gestures we felt the presence of Christ. In the Tanza-

nian culture such amenities are accorded the highest value. The proper reception of a guest takes on sacramental meaning.

Of the many such scenes of human warmth and kindness, one in particular, only a few miles from the border of Tanzania with Rwanda, was striking. The days before our arrival saw such a deluge of rain as to make some of the roads impassable. Even with our four-wheel drive we could barely slip through the deep mud. Adding to our anxiety about the roads was the unwelcome news that bandits were robbing travelers.

Although arriving late Saturday night under the heavy cover of a wet darkness, we were warmly welcomed by many of the faithful, who would stay and cook for us through the night.

The following morning for Liturgy, in a mud and stick church no bigger than a two-car garage, scores of people began arriving. As I turned around to commune them, I looked in awe and disbelief at the numbers, people squeezing in side by side and on top of one another, heads, arms, legs and bare feet everywhere, but without any disorder, waiting to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

The only place left for anyone to enter was through the thatched roof, as in the time of Christ.

After greetings were exchanged, and songs of welcome chanted, the leaders of the surrounding parishes spoke out about their simple needs - help with moving stones to build a proper church, priestly help for Father Peter (the parish priest), who was responsible for seven mission stations, a soccer ball and some farming equipment for the youth group, medicines for the dispensary and schooling for the young.

During the following months we responded by sending a truck, bringing medicines, arranging a medical survey and opening a catechetical center for the diocese. Presbytera taught sewing classes and trained a woman to make cassocks for all the priests and deacons.

Despite all of this, we only made a beginning. Our six months stay seemed to end too quickly. To those who ask why do foreign missions when we have so much need at home, we would say look into the face of every child who lacks proper nourishment, but has a protruding belly, who wants an education but can't afford school fees, who sings like an angel, but is covered with sores, and listen for the voice of Christ.

Are these not also our brothers and sisters in the faith, the "least of the brethren" whom it is our privilege to serve?

Fr. Chakos is a member of the OCMC Board and is currently serving at Holy Cross Church in Pittsburgh.

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Visits China

Constantine Papadakis, president of Drexel University in Philadelphia, recently led a delegation from the city on a week-long visit to Shanghai, China. It resulted in a reciprocal visit to Philadelphia and the university by Chinese President Jiang Zemin. Jiang's son earned a doctorate in electrical engineering from Drexel.

Receives appointment

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Sts. Constantine and Helen Cathedral of Brooklyn recently honored Judge Nicholas Coffinas of the New York State Supreme Court and an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. He is a member of the Cathedral board and a founder of the A. Fantis Parochial School.

Gives Lifetime service

Annunciation Church in Oakland, Calif., recently honored Alyce and Clare Karahalios for their lifetime of service to Christ and His Church. Clare has served on the parish council more than 12 years. Alyce has taught Sunday School for 52 consecutive years and has served as Philoptochos chapter president the past four years. They also have served as a one-couple welcoming team for the past 50 years.

Fund-raising for hero

St. Demetrios Greek American School Alumni Association in Astoria recently held a fund-raising campaign for alumnus Nick Pavlou (class of '73) who last year saved a woman and her grandson from being injured by the collapse of a six-ton crane. He was seriously injured and has been undergoing intensive physical therapy since the accident.

Named to adoption organization

C. Catherine Marangos, member of Kimisis Tis Theotokou Church in Fair Haven, N.J., has been named to the board of the American Adoption Congress, an international network of individuals and organizations dedicated to truth in adoption and to reform.

A Hidden Jewel in North Carolina

PARISH profile

Name: Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
 Location: Winston-Salem, N.C.
 Size: More than 350 families
 Diocese: Atlanta
 Founded: 1926
 Clergy: Fr. Demetri Kangelaris (Holy Cross '81), pastor; Fr. Dennis Canavos (priest with lay profession)
 Noteworthy: highly active and successful youth programs



ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

This mid-sized parish near the Blue Ridge Mountains in northwestern North Carolina should serve as a great example of how to spread the word of the Greek Orthodox faith and culture to its youth and to non-Orthodox alike.

Situated on the city's west side near Interstate 40, Annunciation Church has the distinction of being conveniently located to a majority of its parishioners, most of whom live within 10 minutes of the church. The most distant members live about 60 miles away, in southern Virginia.

"Because of the church's proximity to most of the people, it's always humming. There's always something taking place," Fr. Kangelaris said. "This place is like a hidden jewel."

The parish's seven-and-a-half acre complex includes the church, a community center, separate classroom building and library, a soccer field, picnic area and outdoor pavilion.

Annunciation's religious education efforts begin early. The Orthodox Christian Pre-School was founded in September for children ages 1 to 4 and has an enrollment of 40. The parish is considering adding a kindergarten in the future.

Sunday School has an enrollment of 170 from age 3 continuing through high school.

Fifty-seven students comprise the Greek school, along with three teachers under the direction of Emily Kasant. Annunciation also operates a satellite Greek school for a small number of children in the city of Salisbury, about 40 miles to the southwest. The parish supplies learning materials to the parents who teach the children. To graduate, the kids must pass a test. The program serves to keep them involved and informed about the faith and the parish, Fr. Demetri explained.

Adults have their own "Sunday School" every week during Matins. Af-

terward, they attend the entire Divine Liturgy, while the children are in their classes for the first half of the service, then return to the church for the second half.

Once a month, Fr. Demetri holds a Sunday School teaching liturgy, prior to the regular liturgy. In the teaching liturgy, the children sing the responses, much like a junior choir. Leading them is the parish's new youth director, Vasie-Leigh Chames, a 1997 graduate of Holy Cross School of Theology.

"We have a strong youth program," Fr. Demetri declared. It includes the Hope, JOY, GOYA, and YAL programs, a campus ministry at Wake Forest University, and what he called "a tremendous vacation church school" that takes place over one week in the summer at the parish complex.

Annunciation's ministries and outreach programs are not solely for its younger members, however.

There is a Golden Years group for senior citizens, a Bible study-discussion group that meets every Thursday morning and a regular choir.

Several years ago the parish established a library, which houses more than 5,000 volumes of books and videos. Its use is not limited to parishioners. Anyone from the greater Winston-Salem community is welcome to use the library and many do. Fr. Kangelaris said that the parish funded the library with \$3,500 in seed money raised through the compilation and sale of a Greek cookbook.

Philanthropic works abound through the efforts of the local Philoptochos chapter that contributes to several local, national and international charities throughout the year, and through the parish's support of a local children's hospital and hospice.

For the past five years, Annunciation Church has donated 10 percent of the net proceeds from two major fund-raising events, its Greek Festival held in May and the Athenian Night in September, to these

two local causes.

In addition to these functions, parish revenue also comes from stewardship, which Fr. Demetri said was begun 15 years ago and is doing very well.

The Philoptochos chapter also sponsors a Children's Day every November for middle school children throughout the city who are studying Greece in their curriculum.

Taking place over a three-day period, the Children's Day event brings some 1,500 adolescents for a sampling of Greek Orthodox faith and culture. The program includes an hour-long presentation in the church and a one-hour cultural program in the fellowship hall that includes a brief lecture on Greece, sampling of Greek food and a demonstration on Greek dancing.

"It gives us a lot of visibility in the city," said Fr. Demetri. "And we get very good media coverage in print, television and radio."

Demographically, the parish is nearly half Greek-born immigrants, with most of the rest American-born, along with some Orthodox of Russian, Ukrainian and Arab background, and a few converts.

According to a parish history, the first-known settler in the area was Alex Kiriakidis, who came from Asia Minor by way of Roanoke, Va., in 1906. He established a restaurant and, soon afterward, other young men from several parts of Greece, mostly from Evrytania, Samos and the Peloponnese, came to Winston-Salem and other nearby cities to open restaurants.

For centuries, tobacco was king in the region. The city itself is the namesake for two popular cigarette brands and is home to the nation's largest cigarette manufacturing plant.

But this city of about 140,000 is also a major regional medical center, **See PARISH PROFILE, on page 23**

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Youth Ministry

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His All Holiness Speaks to the Youth of America "As a Father to His Children"

By Maria Karalekas

As part of His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew's visit to America, various youth rallies and events were organized throughout the Archdiocese. In his numerous addresses to young people, His All Holiness expressed his sincere paternal love for them and his concern for their spiritual and moral development. Moreover, he spoke to them "as a father to his children" and he encouraged young people to place all their trust and hope in, and commit themselves to, Jesus Christ. "Commit yourselves, one another and your whole life to Christ our True God, and His blessings' and peace will fill your life with an abundance of joy. As difficult as it may sometimes be, avoid all temptations which separate you from the love of Jesus Christ. Keep the image of Jesus Christ before you, so that you may act from His strength even when you feel yourselves to be weak. Go to Church, read the gospel every day, talk to your priest, speak with your parents. Pray regularly to the Lord. This will be a source of strength and inspiration for you." His All Holiness invited all young people to consider the "rich and spiritual heritage" which they have inherited and to take on the responsibility of preserving and defending it, not allowing themselves to become "secularized."

Throughout his interactions with young people across the country, His All Holiness was assured that these traditions would be safeguarded as he affirmed that "I have seen with my own eyes, and heard with my own ears, and felt with my own paternal heart, the love and dedication and respect that you have for your faith – for the Holy Orthodox Church. I have been moved to tears by this outpouring of love and faith-filled commitment. My beloved children, I trust you and, I give thanks to Almighty God that I can rest assured about the future of Orthodoxy in America!"

Our young people are the beacons of light who will lead our Church into the new millennium; and, as His All Holiness proclaimed on numerous occasions during his visit, our young people are more than the future of the Church, they are "the eternal and everlasting 'Now' – the presence of Christ through His Holy Spirit – in the midst of the Church today." With this important realization, let us consider how we may empower our young people to take on leadership roles in their communities. Let us provide opportunities that will allow them to grow spiritually and provide experiences for them that will lead them to take ownership of their faith, thus, leading them into a relationship with Jesus Christ. His All Holiness adamantly proclaimed that "the time is now" for our young people to take on leadership roles within the Church. He has every expectation that they will succeed in this mission if they remain firmly rooted in the traditions of our Orthodox faith. He assured them many times over that "Christ will always be with you my children, if you keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge of His presence and do not forget: our faith is alive, our message is strong, and our truth is universal."

Let us strive to keep this message alive in our hearts and in the hearts of our young people. Although His All Holiness has returned to Constantinople, let us not forget



(top) A young girl from the Boston Diocese waiting to offer a bouquet of flowers to His All Holiness upon his arrival at the Church of the Taxiarchae in Watertown.

(right) A young boy from St. Basil's Academy receives a blessing from His All Holiness.



the love, the warmth, and the divine inspiration which he shared with us. Let us hold on to it, let us preserve it and let us honor his appeal to "be a voice for our fellow man, be a voice of Christ, be a voice for the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, be a voice for the Great Church of Christ, the Ecumenical Patriarchate to the world."

ATLANTA DIOCESE

While visiting the Annunciation Cathedral in Atlanta, His All Holiness was met by about 400 children who had gathered in front of the Cathedral to greet him. They welcomed the Patriarch and offered him flowers.

"I felt very honored to be in his presence," said 15-year old Chrissy Hadjisimos. "It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience!" Michael Pappas who is thirteen years old agreed and added, "it was neat!" Ten-year old Maria Niarchos of Marietta expressed her enthusiasm to meeting His All Holiness by saying, "I just could not believe it. I could not believe it. I was just glad to be Greek Orthodox."

BOSTON DIOCESE

A Youth Rally was held in Watertown, Massachusetts in front of the Church of the Taxiarchae where 3,000 people, including hundreds of kids from throughout the diocese, gathered to greet His All Holiness.

Paula Popas, a senior high school student from Watertown, describes the excitement and enthusiasm which was felt by everyone present that day. "It was so very uplifting inside to see the faces of children light up with such excitement as they called out to His All Holiness. It was a once-in-a-lifetime event to be so close to something so pure."

Senior high school student Francine Lalooses, also from Watertown recalls, "the warmth felt inside of our hearts, given to us by the presence of His All Holiness

and the lighting of the candles, was an illuminating experience, physically, mentally, and spiritually."

CHICAGO DIOCESE

The youth of the Chicago Diocese welcomed His All Holiness with a National Pan-Orthodox Youth and Young Adult Festival which took place at the Chicago Navy Pier on November 1 and was attended by over 5,000 young people.

Highlighting the musical program at the Festival were

"getting to meet Patriarch Bartholomew was a once-in-a-lifetime chance and I'm glad I was able to have the opportunity. He has made a major influence in my life, spiritually and mentally, by showing his compassion and love towards the world."

NEW YORK ARCHDIOCESE

When the Patriarch arrived in New York on October 23, he was met by hundreds of young people who greeted him with flowers, flags, Byzantine chant and ethnic dress. One of those young people was 11-year old Kally Anctil who was anxiously waiting to greet the Patriarch and tell him "welcome to New York. It's nice to see you again!" You see, Kally had met the Patriarch 11 years ago in Astoria where her dad, Fr. Nicholas Anctil, was a priest. She was only 40 days old at the time and His All Holiness was then the Metropolitan of Philadelphia. Kally and her family had taken a picture with the Metropolitan and Kally says, "My parents had saved the picture for many years and got it framed as soon as he became Patriarch."

The next morning, His All Holiness was honored by over 500 young adults and their families at a breakfast held at Tavern on the Green.

PITTSBURGH DIOCESE

Prior to the visit of His All Holiness the young people of the Pittsburgh Diocese attended a retreat organized by the Diocese Youth Office. Vassi Makris, the Diocese Youth Director, tells how "the retreat was developed to prepare the Goyans for the historical visit of His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew."

When His All Holiness finally did arrive, 17-year old Luke Diamant of Holy Cross Church in Pittsburgh recalls, "I was lucky enough to have the honor of participating in Sunday service with His All Holiness as an acolyte. The Patriarch's visit to Pittsburgh is something that I will treasure within me for the rest of my life."

Fourteen-year-old Alexandra Loutsion who also attended Divine Liturgy with His All Holiness reflected on the experience by saying "during his sermon, I was very touched and very moved by how he began talking not only about the youth, but to the youth."

SAN FRANCISCO DIOCESE

A Pan-Orthodox Dance Festival was held on November 6 at the Annunciation Cathedral in San Francisco in honor of His All Holiness. In attendance were over 500 youth and young adults and performing were approximately 12 dance troupes of varying ethnic backgrounds.

Thirteen-year old Mary Canellos remarked that "the coming of His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch to the Annunciation Cathedral was not only a great honor but a wonderful blessing as well."

DENVER DIOCESE

On November 12, over 700 youth and young adults from the Denver Diocese were granted a special audience with His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Dallas, Texas. This unique youth rally which was organized through the efforts of Fr. Mark Leondis (Denver Diocese Youth Director) and Fr. Anthony Savvas (Pastor of Holy Trinity in Dallas), offered the young people of the diocese an opportunity to receive answers to questions they personally asked of the Patriarch.

During the rally, the Patriarch was also presented with a commemorative album containing messages and letters from kids around the diocese as well as a check for \$5,000

Twelve-year old Nicole Michas from the Assumption Cathedral in Denver says, "meeting Patriarch Bartholomew was a very spiritual and unforgettable experience!"

Fourteen-year old Chassidy Johnson of Holy Trinity Church in Tulsa, says that

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NATIONAL & WORLD REVIEW

Family Disruption May Keep GenXers from Church

(RNS) Two researchers who have conducted a large study of so-called GenXers and other demographic cohorts say their findings may help congregations attract the missing young adults back to the church fold.

The Rev. Jackson W. Carroll, professor of religion and society at Duke University Divinity School, and Wade Clark Roof, a professor of religion and society at the University of California at Santa Barbara, surveyed 1,150 people in North Carolina and Southern California about their worship styles, church-going habits and religious beliefs to get answers about religion and congregational life, reported the United Methodist News Service.

The survey included Generation Xers — those born between 1964 and 1979 — as well as Baby Boomers, those born between 1946 and 1963, and so-called Pre-boomers, those born prior to 1946.

“Forty-five percent of the Xers went through some sort of family disruption —

the divorce or separation of their parents — or they were raised by a single parent,” Carroll said. “That compares to 27 percent of the Boomers and 23 percent of the Pre-boomers.”

Carroll said the survey showed that more than 80 percent of each group have a belief in God but a majority of all three generations were dissatisfied with the vitality of their congregations.

The results of the study, Carroll said, can help churches become aware of the attitudes toward religious involvement and church of GenXers as well as the other groups. He said the most successful churches “function like a shopping mall.”

“People pick and choose among small groups that meet their particular needs like a variety of shops and boutiques. And they come in and out,” Carroll said. “Churches have to find a way of encouraging a greater sense of commitment, longer staying power and offer more direction,” he said.

Religious Intolerance Widespread in Europe

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WASHINGTON — A new report by an Italian religion think-tank says American-style religious pluralism is under official attack in much of Europe — including several western European nations considered bastions of democratic freedom.

While American attention has largely been focused on Russia's recent approval

groups have also come in for official sanction in France, Belgium and Switzerland, said CESNUR managing director Massimo Introvigne.

At a news conference, Introvigne said the purpose of the study was “to ring a bell that we're seeing the beginning of a widespread trend of intolerance.”

In France, said the study, public school teachers have been fired recently despite “years of honorable service” because they are Jehovah's Witnesses, branded a “dangerous cult” in a 1996 government report.

In Belgium, Quakers, Catholic charismatic renewal organizations, Buddhists, Satmar Hasidic Jews and the YWCA — but not the YMCA — were labeled cults in a government report issued earlier this year.

The CESNUR study called the Belgium government report “bizarre.”

The study said that much of the religious intolerance is a reaction to the Order of the Solar Temple suicides and homicides in Switzerland and France in 1994 and 1995.

The incidents — along with the Aum Shinri Kyo subway poisonings in Japan — prompted an anti-cult backlash in Europe much as the Jonestown, Guyana, Peoples Temple mass suicide and murder of 1978 unleashed similar sentiment in the United States, Introvigne said.

“Virtually no one in present-day western Europe, and certainly not governments or parliamentary commissions, would admit to being against religious liberty,” the CESNUR study said.

By IRA RIFKIN

of a law regulating religious expression there and Germany's ongoing conflict with the Church of Scientology, the report by the Center for Studies on New Religions (CESNUR) in Turin, Italy, notes “there are literally hundreds of religious minorities discriminated against or persecuted in Western Europe.”

Generally, the faiths discriminated against are dismissed as cults.

Moreover, said the report released here Monday (Dec. 1), “these cases, unfortunately, are not simply exceptions to a general rule of religious tolerance.”

Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, Hare Krishnas and Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church are among the minority groups facing the greatest official opposition, according to the study by CESNUR — which draws on the work of international religion scholars but is largely funded by the Italian government.

But Roman Catholic, evangelical and Pentecostal Protestant and Hasidic Jewish

Court Rules in Divorce and Religious Teaching Case

BOSTON (RNS) — The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court has ruled divorced parents of different faiths can be prevented from teaching their religious beliefs to their children if it causes harm.

In a 6-0 decision handed down Dec. 9, the state's top court barred a father from taking his children to church services or enrolling them in Sunday school. The judges said the father tried to push his fundamentalist Christian faith on the children and was negative about his former wife's Jewish faith.

The father, Jeffrey P. Kendall, is a member of the Boston Church of Christ. The mother, Barbara Kendall, is an Orthodox Jew. The children, ages 4, 6 and 9, are being raised with the mother as Orthodox Jews, the Associated Press reported.

Kendall was nominally a Catholic when he married Barbara Zeitler, a mildly observant Reform Jew in 1988. Their chil-

dren followed Jewish practices. The mother converted to the more conservative Orthodox Judaism in 1994 and Kendall joined the Boston Church of Christ in 1991. The religious differences led to their divorce.

Vatican Marks Hanukkah

(RNS) For the first time, the Vatican noted the start of the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah in a ceremony that also coincided with the launching of Israel's 50th anniversary celebrations.

Cardinal Edward Cassidy, head of the Vatican commission for Jewish relations, lit the Hanukkah candles Tuesday (Dec.23), the start of the eight-day holiday. The ceremony was held in a Vatican garden where Pope John Paul II often strolls and where an olive tree first planted in Jerusalem in 1965 as a symbol of Vatican-Israel relations had been replanted.

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Church reunion?

Editor,

In a recent address, given at Georgetown University, Patriarch Bartholomew spoke of the difficulties for the reunion of the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches.

For the average American this seems strange when they think in terms of their Catholic friends, but it is a matter that has developed in over a thousand years about which most of them have little knowledge.

When the western half of the Roman Empire collapsed, the Church in the East and the West faced completely different conditions. In the East there was a strong civil government.

In the West total chaos which later developed into a feudal system. This, in turn, led to lay interference in Church affairs to the extreme detriment of the morals of the clergy, high and low. For example, papal incumbents were picked and deposed from the feudal families of Rome.

Things changed when the truly pious king of a Germanic kingdom picked a series of four capable popes, starting what is called papal reform.

First they worked to clean up the affairs of the Church breaking the custom of lay choosing of priests and bishops and enforcing the rules of the church. Then in the days of absolute monarchs and the divine right of kings, they turned the papal administration into a super divine absolute monarchy with the Pope as head. This was in the 11th. century and some arguments

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an educational center and part of a high-tech belt that stretches eastward to Raleigh-Durham. Many parishioners work in these fields.

Several members serve on various civic and philanthropic boards, thereby increasing the visibility of Orthodox Christians in the city.

In the early 1920s the immigrants formed a loose association for their religious needs. Priests from nearby communities would come to perform weddings, baptisms and other sacraments.

In October 1926, the group began efforts to establish a church and elected a parish council.

The parishioners held services on a rented second floor of a commercial building until 1943, when the members, numbering about 100, bought a Baptist church. The building was consecrated in 1947 by Bishop Germanos Polizoidis.

In 1964, the present site was purchased. Ground was broken for a new church building in April 1969 by Bishop Emilianos of the Fifth Archdiocesan District.

The community center was completed in 1974 and named for Fr. George Thalassinos who had served the parish for 16 years. Succeeding him was Fr. George Kiricoples, who served 17 years until 1990 when Fr. Demetri arrived.

The parish's assistant priest, Fr. Canavos, also serves the tiny parish of St. George in High Point, about 20 miles to the southeast, every other Sunday.

Over the years, Annunciation has experienced a steady increase in membership. Fr. Demetri estimates it increases 5 or 6 percent annually.

Church attendance is strong, especially for weekday services when 50 or more members may attend. Name day celebrations also are popular in the parish. "The Greek-born Orthodox have been able to maintain the tradition of worship in the church," the priest said.

compiled by Jim Golding

can be made that it helped in the badly needed development of Western Europe. However, no other religious group has ever taken this approach, and since it exists today in the 20th. century it is completely out of step with modern conditions. Such monarchies that exist are limited in power and representative government if found in all modern countries.

This is the largest block to possible reunion. How can discussions between the Orthodox Churches that have retained the early policy of making decisions by Councils, and a Church headed by an infallible absolute ruler take place when one side says you have to take everything that I and a long line of infallible predecessors have decided?

Organizational and theological differences could perhaps be ironed out in a give and take atmosphere, but when one side can only take, no progress is likely.

Since jurisdictional areas overlap, discussions taking place are primarily aimed at seeking ways of working together for the benefit of both Churches.

Vasileios L. Woodward
Atlanta,GA

Dance for charity

Editor,

My name is Peter Alexander and I have some news from Detroit you might find interesting. My group, The Levendes plus my two top competitors (The Rhodians and Appolos) are putting a dance together for the purpose of donating the proceeds to needy Greek families in our community (through all the churches).

The proceeds will be given to all the churches and they will distribute the proceeds to the families privately (so as not to

embarrass the recipients).

We felt that the Greeks in this country have been very good to us over the years and we wanted to give something back. Also, it is a way to instill some Greek ethnic pride and unity into our children. If this dance is successful (and it appears to be going very well), we intend on making this an annual event. The tickets were priced low (\$10/person) so that young people could attend as well. The kids are starting to call this, "The Greek Woodstock of Detroit." There will be continuous music from 8 p.m. until 2 a.m. I know that you try very hard to promote the positive points of our culture and religion, and I thought you would find this worthy to support.

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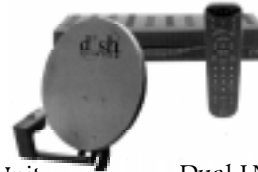
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A Byzantine Craft Holds the Key to Orthodoxy

In a storefront, alongside a bustling commercial roadway in Astoria, N.Y., lies a workshop filled with wondrous Byzantine carvings for Orthodox churches that follow 8th century design.

The artform, Byzantine woodcarving, is a style characterized by intricate and complex low-relief designs of grape leaves and peacocks that date back to 323 AD.

By Eleni Daniels

The master craftsman is Konstantinos Pylarinos who should have been born with a wood chisel in one hand and a stencil in the other. As he describes it, his fate as the one and only accomplished Byzantine-skilled woodcarvers of Orthodox liturgical items in North America was sealed from the start.

Born in Nafpaktos, Greece, his introduction to woodcarving came at a time when he was raised in an orphanage in Piraeus, Greece.

"I began to learn the art of carving when I was 14 years old," he said. "It came natural to me and so I spent the entire day carving and went to school in the evening." He apprenticed to a master craftsman and at age 17, he started his own carpentry/woodcarving business in Patras.

But Pylarinos grew restless with a different goal in mind.

After emigrating to New York from his native Greece in 1974, Pylarinos was unable to find work in his field for almost two years. He began to work in a coffee shop to support himself and his family. "Before I left Greece, I told my wife that I would one day build all the altars and iconostasis in all the churches of America. My wife thought I was crazy."

But Pylarinos continues to do just that. When a fire swept through the St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Astoria, Pylarinos received the commission to rebuild the damaged altar. The rest is history.

He has since been busy carving altars, candle stands, icon stands and more for churches all over North America and Canada.

Quite often he is visited by art-conscious tour groups who come to his workshop to meet with him and see the master craftsman at work firsthand. The day I visited the premises, a private art-oriented tour group, Merrick Art Tours of Merrick, Long Island, had arrived. The 30-member group were fascinated with his work, his stencil designs, his carvings and asked many ques-



AT HIS WORKSHOP Pylarinos demonstrates his artistry to another tour group. Behind him, his tour assistant and translator Angelo Markopoulos. (Pylarinos photo)

tions pertaining to his skilled artform.

One of the questions dealt with how Pylarinos conceptualizes the design of a temple or an altar and how he begins to draft the design. He says it comes from experience.

"I enter a space and utilize the dimensions and the way it should look. That's part of the art. Nobody can train you for that," said Pylarinos.

He then creates an original designed stencil by hand. Whether the work presents him with any problems or difficulties Pylarinos said, "no, but it demands time," and added, "the wood must be sanded by hand to become a flat piece. Then you apply a certain level of carpentry and lacquer." Sounds simple? Take a closer look.

What surprised some of the women on the tour group were Pylarinos' "smooth" and "scar-free" hands. Jokingly, his wife, Vasiliki, was quick to point out a small, barely visible callous on his left hand. "It's God's work," exclaimed another tour member.

Assisting with the tour visit is friend of Pylarinos and translator, Angelo Markopoulos. He is a trained painter and sculptor who has worked with Byzantine woodcarving in the past but now runs his own contracting and restoration company referring to it as "another form of art."

"The key to Mr. Pylarinos' level of success is that he has been able to put his own character in his work," said Markopoulos. "If there is no freedom of expression, you can easily tire of the tedious work that is required of the artform."



ONE OF MANY temples Pylarinos has created over the years. This one is housed at Holy Trinity in New Orleans. (Pylarinos photo)

woodcarvings which perpetuate the Greek Orthodox religion, but he also creates designs of the Baroque, Gothic and Romanesque artform. He has created liturgical items for many Russian and Romanian Orthodox churches as well as Roman Catholic churches in the U.S.

In October 1995, Pylarinos was bestowed with the Archdiocesan Medal of St. Paul in recognition of his unique talent in Byzantine hand-carved woodwork designs for Greek Orthodox churches throughout the country.

Pylarinos has been at this craft for 37 years, 18 of which were spent in the U.S. He is proud to say that his work can be seen at more than 60 Greek Orthodox churches around the U.S. and Canada.

"I have not received any complaints from my work so far. My designs are hand-made according to the technique of Byzantine style," said Pylarinos. He uses oak, mahogany, but mostly bass and walnut wood that come from the trunk of the tree.

"All my work is done on American wood, which eliminates a great deal of damages due to climate conditions such as heat, cold and humidity," he added. "I also back my work with a lifetime guarantee."

Pylarinos and his assistants hand-carve chanters' pews and music stands (analoia),

Pylarinos' works have been received with great popularity among many prestigious museums. He has shown his work in exhibitions sponsored by the Queens Council of the Arts, the American Museum of Natural History, the American Folk Art Museum, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and for various religious organizations such as a



PRECISION IS KEY to Pylarinos' work. Here he attaches a capital to a column as tour visitors look on. (Pylarinos photo)

recent icon and woodwork exhibit sponsored by the Ukrainian Institute of America.

Recently, Pylarinos' work was viewed at Madison Square Garden where he created the temple, altar and Bishop's throne used in the Divine Liturgy led by His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew.

The temple will soon be housed at the Nativity of the Virgin Mary in Plymouth Township, Michigan.

In 1990, Pylarinos created a similar bold deed for the Divine Liturgy led by the late Patriarch Dimitrios in Washington during his visit.

Pylarinos is currently working on a 10 foot tall iconostasis for St. George in Greenville, S.C. and one of the larger scale liturgical items on view in the workshop.

This is the elaborate, gated barrier between a church altar and the worshipers which supports the icons. Its production cost can run between \$40,000 to \$50,000 and can take up to three months to complete.

"It takes a lot of time and the costs are high. The money is not what people think," said Markopoulos. "It requires a lot of discipline. You must love the work and be a true artist in order to express yourself."

Pylarinos prefers to create Byzantine

holy altars, iconostasis, bishop thrones, baptismal fonts, epitaphia, etc. You name it, they can carve it.

Interestingly enough, his assistants are more likely to speak Spanish than Greek and be natives of Ecuador. Woodcarvers from Ecuador have had a long tradition of carving in their country - a craft that has been used for close to 2,000 years.

This year Pylarinos turned 57 years old. "I'm an old pro," he said mocking his age. He is visibly proud of what he has accomplished and he goes about his work with a charming exuberance.

"If my work succeeds in perpetuating our Byzantine traditions and reviving our Orthodox faith then this will be more than I could hope for," he said.

Byzantine woodcarving might very well become a popular artform in the next century because of the Pylarinos family.

One of his two daughters, Panayiota, 22 is studying architecture at Pratt Institute in New York and often designs the grand-scale liturgical items for her father. He is happy to say that she is fervently following in her father's footsteps.

For tour visits to Mr. Pylarinos' workshop, call (718) 932-2960.