

The Vineyard

“I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES” (*John 15:51*)

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Proistamenos Message:

Dear Fr. James,

I want to ask you a question about our Expansion. I've been reading the names of those sixty members of our parish who have given a three year pledge or a cash donation to the Expansion Building Fund.

For the last several months we have been stuck on that same figure of approximately \$1,600,000. Without pointing the finger at anyone, I keep asking myself "where are the other approximately 500 member families" and especially our more financially

secure members? Yes, there are many names missing who should be at the very top of the list. Why aren't they supporting their Church? What's it going to take to have these fellow members support the Expansion program which will benefit ALL OUR MEMBERS, especially our youth. Care to give your view?

(A concerned parishioner)

Dear Member,
May I respectfully caution you not to come to any premature and erroneous conclusions which lead you to conclude that some of our members are not in favor of our Expansion, because they have not as yet subscribed to our Expansion Program.

While it is disappointing to see only a few of our members, (around 12 percent) to date pledging their support for this program which we have been working on for at least 25 years, I am very optimistic that in the end the majority of our members will come through as they always have.

“And I have experienced the profound joy of seeing someone who initially was against a project, do an about face and gladly give a sum even beyond his wildest dreams”.

I subscribe to the premise that in due time most of our members will come to understand and appreciate the reasons for our expansion and give generously. Some have legitimate questions about the projected cost, while others have reservations about our ability to fund such a large project. Still others have

“personal” reasons for not giving. Perhaps others may be sitting on the sidelines because we have disappointed them in the past (consider the plans approved in 1992 but never realized) and they don't believe that we are serious about Expanding our facilities at this time. Maybe, just maybe, some are waiting to see what the **top** 10% of our membership will offer before they give.

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THE VINEYARD

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Schedule of Sunday Worship Services

Orthros & Divine Liturgy.....9:00 A.M.

Schedule of Saturday Worship Service

Vespers.....5:00 P.M.

Memorials at Conclusion of Divine Liturgy
Fellowship in Church Hall Following Divine Liturgy

WEEKDAY/HOLY DAY SERVICES.....9:00 A.M.

Parish Programs

ADULT GREEK CLASS - Thursdays 5:30 & 7:00 P.M.

ALTER BOYS - Each boy serves in the Altar once every four weeks.

BIBLE STUDY - Tuesdays 11:30 A.M.

CLASS FOR THOSE ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED - As scheduled.

CLASS ON THE ORTHODOX FAITH - Wednesdays 7:00 P.M.

FOLK DANCE GROUPS - Rehearsals Monday

J.O.Y. & H.O.P.E. - Fourth Saturday of the month at 3:30 P.M.

G.O.Y.A. - Second Saturday and fourth Sunday of the month

Y.A.L. - First Saturday of the month following Vespers

GREEK SCHOOL - Tuesdays & Thursdays

PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY - First Thursday of the month - 7:00 P.M.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - September to June each year

CHOIR - Thursdays 7:00 P.M.

ST. JOHN'S GOLDEN STARS - Meet informally

Now on the internet at: <http://www.stjohnanaheim.org>

Fr. James' Message (cont.)

These concerns notwithstanding, as your priest for almost three decades, I have to caution those members who see only difficulties ahead and are pessimistic about this God-inspired project. For these many years the parish membership and leadership has acted in a most responsible manner. These members again and again invested time, effort and significant funds towards the expansion. Their one and only aim was to see their St. John's community prosper. They realized that without proper facilities the many ministries would suffer and our children would not be adequately prepared to face the strong anti-God and anti-Christian secular climate which is bent on destroying the Church and keeping it from its redemptive mission.

In my opinion one thing is certain; God will make this project a reality and sooner than later. I say that because He has allowed us to make great progress in the purchase of seven very valuable properties. We have so much to be thankful for. The needed property is ours and all, save one, are paid for. The architectural preliminary plans have been approved by our membership, and the city has given us their unqualified approval by giving us the needed permits. All we lack is the generous response of the rest of our members, and especially the top 25 families.

As Christians we need to always remember the words of our Lord Jesus who said **“without me you can do nothing”**. The Holy Bible also reminds us that **“unless the Lord builds the house,”** our feeble efforts will come to naught. Yet we must remember that God always works through people. “He has no hands but our hands to do his work....” And so faithful people are always in the forefront of sacrificial giving and sacrificial service out of love for God and their

beloved “household of faith”.

And so dear “concerned member” thank you for your gift to our Expansion Fund and sharing your concerns. Do not worry. God will increase your gift a hundredfold as He promises. We will succeed! And even those who may have shown a surprising lack of response so far, will come through. I have seen it personally in my ministry in years past. The seed has been planted by the sixty initial givers. Others will follow, even more generously. I've always believed in the ability of God to motivate generous giving. I have seen it in so many ways. And I have experienced the profound joy of seeing someone who initially was against a church project, do an about face and gladly give a sum even beyond his wildest dreams.

Call me a dreamer if you want. Yes, I believe that in our parish there are those who will hear the challenging call of God and give a substantial gift which will motivate many others to also experience the joy of giving and thus make the expansion possible. Join me in praying to the Giver of all blessings to speak to the hearts of those whom He has abundantly blessed to come forth and also experience the great joy of serving the Lord and the needs of His Church.

Parish Programs

All Parishioners are invited to take advantage of the many varied parish ministries.

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Mornings 11:30AM - 1:00 PM

CLASS ON THE ORTHODOX

Wednesday Evenings 7-8:30PM

CHOIR (ADULT)

Practice is held Thursdays 7-9:00PM.

All are invited to join and offer praise to God through the gift of singing.

GREEK FOLK DANCING

Held Monday nights.

Training Group 4-5:00PM

Ta Pedakia 4-6:00PM

Mikri Levendia 5-7:00PM

Ellinki Omorfia 6-7:30PM

Levendia 8-10:00PM

GREEK EDUCATION

For Children - Tuesdays 4-7:00PM

For Adults - Thursdays 5:30-8:30PM

Contact the office for schedules.

GREEK ORTHODOX YOUTH AMERICA

For all teenagers ages 12-18.

Second Saturday and last Sunday of the month, following Vespers/Liturgy.

H.O.P.E. YOUTH PROGRAM

Last Saturday of the month at 3PM

JUNIOR ORTHODOX YOUTH

For youth between 8-12 years old.

Last Saturday of the month at 4PM.

ACOLYTES

Young men ages 9 and up are invited to participate in this sacred ministry. Each group serves once every four weeks.

Contact Fr. Simeon.

YOUNG ADULT LEAGUE/ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

First Saturday of the month following Vespers.

ST. JOHN'S GOLDEN STARS

For seasoned parishioners

Meets informally as announced.

PROSFORA MINISTRY

For all who enjoy baking, please consider making and offering the prosfora on Sundays.

Contact, Joanne Kalegeropoulos at
(714) 991-8126.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Every Sunday through June

Begins promptly at 10:00AM

PHILOPTOPCHOS SOCIETY

Meets first Thursday of every month at 7:30PM

All women of our parish are welcome!

PRE-MARITAL CLASS

This is a Diocese requirement for all persons wishing to marry in the Church. It is held twice per year. The next class will be announced.

RUSTY BUCKET BASKETBALL

Thursday nights - 7:00PM

Class on the Orthodox Faith

An In Depth Examination of the Divine Liturgy

These are the study subjects from October. As you can see, they are informative and interesting. We invite you to join us as we learn more about our faith. Fr. James is the instructor.

October 4, 2006

Introduction-Origin of the Holy Eucharist-The Last Supper-The Centrality of the Lord's Supper- The Liturgy a Sacrifice (Why the sacrifice is called the Eucharist The Liturgy a Memorial. The Liturgy as Farmakon Athanasias (Drug of Immortality). The Eucharist as Forgiveness-The Eucharist-our Union With Christ. The "road to Emmaus" (with burning hearts) The Eucharist as sacrament/mystery. The Eucharist as Liturgy. The purpose of the Eucharist is the sanctification of the faithful. (see also Burghardt, "The Next Generation" p.79)

October 11, 2006

The preeminence and significance of the Lord's Day, (Kyriaki) and the Jewish Sabbath. The Communal Aspect of the Liturgy. The Eucharist during the first three hundred years of Christianity. The role of the deacon/priest/bishop in the Divine Liturgy. The various Liturgies: Liturgy of St. Basil, Liturgy of St. James, Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, and Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

October 18, 2006

Our required preparation for participating in the Liturgy. Fasting and Reception. The parts of the Divine Liturgy: Prothesis, Liturgy of the Catechumens, and Liturgy of the Faithful. The Preparation and Vesting of the clergy. The importance and significance of the home baked Prosforo (Oblation bread) Why all the bread is not offered, but only part of it? Why the priest marks the bread with the symbols of Christ's passion? Why did the Lord Command us to perform this rite? Why the gifts are covered?

October 25, 2006

The Liturgy of the Catechumens (Liturgy of the Word) The Doxology. The meaning of the response Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy) after every petition? The Commendation. The Antiphons, their accompanying prayers and their meaning. The Trisagion and the readings from Scripture. The sermon and the prayers which follow the Gospel.

November 1, 2006

The Liturgy of the Faithful. The bearing of the offerings to the altar. The prayers which follow the transference of the offerings and the exhortation of the priest to the congregation. The Confession of faith. The exhortations of the priest to the faithful and their responses. The Consecration of the Gifts and the thanksgiving which precedes it. The words of institution and the Epiclesis. (Examination of Latin view) Why during the consecration, the priest invokes not the Son but the Father. Of the sacrifice itself and what is sacrificed.

Education & Cultural Activity

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our new Catechetical year has begun. We welcome students and teachers. Please take time to enroll your children and read the details of the program in the booklet which we mailed out recently. (You may ask for a copy from our office). Also we hope that the parents will show a singular commitment to this vital ministry. **Please note that participation in other youth programs of St. John's hinges on regular attendance of our religious education program. For those dancers who have graduated from High School there will be a special class to be taught by our new Assistant Pastor, Fr. Simeon. Attendance will be taken. Those who do not abide by this policy will not be allowed to participate in our Folk Dance groups. Details of the requirement are available from our office. See Ann Lewis, Director of our Religious Education program for any questions.**

ST JOHN'S FOLK DANCE

One of our very popular youth programs is the Folk Dance Groups. If you are interested in joining our award winning groups please contact Chairperson Demetra Kantzavelos.

GREEK SCHOOL

The Greek School classes have begun with the Special Water Blessing (Aghiasmos). St. John's offers classes beginning with the five year olds up to Adults. This year we are accepting students younger than 5 years old. They will be

part of a new pilot program which will concentrate on cultural activities and the like. See Chairperson of the Greek School Committee Angela Psaras for details of this valuable ministry which aims to perpetuate the noble Greek Language, the language through which the Word of God (Holy Bible) was transmitted.

OTHER YOUTH PROGRAMS

With the arrival of Fr. Simeon we are able to concentrate on revitalizing our existing youth programs and expanding our youth ministry. Once Fr. James acquaints Fr. Simeon with the various youth programs the parents will be informed as to the details. In addition to G.O.Y.A. Basketball and our Folk Dance groups, we will reorganize the J.O.Y., and H.O.P.E. programs. The G.O.Y.A., Young Adult, and Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) will be reintroduced. For these programs to succeed will require parental participation. We hope that there will be a good number of volunteers for the various youth programs. Please assist Fr. Simeon.

Religious Education Requirement For All Participants In The Youth Ministries of St. John's Parish

ALTAR BOYS, J.O.Y., H.O.P.E., G.O.Y.A., SUNDAY SCHOOL, GREEK SCHOOL, GREEK FOLK
DANCE, BASKETBALL and other youth activities

1. To be eligible to participate in **any** of the above youth programs, one must be enrolled and attend St. John's Religious Education program (Sunday School) **every** Sunday commencing with September 18 and ending May 28. Minimum acceptable attendance is **three out of four** Sundays per month.
2. Those from other parishes attending St. John's ministries/programs must give written evidence that they meet without fail the religious education requirements as set by their priest.
3. Our Religious Education program begins at 10:00 a.m. Anyone showing up after a fifteen minute grace period will be marked tardy. Three tardies will constitute one absence.
4. All the students (Grammar, Jr. High and Sr. High) will attend, **as a class**, the Liturgy at 10:15 and go to their classrooms following reception of Holy Communion always accompanied by their teacher(s).
5. Classes end approximately 12:00 noon and students are to remain in class until their teacher excuses them. Parents are requested to not disturb the class by seeking an early release from class for their child (ren) unless of course its an emergency.
6. In order to remain eligible for participation in other youth activities, students will be allowed **only one absence per month**. Those who do not abide by this rule will be ineligible to continue any of the youth ministries and programs of St. John's. Only for extreme extenuating circumstances may appeals be made to Fr. James whose decision is final.
7. Employment excuses are unacceptable. If students in or out of High School have extenuating circumstances relative to employment, etc. they are to see Fr. James who will offer alternatives.
8. Those who are part of our Folk Dance program and/or participate in G.O.Y.A. basketball **MUST** be also be members of G.O.Y.A. and attend the regular monthly meetings of that organization. Otherwise their names will not be placed on the roster for the Folk Dance Festival or the G.O.Y.A basketball season.
9. Those participants in the Folk Dance and Basketball programs who have graduated from High School must attend a weekly class taught by Fr. James or his future assistant Priest. At present they may attend the class on Wednesday from 7 to 8 p.m. Or they may attend the Bible Class on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. The same attendance rules will apply as for the Sunday School program, that is, three out of four sessions per month.
10. All teachers, dance instructors, advisors, coaches, youth committee members and other personnel will attend Liturgy on a regular basis and set the example for their students and players.
11. Rosters of students participating in each youth program will be organized according to participation in religious education with attendance records provided to Fr. James and the heads of each group on a monthly basis to determine eligibility.

Youth Ministry

A FRIGHTENINGLY FUN BEGINNING

The GOYA Youth gathered to attend Knott's Scary Farm last Friday night (October 6th). I believe a good time was had by all. I want to especially thank the Parents and Advisors who attended and the Youth themselves who did all the planning.

GOYA, HOPE and JOY

We are still planning for **our first formal meetings to begin on Saturday October the 28th**. I am hoping to meet (Parents and Advisors help providing) with the Hope and Joy groups (**grades K through 6th from 3:30PM**). We will culminate my time with them and begin meeting also with the **GOYA (7-12th grades) from 4:45PM in Church. Great Vespers at 5PM will begin, at least for the month of November**. We will try to replicate Vespers as our kids do or will experience it at Camp = Kid friendly, mainly in English, teaching them over time to participate by singing and reading. **The regular Saturday Evening Vespers services will, of course, will be open to all parishioners**, but, I am especially focusing on this beautiful and relatively brief (30-40 minute) teaching service as a time of worship and interactive learning for "kids" of all ages. I believe that, at least a semi-weekly Saturday Vespers could provide a natural focal point to meet for youth meetings, Counseling and Confession.

For those of you who, like me, are learning as we go; the HOPE ministry is designed to minister to the Kindergarten to 2nd graders and the JOY ministry is meant to focus on the 3rd through 6th

graders. On this first Saturday the 28th we will be rotating between Lesson (time with me) and a complimentary Craft. For Parents and potential Advisors, I have given a stack of information to Raza Kitsigianis which includes potential content for lesson and information for those who will come and help with "crowd control" and Craft. I love the opportunity to meet, talk and share with your children but must confess... I am severely "craft challenged". So those with ability, will and love for our kids, come aboard! **Parents and Advisors of HOPE and JOY will be having a brief meeting at the end of coffee hour on Sunday October 22nd**. We will be going over last week particulars of the meeting for the coming Saturday as well as mapping out our meetings for the rest of the school year. Unfortunately, it doesn't appear that we will be able to move closer to Church as we had hoped, so, we may not be able to have Vespers every Saturday but I would still like to plan around a Vespers at least every other week? Come with your input, ideas and alternatives.

GO GOYA

The GOYA will then be gathered from 4:45PM in Church, Vespers together at 5PM, then a Pizza Dinner and a time for teaching and interacting until roughly 7PM. As parents and youth grades 6-12 will know, we have committed to hosting the So. Cal. Bible and History Tournament on December the 2nd. Besides simply getting to know one another we will begin by tackling this saving information that we will be responsible for. If you need the packet of information or have any questions or

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Youth Ministry (cont.)

input, don't hesitate to call: Fr. Simeon at St. John's (714)827-0181.

YOUNG ADULTS

Check the November Calendar: we will be attempting to jump start our get-togethers this coming month. I have had the opportunity to meet with individual Young Adults, so I know you're out there. I know also that those whom I've met seem eager for more education and interaction. Of course, I think after a Vespers, an occasional Dinner together would be wonderful. Come to our 1st get-together in November and we'll plan out our future together. It would be nice to plan trips together as well as interactions with Young Adults from surrounding Churches. Know that I am very willing to meet with you individually during the week. I'm very grateful to those who have come with questions and the desire to deepen in their knowledge of Christ, the Holy Scriptures and "The Way".

A MOUNTAIN TO CLIMB

I've been so blessed and encouraged by those whom I've, thus far, been able to meet. I realize that I've only just begun. When Sarah printed up the list of all those from age 3 through 35 on the rolls at St. John, the number came to about 500! Being only one man and living 35 miles away, I know that I'll need every willing soul to help to "climb this mountain". Ideally, I would like to help provide a place and opportunities for all those in this critical age group to grow in their love and knowledge of the Faith and each other. In order for this to happen I will need at least a few capable Advisors for each age group. For those with a heart for any particular age group

with a desire to help organize, plan and execute profitable meetings, let me know.

OUTREACH MADE EASY

How is outreach made easy? Instead of us calling them, they call us! Karen Miller, the teacher of the 5th grade class of Christ Lutheran Church in San Pedro has requested to bring her class to our Church. They are studying Church History, Faith and the Byzantine Empire in one class. She, knowing me to be an Orthodox Priest with a Lutheran pedigree, has asked if they could come for a field trip to St. Johns. The plan is this: they would like to come to the Divine Liturgy on Thursday, November the 16th, in honor of St. Matthew the Apostle. I will sermonize concerning Sainthood and it's meaning. Afterwards they will stay as I explain aspects of our Faith and answer questions that have arisen from their study. Would you be interested in bringing your kids? I know it would mean a partial day out of school, but what an opportunity. If you have a 4th through 6th grader, think about joining us. We learn the most as we explain our faith to interested Inquirers. They are hoping to stay for Lunch, perhaps a taste of Greece, and have many questions they would like answered. It was interested Professors that fueled my early exposure to the Orthodox Faith, and so I am ever willing to share the fullness of the Apostolic Faith to all comers. Interested in welcoming, joining or helping? Please call me (Fr. Simeon) at Church.

I remain your grateful Fr., Simeon.

ACOLYTES OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Attention all Altar Boys and Parents:

Over the fall months, I (Fr. Simeon) will be systematically calling and/or trying to contact all the young men presently listed as well as those who might be interested in the angelic honor and discipline of serving the Altar of God. The question to ponder: Are you still willing to be involved in this vital ministry? Would you come to regular fun/educational gatherings so as to better prepare yourself (Hierarchical Liturgy with Bishop GERASIMOS on December the 3rd!) Would you be interested in claiming a Saturday Afternoon (before or after Vespers) or other time during the week for our meeting? Whom would you like to help as your Sponsors for this ministry besides the Priests and Sexton?

TEAM 1		TEAM 2	
Nick Basdakis John Chase Stephen Stylianides Armodios Vestakis		Kyriakos Alyousef Kyriakos Psaras Dimitri Pappas Paul Stephens	
September 24, 2006 October 22, 2006 November 19, 2006 December 17, 2006	January 14, 2007 February 11, 2007 March 11, 2007 April 8, 2007	September 3, 2006 October 1, 2006 October 29, 2006 November 26, 2006	December 24, 2006 January 21, 2007 February 18, 2007 March 18, 2007
TEAM 3		TEAM 4	
John Hourigan Vasili Kapogianis Spero Mantas Nick Mestakidis Pano Nikolaou		Niko Begakis Nicholas Foutris Chris Glinkie Bobby Glinkie Theodore Kapogianis Paul Rosentrater George Stenos Antonio Georgakopoulos	
September 10, 2006 October 8, 2006 November 5, 2006	December 31, 2006 January 28, 2007 February 25, 2007	September 17, 2006 October 15, 2006 November 12, 2006	January 7, 2007 February 4, 2007 March 4, 2007

November 2006

St. John's Monthly Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Philoptochos Society Mtg., 7PM Adult Greek School & 6th Grade, 5:30-8:30PM Choir Practice, 7-9PM	3	4 Vespers, 5PM Young Adults Mtg. following Vespers
5 5th Sunday of Luke, Orthros & Liturgy 9AM <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Godparent Sunday-Family Sunday</div>	6 Greek Dance Class, 4-10PM	7 Greek School Committee Mtg., 5:30PM Parish Council Mtg., 7PM Bible Study, 11:30-1PM Children Greek School, 4-7PM	8 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Synaxis of the Archangels, 9AM</div> Vespers at St. Nectarios in Covina, 7PM **NO Orthodox Faith Class	9 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">St. Nectarios, 9AM</div> Adult Greek School & 6th Grade, 5:30-8:30PM Choir Practice, 7-9PM	10	11 Vespers, 5PM G.O.Y.A Mtg., following vespers
12 8th Sunday of Luke, Orthros & Liturgy 9AM <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">General Assembly</div>	13 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople 9AM</div> Greek Dance Class, 4-10PM	14 Bible Study, 11:30-1PM Children Greek School, 4-7PM	15 Orthodox Faith Class, 7-8:30PM	16 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">St. Matthew, 9AM</div> Adult Greek School & 6th Grade, 5:30-8:30PM Choir Practice, 7-9PM	17	18 Vespers, 5PM Sacrament of Confession
19 9th Sunday of Luke, Orthros & Liturgy 9AM <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Philoptochos Bake Sale!</div>	20 Greek Dance Class, 4-10PM	21 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Presentation of the Theotokos to the Temple, 9AM</div> Parish Council Mtg., 7PM Bible Study, 11:30-1PM Children Greek School, 4-7PM	22 Vesperal Liturgy for Thanksgiving, 6PM **NO Orthodox Faith Class	23 Happy Thanksgiving! Adult Greek School & 6th Grade, 5:30-8:30PM Choir Practice, 7-9PM	24 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">St. Katherine Vespers in Redondo Beach, 7PM</div>	25 Vespers, 5PM <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Great Martyr Katherine, 9AM H.O.P.E & J.O.Y. Mtgs., 3:30PM</div>
26 13th Sunday of Luke, Orthros & Liturgy 9AM G.O.Y.A Mtg. following Liturgy	27 Greek Dance Class, 4-10PM	28 Bible Study, 11:30-1PM Children Greek School, 4-7PM	29 Orthodox Faith Class, 7-8:30PM	30 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Andrew the 1st Called Apostle, 9AM</div> Adult Greek School & 6th Grade, 5:30-8:30PM Choir Practice, 7-9PM		

WORSHIP SERVICES

SERVICES THIS MONTH

Sunday, Nov. 5th
5th Sunday of Luke
Orthros-9am
Divine Liturgy-10am

Sunday, Nov. 8th
Synaxis of the Archangels
Orthros-9am
Divine Liturgy-10am

Sunday, Nov. 9th
St. Nectarios
Orthros-9am
Divine Liturgy-10am

Sunday, Nov. 12th
8th Sunday of Luke
Orthros-9am
Divine Liturgy-10am

Monday, Nov. 13th
St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople
Orthros-9am
Divine Liturgy-10am

Thursday, Nov. 16th
St. Matthew
Orthros-9am
Divine Liturgy-10am

Sunday, Nov. 19th
9th Sunday of Luke
Orthros-9am
Divine Liturgy-10am

Tuesday, Nov. 21st
The Presentation of the Theotokos into the Temple
Orthros-9am
Divine Liturgy-10am

Wednesday, Nov. 22nd
Vesperal Liturgy for Thanksgiving
Orthros-9am
Divine Liturgy-10am

Saturday, Nov. 25th
Katherine the Great, Martyr of Alexandria
Orthros-9am
Divine Liturgy-10am

Sunday, Nov. 26th
13th Sunday of Luke
Orthros-9am
Divine Liturgy-10am

Thursday, Nov. 30th
Andrew the First-Called Apostle
Orthros-9am
Divine Liturgy-10am

Community Calendar

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MONDAY

Dance Rehearsals
Training Group 4-5:00PM
Ta Pedakia 4-6:00PM
Mikri Levendia 5-7:00PM
Elliniki Omorfia 6-7:30PM
Levendia 8-10:00PM
Dance Directors Meeting
First Monday/Monthly 6PM

TUESDAY

Bible Study
11:30-1:00PM
Greek School
4-7:00PM
Parish Council Meeting
Normally First & Third Tuesdays
7:00PM

WEDNESDAY

Class on Orthodox Faith
7-8:30PM

THURSDAY

Philoptochos Meeting
First Thursday of the Month
7:00PM
Adult Greek School & 6th Grade
5:30-8:30PM
Choir Practice
7-9:00PM

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

FOR NOVEMBER 2006

Nov. 2, 2006
Philoptochos Society Mtg.
7PM

Nov. 5, 2006
Godparent/Family Sunday

Nov. 7, 2006
Greek School Committee Mtg.
5:30PM
Parish Council Mtg.
7PM

Nov. 11, 2006
G.O.Y.A Mtg.

Nov. 12, 2006
General Assembly

Nov. 19, 2006
Philoptochos Bake Sale

Nov. 21, 2006
Parish Council Mtg.
7PM

Nov. 23, 2006
Thanksgiving

Nov. 25, 2006
H.O.P.E & J.O.Y Mtgs.
3:30PM

Nov. 26, 2006
G.O.Y.A. Mtg.
Following Liturgy

Philoptochos News

The Philoptochos first BAKE SALE, held on Sunday, October 15th was very successful. We raised \$1100 for BLIND START OF AMERICA-A Non-Profit Organization and other Philoptochos Charities. We appreciate your support for our charities. Your monetary donations, your delicious pastry and your help during the bake sale is greatly treasured. I just want to share again with you who and what BLIND START OF AMERICA accomplishes with donations received. Bryan Tom, Founder and Executive Director, visually impaired in his early 20's overcame the challenges faced with visual impairment and has operated a successful business since 1991. Today, Brian strives to help fellow blind and visually impaired persons enhance their job skills and personal attributes to excel in the workplace and in society. Thank you for helping Philoptochos help others in need.

The Women's Health & Wellness Symposium, Saturday, October 21st was well attended. Present was His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of the Metropolis of San Francisco, the Metropolis Philoptochos Board and many members from St. John's and the surrounding communities. This was held on the beautiful campus of Loyola Marymount University in the Ahmanson Lecture Hall.

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2007
FASHION SHOW

Chairman, Cindy Kezos and her great committee is planning an exciting afternoon with a delicious lunch, wonderful silent items and great gift prizes. Also our Beautiful Sweethearts, Fashion Show with not only great fashions, modeled by lovely professional models and Featuring some of our handsome men and darling children from our community. It will be held at the Anaheim Hilton & Towers.

COMING EVENTS FOR
NOVEMBER & DECEMBER:

Philoptochos General Meeting -**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND.** "A COOKIE EXCHANGE". What a fun time had by all. Sharing and exchanging cookies and taking home delicious cookies to share with family and friends. THANK YOU Linda Wronski for this evening and to all the ladies (and gentlemen) who participated.

NEXT PHILOPTOCHOS BAKE SALE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH.

The proceeds from this bake sale will be spent on food to feed children and their families at THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS. We provided about 100 food baskets for these two holidays. Giota Glavas and Joyce Attard, our Welfare Chairman, will provide boxes in the small hall and church hall for you to drop off your donations. Thank you in advance for your generosity

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND.

St. John's 45th Anniversary Dinner Dance. Honored guest, His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos. Held at St. John's Cultural Hall.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

6:30 PM- Philoptochos Christmas Party Pot-Luck in the small hall. Spouses and friends are all invited.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

Golden Stars Christmas Party. More info. will follow.

Mary Ohanian, Philoptochos President

Church Registry

WEDDINGS

September 30, 2006
Matthew Salcedo & Nina Callas
Sponsor: Maria Borovilos

SLEEPING IN THE LORD

September 8, 2006
George Voulimeneas
Evelyn Buesing

September 22, 2006
Rev. Protosbyter Efstathios Mylonas
Services held at St. Anthony's, Pasadena

+ *May their memory be eternal* +

MEMORIALS

October 8, 2006
Frank Ray - 40 days
Irene Kiouis - 7 years
Vasili Psaros - 38 years
Olga Psaros - 18 years
Athanasios Nicolaou - 11 years

October 15, 2006
George Voulimneas - 40 days
Evelyn Buesing - 40 days
Dimitrios Vovos - 42 years
Panagiota Vovos - 4 years
Panagioti Vovos - 47 years

October 29, 2006
Emmanuel Antonaras - 2 years

+ *May their memory be eternal* +

PROSFORO SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 2006

Sunday	Nov. 5	Mrs. Alexandra Margias
Wednesday	Nov. 8	Mrs. Maria Mendonis
Thursday	Nov. 9	Mrs. Maria Nikolaou
Sunday	Nov. 12	Mrs. Katherine Glavas
Monday	Nov. 13	Mrs. Joanne Kalogeropoulos
Thursday	Nov. 16	Mrs. Joanne Kalogeropoulos
Sunday	Nov. 19	Mrs. Gail Mitchell
Tuesday	Nov. 21	Mrs. Voula Kitsigiannis
Wednesday	Nov. 22	Mrs. Voula Kitsigiannis
Saturday	Nov. 25	Mrs. Demetra Klentos
Sunday	Nov. 26	Mrs. Demetra Klentos
Thursday	Nov. 30	Mrs. Eleni Kousoulas

NOTE: If you are unable to bring the Prosforo on your designated date, please call Joanne Kalogeropoulos at (714) 991-8126, or (714) 848-1422. We are looking for additional volunteers to help in this vital and ongoing aspect of Orthodox Church life. If you like to bake, and are willing to offer the Prosforo for Communion, please call the church office at (714) 827-0181, or Joanne Kalogeropoulos at the numbers listed above.

***** WANTED! WOMEN WHO LOVE TO BAKE! *****



We respectfully call on those who have not as yet made their three year Pledge to our Building Fund to come forth and join those who have already given their support to this most vital and long standing necessary EXPANSION of our facilities. Chairman, LOUIS CHELEKIS of our Building Fund Committee is continuing the noble task with understanding, patience and his usual enthusiastic passion for the project. The other members of the Committee are also very supportive about getting started with the project which is necessary to insure our bright future. If anyone is interested in serving on this Committee please see Louis Chelekis. The recent changes in the Federal Laws as mentioned in the article by Louis Chelekis should be seriously considered by some of our members who would benefit greatly even while they give a generous gift to their Church.

Speaking of the EXPANSION, we wish to congratulate the small mission parish of **ST. ANNA Greek Orthodox Church**, in Roseville (a short distance northeast from Sacramento along rt. 80) for the stunning success they have had in their Capital Fund Drive for their new Church complex of three buildings. Their initial goal of 4 to 5 million has already been surpassed. It has been reported that **from 29 gifts they have received \$7 million.** Fr. Chris Flesoras, their priest, has announced that because of this unexpected great success, they will continue the drive until they reach \$9,000,000 so they can build the whole complex. Of note is the importance, again of that proverbial 'ONE PERSON'. I am speaking

about the gift of 6 acres of land given to the parish several years ago by benefactor ANGELO TSAKOPOULOS which today is worth \$4.5 million dollars. This gentleman has given significant sums (in the millions) to ALL three Sacramento area Greek Orthodox Churches. May the Lord grant him many years with good health.

Also in a conversation your Proistametos had with Fr. Tom Paris, long time pastor of the dynamic parish of the **ASCENSION Greek Orthodox Church** in Oakland, Ca, they too were successful in raising in the area of \$10 million dollars for their Expansion which includes a chapel and a large multi-story parking complex.

I become elated when I see our Church across this country and across the world grow by leaps and bounds. One example which truly moved me was the rebuilding of the Church of the Saviour in Moscow, Russia which had been dynamited by Stalin. Even with their great poverty the Church in Russia, supported by the faithful resurrected a new Church of the Saviour to the tune of over \$60 million dollars in a relatively short time. Yes, Christian faith cannot be conquered by any ideology because Jesus Christ always prevails. Consider the words of the blessed St. Paul for *“those who love God, everything works for good”*.

All this shows that generous hearts can truly move the proverbial “mountain”. After all God works His wonders through people who are committed to seeing that His Church grows and prospers to the greater glory of God and in humble service to human needs.



GREAT NEWS!!!!

Just a few weeks ago, President Bush signed the Pension Protection Act of 2006, which permits IRA charitable rollovers as current year gifts!!!

Rollovers during 2006 and 2007 may be made in any amount up to \$100,000 and shall be called "Qualified Charitable Distributions"

IRA Rollovers must be to public charities by IRA owners 70 years of age and older. The IRA Rollover is effective immediately. IRA owners should contact their IRA custodian to direct transfers if they so desire to their qualified public charity - -the St. John's Building Fund Expansion Program.

When donating the IRA Rollover, the actual distribution **WILL NOT** be included in the donor's taxable income. This simplifies the donor's tax return and more importantly saves some tax!!! An added bonus is that an IRA Rollover by December 31st of this year will qualify for all or part of the IRA owner's required minimum distribution for 2006.

If you were looking for an alternative method of donating to our St. John's Building Fund Expansion Program, hopefully this new law provides the answer. Check with your IRA Custodian and Tax Advisor for more details.

If you'd like to join the St. John's Building Expansion Fund Committee, please contact me at (714) 848-1222. We would like to invite more young adults to participate in the program and experience the growth of our parish in the years ahead.

Thanks again for all your support....Slowly but surely we're getting there!!

Louis Chelekis-St. John's Building Expansion Fund Raising Chairman

The Stewardship of St. John the Merciful - November 12



*“We will soon see, Lord, which of us two will win the contest:
You, Who ever gives me good gifts,
or I, who will never cease distributing them to the poor.
For I know well there is nothing of mine that is not owing to Your mercy, which
upholds my life.”*

(Prayer of St. John the Merciful)

Born in the year 555 on the island of Cyprus, the saint we remember on November 12 is a beautiful example of Christian Orthodox Stewardship. Known to us as St. John the Merciful, he was the son of devout Christian parents who were affluent and able to provide a comfortable living for their family. His father served as governor of Cyprus and was involved in the politics and business of the island. As John grew older, he married and had children and also died from a rare disease. John’s faith in the Risen Lord gave him great comfort in dealing with the physical loss of his family. In Thanksgiving to God, he surrendered his life to Christ and the Church. He was instrumental in the establishment of hospitals, orphanages, and gave his entire estate to the poor and needy so that he could pursue a life of prayer. His reputation as a philanthropist spread throughout the Byzantine Empire and he was soon asked to become the Patriarch of Alexandria.

Among his first actions as Patriarch was to call together all the clergy and trustees of the Diocese of Egypt. He sent them out register all the poor and needy people in the area regardless of whether or not they were Christian. Over 7,500 people in need were found. The Patriarch ordered that they were to be fed everyday and given the clothing they needed. He called the indigent his “**Masters**” and recognized that by serving them, God was providing an excellent opportunity to express faith in Him! As Patriarch John depleted the treasury of the Church in Alexandria, concern arose as to how future expenses would be met. Through his trust in the words of our Savior, the people soon experienced the promise of the Lord: *“Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; nor about your body, what you will put on...But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you...”* (Matt. 6:25, 33).

There is a story about a poor man who thought he could beat the system. He would receive more. This happened three times when it was finally pointed out to the Patriarch. Without hesitation the Patriarch ordered that the man be given twice as much, saying: *“Maybe he is Jesus my Savior who has come on purpose to put me to the test.”*

St. John, Patriarch of Alexandria, was recognized by his flock for being generous and kind to all people but especially to the poor and needy; for this reason, he was called *“the Merciful”*. In being merciful to others, St. John knew that it was the Lord Himself Who grants mercy and that he was simply His humble servant.

We can learn much about Christian Stewardship from the example of St. John the Merciful. He recognized that his stewardship was both to serve people less fortunate and to teach the wealthy that contributing to the sacred work of the Church was an opportunity and a privilege. He encouraged the wealthy to realize this opportunity as an expression of their faith in Jesus Christ. Once, when some wished to thank John for his kindness and generosity he replied: *“No more of that, brother! I haven’t shed my blood for you yet, which is what the Savior asks”*. With this in mind, let us reconsider our understanding of Christian Orthodox Stewardship and learn from the life of St. John the Merciful.

Stewardship 2006

The following have submitted their 2006 pledge cards. We thank them and we invite the others to make their gift to their church.

Rev. & Mrs. James S. Diavatis
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Mrs. Mary Anas
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Anas
Mrs. Loula Anderson
Mrs. Connie Andros
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Mr. & Mrs. Gus Angelopoulos
Mr. Pete Angelus
Mr. & Mrs. Gus Anton
Mrs. Maria Antonaras
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Mr. & Mrs. George Thalassas
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Mr. Ioannis Xilikakis
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Miss Elli Yorgiadis
Mr. Marcus T. Zambounis
Mr. & Mrs. George Zonos
Mrs. Josephine Zorzy
Mr. & Mrs. A. Zounatiotis

As of October 18, 2006
Total Pledges: 443
Goal: 600
To Go: 157
Average Pledge: \$650.97
Total Pledged:
283,712.00
Budgeted Goal: \$330,000.00
Amount left to reach Goal:
\$46,288.00

PLEASE RESPOND
Thank You to all the members that have mailed in their 2006 pledge cards. As the third quarter is about to end, we are still short of our goal. If you have not yet filled out a pledge card, please do today.

To both those who have and those who have not pledged, we earnestly and respectfully appeal to those who have fallen behind in fulfilling their commitment to the parish to act soon and before December.

SWEETHEARTS 2007

St. John's Philoptochos Society is once again preparing for its Benefit Fashion Show luncheon to be held on *Saturday April 21, 2007 at the Anaheim Hilton.*

The highlight of our fashion show is the popular presentation of our SWEETHEARTS. Young ladies from St. John and other Orthodox Churches who are 16 years or a sophomore (10th grade) in high school will be eligible to be presented. We encourage all who are interested and meet the above qualifications to please fill out the information below and mail it or give it to any of the ladies listed below.

When you are presented at the fashion show, you will have a choice of escorts. It can be your father, brother, uncle, papou, nono, cousin or we will be happy to provide an escort for you. The escorts will be from St. John's community.

This is a very fun day for you and your family and you will treasure it all your life.

SWEETHEART INFORMATION

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone(day) _____ (eve) _____ (cell) _____

Fullname of parents _____

Escort name Relationship _____

**Christina Dourbetas
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(Mark 1:2-3)

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NOTES:**

This is the first issue of the new Vineyard. In the next several months we will continue to improve both content and style. Please remember to send in your article on time and on a disk, so that Anna will be able to format them accordingly.

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