

The Vineyard

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

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Proistamenos Message:

SERVING: GOD OR SELF?

Our country recently completed another national election. Those who are running for any elective office are often reminding us that their aim and goal is to “serve” us, their constituents. Each one even goes so far as to promise that they will serve not their own interests but the publics.

While a public service career is on the surface promoted as a noble enterprise, (and theoretically it is) once the ballots are counted, our elected officials are eager to promote their agenda and their PERSONAL viewpoints. Somehow, they get amnesia in the process and forget who elected them and the values they promised to promote and uphold.

Now before I am misunderstood as dabbling in the “forbidden” area of politics let me turn to the main point of this article which is the question of “service”.

Serving the needs of our fellow human beings is not simply an idealistic imperative nor is the private domaine of our politicians. It is the very basis of the Gospel. Christ our Lord himself reminds us of this when he says, “the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve...”. And He adds “and to give His life as ransom for many.”

(Matthew 20:28) But the question remains: how do we go about living a life that is characterized as “service”?

As children of the “One God and Father of us all” (Mal 2:10) we are duty bound to serve the needs of our brothers and sisters, whoever and wherever they may be. Service to others is not simply the act of charitable giving, but a whole way of dealing with each other. It is accepting the other as a brother/sister and a willingness to assist that person

in any way we can. It’s not simply supporting those whom we deem worthy of our attention and of our gifts, both material and spiritual. It means to be acutely aware that we are ALL worthy of those values we deem basic; love, mutual respect, a willingness to “go the extra mile”. As Christians, we need to always remember that every human being has intrinsic worth no matter his or her social standing, his color, creed, national origin, or his material possessions and to always remember

“Let us learn that it is in giving that we truly receive.”

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THE VINEYARD

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH,
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Schedule of Sunday Worship Services

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

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Fr. James' Message (cont.)

ourselves that Christ the Lord died not just for us but for every human being who has and will ever walk this earth.

Friends, in serving the needs of others, we find real joy, contentment and our life becomes enriched. Happiness is not achieved by the acquisition of vast amounts of money, fame and material possessions. A life of fulfillment is often denied to many because they have not learned that it is in “serving” and “giving” that they will find true happiness. And not just to those of our immediate “family”, but especially to the stranger, to those whom circumstance has cast to the outer fringes of society.

Recently, I visited the huge medical complex in Beverly Hills, Cedar Sinai. What a wonderful place dedicated to the service of healing! What made the biggest impression on me was the newest Tower named after its donor a Mr. Saperstein. This multi-level wing is dedicated to serving the needs of those with cancer, etc. I have never seen a more sophisticated and state-of-the-art medical center. As I concluded my visit I reflected on what I saw and marvelling at the excellence of the physical plant that I am sure is staffed with an equally first rate medical staff, I turned in prayer to the “Physician of our souls and bodies, the Lord Jesus Christ”, and offered a prayer for Mr. Saperstein whose great gift in SERVICE to the sick and suffering made possible this center of healing.

Yes, we all want and crave recognition but often we go about it the wrong way. To leave a lasting footprint on this side of heaven, we must learn how to serve the needs of others. No, we are not to impoverish ourselves or deny our family's needs. That would be wrong. We are called to

provide for our family AND to reach out and SERVE the needs of others. Some would offer the view that this is all unrealistic. And others would say, “sure, if I had the money that so and so has”, I would do the same. I would answer that no matter our capabilities, we all should learn how to serve the needs of others. We may not be rich, but we all have some ability that we can use in service to others, no matter our financial worth.

In today's society where hedonistic pursuits are given top priority, it's refreshing and encouraging to hear of people who dedicate their lives in true service to others. In studying the lives of the saints of our Holy Orthodox Church, we see the ideal of Christian service predominates. We need to follow their example. Let us learn that it is in “giving” that we truly receive. Service entails a desire to give of ourselves. However, that does not sit well with the view of the “wordly” for whom money equals power, and glory and recognition are the only pursuits that really count.

However, I am forever reminded by the words of the Lord Jesus to his disciples. “Whoever would be great among you must be your servant.” (Mat 20:26) Now there's a challenge!

The question is “will we meet it? I sure hope so. For our sake.”

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 7PM
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.

Youth Ministry

Coming Events for “kids” of all ages:

Saturday December 16th! HOPE and JOY (K-6th) will meet from 3:30PM and end with Vespers at 5PM. G.O.Y.A. will gather from Vespers till a brief holiday meal/meeting to follow Vespers. This will be our Christmas Youth Gathering. I’m hoping many more can come this time. We will have holiday fun *and* learn. Come, join us!

Young Adults: We’ve scheduled a gathering for **Monday November 27th** 6:15PM in the Board Room. Let’s call it *Pizza and Padre*. A chance to get to know each other, ask questions and see where we want to go concerning our life in Christ. Check the Calendar and weekly bulletins as we seek a date for the next get together in December.

Parents: But am making myself available for willing Moms and Dads on **most Monday and Tuesday Afternoons from 4PM**. Personally, I’ve learned perhaps the most from the meetings we’ve had thus far. Some of you want some teaching, some of you want to ask questions, some just need to vent. I believe we can, by God’s grace, tackle all these needs. Most of all, for this to be a successful relationship, I need willing participants. The more, and the more varied, the merrier... or at least the most interesting.

It was a great blessing to have Vespers **almost** every Saturday of November. We’ll shoot for Vespers on December the 16th and hope and pray

that we (Fr. Simeon and family) will be able to move closer in the New Year in order to make weekly Saturday Great Vespers more feasible.

Last, but most definitely NOT least: *Bible and History Tournament HERE* December the 2nd from 10AM through 3PM.

- George Stephens will be prepping his Church School Class. Those of you around 6th-8th grades might want to join him.
- Lea Kiapos will be meeting with the 9th – 12th graders after Divine Liturgy. Foula Vanikiotis has also volunteered to help prepare our kids. Thank you all!

Whether or not you plan to compete... COME! It’s a great opportunity to meet kids for Orthodox Parishes throughout the greater LA area. The “competition” might be the heart of what goes on but there will be a “getting to know you” and meal time as well. We’re still hopeful the Metropolitan Gerasimos might stop by and grant us the blessing of his presence.

Question, Answers, Comments?

Call Fr. Simeon at Church or

frsimeon@stjohnanaheim.org. Keep those cards and letters comin’!

Return to Faith – The Update

So, it’s been a few months now, I’ve gotten some interaction, some feedback and some working ideas. I’ve been able to have, at least introductory, meetings with everyone from the

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Youth Ministry (cont.)

youngest, to the Young Adults, to the Parents, to the Parent's Parents. Not only have I been able to not only start with the "kids"; I've also been able to fill in for Fr. James' classes on a few occasions. I'm learning a lot as I go! I guess we'll call it "on the job training" in the big, fat, Greek parish. As you see me toddling along and you have ideas that you think might be helpful, by all means, let me know. You can call or e-mail me at Church: frsimeon@stjohnanaheim.org.

I've started at where I believe is the "most needful" place: **prayer**. I've been accused by some of being a "Holy Roller". Why, you might be asking, does he think prayer is so important? Unless we start with this, growing in our ability to "be still and know that I am God", with struggling to be integrated people perceiving from our hearts, then it doesn't matter how much information, even good information, I try to relate because the ability to receive it will not be there. In order to know God, truly know ourselves, or be present in order to know each other... "**One thing is needful**". The reason I'm stressing this so strongly is because real prayer and real stillness are the hardest things to accomplish in our crazy-busy world and lives. So I'm sharing it with everyone from the kids to the Grandparents. Why? Because I learned what is and how important prayer is from MY God-fearing Grandparents. I can only help by giving "the rule of prayer" and encouraging advice; but the real "how to" our kids learn by their day-to-day experience. They learn by praying with their families and learning to develop their own prayer life. Once we're committed to this, then

everything else begins to "fit in".

Remember, the Holy Apostles lived and traveled with the Lord for three years. Much of the most important teaching and preaching they recorded (Gospels). Some of what they learned they learned by seeing and imitating. *Jesus goes to the Desert to pray... Jesus goes off early in the morning "to a lonely place" to pray. Jesus is praying when the Disciples are caught in a storm in the middle of the lake.* (This is one of my favorites) *Jesus is sleeping in the boat, during a life-threatening storm in the middle of the lake.* All the "skills of being": prayer, fasting, not fasting, Feasting, sleeping...; are the skills revealed and needed by our Lord Himself. They are the skill needed to recover our true humanity. These, **along with** the preaching/teaching are part and parcel of what we have been "traditioned", handed, given.

So, bottom line, what I'm trying to do is to pass on what has become MY salvation: the centrality and importance of prayer: The basic "whys" and "how to's" of our life in Christ. In the process I'm getting to know you all, at least as many have taken time to sit down and begin the dialog with me. I want to thank those who have and I want to encourage those who have not yet. As long as I am here is open. Even if I catch me praying and I'm in the Church, please, join me! Mostly, I'm praying for you. I'm thanking God for our good beginning and I'm asking Him to lead us along the way. *May He who has begun a good work within us bring it to completion on the day of Jesus Christ our Lord!*

Your grateful, crazy-prayin' 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? 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?

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Nick Basdakos John Chase Stephen Stylianides Armodios Vestakis		Kyriakos Alyousef Kyriakos Psaras Dimitri Pappas Paul Stephens	
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TEAM 3		TEAM 4	
John Hourigan Vasili Kapogianis Spero Mantas Nick Mestakidis Pano Nikolaou		Niko Begakis Nicholas Foutris Chris Glinkie Bobby Glinkie Theodore Kapogianis George Stenos Antonio Georgakopoulos	
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St. John's Monthly Calendar

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WORSHIP SERVICES

SERVICES THIS MONTH

Sunday, Dec. 3rd
16th Sunday of Matthews

Orthros-9am
Divine Liturgy-10am

Wednesday, Dec. 6th
St. Nicholas

9am

Sunday, Dec. 10th
10th Sunday of Luke

Orthros-9am
Divine Liturgy-10am

Tuesday, Dec. 12th
St. Spyridon

9am

Sunday, Dec. 17th
11th Sunday of Luke

Orthros-9am
Divine Liturgy-10am

Friday, Dec. 22nd
Service of Royal Hours

9am

Saturday, Dec. 23rd
Great Vespers

6pm

Sunday, Dec. 24th
Sunday before Nativity

Orthros-9am
Divine Liturgy-10am
Great Vespers of Nativity

6pm

Monday, Dec. 25th
Holy Nativity

9am

Wednesday, Dec. 27th
St. Stephen

9am

Sunday, Dec. 31st
Sunday before Epiphany

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

Philo托chos Meeting

First Thursday of the Month

7:00PM

Adult Greek School & 6th Grade

5:30-8:30PM

Choir Practice

7-9:00PM

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Bible Bowl

10-3PM

Dec. 2, 2006

St. John's 45th Anniversary Banquet

6:30PM

Dec. 3, 2006

Metropolitan Gerasimos to Celebrate

Liturgy

Dec. 5, 2006

Parish Council Mtg.

7PM

Dec. 7, 2006

Philo托chos Christmas Party

Dec. 9, 2006

Golden Star's Christmas Party

Dec. 10, 2006

Philo托chos Bake Sale

Dec. 16, 2006

G.O.Y.A Mtg. 3:30PM

H.O.P.E & J.O.Y Mtg.,
following G.O.Y.A Mtg.

Dec. 19, 2006

Greek School Christmas Party

Parish Council Mtg.

7PM

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Philoptochos News

As many of you are aware the Philoptochos Philanthropies are many and heading the list is our assistance to the needy. For Thanksgiving we had 50 families to help and we will have the same for Christmas. Giota Glavas and Joyce Attard, our Welfare Chairman, can use your assistance to assemble the food baskets, Saturday, December 22nd. Anyone wishing to contribute food items or make a cash donation to purchase items needed, please contact the ladies or any board member. Non-perishable food may be brought to church and left at the coffee area. Thank you for your donations of food and money. We are grateful for your help as we continue this ministry of helping the needy.

Our first "Cookie Exchange" General Meeting, held Thursday, November 8th was a great success! We all had fun baking cookies to exchange with the other ladies and to take home to our families to sample someone's else delicious cookies. You could tell the holidays are here, everyone was in a festive mood. Thank you to Linda Wronski for this great idea and to Kiki Chryssogelos and Cindy Kezos for hosting this fun evening meeting.

December is going to be another busy month for all our members. We start off with our General Philoptochos Meeting on Thursday, December 7th.-6:30 PM. This is our holiday pot luck meeting. Please bring a hot or cold hors d'oeuvres for 6 or more people. Also, an unwrapped gift for children 6 yrs. to 18 yrs. or a gift card. These items "Toys for Tots" will be distributed by the Anaheim Fire Station for

abused and needy children. Thank you for helping make a child's Christmas more enjoyable. Spouses and friends are all invited. This party is a great way to kick off the Christmas Season.

Reaching out ! Philoptochos must continue to reach out to those less fortunate. We must redouble our efforts during this Christmas Holiday Season and our BAKE SALE on SUN, DECEMBER 10th will be just for this purpose. All proceeds from this bake sale will provide food for the many needy families. Thank you for your generosity with your baked goods and donations.

MEMBERSHIP TEA: Chairman Kiki Chryssogelos has a Great Tea planned! Don't miss this lovely event. It will be lively, spirited, energetic and something we all love to do. SAVE THE DATE, SATURDAY, JANUARY 28TH

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Philoptochos Mtg. - Thurs. Dec. 7th - 6:30 pm
Golden Stars Christmas Party - Sat. Dec. 9th
Bake Sale - Sun. Dec. 10th
Vasilopeta - Sun. Jan. 15th
Membership Tea - Sat. Jan. 28th
***Philoptochos Sunday/Humanitarian Award-
Sun. Jan. 29th***

From the members of your Philoptochos Board, we extend to each and everyone of you and your families a joyous Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

Church Registry

BAPTISM

October 14, 2006

Athanasios Tsiolis

Proud Parents: Athanasios & Jessenia Tsiolis

God Parents: Peter & Agatha Pelonis

SLEEPING IN THE LORD

October 22, 2006

Eftihia Tambouris

+ *May her memory be eternal* +

MEMORIALS

October 29, 2006

Eleni Bouni - 40 days

November 5, 2006

Mary Margaretis - 7 years

Kalliope Margaretis - 30 years

Emmanuel Margaretis - 41 years

November 12, 2006

Vasilios Agoritsas - 3 years

November 26, 2006

Patricia Wronski - 5 years

+ *May their memory be eternal* +

PROSFORO SCHEDULE DECEMBER 2006

Sunday	Dec. 3	Mrs. Maria Nikolaou
Wednesday	Dec. 6	Mrs. Maria Masouris
Sunday	Dec. 10	Mrs. Maria Bonoris
Tuesday	Dec. 12	Mrs. Maria Bonoris
Sunday	Dec. 17	Mrs. Anastasia Mandas
Friday	Dec. 22	Mrs. Joanne Kalogeropoulos
Saturday	Dec. 23	Mrs. Joanne Kalogeropoulos
Sunday	Dec. 24	Mrs. Katherine Glavas
Monday	Dec. 25	Mrs. Alexandra Margias
Wednesday	Dec. 27	Mrs. Gail Mitchell
Sunday	Dec. 31	Mrs. Gail Mitchell

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! *****



It's amazing how fast this year has just flown by. In a few short weeks, the holiday season will be upon us, and then we close the books on 2006 !!

For those of you that we have met with and spoken to about supporting our St. John's Building expansion program, now is a serious time to decide at what level you will be able to contribute to the project.

Many of you have been very generous with your pledge and we thank you for that. Others have informed us that they are going to support the program, yet have not committed their pledge yet. We truly encourage you to let us know in the next few weeks what level that you will be able to commit to this vital program. Those of you who are seeking a tax break with a year-end donation, we also encourage you to contact us, as we might be able to offer help or suggestions in a variety of ways.

The project continues to move along. The Building Expansion Committee and the Building Expansion Fundraising Committee remain passionate and positive about the progress that has been made in the past few months.

We solicit your support and help if you have not committed to the program.

Please call any one of our Committee members: John Ohanian, Mike Gallanes, Chris Gallanes, Alex Soles, Bob Lanyi, George Stephens, Nick Nicolau, Harry Benetatos, Bill Lambropoulos, Paul Nikolau, Ted Karnezis, or Dino Basdakis if you have any questions about the project.

Thanks again for your continued support and belief !!!

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

The Stewardship of St. Stephen the Archdeacon and Protomartyr December 27



“...when the number of disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of disciples and said...brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business...And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit...”

(Acts 6:16)

Stephen was the first of the seven deacons ordained by the Holy Apostles in order to provide service to the poor. This is why he is regarded the “Archdeacon,” the first among deacons.

Born into a faithful Jewish family, he spent his youth studying the Old Testament and desired to become a rabbi. Stephen was driven with the desire to be the most competent rabbi so he became the student of the famous rabbinical theologian, Gamaliel. Stephen lived during a time when the Christian Church was being established. Upon completion of his studies, Stephen questioned the validity of the Christian teachings. In short time, he discovered its truth in Jesus Christ, the Risen Messiah. The descent of the Holy Spirit fifty days following the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ inspired many to be baptized (Pentecost). The first Christians sold all their possessions and made their offering at the feet of the Apostles. This generous act was one that freed them from worldly cares and enabled them to live as one community. However, the growth of the Church meant that the Apostles had less time for prayer and ministry. To assist them, the Apostles established the ministry of the diaconate.

As the Archdeacon, Stephen did more than serve the material needs of the Christian community, he also preached with a knowledge and power that comes only from God. The leaders of the Jewish community in Jerusalem became angry at Stephen’s ability to bring people to belief in Jesus Christ and brought charges of blasphemy against him. As Stephen stood before the Jewish tribunal, *“the council looking steadfastly at him, saw his face as the face of an angel”* (Acts 6:15). In chapter seven of the Book of Acts we read the account of Stephen’s remarks to high priest and his council. As he spoke of God’s love and kindness their hatred towards him grew and they were convinced that he should be put to death. As he concluded his God inspired testimony Stephen said: *“Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!”* This infuriated them and they dragged him out of the city and *“they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ The he knelt down and cried with a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not charge them with this sin.’ And when he said this, he fell asleep”* (Acts 7:39-40). Being the first to give his life for Christ earned him the title of “Protomartyr”.

How did this young Christian express his stewardship to his new Church and Faith? A learned scholar of the Old Testament, Stephen did not aspire for positions of leadership or honor as other learned men would expect, but to a life of service and teaching. He was ordained a deacon, and as such, he spent his life assisting the priests in their liturgical functions and teaching the people everyday. As a deacon, but a position that was offered in imitation of Christ Whose example is one of servant leadership. We, too, can learn from the example of St. Stephen if we contemplate upon the words of St. Paul in his Second Epistle to the Corinthians and apply them to our lives: *“For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus’ sake”* (2 Cor. 4:5).

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.

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Goal: 600
To Go: 138
Average Pledge: \$636.28
Total Pledged:
293,962.00
Budgeted Goal: \$330,000.00
Amount left to reach Goal:
\$36,038.00

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.

As of November 17, 2006
Total Pledged: 462

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

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Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

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

Fullname of parents _____

Escort name Relationship _____

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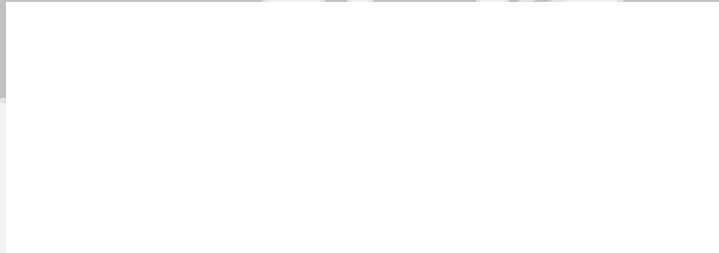
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the Lord, make his paths straight -- "

(Mark 1:2-3)

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NOTE:**

*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.*

Fr. James, Editor