

# The Vineyard

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

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Proistamenos Message:

## How the Church Grows

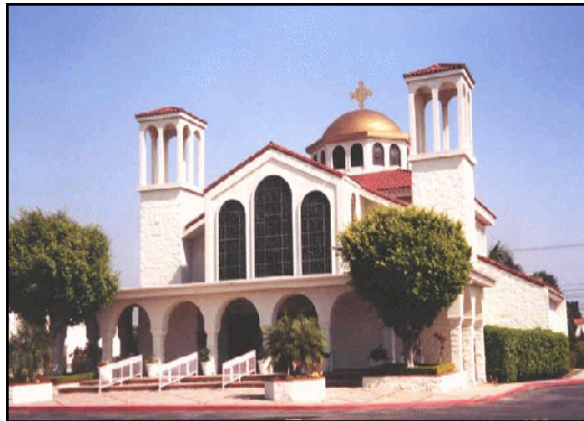
### The Example of one “family”

I am truly elated and overjoyed when I witness first hand the great generosity of some of our members towards their church. What motivates one to give to their Church a sizeable contribution be it time, talents or treasure? And what causes others to donate a sum that can best be described as sacrificial?

Over the 45 years of our existence our parish of St. John the Baptist has been the beneficiary of many gifts of varying worth. Often they have been made in an unassuming and humble manner. Were it not for such gifts, our church, ANY church would have a very difficult time surviving let alone grow.

In this article I wish to offer a few words about one such family whose substantial donation of \$500,000 made possible the purchase of two lots several years back

This family’s story begins in the great and historic city of Constantinople, (today’s Istanbul, Turkey) the capital of the Greek Byzantine empire that lasted over a thousand years until the Turks conquered it in 1453. In the 1920’s the Greco-Turkish war was catastrophic



for the Greek and Armenian peoples of Turkey. In the so-called exchange more than a million were forced to abandon homes and property which they had for generations. Still up to the 1950’s there was a sizeable Greek presence in Turkey, especially in Constantinople. And then came another catastrophe with the riots organized with the tacit approval of the Turkish government against the Greek and Armenian people which destroyed most of the Greek presence in the Queen City. Shops, homes, churches, and all institutions owned by Greeks were looted and burned to the ground. Priests, monks and nuns

were attacked. Even Greek Cemeteries were desecrated. So began another exodus of our people. From over 250,000 only about 3,000 remain today.

As a result many of the Greeks left for Greece, America and other parts of the world which proved more hospitable. This family of six came to the States to begin a new life in freedom. They brought with them very little save for their Greek Orthodox faith, few earthly possessions, many memories and a life filled with hope that in freedom they could raise their children in the

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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.  
**CHILDREN'S GREEK CLASS** - Tuesdays 4:00 P.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** - To be Announced.  
**G.O.Y.A** - To be Announced  
**Y.A.L** - To be Announced  
**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** - Meets informally.

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## Fr. James' Message (cont.)

values they held dear: faith in God, a strong desire to perpetuate and keep alive their Orthodox faith and Hellenic heritage and to contribute to this land, America, which opened wide its doors for them.

With abiding faith in God, John and Evanthia Yorgiadis brought their four children

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Alexander, Pinelopi, Dimitri and Elli to the new world. Each of their children, extremely intelligent and very industrious never forgot who they were. Their ethnic and religious identity was paramount to them. At the same time they adopted their new country with love, becoming part of this great mosaic which is America.

Recently Elli, the only surviving member of the Yorgiadis family visited me and with her usual broad smile and kind words gave me an envelope with an additional \$60,000 for our expansion. She said she was motivated by the fact that we are struggling in our Expansion program and she wanted to give us a “shot in the arm”. Thus the total contribution of the Yorgiadis family is close to \$600,000. A very significant amount indeed. A gift that took a lifetime to save. An offering which speaks legions of these two brothers and two sisters who always lived as a family choosing to bring honor to their beloved parents and exemplifying a love and a very close affinity with their Church.

They could have given their life's savings to many other institutions, but they chose their church because they believed that the future of our people depends on the Church. Although they did not have any children, they wanted to make certain that the many children who will come after them will have a church that they can be proud of. A progressive Church spells a progressive people. The Yorgiadis family lived first hand and experienced the awful restrictions which our mother Church, the Great Church of Christ, the Ecumenical Patriarchate, has been suffering since that awful day in May, 1453 when that glorious cathedral of Agia Sophia, the jewel built by Justinian the Emperor ceased to exist as a Church. They did not want their Orthodox faith to suffer in this country so they gave to the best of their abilities.

I write this about this remarkable family, because their devotion to our Greek Orthodox faith must be told. Our children should be taught that there is nothing more sacred nor important in our life than the Lord Jesus Christ and His Orthodox Church. And we can all learn what true Christian stewardship is from this family.

Eternal memory dear Alex, Pinelopi, and Dimitri. Thank you for your great love of our Church which led you to give this significant gift.

And thank you Elli for your continued and most generous support of our Church. May the Lord grant you his grace and love always.

# ACOLYTES OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

| TEAM 1  |  | TEAM 2   |  |
|---|--|--|--|
| Nick Basdakis<br>John Chase<br>Stephen Stylianides<br>Armodios Vestakis<br>Bradley Jung |  | Kyriakos Alyousef<br>Kyriakos Psaras<br>Dimitri Pappas<br>Paul Stephens  |  |
| September 24, 2006<br>October 22, 2006<br>November 19, 2006<br>December 17, 2006        | January 14, 2007<br>February 11, 2007<br>March 11, 2007<br>April 8, 2007     | September 3, 2006<br>October 1, 2006<br>October 29, 2006<br>November 26, 2006  | December 24, 2006<br>January 21, 2007<br>February 18, 2007<br>March 18, 2007 |
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| September 10, 2006<br>October 8, 2006<br>November 5, 2006<br>December 3, 2006           | December 31, 2006<br>January 28, 2007<br>February 25, 2007<br>March 25, 2007 | September 17, 2006<br>October 15, 2006<br>November 12, 2006<br>December 10, 2006   | January 7, 2007<br>February 4, 2007<br>March 4, 2007<br>April 1, 2007        |

- 1.) The Divine Liturgy begins promptly at 10:00 AM. Please be vested no later than 10:05 AM.
- 2.) Clothing preference is white (or light) shirt and tie with dark shoes. NO SNEAKERS PLEASE.

# February 2007

## St. John's Monthly Calendar

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |  |
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| <p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-size: 2em;">11</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Judgment (Meatfare) Sunday Orthros &amp; Liturgy 9AM</b></p>   | <p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-size: 2em;">12</p> <p>Greek Dance Class, 4-10PM</p>  | <p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-size: 2em;">13</p> <p>Bible Study, 11:30-1PM</p>  | <p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-size: 2em;">14</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <b>Happy Valentine's Day!!</b> </div> <p>Orthodox Faith Class, 7-8:30PM</p>    | <p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-size: 2em;">15</p> <p>6th Grade, 4PM &amp; Adult Greek School 5:30-8:30PM<br/>Choir Practice, 7-9PM</p> | <p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-size: 2em;">16</p>   | <p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-size: 2em;">17</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2nd Saturday of Souls 9AM</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;"> <b>St Theodore</b> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">             Annual FDF Festival at Ontario         </div> |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |  |
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# Community Calendar

## February 2007

### 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  
**6th Grade**  
4:00PM  
**Adult Greek School**  
5:30-8:30PM  
**Choir Practice**  
7-9:00PM

### MEETINGS AND EVENTS

### FOR FEBRUARY 2007

**Feb. 1, 2006**  
Philoptochos Mtg.  
7PM

**Feb. 3, 2007**  
Folk Dance Festival  
Dinner & Dance Preview  
6PM

**Feb. 5-6, 2007**  
Clergy Laity Mtg. at St. Nicholas  
Ranch

**Feb. 6, 2007**  
Parish Council Mtg.  
7PM

**Feb. 14, 2007**  
Happy Valentine's Day!

**Feb. 16-18, 2007**  
Annual FDF Festival at Ontario

**Feb. 20, 2007**  
Parish Council Mtg.  
7PM

### WORSHIP SERVICES SERVICES THIS MONTH

**Friday, Feb. 2nd**  
Presentation of Our Lord  
9am

**Sunday, Feb. 4th**  
**Sunday of the Prodigal  
Son**  
Orthros-9am  
Divine Liturgy-10am

**Saturday, Feb. 10th**  
**1st Saturday of Souls**  
**St. Haralambos the  
Martyr**  
9am

**Sunday, Feb. 11th**  
**Judgement (Meatfare)**  
**Sunday**  
Orthros-9am  
Divine Liturgy-10am

**Saturday, Feb. 17th**  
**2nd Saturday of Souls**  
**St. Theodore**  
9am

**Sunday, Feb. 18th**  
**Forgiveness (Cheesefare)**  
**Sunday**  
Orthros-9am  
Divine Liturgy 10am

**Monday, Feb. 19th**  
**Lent Begins,**  
**Lenten Service**  
9am

**Tuesday, Feb. 20th**  
**(every Tuesday for the**  
**next 7 weeks)**  
**Compline Service**  
7pm

**Wednesday, Feb. 21st**  
**Presanctified Liturgy**  
9am

**Friday, Feb. 23rd**  
**Presanctified Liturgy**  
9am

**First Salutations to the  
Theotokos**  
7pm

**Saturday, Feb. 24th**  
**Third Saturday of Souls**  
9am

**Sunday, Feb. 25th**  
**Sunday of Orthodoxy**  
Orthros-9am  
Divine Liturgy-10am

# The Paschal Cycle

**THE TRIODION:** The cycle of the moveable feast is built around Pascha. It is comprised of ten weeks before Pascha and is called the period of the Triodion. This period includes the four weeks preceding the Great Fast, the forty days of Lent and Holy Week. This year the period of Triodion begins on January 28 and ends with Holy Saturday, April 7. The ten weeks of the Triodion are as follows:

**First Week** - Publican and Pharisee

**Second Week** - Prodigal Son

**Third Week** - Meat-Fare Sunday (Last Judgment)

**Fourth Week** - Cheese-Fare Sunday (Sunday of Forgiveness)

**First Sunday of Lent** - Orthodox Sunday (Triumph of Orthodoxy)

**Second Sunday of Lent** - Commemoration of St. Gregory Palamas

**Third Sunday of Lent** - Adoration of the Cross

**Fourth Sunday of Lent** - Commemoration of St. John of the Ladder

**Fifth Sunday of Lent** - Commemoration of St. Mary of Egypt

**Palm Sunday** - Triumphant Entry of Christ into Jerusalem

**SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE (January 28):** This first Sunday of the Triodion teaches us to avoid the pride of the Pharisee and imitate the humility of the Publican. The feast receives its name from the parable of the same name found in Luke's Gospel, Chapter 18, verses 10-14. On this and the following two Sundays, the theme is repentance. Repentance is the main entry-point to Lent and is also the starting-point of our journey to Pascha (Easter). Repentance is not just a feeling of self-pity or simple regret. Rather it is a radical and complete

turnabout. In Greek "repentance" is translated as metanoia which means "change of mind." To repent then is to be renewed, transformed; to be able to attain a fresh approach in our relationship with God and our fellow men.

## **SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON**

**(February 4):** The gospel reading is taken from Luke 15:11-32. This marvelous parable affords us some keen insights into repentance in its various stages. In the prodigal of the parable we can see ourselves. However, when we remember our present exile in sin and make the resolve to return home to God, then we "find" ourselves. The theme is the forgiveness which God grants to all those who repent.

## **SUNDAY OF MEAT-FARE (APOKREA)**

**(February 11):** This Sunday is so named because it is the last day we can consume meat until PASCHA. Eggs, milk, butter, cheese and other dairy products may be eaten this week up to and including the next Sunday. This day is also called Sunday of the Last Judgment, because we read in the Gospel of Matthew (25:31-46) about the Second Coming of Christ. Whereas the two previous Sundays we heard of God's patience, limitless compassion and love, today we are reminded that God's mercy and compassion are tempered with justice. God will be our final judge. He will judge us with the severity of our sin if we do not repent. This is the message of Lent and one of the troparia of the Great Canon reminds us to act now while we still have time. Once death comes there can be no repentance.

"The end draws near; my soul, the end draws near; yet you do not care to make ready. The time grows short, rise up: the Judge is at the

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door. The days of our life pass swiftly, as a dream, as a flower." (Canticle Four, Troparion 2)

The theme here is preparation. For the Lord will return and his Second Coming will come without warning. This same theme will also be repeated during the first three days of Holy Week.

## **SUNDAY OF CHEESE-FARE (February 18):**

On this last day before the beginning of Lent or Pure Monday (Kathara Deftera), we come to the end of the four preparatory weeks. Today's themes are: the expulsion of Adam and Even from Paradise and mankind's mutual forgiveness. As we start on the threshold of the Great Fast, we find ourselves weeping with Adam and Eve before the closed gates of Paradise. On the other hand, our repentance leads us to prepare for the celebration of the saving events of Christ's awful passion, death and resurrection. When we realize what Christ has done for us wretched sinners, our sorrow for our exile from paradise is tempered by the hope of our re-entry into God's Kingdom.

"O precious Paradise, unsurpassed in beauty, Tabernacle built by God, unending gladness and delight, glory of the righteous, joy of the prophets, and dwelling of the saint's with the sound of thy leaves pray to the maker of all: may He open unto me the gates which I closed by my transgression; and may He count me worthy to partake of the Tree of Life and of the joy which was mine when I dwelt in thee before." (Vespers For Sunday Forgiveness)

The other theme, that of forgiveness, is emphasized in the gospel reading for this Sunday, (Matthew 6:14-21). We are reminded

that before we enter the Lenten fast we must be reconciled with our brothers and sisters. It is a mockery of the fast to attempt it and yet harbor enmity against a brother, "for whom Christ died." The road to Lent we must travel together as a family of God. We should not allow our fasting to separate us from others.

## **THE GREAT LENT**

The forty-day period of Lent always begins on Monday (this year February 19) and ends on Friday, March 30. It is followed by Saturday of Lazarus, Palm Sunday and Holy Week.

During this forty-day lenten period and Holy Week, we are constantly reminded by the hymnology of our Church that we are on a sacred journey, a trip which ultimately leads us to relive the events that changed humankind; the awful Passion and Resurrection of Christ, which makes possible man's return to paradise and which inaugurates the Telos (End or Final Dispensation). The goal of our spiritual journey is expressed in the closing prayer of the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts: ". . . *may we come uncondemned to worship at the Holy Resurrection.*" The path which we follow will lead us to the pain and anguish of Golgotha but soon thereafter it culminates in the glory of the Empty Tomb.

Lent is a sacred pilgrimage. Each week as we come closer to our goal, we are reminded of our ultimate goal. Lent is a time to be liberated from our bondage to our sinful passions; a time to contemplate our ultimate destiny; a time to struggle with God against anything and everything which tends to bring us under its

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tyranny; a time to struggle against ourselves; a time when we receive reassurance from God, a time to draw near the Promised Land and a time to come back "home" which Christ has prepared for us.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY** (February 25): There is a joyful quality to this celebration of the first Sunday of Lent. On this day we commemorate the final victory over the iconoclasts (icon destroyers). It marks the restoration of the Holy Icons to the churches by Empress Theodora, which took place on the first Sunday of Lent, March 11, 843. This feast is moreover a celebration in honor of all those martyrs and confessors who struggled and suffered for the faith. The special service that takes place following the Liturgy includes the procession of the icons and various hymns and prayers offered on behalf of the living and the dead. Finally, the service celebrates not only the restoration of the icons but more generally, the victory of the True Faith (Orthodoxy) over all heresies and errors.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT** (March 4): On this day we honor the memory of another champion of Orthodoxy, St. Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica. This Sunday was dedicated to him in 1368 and with obvious reason. St. Gregory struggled against Barlaam Akindynos and other heretics of his time. His eloquent defense of the faith follows the pattern of other great bishops of the Church, such as Athanasius, Cyril, Basil, Chrysostom and Gregory.

"O wise Gregory, you have burnt up the error of the heretics and has revealed in its true beauty the faith of the Orthodox,

bringing light to all the world. You are triumphantly victorious, a pillar of the Church and a true bishop. Never cease to intercede with Christ, that we may all be saved." (Matins, Second Sunday of Lent)

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS** (March 11): On this half-way point of the fast, the Church presents to us the Cross, the symbol of victory, to aid us in our spiritual struggle during the remainder of Lent. At the end of the Liturgy, the Precious and Life-giving Cross set high on a tray adorned with spring flowers is presented in solemn procession to the faithful. This ceremony closely parallels the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross celebrated on September 14. The dominant theme of this Sunday, as on the two preceding Sundays, is one of joy and triumph. We are thus reminded of the victory which Christ brought us, by His death on the cross and His resurrection.

"Hail! Life-giving Cross, unconquerable trophy of the true faith, door to Paradise, help of the faithful, rampart set about the Church. Through you the curse is utterly destroyed, the power of death is swallowed up and we are raised from earth to heaven: invincible weapon, adversary of demons, glory of martyrs, true ornament of holy monks, haven of salvation bestowing on the world great mercy." (Vespers, Third Sunday of Lent)

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT** (March  
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**18):** On this day the Church remembers St. John Climacus, abbot of Mt. Sinai (6<sup>th</sup> - 7th Century). Thanks to his writings and his own exemplary life, the pattern of the true Christian ascetic is formed. His major work, *The Ladder of Paradise*, is one of the spiritual works the Church has appointed to be read in Church during Lent. It is filled with sage advice to the lay person, as well as to the monastic, who is honestly striving to live the Christian life.

## **THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (March 25):**

The Church today honors the memory of a marvelous model of Christian asceticism, St. Mary of Egypt. Although her actual feast day is April 1, she is commemorated on this day as a shining example of true repentance to assist us in our repentance. From her we see vividly the transformation which is possible when one chooses to forego the ways of sin. St. Mary lived a life of sin in her youth. One day she traveled with some pilgrims to Jerusalem and arrived in time for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Precious Cross (September 14). When out of curiosity she tried to enter the church, an invisible and strange force blocked her entrance. Having tried unsuccessfully to gain entrance several times, she came to the realization that her past life was responsible for her inability to enter the church. Repenting on the spot, she prayed all night with tears to the Mother of God. The next morning she entered the church without difficulty. After joyfully venerating the Precious Cross, she left Jerusalem that same day and crossed the Jordan remaining in a remote region of the desert for the rest of her life - some forty-seven years. With constant prayer and fasting,

she conquered all that which separated her from God.

The story of blessed St. Mary is set forth as a shining example for all of us to emulate. We need to purify ourselves in order to be made worthy to celebrate the glorious Resurrection. Without repentance, a true and sincere change of mind, Holy Week and Easter will not benefit us but rather remain an empty festival.

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# Philoptochos News

“Celebrate the happiness that friends are always giving, make every day a holiday and celebrate just living.” - Amanda Bradley

Once again the cycle of seasons has brought us to the beginning of a New Year, and again we mark the joyous time in our lives with traditional celebrations. It is fitting, therefore, that we come together at the Feast of Saint Basil and share the sweet Vasilopeta loaf with one another. This celebration is conducted during the month of January across the United States by every Philoptochos Chapter in every parish. It is the main source of funding for the operating expenses of the Academy. Saint Basil Academy provides a beacon of hope and a safe haven for Orthodox children in need, ensuring material, spiritual and emotional support for the development of the whole person. Many thanks to our chairman Katherine Glavas, Helen Attard, Giota Glavas and Joyce Attard for their tremendous work and to all who either baked a Vasilopeta, gave a donation or purchased them to help the children of Saint Basil's Academy. The members of our church are certainly very generous and supportive.

Our annual Membership Tea “Stepping Out” was a huge success ! An exciting afternoon filled with professional dancers demonstrating dances such as the Paso Robles, Rumba, Waltz, Cha-Cha, Fox-Trot and Quickstep dazzled and enthralled us. Instructions and audience participation on particular dances was great fun. Everyone was moving and swinging to the music. Thank you to our enthusiastic membership chairman Kiki Chryssogelos who planned this program and the Philoptochos Board members and members who prepared the scrumptious food and pastries.

We welcome all the ladies of St. John's parish to join Philoptochos and to participate in its good works and

fellowship. Our dues are \$30.00 per year of which \$10.00 goes to the Metropolis of San Francisco Philoptochos and \$10.00 to the National Philoptochos. We are dependent on our members plus special fund raisers to meet all our commitments and obligations. We are the philanthropic arm of our church and committed to helping those less fortunate than ourselves. We have nine meetings a year. We are dark during July, August and September. You do not have to attend every meeting, however, our meetings are informative with speakers, fun programs in learning about quilts, icons, egg painting, planning parties and much more. You can be a supportive member if you are unable to be an active one.

**SAVE THE DATE ! SATURDAY, APRIL 21ST  
FOR OUR FASHION SHOW AND  
SWEETHEART PRESENTATION.  
IT IS QUICKLY APPROACHING.**

Our next Philoptochos General Meeting is THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST.- 7:00 PM “AN EXCHANGE PROGRAM. “ We would like our members attending to bring BOOKS, MAGAZINES, CD's, DVD's and/ or CASSETTES that you would like to share with friends. It is fun to share wonderful books you have read or a movie or music you've enjoyed. If you would like the items back, please put your name on it and will be returned to you. I have enjoyed many of the books I picked up at our last meeting and look forward to picking up some new ones. Our hostess will be Freda Chrest and Katherine Glavas.

Love to see you all at this meeting.

Mary Ohanian, President

# St. John's Philoptochos Memorials

January 28, 2007

STELLA ALAVIZOS  
TINA ANGELUS  
ADAMANTINE BEERS  
FRANCES BOUKIDES  
DIKEA BOYIAZIS  
EVELYN BUESING  
SUE CHILIMPIS\*  
CHRISTINE DEMET  
AGNES DESSERPRIS  
PENNY DORLIS  
KATHRYN DUNTON\*  
MARY ELIAS  
JOSEPHINE ENGLEZOS  
CHRISTINE GALANIS\*  
MARY GEORGE  
MARTHA GIONIS  
SOTIRIA GRILLAS  
PRESBYTERA KATHERINE HADJIS  
SUSAN HARETAKIS  
STELLA HARRIS  
TULA HORN  
HELEN KITAKIS  
HARINTINY KOLIAS  
MARIE MADOURA  
ELEANOR MEMOUNAS

MARY MARGERETIS  
ALEXANDRA MARIOUS  
CHRYSOULA MASSOURIS  
EVA MOURADIAN  
EVA NICHOLUDIS  
ANNE NONIS\*  
SUZANNE OHANIAN  
JULIA OTIS  
VIOLET PASHALIDES  
PAT PANICHAS\*  
ANN PAPPAS  
TULA PAPPAS  
BASILIKI PETROPOULOS  
MARY PRANTALOS  
HELEN RAMOS  
POLIXENIE RINOS  
ATHENA SAROS  
MARJORIE STANITSAS  
ANTOINETTE STORY  
CHRIS ULAM  
OLGA VRATTOS  
PAT WRONSKI\*  
LULA XARHIS  
RENIA YAWN\*  
PENNY YORGIADIS

**\*Past Presidents**

+ *May their memory be eternal* +  
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# Church Registry

## BAPTISMS

**January 13, 2007**

**George Nikolas Syrengelas**

*Proud Parents:*

*Andreas Athanasios & Niky Syrengelas*

*God Parents: Dimitri & Athanasia Dalacas*

**January 20, 2007**

**John Peter Lopez**

*Proud Parents: John & Vasiliki Lopez*

*God Parents: Michael & Anastasia Fidelis*

**January 20, 2007**

**Stamatina Vatakis**

*Proud Parents: Kostandine & Ehlene Vatakis*

*God Parents: Chris & Christine Turner*

## MEMORIALS

**January 7, 2007**

**Vasilios Nicolaou - 9 years**

**January 14, 2007**

**Katina Cossolias - 75 years**

*+ May their memory be eternal +*

## **PROSFORO SCHEDULE**

### **FEBRUARY 2007**

|           |         |                            |
|-----------|---------|----------------------------|
| Friday    | Feb. 2  | Mrs. Maria Massouris       |
| Sunday    | Feb. 4  | Mrs. Joanne Kalogeropoulos |
| Saturday  | Feb. 10 | Mrs. Alexandra Margias     |
| Sunday    | Feb. 11 | Mrs. Alexandra Margias     |
| Saturday  | Feb. 17 | Mrs. Maria Bonorris        |
| Sunday    | Feb. 18 | Mrs. Maria Bonorris        |
| Saturday  | Feb. 21 | Mrs. Katherine Glavas      |
| Friday    | Feb. 23 | Mrs. Katherine Glavas      |
| Saturday  | Feb. 24 | Mrs. Gail Mitchell         |
| Sunday    | Feb. 25 | Mrs. Gail Mitchell         |
| Wednesday | Feb. 28 | 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 want to share the following with you our members relative to where we stand in our Building Expansion.

We have received the permission of the Arts and Architecture Committee of our Metropolis and the blessings of His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos to proceed with our plans as approved by the Parish Assembly of January 30, 2005 We are very appreciative of their continuing interest and support of this project.

We are holding up the ordering of the construction documents for a number of reasons. Since we have not as yet received the anticipated support of our members, especially those with the greatest capabilities, we deemed it wise not to spend the Church's funds for detailed construction drawings until we decide how much of the project we can built at this time. Unless, those who are taking a wait and see attitude with respect to their three year gift come forth, it looks like we will have to phase the project, more than likely into two phases. Phase One perhaps will be the Education wing and Administration wing, with the Multi- purpose hall built in the Second Phase.

Soon the members of our community will be called to a Special meeting to decide how the project is to be phased. At that point we will ask the Architect to draw the construction documents.

In the meantime we ask those who have not as yet decided what to give, to consider giving a three year pledge now in order for us to know what kind of support we have and plan accordingly. That is the crucial point. How can we plan on how much building we can afford to built if we don't hear from our members? Louis Chelekis and his Fund Raising Committee tells us that we have increased our available funds (pledges and payments) to the sum of \$1,800,000. We would have surpassed the \$2,000,000 were it not for the down payment for the purchase of the house next to Braille Institute.

In the meantime the leadership of our Community is committed to continue the work needed for the completion of our long standing project.

Paul Nikolau,  
Chairman Building Committee

# Stewardship 2007

The following have submitted their 2007 pledge cards. We thank them and we invite the others to make their gift to their church.

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**As of January 17, 2007**  
**Total Pledges: 170**  
**Goal: 600**  
**To Go: 430**  
**Average Pledge: \$779.29**  
**Total Pledged:**  
**\$132,480.00**  
**Budgeted Goal: \$330,000.00**  
**Amount left to reach Goal:**  
**\$197,520.00**

## 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  
(714) 523- 7188  
5802 Crestview  
La Palma, CA 90623

Christine Pappas  
(714) 921-0543  
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Anaheim, CA 92808

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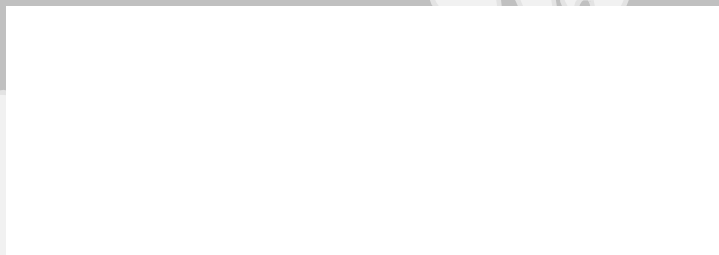
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(Mark 1:2-3)

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*Fr. James, Editor*