

The Vineyard

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

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Reflections from Father James

“DO YOU KNOW CHRIST?”

At a time when all knowledge is prized, when the number of college graduates is at an all time high, we find that most people, including many Christians of various stripes still remain ignorant about attaining a knowledge of who Christ is. Not to know, to really know Jesus is a great tragedy. And what is perhaps even more tragic is what ignorance of Jesus does not to him, but to us the ignorant.

Although by and large people were aware of his sacrifice on the cross and by and large were grateful to the Crucified one, they didn't think about him very much, only talked to him mostly on Sundays. Or as a last resort when they couldn't solve their many problems. You see there was so much else to do, places to see, people to meet that they found no time for him. It got so bad that a concerned Christian in a large city in England wrote the following prose:

When Jesus came to Golgotha
they hanged him on a tree.
They drove great nails through hands and
feet and made their calvary.
They crowned him with a crown of thorns:
Red were his wounds and deep.
For those were crude and cruel days.
And human flesh was cheap.

When Jesus came to Birmingham

They simply passed him by,
They never hurt a hair of him;
They only let him die.
For men had grown more tender,
They would not cause him pain.
They only passed him down the street
And left him in the rain.

Still Jesus cried “forgive them,
for they know not what they do!”
And still it rained a winter rain,
that drenched him through and through
The crowds went home and left the streets
without a soul to see,
And Jesus crouched against a wall
and cried for Calvary.

When we realize who Jesus is, it strikes us how frightful a loss it is not to know him. Not simply his biography the way we know Caesar, Shakespeare, Plato or Lincoln. Not to know ABOUT him but to know him as our brother.....our life.....our God.

John the Evangelist in his first letter declares “by this we may be sure that we know him, if we keep His commandments.” By this John was answering those who claimed to know God but did not take too seriously the ethical demands that genuine religion makes on us. If anyone wants to test how well you know God, look to your obedience. How seriously do you take what he asks of you?

But still the basic question remains unanswered,

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“DO YOU KNOW CHRIST?”

what does it mean to “know” God, to “know” Jesus? In the fourth gospel of John Jesus declares “now this is eternal life, that they know you the one true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ.” To know Jesus according to John is to be “in Him”, to “abide in him.” It is his presence in us and our presence in him. That’s eternal life.

This kind of knowing is found constantly in the early writers especially the Greek Fathers. St. Gregory of Nyssa a bishop in the fourth century wrote that the goal or life of the mind is to know Christ. Gregory tells us that there is but one way ultimately to know God, and that is to be like him, to be in his image. Others would say we can know God through creation. But this type of knowledge even the wise of the world can attain. To really know God is to share in his holiness. And how do we participate in God’s holiness? By following him through faith, eyes closed, wherever he leads us and by opening our hearts to further and further submissiveness.

If to know Jesus is to experience him, if to know God is to share in his holiness, does God’s Word offer practical advice on how to go about it? Certainly! We know God and we experience him at the table of the Word and the table of his Body. When the sacred Scriptures are read in Church, it is God himself who speak to us. For this reason the celebrant reminds us to stand and attentively hear the word. Christ is present in the proclaimed word just as he is present in the blessed bread and wine.

At the table of his body we are confronted with a mystery and we bow low before it. And when we receive the “Gifts” which are no longer bread and wine, for they are now the very body and very blood of the Christ, risen and glorified,

yet forever human and divine We are thus uniquely joined to him and he to us. We become one with him and through him. Yes, we do know him in the breaking of the bread as did the disciples.

Friends, you will know him at the table of his word because heart will be speaking to heart. But in order to hear him, to experience him you must not be passive, but you must listen to the Lord the way the young listen to their favorite rock band; and the way aspiring athletes listen to their coach and emulate their favorite player.

Upon experiencing the Lord we must respond. Yes, respond by doing justice, by defending the poor and the needy, by showing compassion and generous concern for those who are hurting in one way or another. Then you will know the Christ, you will experience him and your whole being will be transfigured into the human being the Creator originally created.

THANK YOU

I want to thank my associate Fr. Nicholas for his handling of the priestly duties during my lengthy absence. He has acted in a manner befitting a priest performing what was expected of him. Fr. Nicholas thank you dear brother. May the Lord bless your ministry.

Also I wish to thank the Metropolis and specifically our Chancellor Fr. Earl for procuring other brother priests to assist Fr. Nicholas. They were Fr. Spencer Kezios, Fr. Anthony Savas, Fr. Earl, Cantos, Fr. Virgil Anton, Fr. Vasilios Thanos, Fr. John Constantine and Fr. John Roll.

From the desk of Fr. James,

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Glory to God for all things (with an apology to St. John Chrysostom). I am doing exceptionally well according to my doctors. My physical therapist smiles more these days with the level of my improvement and all signs including my recent blood tests are more reason to be upbeat.

I am so elated with my progress that I have returned to the office on a regular basis. I will continue to do so on a daily basis. Thus I assume all of my pastoral duties save the liturgical ones.

I want to once again thank all of those who have sent me get well cards. It's heartwarming to read many of the accompanying messages which have given me encouragement. And the telephone calls also are appreciated and they have helped in knowing that I am missed and that my people are praying for my return to the Altar.

As your spiritual Father, I have missed you all as any father misses his children. And speaking of children I have truly missed the little ones and I can hardly wait to see them all next month.

To all of you who continue to serve your church with love, zeal, and dedication, from the Parish Council to the Philoptochos Society, and every single volunteer without whom the parish would not function, I express my love and my thanks. I want you to know that I have been praying for ALL of you. May the Lord's grace and love always be with you. With the arrival of a new Church year, let us join hands and minds in order to promote the welfare of our beloved parish of St. John the Baptist. Through the intercession of the blessed Forerunner may we set our sights high to the greater glory of God.

*With much love,
Fr. James*

“Help on the Way for Transfiguration”

by Father Nicholas

On September 14th of every year, Orthodox Churches throughout the world celebrate the exaltation of the Holy Cross. The Cross that at one time was considered an instrument of torture, humiliation, degradation and death, has now become an instrument of deliverance, and the Universal symbol of victory over death and degradation. When we love, we expose ourselves and make ourselves totally vulnerable. The logic of the world teaches us that this is foolishness. Love is risky to be sure when we extend ourselves lovingly to others, we take the chance that our love will not be reciprocated, we are wounded at hurt. So what is the alternative? Should we never consider ourselves at risk to love at all? If we did this, then we can never truly and fully live. We would become prisoners of our own fear, sensitivities and insecurities. If God is love, and we are created in His image and likeness, then we must love. From His love, we received His being, through His love, we are sustained, and by His love we will be saved. Without love, there would be nothing.

Love is not cold, passive, timid, detached, self-containing, or apathetic. Love is warm, ecstatic, brave, caring and sacrificial. God is love. God wanted to share his joy, His love and all that He had with us. Love wants to create, to reach out, and share everything with everybody.

The Cross is a sign of the relationship between God and man, and man and man, now reconciled. Both the vertical relationship between God and man and the horizontal relationship between man and man has been restored upon the Cross, in the person of Jesus Christ who is both God and man. In his person on the vertical axis, He unites the divine and the human natures; in His person on the horizontal axis He unites all men of all times to one another. On the Cross, past and future are united and heaven and earth, meet in the eternal presence in the person of the God-man (Theanthropos) Jesus Christ. At the intersection of the horizontal and vertical planks of the Cross rests the son of God, the connection and

the nexus that gives everything meaning, purpose and understanding.

Old and new come together on the Cross. The New Man (Christ) redeems the Old Man, Adam. In Christ, past and future are merged, heaven and earth are united, and God and man are reconciled. In Christ, all is reunited, healed, saved and perfected. All this takes place at the Cross. God’s love for His creation and the “crown of His creation” man is given the fullest, most dramatic and unforgettable expression upon the Cross. The full extended magnitude of God’s love for us is made plain in the starkest, most graphic manner at the Cross. The vulnerability of Love is painfully manifest on the Cross.

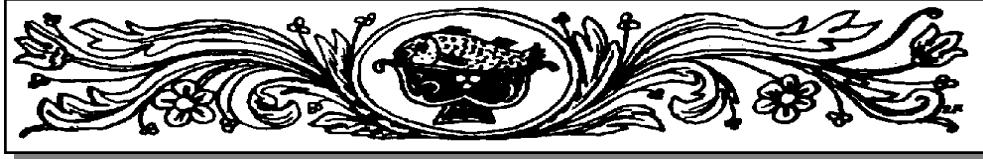
In God’s wondrous manner, the crucifixion manifested God’s glory. God’s love is unlimited and invincible. We as Christians now worship the One True God Who shares all our suffering and redeems our nature. God is with us, God knows us, and God loves us. How far does God’s love reach? He loves us to the point of the Cross. The four corners of the Cross teach us that he loves the four corners of the world--His entire universe. His love is universal for all peoples, for all times.

Moses’ arms tired and began to fall when he made the sign of the Cross to deliver the Israel of Old from its enemies. Christ’s arms will never tire, for they are transfixed upon the Cross, and suspended not by men, but by the Love of God, the Father. Through the love of Christ, we, the New Israel, will be delivered from every enemy---even death, the last enemy. Implanted high on the hill of Golgotha, the Cross is our invincible standard, our unconquerable trophy, the pledge and promise of God’s everlasting love for us. Let us worship him at his footstool, His Cross implanted upon Golgotha for our salvation.

-Father Nicholas Andrews

A Message from our Sunday School

FALL 2007



Christ chose ordinary people as his disciples. They learned directly from Him to teach and to proclaim the Good News. Christ knew his teachings would continue to be carried on in the church by ordinary people like us.

As staff and teachers, we ordinary people rejoice in the opportunity to teach and to proclaim the good News to the children of our Sunday School in the upcoming year. We are eager to begin this new year and we are excited to share new ideas as we strive ever to grow and to improve our program.

As one teacher said to me with excitement and anticipation, "I can hardly wait! It is the joy of helping others in their quest for Bible truth!"

Yes, there is great anticipation for our teachers as we embark on this new year of teaching and learning together. There is also great joy that we are blessed with parents whose support make our programs successful. We are continually grateful for those parents who, despite the hectic realities of today's world, and the conflicting activities that might otherwise draw their children away, continue to appreciate the importance of keeping the teachings of Christ as the first priority for their children.

We thank you for your willingness to continue to bring the children to Christ and we look forward to a wonderful year!

In Christ,

Ann Lewis
Sunday School Director

Religious Education Calendar

2007-2008 Class Schedule

September 16	Prayer of Commencement-First Day of Classes
September 23	Regular Program
September 30	Regular Program
October 7.....	Sunday School Picnic on church grounds
October 14.....	Regular Program
October 21.....	Regular Program
October 28.....	Regular Program
November 4	Regular Program
November 11.....	Regular Program
November 18.....	Regular Program
November 25	Thanksgiving Recess (No Classes)
December 2	Regular Program
December 9	Regular Program
December 16	Christmas Pageant, Holy Communion & Breakfast
December 23	Christmas Recess (<i>No Classes</i>)
December 30	Christmas Recess (<i>No Classes</i>)
January 6	Regular Program
January 13	Regular Program
January 20	Regular Program
January 27	Regular Program
February 3	Regular Program
February 10	Regular Program/Bake Sale
February 17	Folk Dance Festival (No Classes)
February 24	Regular Program
March 2	Regular Program
March 9	Regular Program
March 16	Sunday of Orthodoxy
March 23	Regular Program
March 30	Regular Program
April 6	Regular Program
April 13	Regular Program
April 19	Corporate Holy Communion, Saturday of Lazarus
April 20	Palm Sunday & Tsoureki Delivery
April 27	Easter Sunday (No Classes)
May 4	Regular Program
May 11	Regular Program
May 18	St. John's Festival (No Classes)
May 25	Memorial Day (No Classes)
June 1	Last Day of Classes, Awards Presentation & Picnic

Accent On Youth

SEPTEMBER 2007

THE ROLE OF FATHER NICHOLAS,

Father Nicholas has been assigned to our parish to administer and oversee the various youth programs assigned to him by Father James. This is in addition to his normal priestly duties. His responsibility is mainly with the following groups: **J.O.Y.**, **H.O.P.E.**, **G. O. Y.A.** and the newest group which we have named the **Little Angels**. He also oversees the Altar Boys and the Basketball program.

His immediate responsibility and task is to prepare a schedule of activities, including meeting dates, choosing advisors and with the able assistance of these capable volunteers to bring about an interesting, informative, and fun-filled year.

As for the Greek School, the Folk Dance Group and Sunday School, Father James will continue to administer these important programs.

This year we decided to separate J.O.Y. from H.O.P.E in order to provide an individual program tailored for each group. This will benefit our children more.

OUR YOUTH ADVISORS

Every successful youth activity depends on dedicated advisors who are willing to give of their time and talents to help kids. These men and women give unselfishly of themselves because they love children and for that we are truly grateful.

We call upon parents (especially) of children of ages 3 to 16 to come forth and assist our priests with these beneficial programs. While we have some advisors, we need others. Please call either of our priests.

PARENTAL PARTICIPATION

In order for the following youth ministries of St. John's to be successful we need the serious cooperation of the parents, especially those whose children are involved. These programs are an important part of our church membership. They offer the fellowship which brings our people and especially our young together. If the parents make

a serious effort rather than expecting the priests and the few dedicated advisors to carry the load they will be very pleased with the results. PLEASE ASSIST US .

OUR YOUTH PROGRAMS

REGISTRATION FOR OUR YOUTH PROGRAMS (INCLUDING BASKETBALL) WILL TAKE PLACE FOLLOWING THE LITURGY OF SEPTEMBER 9 AND 16 IN OUR GYM.

LITTLE ANGELS

(ages 3 and 4)

We have added something new to our youth program for this year. It's a new group for the three and four year old. which we have named **Little Angels**.

This is our newest group which will introduce these young people to our beloved Orthodox faith.. Potential is 25 to 30 children. This group will meet once a month, on a Saturday. We need two to three advisors. If interested please call Fr. James

H.O.P.E.

**(Holy Orthodox Primary Education)
Kindergarten to 2nd grade**

This ministry serves children from ages 5 through 7. The mission of HOPE is to strengthen the relationship of young Orthodox Christians with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The program "works to educate and edify young members of the Church, encouraging them to become active sacramental participants in the life of the Body of Christ. (Two to three advisors are needed) This ministry will meet once a month on a Saturday.

This group integrates the following elements into all aspects of their program: worship, fellowship, service and witness. All these are interconnected and will be part and parcel of this youth ministry. (Two to three advisors are needed)

**J.O.Y. (Junior Orthodox Youth)
(3rd through 6th grade)**



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JOY is a ministry to children from 3rd through 6th grade. By adhering to the “ Four Circles” which include Worship, Fellowship, Service and Witness the children will come close to understanding the Church and thus encourage them to become active participants in the life of the Church.\

While the span from 3rd grade through 6th grade is a large one and while a 6th grader is at a completely different stage of development than the 3rd grader, there is much that they share in common.

The mission of JOY is to strengthen the relationship of young Orthodox Christians with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This ministry gives them the opportunity to become active sacramental participants in the life of the Body of Christ. A well-balanced JOY ministry program will provide activities that meet the needs of all the children in this ministry. For JOY ministry to be effective we need a high adult-to-child ratio. The ideal ratio is 1 adult for every 7 children which will enable these adults to provide appropriate direction and supervision fro the children participating.

G.O.Y.A.

(Greek Orthodox Youth of America)

Boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 18 are served by this group. This group has varied interests but they possess many similarities. A well-balanced program will keep their interest. We have planned what we consider to be such a program and we look to the input of the advisors. The G.O.Y.A. Basketball is an integral part of this ministry. This group requires at least six advisors. We are fortunate that we have George Stephens and Nancy Foxhall who have been advisors to GOYA and their experience will prove invaluable as we put together a balanced, interesting and fun program.

ALTAR BOYS

This group of boys serve the Lord within the Holy

Altar. This is truly a privilege and great honor to be in such a sanctified sphere. The boys who serve in the Ieron, the holiest part of our church, are truly invested with God’s bountiful grace. For this reason parents of children between the ages of 9 to 18 should encourage their children to serve in the Altar. We have several vacancies and we want to have 10 servers for each of our four teams. We especially solicit the services of our older teenagers, ages 16, 17 and 18 who can assist the younger and less experienced ones.. Again, please call either priest.

OUR ADVISORS

Every successful youth activity depends on dedicated advisors. These men and women give unselfishly of themselves, their time and talents, to minister to our kids and for that we are very grateful. We call upon those parents who may have children participating in our youth ministry to come forth and volunteer their valuable services. While we have some parents involved as advisors we call on other members, parents and non- parents, to assist with these youth programs. Please call either Fr. James or Fr. Nicholas if interested for details.

JR. CHOIR

Elsa Libowitz,, our most talented Music Director has been working with our Junior Choir for some time now. The kids do a great job singing the Liturgy about once a month. Our goal is to increase their number as well as the frequency of their liturgical participation. Here again parental guidance and encouragement will go a long ways to their children’s participation. Knowledge of Greek is not necessary. Those who have heard our children, are certainly pleased by the beauty of their melodious voices which they raise in praise of the Lord. Please, give the Jr. Choir a try!

GOYA BASKETBALL

This popular sport is a great way to bring our children into the embrace of our church. St. John’s has been offering the opportunity to participate in the Greek

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Orthodox Basketball league since its inception more than 30 years ago. In fact we have fared very well winning many First Place trophies as the pictures in our Community Center give evidence. We have four teams; two Jr. teams and two Sr. teams from ages 12 to 19.

We are taking registration for the upcoming season and we thus urge you to sign up your children who may be interested in playing.

ATTENTION YOUTH AND PARENTS

As we enter into the New Ecclesiastical Year, it is time once again to get our youth programs into full swing!

With the blessing of, and under the guidance, instruction and with the approval of our Pastor, Fr. James, I am pleased to offer programs and activities for all the youth of our parish from ages 2 thru 17, that will not only encompass the four circles of practice of our Orthodox Faith, which are Liturgia (worship), Martyria (witnessing of the Faith), Koinonia, (fellowship) and Diakonia (service) but will also provide fun and enjoyment for all! Additionally, we are in the process of developing a young adult program for young people between the ages of 18-35, which will be implemented sometime in January.

The Youth programs that we will begin the new Ecclesiastical Year are as follow:

GOYA (7-12 graders) will be meeting twice a month. One meeting will be a business/educational meeting, the second will be an outing / activity that will encompass one or more of the four core areas of practice of our faith as described above.

HOPE is the ministry that serves children in the **Kindergarten thru 2nd grade age category**. It

will include age-appropriate games, songs and music which are designed to convey the principles and teachings of our Orthodox Faith. This ministry will be meeting once each month on Saturday. More details will be sent out and announced later this month as to the specific time.

JOY is the ministry that serves children in the **3rd-6 grade age category**. It will include discussion, as well as arts and crafts again designed to convey the principles and teachings of our Orthodox Faith This ministry will also meet once a month on Saturdays.

Finally, I am please to announce that we will also be forming a **“little angels”** group which will serve **the 3-4 year olds**. This ministry is designed to better orient toddlers to the church environment, as well as to introduce them to the customs and traditions associated with our liturgical practices such as lighting candles, venerating icons, the lives and the roles of the Virgin Mary as well the Saints of our Church. Additionally, this group is designed to facilitate the integration of our toddlers into the subsequent age-appropriate ministries (HOPE, JOY, GOYA) This group will meet once a month, in the church proper. Again, letters will sent and announcements will be made orally and in writing as to the exact date and times.

I am very happy and excited about the upcoming programs for our youth and hope that I will have your full support.

In His Service,

Fr. Nicholas



Class on the Orthodox Faith

FALL 2007

This informative weekly class on the Orthodox Faith, for members and non-Orthodox is geared to making our Church teachings more understandable and thus more liveable.

In a recently concluded national survey (SWAT) conducted for our archdiocese, one of the greatest weakness among our faithful from young to adults is the basic lack of knowledge of our faith.

This year we are introducing topics which we have not presented at length in the past. Especially an in depth examination of the other Christian churches and Islam will be presented.

We believe that those who attend these classes will benefit.

WEEKLY TOPIC SCHEDULE

September 10 WHO ARE WE ORTHODOX?
WHAT IS OUR ORIGIN?

September 17 WE ARE A PATRISTIC CHURCH.
WHO ARE THE FATHERS?
WHAT IS THEIR IMPORTANCE
AND RELEVANCE FOR TODAY?

September 24 THE RISE AND CHALLENGE OF
THE EARLY HERESIES.
ARE THEY PRESENT TODAY
AND DO THEY POSE A CHALLENGE?

October 1 THE SOLUTION BROUGHT
ABOUT BY THE ECUMENICAL
COUNCILS.

October 8 THE SEPARATION OF THE
GREEK AND ROMAN
CHURCHES. CAUSES AND
EFFECTS. PRESENT DAY
RELATIONSHIPS.

October 15 THE ORTHODOX CHURCH AND
ISLAM.

October 22 THE ORTHODOX CHURCH AND
CHURCHES OF THE
REFORMATION.
LUTHERANISM AND
CALVINISM

October 29 THE NEW PHENOMENON OF
NON-DENOMINATION
CHURCHES AND THE BIBLE
ONLY CHURCHES.

November 4 THE TEACHINGS OF THE NEW
CHRISTIAN CHURCHES AND
THE DANGERS THEY POSE.

November 11 THE CHALLENGE WE ORTHODOX
FACE FROM THOSE OF OUR
MEMBERS WHO HAVE LEFT US
OR WHO DO NOT PARTICIPATE
IN THE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE
NOR DO THEY SUPPORT IN ANY
MANNER THE CHURCH OF
THEIR FATHERS

Philoptochos News

There is no beautifier of complexion, or form, or behavior,
like the wish to scatter joy and not pain around us. *-Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Welcome back from your summer vacation and activities. With the summer months behind us, the return to our regular routines and all the events generally associated with the end of summer begin. We look forward to a busy fall here at St. John's with many events planned for all of us to enjoy.

I would like to thank Nancy Foxhall and GOYA for serving Sunday coffee during the month of July and August. It is very enjoyable sharing the coffee hour with our GOYIANS.

One of National Philoptochos most successful programs is The Children's Medical Fund Luncheon and this year our Ladies Philoptochos of the Metropolis of San Francisco will be hosting *the 11th Children's Medical Fund Luncheon on Saturday, November 10th at the Fairmont Hotel, Newport Beach.* This is the first time the luncheon will be held in our Metropolis and it is our hope to reach a giving level of \$500,000, of which over \$125,000 will be awarded throughout our Metropolis !

The Children's Medical Fund has made positive difference in the lives of children around the country in providing support for children dealing with life-threatening illnesses, including heart disease, AIDS, cancer, kidney, liver ailments, juvenile diabetes, etc. We have granted over \$206,000 exclusively for Orthodox Children. In addition, to date, we have also provided over \$1.5 million dollars in critical support for hospital, clinic, teaching and research programs. You can rest assured that the Children have received the benefits of the monies raised and this support has truly saved the lives of children all over the

country. Here is the program for the Children's Medical Fund Luncheon:

Friday, Nov. 9th - Evening Reception and Extravaganza hosted by our Metropolis of San Francisco

Saturday, Nov. 10th - Children's Medical Fund Luncheon

We are excited about the success of this event because it will provide medical assistance to critically ill children whose families are unable to afford appropriate and necessary treatment. Please open your hearts and make a gift to the National Philoptochos Children's Medical Fund Luncheon. See Mary Ohanian for further information.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

SUSAN G. KOMEN-RACE FOR THE CURE

Our St. John's Philoptochos will have a team in the "Race for the Cure" and we are looking for volunteers. Every year Susan G. Komen's "Race for the Cure" distributes dollars back into Orange County to help people with little or no health insurance to receive breast cancer and breast health education, screening, treatment and support. See Christine Pappas or Christina Dourbetas for more information.

September 5th -WEDNESDAY
General Philoptochos Meeting 7pm
SMALL HALL

September 28-30 Metropolis Philoptochos
Conference-St. Nicholas Ranch

See you at our **FIRST GENERAL PHILOPTOCHOS MEETING-SEPT.5TH**

Mary Ohanian, President

What's New???

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“SAVE THE DATE”

ST. JOHN’S ANNIVERSARY DANCE

Call your friends and mark your calendars.

Our 46th Anniversary Date will be

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1ST.

Look for more information in upcoming Vineyards.



UPCOMING GREEK FESTIVALS 2007

Assumption of the
Blessed
Virgin Mary,
Long Beach
Sept. 1-3

St. John,
Las Vegas
Sept. 6-9

St. Sophia,
Los Angeles
Sept. 7-9



GREEK SCHOOL 2007-2008

Registration is still open for Greek School classes: Pre-school through 6th Grade. Please turn in your registration materials to the church office. Registration packets are available in the church office, or e-mail [Cynthia Kateyiannis@alumni.uci.edu](mailto:Cynthia.Kateyiannis@alumni.uci.edu) or Angela Psaras at (714) 879-8479. Classes begin September 11, 2007.



Festival of Hearts Gala at The Balboa Bay Club & Resort Saturday, December 8, 2007.

Celebrating Children Raising Funds For
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Featuring Silent, Live Auctions Best of Live and Opportunity
Drawings.

Parish Programs

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ACOLYTES OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST 2007

TEAM 1		TEAM 2	
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April 22, 2007 May 20, 2007 June 17, 2007 July 15, 2007	August 12, 2007 September 9, 2007 October 7, 2007	April 29, 2007 May 27, 2007 June 24, 2007 July 22, 2007	August 19, 2007 September 16, 2007 October 14, 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

**CLASS ON THE
ORTHODOX FAITH**
Starts 10/4/06
Wednesday Evenings 7-8:30PM

CHOIR (ADULT)
Practice is held Thursdays
7-9PM
All are invited to join and offer praise
to God through the gift of singing.

**GREEK FOLK DANCING
MONDAYS**
Training Group 4 - 5PM
Ta Pedakia 4 - 6PM
Mikri Levendia 5 - 7PM
Elliniki Omorfia 6 - 7:30PM
Levendia 8 - 10PM

GREEK SCHOOL
Children - Tues. & Thurs. 4 - 7PM
Adults - Thursdays 5:30 - 8:30PM
Contact the office for schedules.

GREEK ORTHODOX YOUTH
For all teenagers ages 12 - 18.
To Be Announced.

**YOUTH ADULT LEAGUE
ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
FELLOWSHIP**
To Be Announced.

PROSFORO MINISTRY
Bread for Holy Communion
Please consider making and offering
the prosfora on Sundays.
Contact: Joanne Kalogeropoulos

BIBLE STUDY
Held Tuesday Mornings
11:30AM-1PM
Starts 10/3/06

ST. JOHN'S GOLDEN STARS
For retired parishioners.
Meets informally as announced.

JUNIOR ORTHODOX YOUTH
For youth between 8-12 years old.
To be Announced.

PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY
Meets the first Wednesday of
every month at 7PM.
All women of our parish are welcome!

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

PRE-MARITAL CLASS
This is a diocese requirement for all
persons wishing to marry in the
Church.

Church Registry

SEPTEMBER 2007

WEDDINGS

July 1, 2007

Bill Petropoulos & Hester Riley

Sponsor: Sotiria Petropoulos

July 11, 2007

John Sutch & Patricia Benetatos

Sponsor: Denise Benetatos

BAPTISMS

July 7, 2007

Andreas Papacharalambos

*Proud Parents: Konstandinos & Panayiota
Papacharalambos*

God Parent: Anna Tiritti

Antony Papacharalambos

*Proud Parents: Konstandinos & Panayiota
Papacharalambos*

God Parents:

MEMORIALS

July 29, 2007

Apostolos Manolakis - 40 Days

Nicholas Barjoka - 40 Days

August 5, 2007

Anthony Petros - 19 Years

August 12, 2007

Nicholas Karvounaris - 40 Days

August 26, 2007

John Thanos - 20 Years

FUNERALS

July 5, 2007

Nicholas Karvounaris

August 13, 2007

Antonios Karnezis

+ *May their memory be eternal* +

PROSFORO SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 2

Mrs. Anastasia Mandas

Saturday, September 8

Mrs. Mersina Vatakis

Sunday, September 9

Mrs. Mersina Vatakis

Friday, September 14

Mrs. Maria Mendonis

Sunday, September 16

Mrs. Demetra Klentos

Sunday, September 23

Mrs. Gail Mitchell

Sunday, September 30

Mrs. Maria Bonoris



WANTED!!!

★ WOMEN WHO LOVE TO BAKE! ★

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

Worship Services

SEPTEMBER 2007



SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 2, 2007

14th Sunday of Matthew

Orthros & Divine Liturgy

9am

Saturday, September 8, 2007

Nativity of the Theotokos

9am

Sunday, September 9, 2007

Sunday before Holy Cross

Orthros & Divine Liturgy

9am

Friday, September 14, 2007

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9am

Sunday, September 16, 2007

Sunday after Holy Cross

Orthros & Divine Liturgy

9am

Sunday, September 23, 2007

1st Sunday of Luke

Orthros & Divine Liturgy

9am

Sunday, September 30, 2007

2nd Sunday of Luke

Orthros & Divine Liturgy

9am

September 2007

St. John's Monthly Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																																	
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PHILOPTOCHOS
BAKE SALE,
SUNDAY,

SEPTEMBER 16TH

Your Philoptochos Society will have a Bake Sale on Sunday, September 16th with proceeds benefiting the Philoptochos' Children's Medical Fund. Established in 1988, the Children's Medical Fund has made a positive difference in the lives of children around the country and the National Philoptochos has donated over \$1.5 million dollars in grants to children's hospitals, clinics and research programs. Stop by and pick up some fresh baked goodies.

If you would like to contribute directly to the Children's Medical Fund, make your check payable to Philoptochos Children's Medical Fund. We will have a collection box available. Your gift will truly make a difference!

**WELCOME
BACK**

Community Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2007

MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2007

August 31-September 2, 2007

The Orange Street Fair

September 3, 2007

Labor Day
Office Closed*

September 4, 2007

Parish Council Meeting
7PM

September 5, 2007

Philoptochos Meeting
7PM

September 6, 2007

Greek School Committee & Teacher Mtg.

September 11, 2007

Greek School Begins

September 16, 2007

Philoptochos Bake Sale

September 18, 2007

Parish Council Meeting
7PM

September 22, 2007

Philoptochos Board Meeting
7PM

The Stewardship of St. Sophia and Her Three Daughters: SS. Faith, Hope, and Agape September 17



“Your heavenly Lover, Jesus Christ, is eternal health, inexpressible beauty and life eternal. When your bodies are slain by torture, he will clothe you in incorruption and the woods on your bodies will shine in heaven like the stars.”

These words can hardly be considered the sage advice of a mother to her daughters, or are they? These words are exactly what the mother of three daughters said to them prior to their being martyred for Christ.

Living in Rome during the second century was not an easy thing for Christians. They were being tortured for refusing her three daughters, Faith, Hope, and Agape. It is not often that we find a mother who sacrificed herself and her three children in the name of Jesus Christ. We may even think that this story should not be shared with our families and yet, it is a dynamic revelation about a family united in Christ Jesus. The spiritual accomplishments of this family reveal that our Christian Orthodox Faith can exceed every aspect of worldly cares and bring us to the enjoyment of eternal blessings.

Sophia and her three daughters were recognized in the Christian community for their deep devotion and dedication to the worship services. Having joined fellow stewards in the candlelight of the catacombs, the worship experience strengthened Sophia and her lovely daughters during a violent period of Christian persecutions. This was a period when the Roman authorities viewed the Christians as a threat to their society. The Emperor Hadrian ordered his soldiers to gather all the Christians in Rome. Among those arrested were Sophia and her three daughters. No one could have imagined the harm that was to come to the three young girls aged twelve, ten, and nine. As Sophia and the children stood before the magistrate, the mother was challenged to deny Christ or suffer the torturing of her children. Sophia pleaded with the judge to release her children and that she would suffer the decision of the court. The children, as if with one voice, assured their mother that they would remain faithful to the Lord. One by one the girls were tortured before the eyes of their mother. With each sacrifice came greater praise and glory to the Heavenly King. When all three girls lay dead, their mother was dragged to their side where she prayed for the repose of their souls. Released by the Roman authorities, Sophia took her daughters and buried them. She remained by their graveside for three days and nights, and then retired her soul to God to be reunited with her saintly daughters in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Christian martyrdom was a real issue for the early Church. The example of St. Sophia and her three daughters is a genuine act of faith that involved extreme physical and moral sufferings. The gift of faith that St. Sophia instilled in her daughters, Faith, Hope, and Agape commands our respect and remembrance. We may not face such extreme torturing for Christ and His Church, but we must be steadfast in living our faith. We are called to have the same conviction of faith that St. Sophia and her daughters possessed. This conviction should be expressed in good Stewardship by each and every one of us. The gifts that these martyred saints offered were their very lives; the gifts we offer to the Lord will be our Time, Talents, and Treasure!

**As of August 21,
2007**
Total Pledges: 406
Goal: 600
To Go: 194
Total Pledged:
\$275,964.00
Budgeted Goal:
\$330,000.00
Amount left to reach
Goal:

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.

Mrs. Arlene Agalos	Mr. & Mrs. Nick Callas	Mr. & Mrs. George Eleopoulos	Mr. & Mrs. Larry Halfhill
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Akkerman	Mr. Andrew Canellos	Mr. & Mrs. Xenophan Eliopoulos	Mr. & Mrs. Christos Harbilas
Ms. Constance Alavizos	Mr. & Mrs. Carl Cantonis	Mr. & Mrs. John Fahrnbruch	Mr. & Mrs. Tom Harbilas
Mr. & Mrs. George Alavizos	Mr. & Mrs. George Cantonis	Mr. & Mrs. Fred Fascenelli	Mrs. Demetra G. Harvalos
Mr. & Mrs. Themis Alexopoulos	Mr. & Mrs. William Carkagis	Mr. George T. Feles	Mr. & Mrs. A. Hashtroudi
Ms. Mary Amandos	Mr. & Mrs. John Chakos	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Fidelis	Mr. George Hassapis
Mr. George Ambatielos	Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Chapralis	Mr. & Mrs. Scott Fields	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Hassapis
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Amerine	Mr. & Mrs. N. Charalambous	Mr. & Mrs. Steve Flynn	Mr. & Mrs. John Hatzidakis
Mr. & Mrs. George Anas	Mr. & Mrs. Gene Chase	Mr. & Mrs. Athanasios Foskaris	Mr. & Mrs. Mike Hatziefstratou
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Mr. & Mrs. C.J. Anasis	Mr. & Mrs. George Chatzis	Mrs. Mina Fourtounis	Mr. & Mrs. James Hill
Mr. & Mrs. A. Anastasiadis	Mrs. Stella Chavos	Mr. & Mrs. Chris Foutris	Miss Eleni Hioureas
Mrs. Loula Anderson	Mr. & Mrs. Louis Chelekis	Mr. & Mrs. Dino Foutris	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Hioureas
Mrs. Connie Andros	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Cherpas	Mr. George A. Futris	Mr. & Mrs. Denny Hocking
Mr. & Mrs. C. Angelatakis	Mr. & Mrs. Larry Chrest	Mr. & Mrs. William Futris	Mr. & Mrs. Tim Holtermann
Mr. Pete Angelus	Miss Catherine Christ	Mr. & Mrs. George Frousiakis	Mrs. Athena Homayouni
Mr. & Mrs. Gus Anton	Mr. & Mrs. Nick Christ	Mr. & Mrs. Spiros Gabriel	Mr. & Mrs. S. Hondrogiannis
Mr. & Mrs. Pantelis Antoniou	Mrs. Vivian Christian	Mr. & Mrs. Leon Gabrielian	Mrs. Ruby Hopkins
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Argyrakis	Mr. & Mrs. William Christian	Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Galanis	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Hourigan
Mr. & Mrs. A. Asimakopoulos	Mr. & Mrs. Jim Christides	Mr. & Mrs. C. Gallanes	Ms. Katerina Hoyo
Ms. Joyce Attard	Mr. & Mrs. Nick Christofer	Mr. Harry Gallanes	Mr. & Mrs. George Janis
Mr. & Mrs. Louie Attard	Mr. & Mrs. A. Chrissyogelos	Mr. & Mrs. Nicos Ganis	Mr. & Mrs. Ken Jones
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Attard	Mr. Michael Close	Mr. & Mrs. Jose Garcia	Mrs. Olga Joseph
Mr. & Mrs. Peter P. Attard	Mr. & Mrs. Nick Cokas	Mrs. Sophia Garrity	Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Jung
Mr. & Mrs. Chris August	Mr. & Mrs. Dimitri Constas	Mr. & Mrs. George Gatsinaris	Mrs. Crystalia Kaiser
Mr. & Mrs. Costa Awadalla	Mr. & Mrs. Chris Contes	Dr. & Mrs. Vasili Gatsinaris	Mr. & Mrs. Savas Kallaos
Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Badounas	Mr. & Mrs. Dukas Contos	Ms. Patricia Gauvain	Dr. & Mrs. Stephen Kallaos
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Baglin	Mr. & Mrs. John Cooper	Mr. & Mrs. G. Georgakopoulos	Mr. & Mrs. H. Kalogeropoulos
Mrs. Kiki Ballas	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Cote	Miss Constance George	Mr. John Kandara
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Mrs. Venetta Birakos	Mr. & Mrs. William Deralas	Mr. & Mrs. John Gianakakos	Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Karnezis
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Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Bogris	Ms. Irini Dimopoulos	Mr. & Mrs. Dino Glavas	Ms. Cynthia Kezos
Mrs. Helen Boltinghouse	Mr. Johnny Dimopoulos	Ms. Giota Glavas	Mr. & Mrs. James Kezos
Mr. Aris Bonias	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Dionisiou	Dr. & Dr. Constantine Glezakos	Mrs. Nickey Kezos
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Bonorris	Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Dodge	Mrs. Grammatia Glinkie	Mr. John Kiouisis
Mr. & Mrs. George Borovilos	Mr. & Mrs. Tom Dorlis	Miss Bessie Gonos	Mr. Nick Kitakis
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Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Boussiacos	Mr. & Mrs. Alex Dourbetas	Dr. & Mrs. Dimitri Grammas	Mrs.. Voula Kitsigianis
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Mr. & Mrs. Robert Burns	Mrs. Joanne Drulias	Mr. & Mrs. John Hadjis	Mr. & Mrs. Gus Klentos
Mr. & Mrs. James Callas	Ms. Georgia Eid	Mr. & Mrs. John G. Hadjis	Mr. & Mrs. Haralambos Klentos

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Mrs. Gabriela Kolias	Mr. & Mrs. John Maris	Mr. & Mrs. Alex Persakis	Miss Maria Tambouris
Mr. & Dr. John Kolias	Mr. & Mrs. Milton Maris	Mr. Bill Petropoulos	Mr. & Mrs. P. Tasigeorgos
Mrs. Eleftheria Konstantourakis	Mr. & Mrs. George Massouris	Mr. & Mrs. John Petropoulos	Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Tavlarides
Mrs. Eugenia Konstantouros	Mr. & Mrs. Michael McFann	Ms. Ria Petropoulos	Mr. Matthew Tavlarides
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Mr. & Mrs. George Kosebas	Mr. & Mrs. Wendall Meadows	Mr. & Mrs. George Petsas	Miss Katerina Tavoularis
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Mr. & Mrs. K. Kotsiovos	Mr. & Mrs. Ted Medenas	Mr. & Mrs. Philip T. Phillips	Ms. Gloria Themaras
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Koukladas	Mr. & Mrs. Chris Mellas	Dr. & Mrs. Denis Pieratos	Mr. & Mrs. William Thomas
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Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Koukladas	Mr. & Mrs. Bill Mitchell	Mr. & Mrs. Stavro Pilafas	Mr. & Mrs. Tom Tragos
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Mr. & Mrs. Yanni Kouloumbis	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Mitchell	Mr. & Mrs. Kostas Poulopoulos	Mr. & Mrs. Antoine Triantos
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Mr. & Mrs. George Lambros	Mrs. Peggy Nicolaou	Mr. & Mrs. Julian Rusinek	Mr. & Mrs. Lefteris Vestakis
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Mr. & Mrs. James Learakos	Mr. Jason Nonis	Mr. & Mrs. Chris Sarantos	Mr. & Mrs. Chris Vovos
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Mr. & Mrs. George S. Mantas	Mr. & Mrs. James Pappas	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Stavros	
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2007 GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL

Congratulations! And, thank you again for all your hard work. The 2007 Greek Food Festival was a resounding success. We set new records on attendance, overall sales in our food booths and smiles on the faces of our guests!



Attendance for the weekend exceeded 8,700! A new record! That is a 27% increase over our 2006 attendance. And, if you were wondering, we counted the free entry coupons: 303 senior coupons, 1,685 e-tickets from our website and 1,322 free entrance coupons. A special thank you to Penny Hatzis and her Savannah High School volunteers who handed out flyers at Walmart over the weekend. Great Job!!!

The food booths set new sales records too! The Lamb Taverna sales increased 77% over 2006. The Gyro Booth increased 41% and the Soulvaki Booth increased 38%. The Hall Food increased 20% and Pastries increased 10%. On Sunday night, the gross sales for the weekend were over \$214,000! A new record! And, when we add all our income sources (ad book, vendor booths, etc), our total gross income for the Festival is \$280,000!



The Festival Committee continued working during the summer to process invoices, review comments and suggestions and finalize the financial report. We are happy to report that our net income is over \$138,000. Another new record!



It is only through the love, dedication and hard work of our parishioners, that our 2007 Greek Food Festival was so successful. You can relive the weekend by viewing the Festival Photo Collection in the Cultural Center. The photos will be posted through September.



Your Festival Committee is already planning the 2008 Greek Food Festival. The dates are May 16, 17 and 18, 2008. Mark your calendar now!

Once again, thank you. Looking forward to next year's Festival, with your help and God's blessing, we will set a new record of \$300,000 sales for the weekend.

Harry Klentos
Festival Chairperson

Sunday School Picnic Flyer

IOCC Flyer

Sunday School Registration Form

Greek School Information, Calendar,
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one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the
way of the Lord, make his paths straight -- "

(Mark 1:2-3)

