

# The Vineyard

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

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PROISTAMENOS MESSAGE

## THE APOSTLE TO THE NATIONS THE 2000 ANNIVERSARY OF THE BLESSED ST. PAUL

Dear brothers and sisters,

**CHRISTOS ANESTI!**

The feast day of the great St. Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, is celebrated on June 29.

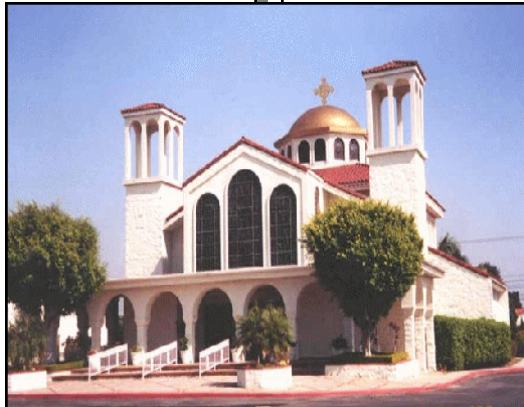
However, this year ushers a special celebration. The Church glories and is truly overjoyed to mark a most auspicious milestone in the life of this superb human being, who was transformed by the divine will from a staunch enemy of the Christian Church to its greatest defender and promoter. This truly historic event is the two thousand anniversary of his birth.

I would like to share a few thoughts on this great Apostle to the Nations.

St. Paul was born in Tarsus (today's Turkey). He was a Jew whose given name was Saul. He was of the tribe of Benjamin, possessed from birth Roman citizenship, was fluent in the Greek language, an expert in the Jewish law, a Pharisee born of a Pharisee, a disciple and pupil of Gamaliel who was a gifted teacher of the Law in Jerusalem.

From his formative years Paul was a fervent zealot for the traditions of Judaism and a great persecutor of the

Church of Christ. We first learn of him being present in the martyrdom of St. Stephen the Archdeacon, who was the first to give his life for Christ. (Acts 7:58 and 8:1) St. Luke tells us that Paul was a participant in the execution of the young Stephen and that he was “consenting to his death”.(Acts 8:1) Furthermore, we learn that “Saul made havoc of the Church entering every house and dragging off men and women, committing them to prison.” (Acts 8:3)



In his youthful passion and rage against the disciples of the Lord, he went to Damascus bearing letters of introduction from the high priest. His intention was to bring back as many of the followers of Christ back to Jerusalem in chains. But the Lord who searches the heart and soul of everyone had other plans for Paul. He would soon experience a great transformation which altered his life for ever. Here, in the very words of the Apostle, what brought about this great change. (Acts 22:6-10)

“As I journeyed and came near Damascus at about noon, suddenly a great light from heaven shone around me. And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?’ So I answered, ‘who are you Lord?’ And He said

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**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.

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# THE APOSTLE TO THE NATIONS

## THE 2000 ANNIVERSARY OF

### THE BLESSED ST. PAUL

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to me, ‘ I am Jesus of Nazareth whom you are persecuting.’

And those who were with me saw the light and were afraid but they did not hear the voice of Him who spoke to me. So I said, ‘What shall I do Lord?’ And the Lord said to me ‘arise and go into Damascus and there you will be told all things which are appointed for you to do.’ .

Blinded by this divine light he was led by the hand into Damascus and Ananias, an Apostle was sent to baptize him. At this point both his physical and spiritual eyes were opened to the Sun of Righteousness and straightway, beyond any expectation, he spoke with boldness in the synagogues proclaiming that Christ is the Son of God.

As God had said, Paul was to suffer greatly, as he journeyed throughout the Mediterranean basin preaching the Christ. However, nothing could deter him from his appointed task of bringing the Risen Christ to all the Gentiles. Consider the many trials and tribulations he suffered which he posits in 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 11:24-28.

“From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and

thirst, in fasting often, in cold and nakedness.”

Yes, St. Paul was truly the “chosen vessel”. His mission was crowned by every success because of his fidelity to Christ and the Gospel. Of the twenty seven books of the New Testament, fourteen are his epistles. The beloved preacher and exegete St. John Chrysostom devoted 250 homilies on Paul’s works which shows the great esteem the early Church had for Paul. The loftiness of his thoughts, the abundance of the revelations which he was privileged to experience, the wisdom given him from God, by means of which he brings together in a wondrous manner the Old with the New Testament, his exposition of the mysteries, his confirmation of the doctrines of faith, his masterful ethical teachings, all served to awaken in his hearers a desire to accept the Christ. He succeeded because his faith in Christ was rock solid and his determination to bring the Gospel to all people has no peers.

In all of these things the blessed St. Paul, Apostle to the Nations, has brought about the transformation of the people of his world but also continues to illumine the hearts and minds of those many who through his writings and dynamic ministry have accepted the Christ as the Son of God.

His earthly life ended in martyrdom by the sword of God’s enemies, but his legacy remains huge. We owe much to this beloved Apostle. He is constantly interceding for us before God’s Holy Throne even as he continues to enlighten us with his written words.

Most beloved St. Paul, we honor you in faith and we thank you for bringing us to Christ. Please continue to pray for us and for those in the world who are still in darkness. May the Light of Christ which changed you forever, be also our continued

# “Where is the Church?”

“Be ye doers of the Word” (James 1:22)

Fifty days following the glorious Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the event on which our entire theology is based upon, we celebrate another major Feast day, which is of course, Pentecost. (Derived from the Greek “Pendikosti” or fifty, referring, to the fifty days following Pascha) Pentecost is the day when God sent the Holy Spirit in a form of a dove, establishing Christ’s Church here on earth.

Many times when we here the word “church” we think of the edifice itself. This is quite erroneous however. When we make reference to the “Church” we are actually talking about ourselves. We are the “Ecclesia” or “Church” that was established on the great Feast of Pentecost.. The Greek language, being far more specific, differentiates the edifice from the “Ecclesia”. The edifice itself is known as the “Ieros Naos” or “Sacred Temple” or more simply “Naos”. If we are indeed the Ecclesia, or Church, then just what exactly is expected of us? While there are numerous expectations of us, the most specific and direct expectation can be found in the Epistle of James chapter 1 verse 22 where we read “Be ye doers of the Word” This means that we must sacrifice our time, treasures and talents in order to help and give to others who have need, whatever that need (or those needs).are. Christ’s basic command to us was simple, yet very direct and specific “Love one another” Christianity, and especially Orthodox Christianity, is a proactive religion, compared to many of the other denominations, especially to some of the Protestant traditions, that teach that we are saved by faith alone. Continuing in the Epistle of James in chapter 2 verses 14-17, we read: “What does it profit, my brethren if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled” but you do not give the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

The same principle applies for our parish, here at St. John’s as well as every other parish throughout the world. It seems that year after year we see the very same people sacrifice their own time, utilizing their talents and treasures to keep the parish going. It is the same people who organize and work in the Food Festival, teach Sunday School, volunteer to work in the various ministries of the church, whether it be the Parish Council, the various Youth ministries, The Choir ministry, Philoptochos, the Acolyte ministry, etc. Yet, many times, all these volunteers are often criticized for one reason or another. It is very easy to stand in the sidelines and criticize people, who, with sincere intentions are giving of themselves, for God’s glorification as well as for the continuation of His Church. In the book of Alcoholic’s Anonymous there is a saying that paraphrased, states: You can talk the talk, but can you walk the walk? In other words, can you put your words into positive actions? When these people who complain or criticize are asked to help, their answer is usually “I don’t have the time” or “I’m too busy” If our intentions are sincere and we truly want to work for God’s glorification, then we make the time as do all those who constantly volunteer. These people are busy also. Almost all of them also have family responsibilities, and most of them hold down full time jobs. Let us not criticize or blame “The Church”. For in doing so, we are, in actuality, criticizing ourselves.

Let us keep these thoughts in mind as we contemplate what role we will play in the Church that was established on Pentecost one thousand nine hundred and seventy five years ago. On September 1<sup>st</sup> of every year, we begin the New Ecclesiastical year. Let us take advantage of this new opportunity to be “Doers of the Word”.

In His service,

Fr. Nicholas

# A MESSAGE FROM FATHER JAMES

Christos Anesti! May the love and grace of the Risen Lord be richly granted to all of you.

The blessed Great and Holy Week which we celebrated has spoken to our heart and soul like no other. Fr. Nicholas and I were truly humbled by the opportunity to “celebrate” the most awesome Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. I was truly moved to see so many of our beloved members attend the services of the Bridegroom on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights and the many other services. Their presence and deportment speaks eloquently of their abiding faith and love for the Lord.

I wish to thank all the many donors who offered their gifts for the flowers and other items for Great Lent, Palm Sunday and Holy Week (**Vivian Christian, Gus and Maria Gialamas, M/M Nick Panagakis, M/M Peter Sarcologos, Mrs. Freda Chrest, Leon and Elly Gabrielian, M/M George Massouris, M/M Andreas Psaras, M/M Anton Natsis, M/M Anthony Papadon. M/M Syed Hussein, Ms. Christina McDonald, M/M Nick Siokos**), and also the many who contributed towards the flowers for the Epitafio. Thanks to those who brought the laurel branches for Palm Sunday. We thank **M/M John Hadjis** for the Holy Cross wreath. Thanks also to **Tom and Rica Zounatiotis**, donors of the eggs, **M/M Tykye Camaras and M/M Anthony Papadon** who donated the Easter lilies, **M/M Nick Panagakis** for donating the special incense, **M/M Nick Panagakis and Dr. Theodore Markellos** who donated the Altar Table and Holy Cross beeswax candles, and **M/M George Massouris and M/M N.Christopher** donors of the priests Paschal candles. Thank you to **Mary Nichols**, chair of the egg-dyeing and the many ladies who assisted her; a big “thank you” to chairperson **Jerry Kallaos** and the ladies who participated in the beautiful decoration of the Epitafio, the Resurrection Banner, the portable Resurrection icon, the Resurrection icon of the Iconostasion, the Altar Table floral tribute and the beautiful red ribbons which graced our altar area. We thank also Mrs. Voula Kitsigianis and Eleftheria Konstantarakis for preparing the Great Friday luncheon. Also thanks to the young people and their adult mentors who fashioned the palms into crosses. And thanks to our GOYANs and their advisors/parents who offered the annual Palm Sunday luncheon. Also thanks to **M/M Ted Karnezis** for donating the fish and **M/M Andreas Psaras** for donating the lamb for the raffle and cooking the Palm Sunday Luncheon with the capable assistance of **Tony Fidelis** whom we also thank.

A very special thanks to **Nick and Fofa Panagakis** for their most generous donation of the new central aisle carpet installed on Holy Thursday.

I especially commend those many who remained to the end of the Paschal Liturgy which by the way ended forty minutes earlier than last year. Many also stayed to partake of the mageritsa, which was expertly prepared by **Kosta Kapogiannis** and family whom we thank.

I wish to also thank our Chantor, **John Mestakides**, our Sexton **Theofilos Russos**, our Choir Director **Elsa Libowitz** and the members of our Senior Choir. Also we thank President **Harry Benetatos** and the members of the Parish Council, the Altar Boys who attended faithfully the sacred services, the Myrhbearing young ladies and their mentors, the readers during the services of Holy Week and the strong young men who carried the Epitafio. Thanks also to **Tim Sarres** who served the Pangari faithfully during all the services.

We acknowledge with thanks the fine work of Building and Grounds Chairman **Harry (Bobby) Klentos**. The interior of the Church and Offices have new air condition units and the landscape has been greatly enhanced.

I also acknowledge with personal thanks and appreciation my colleague **Fr. Nicholas** who rendered most valuable assistance in a dutiful and caring manner. Thank you Fr. Nicholas. God grant you many years.

# Feasts/Saints of June

## June 1

### **Martyr Justin the Philosopher and those with him at Rome (166)**

Born in 103, he was a philosopher from the Samaritan town of Shechem in Palestine, who had devoted his life to the search for truth, trying many philosophical schools and sources of human wisdom: the Stoics, the Peripatetics, the Pythagoreans and finally the Platonists. One day an old man (whose name and origin are unknown) appeared to him and spoke to him of the Prophets and Apostles who had learned of God not by their own wisdom, but by revelation of God Himself. He read the scriptures and was convinced of the truth of the Faith, but he would not be baptised or call himself a Christian until he had tested all the pagans' arguments against Christianity. To this end he traveled to Rome, where he engaged in debate at philosophical gatherings, impressing all with his wisdom. In Rome he also witnessed the martyrdom of Sts Ptolemy and Lucian; this moved him to write an Apologia for the Christian faith and the Christian people, which he gave to the Emperor Antoninus and the Senate. They were so moved by this document that the Emperor ordered that persecution of Christians should cease.

For the remainder of his life, Justin devoted all his skills to the proclamation of the Gospel and the defense of Christians. To the end of his life, wherever he preached Christ, he always wore his philosopher's garb. In addition to his Apologia, he wrote a number of other learned defenses of the faith.

Eventually he was imprisoned following the false accusations of Crescens, a jealous Cynic philosopher. He died (one source says by beheading, another by poison) in Rome in 167 under the Emperor Marcus Aurelius, successor to Antoninus.

## June 9

### **† St Cyril, archbishop of Alexandria (444)**

"St Cyril was... from Alexandria, born about the year 376, the nephew of Theophilus, Patriarch of Alexandria, who also instructed the Saint in his youth. Having first spent much time with the monks of Nitria, he later became the successor to his uncle's throne in 412. In 429, when Cyril heard tidings of the teachings of the new Patriarch of Constantinople, Nestorius, he began attempting through private letters to bring Nestorius to renounce his heretical teachings about the Incarnation; and when the heresiarch did not repent, Saint Cyril, together with Pope Celestine of Rome, led the Orthodox opposition to his error. Saint Cyril presided over the Third Ecumenical Council of the 200 holy Fathers in the year 431, who gathered in Ephesus under Saint Theodosius the Younger. At this Council, by his most wise words he put to shame and convicted the impious doctrine of Nestorius, who, although he was in town, refused to appear before Cyril. Saint Cyril, besides overthrowing the error of Nestorius, has left to the Church full commentaries on the Gospels of Luke and John. Having shepherded the Church of Christ for thirty-two years, he reposed in 444." (Great Horologion)

Today we commemorate St Cyril's repose. He is also commemorated on January 18, the date of his restoration to his see in Alexandria after he had been driven out by Nestorians.

## June 11

### **† Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas**

Saint Bartholomew was one of the Twelve Apostles, a Galilean; the Gospel accounts say little more about him. It is said that, after receiving the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, he traveled in the service of the Gospel to Arabia and Persia, and brought to India a translation of the Gospel according to Matthew. Eusebius writes that one hundred years later Pantaenus, an illustrious Alexandrian scholar, found this gospel when he traveled in India. By most accounts Bartholomew ended his life in Armenia, where he met his martyrdom by crucifixion. According to many, he and Nathaniel are the same person: the Gospel accounts that speak of Bartholomew do not mention Nathaniel; and St John's Gospel, which mentions Nathanael as one of the Twelve, does not mention Bartholomew. But according to the Greek Synaxarion, Bartholomew and Simon the Zealot are one and the same.

Saint Barnabas was one of the Seventy, from Cyprus, a Levite and at one time a fellow-student with St Paul under Gamaliel. After Christ's Ascension, he led the Seventy until the Apostle Paul's conversion. He is mentioned often in the Acts of the Apostles, which describes some of his travels as a companion of St Paul. By all accounts, he was the first to preach the Gospel of Christ in Rome and in Milan. His wonder-working relics were discovered on the island of Cyprus in the time of the Emperor Zeno; on this basis the Church of Cyprus was established as an independent Church, since it had an

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apostolic foundation.

Commemoration of the appearance of the Archangel Gabriel to a monk on Mt Athos, and the revelation of the hymn "It is Truly Meet" (Axion Estin (980)

A monk on the Holy Mountain was chanting the ancient hymn to the Most Holy Theotokos, "More honorable than the Cherubim..." (composed by St Cosmas the Hymnographer) in his cell, when the Archangel Gabriel appeared to him, disguised as a monk. The angel chanted the same hymn, but began it differently: "It is truly meet to call thee blessed, the Theotokos, the ever-blessed and most pure and Mother of our God. More honorable than the Cherubim..." Amazed at the hymn's beauty, the monk asked the stranger to write it down for him: the Angel inscribed it on a stone tablet with his finger, then vanished from sight. The tablet was brought to Constantinople and shown to the Emperor and the Patriarch as proof of the miracle. From that time, this version of the hymn began to be sung in the Divine Liturgy, as it is to this day.

## June 12

### † Our Holy Fathers Onuphrios the Great and Peter of Mount Athos

They lived in different times and places, but are commemorated together.

Saint Onuphrios the Great (400). "This holy ascetic had been living a whole sixty years in the desert when the monk Paphnutius visited him. His hair and beard reached down to the ground, and long hair, as white as snow, had grown all over his body during his years of nakedness. His appearance was cadaverous, unearthly and awe-inspiring. Seeing Paphnutius, he called him by name and then recounted to him his life in the desert. His guardian angel had appeared to him and taken him to that place. He had for a long time only eaten earth, which was hard to find in the desert, and, after that, when he had survived an intensive struggle with diabolical temptations and when his heart had become utterly established in love for God, an angel had brought him bread to eat. And besides that, through God's gracious providence, a palm tree grew up at one side of his cell, that gave good dates, and a spring of water began to flow there. 'But especially,' said Onuphrios, 'my food and drink are the sweet words of God.' To Paphnutius' question about his receiving of Communion, the hermit answered that the angel of God brought him Communion every Saturday. On the next day, the old man told Paphnutius that it was the day of his departure from this world; then he knelt down, prayed to God and gave his spirit into God's hands. Then Paphnutius saw a heavenly light that illumined the body of the departed saint, and heard a choir of angelic hosts. He buried Onuphrios' body with honour and returned to his own monastery, there as a living witness to narrate to the brethren, for their edification, the wonderful life of the man of God and the greatness of God's providence towards those who give themselves wholly to His service." (Prologue)

The Great Horologion adds that Paphnutius intended to stay in the place where Onuphrios died, but soon the palm tree withered and the spring dried up, which Paphnutius took as a sign that he was meant to leave that place and return to live with the brethren.

Saint Peter of Mt Athos (734). He was born to a noble family in Constantinople and became a soldier. He was taken captive by the Saracens and thrown into prison in chains, in Samarra of Syria. He spent his long imprisonment praying to God to free him and send him to some deserted place where he could devote the rest of his life to asceticism and prayer. One day St Nicholas appeared to him along with St Simeon the God-receiver; when they touched his chains they melted like wax, and Peter instantly found himself outside Samarra. He set out for Rome, where he was tonsured as a monk by the Pope, then set out by ship to return home. During the voyage, the Mother of God appeared to him along with St Nicholas, and Peter heard her tell St Nicholas that she had set Mt Athos apart for Peter to live in solitude. Peter had never heard of Mt Athos, but disembarked there and settled in a cave. There he spent fifty-three years in complete solitude, praying and struggling with the harshness of the elements and the attacks of demonic powers. After he had withstood fierce temptations for awhile, an angel of God began to bring him bread every forty days. Like St Onuphrios, his humble life might have passed completely unrecorded; but by God's providence, one year before the Saint's death a deer-hunter found him and heard the tale of Peter's life, which he recorded. Saint Peter reposed in peace; his relics were taken to Macedonia.

# President's Message

## **Christos Anesti!**

Holy Week has come and gone and I truly hope that all our members and their families had spiritual renewal along with wonderful family get-togethers on Easter Sunday. I would like to thank the Parish Council members who assisted in the smooth operation of the church services throughout Holy Week. A special thank you to Tim Sarres for making sure that we had all the needed candles for the services, plus the long hours spent behind the pangari serving our parishioners.

I am sure that everyone has noticed the transformation inside our Church. A professional cleaning company was brought in to do a complete cleaning from the floors, to icons, and chandeliers. A heartfelt thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Nick Panagakis for donating the center isle carpet. The new air conditioning units added to everyone's comfort during the Holy Week services. Along with all of these improvements, we have now completed the landscaping around the Church. We have contracted and begun building the wall behind the rental houses. This should be completed within the next thirty days. Special acknowledgment to Harry Klentos and John Ohanian for overseeing all the cleaning and recent improvements to the Church and grounds.

This last weekend we had our annual festival. It was successful in spite of the unseasonably hot weather. No final figures are available as of yet, but we should have them soon.

There are so many hard-working, devoted volunteers responsible for the success of our yearly festivals. I could fill pages with names. I would like to thank Harry Klentos and Cindy Kezos for co-chairing the festival along with their committee members and various booth chairpersons. Kudos to John Ohanian and his crew for working all week setting up booths and taking care of so many details. My sincere thanks go out to all of our members who participated in "Adopt-a-Bus" and "Adopt-a-Booth" programs. I apologize to any of our volunteers who were inconvenienced because of lack of parking near the Church.

Summer is closing in very quickly. I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable vacation.

Harry Benetatos

Parish Council President





# Philoptochos News

*WE "STITCH FROM THE HEART" BECAUSE IT IS FROM THE HEART ALL GOOD THINGS COME.*

Did you know? There are over 436,000 babies born prematurely in America every year. Hospitals put little knitted or crocheted hats on the babies to help hold in their body heat. The hats, sweaters and booties small enough for the preemies are not always available everywhere. We have several ladies in the Philoptochos, spearhead by Angie Diamant and Tena Kosebas, volunteering to work with a program called Stitches From the Heart. Volunteers knit, crochet, quilt and ship boxes and boxes of lovingly made little tiny hats, booties, sweaters and blankets for needy babies and children to hospitals all over the country. Angie Diamant is looking for volunteers to meet weekly, monthly at her home or church to knit and bring love and warmth to needy infants, or knit in your home, your time schedule. This is a non-profit charitable organization whose members contribute their talents by knitting, crocheting or quilting for needy children. Please contact Angie Diamant (714) 997-1348 who welcomes you, your friends and all who care about and want to do something for needy children, especially the newly born. Join Angie Diamant, Tena Kosebas and the other ladies to give the gift of love to these little ones. Let your heart embrace newborns in need to warmth as they leave the hospital.

## **PHILOPTOCHOS EVENTS PLANNED FOR**

**JUNE:**

### **FATHER GEORGE HADJIS SCHOLARSHIP** **SUNDAY, JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>**

We will present the Father Hadjis Scholarship to three outstanding students in the amount of \$1,000 each on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> in church following services. We had many outstanding students, all were deserving of this scholarship, however, Dr. Constantine Glezakos and his committee informed us it was difficult decision to select three from all the applicant. Congratulations to these students for their outstanding grades and commitment to their school work. The other applicants are urged to re-submit their application again next year. This Scholarship money, which is awarded to our students, comes from donations to the Fr. Hadjis Scholarship Fund. Please remember us with your donations in the future.

## **BAKE SALE – SUNDAY, JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>**

Proceeds from this Bake Sale will be donated to the Kids “n” Cancer Program and other Philoptochos Charities. Our chairman Argie Pastis and Raza Kitsigiannis are grateful to all the people who have supported us in all Bake Sales, with delicious party and/or donations.

## **GENERAL MEETING – WEDNESDAY, JUNE** **4<sup>TH</sup> 6:30 PM IN THE SMALL HALL**

This will be our last meeting for this fiscal year. It is a potluck. Everyone is invited. Please bring a hot or Hors D'ourves for 6 or more people. Love to see you all there to enjoy a nice get-together before everyone leaves for summer.

Thank You to Michael Gallanes for being our guest speaker at our last Philoptochos General Meeting. We had a GREAT turn-out. Michael's knowledge on Roses, the care and pruning, feeding, deadheading, transplanting were invaluable. His knowledge comes from listening and picking the brains of the “Rosearians” at the various area nurseries and growing a variety of beautiful roses. We thank Linda Wronski for bringing to us all the wonderful programs that we are able to share with you. Not only are they fun and entertaining but very educational.

## **SUNDAY COFFEE**

If any group is interested in serving and offering the coffee and cookies on Sundays, please contact Mary Ohanian at (714) 289-1884 to make arrangements. We would be very happy to have a group take over during the summer months.

## **MEMORIALS**

If anyone during the year would like to sponsor the coffee for a Memorial In Memory Of their loved ones, please contact Mary Ohanian to make arrangements. It is \$50.00 for the Sunday Memorial Coffee.

*Mary Ohanian,*  
*Philoptochos President*





**THANK YOU  
for a  
SUCCESSFUL  
2008  
GREEK  
FESTIVAL**

**The Festival  
Committee  
wants to thank  
all the  
volunteers for  
your time,  
hard work and  
support!**

**THANK YOU**

We offer our heart felt thanks to Chairperson Harry (Bobby) Klentos, his assistants and the many members who put together our Annual Greek Festival. Thanks to you, dear friends, our religious community is greatly blessed. I thank you but especially our common Lord from whom all blessings flow. May Lord bless you with his love & grace, Father James.

# Community Calendar

JUNE 2008

## MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR JUNE

**June 1, 2008**

Graduation Sunday

Last Day for Sunday School

Sunday School Picnic

**June 3, 2008**

Last Day for Bible Study & Greek School

Parish Council Mtg.

7PM

**June 4, 2008**

Last Philoptochos Mtg. of the Year & Pot Luck

6:30PM

**June 10, 2008**

Greek School Registration Due!!!

Greek School

Promotion & Graduation Ceremony

6PM

**June 15, 2008**

Happy Father's Day !!!

**June 17, 2008**

Parish Council Mtg.

7PM

**June 20, 2008**

Summer Begins

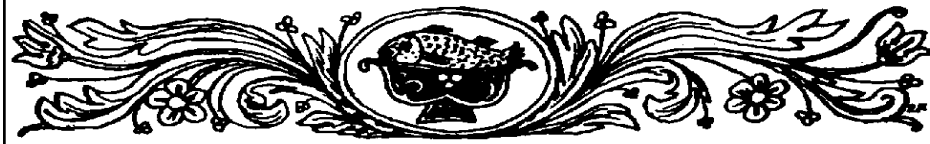
# June 2008

## St. John's Monthly Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																				
<b>1</b> <b>Sunday of the Blind Man, Orthros &amp; Liturgy, 9AM</b> Graduation Sunday <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> <b>Sunday School Picnic</b> </div>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Last Day of Bible Study, 11:30-1PM Last Day of Greek School <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> <b>Parish Council, 7PM</b> </div>	<b>4</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> <b>Apodosis of Pacha, 9AM</b> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> <b>Philoptochos Potluck, 6:30PM</b> </div> Orthodox Faith Class, 7PM	<b>5</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> <b>ASCENSION, 9AM</b> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> <b>Philoptochos Mtg., 7PM</b> </div>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>																																																																																				
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# Worship Services

JUNE 2008



**Sunday, June 1, 2008**

**Sunday of the Blind Man,  
Orthros & Divine Liturgy,  
9AM**

**Wednesday, June 4, 2008**

**Apodosis of Pascha,  
9AM**

**Thursday, June 5, 2008**

**ASCENSION,  
9AM**

**Sunday, June 8, 2008**

**Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical  
Council,  
Orthros & Divine Liturgy,  
9AM**

**Saturday, June 14, 2008**

**Saturday of Souls,  
9AM**

**Sunday, June 15, 2008**

**HOLY PENTECOST,  
Orthros & Divine Liturgy,  
9AM**

**Monday, June 16, 2008**

**Day of the Holy Spirit,  
9AM**

**Sunday, June 22, 2008**

**All Saints,  
Orthros & Divine Liturgy,  
9AM**

**Tuesday, June 24, 2008**

**Nativity of John the Baptist,  
9AM**

**Sunday, June 29, 2008**

**Holy Apostles, Peter & Paul  
Orthros & Divine Liturgy,  
9AM**

# Church Registry

JUNE 2008

## CHRISMATIONS

**MAY 4, 2008**

**Michael Van Duyn**

*Sponser: Eleni Kousoulas*

## BAPTISMS

**MARCH 8, 2008**

**Elias Quincy Smith**

*Proud Parents: John & Alkatepinh Xantas*

*God Parent: Nicole Hantas*

**APRIL 18, 2008**

**Nicole Kristina Karanastasis**

*Proud Parents: Hristos & Pamela Karanastasis*

*God Parents: Vasili & Sara Gatsinaris*

**MAY 3, 2008**

**Lazaros Gabriel**

*Proud Parents: Gavriel Gabriel &*

**Leida Rodriguez**

*God Parent: Gavriil Gavriiloglou*

**Spiro Gabriel**

*Proud Parents: Gavriel Gabriel &*

**Leida Rodrigues**

*God Parent: Valerie Gabriel*

**MAY 10, 2008**

**Christina Nadia Dourbetas**

*Proud Parents: Nico & Niki Dourbetas*

*God Parent: James Petrohilos*

**Mary Sevasti Haddad**

*Proud Parents: Banayotis & Donna Haddad*

*God Parents: Majed & Mira Mansour*

## MEMORIALS

**MAY 11, 2008**

**Kostas Konstantarakis - 5 Year**

**Athanasios Stavrakas - 1 Year**

**Lazarus (Larry) Chrest - 1 Year**

**Athena Saros - 11 Year**

**Nickie Lazos - 20 Year**

**Pantelis Antoniou - 6 Months**

**MAY 25, 2008**

**Steve Margaretis - 1 Year**

**Mary Margaretis - 9 Year**

**Kalliope Margaretis - 32 Year**

**Emmanuel Margaretis - 43 Year**

**Minnie Kirlakitsis - 10 Year**

**Steven Kirlakitsis - 12 Year**

*+ May their memories be eternal +*

## PROSFORO SCHEDULE

**Sunday, June 1** - Mrs. Katherine Glavas

**Thursday, June 5** - Mrs. Voula Kitsigiannis

**Sunday, June 8** - Mrs. Maria Masouris

**Saturday, June 14** - Mrs. Mercina Vatakis

**Sunday, June 15** - Mrs. Mercina Vatakis

**Monday, June 16** - Mrs. Alexandra Margias

**Sunday, June 22** - Mrs. Anastasia Mandas

**Tuesday, June 24** - Mrs. Joanne Kalogeropoulos

**Sunday, June 29** - 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.*

**WANTED!**

**WOMEN WHO LOVE TO BAKE!**

# ACOLYTES OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST 2008



TEAM 1	TEAM 2
Armondios Vestakis Nick Basdakis George Dalis Nicholas Foutris Sotirios Eliopoulos Richard Rosentrater Kosta Dalis	Dimitri Pappas Bradley Jung Kyriakos Alyousef Michael Bangos Kyriakos Psaras Dimitri Hondrogiannis Stephen Stylianides
June 1, 2008 June 29, 2008 July 27, 2008	June 8, 2008 July 6, 2008 August 3, 2008
TEAM 3	TEAM 4
John Hourigan Pano Nikolaou Stefan Malmlund Alexander Malmlund Antonio Georgakopoulos Carl Cantonis Aleko Culp	George Alexopoulos Niko Begakis Argirios Alexopoulos Speros Mantas Dimitri Dimopoulos Paul Stephens
June 15, 2008 July 13, 2008 August 10, 2008	June 22, 2008 July 20, 2008 August 17, 2008

- 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.

# The Stewardship of the Holy Apostle Barnabas - June 11



**T**hroughout the centuries there have been but few that have been recognized as Apostles or missionary saints. During His life on earth, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ called the Twelve and the Seventy to become His apostles. Due to their pivotal role in the spreading of the message of Christ, the Apostles are listed first among the six categories of saints. The Prokeimenon that is sung in the Plagal of Tone Four notes: ***“Their sound has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the end of the world.”***

In His Great Commission to the Holy Apostles Jesus said: ***“Go, therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age”*** (Matt 28:19-20). In fulfilling the Lord’s Great Commission they succeeded in carrying out His message of salvation to the entire world. They became His representatives on earth and, in so doing, they bore witness to Him, they taught the world how He lived, what He said, and

what He accomplished. We, the stewards of the Christian Orthodox Church, are fortunate to be the beneficiaries of the stewardship offered by the Holy Apostles.

The lives and works of the Twelve Holy Apostles are more familiar than those of the Seventy. For this reason, we wish to highlight the life of the Holy Apostle Barnabas, one of the Seventy. Born to a wealthy family on the beautiful island of Cyprus, he has named Joseph. His parents offered him every opportunity to progress in life. He was sent to study under the renowned rabbinical scholar Gamaliel and his schoolmate was Saul, later to become the Holy Apostle Paul. Having traveled to Jerusalem, he visited his cousin, St. Mark the Evangelist. Barnabas had a great desire to study religion and he readily became a Christian and joined the other Apostles. We read in the Book of Acts: ***“Joseph, who was also named Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated Son of Encouragement), a Levite of the country of Cyprus, having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles’ feet”*** (Acts 4:36-37). Along with the Apostles Paul and Mark, Barnabas preached in many lands. Among the places where He spread the Good News were: Syria, Asia Minor, Greece, Egypt, Jerusalem, Rome, and his homeland of Cyprus. It is accepted by many that the Apostle Barnabas was the first to preach Christ in Rome and Milan, Italy. Following a short period as the Bishop of Milan, he returned to Cyprus to preach Christ in his native land. Under his guidance, the Church progressed in faith and many came to accept Christ in a predominantly pagan environment. The success of his ministry brought the anger from the non-Christian authorities and he was arrested, tortured, and burned to death. It is said that the Christians of Cyprus buried him next to St. Mark in the city of Salamis, “holding a copy of the Holy Gospel of Matthew that he had transcribed with his own hand.”

The Holy Apostle Barnabas was greatly respected by the other apostles. It was said that he possessed the ability to bring consolation and encouragement to others and for this reason, was given the name Barnabas. He was recognized for his enthusiasm to preach the Good News and possessed such noble qualities like kindness, sympathy, and generosity. Luke the Evangelist describes Barnabas as: ***“...a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith...”*** (Acts 11:24). What a marvelous example of Christian Orthodox Stewardship. Through the intercessions of the Holy Apostle Barnabas may Jesus Christ our Lord, God, and Savior bless us with these same qualities of Stewardship.

# Stewardship 2008

The following have submitted their 2008 pledge cards.  
We thank them and we invite the others to make their gift to their church.

Mrs. Arlene Agalos	Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Chatzipetrou	Mr. & Mrs. Nicos Ganis	Mr. John Kapogianis
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Akkerman	Mr. & Mrs. George Chatzis	Mr. & Mrs. Jose Garcia	Mr. & Mrs. Kostas Kapogianis
Mr. & Mrs. George Alavizos	Mrs. Freda Chrest	Mrs. Sophia Garrity	Miss Ann Karagines
Mr. & Mrs. Themis Alexopoulos	Miss Catherine Christ	Mr. & Mrs. George Gatsinaris	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Karagines
Ms. Mary Amandos	Mr. & Mrs. Nick Christ	Dr. & Mrs. Vasili Gatsinaris	Mrs. Thelma Karagines
Mr. George Ambatielos	Mrs. Vivian Christian	Ms. Patricia Gauvain	Mr. & Mrs. Ioannis Karambelas
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Amerine	Mr. & Mrs. William Christian	Mrs. Magdalen Genkos	Mr. & Mrs. Hristos Karanastasis
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Anas	Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Chryssoglos	Miss Constance George	Mr. & Mrs. Evangelos Kazas
Mr. & Mrs. Conatantine Anasis	Mr. Michael Close	Mr. & Mrs. Peter George	Mrs. Alberta Keffalas
Mrs. Loula Anderson	Mr. & Mrs. Nick Cokas	Mrs. Demetra Georgouses	Mr. & Mrs. John Kesoglou
Mrs. Connie Andros	Mr. & Mrs. Dukas Contos	Mr. Fred Gerth	Ms. Cynthia Kezos
Mr. & Mrs. Christos Angelatakis	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Cote	Mr. & Mrs. Gus Gialamas	Mr. & Mrs. James Kezos
Mr. & Mrs. Gus Anton	Mr. & Mrs. Gary Culp	Mr. & Mrs. Kiriakos Gianakakos	Mrs. Nickey Kezos
Mrs. Maria E. Antonaras	Mr. & Mrs. Tom Dalis	Ms. Athena Gianakakos	Mr. John Kiousis
Mrs. Alice Antoniou	Mr. & Mrs. Tom Dallas	Mr. & Mrs. E. Giannetakis	Mr. Nick Kitakis
Mrs. Joyce Attard	Mr. Chris Deralas	Ms. Giota Glavas	Mr. & Mrs. Steve Kitsigianis
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Attard	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Deralas	Dr. & Dr. Constantine Glezakos	Mrs. Voula Kitsigianis
Mr. & Mrs. Peter P. Attard	Mr. & Mrs. William Deralas	Miss Bessie Gonos	Mr. & Mrs. Gus Kitsios
Mr. & Mrs. Louie Attard	Ms. Janet Diamant	Mrs. Mary Goode	Mr. & Mrs. Gus Klentos
Mr. & Mrs. Chris August	Mr. & Mrs. Nick Diamant	Mr. & Mrs. Arty Grammas	Mr. & Mrs. Haralambos Klentos
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Baglin	Mr. & Mrs. Argirios	Dr. & Mrs. Dimitri Grammas	Ms. Jean Koclanakis
Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Badounas	Dimopoulos	Mr. & Mrs. George Hadjis	Mr. & Mrs. Nick Kokkinos
Mrs. Kiki Ballas	Mr. John Dimopoulos	Mr. & Mrs. John Hadjis	Mr. & Mrs. John Kolia
Mr. & Mrs. Anastasios Barouxis	Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Dodge	Mr. & Mrs. Christ Hadzoglou	Mrs. George Konstantarakis
Mr. & Mrs. Dino Basdakis	Mr. & Mrs. Tom Dorlis	Mr. & Mrs. Larry Halfhill	Mrs. Eugenia Konstantouros
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Mr. & Mrs. Costa Bostinelos	Mr. & Mrs. Scott Fields	Mr. & Mrs. James Hill	Mr. & Mrs. Frank Kyriakos
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Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Chapralis	Mr. & Mrs. Chris Gallanes	Mr. John Kandara	Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Libowitz
Mr. & Mrs. Nicolas Charalabous	Mr. Harry Gallanes	Mr. & Mrs. Bill Kapogianis	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Linn



# Stewardship 2008

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We thank them and we invite the others to make their gift to their church.

Mr. & Mrs. Devon Liss	Mr. Timothy Pappas	Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Syrengelas
Mrs. Katherine Livieratos	Mr. Anthony Pashalides	Mr. & Mrs. D. Syrengelas
Mr. Earnest Love	Mrs. Argie Pastis	Mr. & Mrs. K. Syrengelas
Mr. & Mrs. Bjorn Malmlund	Mr. & Mrs. Vasili Paxos	Miss Maria Tambouris
Mr. & Mrs. Konstantinos Mandas	Ms. Connie Perakis	Mr. & Mrs. Panagiotis Tasigeogos
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Mandas	Mr. & Mrs. Alex Persakis	Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Tavlarides
Mr. & Mrs. Christ Manes	Mr. & Mrs. Bill Petropoulos	Mr. & Mrs. George Tavoularis
Mr. & Mrs. Rouso Manos	Mr. & Mrs. John Petropoulos	Miss Kathy Tavoularis
Mr. & Mrs. Aristos Mantas	Ms. Ria Petropoulos	Mr. & Mrs. George Thalass
Mr. & Mrs. Demetrios Mantas	Mr. James Petros	Ms. Catherine Thanos
Mrs. Nada Margaretis	Mr. & Mrs. Lee Petros	Mr. & Mrs. William Thomas
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Mrs. Marie Miller	Mr. & Mrs. Spyridon Rados	Miss Lisa Vatakis
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Mr. & Mrs. William Mitchell	Mr. & Mrs. Cristo Ristas	Mr. & Mrs. Chris Vovos
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Mr. & Mrs. Brian Mull	Mr. & Mrs. John Russell	Mr. & Mrs. Randall Wemmer
Mrs. Mary Naylon	Mr. & Mrs. Theofilos Russos	Mr. & Mrs. James Wilson
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Nichols	Mr. Paul Sarandos	Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Winders
Mr. Pete Nichols	Mr. & Mrs. Chris Sarantos	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Xanthos
Mr. & Mrs. Nicolas Nicola	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Sargologos	Mr. Ioannis Xilikakis
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Ms. Peggy Nicolaou	Mr. & Mrs. Randal Schoeman	Mr. Marcus T. Zambounis
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Nikolau	Mr. & Mrs. Jim Sdrales	Mr. & Mrs. George Zonos
Ms. Zia Nisani	Mr. & Mrs. Chris Sigas	Ms. Josephine Zorzy
Miss Barbara Nonis	Mr. & Mrs. Nickolas Siokos	Mr. & Mrs. A. Zounatiotis
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Mrs. Belia Palas	Mr. & Mrs. Petros Sourias	
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Mr. & Mrs. Kostas Pappas	Mr. & Mrs. John Sutch	
Mr. & Mrs. Pano Pappas	Mr. John Stylianides	

**As of May 18, 2008**  
**Total Pledges: 339**  
**Goal: 600**  
**To Go: 261**  
**Total Pledged:**  
**\$243,812.00**  
**Budgeted Goal:**  
**\$330,000.00**  
**Amount left to reach**  
**Goal:**  
**\$86,188.00**

***NOTE: There are pledging members that prefer to not have their names listed, but are still members in good standing. If you prefer to not have your name listed, please contact the church office. Thank You.***



**THANK YOU  
for a  
SUCCESSFUL  
2008 GREEK FESTIVAL**

**The Festival Committee wants to thank all the  
volunteers for your time, hard work and support!**



**GREEK SCHOOL  
2008-2009**

Registration is now open for  
Greek School classes: Pre-School  
through 6th Grade. In order to  
properly staff Fall classes, please  
turn in your registration materials  
to the church office on or before  
June 10, 2008. Registration  
packet available in the church  
office, or e-mail:

[Cynthia\\_Kateyiannis@alumni.uci.edu](mailto:Cynthia_Kateyiannis@alumni.uci.edu)  
or call Angela Psaras at (714)  
879-8479.



**UPCOMING  
GREEK FESTIVALS  
2008**

**St. George G.O. Church,  
Downey  
June 7-8**

**St. Demetrios G.O. Church,  
Camarillo  
June 6-8**

**St. Spyridon G.O. Church,  
San Diego  
June 6-8**

**St. Katherine G.O. Church,  
Redondo  
July 11-13**

# **SAVE THE DATE**

**ST. JOHN'S PRESENTS**

## **BASILE IN CONCERT**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2008**

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## **Fall Back in Fashion**

St. John the Baptist Philoptochos Society presents a

## **Vintage Fashion Show**

Luncheon and Holiday Boutique

*Join us for a presentation of vintage fashions  
from a glamorous bygone era on*

**Saturday, November 15, 2008**

St. John the Baptist Cultural Hall  
Anaheim, California

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"Behold, I send my messenger before thy  
face, who shall prepare thy way; the voice of  
one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the  
way of the Lord, make his paths straight -- "

*(Mark 1:2-3)*

