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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

April 17-April 24

Holy Week Services
Palm Sunday Luncheon
PASCHA PICNIC

May 6-8

Music Workshop/Concert

May 8

Mother's Day Luncheon

May 10

Philoptochos Annual

Meeting

May 21

Senior Saturday

May 30

Blessing of the Graves

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Description of Great Martyr George

George, this truly great and glorious Martyr of Christ, was born of a father from Cappadocia and a mother from Palestine.

Being a military tribune, or chiliarch (that is, a commander of a thousand troops), he was illustrious in battle and highly honoured for his courage. When he learned that the Emperor Diocletian was preparing a persecution of the Christians, Saint George presented himself publicly before the Emperor and denounced him. When threats and promises could not move him from his steadfast confession, he was put to unheard-of tortures, which he endured with great bravery, overcoming them by his faith and love towards Christ. By the wondrous signs that took place in his contest, he guided many to the knowledge of the truth, including Queen Alexandra, wife of Diocletian, and was finally beheaded in 296 in Nicomedia.

His sacred remains were taken by his servant from Nicomedia to Palestine, to a town called Lydda, the homeland of his mother, and then were finally transferred to the church which was raised up in his name. (The translation of the Saint's holy relics to the church in Lydda is commemorated on November 3; Saint Alexandra the Queen, on April 21.)

If April 23 falls on or before Great and Holy Pascha, the Feast of St. George is translated to Bright Monday.

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A Reflection on Pascha and Jesus' Resurrection

By--Father Paul Costopoulos

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Pascha! The Feast of Glory! The Feast of Light! The Feast of Joy! What words can convey the splendor and power of Pascha when our faces are shining with the glory of the resurrection, and our hearts are glowing with the light of the resurrected Christ. We cannot talk about Easter. We can only break out in spontaneous joy as we do at midnight on Pascha and sing, "Christ is Risen from the dead and by death has conquered death, and to those in the tombs He has bestowed life." "

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One of my favorite Easter stories is that of Nicholas Bucharin, a staunch Communist who took part in the Bolshevik Revolution in 1917, and who later went on to become the editor of *Pravda*.

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One day in the 1930's, Nikolai Ivanovich Bukharin went from Moscow to Kiev to address a huge assembly on atheism. Addressing the crowd, he aimed his heavy rhetorical artillery at Christianity hurling insult, argument and proof against it. An hour later when he finished, he asked, "Are there any questions?" Deafening silence filled the auditorium. But then one man approached the platform and mounted a lectern near the communist leader. He surveyed the crowd from left to right. Finally he shouted the ancient greeting known well in the Russian Orthodox Church. *Christos Voskrese, (Christ is Risen)*. Then en masse the crowd stood up as one man and retorted, *Truly He is Risen!*

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The Church, my brothers and sisters in Christ, throughout the ages has been faithful both to the message and response of Easter. The message is that Christ **is** risen. The response is that truly He **is risen**. Both the message and response are of paramount importance to our salvation. Speaking of both Paul the Apostle in Rom 10:9 writes "If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

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The question is often asked, "How does one arrive at belief in the resurrection? There are two ways: (1. by examining what the Scriptures say about the resurrection; and (2. by examining the evidences of the resurrection as they exist in nature. Both tell us succinctly, joyfully, and clearly that there is a resurrection.

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From the Holy Scriptures we learn three things about the resurrection. One, they tell us that Jesus claimed the power of the resurrection for Himself saying to the bereaved sisters of Lazarus, "I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in me though were he dead yet shall he live" John 11:25.

Two, they tell us that He demonstrated power of the resurrection by bringing back to life Lazarus (John 11:38-46), Jairus' daughter Mark 5:35-43), and the widow son at Nain (Luke 7:11-17).

And three, they tell us that Jesus rose again from the dead miraculously corroborating for us that He is who He claimed to be; namely, the Son of God. "You seek Jesus of Nazareth the crucified one" the angel said to Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome. "He is risen! He is not here! See the place where they laid Him (Mark 16:6)."

No! these three testimonies cannot be empirically demonstrated They cannot be scientifically proven. They can only be believed. But to believe them, as Paul tells us, is to attain eternal life.

As for the evidences of nature, St. Clement once wrote, "If you have difficulty believing what the Scriptures say about the resurrection, then believe what nature says about it. God has filled nature with hundreds of emblems of the resurrection.

Consider the night for example. What is night but the death of a day, and morning but the resurrection of light?

What is winter but the death of a year, and springtime but its resurrection?

Look at the unsightly seed, without any appearance of life it is thrown into the earth, but after a while it unfolds, buds and blossoms, casting its fragrance all around.

That is resurrection!" writes St. Clement.

Perhaps that **is** resurrection. But really, there is no resurrection like the resurrection we commemorate on Pascha morning, our Lord's resurrection. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. It is His resurrection that inspired Chrysostom to write,

"O death, where is thy sting, O Hades, where is thy victory? ...Christ is risen, and thou art annihilated...Christ is risen and life is liberated. Christ is risen and the tomb is emptied of the dead. For Christ having risen from the dead is the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen."

This message is shared with all in hopes that you will have a blessed Holy Week and a joyous Pascha.

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Cathedral News Notes

EASTER SUNDAY IS SUNDAY, APRIL 24th

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

All evening services from Palm Sunday through Holy Friday --7:00 p.m.
Holy Wednesday, Unction Service (April 20)—5:30 p.m.
Holy Thursday morning Liturgies (April 21)—6:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.
Good Friday Morning, Great Hours(April 22)--9:00 a.m.
Good Friday Afternoon, Vespers (April 22)—3:00 p.m.
Holy Saturday Morning Liturgy (April 23)—9:00 a.m.
Easter Sunday-- Canon, 11:15 p.m. Midnight Resurrection services,
12:00 a.m. Liturgy at 12:30 a.m. Agape Vespers, 12:30 p.m.

PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON

The traditional Palm Sunday Luncheon, sponsored by the Philoptochos will take place following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, April 17. The cost of the luncheon is \$10.00.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION?

Call Fr. Paul to schedule an appointment, #716-3080.

EASTER PICNIC

This year's Easter picnic will again be held at Camp Vakakes, our church's beautiful 40 acre piece of property near Columbiana. Families/individuals may bring a picnic basket, or pre-order a meal (Greek style lamb, orzo pasta, Greek salad, roll, iced tea) that will be available for purchase for \$10.00. Pre-orders will be taken during the coffee hour on Sundays, April 10 and 17, or they may be made by telephone, #205/716-3080. Games/activities will be organized for the children. The bringing of desserts, lawn chairs, fishing poles and bait is encouraged.

The picnic will begin at 1:30 p.m. The Agape Vespers Service will precede it at 12:30.

MAKING OF PALM CROSSES

The assistance of our youth, and anyone else interested in participating, is needed. Saturday morning (Saturday of Lazarus), April 16th following Liturgy and Breakfast.

HOLY WEDNESDAY EVENING SUPPER

All are invited to a complimentary Holy Wednesday Evening Supper of *fasoulada* or lentil soup, salad and other Lenten items. The supper will take place following the Unction Service at approximately 7:15 p.m. We thank Deno and Nicki Jovaras for again graciously consenting to prepare the meal.

JIMMY COSMAS THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL CHAIRPERSON

After a "record setting" 2010 Festival, Jimmy Cosmas has again consented to serve as this year's Greek Festival Chairman. This year's Festival will be held Thursday through Saturday, September 29-October 1. More information on how you can help will be forthcoming.

THIS YEAR'S METROPOLIS CLERGY-LAITY CONGRESS

And Metropolitan Philoptochos Conference will be held in New Orleans, June 16-18. Our Parish will be represented at both by Father Paul and lay delegates.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Daniel Staursky, Demetri Staursky, and Georgia Hontzas our Parish Oratorical Festival winners. The three were the winners of our Parish competition on Sunday, March 27. They will now move on and represent our Parish at the Central Conference Festival which will be hosted by our Parish on Saturday, April 2.

COMMEMORATIVE ALBUM “LAID TO REST”

At the encouragement of the Parish Assembly, a decision was made by the Parish Council not to publish the Community’s 100th Anniversary Commemorative Album. The many “delays” in completing the work was the reason for the decision. Parishioners who contributed money toward having their stories included in the album will be given the option of having their money reimbursed. Special thanks go out to Toni Nordan, Frank Kanelos, Derek Gaylard and others for their tireless efforts.

TEMPERATURE “CONTROL” IN THE CHURCH

At times, mostly on Sundays, parishioners are either too cold or too hot while attending services. The Parish Council is aware of the “concern”. In its attempts to address the concern, it continues to oversee the heating/AC system of the church to make sure it is functioning properly, and it keeps the thermostat at 72 degrees. Any suggestions on what more they can do would be greatly appreciated.

Things you can do if you get uncomfortable in church:

Wear lighter clothing if you get too hot.

Bring with you an extra sweater or jacket if you get too cold.

Move from where you are sitting. There are certain sections in the church that get a little cooler or warmer because they are near or under a vent

TRIP TO HOLY LANDS WILL TAKE PLACE

Approximately 20 people will be joining Fr. Paul on a trip to Turkey and the Holy Lands from May 30-June 13. The itinerary will take the group from Atlanta, to Constantinople, to Tel Aviv and then back to Atlanta. Museums, churches and the Patriarchate in Istanbul, the Monastery of St. Catherine’s in Mount Sinai, and the many religious sites in Israel/Palestine will be visited. Though there may be a “late fee,” persons who are still interested in joining us may call the church office for more information.



Encyclical of Archbishop Demetrios for Prayers and Aid for Japan

March 15, 2011

To the Most Reverend Hierarchs, the Reverend Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, the Presidents and Members of the Parish Councils of the Greek Orthodox Communities, the Distinguished Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Day, Afternoon, and Church Schools, the Philoptochos Sisterhoods, the Youth, the Hellenic Organizations, and the entire Greek Orthodox Family in America

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our hearts are filled with sadness and compassion as we have seen the apocalyptic images of mass destruction and suffering following the earthquake and tsunami which struck Japan last Friday. In response to this historic tragedy, we may be rendered speechless, seeing the extent of the devastation and the plight of so many. However, our faith in our gracious God leads us to respond to human need both in prayer and in action to sustain life and offer solace in a time of great loss.

For the people of Japan, I ask first and foremost that the faithful of the Greek Orthodox Church in America offer their fervent prayers. May we join with so many throughout our world in asking God to grant them comfort in this hour of pain. May we pray for renewed strength and hope, so that livelihoods may be restored and families and friends be re-united. We also pray for the containment of the tremendous damage caused by the malfunction of the nuclear plants in the area. Mostly, we pray for the eternal repose of the countless lost in this disaster.

The restoration of life and community will require the effort of our global community. I encourage you to join IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities, www.iocc.org) or other local and national efforts, such as the Red Cross, as so many of you do in response to needs around the world. Please select the agency of your choice to contribute for the relief of this disaster. In love, you give generously, and through this offering we can offer a witness of the love of Christ as Orthodox Christians.

With paternal love in Christ,

†**DEMETRIOS**
Archbishop of America

SPECIAL COLLECTION TAKEN BY OUR PARISH

A special collection for Earthquake ravaged Japan was taken by our Parish during Liturgy on Sunday, March 20, 2011. A total of \$4,350.00 was collected and forwarded to IOCC. We thank the many for their generous contributions.

A Message on Great Lent from Metropolitan Alexios

“The springtime of the Fast has dawned,
and the flower of repentance has sprung up.
Therefore, brethren, let us purify ourselves from all defilement.
As we sing to the Giver of Light, let us say:
Glory to you, only lover of mankind!”
—Apostichon of Cheesefare Sunday Vespers

My dearly beloved,

As we begin Great Lent, it is natural to think about what the Lenten journey is. Lent is not simply a time to deprive ourselves but rather is a blessing from Almighty God, who gives us the great gift of a period of time to repent, change our lives and draw closer to Him. Although we often think of the Lenten fast in terms of food, it is, first and foremost, a fast from sin and self-indulgence. Abstinence from food is only a symbol of our true fast from sin and selfishness. Because fasting does not mean only “giving up” certain foods, as a penance or to punish ourselves. We know that any type of abstinence is a spiritual effort. Each time we tell ourselves “No,” we become stronger, and each time we give in, we become weaker spiritually. So during Lent we give special emphasis to practicing self-restraint—not just in what we eat, but in all our life, all our souls, our hearts and our minds.

We know that the heart and soul of Great Lent is repentance. To repent means to change. However, in order to change we must have an understanding of what we are and what we should be, and how far we fall short of what we should be. While God is our loving Father, a God of love and forgiveness, for us to experience the forgiveness He offers, we must admit that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.

That’s why at this time of year, we must realize that we are going to have to work hard, to struggle, to strive to overcome the obstacles that the devil places in our path. We must struggle to resist evil and temptation, to do what is against our conscience. We must also strive to overcome our passions, our selfishness and ego. Our Church provides us with all the tools to make those changes through the liturgical and sacramental life: prayer, fasting, and increased opportunities for worship and service in order to “fight the good fight.” To these, we can also add reading the Bible, and the Fathers, or spiritually uplifting books such as *The Ladder* by St. John Climacus, which gives us a beautiful picture of how to elevate ourselves step by step.

So we see that our Lenten journey should not be just about food choices or consumption. In fact Lent offers us the blessed opportunity to totally restructure our lives, and develop a healthy spirituality and draw closer to our Creator. Lent is this time of opportunity to change and renew. As we begin Great Lent, I pray that we will take advantage of this new beginning in our spiritual lives, and open ourselves to the joy and hope that God constantly offers us. Let us pray for one another that Almighty God in His infinite mercy will grant to “the spirit of wholeness of being, humble-mindedness, patience, and love.” Καλη Τεσσαρακοστη!

Paternally yours,
+Metropolitan Alexios

PREPARING ONESELF FOR PASCHA

The following is a list of things one can do to spiritually prepare himself/herself for Easter.

PRAYER- All good things begin with prayer. Think about it this way; when we meet someone we like, we spend time talking with them. The more we talk with them the more we know them and the more we want to know. Prayer is a conversation with God. We should tell him our fears, ask him to guide us and thank him for our blessings. If you do not already have one, order an Orthodox prayer book to help you.

GO TO CHURCH - We know some of us may think that church only occurs on Sunday. Wrong! The Orthodox Church offers an entire cycle of worship throughout the year. No time is that more evident than during Lent and Holy Week. We should go to the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, but we should also go to the other liturgical services (Vespers, Compline, Salutations & Akathist Hymn, Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, and all Holy Week Services). But here is the really important part, we should not just "go" to the services...We need to be active participants in the services. Ask your priest where you can get books for the services so that you can participate by reading, chanting and following along. Many of the books can be found in our book store.

REPENTANCE/CONFESSION - We know it is hard, but confession is necessary for spiritual growth. Do not look at it as going in with your shopping lists of sins and trying to rattle them off as quickly as possible. Instead look at it as an opportunity to fix your relationship with God through repentance. Repentance is accepting that we have done something wrong and (here's the hard part) committing to try very, very hard not fall into those sins again...Call Fr. Paul to schedule a Confession.

READ THE BIBLE – “Faith,” says the Holy Apostle Paul, “comes from hearing. And hearing from the Word of God” (Romans 10:17).

FAST—Jesus fasted and He taught His Disciples to fast. Fasting is really about discipline. We discipline ourselves in other areas of our life. We should be disciplining ourselves spiritually in what we do as well as in what we eat.

GIVE - Take time during Lent and Holy Week to give to those in need. You do not need money to do this. Ask yourself how can I give of my time, talents and treasure to give glory to God?



Announcements

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PASCHA PICNIC

Sunday, April 24, 2011

Camp Vakakes * Harpersville

Gates Open * 11:00 a.m.

Agape Vespers * 12:30 p.m.

No Pets Please

Picnic following -Tickets \$ 10.00/person

MENU

Greek Style Lamb

Orzo Pasta, Greek Salad , Roll & Ice Tea

Continue the tradition—Everyone bring their own dessert

Bring your own lawn chairs, fishin poles and bait, so the young kids and young at heart can have a blast!

Directions:

Hwy 280 East to Harpersville—Right onto Hwy 25 (Jack's opposite corner) Approx. 5 miles—Gate on Left

For more information, please contact George Dikis at 205.529-5627

“Praises to the Lord”

A weekend filled with the of love singing the liturgy

Featuring

Presbytera Katerina Sitaras Makiej

Friday Night

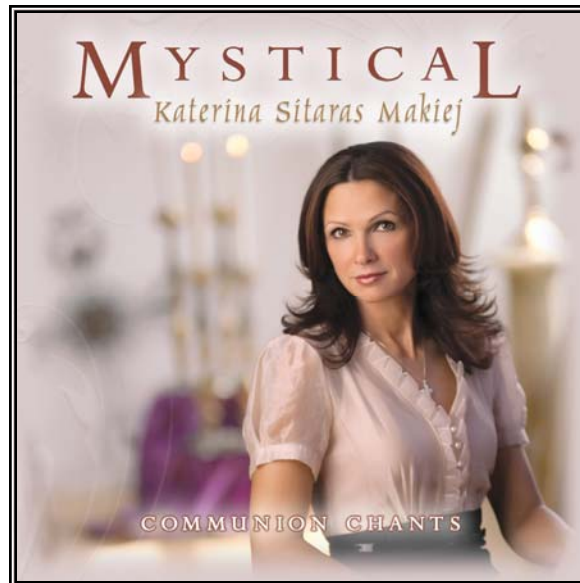
7:00 p.m. Concert and Reception

Saturday Workshop for children and adults

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Sunday

Presbytera will lead us in congregational singing



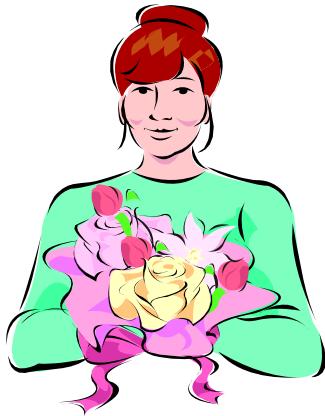
From Presbytera Katerina:

Growing up the daughter of an immigrant Greek Orthodox Priest, the Church was the center of our life. Our home was Church. We chanted, prayed, and had beautiful icons of our Lord and the Saints in our home. We baked bread for Church, Greek pastries for after Church, and boiled barley with nuts and raisins for Memorial Services. We cooked and ate meals with our other Christian brothers and sisters, and had dances and food festivals at Church. On Saturdays, we would celebrate the liturgy in smaller parishes in the area and my mother would be my father's chanter. I, of course, was at her side chanting along. On Sundays, we sang again in our own Church. I have really lived this music. Now that I am the wife of a Greek Orthodox Priest, I continue to live it. And my children are chanting along by my side. But, you need not be the daughter or wife of a priest to make these hymns a part of your life. You just have to want to love Jesus. And express that love. Your talent may be other than music. Use that gift. You have many gifts. God wants you to use them in this world and in His Church for His Glory. It is a safe, fulfilling, and natural feeling to be in God's Church and to take that Church to the world.

Thank you for inviting me to Birmingham. I am looking forward to being with you. I hope it brings joy to your heart to attend the workshop. May God bless you.



Mother's Day Luncheon

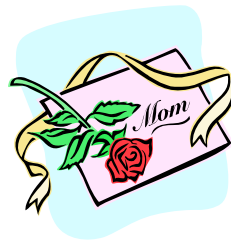


Sunday, May 8, 2010

Following Divine Liturgy

Plan to join us for a beautiful Mother's Day Luncheon

Please watch for Menu and details in the
Sunday Bulletin.



PLEASE RSVP:

All persons with reserved seating will be contacted by email or telephone on or before Thursday, May 5th with your table arrangements.

RSVP: Dorothy @ 716-3080

Announcements

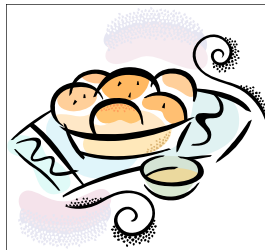


FOREVER YOUNG LUNCHEON

**SATURDAY
MAY 21, 2011**

**8:30 A.M. ORTHROS
9:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY**

**Seniors and shut-ins are invited for a luncheon
sponsored by the Outreach Committee.**



Come join us for lunch and fellowship. Lunch will be in the Atrium after Liturgy. We will try to have a short program for our seniors and shut-ins after lunch. The Forever Young is a group of seniors, elderly and shut-ins.

This is how the Elderly perceive the Elderly:

A few years ago in December, we were delivering holiday goodies to some neighbors during a blizzard. When we arrived at the home of two sisters well into their nineties, we were surprised to see them pulling their car out of the garage. We asked where they were going in such a storm and they seriously responded, "We're going to visit the elderly."

Therefore, it doesn't matter how old you are, because there is always someone older than you. Come one and all if you think you are Forever Young to our luncheon.

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Announcements (Continued):

The Passing of Someone Else

The church was bowed in grief this week to learn that one of our most valuable members, **Someone Else**, passed away. This death creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. **Someone Else** has been with us for many years. During these years, **Someone Else** did far more than a normal person's share of the work. Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results.

Whenever there was a job to do—a class to teach—a meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's list: "Let **Someone Else** do it."

Someone Else also was among the largest givers of the church. Whenever there was financial need, everyone just assumed that **Someone Else** would make up the difference.

This beloved church member was a wonderful person, sometimes appearing super Human, but a person can only do so much. Everybody expected too much of **Someone Else**.

Now **Someone Else** is gone. Who will pitch in to do the things that **Someone Else** has done? If you are asked to take a job in the church, we hope you won't reply, "Let Someone Else do it." We need you to pick up where **Someone Else** left off.

Needed committee for Forever Young sponsored by Out Reach Committed. See Marilyn Wilson or call (205) 681-2529 to volunteer for quarterly luncheon for Forever Young.

Announcements (Continued):

HVAC in the Cathedral

The Parish Council tries to maintain a comfortable temperature in the Cathedral for everyone's comfort. The Cathedral is a big building with high ceilings and on Sundays, over a very short period of time, goes from being essentially empty to full, and the outside temperature also effects the temperature inside the Cathedral. We are doing everything we can to make everyone comfortable all the time but it is not an easy task given all the factors that effect the system. Please know we are not ignoring your comments about the temperature inside the Cathedral. Thank you for your patience.

Road to the Resurrection



Wednesday Night During Great Lent

5:30 Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 Lenten Meal

7:30-8:00 Presentations

April 13th – The Resurrection Service

Fr. Paul Costopoulos

Youth Options for Wednesday Nights

Nursery available during Liturgy

After meal youth may attend Study Hall in the Parish Council Room (volunteers needed)

Open Gym

Youth are free to stay and hear the talks with their parents

Funerals:

February 8	Alexander Anderson
February 18	Ellie Zarna
February 21	Fotini Anderson
March 20	Barbara Jones
April 5	Gus Koutroulakis

—May Their Memory Be Eternal—

Birth Announcements



Sophia was born on March 5th. She was 6lbs 1 once and 16 1/2 inches long.

Proud parents: Sam and Angela Sessions and big sister Alexa

It's A Boy

Mark and Xeni Mercer announce the birth of their grandchild, Mark Alexander Mercer.

Born Sunday, March 27, 2011 at 9:14 am at Fort Belvoir, VA

Weighing 7 lbs 15 ounces and 21 inches long
He is the son of Major Richard & Vera Mercer.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who has remembered me with cards, calls and prayers since the falling asleep of my precious mother, Barbara Jones on Sunday, March 20th. It is truly a blessing to be a part of a loving and gracious community such as ours. May God continue to bless us all with His wonderful grace and love.

Eternal Be Her Memory!

Rhonda Yearout

Many thanks to:

Katherine Hatzigeorgis for her donation towards flowers for the Panagia.

Maria Kantargis for her donation towards flowers for Holy Thursday night and Holy Saturday night.

Patsy Bouloukos for her donation of flowers to decorate the Epitaphios in memory of her husband, George Bouloukos.

Dr. George E. Thomas, Sr. for his donation flowers that adorned the sanctuary during Holy Week in loving memory of his son, George E. Thomas, Jr. and his mother Chrysanthy Thomas.

Announcements (Continued):

Holy Trinity-Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Cathedral

AHEPA 420 Scholarship

Deadline: May 31, 2011

Nicholas C. Sarris Scholarship Foundation

First Time Applications and Renewal Applications

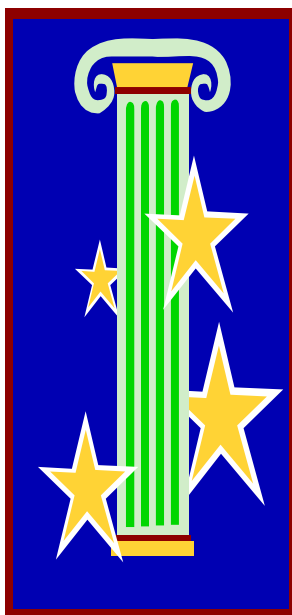
Deadline: May 31, 2011

Philoptochos College Assistance Fund

Deadline: May 31, 2011

Download Applications: www.gocbham.com

*****MARK YOUR CALENDARS*****



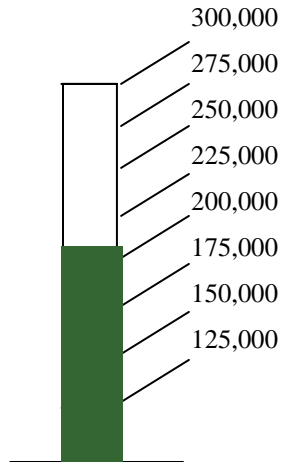
**Greek Food Festival,
September 29, 30 &
October 1, 2011**

Building Fund Report

ΜΕΛΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΟΙΚΟΝΟΜΙΑΣ



BUILDING FUND REPORT



BUILDING FUND PLEDGE GOAL	\$300,000
TOTAL PLEDGES RECEIVED	\$240,260
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AGAINST PLEDGE	\$198,661

Outstanding Loan Balance as of June 1, 2009	\$274,000
Amount paid on Principal thru March 3011	<u>116,000</u>
Loan Balance as of March 2011	<u>\$148,000</u>

Outreach & Evangelism Committee Report

CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE

Stop in Soon and Shop.

Come and see the new items: Baptism, Wedding, Icons, Greeting cards, Crosses, Spiritual Books, and gifts for all ages are available!

Available Now:

CDs of each Sunday's Sermon following Divine Liturgy

Dawn Manakides, Cathedral Bookstore Manager
Loretta Garrigan, Assistant

APRIL BOOKSTORE VOLUNTEERS

April 3 Deno Jovaras
April 10 Nikki Derzis
April 17 Hala Fawal
April 24 N/A

*Penny O. Kevakas,
Coordinator Outreach &
Evangelism*

PHILOPTOCHOS

PHILOPTOCHOS UPDATE

Why a Lenten Retreat? It brings about the renewing of our minds. It gets rid of the "cobwebs"!! It regenerates our relationship with God by bringing to mind that which we have learned and opens the door for new learning.

Philoptochos has been hosting Lenten Retreats for nigh on forty years. We have had outstanding, top-notch speakers and wonderful fellowship. This year with Fr. Hopko was right on the mark. This one broke the record with 250 registered participants!!

There were many lessons to learn in those forty-eight hours. I would like to share a few of the ones that stood out for me. I always defined "sin" as "sin", going against God's teachings which is a daily occurrence. I never gave thought to categorizing sin, which Fr. Hopko did.

Fr. Hopko says there are eight principle sins, which attack us. Of these, there are two kinds, natural and unnatural. They use four kinds of operation: those that require the use of bodily action, those that do not, those that are motivated from without and those motivated from within. This categorizing gives us a better understanding and a greater awareness of our own behavior.

The other points that stood out for me were: know God, have a DEEPER knowledge of Him, trust God in all things, know that God has given each and everyone of us a special gift which we must recognize, use, develop knowing that God created us for a purpose. Food for thought?

When anyone greets us and asks, "How are you? Doing OK?" The typical response is , "Great, good-how about you?" I personally never remember saying anything different even when things were not so great. How about you?

Do we really know what our friends, acquaintances, family members are feeling or going through? Remember what Thoreau said, "Many people live lives of quiet desperation."

On March 9, Philoptochos invited Roddy Cooper, the gentleman that started Oak Mountain Ministries, which serves as a last resort for many, twenty-five years ago. This ministry has three paid employees and hundreds of volunteers. The services are many and varied for those in need. They help find a place for them to live, provide furniture, clothes, food, friendship, emotional support, help in finding a job, whatever may be needed. Monies/help are not limited to a certain amount for each person. The focus is on the individual need. He was telling us there were many times when the till was much depleted and on occasion empty. It never has failed in the twenty-five years that whatever monies were needed found their way there. What a blessing!! Needless to say, as always, the generosity of our people was overwhelming, bags and bags and bags of goods as well as individual donations.

The other day my garage door went on the blink, not moving up or down. Called someone known only to me by name. In a couple of hours a rugged young man came to my rescue. He recognized the problem within a second and proceeded to repair it. But, what impressed me was after taking care of the problem he went on to tighten, replace bolts, oil hinges, anything needed to bring it to perfection(at no extra cost). He went "that extra mile".

This reminded me of Philoptochos. Philoptochos wears many hats and is always, always willing and does go "THAT EXTRA MILE."

Have a wonderful Lenten experience walking in faith, love, humility, remembering the powerful, loving words in John 3:16 to the glorious light of PASCHA.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16

God Bless,

Helen Bekrakis

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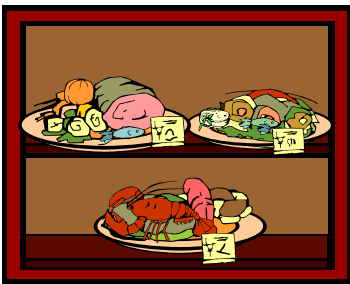
Philoptochos

Annual Meeting

Looking forward to seeing
Everyone at our Last Meeting of the Year

May 10, 2011

IZ on Lorna Road



6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$30.00

Please RSVP:

Irene Tracy, 967-8258

Becky Kampakis, 871-0053



Youth

Congratulations to our District Oratorical Finalists

On Saturday April 2nd, fourteen youth speakers from the Central Conference competed at our Cathedral. We had competitors from: Peachtree City, Atlanta, Marietta and Huntsville. All the speakers were well polished and inspiring. It was a blessing to hear the youth speak so passionately about their faith. Thank to our judges who had a very difficult task: Buddy Betros, Fr. Ignatius Crockett and Chum Atkins. A delicious meal was offered by Tim Hontzas. Thank you to everyone who came to support.

Daniel Staursky – Senior Division

Georgia Hontzas – Junior Division

Will advance to Metropolis Level Competition May 8-9th in Salem, South Carolina at the Diakonia Center

Attention Parents

Saturday of Lazarus

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Pancake Breakfast &

Tying of Palms - Gymnasium

Holy Week Announcements

Youth Holy Week Readers (7th – 12th Grade) Needed

Email: cvalekis@realtysouth.com

Holy Sunday Evening – 10 Maidens needed – Email apappas@holytrinity-holycross.org

Information:

The Parable of the Ten Maidens is found in the Gospel of Matthew Chapter 25: 1-13. In this parable five virgins are prepared for the bridegroom who comes during the night by having adequate lamp oil. Five virgins do not have enough lamp oil and are not prepared to receive the bridegroom. The teaching our Church offers regarding this parable is a life of preparation. Christ is the Bridegroom and we are the maidens. Are we prepared to receive him at His second coming? As the hymn that is sung at each of the Bridegroom Services explains:

Behold the Bridegroom comes in the middle of the night. Blessed is the servant whom he shall find watching. Unworthy is the one whom He shall find heedless. Beware, then, O my soul, not to be borne down with sleep, lest you be given up to death and shut out from the Kingdom.

The Fifth and Sixth Grade girls have the opportunity to participate in the first Bridegroom Service as one of the ten maidens.

Here are the guidelines

- Sunday April 17th 7:00 p.m. - Cathedral
- Wear a white dress – sit on the front row
- Participate in procession of the Bridegroom Icon by carrying a candle (similar to an altar boy)
- Read one of the psalms or epistles for that evening (Alexis and Charles Valekis will assign)

Mira Flores Girls

Good Friday Evening

Typically 2nd and 3rd Grade Girls

Wear white dress and venerate the Kouvouklion with white petals

Must attend Good Friday Retreat to practice

Email bcostellos@gmail.com

**From Passover to Pascha
Good Friday Retreats
(school excuses available)
Friday, April 22nd
Ages 4k-7th Grades
9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.**

Please register: apappas@holytrinity-holycross.org

8th -12th Grade

2nd Annual

Good Friday Outreach Project

Prepare a meal and deliver to Pathways Battered Women's Shelters

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Must pre-register for van accommodations: apappas@holytrinity-holycross.org

**Holy Saturday Morning
Youth needed for congregational responses**

Kali Anastasi!

STEWARDSHIP

I wanted to let you all know that the Parish Council appreciates the response which we have had thus far to our Stewardship efforts. Included below is a list of those members of the Parish who have made their pledge for 2011. As I have stated previously, not only do we need increased participation, but we need greater giving to meet current economic needs. It is clear from my review of the pledges to date that a number of you have answered the call. For those of you who haven't, there is still time and the year is young. Please look into your hearts and make your pledges as soon as possible so that we may include that income in the 2011 Budget.

Thank you again for your consideration and may God bless you all.

Joe Fawal, Stewardship Chairman

STEWARDS AS OF MARCH 31, 2011:

Andros, George & Maria	Christ, Chris S. & Lula (Koutroulakis)
Alexiou, Mike & Ellen	Christian, Murrel (& Mary Ann
Alsobrook, Zachery -Zach	Christopoulos, Dimitrios & Christina (Kanellis)
Annos, Christine (Gulas)	Cockrell, Shirley (Coker)
Arden, Christy (Leontis)	Cocoris, John G. & Helen (Koikos)
Argyropoulos, Yiannis & Virginia (Sisiopiku)	Collins, Anderson & Stacy
Atkins, Robert & Tina (Likis)-Tina "Chum"	Constantine, Bess (Costa)
Bagley, Vanette	Constantine, Elizabeth
Baker, Kenny & Elene (Kontos)	Constantine, Frances (So
Baklanoff, Eric & Joy D.	Constantine, Rita (Cama
Balabanos, John N & Linda (Cox)	Constantine, III, Tom L. & Stephanie (Bouloukos)
Balabanos, Marica (Kontos)	Cosmas, Despina (Velotas)
Bateh-Wehby, Najwa (Salam)	Cosmas, Georgia P.
Bekrakis, Helen (Christu)	Cosmas, James G.
Beleos, Irene	Costas, Nick A. & Cleo (Tsimpides)
Betros, Jr, Cecil G.-Buddy	Costellos, Bonnie (Clift
Black, Robert A	Costellos, Vanessa
Boardman, Mark S & Cathryn (Dunkin)	Costopoulos, Paul & Penny (Clemson)
Bogdan, Nathan & Nadya	Covellis, Anna (Anastasi)
Bonduris, Magdalene (Der	Craig, Hugh & Stacey (Cocoris)
Bonduris, Peter Thomas	Creuzer, Lee & Nicole (Fotos)
Bonduris, Sam J.	Deason, Harold & Claudia (Kakoliris)
Bonduris Jr, John D & Fannie (Papayanis)	Deason, Keith & Embree
Bouloukos, Bill & Rhonda	Deep, Larry G. & Rima (Harb)
Bouloukos, Patsy (Dikis)	Denton, Margaret Ann
Boyd, Joseph H.	Denton, Jr, Walter Neely & Lynn (Grammas)
Brodie, III, William S. & Julia (Valekis)	Derzis, Michael C. & Maria (Paulson)
Burge, Paul	Derzis, Sam G. & Nikki (Sudano)
Burge, S. Greg & Sonthe (Bokas)	Despinakis, Gregory
Burge, Sophia -Sophia El	Diamantakos, John
Calamas, Mary (Scoolis)	Dikis, George W. & Maria (Hontzas)
Callahan, Michael & Teresa (Lorant)	Dikis, Georgia (Louzis)
Caridakis, Fulla	Dikis, James J. & Stephanie (Crandell)
Carlisle, Terry & Dorothy (Tsimpedis)	Drakos, Nancy (Karagiann
Carnes, Elizabeth (Dikis)	Eady, Matthew) & Christina
Carr, Colleen (Klonaris)	Eastman, Jacqueline
Carter, Angie	Ellard, Phyllis (Diamant
Cassimus, Nickie (Sgavri	Erben, Fredrick A.
Casten, Paul	Erben, Nicholas Betros
Chagares, Angelo & Stella (Apostolos)	Eugenias, Emanuel & Velda
Chaknis, Manuel J	Eugenias, Lambros & Georgia (Malfas)
Chiotakis, Stacy	Faulk, Howard & Sophia
Choraitis, Penny	Fawal, David & Mona (Jubram)
	Fawal, Hala

Fawal, Joseph A. & Susie (Harb)
 Feagin, Wyatt & Diane (Koulourides)
 Fiffles, Gus (Deno) & Tasia (Grammas)
 Flach, Peter & Mary (Stevens)
 Flessler, Georgia
 Fogel, Glenn & Tina (Psihogios)
 Ford, Michael
 Fowler, Stacy (Harduvel)
 Fulford, Toulia (Hagestra)
 Garikes, Arthur G. & Betty (Tansor)
 Garman, Paula
 Garrigan, Loretta Mitch
 Gaylard, Derek & Melissa (Poole)
 Gerontakis, Nick & Catherine (Aris)
 Gerontakis, Peter G. & Louise (Stanton)
 Glenos, Nicholas Christian & Amy (Quick)
 Glenos, Nick L.) & Kay (Ayers)
 Grammas, Alex P. & Tula (Triantos)
 Grammas, Alexis P
 Grammas, Cameron P. & Pat (Klaras)
 Grammas, George C. & Cynthia (Triantos)
 Grammas, Maria V
 Grammas, Peter A
 Grammas, Tasia M.
 Graphos, Bella (Velotas)
 Graphos, Peter T. & Josie (Hays)
 Graphos, Sammy T. & Sue Diane
 Graphos, Ted C. & Lori
 Graphos, Jr., Peter T. & Staci (Ranelli)
 Greene, Dwight I.
 Griffin, Blake & Denise (Marinos)
 Gulas, William P.
 Hatzigeorgis, George & Katherine (Economopoulos)
 Hontzas, Arther P. & Robin (Simpson)
 Hontzas, Betty (Fotinos)
 Hontzas, Pete C.
 Hontzas, Ted C. & Jackie (Smith)
 Hontzas, Thomas G. & Keri Lane
 Issos, Florence (Rogers)
 Jacovides, Dino C. & Julie
 Jebeles, Christo P.
 Jebeles, Lynne (Evans)
 Johnson, Katie (Goulielm)
 Johnson, Linda (Russell)
 Jovaras, C.W. (Deno) & Nicki (Kustos)
 Kakoliris, Lula (Mitchel)
 Kalariotes, Catherine
 Kamburis, George
 Kampakis, Harry N. & Kari (Kubiszyn)
 Kampakis, Helen
 Kampakis, Nestor & Becky (Beleos)
 Kampakis, Sergie A. & Susan (Swan)
 Kanellis, Gus N. & Maria (Res)
 Kanellopoulos, Sheree
 Kantargis, Maria (Variam)
 Kantargis, Toulia
 Karagas, John & Leigh Ann (Washington)-Leigh
 Karagas, Mark
 Karpova, Elizaveta A. & Valeri
 Katapodis, Nick H
 Katsaros, Elias N
 Kay, Jo (Lembesis)
 Kentros, Jon & Donna (Ward)
 Klezaras, Eugenia
 Knight, Bryan & Sandra
 Knisley, Kristopher & Stephanie
 Koikos, Nicholas W
 Kolettis, Peter & Michelle
 Kontos, Alex S. & Marti (Wientrob)
 Kontoulanos, George
 Koulourides, Elizabeth
 Koutroulakis, Constantine George (Gus) & Katherine
 (Melton) Koutroulakis, Constantine George (Gus) &
 Katherine (Melton)
 Kovakas, David & Dorothea
 Kovakas, George J. & Melodie (Huss)
 Kovakas, James G. & Penny (Odishoo)
 Lackeos, Siestini
 Lafakis, Peter T. (#743) & Irene (Vodantis)
 Lane, Chris M & Leslie (Dice)
 Lane, Christopher Ryan
 Lane, Mallory
 Leara, Stephen P. & Mary (Grammas)
 Lee, Michael
 Lefkovits, Kenneth & Elizabeth (Jinks)-Betsy
 Leontis, Steve M.
 Leos, Diamond & Vivian Hontzas
 Leos, Pat (Ginis)
 Likis, James A.
 Limberis, Tina
 Limperis, James & Mary
 Long, Katherine
 Lyberopoulos, Damianos (Adam) & Allison (Harbin)
 Lyda, Larry & Elaine (Constantine)
 Lynn, Don & Vickie (Kavroulaki)
 Manakides, Nick & Dawn (Upton)
 Marks, Tony & Fatima (Mitchell)
 Mastoras, Janice (Toney)
 Matsos, Annette C.
 Matsos, Michael & June (Ruffin)
 McCallum, Scott & Nina (Costopoulos)
 McDaniel, Dorothy (Sarri)
 McEwen, Frank L. & Helen (Cosmas)
 McMinn, Paul Shane & Renee' (Kampakis)
 Melof, Donald & Mary (Harb)
 Mercer, Mark L. & Xeni
 Michaels, David & Elaine (Bonduris)
 Mills, Catherine P. (Jeb)
 Mimikakis, Vasilios & Ann (Manakides)
 Morros, Constantine D. & Vina (Haffner)
 Morros, Demetrius K.-Jimmy & Adriana (Wahl)
 Nakos, Cathy
 Newman, Larry & Athanasia (Kantargis)-Sia
 Nickolson, Steve & Sonya
 Nordan, Clayton M. & Antoinette
 Oelschlager, Denise (Kak)
 Orfanon, Emanuel V. & Maria (Collins)
 Orfanon, William A.-Bil
 Orphanos, George & Dalen (O'Manion)
 Osborn, Steve K. & Desa (Lorant)
 Owen, Larry & Debbie (Sarris)
 Pantaze, Charles
 Papajohn, John P. & Diane (Gray)
 Papajohn, Plato & Antoinette
 Pappas, Blanche (Pappas)
 Pappas, Carol
 Pappas, Catherine
 Pappas, Ernestine L.
 Pappas, Jimmy B. & Angela (Landry)

STEWARDS AS OF JANUARY 31, 2011 (Con't):

Pappas, Peter G. & Alexis (Andros)
Pappas (Shamblin), Vick
Pasisis, Harry C. & Tasia (Isariotis)
Paulson, Kia
Petelos, Angelos N. & Catherine (Kantargis)
Petelos, Billy Nick & Babs (Crooks)
Petelos, John & Evelyn (Queen)
Petelos, Nicholas A & Yvonne
Pharo, Adelle (Valekis)
Pihakis, Agatha
Pihakis, Dino & Jennifer
Pihakis, James M. & Helen Joyce (Nakos)
Pihakis, Jim & Joanna (Burton)
Piliouras, Jimmie P.
Piliouras, Nina (Triant)
Polizos, Pete
Psarras, Christos
Psarras, Georgios & Aikaterini
Ray, Kevin L
Reid, Mike & Diane (Szachewicz)
Roberts (Costellos), Bri
Ronderos, Joseph V & Kathy
Saad, John G
Saddekni, Souheil & Mary
Saltzman, Dennis & Zoe L.
Sardelis, Peter & Robin
Sarris, Angel
Sarris, George M. & Genny
Sarris, James P. & Pitsa (Jebeles)
Sarris, Louie
Sarris, Loula (Hontzas)
Sarris, Phillip J. & Demetra (Drakos)
Sarris, Ted P. & Litsa (Kesari)
Sarris, Tena Marie
Savage, Lauren & Christy (Jebeles)
Saxon, Thomas J. & Mary Ellen (Hill)
Schrieber, Zachary
Sepsas, Niki
Sfakianos, Bessie (Mave)
Sfakianos, Cindy (Deaso)
Sfakianos, Constantine P. (Dino) & Sharon (Wilkerson)
Sfakianos, Johnnie (McK)
Shipp, Doug & Eleni
Shunnarah, Zakaria
Skarantavos, Gregory
Smith (Yearout), Jennif
Spanos, Smaragdi (Hagefstration)
Stathakes, George & Evangeline (Grammas)
Staursky, Andrew & Katherine (Sissa)
Stevens, Eli T. & Pat (Miller)
Stritikus, Adam & Malissa (Gary)
Summers, Kirk & Tatiana (Tsakiropoulou)
Sutton, Jay T. & Katie
Taylor, Steve & Brenda
Thomas, George E.
Thomas, Mary (Malfas)
Thomason, Larry & Rose Maria (Derzis)
Touloupis, Anastasios Tasos & Beba (Mangos)
Tracy, Irene (Catechis)
Triantafillu, Nickolas & Vasiliki (Nicholson)
Triantos, Despina (Cost)
Triantos, Elsie (Kampak)
Triantos, Phillip A. & Donna (Jovaras)
Tsimpides, George D.
Tsimpides, George L.
Tsimpides, Leon & Debbie
Tsimpides, Michael A. & Sherry (Manning)
Vakakes, Denise (Triant)
Vakakes II, E.J. & Helena (Koutrakos)
Vakakes, Tim & Alexis
Valekis, Charles V. (& Hala (Liddy)
Valekis, Joey & Melanie
Valekis, John V.
Valekis, Vasil (Billy)
Vasilakis, Garnette
Vasilakis, Nicholas
Velezis, Michael & Christine (McGrath)
Velotas, Cathy
Velotas, James M.
Velotas, Nickey W.
Velotas, Virginia
Vizzina, Margo
Vlahakis, Bertha (Haram)
Wade, Arthur
Wade, Chris
Watkins, Dan A. & Kathy (Triantos)
Watkins, Denise
Weaver, Glenn & Annette (Cosmas)
White, Terry J. & Maria (Ellard)
Wilson, Harry S. & Marilyn
Wood, Rhett & Nicole
Wood, William S. & Christy
Woodall, Niki
Yearout, Alex
Yearout, Thomas & Rhonda (Jones)
Zaharias, Steve & Carol
Zaharis, George M & Nerrin

Thank You
For Your Support

Please complete the form below to help us plan your next Cathedral Ministry Event:

**CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES
EVENT GUIDELINES**

DATE OF EVENT: _____ TIME OF EVENT: _____

NAME OF MINISTRY: _____

Contact Person: _____ Telephone: _____

LOCATION OF EVENT:

	Whole Room	Half Room	Whole Room Divided
Banquet Hall:	_____	_____	_____
Atrium	_____		
Room 207	_____		
Gym	_____		
Parish Council Boardroom	_____		
Other:	_____		

How many attendees? _____

Equipment Needed: Mic w/ Podium _____ Stage _____ Skirted: ___yes ___no
w/stairs _____

Mic Only _____

Tables:

Round _____ Chairs _____
8 feet _____

Other instructions: _____

Supplies Needed:

Paper products	_____	Other: _____
Plates	_____	_____
Coffee	_____	_____

Event chairperson, please attach or draw a diagram of set-up on back of this form.

DATE: _____

Please turn in to Frank's mailbox one week prior to event.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP AND CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

HOLY TRINITY – HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
PARISH MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

(Please complete clearly in print)

HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD:

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____ MI: _____

TITLE: (DR., MR., MRS., MS.) (CIRCLE ONE)

ORTHODOX BY: BAPTISM OR CHRISMATION NON-ORTHODOX (Check One)

ADDRESS:

STREET: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

E-mail Address: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER(S):

HOME: () _____ BUSINESS: () _____ CELLULAR: () _____

FAX NUMBER: HOME: () _____ BUSINESS: () _____

SPOUSE:

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____ MI: _____

MAIDEN NAME: _____

TITLE: (DR., MR., MRS., MS.) (CIRCLE ONE)

ORTHODOX BY: BAPTISM OR CHRISMATION NON-ORTHODOX (Check One)

E-mail Address: _____

NAMES OF CHILDREN LIVING AT HOME:

1) _____ 3) _____

2) _____ 4) _____

Only home telephone numbers will be included in the Parish Directory. Please email to: dmcadory@holytrinity-holycross.org. Please be sure to include Parish Membership on your email Subject line. If this form has been returned already, please accept our thanks.

Mail To:

Holy Trinity – Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Cathedral
307 19th Street South
Birmingham, AL 35233

Attn: Dorothy
Thanks for your cooperation.

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April 2011

Volunteers for the April 2011

Sunday

1st	M. Boardman, D. Greene, T. Yearout
2nd	G. Dikis, N. Manakides, E.J. Vakakes
3rd	P.Lafakis, N. Erben, J. Valekis
4th	G. Burge, J. Fawal, A. Yearout
5th	J. Cosmas, S. Nickolson, N. Petelos

Parish Council

April 3
April 10
April 17
April 24
Midnight Service

Readers

Nick Erben
George Kustos
Dwight I. Greene
Cameron Grammas
Dr. George E. Thomas

Early Duty

April 3	Mark Boardman
April 10	George Dikis
April 17	Nick Erben
April 24	Greg Burge
May 1	Dwight Greene
May 8	Nick Manakides
May 15	Pete Lafakis
May 22	Joe Fawal
May 29	Nick Petelos

Nursery

TBA



Coffee Fellowship

April 3
Maria Grammas*, Despina Cosmas, Elsie Triantos, Virginia Velotas

April 10
Diane Feagin, Kathy Ronderos, Pat Leos*, Elizabeth Koulourides

April 17
PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON
April 24
PASCHA PICNIC, CAMP VAKAKES
(See details inside bulletin)

OUTREACH & EVANGELISM GREETERS

April 3	Ann&Bill Mimikakis, Barbara Bolen & Robert Black
April 10	Maria Orfanon, Margo Vizzina
April 17	Zoe Whitaker, Mary Calamas
April 24	Pascha @ Camp Vakakes Zoe & Dennis Saltzman, Irene Chiotakis

Mother's Day Luncheon

May 8, 2011
RSVP: Dorothy
716-3080

APRIL 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 5:30/6:30 p.m. Salutations 6:30 p.m. Jr. GOYA Lock-in	2 Metropolis Conference Oratorical Festival
3 Memorials: See Worship Bulletin 12:15p Parish Assembly 6:00 p.m. GOYA Dinner & Mtg., Manakides Home 1001 Lake Shadows Drive, Birmingham, AL 35244	4 5:30 p.m. Compline	5 Bible Studies: 7:00 a.m. Men 8:15 a.m. Staff 10:30 a.m. Women 11:30 a.m. Good Friday Retreat Planning Mtg, Conf. Rm 6:00 p.m. Philoptochos Bd. Mtg.	6 5:30 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy	7 9:00 a.m. Tour, Simmons Middle School, Toni Nordan	8 5:30 p.m. Akathist Hymn	9 8:30 a.m. All Youth MS Walk, Homewood Park (Lenten Outreach Project)
10 Memorials: Alexander Andrew Anderson (40-D) Fotini Foukas Anderson (40-D) Olga Jebeles (1 yr) 12:15 p.m. GOYA Luncheon & Discussion	11 5:30 p.m. Compline 6:30 p.m. Good Friday Retreat Planning Mtg, Conf. Rm (for those who <u>cannot</u> attend April 5th)	12 Bible Studies: 7:00 a.m. Men 8:15 a.m. Staff 10:30 a.m. Women 6:00 p.m. Philoptochos General Meeting	13 5:30 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy	14 Palm delivered UPS today	15	16 8:30/9:30 a.m. Orthros/Divine Liturgy, "Saturday of Lazarus" Youth Breakfast Tying of Palms
17 Palm Sunday Palm Sunday Luncheon 7:00 p.m. Bridegroom Service	18 Holy Monday 7:00 p.m. Bridegroom Service	19 Holy Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Bridegroom Service	20 Holy Wednesday 5:30p.m. Uncion Service 7:00 p.m. Bridegroom Service	21 Holy Thursday Liturgies: 5:30 a.m. Liturgy of St. Basil 9:00 a.m. Liturgy of St. Basil 7:00 p.m. Service of the Passion of Our Lord (12 Gospels)	22 Holy Friday 9:00 a.m. Great Hrs 10-3 p.m. Good Friday Retreats Ages 4K-12th Gr 3:00 p.m. Vespers 7:00 p.m. Epitaphios Service Day Care Closed	23 Holy Saturday 9:00 a.m. Liturgy of St. Basil 11:15 p.m. Canon, Midnight Resurrection Services
24 Holy Pascha 12:30 a.m. Liturgy 12:30 p.m. Agape Vespers 1:30p Pascha Picnic Camp Vakakes	25 8:30/9:30 a.m. Orthros/ Divine Liturgy, "St. George"	26 6:00 p.m. Parish Council Mtg.	27	28	29 8:30/9:30 a.m. Orthros/Divine Liturgy, "Theotokos of the Life-Giving Font"	30 10:00 a.m. Baptism, Anastasia Grammas
			Bright Week		Day Care Floor Cleaning	

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Plato Papajohn
Katherine Long
Mark Boardman
Daniel Staursky

Nursery

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Early Duty

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May 22	Joe Fawal
May 29	Nick Petelos
June 5	Tommy Yearout
June 12	E.J. Vakakes
June 19	Joey Valekis
June 26	Alex Yearout



Coffee Fellowship

May 1

Leah Massengale, Maria Orfanon, Jennifer Armstrong, Stephanie Fifles, Nikki Derzis

May 8

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

May 15

AHEPA CHAPTER 3

(National President to visit Birmingham)

May 22

Sophia Faulk, Penny Kovakas, Evelyn Petelos

May 29

*Olena Shypil, Anastasrya Shypil, Cindy Sfakianos, Vickie Sfakianos, Sharon Sfakianos

OUTREACH & EVANGELISM GREETERS

TBA

Mother's Day Luncheon

May 8, 2011
RSVP: Dorothy
716-3080

May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 8:15 a.m. Staff Mtg. 6:00 p.m. Philoptochos Bd. Mtg.	4	5	6 Choir Music Workshop featuring Presbyteria Katerina Sitaras Makiej	7
8 Mother's Day Luncheon Choir Music Workshop	9	10 6:30 p.m. Philoptochos General Mtg.	11	12	13	14 Baptism of Angelo Petelos Reception, Banquet Hall
15 12:30 p.m. Baptism, Thespoina Geronidakis Memorial: Marlene Velotas (1 yr)	16	17	18	19	20	21 8:30/9:30 a.m. O/DL "Sis. Constantine & Helen" Senior Saturday 6:00 pm Wedding of Laura Garikes & Andrew Riley
22	23	24 6:00 p.m. Parish Council Mtg.	25	26	27 Wedding Rehearsal @ the Cathedral for Jessica DePew & Stefan Boyer (St. Symeon's)	28
29 4:00 p.m. Wedding @ the Cathedral for Jessica DePew & Stefan Boyer (St. Symeon's)	30 Memorial Day: Office & Day Care Closed Blessing of the Graves 9:00 a Block 25 9:30 a Block 32 10:00 a Block 1 & 3 HOLY LAND TOUR	31 Fr. Nabil will bless the Graves				
						June 13, 2011

EASTER SUNDAY IS SUNDAY, APRIL 24th

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

All evening services from Palm Sunday through Holy Friday --7:00 p.m.

Holy Wednesday, Unction Service (April 20)—5:30 p.m.

Holy Thursday morning Liturgies (April 21)—6:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

Good Friday Morning, Great Hours (April 22)--9:00 a.m.

Good Friday Afternoon, Vespers (April 22)—3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday Morning Liturgy (April 23)—9:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday-- Canon, 11:15 p.m. Midnight Resurrection services,

12:00 a.m. Liturgy at 12:30 a.m. Agape Vespers, 12:30 p.m.

PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON

The traditional Palm Sunday Luncheon, sponsored by the Philoptochos will take place following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, April 17. The cost of the luncheon is \$10.00.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION?

Call Fr. Paul to schedule an appointment, #716-3080.



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