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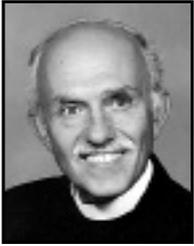
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From Father Bill...



Calming words for chaotic times

Recently, on a quiet afternoon, Presbyteria and I were reading: she immersed in her book and I scanning the Sunday papers. I read various sections of the paper and paused at the entertainment section. I was drawn to titles regarding Hollywood's decision to produce a film about the World Trade Center. During these past five years I wondered how long it would take to reenact on screen these horrific scenes from September 11. Finally Oliver Stone produced the story. I put the paper down for a moment and turned to Presbyteria and asked, "Are you prepared to see this film and relive those horrible scenes witnessed live on television?" Before she could reply I said: "I don't think I am prepared to sit in a theatre and experience those painful scenes of America being attacked by terrorists plus the death and devastation that followed." Like most Americans, September 11 for me conjured up unpleasant memories.

The smoke and horror from the World Trade Center, Pentagon, and Pittsburgh airplane disasters are still lingering in the air. And even though five years have passed, our national sorrow and outrage feel as fresh as they did that terrible Tuesday morning.

Life in America, in fact the entire world, changed on September 11, 2001. The days of God's exile from public life were finally over. God Bless America was on our lips once more, and it was OK to pray again. The Star Spangled Banner was heard often. America knew that it needed something beyond its own technology and prosperity to help it put the pieces back together again. In the aftermath of those painful moments, we all felt proud to be



First Distinguished Ministry Award goes to Father Bill

The Alumni Association of Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology presented its first-ever distinguished ministry award in July to Father Bill.

The award, given July 17 at the Clergy-Laity conference in Nashville, TN, was bestowed "in recognition of his ministry dedicated to preaching and teaching the message of our Lord and Savior, touching hearts and souls worldwide."

Archbishop Demetrios presented it to Father Bill, who was accompanied by Presbyteria Effie and Father Jim Gordon, president of the alumni association, and protopresbyter of Ascension of Our Lord in Lincolnshire.

"I'm extremely humbled, proud and appreciative of the honor bestowed upon me," said Father Bill, who was the only individual given the award this year, the inaugural year of the citation.

Americans.

Change began to manifest itself in all areas of life. Families began to assess what is really important and to set new priorities. Churches were flooded those early days, with people who hadn't been to services for months. Many families discovered then, that we spend so much time doing things that steal our minutes and siphon the significance from our hours: waiting at the gas pump and becoming angry at the soaring prices per gallon, standing in

the seemingly eternal line at the Department of Motor Vehicles, ironing, paying bills, washing stacks of dishes, mowing the lawn and a dozen other time-consuming tasks that must be done but keep us from doing the things that make life so invigorating and fulfilling.

We have a wonderful gift of 16-18 waking hours every day. Yet, when all is said and done and someone finally closes the coffin, the average person will have spent six months waiting

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From Father Nicholas



Encouraging others in the game of life

If you are a marathon runner or follow the sport of running, you probably realize that the annual Chicago Marathon is almost here. On October 22, over 1.5 million spectators will line the 26.2-mile course of The LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon. A recent article stated that without spectators, the event could not exist. Many runners would not make it to the finish line, or even the start line, without the support and encouragement they received before and during the race. The 26.2 Curb Crew has been formed to thank those that have given their time and energy to support the runners.

Although support and encouragement is important in sports, it is even more important in our race of life. It helps us to keep going and to persevere when things are difficult. The word encourage is defined as comforting, consoling, entreating, begging, imploring, counseling, urging or challenging. The translation of the Greek word literally means to put courage into someone. Encouragement is easy to receive but sometimes very difficult to give. Recently I read about a great encourager, Barnabas. His feast day is celebrated on June 11. Barnabas' name is translated as Son of Encouragement.

The Book of Acts describes Barnabas as a "good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith." Having our own spiritual lives and relationship with the Lord in order is the first step. This closeness to the Lord develops active virtues. One of those virtues is serving others. The early church had many poor people. Some were widows or had very low-paying occupations, while others were pilgrims from other nations. The local Christian community helped these people and shared everything that they had. In the Book of Acts, we read that Barnabas responded by selling property and bringing all of the proceeds to the apostles who distributed it. Barnabas went beyond encouraging words and showed mercy. He practiced what he preached. Barnabas performed and did not pretend. His encouragement was active and not passive.

Besides serving others actively, encouragers also see God-given potential and not problems in others. Later in the Book of Acts, we read about Saul. Remember that old saying, "a leopard cannot change his spots"? Well, that saying must have been going through the

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Gavel to Gavel



BY GEORGE MANNOS, JR. Parish Council Secretary

Parish Council meeting of Thursday, June 13

Members present: Fr. William Chiganos, Fr. Nicholas Georgiou, Don Alexander, George Alex, James Banakis, George Beshilas, George Chechopoulos, Sandy Fiascone, Jim Fotopoulos, Ted Gregory, Nick Kirkeles, George Lampros, George T. Mannos Jr., Peter Poteres, and Chris Zurales.

Financial Report

✦ Peter Poteres stated that for the month of May, the church had a negative cash flow of \$174,826.52 because \$104,192.55 was paid for the new mosaic icons, \$40,000 for Seminary Scholarship Fund (funds taken from separate scholarship fund), and \$25,000 for Fr. Bill's 50th Anniversary in the Holy Order of Priesthood gift. For the five months ending May 31, the church has a negative cash flow of \$37,788.52.

Stewardship

✦ Ted Gregory said that as of May 31, the church had received 734 pledges (up 6 from 2005) totaling \$572,874.86 (up \$10,102.86 from 2005) for an average pledge of \$780.49 (up \$7.45 from 2005). Amount paid YTD was \$405,966.51 (down \$4,814.34 from 2005). An additional \$650 was collected for 2005, leaving a balance of \$11,135.

Correspondence

✦ Nick Kirkeles reported that a thank you letter was received from the Orthodox Christian Mission Center in response to the parish's donation.

Meditation

✦ Father Bill spoke about his and Presbytera's visit to the seminary for Fr. Bill's 50th Class Reunion (graduating class of 1956). Fr. Bill said that the seminary has undergone many changes and improvements. Eight out of twelve of his classmates were able to attend the reunion. Archbishop Demetrios was present to celebrate vespers and presented each classmate with a golden cross that was donated by the Alumni Association. Father Bill humbly accepted his classmates' request to deliver the homily during the Liturgy. Father Bill has been chosen to receive the first Alumni Award to a priest, commemorating his 50 years of service for outstanding ministries to the church at the Clergy-Laity Congress.

Building & Grounds

✦ All of the bids received for the tuck pointing were similar. Jim Fotopoulos and George Alex recommended that W.L. Kercher be engaged, as they have done work for us in

the past. The proposal includes a plan to replace over 400 bricks and to tuck-point all deteriorated mortar joints. The front entrance will also be repaired in the places where the rebars are exposed.

Waterproofing will be applied. George Lampros moved that we engage Kercher to do the work, provided there is a warranty, and a guarantee that the roof will not be damaged, and in the event it is damaged, it will be repaired. The total cost of the proposed work is \$70,000. The motion passed unanimously.

✦ Jim Fotopoulos and George Alex have increased the weed control services to include the entire property, at a cost of an additional \$300 for the season.

✦ Don Alexander once again suggested that the existing circuit breaker box be replaced, at a cost of \$7,000. A discussion ensued and Jim Fotopoulos requested that he be given 2 months to research the suggestion, and report to the council at the August meeting.

✦ The installation of the icon of the Pantocrator and the Four Evangelists will begin Sept. 10. It is estimated that the job will take 12-14 days to complete.

Old Business

✦ As of May 25, all Greek School tuitions have been collected (98.8%) except for \$600 from 3 families, owing \$200 each. A tuition payment plan for the 2006/07 school year was discussed. Mondo Gouvas has suggested that an application be made to the Ministry of Education of Greece for school recognition. No decision for approval was made at this meeting. There has been a vast improvement in the condition of the classrooms and other areas of the church, following the Greek School classes.

New Business

✦ Chris Zurales and his Outreach Committee met and prioritized its missions, in particular to assist the aging and physically challenged individuals of our parish. The committee is planning subsequent meetings to research needs and make appropriate proposals.

✦ Sandy Fiascone is forming a new committee entitled the Facility and Events Committee. The purpose of the committee is to coordinate all activities of our church on a monthly basis.



Choir Director to be honored by Metropolitan

On October 13, Nick Paloumpis, Choir Director at Holy Apostles, will be recognized for his life-long commitment to the Music Ministries of the Greek Orthodox Church within the Metropolis of Chicago. A medallion will be presented to Nick by Metropolitan Iakovos at the Grand Banquet of the 49th Annual Choir Conference in Milwaukee.

Music City host for Clergy-Laity Congress

The 38th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress was held in Nashville, TN on July 16-21, with Fr. William Chiganos, Sandy Fiascone, and Peter Poteres, representing Holy Apostles. Copies of the committee reports are available in the church office.

Highlights of the conference included: Holy Cross/Hellenic College recently acquired 6.9 adjoining acres at a price of \$5.4 MM; \$3.3 MM will be spent to restore the Ionian Village over a 3-year process. The Outreach & Evangelism session unanimously agreed that every parish should establish a Missions, Outreach, Evangelism Committee and establish a budget for it.

The Philoptochos earmarked \$530 K for distribution. \$10 K will be distributed to each Metropolis for immediate needs of the elderly. Holy Apostles Philoptochos representatives Cathy Magas and Eleni Poteres have details.

A church sees The Living Bible

This is such a great example of The Living Bible. Bill has wild hair, wears a T-shirt with holes in it, jeans, and no shoes. This was his wardrobe for his entire four years of college. He is brilliant. Kind of profound and very, very bright. He became a Christian while attending college.

Across the street from the campus is a well-dressed, very conservative church. They want to develop a ministry to the students but are not sure how to go about it.

One day Bill decides to go there. He walks in with no shoes, jeans, his T-shirt, and wild hair. The service has already started and so Bill starts down the aisle looking for a seat. The church is completely packed and he can't find one.

By now, people are really looking a bit uncomfortable, but no one says anything. Bill gets closer and closer and closer to the pulpit, and when he realizes there are no seats, he just squats down right on the carpet. By now the people are really uptight, and the tension in the air is thick.

About this time, the minister realizes that from way at the back of the church, a deacon is slowly making his way toward Bill. The deacon is in his eighties, has silver-gray hair, and a three piece suit. As a godly man, and very dignified, he walks with a cane. As he starts toward this boy, everyone is saying to themselves that you can't blame him for what he's about to do. How can you expect someone of his age and of his background to understand some college kid on the floor?

The church is utterly silent except for the

clicking of the man's cane. All eyes are focused on him. You can't even hear anyone breathing. The minister can't even preach the sermon until after the deacon does what he has to do.

And then, they see this elderly man drop his cane on the floor. With great difficulty, he lowers himself and sits down next to Bill and worships with him so he won't feel alone. Everyone chokes up with emotion.

When the minister gains control, he says, "What I'm about to preach, you will never remember. What you have just seen, you will never forget. Be careful how you live. You may be the only Bible some people will ever read."



Enjoying the July 12 Seniors Cruise on the Spirit of Chicago are l-r: Mary Psychogios, Bessie Tselepsis, Eve Vasilion, Kay Bobis, and Stephanie Lekas.



At the July 10 annual golf outing Jennifer Zak shoots, while Lou Chechopoulos, center, and Spiro Smirniotis, left, look on.

This month's featured altar boy will be taking many interests to college this fall

Dean Psychogios has been an altar boy at Holy Apostles for seven years. He has enjoyed his experience serving the church very much.



Dean graduated this year from Hinsdale Central High School with high honors. He will be attending the University of Illinois at Chicago's Honors College in the fall. He plans on pursuing a career in medicine, with a special interest in heart surgery or sports medicine. He enjoys graphic design and has developed several websites and fliers for clients at his school and organizations in the community. He founded his own graphic design company, Dean Graphics, in his sophomore year. He is also an avid sports fan, especially baseball, and he loves to travel. He lives in Oak Brook with his parents and younger brother, Steven, who also serves in the altar with him.

Dean has been a great asset to the altar. He stays after Liturgy to make sure the altar is clean, bread is put away, weddings are prepared for, and every detail is attended to. He has helped in training the younger boys to learn their duties and procedures. He will be missed when he goes to college, but I know God will always be in his heart. He is truly a fine young servant for Christ.

...By Michael Cotsilis

IOCC is on the ground in Lebanon and Gaza crisis

We have received information that IOCC has delivered aid to the victims of war in Lebanon and Gaza. Kits containing food supplies and water have been flown to southern Lebanon to assist those who have fled their homes and are now crowded into public schools, parks and other areas. Assistance has also been given to help with the escalating humanitarian crisis in Gaza. In response to implementing emergency response, donations by the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs have been given.

All Orthodox in America are urged to assist the relief efforts by making direct cash contribution that will allow IOCC to continue to acquire and transport life-saving supplies. To make an online contribution, go to <http://www.iocc.org> or call toll free 1-877-803-IOCC(4622).

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A word of encouragement can have far-reaching effects

apostles' minds when Saul showed up and claimed to be a Christian. Saul was a great persecutor of Christians. Just when the apostles were about to kick him out, the Son of Encouragement got involved. He told the apostles that they were wrong about Saul. Barnabas told the others about Saul's conversion on the road to Damascus and that Saul had changed! Barnabas risked his good reputation and vouched for Saul. He saw potential in Paul (Saul) and acted on it.

The world is divided into people who think the best and those who think the worst of others. We are challenged to see God's best in all people and to urge them to pursue it. There could be a Paul or Paula in our community, neighborhood or even family. They may need a little encouragement to nudge them toward their God-given potential.

The Book of Proverbs reminds us: "death and life are in the power of the tongue." A little encouragement can go a long way. Because Barnabas, the Son of Encouragement, encouraged and supported Paul, he was able to go out and preach to the Gentiles. Paul wrote almost half of the New Testament. Imagine what may have happened if Barnabas was not willing to take a chance and to stick by and encourage Paul.

A wonderful story is told about the great novelist Nathaniel Hawthorne. In 1849, he was dismissed from his government job in the customs house. Hawthorne went home dejected and in despair. His wife listened to his sad story, set a pen and ink on the table, lit the fire and then put her arms around his shoulders. She said, "Now you will be able to write your novel." Hawthorne sat down and wrote *The Scarlet Letter*.

Encouraging words and especially actions can change a person's life. Are you a member of the Encouragement Curb Crew?

Players and coaches are needed for Holy Apostles' new basketball team

Holy Apostles is forming a basketball team to play in the local Greek Orthodox Church league. We are looking for boys and girls in grades 6 to 12 who are interested in participating as well as people interested in coaching. Please contact Maria Kallis at 630-455-1688 or mariakallis@aol.com.

Fr. Bill from P. 1

Turn to Psalm 46 to calm chaos in turbulent times

at stoplights; eight months opening junk mail (not to mention e-mail); five years standing in line; and a year and a half looking for car keys.

I knew it! I was sure that an unbelievable number of hours were going down the drain. If we added the time we spend gathering dust in doctor's waiting rooms plus watching mindless television commercials, what's left?

A better question might be, "If we can spend all day busy with the necessary but ultimately insignificant stuff, what significant tasks are we leaving out of the time we have?" This all brings me back to the recently released film, *World Trade Center*. While feeling apprehensive when I first read of this movie, now in one sense, I see some good that can come of it. Ernest Hemingway once said, "Time is the least thing we have of." Was he ever right! Whether we have any desire to see this new film is not important. What is significant is that we have come away from these experiences with renewed commitment.

We have a tendency of blotting out ugly memories and that is OK providing we have taken away from these experiences important lessons to apply in our lives.

The tragedy of September 11 marked a turning point in our lives. Tragedies like we're enduring today in crises around the world and unrest at home take us to the outer limits of our understanding and emotional reserve. Through more than five decades of ministry, I've stood beside people reeling from tragedy and numb from shock, hoping to help them through their crisis. And when the crisis has

been mine, I've been encouraged by others to lean hard on God. C. S. Lewis' words ring loud and clear: "Pain is God's megaphone." We need to memorize these words and apply them in our lives when confronted with crisis.

I titled my message "Calming Words for Chaotic Times." I didn't offer a twelve-step technique, a well-meaning slap on the back, or a group of trite clichés. The only enduring comfort and hope I can offer is found in the reliable message of God's faithfulness and the trustworthiness of His promises.

When you attend the Liturgy, you need to hear that you are loved and protected by a sovereign, faithful God. He will not fail you, forsake you, ignore you, or ever stop loving you. His sovereignty holds time and space together.

In the review of the film *World Trade Center* we are told the focus is on two men who entered an inferno seeking to rescue lives and in a sudden moment found themselves

buried beneath debris, concrete and twisted steel. Unable to move because of the pain, their only hope was to remain alert by talking to each other. Listening to each other sustained them in those dark hours and gave them hope. Is that not what God does with us? When life gets really tough, talk to Him and remember to listen. At times like these, I return to Psalm 46:

God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change

And though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea.

"Cease striving and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us;

The God of Jacob is our stronghold. (vv. 1-2,10-11).

Philoptochos Upcoming Events

Membership Night - Tuesday, September 19 at 7pm in the multi-purpose room. Please join us to learn more about our organization, upcoming events and opportunities to participate.

Luncheon/Fashion Show "The Art of Giving"- Saturday, October 21 at the Carlisle in Lombard. Reservations will be accepted starting September 10.

Our first ever "Holiday Bling" Accessory Show and Bake Sale is Saturday, November 11 from 9am-3pm in the multi-purpose room. Accessories featured will include trendy and custom-made jewelry, the latest handbag fashions and faux designer bags, belts, wraps, hats, scarves, custom t-shirts, quilts and specialty invites/note cards. Don't miss this chance to start your holiday shopping early!

September Registry

Baptisms

Anthony James, son of
Anna & Eric Feldmann
Sponsor: James Feldmann

Nicholas George, son of
Anna & Eric Feldmann
Sponsor: Andrew Feldmann

Benjamin, son of
Nicole & Johnn Kubesh
Sponsor: Mary Beth Shizas

Alyssa, daughter of
Athena & Michael Chow
Sponsor: Stacy Kotsanis

Constantine, son of
Maria & Zacharias Bousies
*Sponsors: Haroula &
Konstantine Kremmidas*

Constandina, daughter of
Karen & Themis Anagnos
Sponsors: Patty & Evans Pappas

Luke, son of

Michele & John Jackson
Sponsors: Maria & Dean Jackson

Maria Katherine, daughter of
Kristine & Stephen Petno
Sponsor: Gregory Spelson

Weddings

Sandra Cardatzke Macrias &
Christopher Macrias
Sponsors: George & Jean Haralambopoulos

Michelle Pullano & Christos Linardakis
Sponsor: James Dovas

Dena Michalopoulos & Dimitri Visvardis
Sponsor: Irimi Bartzaleni

Kristi Athas & Eric Landorf
Sponsor: James Athas

Here's what Mr. D has cooked up for this fall!

BY **GEORGE J. DEMETRALIS**
(alias Mr. D.)

The Adult Christian Fellowship and Study Group

Our Adult Christian Fellowship and Study group, which meets throughout the year, will continue its weekly Wednesday afternoon classes. Sessions begin at 1 p.m. with refreshments and fellowship, followed by the study of Holy Scripture and other aspects of our Orthodox Christian faith. In 1979, the group began with three members, and now, by the grace of God, attracts a weekly attendance averaging at least 30 adult men and women who are always eager to learn and enjoy themselves. In addition throughout the year, excellent recreational activities are provided and coordinated by Kay and Jim Bobis. We are always looking for new members. Interested in joining? Just come, and you'll receive a warm welcome.

Catechism Instruction

Since 1980, two sessions of catechism instruction classes have been conducted at Holy Apostles Church—one beginning in January and the other in September, with approximately eight classes to each session. Classes are held Wednesday evenings from 7:30pm to 8:45pm.

This series of classes is geared primarily toward those wishing to convert to Orthodox Christianity, but Orthodox Christians who want a refresher course in their faith are also welcome. The curriculum covers a wide range of subjects: i.e., a definition of the church in general and the Orthodox Christian Church in particular; our two main sources of faith (Holy Scripture and Sacred Tradition), and what part the Virgin Mary, the saints, candles, icons, incense, and fasting play in our private and congregational worship.

We also study the Lord's Prayer, the Symbol of Faith, and the Seven Sacred Mysteries. Questions and comments are welcome and encouraged during class time. I strongly encourage the Orthodox Christian spouse, fiancé, or fiancée to attend class with his or her non-Orthodox candidate for conversion. I've also had students who desired to

become Orthodox Christians, not for marital reasons, but because they desired the pearl of Orthodox Christianity through their own personal investigation.

The majority of my catechism students have been adults, but children have also attended. Catechism lessons for children are conducted separately from the adults. This fall, catechism instruction classes will begin at Holy Apostles at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20, and will meet weekly through mid November. Interested? Please contact Fr. Bill (708-562-2744) or Mr. D. (708-562-0869) as soon as possible.

The Way celebrates 20th Anniversary

The Way is a program which provides an excellent opportunity for religious and moral education, as well as time for fellowship and recreation for boys and girls from first through eighth grade. Its fall program begins on September 20. The group meets on Mondays usually twice a month from 5:15pm to 7pm. The lesson is preceded by an agape meal. The registration fee is \$10 per child, which helps cover expenses for instructional material and other needs. When the children are registered, parents may also indicate whether they would like to host a simple agape meal and on which date.

The Way started 20 years ago when I began teaching a group of seventh graders in Sunday School who were especially unique and precious. I thank the following children for inspiring me in The Way's early years: Nicole Angelos, Kristi Athas, Mike Boznos, Demetrios Demopoulos, John Hansen, Jamie Harrigan, Tina Kappos, Rita Karones, Andrea Katsulis, Lance Kumis, Nicole Kyros, Stella Langas, Maria Magdalinos, Caity Olson, Jennifer Schumacker, Jason Stratton, Gus Vlangos, and Vicky Xenos.

Parents, register your children on one of the two upcoming Youth Registration Sundays, September 10 and 17, in The Way as well as the other activities provided by Holy Apostles for our young people.

Adventure Theater

On September 8 at 4:30 p.m., the Adventure Theater will begin rehearsals for its

Christmas stage play entitled "Two Tales for Christmas," which will be presented following a luncheon on Sunday, December 3. The Adventure Theater, comprising boys and girls of grade school, junior high, and high school ages, produces three original plays annually: a stage play at Christmas, a movie in the spring, and a play in a radio studio format presented in August. The group performed its first original movie on April 9 of this year. The goal of all our productions is to teach Orthodox Christian values and their application in everyday life. The group also sets aside time for fellowship which includes outings, a barbecue, a Halloween party, a retreat, a lock-in, and pizza parties. We are always looking for new members. We also urgently need kids to run our sound effects equipment, which includes a Roland Sampler. Interested? Contact Mr. D. in person or by phone 708-562-0869.

Radio Tapes and Movie DVDs For Sale!

The Adventure Theater is offering for sale, \$5.00 per radio play and \$10.00 per movie. This includes all radio plays produced from 1980 through August, 2006, and our first movie performed in April of this year. Interested? Contact Mr. D., or you may order them from members of our group at a table in the multi-purpose room on Sunday, September 24, when the Adventure Theater sponsors a special event.

The HARC CORNER

I was in prison and you came to me (Mt 25:36). For many years, HARC has supported a prison ministry which has grown to the point where we have decided to ask for help.

Our relationship with a prisoner often begins when he receives one of Fr. Bill's Bible Guides, and then sends a note or letter requesting reading material. Sometimes the inquirer is Orthodox, or contemplating becoming Orthodox, trying to expand his knowledge of Christianity in general, or looking for comfort. The requests received might be for information on a certain topic or for a copy of *The Orthodox Study Bible*. We just received a request for material for 23 members of an Orthodox fellowship group at the Indiana State Prison.

Everyone can help with this ministry of love. Some prisoners welcome regular correspondence, so those with that gift can become pen pals. Others may want to make a donation (any amount is welcome) to help us defray costs. For more information, contact Barbara Pappas.

FALL 2006 BIBLE STUDY: Mark your calendars!

The Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study led by Barbara Pappas will begin on October 4 and continue for six consecutive Wednesday evenings through November 8.

The topic of discussion this year will be St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. This epistle is fascinating in that it addresses many of the practical issues faced by believers in the very early Church, which are amazingly similar to the concerns of Christians of our time.

The new edition of Barbara's work, *First and Second Corinthians; a Study of Paul's Letters*, will be used as the main text. This book is based upon the writings of the Fathers of the early Church, and is available in HARC at a special price for those who will attend the study.

Refreshments will be served at 7:00 pm in Room 205/6, with the discussion beginning at 7:15pm and concluding by 8:30pm. Everyone is welcome. Plan to attend with a friend!

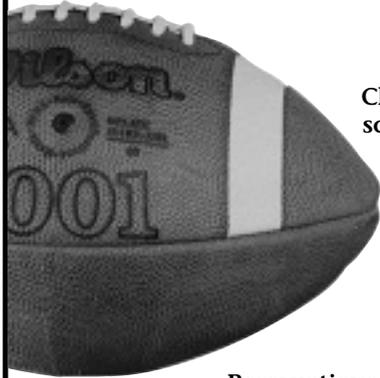
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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

<p>Some hearts are full of gratitude and joy. Some hearts ache with sorrow. Some hearts are embittered. Some spirits hunger. May we in our common need and striving, gain strength from one another, as we share our joys, lighten each other's burdens, and pray for the welfare of our community. ... from a traditional Jewish meditation</p>						
<p>8:00am Orthros 9:15am Awaken To God 9:30am Divine Liturgy Fellowship Hour Sunday School Registration</p> <p>3</p>	<p>4:30pm Greek School</p> <p>4</p>	<p>1:00pm Adult Christian Fellowship And Study Group</p> <p>6</p>	<p>4:30pm Greek School & Agiasmos Blessing Of The Water</p> <p>7</p>	<p>NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS 8:00am Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 4:30pm Adventure Theater 7:15pm YAL</p> <p>8</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>
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<p>FEAST DAY OF ST. SOPHIA, FAITH, HOPE, AND AGAPE 8:00am Orthros 9:15am Awaken To God 9:30am Divine Liturgy Fellowship Hour</p> <p>17</p>	<p>10:00am TOTS 4:30pm Greek School 6:00pm GOYA Barbecue 7:00pm Philoptochos Membership Night</p> <p>19</p>	<p>12:00pm Seniors Luncheon 7:30pm Catechism Instruction</p> <p>20</p>	<p>4:30pm Greek School 7:30pm Parish Council Meeting</p> <p>21</p>	<p>4:30pm Adventure Theater</p> <p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>23</p>
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Attention Bears fans! TAILGATING AT HOLY APOSTLES

Sunday, September 24, 2006
Immediately following the Liturgy



Come Join us for Fellowship 'n Fun!
Chicago Bears vs. Minnesota Vikings on big
screen TV. A delicious barbecue: ribs, chicken,
hotdogs, salads'n all the tailgate fixin's
will be served.

Donations: Children 5 & under-FREE
Children 6-18 \$15.00
Adults \$25.00
Cash Bar for Beer & Wine

Reservations will be taken in the multi-purpose room
starting August 27

For more information & reservations, contact Steve Savas 708.387.2080
or Karen Mannos 708.354.4021

Weekday Services

Nativity Of The Theotokos

Friday, September 8
8:00am Orthros
9:00am Divine Liturgy

Elevation Of The Cross

Thursday, September 14
8:00am Orthros
9:00am Divine Liturgy

Mosaic Deadline

The deadline for the October Mosaic
is Wednesday, September 6.

Memorials

Elias Pavlopoulos
Katina Kapanela
Paraskevi Paraskou
Yianoula Koutsopanayou
Demetra Vlagos

George Vlagos
Gus Zakos
Bertha Balodimas
James Balodimas
Chris Chiganos
Lazaros Dali
Chester Matysek

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