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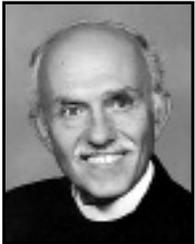
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From Father Bill



Parish Dropouts

On the first Sunday of 2008, January 6, the Orthodox Church

observed a great feast day, Epiphany. Every year, the ecclesiastical calendar calls for this special observance of God's Revelation to man. We also remember the Baptism of Jesus Christ in the River Jordan by St. John the Baptist. This year, attendance in our sanctuary was overflowing. Someone commented that the scene that day reminded him of the "good old days", meaning there was a period in history that a crowded church was not simply a passing phenomenon. The attraction for such a large crowd of faithful can be attributed to the fact that on that day, January 6, the Church distributes small bottles to everyone at the conclusion of the Liturgy. These bottles are filled with holy water to drink and to sprinkle the homes. What nudges people to attend church at certain times of the year such as Easter and Epiphany? Does this imply that the Spirit of God moves them to be present at the Liturgy, and receive the sacrament of Holy Communion and the holy water? Of course, the Holy Spirit is active at all times, but for some reason, we are not as responsive to it on a regular basis.

In reading church literature, newspapers, and visiting with brother priests, I have discovered there are an inordinate number of parishes involved in building programs. And, I might add, all these building programs will result in millions of dollars of construction costs. I pray for the resolve and commitment of parish councils and their priests to complete the task.

I believe that these fundraising programs will result in beautiful Byzantine buildings. The question I raise is: will these edifices be filled with excited and faithful worshippers or will they resemble historical museums? Why



Chris Syregelas received an award from Metropolitan Iakovos for one of the best essays written in Greek at the Celebration of Hellenic Letters on January 27.

you may wonder have I espoused such conclusions? It is because our parishes are all confronted with 'parish dropouts.' They are the faithful members who appear at the holy services of Epiphany and Pascha, and then return to their old worship habits, i.e. attending church when life is tough and there is no other place to turn.

It doesn't take much to dissuade members who are on the periphery to not attend divine service regularly. Any excuse, from the weather being unfavorable to not feeling well, is used by those weak in their Christian Faith. Any rationalization can be used to not attend worship services. Members who have a burning desire to be present at the services will find positive reasons to be with the Lord in the holy church.

The motivations for church attendance are complex and varied. Public surveys reveal that some attend services out of a sense of duty,

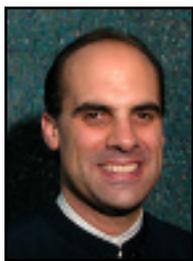
while others regard attendance as a commitment to the American way of life. Others may attend because of childhood habit. There may be those who attend to meet their friends or relatives, while some others attend as they would a country club.

I have had the opportunity in my fifty-two years of active ministry to be acquainted with Christians with varied motives for their church association. I have seen people who for many years served with great enthusiasm and distinction. After a number of years, the sharp edge of participation slowly wears away. Little by little, they begin to absent themselves from meetings and worship services. As time goes on, their absence, which started sporadically, becomes a permanent reality. They have lost the cutting edge of their faith. The human factor is an ever-present reality in the church.

There are personality conflicts and difficulties

...See Fr. Bill on P. 3

From Father Nicholas



Refinished In Christ

In the midst of winter and all of the record snowfall that we have experienced this year, it is hard to believe that spring is right around the corner. Once the snow and cold goes away, the spring cleanup projects start. We clean our windows, landscaping, driveways and the inside of our homes. Spring is also a favorite time of year for home improvements. After you read our home improvement story, you may think twice about proceeding with this year's project.

Last November, our family had some dear friends at our home. We were contemplating making some improvements. They suggested knocking down a few walls and adding some hardwood floors. Our friends are in the remodeling business and exclaimed, "There is nothing to hardwood floors. We have the perfect company to help you." The flooring man came over and assured us that the project would only take three days. They came and sanded all of the existing floors and added wood to four more rooms in our home. The project seemed to be progressing well. After they stained and finished the floors for an entire week, we returned to our home. The floors looked awful. Our contrite contractor told us that he could fix them. Again, he sanded and stripped the floors. After another week and a half, the same result – ugly floors!

Finally, in desperation, we fired the first company and engaged a very reputable flooring contractor. They again stripped the floors down to the oak wood. They hand sanded and built up the floors. Stain and finish was added. Finally, after another week and a half the floors were done! A three-day project took over five weeks to complete. Each time, they began by stripping and sanding down the floors. This, thankfully, resulted in beautiful hardwood floors throughout our home!

You may be wondering what wood floors have to do with our spiritual life. The floors had to be stripped down, built up (three times) and then became beautiful! This is a picture of the Lenten journey that begins this month! If we want to grow in our relationship with the Lord, we will need to allow ourselves to be stripped and refinished. Lent gives us this great opportunity.

A review of the Sunday Gospel readings leading up to Lent is a roadmap to help us in being spiritually renovated. A few weeks ago, we read about the Ten Lepers. Leprosy was painful and disgusting. It was also very contagious and loathsome to others. These lepers

...See Fr. Nicholas on P. 6



Gavel to Gavel



BY CHRIS ZURALES, SECRETARY

Parish Council meeting of Thursday, January 24

Present: Fr. William Chiganos, Fr. Nicholas Georgiou, George Alex, Chrisy Banakis, George Chechopoulos, Terry Chiganos, Sandy Fiascone, Mara Georges, Ted Gregory, James Kapolas, Nick Kirkeles, George T. Mannos, Peter Poteres, Steve Savas, Peter Tomaras, and Chris Zurales.

Financial Report

✦ George T. Mannos reviewed the financial report and the bank balances as of December 31, 2007. Sandy Fiascone moved to approve the financial statement. The motion passed unanimously.

Stewardship

✦ George T. Mannos said that as of December 31, 2007, the amount pledged is \$654,380.39; amount paid, \$628,438.39; amount due, \$25,942; amount paid in December, \$28,995; number of pledges, 829; average pledge, \$789.36; percentage paid, 96%. 223 pledges totaling \$294,977.62 were received in December for the year 2008.

Correspondence

- ✦ Chris Zurales read correspondence from Mission Team Chicago extending an invitation and request for support for the Eleventh Annual Mission Benefit on March 6, at Ss. Constantine and Helen Church. Reservations can be made at (708) 590-0937.
- ✦ Bishop Andonios of Phasiane thanked our parish for its donation of \$5,000 to the Benevolent Fund for Retired Clergy and Widowed Presbyteres.
- ✦ Also read were the following items from the suggestion box: both Priests bless the congregation with Holy Water during the Epiphany service to make it go more quickly; the January 1 Liturgy start time be put in the December Mosaic; a non-Greek speaking parishioner requested that one Sunday a month the entire Liturgy should be in English and that more English should be used during special services such as during Holy Week. He explained this would benefit all of the non-Greek speaking members and might help to bring back many of those who have drifted away because they do not understand Greek and do not feel part of the Liturgy; the congregation be reminded to show more reverence during the offering of the Eucharist and that parishioners by not greeting their friends or visiting with each other during this time.

Meditation

- ✦ Father Bill provided the following thoughts for meditation: We often hear about speaking in tongues, however, speaking in tongues does not help without an interpreter. We must hear and understand the Holy Spirit.
- ✦ When we enter the Church one of the first things we do is light a candle. What is the role of the candle? When we light a candle and place it before one of the icons, we help shine light on the icon. It is a connecting link from the individual to God. Our lives as Christians should be like the candle, burning brightly and providing light for others to see. Our act of lighting a candle should not be a mechanical one, but should be done with reverence.

Building and Grounds

- ✦ Drawings for the new cabinet in the multi-purpose room will be sent to Sandy Fiascone for approval. Steve Savas said that there are backordered components for the audio visual system completion. When those are all in, it should be set up correctly and a remote used so that the settings on the individual components will not be disturbed.

Old Business

- ✦ The lighting and repair of the icons recently installed on the ceiling of the Nave was discussed. A few members pointed out that it still appears that portions of the mosaics were improperly set in the bonding medium and will not be corrected by changing the lighting. Chris Zurales made a motion that we retain a local mosaic expert to inspect the installation to determine whether repairs are necessary and to make recommendations on repairs and lighting. After further discussion the motion passed 7-6.

Other Business

- ✦ Mara Georges moved that the proposed budget for be approved and adopted. A discussion was held regarding sufficiency of the budget to cover future repair of the lower level electrical panel. There was also a request that annotations of certain budget items be amended to make the document more understandable. The motion passed unanimously.
- ✦ The Macaronatha lunch will be March 9.
- ✦ The Golf Outing will be July 7.
- ✦ The Church Picnic will be July 27.

Philoptochos Spotlights Liberty Poteres

Liberty Poteres is the smiling woman who sits in the front row of church every Sunday. She has been a member of Philoptochos for



Liberty Poteres

about 40 years, since the Chapter was formed at Holy Apostles. Over the years, Liberty has put her sewing, cooking, and baking talents to good use. She was in charge of the sewing booth when

Philoptochos had craft shows, making aprons, bibs, and other items to sell. She is one of the talented dipler bakers, and last November donated 260 diples to the Philoptochos bake sale. Liberty bakes the spanakopita every year for the Godparents' Luncheon and is a dependable member of Philoptochos who says, "whatever I can do for Philoptochos, I like to help. I try to help whenever I am asked."

Philoptochos Update

Godparents Luncheon was held on February 3. Almost 300 godparents, godchildren, and others attended the delicious lunch prepared by Michael Cotsilis and helpers. Due to the generous donations of sponsors and those who attended, Philoptochos was able to make a \$1,000 contribution to Peoples' Resource Center in Wheaton, along with new children's books.

Philoptochos will host an evening reception after the presentation at the Celebration of Books on Sunday, March 23.

Mr D. packs Oak Brook library for talk about Greek Orthodoxy

On Jan. 26, Mr. D. filled the Oak Brook Public Library with enthused listeners. Many people showed up for his hour long presentation on the history of our Greek Orthodox faith. Everyone wished that Mr. D. could have spoken longer, but this was not possible.

Due to popular demand, Mr. D. has been invited to give another presentation next year. Thank you Mr. D. and may God bless you.

By Fotis Pappas



Greek School students demonstrate their dancing skills at the annual Greek School Dinner Dance held February 17 at the Diplomat West in Elmhurst.

FACT morphs into Family Synaxis

Family Synaxis (formerly known as FACT) is a ministry devoted to newly-married couples and couples with children still living at home. Husbands and wives of the group gather on the third Saturday of each month for worship, fellowship, dinner and discussion. Entire families gather on the fifth Saturday of the month, when there is one, for worship, dinner and a family activity. For questions about the Family Synaxis ministry, please call Vanessa Clohessy (630)782-9533 or Father Nicholas.

Fr. Bill from P.1

Pray for the return of church absentees

in interpersonal relationships among members. At times, meetings can be a breeding ground for hostility.

The Church strives to deal with and confront the problem of inactive members. A few years ago at one of the local clergy-laity meetings, the subject of the 'unchurched' was introduced. The topic motivated many to consider the problem that plagues us all and some began to offer opinions and comments, to share their personal disappointments, and to make positive suggestions. However, the thoughts and suggestions remained in the records, and little if anything, resulted in meaningful action.

In New Testament times, biblical passages indicate that there were dropouts. In John 6:66 the writer states, "After this, many of His disciples drew back and no longer went about with Him."

The writer of the Epistles to the Hebrews warns about "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together" (Hebrews 10:25). Paul lamented that Demas had forsaken the work and the ministry of the church (II Timothy 4:10).

The parable of the lost sheep in Luke, Chapter 15 relates to inactive members as well. The one lost sheep was of such intense interest to the shepherd that he left the 99 and

went to diligently search for the one who was lost. Some of the homilies of Chrysostom allude to the frustration and disappointment he encountered from those who chose the way of the world, instead of the path to God.

The problem of the inactive church member is hard to resolve. There is no clear-cut answer to reactivate the inactive member. In Scripture, Jesus said, "The poor you shall always have with you." May we add, the 'dropouts' will always be with us? Is this an alibi for us to do nothing about the problem? No. There are many avenues: contact and confrontation, letters, telephone calls, visitation and prayer.

The tragedy of burnt-out Christians is that they lose the spirit to serve in Christ-like love. Christians may become sour because they believe they were battered or betrayed by the Church. We must pray for their return, with spiritual help and reconciliation. They have forsaken God, but God has not forsaken them. The lost sheep must be found and reunited with Christ's holy flock. The period of Great Lent presents an opportunity for return, as the Prodigal Son returned to his father. May those who have gone astray heed the Spirit of God's love and come home. Our prayers are like those of the Prodigal Son who came to his senses and returned to a loving Father.

Celebration of Books Featured Speakers

Metropolitan Nikitas

Speaking Sunday, March 23. *“Orthodoxy and Inculturation: Adopting the Gospel in Culture.”*



His Eminence Metropolitan Nikitas was consecrated a Hierarch and named Metropolitan of Hong Kong and South East Asia in December 1996. This historic event took place in the Patriarchal Cathedral of St. George the Great Martyr, Phanar, Istanbul. He was enthroned as the first Metropolitan of Hong Kong and South East Asia (the Exarchates of China, India, Indonesia, the Philippines and Singapore) on January 12, 1997, at the Cathedral of Saint Luke the Evangelist in Hong Kong.

Metropolitan Nikitas, son of Constantine and Kalliope Lulias, was born on June 22, 1955 in Tampa, Florida where he was raised with his brother John. A member of Savant, the University of Florida Honor Society, he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts (Honors) degree from the University in 1976. He was listed in the Who's Who of American Colleges and Universities in 1975 and 1979. His Eminence attended the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology and received his Master of Divinity, with Honors, in 1980.

He was a Rotary International Graduate Scholar from 1980-1981 and A Graduate Scholar, Ministry of the Exterior, Greece, from 1981-1982. He pursued his graduate studies at the University of Thessaloniki, Greece until November 1982. He further studied the Russian language at the St. Petersburg Theological Seminary, in Russia from late 1992 to mid - 1993.

His Eminence Nikitas' first assignment upon ordination was Associate Pastor at SS Constantine and Helen Cathedral in Merrillville, Indiana. He remained at the Cathedral until 1987 at which time he became the chancellor of the Greek Orthodox Diocese of Chicago, Illinois. In 1994 he was appointed Director of Development for the International Orthodox Christian Charities and in July, 1995, he became Pastor of the St. Demetrios Orthodox Church of Chicago. Metropolitan Nikitas is currently the Director of The Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute in Berkeley, CA.

Dr. George Demacopoulos

Speaking on Tuesday, March 25 *“Orthodoxy and a Just War”*



Dr. George Demacopoulos received a Master of Theological Studies, with highest honors, at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in 1995 before enrolling at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he earned his Ph.D. in Religious Studies in 2002. Today, Dr. Demacopoulos is an assistant professor of Historical Theology at Fordham University, where he is the co-director of the Orthodoxy in America Lecture Series.

Dr. Demacopoulos' research and teaching interests are in the fields of Early Christian and Byzantine Church History. He specializes in the relationship between Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholics during the middle ages. He has published many scholarly articles on topics ranging from the fourth to the fifteenth century. His first book (which was published by the University of Notre Dame Press in 2006) is entitled *Five Models of Spiritual Direction in the Early Church* and explores the impact of monasticism on the practice of pastoral care in the Early Church.

James Skedros

Speaking Thursday, March 27 *“Orthodoxy and Heresy in Byzantium: Whatever Happened to the term ‘Catholic?’”*

James C. Skedros is the Michael G. and Anastasia Cantonis Professor of Byzantine Studies and Professor of Early Christianity at Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, MA, where from 1998 to 2002 he served as Acting Dean of Holy Cross. A graduate of Holy Cross, Dr. Skedros received his Th.D. from Harvard Divinity School in the History of Christianity, and also his MTS. From 1996 to 1998, he was Assistant Professor of Orthodox Studies at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California. He received his BA from the University of Utah.



His research areas include popular religious practices in Late Antiquity and Byzantium, history of the Byzantine church, Byzantine hagiography, pilgrimage, and Christian and Muslim relations. As a Fulbright Scholar, he has conducted field and archaeological research in Thessaloniki, Greece related to the veneration of St. Demetrios. He has served as co-chair for the Eastern Orthodox Studies Group of the American Academy of Religion as well as secretary for the Orthodox Theological Society in America. His publications include, “Festivals, Shrines, and the ‘Undistinguished Mob’ ” in *Byzantine Christianity, A People's History of Christianity* (2006) “The Heroikos and Popular Christianity in the Third Century,” in *Philostratus's Heroikos: Religion and Cultural Identity in the Third Century C.E.* (2004), “The Cappadocian Fathers on the Veneration of the Martyrs” in *Studia Patristica* (2001), and *St. Demetrios of Thessaloniki: Civic Patron and Divine Protector* (1999).



Godparents Luncheon

One of the things that makes Holy Apostles special is the annual Godparents Luncheon. Above, Anthony Crouthamel tells what his godparents mean to him. At right, Peter Poteres, Michael Cotsilis and Phil Chiganos prepare the lunch.



During lunch, Spiro Pavlou tells about his godparents.

In more hectic kitchen action, Melodee Ruffo, above left, gets more spanakopita ready. At right, the guys in the kitchen take a break. They are, left to right, Peter Poteres, Michael Cotsilis, Nick Kirkeles, and Phil Chiganos.



Fr. Nicholas from P.2

We must persevere to be refinished

were excluded from society.

Maybe some of us feel this way. We feel lonely and isolated from people. They were so embarrassed that they cried to Christ "from a distance". These lepers desperately cried out, "Lord have mercy on us." Christ healed them! The tragedy is that only one leper returned to thank God. So, the first step in being remade is offering thanks to God. "In everything, give thanks." (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

The next step is having desire for God. Zacchaeus Sunday followed next. The Scriptures tell us that he was a wealthy tax collector. Jesus was passing through town. Zacchaeus wanted to see Him but was too short, so he climbed up into a sycamore tree. He had a great desire to see Christ. Zacchaeus' life was radically changed. The change started with a desire to see and experience Christ.

Next, we celebrated the Sunday of the Five Talents. A man gave five talents of money to one servant, two to the other and one to the last. The first two invested the talents and doubled their money. The last servant buried and hid his master's money. The master was pleased with the first two servants and outraged at the last. He demanded that the one talent be taken from him and given to the ser-

vant with ten talents. The passage concludes: "Throw that worthless servant outside into the darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." This shows us that God gives us all talents. We will be judged on how we utilize these talents. People will be rewarded for their efforts and punished for their laziness. So, to be refinished in Christ, making an investment in time and effort is another step. It does not happen on its own.

Apart from offering thankfulness, having a desire to grow closer to Christ and making a determined effort, we must be persevering to be refinished. The Canaanite woman kept continually crying out to God. She said, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David." She was turned away but persisted: "Lord, help me." Again, another roadblock and the woman continued to cry out to God. Finally, this woman's daughter was healed. She persevered.

If we follow these four steps, outlined by the Gospels leading up to Lent, we will be spiritually transformed. Just like our floor refinishing, it will take work, persistence and determination. May God have mercy on us as we struggle this Lenten season to undergo our spiritual makeover.

Attend Ionian Village

Registration forms for this summer are now available. Participants will enjoy a three-week stay at our camp facility on the Ionian Coast, participate in our Christ-centered camp program, and make excursions to some of Greece's most beautiful and significant religious and cultural sites. Both sessions will be open for campers in 8th-12th grade. Session I will be held from June 27-July 17, and Session II will be July 26-August 14. An early bird discount is available for those who register by March 7th. Please visit www.ionianvillage.org.

Winter Camp

God's Way or My Way is the theme for this year's Winter Camp. The gathering will be held from March 7- 9 at the Conference Point Retreat Center in Williams Bay, Wisconsin.

The camp is open to 6th-12th graders. Information is available in the church office or at www.gochicagoyouth.goarch.org.

Orthodox Children's Radio Program

Under the Grapevine is a podcast on Ancient Faith radio presented by Dr. Chrissi Hart. Each week, she reads from Orthodox and classic Christian children's literature. It is broadcast on Thursday 6pm, and Saturday 8am and 6pm. on www.ancientfaithradio.com and is available to download as a podcast at anytime for free.

The HARC CORNER

On Pascha Melitos of Sardis

By Alstair Stewart Sykes

Melitos of Sardis was a Quartodeciman, a group of early Christians who maintained the tradition derived from Judaism and observed Pascha on the same occasion as the Jews observed Passover.

He lived between the 1st and 2nd centuries and was Jewish by birth. He later embraced Christianity and cut himself off from his family.

The book contains translations of Melitos' works as he gives insight and understanding to the earliest Paschal liturgies. It is a unique collection and is ideal for classrooms as well as for the general reader.

Softbound, \$11.00

My Forty Day Blessing Book

By Christine Kyracou
Illustrated by Bonnie Gillis

Designed to be presented to parents at the 40-day blessing of their infant, this attractive book tells the story of how Jesus was also brought to the Temple for blessing forty days after his birth. The story links the present blessing with that of Jesus in a simple and beautifully illustrated way.

Softbound, \$8.00

Birthday Blessings

By Dandi Daley Mackall
Illustrated by Elena Kucharik

This fourth board book in the best-selling Little Blessings line is full of rhythm and rhyme. Plus, every page turn brings you a colorful splash of contemporary illustrations by Care Bears artist Elena Kucharik.

Get ready to lift someone special onto your lap. Birthday or no birthday, with this book, you will make a friend and a memory!

Hardbound, \$7.00

The new version of The Orthodox Study Bible, which includes the Old Testament is now available for \$50.00.

Also available are Lenten service, prayer, and cookbooks.

March Registry

Wedding
Emma Cazabonne & John Michet
Sponsor: Presvytera Michelle Georgiou

Baptisms
Alexandra, daughter of
Pamela & Alexander Vandiver
Sponsor: Alexa Chmura

Ellie, daughter of
Julie & Danny Stratis
Sponsor: Danita Stratis

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Weekday Services

Saturdays of Souls

Saturday, March 1
Saturday, March 8
Saturday, March 15
8:00am Orthros
9:00am Divine Liturgy

Holy Unction

Monday, March 10
6:00pm

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

Wednesday, March 12
Wednesday, March 19
Wednesday, March 26
6:00pm

Weekday Services

Vespers

Saturday, March 15
5:00pm

Heretismi

Friday, March 14
Friday, March 21
Friday, March 28
7:00pm

Great Compline

Monday, March 17
Monday, March 24
Tuesday, March 25
Thursday, March 27
Monday, March 31
6:30pm

January & February Memorials

Panayiota Vlangos
Gus Vlangos
Gus Psychogios
Agaristi Papazickos
Mary Ramos
Georgia Spiropoulos
Vasiliki Spiropoulos
George Spiropoulos
George Roussos
Sam Poulos
Demetra Kleros
Peter Giannopoulos
Nicoletta Sahlas
Constantine Kasson
Athena Arvanis
Spiro Pettas
Adrian Pettas
James McKay

Funerals

Penelope Leider
Harry Pappas

Complete Your Survey

Please complete the Demographic Form which was mailed to all stewards, and return it to the church office as soon as possible.

Mosaic Deadline

The deadline for the April Mosaic is Tuesday, March 4. Please make every effort to meet this deadline.

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