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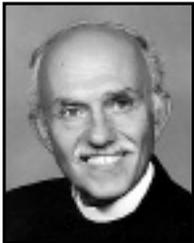
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## From Father Bill



## If Only...

A man who walked across the continent was greeted by a group of reporters. One of the questions put to him was this: "What was it that bothered you the most upon this walk?" The reporters expected he would say it was the Rocky Mountains, the desert or the crowded city. The athlete, however, replied that the greatest obstacle he suffered was the pebble in his shoe.

Having read this story one afternoon, I began to recall the history of our church. Fifty years may not seem a long time for some, but for me, it is not merely the amount of time. It is the people, the faces, activities and events that have characterized these years and left their indelible mark upon me. Among countless thoughts, I focused on the word "If." It is a little word, but it has and continues to have an impact on our lives.

"If" is the biggest little word in Scriptures. From the opening sentences of Genesis to the closing verses of the New Testament "if" plays an important, even decisive role in divine human affairs. If Adam and Eve obeyed God they could live in Eden. If they sinned, they would be expelled. The closing words in the Book of Revelation are "If anyone adds to or takes away from the words of Scripture, there will be consequences."

Between these "if" bookends are over 1500 sentences in Scripture that begin with that conditional conjunction. "If my people...humble themselves...then I will forgive their sin and heal their land." "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem..." "If you be the Son of God..." "If the salt has lost its saltiness..." You are my friends if you do what I command you." "If we walk in the light..." "If we love one another...

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Sister Magdalen addresses Family Synaxis members at St. John the Baptist Church.

## Metropolis Family Synaxis celebrates 10 years

By Vanessa V. Clohessy

For the past 10 years, families and married couples have gathered together for a retreat over Labor Day weekend to enrich their spiritual lives. "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15) was the theme for the year's retreat. St. John the Baptist in Des Plaines hosted 63 families for the two and one-half day event.

Sister Magdalen from the Monastery of St. John the Baptist in Essex, England was the keynote speaker. She gave four presentations during the weekend. On Friday evening her topic was "Seek First the Kingdom of Heaven," where she reminded the attendees that anxiety is destructive. "Anxiety should be turned into prayer and it will profit the children [in the family]. Keep it as anxiety and it is poison in the house and the children will run from it," said Sr. Magdalen.

On Saturday, following the Akathist to the Mother of God Nurturer of Children, Sr. Magdalen spoke on "The Home as a Micro-Church." She encouraged couples to pray as individuals, as a couple and as a family; and to encourage their children to pray alone. She

also advised, "Err on the side of too short rather than too long. It is better if you stop prayer time early, leaving the children wanting more." She also encouraged parents not to use God as a policeman or to mention God when the child has engaged in bad behavior. "Teach them to turn to God for help and teach them that He forgives so children do not grow to dread God," she said.

Sr. Magdalen also advised parents to be unified and to back one another up, especially in front of the children. She said, "Parents should be on the same side of the table facing a problem together."

In Sr. Magdalen's third presentation, she discussed "The Child as a Person." She advised parents to "treat the heart of each child as sacred" and to "be careful when their hearts are attached to something." She also encouraged parents not to ask how they can get their children to stop an unwanted behavior, but instead to ask themselves, "How can I express myself so as to not make my child fear to show his identity?"

In relating with their children, Sr.

...See Family Synaxis on P. 4

From Father Nicholas



## Becoming a worshipper and worker

St. Iakovos, who wrote the Epistle of James, will be remembered on October 23. He wrote the well-known phrase, "Faith without works is dead," in this five-book sermon. In other words, if we have faith and love God, our lives and actions will reflect that as we serve Him. What if we reversed that verse? Is works without faith dead?

Data was collected from over 20,000 Christians in 139 countries between the ages of 15 and 88. The Obstacles to Growth Survey found more than 4 in 10 Christians around the world say they often or always rush from task to task. About 6 in 10 Christians say it's often or always true that the busyness of life gets in the way of developing their relationship with the Lord.

Busyness is the curse of our age. Our lives are filled with the demands of home life, work, and serving and volunteering. These are noble and good things but can affect our spiritual lives and relationship with God. Some of us are too busy to come to church consistently, to find time for prayer at home, or to read God's personal letter to us, the Bible. We're too busy to prepare for and receive spiritual food, Holy Communion. Or, we may be too busy to thank God for His blessings. Could we possibly be too busy to hear God?

We see an example of a very busy woman in the Gospel of Luke, which is read on the feast days of the Theotokos. When Jesus entered her village, Martha received and welcomed Him into her house. Hospitality or opening our homes to people outside of our family (filoxenia) is a wonderful virtue and act of Christian love that Martha offered. Serving is an integral part of our faith, demonstrating our love and dedication to the Lord. While Martha's sister, Mary, loved the Lord just as much as Martha, she simply sat at the Lord's feet and listened to His teaching. Martha got upset with what she perceived as Mary's lack of action. She demanded, "Lord don't you care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her to help me!" Even though she was serving God, Martha was upset because her sister did not appear to be doing anything.

Who would you rather be: Martha or Mary? The Gospel tells us: "Mary has chosen the good portion – and it shall not be taken away from her." One of the Church Fathers commented: "Martha did a very holy service.

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# Gavel to Gavel



BY GEORGE CHECHOPOULOS, SECRETARY

Parish Council Meeting of August, 20.

### Stewardship

✦ As of July 31, the church received 726 pledges, down 30 pledges for the same period last year, totaling \$636,793.67 (down ~\$2,472.26) for an average pledge of \$877.13. Amount paid for July 31 was \$45,993. There were no June stewardship numbers to report.

### 50th Anniversary

✦ Nick Kirkeles stated that committee meetings were held on July 20 and August 18 and that everything is progressing well. The focus of the committee will be the invitations which will be stuffed on September 1. Special events for the last half of the year have also been planned.

### Meditation

✦ Now that the new Ecclesiastical Year has begun, we need to start thinking about the worshiping aspect revolving around this New Year, called Othopraxia. We are called to live out Orthopraxia, our orthodox faith in actions of mercy and compassion towards our fellow human beings. We need to focus on the new Ecclesiastical Year with worship, opportunities, honesty, and integrity.

### Building & Grounds

✦ George Alex and Jim Fotopoulos stated that the schoolroom chalkboard resurfacing has been completed in the upper and lower classrooms. Various other projects are being worked on or have been completed.

✦ Countryside LaGrange Lock Company, who has installed the locks at the church, gave us a bid on installing an automatic handicap door opener at the north entrance of the church. The committee will get another bid for the project at the request of the Council.

✦ The evening of the church's nameday, we had an issue with our sewer. Comcast ran a line and broke our sewer in 3 places that evening. Work on the sewer was done in 3 phases. Nick Kirkeles spoke with the Comcast Regional Representative who told us to send our receipts and information to the Comcast Claim Department. The city of Westchester was called to put in a shutoff valve to the church from Wellington Ave.

✦ Two bids were received for the sealcoating of the parking lots. The committee will wait until next June to do the project as it will be a little over a year since they were last done.

### Technical Committee

✦ Paul Kallis reported that phase one of the sound system work was completed with the installation of new wiring for \$1,300. Phase 2 is to purchase new equipment and have it rewired. The committee is waiting for a revised proposal. The components will be consolidated and simplified in one cabinet in the multi-purpose room. A training session on the sound system will be held with an authorized representative from each of our organizations. Training dates are to be determined at a later time.

✦ The cost of a new organ, bench and delivery is \$28,800. There will be additional costs incurred for electrical work, new/enhanced supports and a custom stain. Nick Kirkeles made a motion to purchase the 658C organ, including the staining and electrical upgrade not to exceed \$35,000. The motion was approved unanimously. We are on schedule for the installation of the new organ the first week of September. Our old organ will be donated and installed at a sister parish.

### Old Business

✦ The Financial Committee met as part of their mid-year review.

### New Business

✦ Nick Kirkeles mentioned that the basketball team will require new uniforms for this year's season. There will be the creation of a girls' dance/cheerleading squad. They will be holding a fundraiser in the future to help offset the cost of their new uniforms.

✦ Chrisy Banakis asked the Buildings & Grounds Committee to investigate the dim lighting in the infant cry room.

### Correspondence

✦ The family of Art Nicholas acknowledged and thanked Holy Apostles for the flowers sent for the falling asleep of Art Nicholas.

### Ways & Means

✦ 98 total golfers attended the golf outing, but there were 25 no-shows from the registration list. We lost all 4 corporate sponsors for this year's outing. We had a new record for sales of our raffle.

✦ Peter Poteres stated that Jim Kapolas will head up a search for an employee benefits program and will come back with an analysis.

# Registry

## Baptisms

Zachary, Son of  
Olympia & John Ruppe  
Sponsor: Joanna Wittmer

Aleksander, Son of  
Tiffany & Theodore Pappas  
Sponsors: Alicia & Evan Magas

James, Son of  
Diana & George Toscas  
Sponsors: Peter Karlis & Gina Gialamas

Konstantinos, Son of  
Jamie & George Reveliotis  
Sponsor: Paul Maheras

Gavin Paul, Son of  
Rebecca & Ryan Gundersen  
Sponsor: Detra Torres

## Wedding

Joanna Karr & Jordan Farris  
Sponsor: Deanna Pihos



## Seniors Lunch Fun

Above, Mike Hamalis, Peter Sigalos, and Charles Abbate enjoy the seniors Bible Study luncheon, as do Delma Koutsis, Koula Vlahos, Christine Tseunis, and Irene Messerges, left.

Photos by Peter Bell

## Fall Philoptochos Events

### Fashion Show

Reserve your seats for Philoptochos' annual luncheon fashion show that will be held at the newly-remodeled Carlisle in Lombard on October 17. Reservations will be accepted through October 11 by contacting Anthoula Pomrening at (708) 588-0258. The theme is *A SCENTimental Journey*, Celebrating 50 Years. Proceeds will benefit Child's Voice, a non-public oral deaf school for hearing impaired children, and the Father William S. Chiganos Scholarship Fund for the Holy Cross School of Theology in MA. Don't miss out on this exciting event!

### New and Gently Used Fall and Winter Women's Career Clothing Needed

Philoptochos will hold a clothing drive from November 1-11 for Poised for Success, a non-profit organization that provides career clothing to women who cannot afford appropriate clothes for a job interview. The women are provided two interview outfits and once they secure a job, they are provided three more so they will have a week's worth of clothing. Some of these women can barely afford the basic necessities of life. Just think, the suit or slacks hanging in your closet could lead to a new life for a struggling woman and her family! We would greatly appreciate if you could take a peek at your closets and bring any donations to the multi-purpose room any day of the week during the above noted time. Thank you in advance for helping ease the lives of others in need.

## Philoptochos launches new program

We are excited to announce the launching of our new program, Pillars & Rocks, which will target the older adult population within the Holy Apostles church community as well as our surrounding geographical community. It is our belief that the older adult population is often overlooked or ignored within our society. We are partnering with other organizations (Sunday School, GOYA, etc.) for our

planned projects throughout the year. At this time we are trying to identify our seniors with transportation needs to/from church services, seniors who may need some assistance with autumn yard clean-up, and seniors confined to home or residence facilities that may enjoy visits from Philoptochos members. Call Faye Adams, 630-871-6059, for further information.

### Fr. Nicholas from P. 2

## Too busy and preoccupied to listen?

Mary, however, was intent on the spiritual teaching of Jesus and stayed by His feet, which she kissed and anointed with the oil of her good faith. Martha's role can be taken from her once Jesus' body is gone. Mary's zeal can never end."

Are we hearing the Lord's voice like Mary? Or, are we too busy and preoccupied? We can be distracted even when we serve the Lord. If we have not stopped listening for the Lord, there is hope. Will we respond as Martha did? After Jesus brought Martha and Mary's brother, Lazarus, back to life, Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in

Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" Martha said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world." She overcame her distractions and learned to balance service and solitude.

Are we serving the Lord more out of habit than love? We are challenged to be both worshippers (hearing the Lord) and workers. The Lord wants us to worship like Mary and work like Martha. If we are not careful to take time to spend with Christ, both privately and publicly, we can be too busy and out of contact with Him. The Gospel concludes: "Blessed are those who hear the word of the Lord and keep it."

# GOYANS Make cars shine

Members of GOYA take a break from washing cars September 12. Reports are, it was a big success.



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## Parents learn connection before correction

Magdalen said, “[Parents] need to not have time ‘for’ something; [they] just need to have time.”

In one of her most powerful statements, Sr. Magdalen said, “The prayer of the parent for the child is so strong because the parent and the child are ontologically linked.”

The most striking aspect of Sr. Magdalen’s presentations was the deep love with which she spoke.

“Listening to Sister Magdalen gave me a sense that connecting to my children and keeping in mind that they are as persons helps me stay on the right path,” said Sophia Forero. “She gave practical advice for being an Orthodox parent: for example disciplining with humility and peace, not passion. We also learned ‘connection before correction,’” she said.

During Sr. Magdalen’s presentations, more than 160 children from age three through 12th grade attended age appropriate workshops where they learned about, discussed, created art projects and participated in plays on such topics as “God Time,” “My Family and the Saints,” and “Wants and Treasures.” There was child care for children under three.

“I learned about St. Sophia and her three daughters and we made a lantern,” said Jenna Magas (first grade). Her brother Nicholas (third grade) added, “I was in a play about Joachim and Anna; I was Joachim.” Both children expressed how much they enjoyed the retreat.

High school and middle school students also met with Sr. Magdalen to discuss teen

issues and ask questions from, “what about make-up” to “do you eat ice cream.” High-schoolers also participated in an outreach activity, by visiting with the elderly at the Greek American Nursing Home in Wheeling.

Following dinner and Vespers on Saturday evening, Dr. Perry Hamalis led the “Family Sunday Gospel” workshop, where he discussed the church in the home on Saturday evenings. Hamalis provided practical tips for preparing for Sunday Liturgy on Saturday.

“The main point is to spend time together, face to face, in a spirit of love and prayer,” Hamalis advised. He said, “Be flexible about the specifics, but stick to the ritual as much as possible.”

Following Liturgy and brunch on Sunday, Sr. Magdalen spoke about St. Silouan the Athonite as a model for all. St. Silouan was the spiritual father to Elder Sophrony, who was the founder and spiritual father to the monks and nuns at St. John the Baptist Monastery until his repose in 1993.

On Sunday afternoon the families made blankets for Project Mexico, a mission program organized by the Orthodox Christian Mission Center. And the retreat ended with dinner at the Holy Trinity/Hellenic American Academy Festival in Deerfield.

Sr. Magdalen has written two books: “Children in the Church Today” and “Conversations with Children: Communicating our Faith.” Both are available in HARC.

Seven families from Holy Apostles attended the retreat. Families came from nearly all

the churches in the Chicago Metropolis, as far away as Cincinnati and from other Orthodox jurisdictions. “The planning committee is so impressed and pleased with the ever-increasing number of families who participate from year to year,” said Toni Milak, who assisted with registration.

The Metropolis Family Synaxis began its ministry in 2001. The mission of the Family Synaxis is “The Church in the Home.”



### Greek School year begins

Father Bill blesses Greek School children in Church. Then, he and Father Nicholas spoke to the children in their classroom.



Dr. Ted Christou poses with members of the medical mission team in Uganda

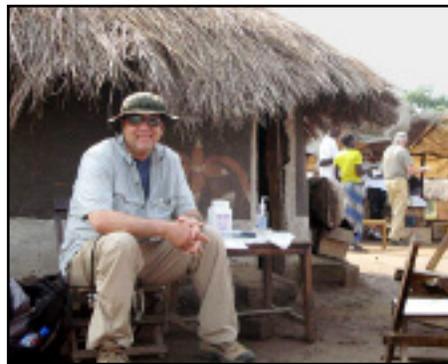
## Ted Christou treats patients on African mission trip

By Dr. Ted Christou

It began simply enough. I received an email from the Orthodox Christian Mission Center in Jacksonville ([www.OCMC.org](http://www.OCMC.org)) about needing a doctor for a summer medical mission to Uganda. Who would have thought that I would be struck by similarities between Ugandans and Greeks while working in Africa? Greece and Uganda both endured conflicts between kindred, political upheaval, which included military dictatorships, and atrocities against their citizens by outsiders. With about 20 percent farmable land and 8 percent permanent crops, both countries have essentially two seasons, wet and dry. They are both over 80 percent Christian, and names such as Constantine or Helen, are not unusual in either country. Still I was surprised when the first words I heard from our Ugandan host were in perfect Greek. Father Nicholas Bayego received his Doctorate in Thessalonica, and it was clear that, although his tribe was from western Uganda, his laid-back approach to life and gregarious demeanor, were familiar Hellenic traits. The differences between the two countries are dramatic. There are three times more Ugandans than Greeks, and the disparity in life expectancy is 51 years for Ugandans, 80 years for Greeks. Further, the Greeks have a long written history of their ancient culture; no written Sub-Saharan

African records exist before the 1800's.

There are 250,000 Orthodox in Uganda and many do not go to church. As the sun rose to greet us during Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas Church in a suburb of Kampala, I was transported in thought to my old south-side parish of St. Nicholas at 60th and Peoria. (maybe it had something to do with my anti-malaria medication). The church building is long departed, but the resemblance was striking as I gazed at an identical icon of John the



A moment of rest for Dr. Christou.

Baptist on the iconostasis. Even with African-style harmony, the Orthodox hymn was easily identifiable. I remembered walking to Homer Greek School through the African-American Chicago neighborhood wondering if there were non-Greek Orthodox. I didn't know the

Eastern Church in Africa was established while Nero still ruled. This patriarchate, during the third and fourth centuries, served as the base for missionaries and cultural exchange extending Orthodoxy well into Asia. I looked around: parishioners were overflowing out the doors, women in traditional African garb, children in school uniforms, an old man who wobbled with every step. In this sacred place, the only curious aspects of this liturgy were the ten "Buzungu" (whites).

I found my patients in Gulu similar to those I treat at home. Some were afraid they might have something more serious than intestinal parasites. Some voiced concern about medication side effects while others insisted they should be given a prescription for a simple cold. I experienced *deja vu* when one of our students, a math major serving as a pharmacy tech, employed his skill in root-finding algorithms by asking me to clarify the penmanship on my prescription. Soon after, an infant seizing from a case of severe malaria was treated using only the most rudimentary supplies, then transported to the hospital by the local priest and one of our doctors. Just another day in the bush as the priest's robes flapped in the wind, the three of them riding away on a motorcycle leaving a trail of fine red dirt suspended in the dry sub Saharan air

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Fr. Bill from P. 1

## Reflecting on the walk of life

er..." There are hundreds more verses listed in the Concordance. These examples show how salvation hinges on that tiny word.

Life pretty much swings on that little word "if." Success or failure hinges on it. Games are won or lost depending on if a tackle is made or missed. If the batter gets a base hit or strikes out, if the ball goes through the basket or bounces away. I shall never forget coming across a grave marker with the word "If" etched on a marble stone. What an unusual way to be remembered. There may be as many conclusions as to why such an inscription is there as there are passersby. "If" they only listened." "If they believed me."

Then there are the "if only's" that confront so many of us. We lose sleep and tyrannize over what might have been. If only I were young again. If only I had more money. If only I were smarter. If only we knew then, what we know now. If only I had devoted more attention to insurance to safeguard my family. If only.

"If" is also the word that we use to confront God. In our arrogance, we say to God, "If you get me out of this foxhole, I'll dedicate my life to you." "If you heal my father, I will go to church every Sunday." "If you make my business prosper, I will tithe." It seems we find ourselves making these promises to God and bargaining with Him, using the little big word "If". This is especially obvious when visiting shrines, where icons are festooned with many

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## Mission team and Africans share much

on the way to Gulu. Our medical team of 4 doctors, 1 nurse practitioner, 3 RNs and 2 college students came together as we transitioned from western medicine to a place where the average income is \$350 per year and only 10% of the population have electricity.

Through encounters with patients and parishioners, what felt comfortable and familiar, besides the fact that "Greek time" and "Ugandan time" are closely synchronized, were the people's hospitality to the "xenos" (outsider). The local priest was our liaison when we arrived in a village. People would open their huts and scrounge for the furniture we needed. Every small table, no matter how old or rickety, was delivered with a Yia-yia hand-crocheted or embroidered tablecloth. Food, always served late and abundantly, included a variety of starchy local fare scooped from large steel pots: rice, sweet potatoes, fried or boiled Irish potatoes, and for protein; beans, fish, goat, or mystery stew - liver/tripe/intestines - perhaps African Mageritsa? As I watched the Ugandans break

silver and gold items..

It doesn't work that way. We don't make the deals, we can only accept or reject them. God says: "If we endure, we shall reign with Christ. If we have died with him, we shall also live with him..." The if is ours.

During the course of our church's 50 years on several occasions we encountered the "what ifs". By God's grace, an indomitable faith, and perseverance in our commitment, we were able to continue to grow and prosper in God's name. Yet, there were several times when Satan attempted to whisper "what ifs" in order to impede our progress, but failed.

History is full of "ifs." Some trivial thing has more than once turned the tide of events. What if Napoleon had won the Battle of Waterloo? What if Britain had not cracked the code of the Axis powers in World War II? What if...?

I believe it is important for us to focus on all that we have become. The what ifs that might have been for this parish were swiftly cancelled by the dynamic presence of God's grace and Spirit. We may question how our goals are realized, when at times all things seem to oppose our efforts. Let us not focus on the "if" but rather "the things which are impossible with men are possible with God." Live each day with confidence and complete our task stating the words of scripture: "Lord willing."

into dance and song or listened to an unsolicited opinion on the government, or preserving family integrity and tradition, I might as well have been in Kalamata. As a foreigner in a familiar place, I thought about something my interpreter had said when I asked him about working in Northern Uganda. "When you are not in your hometown, people try to make you feel inferior," he asserted. That may be true in a lot of places but not in this village of Koro. I recall Father Nick drinking a frappe and discussing the problems of the world while waiting in the shade for us to wrap up our makeshift clinic near the equator. Africa, North America, Kampala, Chicago; in the eyes of God, we are viewed the same. Our team treated more than 3,500 people and filled more than 21,000 prescriptions. We ran low on money for medication, worked in disadvantaged communities, and never had hot water. Yet, with the help of God we adapted and our spirits remained high. Praise be to God.

## The HARC CORNER

### Close to Home

#### One Orthodox mother's quest for patience and perseverance

By Molly Sabourin

*Close to Home* is a beautiful and inspiring story of how and why a young bride and then wife and mother and her husband converted to Orthodox Christianity at the time of their marriage.

Sabourin tells how the strength she and her family derived from this faith enabled them to face and survive the many stresses and strains of raising four children, especially in today's world.

This is a story of a young mother who in her own words "longed for just a quiet moment to finish a thought or utter a prayer or who has ever despaired of perfecting herself in time to become a good example for her children."

The text asks, is it possible to flourish and grow in your faith while changing diapers and carpooling. *Close to Home* shows that the answer is yes!

Not only is this book a marvelous help for new brides and young mothers, it provides great insights for fathers who want to live with their wives in an understanding and mutually loving way.

Softbound, \$16.00

### Living Waters for a Parched Land Refreshing reflections on the Psalms for Orthodox Christians

By Colette D. Jonopulos

Regular readers of scripture love the Psalms. Their advice and encouragement in poetic form give assurance to weary hearts. The Psalms and their wisdom can help us hold tight to the truth while the world around us changes.

The Psalms are revered within the Orthodox tradition. We use them to praise God. We lift them to heaven in song, offering them back up to God. They speak to us in our daily, weekly, monthly and festal cycles. As we enter the 21st century, we can indeed identify with David and to other psalmists when we cry to God to shield us from our enemies.

The author reminds us that the Psalms are songs of praise to God, the Church and its people. As we discover the timeless beauty of the gift the Lord has offered us, we are blessed by His holy Word.

Softbound, \$13.00

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

**A lesson life can teach you**  
 Everything can change in the blink of an eye,  
 but don't worry, God never blinks.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>8:00am Orthros</b> <b>9:15am Awaken To God</b> <b>9:30am Divine Liturgy</b> Fellowship Hour	5:30pm The Way	10:00am TOTIS 4:30pm Greek School	1:00pm Adult Christian Fellowship And Study Group Catechism 7:00pm Jr. GOYA Meeting 7:15pm Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	4:30pm Greek School Parea Pizza & Membership Night	4:30pm Adventure Theater	4:00pm Altar Boys' Meeting <b>5:00pm Vespers</b>
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## Memorials

*Sophie Petrakos  
Maria Anestos  
Phillip Anestos  
Effie Fikaris  
Nicholas Fikaris  
Nicholas Fikaris  
George Demes  
Harold Vakos  
Helen Bernardi  
Sylvia Chicouris  
Evelyn Funteas  
James Funteas  
Helen Galway  
Norman Galway  
Peter Geots  
Sam Gordon  
Angie Hendrickson  
Earl Hendrickson  
Demo Katsafanis  
George Josiara  
James Lekas  
Janes Maharis  
Elaine Maniatis*

## Memorials

*George Maduros  
Harold Melakis  
Virgina Plattos  
Annette Regos  
Sophia Stefanos  
Betty Tomaras  
Harold Vakos*

## Anniversary Choir Concert

The Holy Apostles Choir is planning a concert Sunday, October 11 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Holy Apostles.

With the help of the Sunday School and Youth Choir, and Greek School, a musical performance in the multipurpose room will follow The Divine Liturgy for your entertainment.

## Weekday Services

### Vespers

Saturday, October 10  
Saturday, October 24  
5:00pm

### Feast Day of St. Demetrios

Monday, October 26  
8:00am Orthros  
9:00am Divine Liturgy

## Stewardship

Please fulfill your 2009 pledge now.  
November is stewardship month.

## Mosaic Deadline

The deadline for the November Mosaic is Tuesday, October 6.

## Funerals

*None*

Postmaster: Please deliver by the 5th of October

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