

The Vineyard

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

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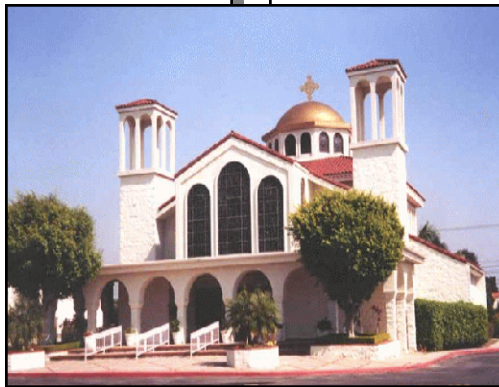
THE WORTH OF EVERY HUMAN BEING

In a world where power and wealth are the overriding quest of most, there are far too many people who are struggling to provide for themselves and their families with menial jobs. Thus the chasm between the have's and the have nots is increasing at a frightening pace.

In our every day struggles to do the best we can for self and family, we find ourselves separated from those who have been relegated to an inferior status. The usual critique is well known. They are lazy; they have inferior intellect, they are uneducated, they are happy where they are at and so forth.

In my recent lengthy hospitalization I was constantly and acutely aware of my dependence upon a large number of people, some professionals others with minimal skills. Without their combined service, I the patient could not have been brought back to health. The many doctors who attended, their assistants, the nurses and their assistants, the dieticians and those who served us our food, those who swept the floor, made the beds, and the strong muscular men who picked me up from the bed to the wheelchair. And let us not forget the physical therapists at home and away. I can go on and on. I express my gratitude to all of these and those I

failed to mention. But where would I be without the great support I received and continue to receive from three other precious souls; my dear and patient wife Helen and my two boys who would stay up all night for two months ministering to me, most of the time sleeping in a cot in my room shuffling from Yorba Linda and Sacramento to San Francisco and San Jose.



All this has humbled me greatly. It has made me aware that we are indebted to each other more than we can imagine. Whatever we may have attained through hard work we also owe to others. The anonymous many who do not get any of the credit are always the forgotten ones and are rarely recognized or rewarded. Yet, patiently they continue to serve us according to the demands

placed upon them..

Friends, as the followers of Christ we are called to treat each other with dignity, no matter our standing. We must not look down on people who are not as educated as we are or who work at jobs that we would never touch. Rather we should do all we can to make them feel their worth. Are they not worthy of our love, compassion and concern? These people perform the work that we feel is below our dignity. Consider the maids who pick up

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A MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF
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Orthros & Divine Liturgy.....9:00 A.M.

Memorials at Conclusion of Divine Liturgy
Fellowship in Church Hall Following Divine Liturgy

WEEKDAY/HOLY DAY SERVICES.....9:00 A.M.

Parish Programs

ADULT GREEK CLASS - Thursdays 5:30 & 7:00 P.M.

ALTAR BOYS - Each boy serves in the Altar once every four weeks.

BIBLE STUDY - Tuesdays 11:30 A.M.

CHILDREN'S GREEK CLASS - Tuesdays - 4:00 P.M.

CLASS FOR THOSE ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED - As scheduled.

CLASS ON THE ORTHODOX FAITH - Wednesdays - 7:00 P.M.

FOLK DANCE GROUPS - Rehearsals Monday - 4:00 P.M.

J.O.Y & H.O.P.E - To be Announced.

G.O.Y.A - To be Announced

Y.A.L - To be Announced

PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY - First Wednesday of the month - 7:00 P.M.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - September to June each year.

CHOIR - Thursdays 7:00 P.M.

ST. JOHN'S GOLDEN STARS - Meets informally.

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THE WORTH OF EVERY HUMAN BEING

our mess at the hotel room, or the ditch-diggers or the dish washers or the migrant farm workers. I can go on. Do we ever pray for them? Do we smile and offer a greeting when we confront them. And they are for the most part honest people. I remember one hotel maid who found a large sack full of diamonds in the room she was cleaning. While she could have kept them her sense of honesty caused her to go directly to the manager and turn the find to him.

Are we not all children of the one God created in His image and likeness? Without each others assistance there isn't much that we could achieve. Think about it and try to see the worth of our fellow men whom we are also called to serve instead of expecting them only to serve us. For no one can stand alone. The Church is a microcosm of society. We have members with all types of abilities. We owe much even to the least of these. There is a definite interdependence which unfortunately we rarely stop to consider. Let us learn to recognize our dependence on each other. It's the right thing to do!

OUR ASSISTANCE TO THE GREEK FIRE RELIEF

We thank those who have contributed to assist the Greek people who have suffered great losses due to the devastating recent fires. We invite those who may be considering making a donation to do so by sending their check payable to St. John's Greek Fire Relief or the Metropolis Greek Fire Relief Fund. To date over \$2300 has been donated.

OUR SENIOR CHOIR

Our Liturgy is greatly enhanced by the beautiful singing of the devoted men and women who are members of our Choir. Sunday after Sunday they give their best under the most capable and dedicated leadership of our Music Director, **Elsa Libowitz**. Support them and encourage them at every opportunity because their ministry is vital. And why not join the Choir? If you enjoy singing, you certainly will love to join the other members as they sing praises to God.

CONGRATULATIONS FATHER NICHOLAS

We congratulate **Fr. Nicholas** on his recent 7th Anniversary of his priestly ordination on September 24th. May the Lord bless him with many years of fruitful service in His sacred Vineyard.

ORTHODOX COLLEGE FELLOWSHIP

Many of our young adults attend Universities and Jr. Colleges in our area. (Chapman College, Cal State Fullerton, Fullerton College, Cypress Jr. College and other institutions near by) We are reaching out to these young members in hope that they will want to part of the Orthodox College Fellowship which is a movement with over 200 chapters across our country. This ministry has proven very beneficial to the students. All other faiths have similar ministries to serve their young members. (e.g. the Newman Club for the Roman Catholics) Please submit the names of any students to our office so that we may contact them.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER JAMES

Dear Members,

Now that we have entered a new Church year (September 1) and a new School year, I want to share with you some personal concerns in hope that we will all work together to serve the needs of our members, young and seniors.

I am concerned in great measure about the future of this parish. While we have many (God bless them with many years) who participate in the various ministries and programs of our beloved parish, there are also many who are apathetic to the Church's call to get involved. These dear members are always ready with different excuses for their non-involvement even poking fun at those who give of their time, talents and treasure. The end result is that they become convinced that the Church and its ministries are not all that important so why get involved. What other conclusion is there? Apathy is rampant and attitudes against the Church are on the increase. Every single Christian Church leadership sees the problem. And many are doing their best to "fight the good fight".

Our Church teaches us that we are the Body of Christ. Seen from this perspective, all those who have been baptized and chrismated in the Orthodox Church are a vital part of our Church. In fact, they are the Ecclesia, i.e. the Church. The Church is not the building but its members. Thus we need to understand that the Church is us. We have an important stake in our parish. For without us members there is no Church.

As members of the Church (and no one forces this membership on us) we must be ACTIVE members. We need to become involved together with our family. To refuse to participate does not honor us. It can even become a denial of Jesus Christ himself. Attendance at worship is paramount. We are called to GROW in Christ. Without participation in worship (latreia) we cannot grow and we remain stymied. Our Church through the sacraments leads us on the path to salvation.

I've wondered many times what would happen to our Church, our parish, if the membership continued to decrease. Look what has happened in Turkey. Hundreds of Churches have been shut down, and those few which remained open only a dozen or so attend the Liturgy.

I would like to ask those who are apathetic to our Church and its programs/ministries how would they feel if our parish of St. John were to start decreasing in membership and eventually be forced to close down. Unthinkable? It has happened. And it can happen to any parish where its members don't really care for the church and they don't work together to promote its well being.

I remember some years back in my former position I had a conversation with a man who although was in the area more than fifteen years, he never pledged anything in support of the church. When I confronted him with that he used the excuse that he was in this country temporarily. I then asked him how he would feel if on Great Friday when he would come to church, there was no church. He looked at me and with a very forlorn look said in Greek (aschima) that is, bad. And I continued, you would feel bad on two counts: 1) You would not be able to worship the dead Lord and receive the blessings of the Crucifixion but 2) you would feel like a man without an identity since there would be no gathering of fellow Greek Orthodox which served to make you realize you are part of a greater family.

“Let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God”

The Holy Gospel represents Christ. After the completion of the Great Synapte, following the reading of the characteristic prayer “Master Lord our God, You have appointed in Heaven orders and hosts of angels and archangels to minister to Your glory. As we make our entrance, let there also be an entrance of holy angels, serving with us and together glorifying Your goodness. For all honor and worship befit You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and to the ages of ages, Amen”



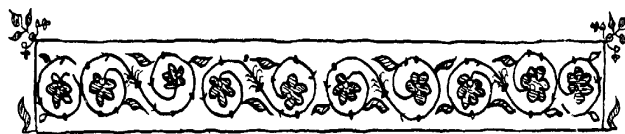
The Holy Gospel is taken out to the middle of the solea by the priest or deacon, and raised up high. The Hierarch or priest then blesses the entrance of the Holy Entrance with the words “Blessed is the Entrance of your Saints”. St. Maximos the Confessor explains it in this way: “After completing the Great Synapti, the first entrance generally represents the first appearance of Christ”. An older Father of the church, whose writings are cited by St Maximos, states that when a Hierarch is present during the small entrance, it is symbolic of “The Incarnate Word making its appearance in the world.”

As the Holy Gospel is taken to the middle of the solea, accompanied by lighted torches and the Cross, the Priest or Deacon proclaims the words “Sophia Orthoi” or “Wisdom! Arise!” Whatever occurs in the Temple is sealed with the sign of the Cross, whether it is at the beginning of the Divine Liturgy, where the sigh of the Cross is made over the Holy Alter Table, with the Holy Gospel, or when a prayer is recited over an individual by the Hierarch or Priest.

It should be the same in our lives. Our every action and endeavor should be proceeded by the making of the sigh of the Cross. Having entered the New Ecclesiastical Year (As of September 1st) let us make a firm commitment to “Commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God”

In His Service,

Fr. Nicholas



Fr. James' Greek Poem

Class on the Orthodox Faith

FALL 2007

This informative weekly class on the Orthodox Faith, for members and non-Orthodox is geared to making our Church teachings more understandable and thus more liveable.

In a recently concluded national survey (SWAT) conducted for our archdiocese, one of the greatest weakness among our faithful from young to adults is the basic lack of knowledge of our faith.

This year we are introducing topics which we have not presented at length in the past. We believe that those who attend these classes will benefit.

WEEKLY TOPIC SCHEDULE

October 3 THE SOLUTION BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE ECUMENICAL COUNCILS.

October 10 THE SEPARATION OF THE GREEK AND ROMAN CHURCHES. CAUSES AND EFFECTS. PRESENT DAY RELATIONSHIPS.

October 17 THE ORTHODOX CHURCH AND ISLAM.

October 24 THE ORTHODOX CHURCH AND CHURCHES OF THE REFORMATION. LUTHERANISM AND

CALVINISM

October 31 THE NEW PHENOMENON OF NON-DENOMINATION CHURCHES AND THE BIBLE ONLY CHURCHES.

November 7 THE TEACHINGS OF THE NEW CHRISTIAN CHURCHES AND THE DANGERS THEY POSE.

November 14 THE CHALLENGE WE ORTHODOX FACE FROM THOSE OF OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE LEFT US OR WHO DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE NOR DO THEY SUPPORT IN ANY MANNER THE CHURCH OF THEIR FATHERS

November 21 THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH: OUR MOTHER CHURCH. WHAT IS ITS ROLE?

November 28 THE ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA. DIVERSITY & UNITY



Parish Programs

FALL 2007

BIBLE STUDY

Held Tuesday Mornings
11:30AM-1PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Every Sunday through June.

CLASS ON THE ORTHODOX FAITH

Wednesday Evenings 7-8:30PM

GREEK FOLK DANCING MONDAYS

Training Group 4 - 5PM

Ta Pedakia 4 - 6PM

Mikri Levendia 5 - 7PM

Elliniki Omorfia 6 - 7:30PM

YOUTH ADULT LEAGUE ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

To Be Announced.

GREEK ORTHODOX YOUTH OF AMERICA

For all teenagers ages 12 - 18.
1st Sunday & 3rd Thursday of the Month

LITTLE ANGELS YOUTH PROGRAM

3rd Thursday of the Month

JUNIOR ORTHODOX YOUTH

3rd Sunday of the Month

H.O.P.E YOUTH PROGRAM

3rd Thursday, 4PM

PROSFORO MINISTRY

Bread for Holy Communion
Please consider making and offering the
prosfora on Sundays.
Contact: Joanne Kalogeropoulos

ACOLYTES

Young men ages 9 & up are invited to
participate in this sacred ministry. Each group
serves once every four weeks. Contact Fr.

PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY

Meets the first Wednesday of
every month at 7PM.

PRE-MARITAL CLASS

This is a diocese requirement for all persons
wishing to marry in the Church.

CHOIR (ADULT)

Practice is held Thursdays
7-9PM

All are invited to join and offer praise to God.

ST. JOHN'S GOLDEN STARS

For retired parishioners.
Meets informally as announced.

GREEK SCHOOL

Children - Tues. & Thurs. 4 - 7PM

Adults - Thursdays 5:30 - 8:30PM

Contact the office for schedules.

JR. CHOIR

Soon to be Announced by
Elsa Libowitz



PARTICIPATE IN OUR MINISTRIES

G.O.Y.A.

This youth ministry will meet **twice per month on the first Sunday and third Thursday.** We call upon parents of our teenagers to actively participate in this most worth-while ministry. In this age of unbelief where anti-Christian attitudes predominate our youth is most vulnerable to such attacks. Unless we awaken to these dangers we will lose our children. Let's work together, home and church, to stem the tide.

LITTLE ANGELS AND HOPE

These ministries are offered to those children ages 3 and 4 (Little Angels) and ages 5-7 (Hope) The first meeting will be held on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 at 4 p.m.** We invite parents to bring their children for this **once** per month youth ministry.

JOY

This programs is geared for those children between the ages of 8-11. This group will meet **once** per month on the **third SUNDAY following services.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Sunday School)

On the first day of our Sunday School classes, we began on a very positive note. Our attendance of 111 is the highest attendance mark we have had in over two years. We hope and pray that this continues and even increases for the benefit of our beloved children. Parents please see to it that your child(ren) participate in this most valuable ministry.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR ADULTS

We invite members and non-members to participate in our Adult Educational ministries. Our **Bible Class is held every Tuesday morning** (11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) We are studying St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, chptr. 2.

On **each Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m.** Fr. James offers a class on the Orthodox Church . The subjects covered are basic to our understanding of the Orthodox faith. We invite both members and non-members to attend this informative class.

OUR GREEK LANGUAGE SCHOOL

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PARTICIPATE IN OUR MINISTRIES

We invite our members to enroll their children (or themselves) in our Greek Language classes. Their children and they will benefit greatly. The class meets on Tuesday and Thursday. You may find enrollment forms in our office.

ALTAR BOYS

We call on those boys between the ages of 9 to 18 to serve in the Altar. We have several vacancies which need to be filled. Contact Fr. Nicholas if interested.

JR. CHOIR

The truly angelic voices of our Jr. Choir members add so much to the beauty of our Liturgy. We must encourage more of our young people to participate in this ministry. Singing the sublime hymns of our faith serves to elevate the minds and hearts of our young. Furthermore, they are the future of our Choir. Please, do your part dear parent to speak to the heart of your child about taking part in this most important ministry.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adults ages 18-35 are invited to an organizational meeting this coming TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 at 6:30 p.m. A light supper will be served before the meeting. PETE SOTIRAS, Youth Director of our Metropolis of San Francisco will be here to help us organize. This vital age group will benefit greatly by their participation in this ministry for young adults. We invite them to be present.

OCF (ORTHODOX COLLEGE FELLOWSHIP)

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Church Registry

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WEDDINGS

September 1, 2007

Spiro Kouradakis & Despina Tirantos

Sponsor: Tina Mantas

BAPTISMS

July 29, 2007

Maria Badounas

Proud Parents: Nicholas & Gerasimia Badounas

God Parent: Antonis Katsiyannis

August 12, 2007

Yani Shunda

Proud Parents: Van John & Ratanaporn Shunda

God Parents: Pete & Victoria Shery

August 26, 2007

Eleni Kort

Proud Parents: Daniel & Mary Kort

God Parents: Vasiliki Awadalla & Dimitri Kort

MEMORIALS

September 16, 2007

Eleni Bouni - 1 Year

Antonios Karnezis - 40 Days

+ *May their memory be eternal* +

PROSFORO SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

Sunday, October 7

Mrs. Anastasia Mandas

Sunday, October 14

Mrs. Voula Kitsigianis

Sunday, October 21

Mrs. Joanne Kalogeropoulos

Friday, October 26

Mrs. Katherine Glavas

Sunday, October 28

Mrs. Alexandra Margias

WANTED!!!

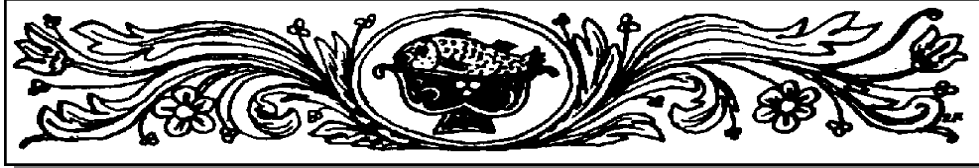
★ WOMEN WHO LOVE TO BAKE! ★

NOTE: If you are unable to bring the Prosforo on your designated date, please call Joanne Kalogeropoulos at (714) 991-8126, or (714) 848-1422. We are looking for additional volunteers to help in this vital and ongoing aspect of Orthodox Church life. If you like to bake, and are willing to offer the Prosforo for Communion, please call the church office at (714) 827-0181, or Joanne Kalogeropoulos.



Worship Services

OCTOBER 2007



OCTOBER

Sunday, October 7, 2007

3rd Sunday of Luke

Orthros & Divine Liturgy

9am

Sunday, October 14, 2007

Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Orthros & Divine Liturgy

9am

Sunday, October 21, 2007

6th Sunday of Luke

Orthros & Divine Liturgy

9am

Friday, October 26, 2007

Demetrios the Myrrhbearer & Great Martyr

9am

Sunday, October 28, 2007

7th Sunday of Luke

Orthros & Divine Liturgy

9am

Community Calendar

OCTOBER 2007



ATTENTION
COLLEGE
STUDENTS AND
PARENTS OF
COLLEGE
STUDENTS

We are currently in the process of establishing an Orthodox College Fellowship group (OCF) for Orthodox students in the local colleges and universities. This is the Orthodox ministry for college students. We ask that you send or fax to us, your name or that of your child's/children and the name of the institution that you or your child/children attend (Fax#, (714) 827-8143). We look forward to hearing from you, as we are excited to get this ministry underway!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

St. John's Annual Sunday School Picnic will be held on Sunday, October 7th directly following the Divine Liturgy at the Hall & Quad. Starting Sunday, October 7th, every first Sunday of the month, there will be a family service. After communion, the children will go to their classrooms.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 2007

October 2, 2007

Parish Council Meeting
7PM

October 3, 2007

Philoptochos Meeting
7PM

October 7, 2007

Sunday School Picnic

October 16, 2007

Parish Council Meeting
7PM

October 21, 2007

Choir Luncheon in honor of Fr. James

October 23, 2007

Greek School OXI Day Celebration

October 28, 2007

OXI Day

October 30, 2007

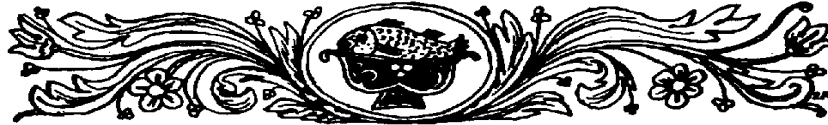
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St. John's Monthly Calendar

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ACOLYTES OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST 2007



TEAM 1	TEAM 2
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John Hourigan Pano Nikolaou Theodore Kapogiannis Stefan Malmlund Alexander Malmlund Antonio Georgkopoulos Carl Cantonis	George Alexopoulos Niko Begakis Argirios Alexopoulos Spiros Mantas Dimitri Dimopoulos Paul Stephens
October 7, 2007 November 4, 2007 December 2, 2007	October 14, 2007 November 11, 2007 December 9, 2007

- 1.) The Divine Liturgy begins promptly at 10:00 AM. Please be vested no later than 10:05 AM.
- 2.) Clothing preference is white (or light) shirt and tie with dark shoes. NO SNEAKERS PLEASE.

The Stewardship of St. John Koukouzelis

October 1



Christian Orthodox Stewardship is a practice that is often misunderstood and misused in the Church. Many think of Stewardship solely from a monetary perspective, as a means to financially support the sacred work of the Church. This is, of course, important, but Stewardship should not be limited to this - it is much more!

Christian Orthodox stewards are taught to give their Time, Talents, and Treasure to the glory of God. There are many opportunities in parish life that enable us to support the Lord's work. It is a sacred privilege for each of us to participate in the life of the Church. We pledge ourselves to the Lord so that our offerings may be faithful and obedient to His teachings and the Sacred Traditions of our Christian Orthodox Faith.

Among the many ways we can participate in our parish ministries is as a chanter, a reader, or member of the choir. We emulate the angelic choirs in heaven when we sing to the glory of God. There are also a number of saints whose example we follow by managing our Time and using our musical Talent to sing to the Lord. Among them are: St. Romanos the Melodist, St. John of Damascus, St. Andrew of Crete, Joseph the Hymnographer, and St. Kassiane. There is also another saint who is known for his love

for the music of our Church, a pious man who possessed a marvelous voice, and a steward of the Faith who gave his Time and Talent to the glory of God. Who was the person? St. John Koukouzelis!

As a young man, St. Koukouzelis was recognized for his musical talent. He was sent to the Conservatory of Music in Constantinople, where he became a popular singer for the Imperial Court. The success he enjoyed as an entertainer for the Emperor and his court should have given him every satisfaction, but John was not content with his life. He was concerned about the flattery and praise brought upon him for his musical talent and felt that his voice was not being used for its real purpose. John knew that the Emperor would never allow him to leave his position, so he fled to the Holy Mountain to search his soul and to pray to God for guidance. The Emperor became concerned about the disappearance of his favorite singer and offered a reward to anyone who could give him information about him.

At the Great Lavra Monastery, John did not reveal who he was or what position he had held in the Imperial Court. He simply wanted to be a shepherd and monk. While taking care of the flock, John would sing hymns to the Lord and to the Theotokos. One day, a couple of monks heard him singing with a voice so sweet and melodic that they thought that it was that of an angel. They moved quietly, hoping to see the vision of an angel but instead they saw John with his flock. The monks rushed back to the monastery and told the abbot what they had heard and seen. When John returned, he was summoned by the abbot who asked him why he was not willing to use his voice during the divine services. John explained his story to him, but the abbot assured him that the Emperor would understand and accept his desire to pursue the monastic life. The abbot instructed him to never hide the Talent that God had given him, but to use it to praise and glorify the His Almighty Name. From that moment on, John served as the lead chanter in the monastery. As the Akathist Hymn was being sung during Great Lent one year, John was exhausted and sat down and fell asleep near the icon of the Holy Mother of God and soon fell asleep. The Theotokos appeared to him and said: ***"Greetings, John! Sing, and don't stop singing; and for this, I will never leave you."*** She then placed a gold coin into his hand and disappeared. John woke up immediately, and in his hand was the gold coin.

The life of St. John Koukouzelis is an example of how important it is to manage our Time so that we may use our Talents properly. We have all been entrusted with blessings from God, and He desires that we put them to good use. Take a moment from your busy schedule and ask yourself: "Am I managing God's blessings as a good and faithful steward?" May St. John Koukouzelis intercede on your behalf and be an inspiration so that you use your Talents for the glory of God.

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Mrs. Arlene Agalos	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Blackwell	Mr. & Mrs. Chris Contes
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Akkerman	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Bogris	Mr. & Mrs. Dukas Contos
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Mr. & Mrs. George S. Mantas	Mr. & Mrs. Nick Panagakis	Mrs. Mary N. Riley
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Mr. Van Shunda
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Mr. & Mrs. Nikolas Siokos
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Siouris
Ms. Karen Sirus
Mr. Alexander Soles
Mr. & Mrs. Dean Soles
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Ms. Adamantia Sourvanos
Mrs. Bess Stavrakas
Mrs. Georgia Stavrakas
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Mr. & Mrs. George Zonos
Mr. & Mrs. A. Zounatiotis

PLEASE RESPOND

Thank You to all the members that have mailed in their 2007 pledge cards.

If you have not yet filled out a pledge card, please do so today.

As of
September 20, 2007
Total Pledges: 414
Goal: 600
To Go: 186
Total Pledged:
\$281,664.00
Budgeted Goal:
\$330,000.00
Amount left to reach Goal:
\$48,336.00

To both those who have and those who have not pledged, we earnestly and respectfully appeal to those who have fallen behind in fulfilling their commitment to the parish to act soon and before December.

A Thank You from GREEK STREET 2007

I want to take this opportunity to thank all those dear parish members who offered so much of their time, talent and treasure to make GREEK STREET 2007 a success. I also want to express my gratitude to Mike Gallanes and John Ohanian, who truly served as co-chairmen. Their hard work, assistance and knowledge were essential to our success.

This was my first year serving as chairman of GREEK STREET, and despite years of working in various booths at the Street Fair, I gained a new perspective this year. GREEK STREET 2007 was a success but also a tremendous challenge. As many of you know, we were not blessed with comfortable weather. Consequently, general attendance at the Orange International Street Fair was down by a meaningful amount from last year. Nevertheless, and perhaps even more importantly, many of our community members responded to our plea for volunteers. Lea Kiapos deserves credit for reaching out to the community and pulling in volunteers. For some it was the first time they had experienced GREEK STREET.

To accomplish an endeavor like GREEK STREET is no small task. It takes a great group of dedicated volunteers from the St. John's family to make GREEK STREET a success. Once again, the Pastries, Gyros, Loukoumades, Souvlakia and Calamari were DELICIOUS! But our parish volunteers were truly amazing. They worked hard this summer and especially during the long, hot Labor Day weekend to once again make GREEK STREET the ultimate destination at the Orange International Street Fair.

Visitors to the Street Fair anxiously await the Labor Day weekend to enjoy the fabulous foods at GREEK STREET. Our dedicated members continued to make GREEK STREET an Orange International Street Fair "legend."

Once again, I want to thank all of the volunteers of St. John's for their hard work and dedication. Organizing and carrying out GREEK STREET is hard work. But as you know, the work and obstacles don't seem so hard when you have the cooperation and support of the other dedicated family members of St. John's. With your help, the parish and family of St. John's can look to a bigger, better, and even more successful GREEK STREET in 2008.

THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR HELP!

Larry Halfhill
2007 Orange International Street Fair Chairman

Philoptochos News

Let us, then, be up and doing with a heart for any fate; Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait. -Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Our first bake sale of the year was held on Sunday, September 16th. The proceeds from this bake sale will go for the Children's Medical Fund. The Ladies Philoptochos of our Metropolis of San Francisco is honored to be hosting the 11th National Children's Medical Fund Luncheon on November 10, 2007 at the Fairmont Hotel in Newport Beach. Your support of this bake sale is a wonderful opportunity for you to help this special ministry that affects so many children with critical illness. We will be helping 5 children's hospitals in our Metropolis. A special box will be provided for anyone wishing to donate to this extraordinary fund. Thank you to all the ladies that baked and to our chairman Argie Pastis and Raza Kitsigianis for chairing this special bake sale.

I want to give a TREMENDOUS THANK YOU TO EVERYONE that worked this year's Orange County International Street Fair! This was no easy task. As you all know the heat was out of control, at times 112 degrees. So many people came and worked in this weather and gave so much of their time. I also want to say Thank You to my sister Julie Sarres for the tremendous work she puts in. Not only did she chair the pastry at our May Festival but she chaired the pastry at the Street Fair, organizing the baking, the volunteers, giving months of their time. I have another person to thank and this is our mother Venetta Birakos. What a lady! 3 full days in the pastry booth in this intense heat, making over 300 gift boxes!

On Sunday, September 23rd some of our members from Philoptochos participated in the "Race for the Cure", the annual run-walk to help the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. This is always a great day for everyone to get together and walk for a great cause.

Fall is in the air! Here's looking forward to cooler days, earlier sunsets and all the fall activities. We once again think about our needy families that need our attention this Thanksgiving and how we can help provide a proper Thanksgiving meal. In October, during the coffee hour in the hall, we will provide a box earmarked:

"MONETARY DONATIONS TO HELP PROVIDE FOOD FOR OUR NEEDY FAMILIES"

We have about 50 families and there are anywhere from 2 to 8 children in the family and sometimes only one parent. Your support and generosity helps make a difference. Thank you for always giving and helping.

Our next General Philoptochos meeting will be **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3RD, 7PM**

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL FUND LUNCHEON SATURDAY, NOV. 10TH AT THE FAIRMONT HOTEL IN NEWPORT BEACH.

Mary Ohanian, President

What's New???

OCTOBER 2007

WELCOME BACK LUNCHEON FOR FR. JAMES DIAVATIS

St. John's Choir is planning to give Fr. James Diavatis a Welcome Back Luncheon on Sunday, October 21st following the Divine Liturgy at the Social Hall. FREE LUNCH will be served and a short performance by the choir will be included.

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Elsa Libowitz-Choir Director

“SAVE THE DATE” **ST. JOHN'S ANNIVERSARY DANCE**

Call your friends and mark your calendars.

Our 46th Anniversary Date will be

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1ST.

Look for more information in upcoming Vineyards.



Festival of Hearts Gala **at The Balboa Bay Club & Resort** **Saturday, December 8, 2007.**

Celebrating Children Raising Funds For
St. Paul's Kids 'n' Cancer & St. Innocent Orphanage
Featuring Silent, Live Auctions Best of Live and
Opportunity Drawings.

For more info. please visit www.stpaulsirvine.org/hearts/



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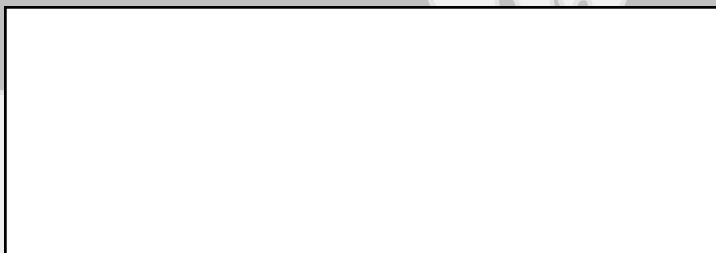
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"Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight -- "

(Mark 1:2-3)

