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**ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
NEWBURYPORT, MASSACHUSETTS**



S H I N I N G F O R T H T H E G O O D N E W S

## A Message from the Priest

May 2010

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*Christos anesti! Alithos anesti!*

*Christ is risen! Truly he is risen!*

May is one of the most beautiful months of the year! The first cracks in winter's dominion brought by March have yielded to the early spring flowers and bright green leaves of April. But in May, the early promises of new life have given way to an exuberance of soft pastels and amazing shades of green as all of nature participates in the regeneration of life. And so, it is particularly appropriate that we are observing the regeneration of life of our own Parish as we celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our new church building. Like the mythical Phoenix, rising from the ashes of death, our parish went through the devastation of the fire to a new life, symbolized by our beautiful church. How

blessed we were to have such a good priest as Fr. Stanley Harakas to lead us through the darkness into the light, along with all the parish leadership. The courage and foresight of these leaders have given us the opportunity to celebrate today the vibrant life of our community.

We will mark the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the new church on May 16. His Eminence, Metropolitan Methodios, will be celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Afterwards we will have a wonderful luncheon together, and a short program remembering the days of the fire and the construction of the new church. If you have not already sent in your RSVP for the luncheon, please do so as quickly as possible. We hope that all of our parishioners will be able to be together that day to celebrate God's providence and guidance in bringing our community from darkness to a new light and life.

Life always equals activity, and our parish is always full of them! We will be resuming the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Paraklesis Services to the Theotokos and to St. Nektarios. Please remember not just to submit names for these services, but to come in person to pray for yourself, your family, for the sick, and for our whole parish family. May also brings us another month closer to our Greek Festival. There are lots of things to do to help with this; could you put aside some time to help with a workshop? This is also a good way to get to know your fellow parish family members!

As we begin the next phase of our parish's life in Christ, may God continue to bless us and to bring us all closer to him in love and in faith!

Many blessings in our risen Lord!

*Fr. Constantine Newman*

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## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**May: Monday, Wednesday, Friday**

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

# Liturgical Schedule



## SUNDAY SERVICES

Orthros 8:30 am \* Divine Liturgy 9:30

### SUNDAY, MAY 2

5th Sunday of Pascha  
Sunday of the Samaritan Woman  
Transfer of the Relics of St. Athanasios the Great  
4th Tone 7th Morning Gospel  
Epistle: Hebrews 13:7-16  
Gospel: John 4:5-42

### TUESDAY, MAY 4

Paraklesis to the Theotokos 6:15 pm

### SUNDAY, MAY 9

6th Sunday of Pascha  
Sunday of the Blind Man  
The Holy Prophet Isaiah  
Plagal 1st Tone 8th Morning Gospel  
Epistle: Acts 16:16-34  
Gospel: John 9:1-38

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

Vesperal Liturgy of the Ascension of our Lord into Heaven  
6:30 pm

### SUNDAY, MAY 16

7th Sunday of Pascha  
Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council at Nicaea  
Plagal 2nd Tone 9th Morning Gospel  
*Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios*  
*25th Anniversary Celebration of the New Church*  
Epistle: Acts 20:16-18; 28-36  
Gospel: John 17:1-13  
*Liturgy followed by 25th anniversary luncheon*

### TUESDAY, MAY 18

Paraklesis to St. Nektarios 6:15 pm

### FRIDAY, MAY 21

Sts. Constantine and Helen, Equals to the Apostles  
Liturgy 9:30 am

### SATURDAY, MAY 22

Saturday of Souls  
Liturgy 10:00 am  
*Memorial Service following Liturgy*

### SUNDAY, MAY 23

8th Sunday of Pascha  
Holy and Great Sunday of Pentecost  
Epistle: Acts 2:1-11  
Gospel: John 7:37-52; 8:12  
*About noon: Great Vespers of the Holy Spirit and Kneeling Prayers*

### SUNDAY, MAY 30

1st Sunday of Matthew  
Sunday of All Saints  
St. Isaakios, Abbot of the Monastery of Dalmatos  
Plagal 4th Tone 1st Morning Gospel  
Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2  
Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30

### MONDAY, MAY 31

Memorial Day  
Visitation to the area cemeteries  
*Beginning of the Apostles' Fast*



## Prosforo: An Offering of Faith

Of the many ways of supporting our Church, there are few which stand out as uniquely personal offerings of faith. The offering of Prosforo bread for the Divine Liturgy is one of them. We are thankful to all who have faithfully fulfilled this responsibility and invite more of our faithful to make this a part of their lives as well.

### *Prosforo Schedule*

May 2 .....	Stella Andriotakis	June 6.....	Stella Andriotakis
May 9 .....	Anna Chetsas	June 13 .....	Anna Chetsas
May 16 .....	Andrea Jones	June 20 .....	Andrea Jones
May 23 .....	Tina Klidas	June 27 .....	Tina Klidas
May 30 .....	Kathy Tsiantas		

Joanna Tsiantas is responsible for the Prosforo Schedule. If you have any scheduling conflicts or requests, need to have the Prosforo brought to the church early Sunday morning or wish to add your name to the schedule, please contact Joanna at (978) 465-1405.

### *A Message from the President*

Christos Anesti!

What a glorious Pascha we celebrated this year!! It was wonderful to see so many of the members of our parish participating in the services. We are truly blessed as a Parish to be able to experience all this together with the leadership and service of Father Constantine, the chanters and the choir. Thank you to all others who contributed in making food, dyeing eggs, donating money for flowers, decorating and cleaning. It was truly a parish effort.

So...from the glories of Pascha and Bright Week we move on to the more mundane, though not unholy, work of the Parish Council. Here are a few highlights of business discussed and decisions made at the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- ◇ The Building Committee is diligently working to finalize contract details to replace the stucco on the front façade of the Church, Narthex building and Nicholson Hall. Additionally bids are being considered for some much needed roof repair.
- ◇ The Icon Restoration Project is almost complete. By the celebration of our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Opening of the Doors we will have all the newly restored icons hung on a freshly painted wall in the back of the sanctuary.
- ◇ In anticipation of the Greek Festival preparation, the purchase of a new deep freezer has been approved.
- ◇ The Council has decided to donate funds for the St. Methodios Faith Heritage Center in addition to those collected by GOYANs and those pledged by other groups and ministries in the Church in order to bring the total amount up to \$3,000. This amount will allow us to sponsor an entire room in the Retreat House.

Thank you once again for entrusting the members of the Parish Council with this ministry in the Parish. We are grateful for your support and ask you for your prayers as we continue to endeavor to do this work faithfully.

In Christ,

Julie M. Ray  
Parish Council President

*DISCOVERING ICONS*  
*Holy and Great Sunday of Pentecost*



The icon of Pentecost reflects on the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the apostles and disciples gathered together in the Upper Room. This icon reflects the theological meaning of this gift of God, not the strict historical account that we find in the Acts of the Apostles.

The event takes place inside the Upper Room where the disciples had gathered. The icon shows this by the red cloth draped along the top of the building. This is the traditional way of showing that the scene (which is always shown as outside) is actually taking place inside.

At the top of the icon is the dark blue semi-circle, which represents the Father sending the Holy Spirit. Emanating from the circle are 12 rays, representing the grace of the Holy Spirit descending upon the Apostles. Since the Holy Trinity always works together in concert, the empty place at the top of the semi-circle represents Christ by his absence, since he had already ascended into heaven. He is symbolized by his absence.

Above the head of each apostle is a tongue of fire, the symbol used in Acts for the Holy Spirit. Each apostle receives an equal share in the Holy Spirit. However, each apostle looks in a different direction. This symbolizes the variety of gifts which the Spirit confers on the Church.

In the center of the apostles is a royal figure in red, symbolizing the blood of the martyrs, and standing in a black hole, which symbolizes the world of sin and death. This figure is *Kosmos*, or the world, which is still held enslaved by the fear of death. However, Kosmos holds in his hands a sheet on which are 12 scrolls, symbolizing the preaching of the apostles to all the world.

St. Paul, as well as the evangelists St. Mark and St. Luke, are included among the apostles, although they were not there on the day of Pentecost. The inclusion of these men remind us that the Holy Spirit was not just given on the day of Pentecost, but is given to each Christian by the Holy Mystery of Chrismation. We are also drawn to the bench on which the apostles are sitting. This bench does not end with the boundary of the icon, but extends beyond. By our Chrismation, we join the apostles on that bench, and are charged, together with the apostles, to go out into all the world and to preach the Gospel; we are also recipients together with the apostles of the great variety of gifts of the Holy Spirit.

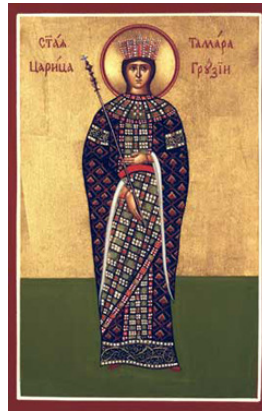
# Meet the Saints of the Month

*The root meaning of “saint” is “one set apart.” In one sense, all the faithful are saints, set apart from the world to the service of God. But those whom we honor as Saints with a capital “S” are those whose service to God has been of a demonstrably high order—those who gave themselves to Him so completely that His light could shine through them to illuminate the world. When we honor these saints, we are actually celebrating what God has done in their lives. They would be nothing without Him. Their whole life’s*

*purpose was to point us to God. We are commanded by scripture to be “imitators of Christ.” The saints are those who have fulfilled this commandment. When we learn about their holy struggles and achievements, we too can be inspired to imitate them and to share at least in a small part the life in Christ.*

May 1—

## ***Saint Tamara (Tamar), Queen of Georgia (1212)***



Saint Tamara was the only child of King George III. Upon his death in 1184, she became Queen at the age of twenty-four. Despite her youth, she ruled the country with such wisdom and godliness — leading it to unprecedented military triumphs over the neighboring Moslem countries in defence of her kingdom, fostering arts and letters, and zealously strengthening Orthodoxy — that her reign is known as

the Golden Age of Georgia. After her coronation, she convoked a local council to correct disorders in church life. When the bishops had assembled from all parts of her kingdom, she, like Saint Constantine at the First Ecumenical Council, honoured them as if she were a commoner, and they Angels of God; exhorting them to establish righteousness and redress abuses, she said in her humility, "Do away with every wickedness, beginning with me, for the prerogative of the throne is in no wise that of making war against God." Saint Tamara called herself "the father of orphans and the judge of widows," and her contemporaries called her "King" instead of "Queen." She herself led her army against the Moslems and fearlessly defeated them; because of the reverence that even the enemies of Georgia had for her, entire mountain tribes renounced Islam and were baptized. She built countless churches and monasteries throughout her kingdom, and was a benefactress also to the Holy Land, Mount Athos, and holy places in Greece and Cyprus. she has always been much beloved by her people, who have memorialized her meekness, wisdom, piety, obedience, and peace-loving nature in innumerable legends, ballads, and songs; the poem written in her honor by Shota Rustaveli, "The Knight of the Panther Skin," is the masterpiece of Georgian literature. the great Queen Tamara departed the earthly kingdom for the heavenly in the year 1212.

MAY 5—

*Great-martyr Irene of Thessalonica (4th c.)*

Saint Irene was the daughter of a princelet called Licinius; named Penelope by her parents, through a divine revelation she was brought to faith in Christ and at Baptism was renamed Irene. In her zeal for piety she broke in pieces all the idols of her father, who commanded that she be trampled underfoot by horses. But while she remained unharmed, one of the horses rose up and cast down her father, killing him. By her prayer she raised him to life again, and he believed and was baptized. Afterwards, in many journeyings, Saint Irene suffered torments and punishments for her faith, but was preserved by the power of God, while working dread miracles and converting many thousands of souls. At last she came to Ephesus, where she fell asleep in peace, in the first half of the fourth century. Two days after her death, her gravestone was found lifted off, and her grave empty. At least two churches were dedicated to St Irene in Constantinople, and she is the patroness of the Aegean island of Thera, which is commonly called Santorini, a corruption of "Saint Irene."



MAY 13—

*Holy Virgin-martyr Glykeria at Heraclea (141).*

At a pagan festival in Thrace, when the Governor of the region was offering sacrifice to the idols, St Glyceria entered the temple and declared herself to be a handmaid of Christ. When the governor commanded her to make sacrifice to the gods, she overturned the statue of Zeus, smashing it to pieces. For this, and for her continued refusal to deny her faith, she was seized and subjected to many tortures. First, the governor had her sealed in a prison cell with the intention of starving her to death; but an angel appeared to Glykeria and gave her heavenly food. When enough time had passed that the governor was certain that Glykeria had perished, he opened her cell, and all present were astonished to see her alive, healthy and full of joy. At this her jailer, Laodicius, confessed Christ and was beheaded. Glykeria was then thrown into a fire, but stood in it unharmed, praising God like the Three Children in Babylon. Finally she was cast to wild beasts, where she gave up her soul to God. A healing myrrh flowed from her relics.



# Stewardship Report

*Let us commit ourselves and our whole life to Christ our God!*  
**Our stewardship commitments (time, money, and talent) are tangible evidence of our love and devotion to God and His Church.**

## April 2010 Report

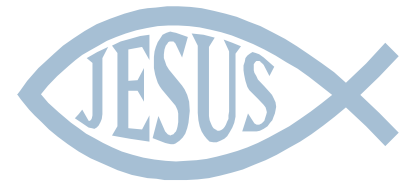
### Status as April 7, 2010

<b>Total pledges for 2010 thus far</b>	\$63,397
<b>Offerings received to date</b>	\$23,377
<b>Due towards pledged amount</b>	\$40,020
<b>Average pledge</b>	\$654
<b>Largest pledge thus far</b>	\$3,600
<b>Smallest pledge thus far</b>	\$5
<b>Number of stewards pledged thus far</b>	97
<b>Pledge forms received, no payments</b>	21
<b>Pledge form received, payment current</b>	48
<b>Pledge form received, payment complete</b>	25
<b>Payment made, no pledge form received</b>	3

<b>Current # of Pledges</b>	<b>Yearly Amount Range</b>
3	\$2,000+
22	\$1,000–\$1,999
7	\$700–\$999
21	\$500–\$699
19	\$300–\$499
15	\$101–\$299
10	≤\$100
0	= \$0

*Note: Average stewardship pledge is \$598 if the two pledges greater than \$3,000 are not included when calculating the average.*

*If there are any omissions or errors in the April 2010 Report, please contact John Gogolos, Stewardship Committee Chairman (978) 465-3274 <j.gogolos@comcast.net>*



### Stewardship Comparison with Past 3 Years

	<b>April 2009</b>	<b>April 2008</b>	<b>April 2007</b>
<b>Pledged Amount</b>	\$71,639	\$63,262	\$55,905
<b>Actual Paid</b>	\$30,302	\$26,830	\$28,765
<b>Amount to be Collected</b>	\$46,309	\$40,534	\$28,737
<b>Number of Stewards</b>	123	112	107
<b>Average Pledge Amount</b>	\$582	\$565	\$522
<b>Maximum Amount Pledged</b>	\$3,300	\$3,180	\$3,000
<b>Minimum Amount Pledged</b>	\$25	\$0	\$20

## *Stewards as of 4/11/10*

Alexander, Rick  
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Andriotakis, Louis and Stella  
Angelos, William W.  
Annas, Agnes  
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Bruno, Mark and Rosanne  
Byron, Joe and Alexandra  
Chadwick, Cathleen  
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Chetsas, Peter and Susan  
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Joanna Tsiantas  
Connor, Kevin and Maria  
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Dollas, Mary  
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Janos, Louis and Chrys  
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Jansen, Ryan and Jennifer  
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Kafalas, Andrew  
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# Donations Report

**"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver"**

**(II Corinthians 9:7)**

**Thank You (Efharisto!) for the following donations:**

**Donations: We wish to thank those who have made recent donations to the Annunciation Church**

*Anna & Leon Chetsas* for the good health of the Dussi family  
*Peter Condakes* in Memory of George Dollas  
*Anastasia & John Diminture* in Memory of father Angelo Tilas  
*Eva Giovanis & George Giovanis* in Memory of Robert Griffin  
*Gordon College – Jerusalem & Athens Forum*  
*Anna & Peter Mamakos* in Memory of Angelo Machiros  
*George and Mary Sioras* to St. Basils Kitchen in Memory of Anastasia Chetsas

## **In Memory of Stephen Panas**

Dussi Family to the Choir  
Anna & Peter Mamakos  
Charlie Neos  
Costas Stamatoyanakis  
Stacey & James Yavorski

## **In Memory of Anastasia Chetsas**

Lillian & Virginia Ananian  
Marilyn & Colby Johnston  
Anna Kirsner  
Eleanora & Alexander Paciulan  
Andrew Stoddard

## **Flowers for Salutations**

Joanna Tsiantas & Edmund Connor  
Kathy Tsiantas

## **Holy Week Flowers**

Anonymous  
Gina & John Dussi  
Nabhan Family in Memory of Joseph Nabhan  
Nabhan Family for Good Health of Amin, Sarah, Charlie, Chris & Rita Nabhan  
Charlie Neos  
Elaine Rallis  
Christus Synodinos  
Joanna Tsiantas & Edmund Connor  
Angela Tsopelas

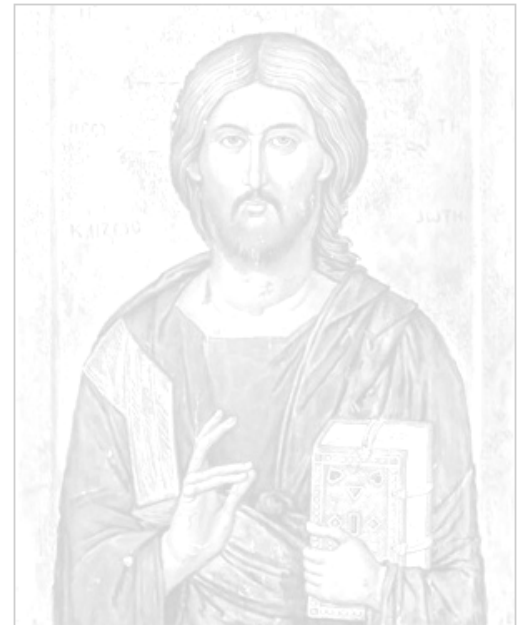
## **Holy Week Books**

Greek Ladies Aid Society (10 books)  
Andrea Jones & Bill Kacher in memory of Athena & John Kacher, Elaine Rallis in memory of her husband William H. Rallis, Tsiantas-Connor family in memory of Alexander Tsiantas, Cathleen Chadwick in memory of Angel, Pauline & Emmanuel Makros, Irene Falite & family in memory of Anthony Charles Frangos

## **Icon Restoration of St. Peter**

Anonymous

Dussi Family, Tsiantas-Connor Family & Angela Tsopelas in honor of Amy Gentile's Chrismation



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Anonymous  
Stella & Louis Andriotakis  
Agnes Annas  
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Cathleen Chadwick  
Madge Chakalis  
Julia Christo  
Edmund Connor and Joanna Tsiantas  
Maria & Kevin Connor

## Paschal Offerings continued

Jennifer & Brendon Cooper  
Dorothy & Peter Davis  
Mary Dollas  
Karin Dunn  
Gina & John Dussi  
Irene Falite  
Barbara George  
Melina & Dennis Gikas  
Stella Gigis in Memory of Efstratios & Evangelia Condrubes  
Patricia & John Gogolos  
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Cleo & Raymond Stickney  
Chris Synodinos  
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We wish to thank all those who purchased Easter Lilies / Luminaries in memory of or for the health of loved ones.

# Parish News & Notes



## St. Basil's Kitchen

The guests of St. Basil's Kitchen often give us their sincere thanks for the ministry we provide every Monday. Although many are of limited income, many put something into the collection jug each week as a way of helping us continue our ministry. These coins and dollars add up to more food provided on our take out shelves.

Many parishioners have suggested that we purchase some of the food items we give away. In fact we do this. Every week all drinks and salads are provided by St. Basil's Kitchen. We also do purchase food items for the pantry shelves. Your additional food donations really help us meet a community need. Due to the generosity of parishioners we are also able to make regular food pantry donations to Pettengill House.

In this season of hope and love, please remember that every time you donate a can of food to St. Basil's Kitchen, you are giving it to Christ. The good work you do is exactly what He told us to do when he said, "When you saw me hungry, you fed me."

## Looking for Soccer Equipment

There is a group in Lawrence who would like to start a soccer program for kids as part of a larger program that is encouraging kids to study and stay in school. To get this off the ground, they need donations of soccer equipment. If you have anything your kids are not using, please consider donating it. Don Argyrople will deliver any soccer equipment donated.

Thank you.

## Parish Family Night - Sunday May 23rd 5-7:30 pm

We will be viewing and discussing the History Channel special, *The Real Face of Jesus?* This incredible film follows the attempt of a 3-D technician to capture the real face of Jesus from the Shroud of Turin. In the process we are treated to an amazing study of the Shroud and how it was produced, literally an icon "not made by hands". We hope that adults, young adults, and both the Sr. and Jr. GOYA will be able to be present to view and discuss the findings of the film. At the same time, the JOY children will meet on their own for activities. In memory of our wonderful times after the Presanctified Liturgies during Lent, please bring a dish for a pot luck dinner (it doesn't have to be a meat dish!)

Parish Family Night Out is an opportunity for the whole parish to get together to work as a whole group and to break up into different age groups to look at a topic of the faith as well as for the Youth Groups to plan future events. Please make an effort to come and bring the children!

## Sunday School News

### Christos Anesti!

I want to thank all the teachers and parents who helped make our Good Friday Retreat a wonderful success. Thank you to all the parents who brought their children to this event. We had approximately 40 students in attendance. I cannot believe that our Sunday School year is winding down. We have only 6 weeks of classes left. Our year will end on June 6th. Spring sports are beginning and our class attendance is going down. Please make every effort to bring your children to Sunday School for the final weeks of classes. We miss them when they are not here.

## New High School Scholarships Announced

It is with joy that the Evangelism Team of our parish announces the creation of its first annual high school scholarship program. The Evangelism Team is well known for its support of missionary activity around the globe and is a regular supporter of the programs of the Orthodox Mission Center in St. Augustine Florida. About a year ago, the ET (Evangelism Team) decided that supporting efforts in our community that raise understanding of Orthodox Christianity right here in the community could be enhanced by recognizing the work our high school students do every day to promote Orthodox Christian values in our church. Hence the scholarship program was born.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Beacon you will find the application and guidelines. We hope all readers will read the guidelines -- see the emphasis on involvement and service to the faith -- the guidelines are rigorous and will be used to determine the winners.

ET wishes to thank the community for its support of the recent New Year's Eve dance. The proceeds from the dance gave us the funds to establish this year's scholarships and we hope that soon we can create an endowment fund for scholarships here in the parish.

## Can you help with one more icon?

St. Peter is still missing. Our icon restorers, Bill and Charlotte Hallett, are re-creating the icon of St. Peter. The cost is about \$1250, the approximate cost of one of the more damaged icons. If an individual, family, or group of people would like to donate this icon, please see Fr. Constantine. It would be wonderful if we could have the full contingent of Apostles up in the church before May 16!

# Parish News & Notes



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### 25th Anniversary Celebration

**Sunday, May 16th** after Divine Liturgy. The RSVP deadline is May 1st. If you have any questions call Angela Tsopelas at 508-878-1198.

### Altar Boy Meeting

There will be a practice for the Altar Boys for the Hierarchical Liturgy on Saturday, May 15 at 10:00. After the practice we will get some pizza together. If you are planning on serving on Sunday, please make a special effort to come to this practice. If you can't make it, please talk to Father.

### GOYA Donation to The Retreat Center

Most people in the parish already know that the high school GOYAnS made a decision to raise \$1000 to donate to the Metropolis Retreat Center to help furnish a room in the new Retreat Center. The kids held many fund raisers and at long last they have achieved the goal of earning \$1000. This is a wonderful accomplishment and is a credit to our young people who are learning to set lofty goals and then achieve them.

The GOYAnS will be making a presentation to Metropolitan Methodios during his pastoral visit on Sunday May 16th.

### Greek Food Festival ! ! ! ! (GFF 2010)

This is your opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow parishioners, learn how to make those Greek delicacies that you always wanted to know how to make and to contribute to the success of our largest annual fundraiser - The GFF. We need your help! Workshop dates have not as yet been established, but will be shortly; the weekly Bulletin as well as the GFF meetings will be the source for that information. Check the calendar in this Beacon for the GFF meeting dates for May & June. All of those are scheduled for Tuesday evenings at 7PM in Nicholson Hall. "Many hands make light work".

Please feel free to call or contact me.

Charlie Neos

GFF meeting dates: May 17 & 24, June 7, 14, 21, & 28

**Festival dates: July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.**

Thank you.

Charlie Neos

### Fooooorrreeeeee- somes ! ! ! !

The Golf Tournament is coming soon and we are seeking golfers to join in and have some fun. We are focusing on "4-somes" at this point, as we try and fill the event for the first time in our existence. We are seeking 60 golfers and we always have only 40 golfers, so enjoy yourself for a few minutes and think about playing golf in September, down over the Marshes at Ould Newbury Golf Club. See if you can think of getting 3 golfers from outside the Church community to join in with you with a full day of Tournament excitement. I know it is early, but we believe an early start in planting the seeds will provide us what we want. The GOAL is 60 Golfers, Do you golf.....

We have had some great weather over the last few years and after a nice day on the links, we have a feast buffet back at our Hall. It is an easy sell to any golfer friend in our area, as the day and the food is very reasonably priced at \$125.00 and that will include 18 holes, golf cart and buffet dinner. We have never had a shortage of gifts for our golfers as participants and some interesting prizes in our raffle. So ask early and set up your team for a TEE OFF spot.

Golf Committee

John Tsakirgis

### Something Needs Fixing?

Have you ever wondered how our church takes care of all the little problems buildings can have? Bill Angelos is our parish custodian. He is a man on a mission to make sure that once problems are identified, they become problems solved. If you see something that needs attention, please report it to Billy. He will either fix it or take the concern to the council to have it addressed.

### Na Mas Zisoun!

Please pray for our newly-enlightened members: Sotirios Connor Michael and Alexis Rose Cusack, children of Michael Cusack and Dawn Angelopoulos.

### May their Memory be Eternal

Please pray for our recently deceased Parish Family Members: Connie Favarola, Stacy Chestas, Steve Panas, Olga and Joe Cruz.

## **Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church Evangelism Team Scholarship Guidelines**

As part of its mission, the parish evangelism team supports the establishment of scholarships for graduating high school students in our parish.

Students interested in applying for these scholarships must meet the following criteria:

1. You are a member of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Newburyport, MA.
2. You have been accepted at a program of post high school continuing education or are currently a college student who has not previously been awarded this scholarship.
3. Submit a completed application for this scholarship to Fr. Constantine by the date specified on the application.
4. During your high school years you have been an active participant in the Sunday School for high school students and the GOYA youth program. If you are submitting this application as a college student, then modify the response to inform the committee about your current participation in our parish.
5. You have a demonstrated record of community service in the church community and your school or home community.

It is anticipated that Evangelism Team Scholarships will be awarded after the Divine Liturgy on the first Sunday in June.

Amount of the awards will depend on the Evangelism Team's fund raising efforts. A portion of the funds raised will be placed in a long term endowment account for scholarship assistance. Specific guidelines for the Scholarship Endowment Fund will be created at the inception of this aspect of the scholarship program.

**Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church**  
**Evangelism Team Scholarship Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Names \_\_\_\_\_

1. Briefly identify the post high school education program you will be attending and tell us why you have chosen to enroll in this program. If you are currently a college student, tell us about your major(s) and goals.

2. Active participation in both Sunday School and GOYA during your high school years is a requirement of this scholarship. Please tell us about your participation in both Sunday School and GOYA during your 4 years of high school. Please explain any circumstances that limited your participation during your 4 years of high school. Current college student applicants, please modify this to tell us about your Orthodox parish involvement.

3. Please summarize your record of community service in the church community and your school or home community. Select one experience to tell us how this has had an impact on your life.

Responses to the above questions should be typed and attached to this application

Please submit one or more letters of reference. Your references should be about parish involvement and community service.

Please submit this completed application to Fr. Constantine by Sunday May 23, 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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## UPCOMING DANCE AT THE FIREHOUSE...



### Exit Dance Theatre "Sound Moves"

**Fri-Sat, May 14-15, 8pm**

Always a favorite with local audiences, Exit Dance Theatre returns to the Firehouse for their annual repertory performance. Enjoy the dancers you have come to know and admire in new and inspired works.

Exit Dance Theatre will be premiering several new works for its spring performance, "Sound Moves". Cellist, Kristen Miller will perform three original pieces for a trio choreographed and danced by Susan Atwood, Fontaine Dubus and Sarah George. For years Dubus has been an avid fan of Miller's music which is extremely rhythmic and richly melodic.

The entire company will dance to live accompaniment by **Annunciation Greek Orthodox Choir, lead by Don Argyrople** and choreographed by Fontaine Dubus. The haunting hymns are rooted in Russian and Byzantine styles, evocative of ancient times.

This event is presented by the Firehouse and Exit Dance Theatre.

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16 Orthros 8:30 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy 9:30 am <b>25th Anniversary Luncheon</b>	17 St. Basil's Kitchen  Festival Mtg 7	18 Paraklesis to St. Nektarios 6:15	19	20	21 St. Constantine and Helen Liturgy 9:30 am	22 Saturday of Souls Liturgy 10 am
23 Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am  Parish Family Night 5-7:30 pm	24 St. Basil's Kitchen  Festival Mtg 7	25	26	27	28	29

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