

President's Message:

Dear Fellow Stewards,

On July 26, 2004, I attended the opening of the 37th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress with Father John. The opening keynote address of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America was truly inspirational and very relevant to our experience thus far as a Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Cathedral.

His Eminence addressed the element of competition and that there was something beyond competition, as such, and that this is the striving for excellence. The Athens Olympics and the Presidential election offer to us a strong challenge for striving and competing for excellence in what we are doing as a church. We should consider seriously and responsibly our stewardship as a God-given opportunity for setting a record of excellence for establishing a model of a truly God-inspired Cathedral.

We have to remain alert and conscious of the problems facing our community, as well as the challenge for excellence. And we have to remember that we are called to offer, by what we think, say, plan and do, the Orthodox Christian response to the problems and to the challenges. And this is real work.

We must build our community. It is important that the action be a very positive, beautiful and creative action. The action is an edifying one, an enhancing one, not a catastrophic, not a demeaning, not a negative one. We must build a community of faith. What kind of faith? Jesus said to His Disciples, "Truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, move from here to there, and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you." (Matthew 17:20). This is the kind of faith we must build in our community. It is a faith exhibiting the extraordinary power of God and making our community a place of the revelation and action of God's power in many ways. This is a faith able to move even mountains, powerful enough to overcome even the barrier of the impossible.

We must build a community of love. What kind of love? This time let us hear St. Paul as he speaks to the Christians:

"If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging sycambal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. Love never ends. (I Corinthians 13: 1-8)." Can we build this type of love in our communities? We should not even ask the question. We have to build this love if we believe in a God who is love. His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios asked all of the participants at the Clergy-Laity Congress to bring his message to our communities and I couldn't think of a better way to accomplish that than by using excerpts and paraphrasing parts of His address and directing His message specifically, towards our community.

I'd like to give everyone an update on the major revenue sources and projects undertaken since the last Chronicle was circulated in April.

Stewardship – As of the end of July, our commitments total approximately \$ 341,000. That's \$ 9,000 behind last years pace and 12.5 % short of last year's \$ 390,000. With five months left in the year, I urge all stewards who have not made a commitment to do so and all those who have made a commitment to complete them.

Festival – Despite losing one full day to inclement weather, (six consecutive years of losing at least one full day to inclement weather), we were once again able to overcome the adversity through perseverance and tenacity and attain \$ 130,000 in revenues and \$ 70,000 in net profit. If we had good weather on Saturday, we would have broken a record! This year, we were finally successful in hiring a better ride company with higher quality rides and a no risk deal to the church in the event of a rain-out. We have already closed the same

company for next year. Many thanks to the co-chairpersons, Mr. John Lignos, 1st Vice-President, and Mrs. Stacey Sava-Antoniades, 2nd Vice-President.

Car Raffle – This year we netted over \$54,000, firmly establishing this fund-raiser as a top revenue source for our Cathedral. (Over \$ 220,000 net in the last four years). Special thanks to Mr. Gus Kramis and Mrs. Maria Kamilaris for their persistence and sales efforts. Thank you to all the Parish Council members, parishioners and all the participants who helped to make this year's raffle another smashing success. This year's winner, Peter Maio, friend of Ms. Paula Kardasis, not only purchased a ticket but sold a few to some friends. His gesture to help our Church was richly rewarded. Last week, Mr. Peter (Pietro) Maio, contributed \$ 2,000 to our Church as a token of appreciation. Thank you from all of us, Pietro.

Preservation and Beautification Project – Mrs. Jean Milanos has graciously and generously offered to host and fund a dinner at her lovely home on the evening of Friday, September 17, 2004, to kick-off Phase II. The following week, Sunday, September 26th, the Parish Council will host a luncheon to commemorate our Feast Day of St. John the Theologian and to afford everyone the opportunity to make their pledge for Phase II of this successful and worthwhile project. The proceeds from this fund-raiser will be used to complete all the remaining critical maintenance needs of our Church, namely the Dome. Our goal is to raise \$175,000 in Phase II, of which Mr. and Mrs. Evris Kontos have already donated \$ 10,000 to jump start the effort. We thank you.

I'd like to thank Father John for his spiritual guidance, the Parish Council, our staff and all the organizations of our Metropolitan Cathedral for their continuing support. Lastly and most importantly, I'm grateful for the encouragement and moral support I continually receive from the parishioners.

I wish everyone a great Ecclesiastical year, a prosperous business year and a successful school year filled with God's blessings.

With faith and love in our Lord Jesus Christ,
Andreas Zigouras, President, Parish Council

PHILOPTOCHOS:

Dear Members & Parishioners,

In a few weeks, we will once again get together to plan the new calendar year's events. Though it is still August and some of you are vacationing, visiting relatives in Greece, going to the Olympics, etc., September is just around the corner and we will once again congregate in our Cathedral.

2003 - 2004 was a very successful year, both spiritually and financially. St. Philothea Philoptochos Chapter, with its hard working and dedicated members fulfilled its obligations above and beyond our expectations.

On April 29th, 2004, we held our Annual Spring Fashion Show at the Rockleigh Country Club. The hard work of all made it a tremendous success. I would like to thank the chairladies, Mrs. Maria Kallis and Mrs. Katina Halkias, and all the board members for their dedication. Also, my thanks to our Donors for their generous contributions and all of you who supported us by being there. The fashion show's profits went to help a young man here from Greece, Pantelis, who is giving the fight of his life at N.Y. Presbyterian Hospital. Thanks to all of you from the bottom of my heart.

May was a month of preparations for our Festival. We, as Philoptochos, were responsible for the preparations of the Pites (Spanakopites & Tiropites). We got together in the Cathedral's kitchen and in two days, prepared 150 – 160 trays of pites. It was two days of hard work, fun and camaraderie. Please join us next year.

On June 3 - 6, our Cathedral held its Greek Festival. For years, the Philoptochos ladies have been in charge of the pastry shop, "Zaharoplasteion." We have not only served coffee and pastries, but have baked some of the sweets as well. Therefore, I would like to thank all the ladies who donated their time and money by baking, serving or preparing the sweets.

We would like all of you to know that Philoptochos was also a donor to our Festival since

we paid for all of the sweets. This year's donation was \$2,200.00. We would like to thank Kontos Foods for their donation of Kataifi. A special thanks to Mrs. Niki Eftychiou, Mrs. Eva Papazopoulos and Mrs. Koula Linaris for preparing the trays for five days in a room downstairs while the rest of us were upstairs or outside. Thank you ladies!

Also, in June, we held our last general meeting in which reports from the executive Board Members and various committees showed that we had a very successful year. Since our Sponsors, Members and Parishioners supported and assisted us whole-heartedly in fulfilling our obligations in 2003 – 2004, we thought they would like to know where the donations went and how worthy the causes were and continue to be.

2003 – 2004 Donations:

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| 1). | St. John Theologian | \$5,000.00 |
| 2). | N.J. Metropolis Diakonia | \$1,000.00 |
| 3). | St. Michael's Home for the Aged | \$1,000.00 |
| 4). | St. Basil's Academy | \$3,000.00 |
| 5). | Added expenses of Patriarch Bartholomew | \$2,000.00 |
| 6). | Out Reach Program (Pantelis Cancer Fund) | \$4,900.00 |
| 7). | Festival | \$2,200.00 |
| 8). | National Philoptochos for all our obligations: Aids, Unicef, Cancer, Heart & Lung Assoc., Christian Missions, etc. | \$3,000.00 |
| 9). | Valavanis Family | \$ 500.00 |
| 10). | Patourias Family | \$ 700.00 |

On June 13, 2004, Mrs. Harriet Nikolaidis and Mrs. Xanthi Athanasenas, attended Graduation Exercises at St. Basil's Academy. Our chapter allocated two scholarships for high school graduates in the amount of \$1,000.00 each with the condition that the recipients enroll in college.

On June 23 - 30, The National Philoptochos Convention was held in New York. Our Chapter was represented by the following delegates: Mrs. Harriet Nikolaidis and Mrs. Maria Tzagournis. We attended all business meetings and seminars, and we came away with a lot of ideas for future fundraisers. We also realized that hard work doesn't go

unrecognized since our Chapter received two awards:

- 1) Best Chapter Outreach Program (Sklavos fund)
- 2) Full Participation in all National Commitments

Kudos to all!

Keep the dates:

- 1) General Meeting, September 15th, 2004
- 2) Vespers & Nameday Liturgy of our Cathedral's Patron Saint, St. John the Theologian, September 25th, and 26th.
- 3) Testimonial Dinner for Past-President, Maria Makrinos, at the Clinton Inn, October 21st, 2004
- 4) Christmas Party, December 2nd, 2004
- 5) Christmas Bazaar, Saturday, December 4th

In closing, I take this opportunity to thank Father John for his spiritual guidance, my Board for their hard work and all of you for your support. I hope you are enjoying the summer. We will see you in September.

Thank you.
Harriet Nikolaidis, President

STEWARDSHIP:

A program of Christian Giving, Stewardship, was chosen as a means by which we at St. John the Theologian would provide the economic support for our Church community. In its purest sense, stewardship declares that all the communicants commit to fund all, both fixed and variable, of the community's economic expenses. The concept is completely unfamiliar to the immigrant church and with this in mind we have approached the program's introduction piece meal. Our Goal is currently set each year by the current Budget's operating expenses.

The 2004 budget, as approved at the General Assembly, stands at \$820,000. In a 365 day year the community would need to raise \$2250 each day in support of the ministries and programs. This is the minimum requirement. Looking at it from each steward's responsibility, an annual \$1100 contribution would be needed. To expect this to

happen is somewhat unrealistic and is contrary to “Christian giving in accordance with our individual ability”. Therefore, those who can must add a bit more to compensate for those who cannot.

Reality- The demographics of Christian Giving at St. John the Theologian are:

\$0-\$100	4.1%
\$101-\$250	13.3%
\$251-\$300	4.4%
\$301-\$350	23.5%
\$351-\$500	30.0%
\$501-\$700	6.5%
\$701-\$1000	10.6%
\$1001-\$1500	4.6%
\$1501-\$2000	1.7%
\$2001 +	1.4%

Those committing for 2004 as a percentage of the total number of stewards (the author has no knowledge of individual commitments. Data is in form of bulk numbers as supplied by the registrar).

The chart begs the question. How is it that 45.5% of the Stewards commit less than \$1 per day in support of their Church? Do we have a new definition for “Christian Giving”? Please help improve this chart by improving your commitment, from the heart, for the upcoming year!

Thank You

Peter Baganakis, Stewardship Chairman

PTO/Mothers’ Club:

As we look back at the 2003-2004 ecclesiastic and academic year we take pride in the following accomplishments:

- \$5,000 donated to our Cathedral’s Preservation & Beautification Project (Phase I)
- \$2,000 donated to help defray the Cathedral’s expenses incurred by His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew’s visit to our Metropolis
- \$10,000 donated to design and build beautiful trophy cases to display our children’s awards

- \$2,000 used to purchase a more efficient copy machine for the Greek and Sunday School office
- \$2,000 used to purchase a new Dell computer with a color copy/scan printer and fax machine for the Greek and Sunday School office
- \$6,000 deposited into the PTO/Mothers’ Club Children’s Library Fund account to purchase additional books and resource materials needed to help enhance our Greek and Sunday School curriculum

The primary objective of the PTO/Mothers’ Club is to systematically cultivate the interest, love and cooperation of the community, and especially the parents, towards the successful accomplishment of the educational goals of the Greek and Sunday Schools.

The PTO/Mothers’ Club also works to assist our Cathedral Dean, Greek School Committee and the Parish Council in raising the necessary funds needed to support an effective Greek School, Sunday School and Altar Boy program.

This has always been done through fundraisers, special projects and events that the PTO/Mothers’ Club host. We sincerely thank our dedicated PTO/Mothers’ Club Board Members and volunteers who have given unselfishly of their time and effort to our organization and its events. We thank our Saint John community for their unwavering support and we look forward to another prosperous year.

Remember, our children are our future and by supporting the PTO/Mothers’ Club, you are truly helping our children grow in their Orthodoxy and Hellenism.

Sincerely,

*Gena Dongaris & Sherry Zoe Zigouras
Co- Presidents*

MR. & MRS. CLUB:

The Club completed a successful year under President Alex Argiriou, with a delicious Pot-Luck Dinner in June, chaired by Bessie Kramis and Mina Souflis, accompanied by festive bouzouki music by our own Nicos Nicolaidis. The membership also enjoyed a sentimental excursion to Ellis Island.

With much excitement, the Club looks forward to a NEW GENERATION of Mrs. & Mrs. members, with both couples and singles welcome. The new board has been elected, as well as a steering committee:

President:	Vivian Demoleas
Vice President:	Nancy Kontos
Treasurer:	Andrea Brun
Recording Secretary:	Wendy Zavolas
Corresponding Secretary:	Sandy Tsamutalis

Steering Committee:
John Demoleas, Steve Kontos, Nick Zavolas,
Chris Tsamutalis, Andreas & Sherry Zigouras,
Jimmy & Frances Bayiokos, Marinis & Anna
Lilikas

We thank the previous board, membership, and Fr. John, for their support and guidance in our new venture. On OCTOBER 9th, the Club's first social event of the year is being planned, followed by the annual Christmas party. We anticipate a new year of fun evenings with various types of outings.

Once again, the Club is participating in a trip to the Dominican Republic, organized by the "Estiator" and "Greek American Review" magazines. Publishers Mr. & Mrs. Makrias will donate \$60 for every one of our members traveling with the group. The trip is scheduled for January 23-30, 2005, at the 4-star Coral Caribe Hilton. Included will be great GREEK ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTLY.

The ALL INCLUSIVE package starts at \$1,480 to \$1,670 per person, depending on the room category. This includes round-trip tickets on non-stop flights from Newark, seven nights at the luxurious beach hotel, all breakfasts, lunches, dinners, snacks, beverages, unlimited wine, liquor, taxes and gratuities, plus a guided bus tour of the

capital city. If you have any questions or need additional information, call "Estiator", at (212) 967-1564.

COME JOIN OUR CLUB!

A place to meet new and old friends

Vivian Demoleas, President

KALI PAREA:

The final months of the 2003-2004 year were very busy for Kali Parea.

In April, we journeyed to Philadelphia for a two-day trip. On the first day, we began by visiting the beautiful St. George Greek Orthodox Church and were greeted by Father Demetrios Katerlis. He gave us a wonderful talk about the history of this church, which was built in 1826 and was taken over by the Greek Orthodox Church in 1925. We then went on to tour Independence Hall and the new National Constitution Center. After dinner, we enjoyed the Manet exhibit at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. The next day, we toured Longwood Gardens and Winterthur. A good time was had by all.

In May, we had an Artoclasia for the health and welfare of our members. During our May meeting we had a Life Line Screening Presentation and were given the opportunity to sign up for this important health screening which was held at our church in June. Many of our members did take advantage of this opportunity and some did receive important data about their health which required a follow-up with their doctors.

As you know, in June we had our annual Church Festival. Our members were involved cooking and baking for the weeks prior to the festival, then manning the kitchen, serving the food and selling the pastries. Many others were busy with the White Elephant sale and the Greek Boutique.

In June, a few of our members visited St. Michael's Home to celebrate the June birthdays of the residents. We had cake and coffee with the residents and had a lovely time singing songs, telling jokes and spreading good cheer. A gift of \$5 was given to each of the residents. Our visit was

greatly appreciated by the residents and our group left with a great feeling of satisfaction.

A large group of our members went to the Metropolitan Museum of Art to view the fabulous exhibit "Byzantium Faith and Power 1261-1557".

During the final meeting of the year, in June, we had our annual free Luncheon for the members and elected the new officers for the 2004-2005 year.

The new officers are:

President	Helen Vanides
Vice-President	Helen Sdrougias
Treasurer	Connie Kessisoglou
Recording Secretary	Mae Savas
Corresponding Secretary	Vangie George

On a very pleasant summer evening a group met at the Menlo Park Diner for dinner, and then saw "The Fantasticks" under the stars at the Plays in the Park Theater in Edison.

The steering committee is meeting in July and August to plan for the 2004-2005 year. It should be another interesting and exciting year. We have changed our schedule and will be meeting on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 1:00 PM. The first meeting will be September 22nd. Membership dues are \$10 per person. We invite all youngsters 55 years of age and over to join us.

Respectfully submitted,
Vangie George, Corresponding Secretary

AHEPA:

I hope everyone's summer was happy, safe and productive. I am looking forward to a great year as we just finished a very exciting year in 03 to 04.

This past year the Bergen Knights awarded three scholarships of Five Hundred Dollars each. The recipients were selected based on an essay of what "Hellenism Means to Me". Although all the essays were excellent, and well written, the choices difficult, I am happy to report that all three were from our community. The recipients were announced at our annual dinner in June. They were

Michael Lignos, Christos Papapetrou, and Cassie Virgin. May they excel in their studies and always remember their heritage.

Honored at the annual dinner was our very own Fr. James Tsigounis for his Fifty years as an AHEPAN. A good time was had by all and Fr. Jim expressed his appreciation for all those who attended.

Dr. George Kiriakopoulos and Charlie Dekis were honored for their service in WWII and as part of the D-Day invasion. Congratulations and thank you to both.

The Bergen Knights also crossed a large mile stone by donating, as part of a pledge, \$6500, the proceeds for the Basile concert held in conjunction with the church community.

Looking ahead, the Bergen Knights have planned another Basile concert in February 2005 with the proceeds to benefit our scholarship fund and to finally fulfill our \$40,000 pledge to the community of St. John.

I hope that we can count on your support in the future as you have supported AHEPA in the past. If anyone wants more information on AHEPA or our future scholarship programs please feel free to ask any other AHEPAN or myself.

George Papas, President

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE:

The Building and Grounds Committee would like to take this opportunity to communicate with our parishioners on issues that relate to improvements, maintenance and repairs to our church facility.

The church landscaping looks very neat, thanks to the extra efforts of our parishioner, Savas Kontos, of Kontos Landscaping, Inc. A few people from the Kali Parea Club, namely Paul and Helen Cocotos, Peter and Elaine Harbilas, Jack Kessisoglou, Ted Koroniades, Van Manolis, James Poulos and Homer and Helen Vanides, are the Building and Ground Committee's right hand people. They are always willing and eager to undertake any kind of project.

They have completed numerous tasks and are currently painting the Greek School classrooms downstairs. We would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to these individuals for their continued and tireless efforts...this is what stewardship is all about!

We would also like to thank the following individuals for their contribution towards the maintenance and appearance of our church.

- Mr. Stamatis Linaris of Linaris Construction for donating sidewalk repairs and replacement work.
- Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Zanghi of Riverdale Painting for donating the painting in the Narthex.
- Mr. Periclis Golas of El Greco painting for his partial donation in painting the Gym.
- Mr. Costas Karras of Gleason Paint for donating the paint for painting the Greek School classrooms.

Recently completed projects include:

- Replacement/ repairs to sidewalk slabs.
- Repairs to electrical installations.
- Completion of the repairs to door hardware and locks throughout the church facility.
- Emergency repairs to the main boilers.
- Painting of Narthex and Gym.

Below is a listing of high priority maintenance projects that are under consideration pending budget capability:

- Repair Dome roof/ gutters.
- Repair Gym roof gutters/leaders and wall leaks.
- Replace church entrance doors.
- Repair boilers (plumbing work).
- Repair HVAC Ducts on roof.
- Seal cracks in parking lot pavement.
- Replace original HVAC units.

If you are interested in contributing or sponsoring any of these projects, please contact one of the committee members. This year's committee members are: Eugene Ferranti, John Lignos, Michael Lilikas, Stavros Kamilaris, Nick Katsapis, Michael Polemis, James Poulos and Jack Sardis.

We would like to reach out to our parishioners and ask that if you are associated with a Construction / Maintenance related business please contact one of the committee members and register your name/ business.

Please keep in mind that any improvements to our church facilities need to be approved by Father John and the Committee before it is implemented. We appreciate your help and cooperation in keeping our Church in good maintenance and beautiful!

Stavros Kamilaris & Nick Katsapis, Co-Chairs

Souvenir Journal:

The 2004 Souvenir Journal Committee has been working hard this summer and we are all looking forward to an extremely successful Souvenir Journal since this year's journal will honor our Cathedral Dean, The Reverend Protopresbyter John Alexandrou, as he celebrates his 35th year in the priesthood.

Letters have been sent to all of our Journal subscribers. We thank them once again for their past support and look forward to their continued support in 2004.

Additionally, letters have been sent to our stewards, hoping that they too will support our Journal by placing an ad for their business, family and/or in memory of a departed member of their family.

Ad sizes and cost have remained the same and are as follows:

- Parchment Page \$1000
- Premier Page-Gold \$500
- Gold Trim Page \$250
- Silver Trim Page \$200
- White Trim Page \$150
- Half Page \$100

The deadline for placing an ad is October 29th, 2004. The Souvenir Journal will be available November 13th, 2004, the evening of our Cathedral Ball which will be held this year at The Sheraton Crossroads in Mahwah, New Jersey and there after through our church office.

Journal photographs have not been scheduled as yet. The committee will inform the community with these dates.

Let's all work together to make this year's Journal more successful than ever! We thank you in advance for your continued support. May God bless you and your families as we all continue our work in the Lord.

George Gines Gus Kramis George Souflis
Journal Chairmen

Family Circle Meeting:

Next meeting is September 27, Monday at 7:30pm. Please arrange for a representative from your organization to be there.

The Electronic Good News:

By Dean Lignos

If you have students in college or parents in an old age home who can not make it to church every week, then *The Electronic Good News* may be the way to keep anyone close to their religion. *The Electronic Good News* is an e-mail sent out every week with a short paragraph about holidays or feast days celebrated in the previous week, followed by the Epistle and Gospel lesson in both English and Greek, and Fr. John Alexandrou's touching sermons. Anyone may receive *The Electronic Good News* for no cost with helpful subjects to keep us closer to God.

With your support, my Eagle project can become a true success with plans in the future for a live video of each Sunday's liturgy including Vespers and Liturgies for feast days and holidays. To sign-up for this free program, please send a blank e-mail to Evangelio@aol.com. May God bless you and your families!

SAVE THIS DATE: SAT. FEB. 12, 2005

We, at St. John the Theologian Metropolitan Cathedral, are hosting a full day workshop entitled A Couples Day Out. It will be given by Father Charles Joanides, who holds a Ph.D in Family

Studies and is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, and an approved AAMFT Supervisor. So, mark this date now. Complete details in upcoming fliers to follow.

GOYA:

The upcoming 2004-2005 GOYA season will begin with the swearing in of the new Executive Board on Sunday, September 12, 2004, after the Divine Liturgy. Congratulations to our new officers:

President: Stacey Kamilaris
Vice-President: Nick Kinnis
Treasurer: Anthony Kinnis
Corresponding Secretary: Sophia Zigouras
Recording Secretary: Christina Kamilaris
Historian: Christina Guliadis

The GOYA of the Cathedral of St. John the Theologian welcomes all youth from the ages of 12 (in 7th grade) to 18 (in 12th grade) to join our organization. You will have the opportunity to meet other youth from our diocese and to participate in a variety of events that include retreats, community service, fundraisers, dances, sports (bowling, basketball, volleyball, and track and field events), art, music and dance competitions.

Registration for GOYA will begin on September 12th and will continue for the remaining Sundays in September. At this time a schedule of events and meeting dates will be provided.

Penny Rousouli, Advisor

JOY:

Welcome to another exciting year of Joy at St. John's! We encourage our children to grow spiritually and socially in our faith and community. Joy is open to all children between the ages of 7-12 years old. Registration begins Sunday, September 12th and 19th, 2004 in the Fellowship Hall. JOY meets every 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month at 7 pm.

We are planning a fun year ahead and look forward to seeing many of our children at our meetings. Joy kicks off with our "ICE CREAM SOCIAL", Friday October 1st, 7pm in the

Fellowship Hall. Be sure to attend this great evening!

Any questions regarding JOY , please contact Nikki Louloudis @ 201-263-1112 or Irene Ferranti @845-398-1838 or contact the church office.

JOY Calendar of Events: (Subject to Change)

- 1st Meeting- Friday 10/1/04- 7pm –
Ice Cream Social -Fellowship Hall
- Friday 10/15/04 Joy Event
- Sunday 10/17/04 Loukoumades Sale after Church -
- Friday 11/05/04 Harvest Ball Dance
- Friday 11/7/04 Loukoumades Sale after Church
- Friday 11/19/04 ? (vac) TBA
- Friday 12/3/04 Gym Night
- Friday 12/17/04 Christmas Party / Craft Night
- Friday 01/07/2005 ?(vac) TBA
- Friday 01/21/05 Joy Event
- Friday 02/04/05 Make gift for God Parent Sunday
- Friday 02/18/05 NO JOY ST. Philothea Vespers
- Friday 03/04/05 Mosaics for Orthodox Sunday
- Friday 03/18/05 Joy in Church
- Sunday 03/20/05 Loukoumades Sale after Church
- Friday 04/01/05 NO JOY
- Friday 04/15/05 Joy Event
- Last Meeting-Friday 05/06/05 Dinner Out at KIKU

Irene Ferranti

Girl Scouts:

We are proud of our girl scouts working on their religious awards over this summer. They continue to grow & learn through the girl scout program. We would like to extend our thanks to Father John & Christ Economos for their guidance during the St. George & Chi Rho Scout religious programs.

Our girl scouts are looking forward to another fun and enriching year. We hope more girls come and enjoy the fun in time for our first outing of the year to the Crayola Factory in Easton, Pa. Remember, if you are starting kindergarten or higher this September, now is the time to join!

For more information, contact Janet Hilaris, 201-750-9173; Helen Kamilaris, 201-384-3856;

Christalla Papas, 201-391-0150; or Phyllis Turrin, 201- 767-1113.

Boy Scouts:

This year, the Boy Scouts of St. John's have a jam packed year of fun, interesting and helpful events. The boy scouts from Troop 25 enjoy both participating in our exciting events as well as helping the church and our community in whatever way possible. This year we have organized a number of events for the boy scouts. Here is just a taste of what will be going on throughout the year.

From September though October the troop and pack will be holding a popcorn sale to help raise money for the troop. On October 9-10 the boy scouts will be heading up to St. Basil's for its annual EOCS (Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting) retreat. The troop will be participating in many fun and interesting activities related to religion. The troop will head back up to St. Basil's in April for the EOCS camporee, where the troop will be competing against other troops in many different areas of boy scout knowledge.

At the end of October the troop will be attending the State Police Camporee, held in Sea Girt, NJ. The scouts will have a wonderful time learning about the police and their equipment as well as being able to earn a few extra merit badges. In December the troop will be going on a cabin camping trip in Alpine. The scouts will have much time for practicing skills as well as working towards advancement. On January 22, the scouts will be attending the annual Klondike Derby, where the troop will compete in many activities with the goal of winning first prize and the trophy. The scouts will endure frigid temperatures as well as mounds of snow. The troop practices almost all year for this event.

On February 12 we have the Annual Blue & Gold Dinner that honors the Anniversary of Scouting for both cub scouts and boy scouts. Medals and badges will be presented to the scouts for their high achievements. The next day, Feb. 13, is Scout Day. All Scouts will be present in church in full uniform. After services they will be selling loukoumades as a fundraiser. In July the scouts will attend the Boy Scout Summer Camp to earn many

merit badges. They will be away for one week, both working hard and having fun in the camp.

Those are just a few events that Troop 25 has to offer. The troop is always growing, and we hope that it never stops. The scouts have fun all the time and are constantly learning too.

George Siolos, Senior Patrol Leader, Troop 25

Cub Scouts:

Pack 25 has already kicked off it's new year, which officially starts June 1st, with a night out to a minor league baseball game for Scout Night, with a chance to sleep overnight on the outfield grass. It was the most soft and flat surface we will ever camp on! The next morning we were off for the annual Fishing Derby at the Oradell reservoir where many cubs got to test their baiting and fishing skills. After that it was Summer Camp time, both day camps at Mahwah and NJ Camp Alpine, and overnight at Camp Lewis where parents and cubs enjoyed 5 days of fun filled activities.

We also kept busy this summer with a Sea Glass Hunt at the Alpine Boat Basin, two Car washes, a pool party and a start on one of the religious awards in Cub Scouts, the Chi Rho. Thank you to Father John for his guidance during that religious class.

The School year is almost here and it's time to sign up your sons for the fulfilling activities upcoming. Cub Scouts start with First Graders and goes through Fifth Grade, at which time they become Boy Scouts. Scouting starts with Tigers, which is a parent and scout activity, and progresses through the Wolf, Bear and Webelos levels, gradually gaining more Knowledge, Awards and Independence from the parental side and more teamwork with their fellow scouts. So, sign up now by contacting the Church Office or Peter Hilaris at 201-750-9173.

The upcoming events you don't want to miss include:

- Sept 11th, Sat: Crayola Factory and Lost River Caverns Trip.
- Sept-Oct: Popcorn Fundraising Sales
- Oct 2nd, Sat: Cub Field Day

-Oct 9-10th: EOCS Retreat, Saint Basil

-Oct 29, Fri: Gym Night

-Nov 6th, Sat: Cub Outdoor Day

-Nov 28th, Sun: Ice Skating

This is in addition to meetings held every 2nd & 4th Fridays of the month. Come Join Now!!!

Parish Profiles:

Michelle Lavitola has been dancing since the age of three. She has performed in various competitions where she has received Gold and High Silver recognition. Most recently, she won eighteen medals in two National Dance Competitions. Her first competition in 2001 took her to Las Vegas where she performed in the "Battle of the Stars". Michele is a senior company dance member of the Look Sharp Performing Arts Center in Ramsey and the daughter of Elaine and Anthony Lavitola.

Scholarships:

There are various scholarships available to our youth of the Cathedral for their college years. Following is a listing of those that we know about and some specifics. If you have any more information, please contact the church office.

1. St. John Scholarships: There are multiple scholarships available in the \$500-\$1000 range for family of our stewards, with a deadline each year of August 15th. Application materials available at the church office. This years winners not available at the time of this printing.
2. GOYA: The District had 2 \$600 scholarships this year. The deadline was in the spring, (Check next year's deadline with GOYA advisors). Congratulations to this year's winners, Theodora Guliades and Michael Lignos.
3. AHEPA: They have Scholarships at 3 different levels. The National and District levels are open to family of AHEPANS only, with deadlines in the winter(details to follow in future edition, or call AHEPA. The Local Bergen Knights Chapter gave three scholarships this year, \$500 each. Next

year the eligibility needs to be defined, but might be more limited (details forthcoming). This year's winners were Cassie Virgin, Christos Papapetrou and Michael Lignos.

4. **EOCS:** The Eastern Orthodox Committee of Scouting has one \$1000 Scholarship offered per year to Orthodox Youth who have attained the highest rank in Boy Scouts, Eagle, or in Girl Scouts, . The deadline is in late winter and information is available on the EOCS web site (www.eocs.org). The national winner this year was our own Michael Lignos.

Congratulations to all Scholarship winners and keep these scholarships in mind come college time.

because of the slope of the land, the main floor of the nearest townhouse unit will be approximately 25 feet below the level of the parking lot.

It was a win-win situation.

Arthur N. Chagaris, Esq., Legal Adviser

New Year's Eve Celebration:

Mark your calendar for this year's New Year's Eve Party to be held at our Cathedral. The Party will be held Friday night, December 31st, 2004, till sometime in 2005. Join your Cathedral family and friends on that joyful night!

DEVELOPER OF THE HEIGHTS AT TENAFLY DONATES \$25,000.00 TO ST. JOHN'S

May 17, 2004 - Tenaflly Associates, the developer of The Heights at Tenaflly that is being built next door, has donated \$25,000.00 to St. John's. That donation followed years of Mt. Laurel Litigation involving the developer, the Borough of Tenaflly and the Cathedral.

Originally, the developer sued Tenaflly demanding approval to build almost 600 apartment units on the property that would have included low- and moderate-income housing units. St. John's joined the suit to block that enormous project. After years of litigation, a settlement was reached that allowed the construction of 35 luxury townhouses on the developer's property and that included the \$25,000.00 donation.

Most important, this did not cost St. John's anything. The Cathedral did not give up any property and there is a 25-foot primary set back distance between the closest unit and the Cathedral's boundary line. The boundary line is 100 feet west of the Cathedral's parking lot. In other words, the closet unit will be about 125 feet from the edge of the current parking lot. In addition,

Baptisms:

4/17/04 M/M David Raines for Perry David with Christina Soras as Anadochos.

4/18/04 M/M Bruce McConnell for Emily Sophia with James & Stacy Angelidis as Anadochi.

4/24/04 M/M Peter Lambrianakos for Sophia Helen with Angelike & Frank Galdi as Anadochi.

5/1/04 M/M Anthony W. Lolis for Lucille Sophia with Matthew & Peggy Lolis as Anadochi.

5/1/04 M/M Efthimios Kalas for Maria Antonia with Magdalini Poulos as Anadochos.

5/1/04 M/M Gerardo Russo for Olivia Marie with John J. Sarailian as Anadochos.

5/2/04 M/M Sam M. Matthews for Niki Athanasia with Charles & Katherine DeGruccio as Anadochi.

5/8/04 M/M Michael Bonanos for Nicholas Stavros with Jordan Yuelys as Anadochos.

5/15/04 M/M Dean C. Vafiades for Natasha with Dean & Maria Paltos as Anadochi.

5/15/04 M/M Constantinos J. Rakkou for John with Markos Drakotos as Anadochos.

5/23/04 M/M Peter Kontzomanis for Paul Michael with Andrea Makrinos as Anadochos.

6/6/04 M/M Salvatore A. Esposito for Peter with Angelos & Katerina Kontopanagiotis as Anadochi.

6/12/04 M/M William Dean Callas for Ava with Gus Haritos & Katherine Derenberger as Anadochi.

6/26/04 M/M Peter Vadis for Sean Anthony with Matthew Michael as Anadochos.

6/27/04 M/M Alexander P. Avlonitis, Jr. for Alexander Lucas with Elizabeth Apgar & Antonio Couto as Anadochi.

7/11/04 M/M John Vecchione for Matthew with Tom & Maria Cokotis as Anadochi.

Weddings:

4/17/04 Robert J. Lenahan & Vasiliki Mitsakos with Lee Mitsakos & Pamela Mitsakos as the Koumbaroi.

4/25/04 Constantinos Stamatou & Vasiliki Loizides with Nicholas Loizides & Toniann Desantis as the Koumbaroi.

6/12/04 Joseph J. Olenick III & Denise C. Mylson with Vida Mylson-Keller & Amanda Mylson as the Koumbaroi.

6/25/04 Walter Andrew Haase & Christina Alexiades with Michael J. Phillips & Michael D. Haase as the Koumbaroi.

7/4/04 Andreas Protopapas & Ioanna Kambolis with Nicholas Kambolis & Anna Protopapas as the Koumbaroi.

7/11/04 Mihai Bieltz & Aliko Nicolaidis with Christine Nicolaidis & Tony Shabo as the Koumbaroi.

7/17/04 Anthony E. Dimitriades & Joanne M. Magno with Dr. Demetrios P. Bayiokos & Alana Cooley as the Koumbaroi.

7/25/04 Theodore Kouridis & Athena Demetriades with Theodore Rizos & Eleni Demetriades as the Koumbaroi.

Funerals:

4/15/04 Olympia Contos

6/28/04 Loukia Gorant

7/13/04 Elizabeth A. Livanos

7/23/04 George Rokkos

8/2/04 Warren Palmer

8/9/04 Dimitrios Thomopoulos

Cathedral Calender of Events:

For an online version of this calendar, go to

www.gonj.org (8/19/04)

Sept 8 Wed Nativity of the Theotokos, 9-11am
 9 Thur Greek School Begins -Agiasmos
 11 Sat Cub & Girl Scout –Crayola Factory Trip
 12 Sun Resume Normal Hours for Services
 12 Sun Sunday School Begins
 12 Sun GOYA Oath of Office
 14 Tue Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 9-11am
 19 Sun Holy Cross Celebration, Cathedral will not have a Divine Liturgy Service
 18-19 Boy Scout Palisades Trail
 Camp/Hike
 25 Sat Great Vespers Service – St. John the Theologian, 7:30pm Reception by Philoptochos to follow.
 26 Sun St. John The Theologian Feast Day and Second Phase Beautification and Preservation Project Luncheon
 27 Mon Family Circle Meeting, 7:30pm

Oct 3 Sun PTO/MC Oath of Office
 9-10 S-S EOCS Religious Retreat St. Basil's
 9 Sat Mr. & Mrs. Club Wine & Cheese- 7:30
 10 Sun Mr. & Mrs. Jr Goya Pageant
 10 Sun Sunday Brunch
 17 Sun JOY Loukoumades
 18 Mon St. Luke the Evangelist, Div Lit 9-11am
 20 Wed Greek School - Back to School Night
 21 Thur Philoptochos Testimonial Dinner
 23-24 Boy Scout State Police Camporee
 26 Tue St. Demetrios , Div Liturgy 9-11am
 28 Thur St. Skepi, Divine Liturgy 9-11am OXI Day
 30 Sat Greek School OXI Day Celebration 4:00

Nov 7 Sun Youth Sunday
 7 Sun General Assembly
 7 Sun Joy Loukoumades
 8 Mon St. Michael & Gabriel-Archangels, 9-11

9 Tue St. Nectarios, 9-11am
 13 Sat St. John the Chrysostom, 9-11am
 13 Sat **Annual Cathedral Dinner Dance**
 14 Sun Divine Liturgy honoring Father John followed by Reception
 18 Thu Tricky Tray - PTO/MC
 21 Sun The Presentation of the Theotokos
 21 Sun Stewardship Sunday Brunch
 25 Thur St. Catherine the Great Martyr, 9-11
 25-26 Office Closed, Thanksgiving
 30 Tue St. Andrew the Apostle, 9-11am
 Dec 2 Thur Philoptochos Christmas Party
 4 Sat St. Barbara, Div Liturgy 9-11am
 4 Sat Philoptochos Craft Show
 5 Sun Parish Council Elections
 6 Mon St. Nicholas of Myra, Div Lit 9-11am
 12 Sun St. Spyridon, Div Liturgy 10am
 12 Sun Sunday School Communion Breakfast
 12 Sun Mr. & Mrs. Christmas Dinner Dance
 15 Wed St. Eleftherios, Div Liturgy 9-11am
 19 Sun Christmas Pageant/Parish Party
 21 Tue Greek School Christmas Pizza Party
 24 Fri Christmas Eve, Div Liturgy pm
 25 Sat Christmas Day, Div Liturgy 9:30-11:30
 27 Mon St. Stephen the Protomartyr 9-11am
 29 Wed State GOYA Christmas Dance
 31 Fri New Year's Eve Party

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Jan 9 Sun Philoptochos Vasilopita
 Feb 6 Sun Kali Parea Pancake Breakfast
 Feb 26 Sat Basile Concert
 Mar 12 Sat Apokriatiko Glendi
 Mar 14 Mon Great Lent Begins
 May 1 Sun Easter Sunday
 May 12 Philoptochos Fashion Show

Regularly Scheduled Meetings:

Philoptochos

Every 3rd Wednesday (7:30pm) Monthly

PTO/MC

1st Tuesday (4:15pm) Monthly

Sunday School Teachers

Every 1st Sunday

Monthly

GOYA

Every 2nd Friday (7:30pm) Monthly

JOY

1st & 3rd Fridays (7:30pm)Bi-Weekly

Cub & Girl Scouts

2nd & 4th Fridays (7:30pm)Bi-Weekly

Boy Scouts

2nd, 3rd & 4th Fridays (7:30pm)Weekly

Mr & Mrs Club

Every 2nd Tuesday (8:00pm)Monthly

Bible Class, Greek

Every Thursday (7:30pm)Weekly

Bible Class, English

Every Tuesday (7:30pm)Weekly

Choir Practice

Every Thursday (7:30pm)Weekly

Kali Parea

Every 4th Wed (1:00pm)Monthly

YAL

Every 1st Sun After Liturgy,Monthly

Greek Dancing

Sat: 10:30,11:30,12:30,1:30 Sun:12:30

Sunday Orthros - 9:00am

Sunday Divine Liturgy- 10:00am