

## **President's Message:**

On behalf of the Parish Council, I hope our Cathedral Chronicle finds you and your family well.

Many of you have asked me what drives a person to seek, once again, the seat of Parish Council President. I can only say that the first time a person seeks it out of naiveté, the second time out of love. I pray that, through the Grace of God, the Parish Council accomplishes much together, all for His glory.

A very special, heartfelt thank you belongs to my predecessor, Mr. Andreas Zigouras, who has given and continues to give so selflessly of himself, for the well-being of our Parish. Andrea, πάντα ἅγιος!

With the leadership of our Cathedral Dean, Rev. John Alexandrou, and a unified Parish Council, we have a lot to get accomplished. We must enrich our stewardship program to meet the Parish's annual budget, promote programs that will in the very near future allow us to burn the mortgage, improve our operations by taking a good look at how we accomplish our tasks, continue to maintain and beautify our most important physical asset--the edifice we have been entrusted with, and to open a clear line of communications between the Parish Council and all the Church Stewards.

The only vehicles by which together we will accomplish these tasks is Love, Unity and Humility.

We are reminded of St. Paul's Epistle to the Colossians (3:12-15), **"Therefore as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, long-suffering, bearing one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another**

**even as Christ forgives you, so you also must do.**

**But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful."**

So together armed with love, enduring in unity, but cloaked in humility we will see our Cathedral reach new heights. We ask for your prayers and promise you ours. May the Risen Lord always bless and brighten the paths that you and your families travel.

With Love in Christ,  
*John M. Lignos*  
 Parish Council, President

## **Festival:**

Mark the dates of June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, Thursday thru Sunday, for this year's annual "A Taste of Greece" Festival at our own Cathedral. As always, we will have Greek Food, indoors and outdoors, Greek Music, Pastries, Vendors of all types, Church tours, Games and Rides.

All of the activities are run by our own Cathedral's volunteers, and we need everybody's help. Get your name in to the area you want to volunteer in. If you have never volunteered before, it is a fulfilling experience and we do need your help, so please call the church office at 567-5072 and give you Cathedral 3 hours of your time as a Church Steward.

## **Car Raffle:**

In conjunction with the festival, we are holding our Annual Car Raffle with another high performance BMW X-5 on the ticket, ready to go into your garage. Tickets are \$100 a piece with only 1000 tickets being sold, so great odds! Get your tickets now, via the church office or any ticket seller.

## **Philoptochos News:**

Dear Members & Parishioners,

“St. Philothea” Philoptochos of our Metropolitan Cathedral of St. John the Theologian wishes everyone a very Happy Easter. May the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ bring to all of us love and health. “CHRISTOS ANESTI.”

### December:

The Christmas party took place on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Clinton Inn, and was a very successful event. Mrs. Katina Halkias, Chairlady, and her crew did an outstanding job. We would like to thank our members for their support and those of you who donated for the raffle.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of December, we held a Holiday Bazaar. Twenty-five vendors participated and sold their products. The Philoptochos ladies prepared and sold spanakopita, sweets and bagels. We would like to thank Kontos Foods, the Menegatos Family and all the ladies that baked. It was a new idea that became a great success. Thanks to Chairlady, Barbara Papigiotis and her crew. This event will take place the first weekend of December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005 as well. If you know of any vendors who would like to participate next year, please see Ms. Papigiotis.

### January Vasilopita:

The Luncheon was held in the Gymnasium on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005. A big thanks to our Parish families for their support, to our donors and all the Philoptochos ladies who worked diligently under the supervision of Chairlady, Maria Kallis, and Co-Chairladies, Maria Makrinos and Maria Meidanis and also the Chefs Mr. & Mrs. John Tsokanos and Mark Halkias.

### February:

Our Philoptochos Patron Saint is “St. Philothea of Athens.” Every year on the eve of her Name Day, February 19<sup>th</sup>, Vespers

are chanted and an Artoclasia is sponsored by the Philoptochos for the health of its membership. So on February 18<sup>th</sup>, this celebration took place and the reception was hosted by our Philoptochos. Please note the date for next year. We need more participation, after all, “St. Philothea” is our Patron Saint. Thank you to all the ladies for the beautiful reception.

### March:

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of March, Kathari Deftera, we hosted the first Lenten dinner and Lecture which was preceded by the chanting of Mega Apodipno. Father George Dragas, a well known Theologian and speaker gave a great lecture on “Orthodoxy and the Church.” We would like to thank him for a very informative presentation. We also would like to thank all the ladies who cooked and baked Lenten specialties, especially the Chairlady, Mrs. Meidanis. Thank you all for your participation.

On March 25<sup>th</sup>, a Fasolatha luncheon was held following church services. A big thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Tsocanos for the Fasolatha, Fantis Foods and to our Parishioners who supported this event. Also, Chairlady, Mrs. Veta Liouliakis, did an outstanding job; the food was delicious.

### NOTE THE DAY: May 10, 2005:

Our major fundraiser, “The Fashion Show” will be held at “Seasons.” We ask all of you to please participate. It’s our major event of the year. We hope to see you there. We promise you a great evening.

### General Meetings: May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005

We kindly ask our members to join us in the meetings. We have many important issues to discuss.

As we all know, Philoptochos is the “Friend of the Poor & Sick.” Our donations this period went to Unicef, the Cancer Fund, the Cardiac Fund, St. Basil’s Academy, I.O.C.C., Tsunami Relief Fund, and generally any individuals who needed our

help and that some of you brought to our attention. We thank you all for your donations, including the Food Drive and Gifts from the Heart.

We have faith that our members will continue with their commitment and support, but we aim to increase our membership in the New Year. We are fortunate to be part of a privileged community, with our Parishioners supporting our causes, but we can never have too much help. This year, we ask all of you to become members of "St. Philothea". Philoptochos has no age limits. From the young to the young at heart, we can all help. There is too much pain and suffering in the world. Please help us make it a better place for all.

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**PLEASE ACCEPT MY 2005 DUES FOR \$25.00 AND KEEP ME ACTIVE ON THE ST. PHILOTHEA PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY MAILING LIST.**

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**\$25 ENCLOSED** \_\_\_\_\_

Happy Easter!

*Harriet Nikolaidis, President*

**Family Circle Meeting:**

The next meeting will be Thursday night, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. Please have at least one representative from each Church organization present. Thank You

**PTO/Mothers' Club:**

It's very hard to believe that in seven weeks the 2004-2005 Greek School and Sunday School year will be over. We are very proud of our children and are thankful to all of the families who continue to support our events and fundraisers.

As we settled into the new ecclesiastical year, we welcomed the anticipation of Christmas by hosting a Sunday School communion breakfast. Thank you to our chairladies Nicki Louloudis and Demi Katradis for their help organizing this event.

Our annual Christmas pageant is always an uplifting event as we anticipate the celebration of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you to Effie Thomopouls, Maria Lignos, Stacy Sardis, Mary Briskin and our Sunday School teachers who worked together with our children for a wonderful performance that all enjoyed.

The "Gifts For Santa" that were collected that afternoon were donated to the Greek children of the Greek Children's Cancer Fund at Sloan Kettering Hospital in New York City and the Dumont Shelter in Dumont, New Jersey. Thank you to Chrystalla Papas for delivering those gifts for us.

Our cultural events committee arranged for our Greek School and Sunday School children to attend the "Nutcracker On Ice" at the NJPAC. This was a fun filled afternoon for the 130 children and adults that attended. Thank you to our Cultural Committee Chairladies, Anna Lilikas and Christalla Papas.

January found us celebrating the Three Hierarchs with a brief performance by our Greek School children followed by a

dessert reception and Greek dancing by our dance students. Many thanks to our chairlady Valerie Kovanis who coordinated this lovely affair.

This year's Apokreatiko Glendi was another tremendous success. We would like to extend a big Thank You to our chairladies Marianna Eby, Georgia Economos, and Gina Tzavelis along with Christine Barbarise who did a wonderful job with our raffle. Thank you to those parishioners who so generously made donations that evening. We would be remiss if we did not thank our chefs George Lilikas, John Tsocanos and their help Jack Kessisoglou, Homer Vanides and Costas Nakopoulos. Dinner was delicious and enjoyed by all.

On March 26<sup>th</sup> our Greek School children celebrated their Greek culture and heritage with their Greek Independence Day performance. Thank you to our Greek School principal Anna Megaris and all of our teachers for their hard work and dedication. Thank you to our chairladies Stacey Kontolios and Pat Tolos for coordinating this event.

Lastly, on Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, we hosted, through the Greek Cultural Center in Astoria, New York, a performance of "Karaghiozi". The performance was immensely enjoyed by our children and community.

Upcoming events:

May 12<sup>th</sup>: General Meeting at 4:30pm.  
 May 19<sup>th</sup>: Greek School graduation, 4:15pm.  
 May 22<sup>nd</sup>: Sunday School graduation  
 May 24<sup>th</sup>: Greek and Sunday School end of the year party 4:15 – 6:15pm

In closing, we would like to wish you a Happy Easter and a good summer.

*Gena Dongaris Sherry Zoe Zigouras*  
*PTO/Mothers' Club*  
*Co Presidents*

**Mr. & Mrs. Club:**

Our Christmas Soiree at the Venetian was a stupendous success. Both the young at heart, and the younger, danced the night away, while dining to delectable hors d'oeuvres and dinner, in a festive holiday setting. Our special guest, Alexander Argiriou, was honored with presentations, for his devotion to the Mr. & Mrs. Club, as well as years of service to our Church.

In February, our Glendi took us to Astoria, New York, at the Zodiac nightclub. We enjoyed our friends in a delightful atmosphere, with Greek entertainers, Greek wine and dinner, and a finale of Kontos "diples".

In April, we had a delightful trip to see a Broadway play, with half going to see "Brooklyn" and the other half to "Moving Out". Afterwards, everyone met up and dined at a local restaurant together.

Our membership continues to expand, and it is truly pleasing to have been so well received by our community, and surrounding neighbors.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May – General Meeting – Elections  
 June – Bananas Comedy Club

Come have a few LAUGHS in fun company.

*Vivian Demoleas, President*

**Kali Parea:**

The 2004-05 season has been interesting and very busy. At our first general meeting, in September, we were privileged to have Dr. George Kiriakopoulos, DDS speak to our group regarding the care of our teeth in our older years.

We visited the Rockefeller Estate, Kykuit, in Sleepy Hollow, NY in October. Our guest speaker at our October general meeting was Susan Breithauatt from Valley Hospital whose topic was "Improve Your Memories" – excellent advise for all of us.

In November, we went to dinner at Sanducci's in River Edge, and then attended the Bergen Player's Playhouse in Oradell to see the play "Run For Your Wife".

December was a very busy month. Early in the month, we attended the NJ Choral Society's annual Christmas concert. Later in the month, we traveled by bus to the Hotel Thayer at West Point for lunch and then went on a tour of Boscobel, a beautiful mansion in Garrison, NY. Last, but not least, we had a festive afternoon at our annual Christmas Party which was attended by 146 guests, including several residents from St. Michael's Home for the Aged.

We started the New Year with a Greek comedy movie at our January meeting. In February, we invited the co-founders of The Greek Museum, Kathy Boulukos and Stacey Nicholas to present a slide show and lecture on their progress to date. Unfortunately, a storm postponed their presentation until February when a wonderful crowd of approximately 80 people attended the meeting. In March, Father John Alexandrou spoke to us about the new Charter of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. He was very informative and everyone enjoyed his lecture. In March, we again had dinner at Sanducci's and afterwards attended the Bergen Player's Playhouse for a performance of "Table Manners".

Kali Parea is now planning a very interesting and informative trip to Williamsburg, Virginia from Monday, May 16 through Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. We will travel by luxury bus, stay at the Holiday Inn Express in the center of Williamsburg, visit

Historic Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown and Yorktown. The cost is \$340 per person (double occupancy) and \$458 (single occupancy) which includes the luxury bus, hotel with continental breakfast, three dinners, plus tours of Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown and Yorktown. All other meals and personal incidentals will be extra. This trip is open to everyone! For further information, call Vangie George at 201-567-5848 or speak to any of the Kali Parea officers.

Kali Parea meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 1:00pm. Our total membership is presently 164. Dues are \$10 per person. We invite all youngsters 55 years or age and over to join us.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Vangie George, Corresponding Secretary*

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

On December 19, 2004, the Catechism and Greek School students presented in Church The Christmas Pageant, the birth of Jesus Christ our Savior. The Pageant was directed by Effie Thomopoulos with the assistance of Mary Briskin, Stephanie Kiriak, Maria Lignos and Stacy Sardis. The Pageant was very well received by the parishioners.

On Godparents Day, February 6, the Sunday School students participated in the Baptismal Vow Renewal that took place during the Liturgy.

The annual Oratorical Festival was held in Church on March 18, 2005 after the Salutations. The Chairlady, Maria Lignos ably assisted by John Lignos conducted a very successful Festival. Michael Connolly was awarded first place for the Senior Division. Dean Lignos was awarded first place for the Junior Division. Second place was awarded to Anna Lilikas and third place

to George Soussou. Honorable mention was awarded to Dimitri Nannas, AnnMaria Manso, Alexandra Zigouras, George Sardis, Vasilios Lilikas, Thomas Soussou and Orelia Sovjani. The first place winners will represent The Cathedral of St. John in the District Oratorical Festival. Congratulations to all the participants.

The Sunday School Students helped celebrate The Sunday of Orthodoxy, on March 20, 2005, by holding Icons in a procession from the Narthex to the Solea.

On March 21, after the Compline Service the Catechism School Teachers hosted a Lenten Dinner. This was followed by a lecture by Father Dragas.

### **GOYA News:**

Since January the GOYA of the Cathedral of St. John the Theologian has been busy with a variety of events.

January: Congratulations to our Girls' Volleyball Team who won the Second Place Trophy in the District I Games.

Coach: Ms. Tarsia Manso

Team: Eleni Demetrakopoulos, Eftihia Kaparos, Maria Lambiris, Ann Marie Manso, Christina Soros, Anna Takos, Elena Thomopoulos, Xanthi Tsamutalis

March: The Annual Sights and Sounds Invitational was held at Westfield on March 5, 2005. The Cathedral Goyans came home with a number of awards. The Cathedral Community had a chance to see our participants at the 34th Annual Sights & Sounds Luncheon on March 13<sup>th</sup>. A big Thank You is extended to Maria Lignos, Maria Kamilaris, Effie Thomopoulos, and Stacey Sardis for coordinating this fabulous luncheon. A special thank you to George and Irene Lilikas for the food preparation, and to the following for their generous donations: Mr. & Mrs. Steve Kontos of

Kontos Foods, and Mr.&Mrs. Jerry Makris of Fantis Foods.

The following were recognized at the Awards Ceremony at Westfield:

- ❖ Christina Guliadis - 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Computer Enhanced Photography
- ❖ Christina Guliadis - 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Jr. Division Short Story
- ❖ George Kostakis -2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Sr. Division Poster
- ❖ Michael Connolly - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Sr. Division Poetry
- ❖ Christina Guliadis - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Jr. Division Black&White Photography
- ❖ Greek Play- 4<sup>th</sup> Place-  
Director: Mrs. Aspasia Melis
- ❖ Dean Lignos- Best Actor
- ❖ Religious Singing Group- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- ❖ Constantine Rousouli- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Sr. Singing Solo
- ❖ Anthony Kinnis - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Jr. Greek Monologue

2005 Sights/Sounds Participants: Tasia Baker, Michael Connolly, Eleni Demetrakopoulos, Carl Fisher, Christina Guliadis, Christina Kamilaris, Stacey Kamilaris, Anthony Kinnis, Nick Kinnis, Ellyn Kojanis, Renee Kojanis, Lambrini Kolios, Eftihia Kaparos, George Kostakis, Maria Lambiris, Dean Lignos, Anna Lilikas, Linda Patentas, Alexandra Popovski, April Poydorou, Constantine Rousouli, George Sardis, George Soussou, Thomas Soussou, Georgia Stavrou, Elena Thomopoulos, Tia Ziagos, Alexandra Zigouras, Sophia Zigouras.

April: Our Goya members had a fun time playing with the Wizards Basketball Team at the Cathedral's very successful fundraiser on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Tenafly H.S. Gym.

April 22<sup>nd</sup>: An overnight Religious Retreat will be held at the Cathedral under the guidance of our very supportive Spiritual Advisor, Fr. John Alexandrou.

We wish the entire community a very Happy Easter.

*Penny Rousouli, GOYA Advisor*

## **SUMMER CHURCH CAMP:**

Church camp is an intensive one-week adventure that is designed age appropriately for kids in grades 4 through 8. Church camp is being held this year Monday through Friday on June 27, 28, 29, 30, and July 1 and is absolutely FREE!

We work towards deepening the relationship between your child and the Lord through His word. We realize that these are dangerous times that we live in and try our best to teach your kids to “live accordingly” and to “trust in the Lord” with all their hearts. For the Lord has said: “If you look for Me with all your heart, you will find Me”.

Aside from the kids learning about their faith, scriptures, and biblical stories, they have FUN; by including sports, arts and crafts, videos, lessons, snacks, motivational competitions, and prizes.

What lessons do we teach?

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: True faith in Christ, and examples of what God can do with an ordinary life: stories of Esther, Ruth, Daniel, and St. Paul.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: The Lords Promises, to his true believers.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Warnings and instructions.

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades: Old Testament prophecy concerning Christ’s coming.

So drop your kids off with us between the hours of 2pm to 6pm, Monday through Friday on June 27, 28, 29, 30, and July 1 and know that they will be in good hands having an excellent time, and a memorable week learning about our faith.

In Christ,  
*The Sunday school staff.*

### **JOY:**

Joy has had a wonderful year thus far. Over 45 children have signed up for this

group of youth ages 7-12! We started out with our Annual Ice Cream Social to help our youngsters meet and greet each other. It's a fun way to break the ice and get to know each other in a casual setting. In October, we had our first Loukoumades sale. With the help of Mrs. Fani Demetrakopoulos, our delicious loukoumades were a great success! Many thanks to Mr. Gene Ferranti, Mr. Steven Ferranti, Mr. George Lilikas and all the JOY Moms who helped us sell! The coming of fall brought us to the Harvest Ball Dance in November, where young and old alike danced to the beat of DJ Aris. Lots of fun was had by all! Over 150 people attended, including our JOY friends from Paramus and Fairview. In late November, we got into the spirit of the season by going to see *The Polar Express* and had a Christmas party in December.

The spirit of giving was apparent even after the holidays. During our Vasilopita cutting, we assembled health kits for the victims of the Asian tsunami disaster. These consist of basic health supplies such as toothbrushes, combs and soap for those left without these basic but necessary items. In February we crafted some gifts for our Godparents, a beautiful vase and picture frame. In April, we will be making palms on the Saturday of Lazarus to be blessed for Palm Sunday and in May we will be getting together for an Annual KIKU end of year party!

We hope it's been an enjoyable year for those of you who have attended some or all of our events. We are planning a fun year ahead and look forward to seeing many of you at our future functions.

JOY is open to all children between the ages of 7-12 years old and meets every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month. We encourage our children to grow spiritually and socially in our faith and community.

Irene Ferranti, Co-Advisor  
Nicki Louloudis, Co-Advisor

## **Girl Scouts:**

Our Daisy, Brownie & Junior Girl Scouts continue to grow strong! We have been enjoying numerous activities & adventures together. Recently, we took a trip to the Oradell Animal Hospital. We learned so much & got to see a lot of furry creatures on the mend! In April we marched in the Greek Independence Day Parade in NYC and, later in the month, we are going Climbing at the Alpine Rock Wall. In May we are going to be venturing out for our first camping trip, with the Tenafly District, up to Camp Glen Spay.

Our Troop has grown to 20 girls. Each meeting the girls learn something new. Their enthusiasm and camaraderie are immense. Those girls who will be in Kindergarden in September 2005 are eligible to be Daisies at that time, so come talk to the leaders about joining the Girl Scouts of St. John so you can join the fun!

- Daisies: Frances Bayiokos 750-9180
- Brownies: Joanne Lалlos 871-5957
- Brownies: Christalla Papas 391-0150
- Brownies: Janet Hilaris 750-9173
- Juniors: Helen Kamilaris 384-3856
- Juniors: Phyllis Turin 767-1113

## **Cub Scouts Lead Active Year:**

The Cub Scout program has been Jam Packed with events that were exciting, rewarding, and educational.

The highlight of the Cub Scout year was in February, when we conducted the Annual Blue and Gold Dinner, celebrating the accomplishments of the scouts for the past year. We had an outside group come in and conduct a demonstration of high adventure scouting, which included hands on exercises in repelling and canoeing. The only problem with this demonstration is that we could not pull the kids away from it when

it was time to end the program. Congratulations to the 12 boys who "graduated" into the Boy Scout program during the Blue and Gold celebration.

In February, Cub Scouts also participated in a trip to the Harlem Globetrotters basketball game at Continental arena; to the district ski day in the Catskills at Bellaire Mountain; attended rock climbing at the indoor facilities at Camp Alpine; participated in the Loukoumadas fundraising drive; and capped off the month by finishing their cars to be ready for the famous Pinewood Derby, which was held at the beginning of March.

Between the events of our district (Twin Valleys) and the events scheduled within our pack, the Cub Scouts have had ample opportunity to get outdoors, learn, and have fun. The annual Twin Valleys Klondike Derby was an adventure, as the scouts braved the elements to complete as many of the tests as possible before the big blizzard of January 21<sup>st</sup> rolled in early in the afternoon. The boys and the parents were very proud of their accomplishments. Cub Day was held last fall, as was trips to the Crayola factory in Easton, Pennsylvania, as well as a trip to the USS Ling, a submarine docked in Hackensack, New Jersey.

Due to the enthusiasm and contribution of time on the part of the parents and scout leaders, the boys have had a wonderful program this year. My appreciation to all of the parents and leaders for their time, effort and caring for the growth of the youth of the community. Thank you also to the Church for the use of the wonderful facilities and Father John for his assistance in the Religious Medals program.

Coming up the Cub Scouts are looking forward to the camporee sponsored by the Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting, the famous Fishing Derby, and a

camping trip at the New Jersey Jackals game.

This year only, the district BSA organization is allowing us to sign up new tiger scouts earlier, so boys can participate in these events to get their "feet wet" in the Cub Scout program.

Parents of boys who are entering first grade in the fall, who are interested in signing up should contact James Coyle via email at [JPC4444ok@aol.com](mailto:JPC4444ok@aol.com). First graders are Tiger cubs. Older boys are also welcome in the Wolves, Bears, and Webelos programs. Another highlight for the year is the annual summer camping program, which our troop will be participating in again, and new boys may participate in if they sign up in time.

Yours in Scouting,

*James Coyle, Cubmaster*

### **Boy Scouts:**

There are now 32 active Boy Scouts in Troop #25, since the addition of the new scouts that moved up from Cub Scouts in February. The Boy Scout program is actually run by the boys, to a large degree, with guidance by the adults. So, the boys get to choose what they like to do and then organize and run the activity. This instills independence and leadership skills that will prepare them for adulthood.

The Boys Scouts kept busy during the Winter, with a Cabin Camping trip in January and one week later, the Klondike Derby. This is the sled race and competition, in which we braved the frigid cold and oncoming blizzard. No trophies were presented, because no one finished due to the Blizzard, but all of our scouts were winners for participating in those conditions.

February was filled with Ski Days, The Blue and Gold Celebration of Scouting and our Loukoumades Fundraiser. Thank you parishioners for supporting your scouts.

For the higher ranks in Boy Scouts a service project is required, and March saw a flurry of them, from a Baby Supplies drive to help the local Red Cross supply local needy neighbors, The Scouting for Food Drive to help families' of service men in Iraq, Painting of the Fellowship Hall, organizing email lists of parishioners to help with the spreading of information, organizing the Library books, and a blood drive in conjunction with the Red Cross.

March also included the Historic Hike of Lower Manhattan, a Saturday hike of over 10 miles on a beautiful day, Followed in April with the Palisades Historic Hike and Camp Alpine overnight camping trip, on a less than nice weather weekend.

We have camping trips scheduled for April, May and June followed by Summer Camp in July, so if you want to get your son into any level of scouting, call the church office or Peter Hilaris 750-9173 or Jack Sardis 201-816-1046 or Frank Scartozzi 871-5829, assistant scoutmasters.

*Peter Hilaris, Assistant Scoutmaster*

**Sacraments:****Baptisms:**

1/30/05 M/M Angelos Lymberatos for Sofia with Anna Almifoudis & Panagiota Lymberatos as Anadochi

2/20/05 M/M Georgios Mandis for Hudson Dimitrios with Penny Bullen & Gilles Bullen as Anadochi

2/26/05 M/M Michael J. Skafidas for John with Maria & Vlassi Baktidy as Anadochi.

2/26/05 M/M Michael Polemis for Hippocratis Paul with John & Maria Lignos as Anadochi.

2/27/05 M/M Nicholas Stathatos for Ioannis with Stefanos Tsatsakos as Anadochos.

2/27/05 M/M Nicholas Stathatos for Christina with Constantinos & Lena Ballas as Anadochi.

3/5/05 M/M Charles Tsetsekas for Chloe Demi with Christena & Peter Lambranakos as Anadochi.

3/6/05 M/M Christos Milionis for James Lucas with Elaine Prapas & Alex Milionis as Anadochi.

3/6/05 M/M Dino Kochell for Thomas George with James Condos & June Francis as Anadochi.

4/3/05 M/M Gerasimos Bourboulis for Fotenia with Kalliopi Nicolaou as Anadochos.

4/9/05 M/M John DeGruccio for Daniel with Margo & Chris Stratis as Anadochi.

**Weddings:**

12/12/04 Stavros Dimopoulos & Maria G. Panagioutou with Kalina Petridis & Maria Panagiotou as Paranympi.

2/19/05 Marios A. Socrates & Dionisia Miniatis with Christos Pissiouriou & Maria Houstoulakis as Paranympi.

2/26/05 Michael J. McGuire & Vasiliki Panagiotou with Efmorfopoulos Panagiotou & Tracie McGuire as Paranympi.

**Funerals:**

11/6/04 Christine Morfogen

12/7/04 Anna Kotovos

12/9/04 Angelo Balafas

12/30/04 Louis S. Matthews

1/5/05 Helen Alexiades

2/14/05 Demetra Stamoulis

2/21/05 Peter Liapes

3/10/05 Vasiliki Panagiotou

3/21/05 Nicos Ctorides

4/8/05 Thomas Klidas