

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

The warm days of summer and our relaxing vacations have quickly faded into memory. The beach towels and tanning lotions have been carefully stored. Our thoughts have shifted back to our more routine lives, our hectic schedules and our overwhelming demands.

“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God”. Romans 12:2

With the first of September heralding the fresh beginning of another Ecclesiastical year, let us, for a moment, be transformed by a new spirit; to focus not on our will, but the Will of He who created us.

Through His will let us assess our lives and our participation in His Church. Let us resolve to live a Christ-centered life, a transfigured life, a life worth living.

Whether we volunteer in one of our church organizations, look to bring comfort to those less fortunate than us, or simply bring joy to the lives of our families and friends, let us resolve to take Orthodox action.

On behalf of the Parish Council, I resolve that the Board will lead in this action, with determination focused on His will. With your help we resolve, to undertake the many improvements our Church facility requires, to raise the funds necessary to do so, to seek improvement in the way we accomplish our tasks and to critically assess our performance, and to strive for excellence in our programs, ecclesiastical, educational, cultural and social.

Above all to love one another as we wish to be loved. So as a New Year begins, together let us recite:

*“Create in me a clean heart
O God*

*And renew a steadfast spirit within me.”
Psalm 51:10*

May God bless you, your families and friends.

John Lignos, Parish Council President

Our deepest condolences and heartfelt prayers go to the family of Eugene Ferranti, who our Lord has called by His side; to Fran, his wife, Steven, Kenneth, Allison and their families for the loss of their husband, father and grandfather.

Mr. Ferranti was not only an active fellow Parish Council member, he was a mentor and a role model of the highest integrity. Eugene, the Parish Council will miss you, but will never forget you and your generosity.

Philoptochos:

Dear Parishioners & Philoptochos Members,

It is the middle of the summer and most of you are on vacation or coming back; but by the time you receive this newsletter, it will be September and business as usual.

The Philoptochos news is as follows:

March 25 – Annunciation – we hosted the Fasolada Luncheon.

April 10 – The Greek Parade – we marched with our Church on Fifth Avenue. Our float was one of the best (if not the best) of the parade.

May 10 – The Annual Fashion Show @ Season's was very well attended and very successful. We would like to thank all of you that supported us by being present or by donating. The Chairladies, Mrs. Xanthi Athanasenas and Mrs. Marina Philiou and their committees worked very hard to present a successful event. We would like to think that you had a wonderful time.

May 23 & 24 – Preparation of Pites for Festival. Thanks to all the ladies (from various church clubs), who helped us prepare the spanakopites and tyropites for the festival. Your help is always greatly appreciated.

May – General Meeting & Elections

A General meeting was held in May followed by nominations and elections for the board. The Executive board will be elected in September. A meze and wine contest followed. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to the chairladies, the donors and the chefs. To our members, please attend meetings; to our parishioners, please join the Philoptochos.

June - Festival

Our festival was very successful. Our ladies baked, worked and helped for the success of the festival. We take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help. The Philoptochos undertakes all the cost of the sweets. Whatever amount we make during the festival is pure profit for our beloved Church.

Since Philoptochos is a friend of the poor, sick and needy, the following donations were made :

1. Paid our obligations to the National Philoptochos for the charities.
2. Paid our obligations to the NJ Metropolis.
3. Profits from the fashion show raffle went to two cancer patients, Petros and Pantelis.
4. Donations to three needy individuals for Easter.
5. Four scholarships to St. Basil's Academy graduates.
6. Greek Children's Cancer Fund donation.
7. Fulfilled our pledge to our Church.

The above is a small summary of our news. Please join the Philoptochos; and to our members, please attend our meetings.

To all, have a Great Summer!

P.S. - Our sincerest condolences to the Ferranti Family for their loss. Gene Ferranti was a great man and our community as a whole mourns his death.

May his memory be eternal.

"Perastika" to Presbytera Toula. We wish her the best and hope to see her back healthy and fit as soon as possible; also, our sincerest condolences for the loss of her mother, Angeliki Sotirakopoulos – Guelph, Ontario, Canada.

May her memory be eternal.

Kalo Kalokairi, See you September!

Christmas Concert:

Save the date of **Saturday, December 10th at 7:30pm** for a wonderful Christmas Concert to be held at our Cathedral of St. John the Theologian.

PTO/MOTHERS' CLUB:

Welcome back everyone!!!! It is hard to believe that summer has ended and that another ecclesiastic and school year is upon us again. We hope that everyone had an enjoyable and restful summer. The PTO/MC is looking forward to another productive and successful year with our community's support.

In mid-May, the PTO/MC held elections and we are pleased to announce our new executive board for 2005-2006.

Gena Dongaris	-- Co-President
Christalla Papas	-- Co-President
Valerie Kovanis	-- Co-Vice President
Audrey Soussou	-- Co-Vice President
Nicki Louloudis	-- Treasurer
Demi Katradis	-- Corresponding Secretary
Denise Angelos	-- Recording Secretary
Pat Tolos	-- Recording Secretary

Along with these wonderful women, the PTO/MC is proud to announce the rest of our enthusiastic board (in alphabetical order): **Christine Barbarise, Frances Bayiokos, Marianna Eby, Archondia Dulot, Georgia Economos, Irene Ferranti, Vivian Karsos, Stacey Kontolios, Helen Lambiris, Stacey Letson, Anna Lilikas, Irimi Lilikas, Polly Mikelis, Alexandra Paspalas, Maria Pavlou, Dorothy Savva, Eva Tsougarakis, Phyllis Turrin, Gina Tzavelis and Sherry Zoe Ziguoras.** We look forward to working with everyone together as a team and hope that the entire Parish will support our efforts to fundraise for our Greek and Sunday School children and their needs. The children of this Parish are our brightest future!!!

We would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the highlights of the PTO/MC activities this past year. The PTO/MC gave an additional \$5,000 towards the Preservation/Beautification Fund of our church this year. In the winter, we organized and paid for a trip to see the Nutcracker on Ice at the NJPAC where our children went free of charge. We hosted a cultural event by bringing a theatrical performance of Karaghiozi in the spring. At our church's Philoptochos' request for financial assistance, we made a donation of \$1,000 to Pantelis Tamiakis, a young man from Greece that

has been receiving medical treatment for cancer in the United States. In addition to managing the daily expenses of our Sunday and Greek School programs, we have been able to purchase new chairs for all the teachers' desks at our school and have purchased two display cases that will house the children's works by grade, on a rotational basis.

We would also like to remind everyone of some of our continuing and new programs this year. First and foremost, there has been a significant change this year at our Greek School. With the Board of Education and Parish Council's approval, the PTO/MC hired a security/hall monitor whose primary function is as follows: this person is outside to greet the children at the curbside when they are dropped off at Greek School, and he checks that they enter our facility safely. At 4:30 pm., he proceeds to lock the doors and stands guard and monitors the hallways until 6:00 pm when he re-opens the doors for the parents to come in for pick-up. At dismissal time, he helps outside by the curbside with the traffic flow. Over the past years, the PTO/MC had tried unsuccessfully to resolve our hallway monitoring and dismissal procedures during Greek School hours. Times have changed and the liability to our children's safety is just too great. We are pleased to report that this change proved successful and we plan to continue this program this year.

We have also been working very hard the past couple of years to open the **Children's Library**, located downstairs next to the classrooms. The object of the Children's Library is to help expand our children's minds by sharing with them our very important Faith and Greek heritage. We currently have over 800 books (Greek and English), ranging from Art, Education, History and Literature to Mythology and Religion. We also have 50 videotapes, various CD-ROMS, music tapes and CDs. All this material has been imputed in our computer system and is ready to go!!!! The library will be used on a weekly basis by the Greek School (during G.S. hours) and by the Sunday School (after church service). The library will lend materials during these hours to the children but everyone in our community is welcome to borrow books at these times. Please come and visit us. We invite our entire parish to be present for the **Children Library's Agiasmo**,

to be held on **Sunday, October 10th**. The PTO/MC will be hosting coffee hour on that day.

We are also continuing our successful **Supermarket Gift Certificate** sales. We carry gift certificates to Kings, Shop Rite, A&P and Pathmark. The PTO/MC receives 5% back on all certificate purchases, at no cost to you. Please support this important fundraiser!!!! For details, please look for Audrey Soussou, Nicki Louloudis and/or Alexandra Paspalas who handle the Supermarket Gift Certificates. These ladies can be found during Greek School hours and/or during coffee hour after church service.

This past year, we also initiated a **Welcoming Committee** at the PTO/MC. The function of this committee is to welcome new families that have registered their children to Greek and Sunday Schools and welcome them into our community. Last year we hosted an "Open House" with refreshments and had members from the PTO/MC welcome the new families. This year's committee members, Helen Lambiris and Stacey Letson, are looking forward to planning another "Open House" and meeting this year's new families. We will keep you posted as to when this event will occur. In the meantime, if any new families have any questions please feel free to call Gena Dongaris at (201)871-8449, Christalla Papas at (201)391-0150 or any of our board members.

Some important dates to keep in mind:

- **Sunday School begins Sept. 11th**
- **Greek School begins Sept. 13th** with Agiasmo followed by refreshments

If you have not registered your children yet, please see Andy Georgiou at the church office Monday-Friday (for both Greek and Sunday School registration).

- Greek Dancing classes will begin by October. Please look for upcoming flyers.
- ***PTO/MC General Meeting on Tuesday, October 11th 4:15-6:15 pm***
- Our major fundraiser, **TRICKY TRAY**, will be held on **Nov. 17th at 6:30 pm.** Please save the date!!!

On behalf of the PTO/MC, we thank you for your continued support. Please attend our General Meetings, your suggestions count!!!! Sincerely,
Gena Dongaris and Christalla Papas

THE LADIES & GENTS CLUB:

We are delighted to announce the re-naming of the club, from the Mr. & Mrs. Club to the Ladies and Gents Club. Kudos to Angie Angelidis, whose suggestion was accepted as most appropriate. In our effort to attract singles, we felt this name would no longer inhibit many who wish to participate. The change is intended to give everyone interested an opportunity to feel comfortable joining our functions and activities.

In May, we held our General Meeting. We are proud to have exceeded our goals through the success of our events, and the attraction of new members, bringing our total to 250 members. Mrs. Eva Kontos shared with us her compiled DVD of "25 year club memories". Elections were held and the following slate was accepted:

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

My gratitude to this executive board for working diligently, united, and making our first experience pleasant, creative and productive.

<u>Steering Committee:</u>	John Demoleas
	Steve Kontos
	Nick Zavolas
	Chris Tsamutalis
	John & Maria Lignos
	Jon Plevritis
	Athena Chagaris
	Tom & Angie Angelidis

Our year ended at the Bananas Comedy Club. We dined and were entertained by Bob Sagat, of Full House and America's Funniest Videos fame. We enjoyed the humorous show, and shared laughs in good company.

We welcome you all, and look forward to hosting the Autumn Jubilee opening fall event on **Saturday, October 8, 2005**, celebrating "**Byzantium, The Legacy of Hellenism**" ... selections from private collections of our St. John the Theologian Community. We await your company!

Vivian Demoleas, President

KALI PAREA:

Another church year has passed, and Kali Parea can proudly report that the 2004-2005 year was a very full and productive year. Not only do we try to keep our group entertained, but we are also very involved in the service of our St. John community.

In April, our group served a Lenten Dinner during one of the Monday evening lecture series, which was attended by more than 60 people. Also in April, we had a return engagement from our own Dr. George C. Kiriakopoulos, who gave a very informative lecture on "The Biography and Miracles of St. Nectarios".

During the month of May, a group of 33 members traveled by bus to Williamsburg Virginia, and spent four days touring Historic Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown and Yorktown. In addition, on the journey home, we were able to drive through Washington DC and made stops at the Vietnam, Korean, Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials, and last but not least the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial. We also stopped at Baltimore's Inner Harbor and had an early dinner there before departing for New Jersey and home. It was a wonderful four days!

The month of June arrived and found most of our members volunteering during our Cathedral Festival. The White Elephant sale was chaired by Helen Cocotos and co-chaired by yours truly. We were very well supported by many of our members. Others from our group assisted in the food preparation prior and during the four days of the Festival. Many others were cashiering, serving and working behind the scenes. It was a rewarding and satisfying experience knowing that we were able to serve our church community and to assist in making the Festival a success.

Our last meeting of the church year was on June 23rd, and we had our annual free luncheon, which is open to all paid members. This year, the luncheon was attended by more than 80 people. We closed the year with the election of the officers for the 2005-2006 year. The officers of last year were nominated and elected unanimously.

They are:

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

The officers and members of the Steering Committee are meeting once a month during the summer, in order to work on the agenda for the 2005-2006 year.

Dates to remember:

- Sunday, October 2nd:
Third Annual Pancake Breakfast
- Wednesday, October 19th:
Tour of the Doris Duke Estate
- Thursday, December 22nd:
Annual Christmas Luncheon at
Madeleine's Petit Paris.

Kali Parea meets at St. John's on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 1:00 PM. The first meeting of the new church year is September 28th. We invite all youngsters 55 years of age and over to join us. Our total membership at the end of June was 164. Membership dues are \$10 per person.

Respectfully submitted,
Vangie George

Greek Children's Cancer Fund Concert:

The Greek Children's Cancer Fund has announced a benefit concert by Alkinoos Ioannidis to be held at the Bergen PAC (Formally the John Harms) on September 24th 2005. Once again The Cathedral of St. John the Theologian has chosen to support this charity and event along with the Lampousa Cypriot organization, as well as several of our local Orthodox parishes.

The Greek Children's Cancer Fund has raised over six million dollars and helped over eight thousand patients directly with living, transportation and social worker services.

The Bergen PAC is a small newly renovated theater so seating will be limited. Tickets are priced to enable all to attend starting at \$35, \$50, \$75, & \$100. Please contact Maria Kamilaris at 201-384-9330 or George Papas at 201-391-0150.

Please support this worthwhile event.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

On May 22, 2005 graduation exercises were held in Church. During the Liturgy, a seventh grade student read the Epistle. The fifth grade students walked to the Solea and recited The Creed and the kindergarten students came forward and recited Our Father.

After the Liturgy, the graduation ceremony commenced. It started with the pre-nursery students singing a religious song followed by the nursery pupils who also sang a religious song. Next, the winners of the St. John's Oratorical Festival, Dean Lignos (junior division) and Michael Connolly (senior division) read their essays. Afterwards, the third grade students presented Father John with a book containing prayers that the students wrote.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Father John spoke to the graduates and distributed certificates and a small gift to the graduating students.

A very successful Summer Bible camp for fourth to eighth grade students of the Sunday School was held June 27 to July 1. The students participated in Bible study, arts and crafts and sports. The person in charge was fourth grade Sunday School teacher Christine Papavasiliou, who was assisted by Helena Xenophontos, Angie Angelidis, Eftihia Kaparos, Anna Lilikas and Andrew Virgin.

Festival:

We would like to thank all of our parishioners who attended this year's hugely successful "Taste of Greece" Festival. Despite the one day of rain and the one day of oppressive heat, we had a record breaking year!

A special thanks to every steward that put in time volunteering a shift to help make the weekend so successful. Of course, words can't thank those who were there for most of the weekend volunteering, but the Lord is smiling down at you with admiration!! May we have many more new volunteers for next year!

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The building and grounds committee is keeping busy with the maintenance and capital improvement needs of our Church facility.

As you all know our church building was initially constructed in 1969 with the expansion completed in the early 1980's. As such, the majority of our church facility is approaching 40 years old. Some of the original systems such as the air-conditioning units, boilers, kitchen equipment, etc., have surpassed their life expectancy and the need for their replacement is quickly approaching.

A similar situation exists with our Church building itself. Many of the building components need constant maintenance and/or major repair/rehabilitation. An example of this is the Church dome roof, which has been maintained on a yearly basis (sealing cracks) in order to stop the water and moisture from seeping in and destroying the mosaics inside the Church. Another example is the condition of the parking lot pavement, which has cracked; sinkholes need repair and the parking spaces need to be restriped. We can continue on and on...!

The building and grounds committee has prepared a bid package for a major repair/rehabilitation of the dome roof. The bids have come in ranging from \$250,000 to \$550,000. Complicating matters, the dome repair is specialty work. That, along with the sensitivity of the construction operations (due to the existence of the mosaics under the dome) does not allow the award of the contract strictly on low bid criteria. Therefore, the Building and Grounds committee is interviewing bidders considering, in addition to their price, their expertise and qualifications to perform the required work.

During the past couple of years, the Preservation and Beautification committee under the leadership of Mr. Andreas Zigouras, was able to raise approximately \$190,000, of which \$90,000 has been used to repair the Roof, Skylight and Gutters over the Gymnasium. Many thanks go to those who already contributed through their kind generosity. As you can see though, many more contributions and donations are needed.

For all of us to be informed, below is a list of priority projects that the Building and Grounds committee has put together with an approximate cost:

Project Description	Approximate Cost
Repair/Rehabilitation of Dome roof	\$250,000 to 550,000
Parking lot pavement repairs & restriping	\$20,000 to 25,000
Replace Church entrance doors	\$35,000
Repair the church front entrance concrete steps and platform	\$40,000 to 50,000
Replace the original church/office areas HVAC units	\$40,000 to 60,000
Trophy case to exhibit the achievements of our youth.	\$21,000 (\$10,000 already donated by the PTO/Mother's Club of our Parish)
Various kitchen equipment repair or replacement	\$20,000
Improve storage areas	\$5,000

As you can see, our Church facility is in serious need of costly maintenance repairs and/or improvements. Please continue to support the efforts to preserve what others created and left for us to enjoy. It is now our responsibility to see to it that our Church facility will be maintained and improved for our next generation to enjoy.

If you would like to make a donation for the preservation and beautification of our Church or you would like to partially or fully sponsor one of the above listed projects, please see Father John Alexandrou or our Parish Council president, John Lignos.

Sincerely,
Stavros Kamilaris & Nick Katsapis

Family Circle Meeting:

The next Family Circle Meeting will be Monday, October 10th at 7:30pm. Please make sure you have a representative from your Organization present.

Ahepa:

My fellow parishioners I hope all had a great summer and I hope we all look forward to the new ecclesiastical new year.

I first of all want to thank all for the support on the last Basile Concert. It was a big success. It also enabled The Bergen Knights to donate money back to our community.

This year we are planning a Texas Holdum Night as a fundraiser for our scholarship fund and a fulfillment of continuing pledge to St. Johns. You will see many fliers and posters. I ask that all please support our effort.

People still ask me what AHEPA is about. I will try to explain it by stating this: "That AHEPA is a great organization, as are the many of our people who help and support it. But AHEPA is only an Idea. AHEPA is and will stay alive as long as we, its members, support and work for this Idea."

AHEPA's ideas preserve our history, our culture and our faith, the history of our forefathers and our way of life that has come down to us from generations past. We must convince our fellow Hellenes to see the treasure which their fathers and mothers brought hidden in their souls when they came to the shores of this blessed land to find the American Dream and to make a better life for them and for their children.

Last May 29 was the saddest day in our history, the fall of Constantinople. Yet I did not see a tear in my friend's eyes, and neither have I heard any mention being made of the significance of the day, other than by a couple good friends on the AHEPA List. On that day our life as Hellenes was changed forever and we must hold our values and ideas close to our mind body and soul. Just as Palaiologos did as he fought and died for. We must not fail our progenitors!

There must be other Palaiologos, to give their life for our ideals, others who will create and support organizations like AHEPA, and point the way to the parapets, and ask to fight for Hellenic Paedeia and Culture. AHEPA will follow Palaiologos as long as It lives and as long as It

has some strength left, It will support our heritage, our Orthodox Faith and our language.

Yes, this is the only way we can help preserve our culture. By teaching those who believe in our Hellenic ideals, in the Greek language of languages, and the Hellenic values. Then, they too shall become Hellenes and our ancestry will prevail forever.

I implore all those who do believe in the same ways as I do, to please join hands, get involved, support AHEPA and help build schools, establish Hellenic Studies Centers and educate the world in the precepts of Hellenism. As each new day there is a new dawn.

George N. Papas
President Bergen Knights AHEPA #285

YAL:

St. John's Young Adult League is looking forward to starting another exciting year of activities, fun and friendship. If you are 18-35 years old, we would love to see you!

To see what we're up to, check up our events calendar at:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/YAL_Tenafly/

To join, please sign up through the site. All questions can be directed to the moderators of that group, or contact the church office directly.

The YAL Committee

Cub Scouts:

The Cub Scouts finished off the year with many activities, including a trip to Philadelphia's Historic District followed by an exciting tour and overnight on the Battleship USS New Jersey. The following week we attended a minor league NJ Jackals baseball game, where we got to run the bases. The next day we had a Fishing Derby at the Oradell reservoir, with much fishing success! Our year was capped off with 5 days at Camp Lewis, filled with activities like Archery, BB Gun, Swimming, Boating, Crafts and Nature.

This year we start with a service project of cleaning the church grounds on September 10th. For Info or to Join, Call Jim Colye, 816-8742 or Andrew Economos 569-5528.

GOYA NEWS:

Congratulations to all our Goya athletes who participated in this year's District I Tournaments, Indoor, and Outdoor Olympics: Fr. John honored them on Sunday, June 12, 2005

District I Tournaments 2nd Place Boys' Basketball Award

Coaches: George & Nick Nannas

Michael Connolly
Kostandinos Gouvanis
Peter Nannas
Kurt Peters
Constantine Rousouli
Socrates Tsamutalis
Nicholas Themistocleous
Paul Vizoukis

District I Tournaments 2nd Place Girls' Volleyball

Trophy

Coach: Tarsia Manso

Eleni Demetrakopoulos
Eftihia Kaparos
Maria Lambiris
Ann Marie Manso
April Polydorou
Christina Soras
Anna Takos
Xanthi Tsamutalis
Markella Tsionis

Indoor Olympics

John Zavolas – 1st place table tennis; 2nd place checkers

Outdoor Olympics

Anna Takos- 3rd place 800 M run
4 by 100 Senior girls relay – 3rd place- Stacey Kamilaris, Alexandra Popovski, Sophia Zigouras, Christina Kamilaris

John Zavolas – 3rd place 50 yd. swimming backstroke

3rd place 50 yd. swimming breaststroke

Volleyball 3rd place- Outdoor Olympics: Nick Kinnis, Anthony Kinnis, Maria Lambiris, Ann Marie Manso Elena Thomopoulos, George Soussou, Anna Takos, Alexandra Popovski, Tasia Baker, Georgia Stavrou, Tia Ziagos

The following Goyans also participated in the Outdoor Olympics:

Michael Connolly, Alexandra Demetriades, Christina Guliadis, Dina Katsogiannos, Chris Popovski, George Sardis, Tom Soussou, and Alexandra Zigouras

GOYA Elections were held in June for the new 2005-2006 GOYA Year. Congratulations to our newly elected Executive Board:

President:	Anthony Kinnis
Vice President:	Christina Guliadis
Treasurer:	George Soussou
Corresponding Secretary:	Sophia Zigouras
Recording Secretary:	Dean Lignos
Historian:	Michael Connolly

Our GOYA wishes to thank our out-going president, Stacey Kamilaris, and Mr. and Mrs. Kamilaris for hosting the annual end of the year GOYA BBQ. The food was excellent and the weather couldn't be more perfect.

On Sunday, September 18, 2005 in Asbury Park, NJ, 4 members of our GOYA will represent the Metropolitan Cathedral of St. John the Theologian for the Holy Cross Celebration where they will dive for the Cross.

On Sunday, October 9, 2005, The Northern New Jersey Greek Orthodox Youth Commission will host the 36th Annual Mr. and Miss GOYA Pageant 2005 at the Pines Manor, Edison, NJ at 4:00 PM. The Donation is \$50.00 for Adults and \$35 for Youth. All proceeds benefit the NJ Greek Orthodox Youth Scholarship Foundation. All reservations and Ad Journal forms are due by September 19, 2005. Please see your GOYA Advisor for information. The Cathedral representatives for this year are: Alexandra Popovski and Constantine Rousouli.

GOYA registration will take place in September. For specific dates see the weekly Church Bulletin. This organization is open to all who are 12 years old and in seventh grade to 18 years old and in twelfth grade; a wonderful opportunity to meet GOYANS from throughout the state, and to participate in a variety of events from sports tournaments, to literary, art, and music competitions.

I would like to take this opportunity, as I step down as advisor, to thank the wonderful GOYANS and their parents who, over the last seven years have given me the honor to serve them as head GOYA Advisor for our Cathedral Community. The Cathedral GOYANS have not only brought home numerous trophies and awards over the years, but have brought joy to senior citizens and children in homeless shelters. As one clergy member stated a few months ago at an advisors' meeting: "We now have to 'raise the bar' to meet the standards of the Cathedral of St. John GOYA." It would have been difficult to accomplish the various GOYA duties without the help of my very close advisors. A big "Thank You" to Pat Hatzis, Paulette Gennacopoulos-Schweitzer, and Joan Sountis for their support, creativity, and love for the youth of our community. I wish to also thank Fr. John Alexandrou who believed in me and appointed me as advisor years ago. This has been such a wonderful experience for me, and I know the new appointed advisors, Maria Lignos and Maria Kamilaris will also feel proud in serving the "Best GOYANS" in the State of NJ.

With Much Love, *Penny Rousouli*

Boy Scouts:

In April, the Scouts marched in the Greek Independence Day Parade. We had our biggest turnout ever. Next year, let's make it even better!

On April 15-17, Troop 25 went to St. Basil's to participate in the E.O.C.S Camporee. We won numerous awards such as best cooking and best campfire.

May was busy. During Great Lent we helped to sell Egg Dye. Many thanks to Fantis Foods and the Makris family for their generous donation of the Egg Dye. On Good Friday the scouts helped guard the Epitaphio along with the Girl Scouts and Acolytes. Many scouts went to the Twin Valley Camporee and enjoyed participating in the Search and Rescue theme. Good job to all the scouts that participated.

June was another busy month of trips. The first one was an exciting and educational historic hike of Philadelphia, followed by an exciting

overnight encampment on the Battleship USS New Jersey. The second trip was a Whitewater Rafting/ Biking trip along the Lehigh River with Whitewater Challengers. All had a fun time getting "a little wet." In addition, thanks to all the scouts for helping at our annual Church Festival and I hope everyone saw the Rope Bridge we constructed.

To end this year's events, during the first week of July, approximately 17 scouts went for a week of summer camp at Camp Turrell. The most participation we have had in years. Many scouts received numerous merit badges. Thank you to Mrs. Drake and Mrs. Cytowicz who brought us "keftedes."

Scouting is a great way to gain independence and leadership skills so if you want your son to "be prepared" call the church office at 201-567-5072, or Peter Hilaris at 201-750-9173, or Jack Sardis at 201-816-1046, or Frank Scartozzi at 201-871-5829, Assistant Scoutmasters.

George Sardis, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Girl Scouts:

This past year the girl scouts have been doing many interesting activities. We, as a group, do crafts and learn inspiring lessons, such as first aid.

Recently, the girl scouts have planted flowers outside of the Chapel entrance and have helped guard the Epitaphio on Good Friday. We also have learned how to set up a campfire and done boating, hiking and sleeping in tents on our first camping experience.

We had our Flying up Ceremony in June. This happens at the end of the year when girl scouts move up to the different levels. Tracker, the Bergen County Police Dog, came for an exhibition of his skills, and humorous side that night! If you would like to join the Girl Scouts, call one of our leaders because you are welcome. It's lots of fun!! Call Janet Hilaris (750-9173), Helen Kamilaris (384-3856), Phyllis Turin (767-1113), Christalla Papas (391-0150), Joanne Lалos (871-5957) or Frances Bayiokos (750-9180).

Alexandra Hilaris, Junior Girl Scout

SACRAMENTS: Baptisms:

4/16/05 M/M Nicholas Simeonides for Kyriakos Andreas with Adamandia McWalters as Anadochos.

4/16/05 M/M Demetris Nicolaides for Maria Christina Demetrianna with Nicolas Nicolaou & Lisa Nicolaou as Anadochi.

4/17/05 M/M Brian A. Anderson for Marianna Sophia with Jason Paul Kyriacou as Anadochos.

5/14/05 M/M George Skoufis for Andrew George with Gus Mountanos as Anadochos.

5/14/05 M/M Christopher Apostle for Lily with Maria Korentsides as Anadochos.

5/15/05 M/M Kyriacos Kyriacou for Hara Maria with Nicolaos Michael as Anadochos.

5/15/05 M/M Constantinos Lekas for Constantinos with Nitsa Lekas as Anadochos.

5/21/05 M/M John J. Lazenby for Grace with Christine & Anthony Barbarise as Anadochi.

5/22/05 M/M Demetrios Papavasiliou for Antonios with Anastasios Papavasiliou as Anadochos.

5/22/05 M/M Demetrios Papavasiliou for Ava Lilly with Marina Papavasiliou as Anadochos.

5/28/05 M/M Mikhail Mavropoulos Stoliarenko for David Michael with Tatiana Mavropoulou Stoliarenko as Anadochos.

5/28/05 M/M Raymond Ocasio for Raymond Gabriel with Jonathan Pistis as Anadochos.

5/29/05 M/M Theodore Charalambous for Christian Michael with Constantine & Annette Slitas as Anadochi.

5/29/05 M/M Michael Contantinides for Yianni with Joanne Constantinides as Anadochos.

6/5/05 M/M Demetrios Manos for Constantine with Demetra & Dimitri Harilaou as Anadochi.

6/26/05 M/M James Kazias for Annabel Despina with William Kazias & Maria Kazias as Anadochi.

6/26/05 M/M Michael Galianos for Eracles with Marinos & Anna Lilikas as Anadochi.

7/9/05 M/M Constantine Panos for George Gregory with George & Sophia Bliablias as Anadochi.

7/16/05 M/M Anton Kavallines for Olivia with Theodore & Vickie Raptis as Anadochi.

7/30/05 M/M Brian G. Smith & Kaliopé Kostas for Peter John with Fotini Marcopulos as Anadochos.

7/31/05 Mr. Christopher Miliotis & Ms. Kathleen Brown for Kora Savannah with Nicholas Patentas as Anadochos.

Chrismations:

6/26/05 Melissa Maria Lekas with Maria & Pete Nicolatos as the Sponsors.

7/3/05 Paul Pavlos Stefanowicz with James Pappas as the Sponsor.

Weddings:

5/15/05 Ariel Michael Shaw & Mary Fay Haralambidis with Efrosini Haralambidis as Paranympnos.

6/12/05 Michael M. Lorenz & Christina Petrakis with Helen Saridakis & Richard Lorenz as Paranympni.

7/31/05 Evangelia Papoutsakis & Khan Christopher Smith with Danae Maria Ioannidis and Adam Leong as Paranympni.

Funerals:

5/3/05 Athena Chahales
6/3/05 Angelo Stangas
6/22/05 Fotika Coroneos
6/22/05 Nicholas Ermidis
7/7/05 Eugene F. Ferranti
7/29/05 Evangeline Protogetou

