

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Dear Fellow Stewards,

One and a half years as President of the Parish Council and I feel more blessed and honored than ever to be serving our Church in this capacity. My responsibilities have forced me to become stronger as a man and have prepared me for higher achievements in our Church as well as in my family and business.

The formula for success is not complex. It's simple! **Love, Forgiveness, Cooperation, Unity, and Communication** are the attributes which will propel us to higher levels of self-fulfillment in every aspect of our life! Let's continue to strengthen ourselves, and our spiritual family by practicing and implementing these noble traits as frequently as possible in our daily lives. This exercise will undoubtedly help us in attaining our spiritual goal of **Theosis**.

I'd like to give everyone a quick synopsis of our current efforts being implemented to further the financial security and assure the preservation of our beloved Cathedral.

Stewardship- As of the end of July, our commitments total approximately \$350,000. That's 10% short of our estimate of \$385,000 for this fiscal year. 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 the worst weather conditions we've experienced since I can remember, we were able to generate between 45 and 50 thousand dollars in net profit. This is an amazing feat that can be attributed to the entire team, which undaunted by the adverse weather, persevered and maximized the performance of this perpetual fundraiser and cultural event. Special thanks to the co-chairs our two vice-presidents, Mr. John Lignos, 1st Vice-President and Mr. Nick Katsapis, 2nd Vice-President.

Journal- This year we broke a record in the amount of net revenues generated from this fundraiser. We estimated \$60,000 and came in at approximately \$56,000 after all expenses. Congratulations and thanks to all our stewards and extended friends of our Church who made this possible with their financial contributions.

Additionally, I would like to thank my wife, Sherry Zoe for implementing the computerization and organization of this fundraiser and our chairmen, Mr. George Gines, Mr. Gus Kramis, and Mr. George Souflis for spearheading and executing the fund-raising effort.

Car Raffle- We started the car raffle three years ago and each year have successfully sold all tickets with three consecutive years of record breaking net revenues. This year we netted approximately \$57,000 making this the top fund-raising effort of 2003 with the Journal coming in a close second with approximately \$56,000. The success of these two fundraisers have strengthened our Church's finances significantly and protected our community against the negative impact of reduced revenues from the festival due to inclement weather.

We can attribute the success of this fundraiser to all the stewards and friends of our Church, who continually support the raffle through their participation.

I would also like to give special thanks to Mr. Gus Kramis, Mrs. Maria Kamilaris, Mrs. Agathi Xenopoulos and the Parish Council for helping in the distribution and sales of the raffle tickets.

Congratulations to the winner, Mr. Aris Chicles, from River Vale, New Jersey who purchased the winning ticket from Mrs. Maria Kamilaris.

Preservation & Beautification Project-

This year we're embarking on a project, which we believe has the potential to satisfy all our current maintenance needs as well as provide for the future maintenance needs of the Church, beautify our facility and pay off our mortgage. The Parish Council has unanimously approved the project, which was named the Preservation & Beautification Project and set-up a committee by the same name, to be chaired by the President of the Parish Council. Some of the main aspects of the project include adding additional mosaics to our Church, enhancing the quality of our Fellowship Hall, to the level of a top catering facility, and completing a landscaping project. The landscaping project will include flag -poles, brick paved walkways, a new marquis to the entrance of the parking lot and a general beautification of the external facility. This effort was initiated by my predecessor Mr. John Thomopoulos and will be incorporated into the overall project.

Additionally, there will be a host of supplementary innovative and new fundraising events, which will complete the project.

Mr. & Mrs. Chris Tsamutalis have graciously and generously offered to host and fund a dinner at their beautiful home on the evening of Saturday, September 27th, 2003 to commence this fundraiser.

The following day, Sunday, September 28th, the Parish Council will host a luncheon after the Divine Liturgy to afford everyone an opportunity to make a pledge to this most important project.

The timing is concurrent with the celebration of our Patron Saint's Feast Day, which, we felt, would be perfect for the launching of this project whose purpose is to preserve and beautify our Cathedral, named in honor of Saint John the Theologian.

In anticipation of a successful launching and completion of this major fund raising project, the Parish Council has already authorized our Building & Grounds Committee

to begin some of the more critical projects such as, the repair of the roof which had more than fourteen leaks! We just couldn't wait any longer, so we funded its repair from our operating fund, which will be replaced by the funds raised from the Preservation & Beautification Project. We replaced gutters and had a new skylight installed in the Atrium. It was embarrassing to see buckets in our Atrium collecting water every time it rained. We also started repairing our doors and locks to assure the security of our children and facility. In the recent past, we had to secure some doors with locks and chains, which created fire and safety hazards.

Our next priority is the dome of our Cathedral, which is leaking and causing crumbling of the mosaics, and would cost millions of dollars to replicate.

We are moving ahead and making tremendous progress in addressing the immediate maintenance requirements of the Church and our Cultural Center.

I congratulate the Building & Grounds Committee and the co-chairs, Mr. Nick Katsapis and Mr. Stavros Kamilaris. These two gentlemen combine many years of quality contracting experience with award winning engineering and organizational abilities. We're lucky to have these two unselfish and giving volunteers to supervise our renovations. I would like to thank them from all of us.

In order for the Parish Council to continue to authorize these important maintenance projects, we need for everyone to make generous commitments to the Preservation & Beautification Project at the September 28th luncheon. **Please give generously!**

Other on-going projects, which have been completed or are in the process of completion include:

- The installation of a new rich and elegant marble flooring on the Solea and in the

Altar which should be completed by summer end. This was a dream and wish of one of our most cherished founding Parish Council members, Mr. George Jameson. According to Mrs. Jameson, her husband wanted a marble Solea at the time they built the Church but the budget did not allow it. What a beautiful gesture for Mrs. Jameson to make such a generous donation to the Cathedral, which her late husband helped build and loved so much, in order to accomplish a desire her husband had expressed during the construction of our Cathedral. The estimated cost for the completion of this project, including the centerpiece, a circular two-headed eagle, to be installed shortly after the completion of the marble work, is approximately \$70,000. We thank Mrs. Jameson from the bottom of our hearts and honor the memory of Mr. Jameson. May his memory be eternal!

The carpeting of the school facility with a high grade durable carpet which complements the more luxurious carpeting installed earlier throughout the first floor of our Cultural Center. This project was made possible by the generous donations of the Philoptochos (\$15,000), PTO/Mothers' Club (\$10,000), Mr. & Mrs. Club (\$10,000) and approximately \$7,000 from the Preservation & Beautification Fund. A true team effort! Congratulations to all who helped! I'm sure you'll agree that our Cultural Center looks a lot nicer as a result of this completed project.

On November 1st 2003, the Parish Council, together with the AHEPA Bergen Knights Chapter 285, will present an evening with the hilarious Greek-American comedian "Basile" and "Los Super Greeks". We expect this to be a tremendously successful event socially and financially. Admission will also include dinner and open bar so make your reservations early as we expect to be sold out.

On November 8th 2003, we will have our 35th Annual Cathedral Ball honoring our first elected Parish Council. This year's event will be held once again at The Sheraton Crossroads Hotel in Mahwah, New Jersey by

popular demand. Please support this event with your attendance and participation in our Annual Souvenir Journal.

As you all can see we have many activities to look forward to and many challenges to meet. However, as one united family we can successfully meet our challenges and maximize the benefit and enjoyment of our planned activities. I ask you all to join in the effort and become a part of our extended family!

In closing, I'd like to thank Father John for his spiritual leadership and support as well as my fellow Parish Council members for their support.

Additionally, I'd like to thank our staff, led by Mr. Andrew Georgiou, for their loyalty and hard work.

With faith and love in our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Andreas Zigouras
President Parish Council
Cathedral of St. John the Theologian*

Journal Photos:

September 14th:

All Sunday School students and teachers.
All Church Organizations:

September 18th:

All Greek School students and teachers.

Stewardship:

A warm greeting to all of our present stewards! And a reminder to those attending our cathedral who have not filled out a stewardship card, we welcome you to join the long list of stewards. Cards are available on Sundays or through the Church Office, 201-567-5072.

PTO/Mother's Club:

As quickly as the school year ended, the new school year is upon us again. We hope that everyone had a restful summer and we are looking forward to another productive & successful year.

In June, the PTO/MC held elections and we are pleased to introduce our new executive board as of September 2003.

Maria Kamilaris	- Co-President
Maria Lignos	- Co-President
Sherry Zigouras	- Co-President
Gina Dongaris	- Co-Vice President
Stacey Kontolios	- Co-Vice President
Denise Angelos	- Recording Secretary
Elpida Spathis	- Recording Secretary
Effie Kokossis	- Corresponding Secretary
Anna Lilikas	- Corresponding Secretary
Kathy Hatgistavrou	- Treasurer
Niki Louloudis	- Treasurer

And along with these wonderful women, the PTO/MC board has increased in number with these enthusiastic women, in alphabetical order; Frances Bayiokos, Marina Chasapis, Fani Demetrakopoulos, Marianna Eby, Georgia Economos, Christina Gouvanis, Toulia Hatzikyriakou, Janet Hilaris, Vivian Karsos, Anna Kyriakides, Irene Mourkakos, Christalla Papas, Adriana Prastos, Stacey Sardis, Dorothy Savas, Audrey Soussou, Gina Tzavelis & Pat Tolos. Together, all of us are looking forward to working in unison, sharing ideas and executing them successfully. We hope that the entire Parish supports all of our efforts, with the goal of having the best Greek and Sunday Schools in the area.

Some of our ongoing programs are the preparation of the St. John the Theologian Children's Library that will be in full swing in September. This library will be used on a weekly basis by our Greek School (during G.S. hours) and by the Sunday School (during Catechism hours). The library will lend out materials during these hours also. There will be various Book Drives throughout the year to

help us stock the shelves. Father John, along with the help of the teachers, the principal, the directors and the chairladies are diligently looking in the United States and abroad for computer programs, video tapes, DVDs, reference books and books in both languages, so that our children get the best of both worlds. We hope and pray that this library remains a wonderful and a resourceful means for our children to learn about their Greek Faith and Heritage for generations to come.

We are also continuing our Supermarket Gift Certificate sales. The motto is "the more you purchase at the supermarket with certificates the more the PTO/MC receives in cash". Please support this ongoing fundraiser at no cost to you. For details see us during coffee hour or during Greek School hours (4:15-6:15 Tue/Thurs).

Greek Dance lessons for children up to 13 will begin on September 27th. Registration will begin on September 7th through September 27th during coffee hour and Greek School hours. Please call Maria Kamilaris for details 201-384-9330.

Mark Your Calendar!!!! The PTO/MC BIGGEST event is the TRICKY TRAY (Chinese auction) on November 13th. Doors will open at 6:00. Please join us for the fun!!

As always, we thank you for your support and we pray that together we all have a wonderful and peaceful year.

*Maria Lignos, Maria Kamilaris, Sherry Zigouras
Co-Presidents*

Philoptochos:

Summer Greetings! I hope that you had a GREAT Summer and are ready for an exciting year for Philoptochos!

On Monday, September 15, at 7:00pm, there will be a planning meeting for the officers and board of Philoptochos. The executive

board should bring a few dozen cookies for coffee. We will be discussing elections, various committees, and events involving Philoptochos at the Sept. 15 meeting. Please think of chairing or being a member of a committee.

On Thursday, September 25, Philoptochos will be sponsoring the Nameday reception after vespers. It is the Nameday of St. John the Theologian, the Patron Saint of our Cathedral. Anyone wanting to bake for the reception can bring in their baked goods the day before, Wednesday, Sept 24.

Attention all members : Please plan to attend a very important General Meeting, on Wednesday, October 15th, at 7:30pm. The Spring elections were postponed for a number of reasons. We would like new individuals to help serve on the board, volunteers to chair or be a members on different committees. These committees or events are not only for the Officers and Board – we would like to get the members involved as well. **THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING- PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND.**

The various committees we will be discussing are:

- Programs for after the meetings
- Christmas Party
- Community Christmas Card
- St. Basil's Vasilopita Luncheon
- St Philothea Nameday
- Dinner-Fashion Show
- Hospital visitations
- Nursing home visitations
- Other???

Looking forward to seeing you!

Maria Makrinos, President

Mr. & Mrs. Club:

There has been a slight change for the meeting date of the steering committee from the second Tuesday to the third Wednesday of the month.

Elections were held in June and the following slate of officers were duly elected:

President: Alex Argiriou
Vice President: Kay Afonso
Corresponding Secretary: John Andronico
Recording Secretary: Helen Kaplanaris
Treasurer: Stacy Pappas

There are two firm dates of activities so far:

October 11, 2003 – “The Autumn Jubilee” is our kickoff event and annual membership drive. Your annual dues are only \$15 and that entitles you to great food, good music and a chance to meet your friends whom you have not seen all summer. Please mark this date on your calendar. Flyers will be sent!! We would like to see all of our regular members, but we are also looking for new faces. Why not give us a look? I know you'll have fun!

December 7, 2003 – The Annual Dinner Dance. This is our 25th anniversary dance and we have great plans for all of you. We have booked “The Venetian” in Garfield which many of you have been to. Join us!! You will have fun, we promise you! We have booked Nicholas Nikolaidis for that evening and that spells a good time.

The executive committee met in July to formulate additional activities and we are considering:

- 1) A night into the Big Apple to see a musical or drama.
- 2) A trip to Ellis Island.
- 3) Our ritual Dinner after the Greek Independence Day Parade in March.
- 4) A trip around New York to see the lights in the evening.
- 5) A 3-day trip somewhere!

We need your input as to what you would Prefer to do. So don't be bashful. Come forward with your ideas. We are here to have fun!! Stay tuned. Try us, you'll like us!!

*Respectfully Submitted,
Alex Argiriou, President*

Kali Parea:

As the saying goes, "Time flies when you're having fun". Kali Parea certainly had fun and enjoyment for the 2002-2003 program. To start off the following is a chronological listing of the events we participated in.

- 1) A visit to the Holy Cross Seminary.
- 2) A visit and tour of exciting Boston, Mass.
- 3) "Oklahoma" and dinner in N.Y.C.
- 4) "Play it Again Sam"— Oradell Playhouse.
- 5) Metropolitan Museum of Art.
- 6) Onassis Museum to view "Post Byzantium the Greek Renaissance".
- 7) A lecture on "Frauds and Scams" by Detective O'Reilly of the Tenafly P.D.
- 8) Sponsored Coffee Hour for the Community.
- 9) A Highlight of the year was the "Pancake and Waffle Brunch" in February.
- 10) Visited the Museum of Natural History.
- 11) Another highpoint was a joint meeting with our sister clubs from Wyckoff and Paramus.
- 12) Organized and participated with the Philoptochos and PTO/Mother's Club in sponsoring a benefit for a young boy suffering from leukemia.
- 13) We closed the year with a very enjoyable picnic.

We look forward to an exciting 2003-2004 and extend an invitation to all to join Kali Parea. Our first meeting for this year is scheduled for September 24th, 1:00pm, with refreshments as always.

"Peace Memorial Gymnasium" **"World Peace Institute"**

We are very proud as a community to house the "Peace Memorial Gymnasium" in our "Father Tsamutalis Cultural Center" and the "World Peace Institute", an organization

established to promote World Peace from within the "Peace Memorial Gymnasium".

Mr. Michael Parlamis, the major contributor to the construction fund for the gymnasium, has managed to get a great deal of publicity for each of these entities which promotes a very noble and worthy cause.

We are truly blessed to be contributors as well as leaders in this movement toward Global Peace. It speaks well of our Greek Orthodox Christian heritage and of us as Greek American citizens.

We have raised over \$30,000, of which \$12,000 was donated by the parents of Alexia Tsairis. This young lady's untimely tragic death inspired the project to promote World Peace.

The trustees of the World Peace Institute will be meeting in the fall to plan our first event that will feature a guest speaker who will inspire all of us to continue to support this wonderful organization.

Thanks, once again, to Mr. Michael Parlamis and his family who continue the legacy that was perpetuated by his father the late Mr. Frank Parlamis.

Greek School Committee:

The Parish Council President has re-appointed Dr. Dora P. Kontogiannis as Chairman of this committee for school year 2003-2004.

Additionally the following members have been re-appointed:

Mrs. Effie Affordakos
Mrs. Stella Baker
Dr. Peter Hilaris
Mrs. Irene Polemis
Dr. Cosmas Tzavelis

The Parish Council has consented to these appointments. Members of the School Committee serve for a one-year term. Service on the School Committee may not exceed a five-year period.

The priest of the Community and the principal of the school participate in all meetings of the School Committee as advisors.

Two members of the School Committee should be members of the Parent and Teachers Association. Historically, but not necessarily, the representatives of this organization have been the co-presidents who this year are Mrs. Maria Kamilaris, Mrs. Maria Lignos and Mrs. Sherry Zoe Zigouras.

Best of Luck to the School Committee on all their endeavors.

Andreas Zigouras
Parish Council President

YAL:

The 2003-2004 marks 5 years since the inception of the Young Adult League of St. John's. As we embark on a new YAL season, we are preparing for another exciting year.

We will be beginning this year with a new organizational development, as we will be featuring a YAL "committee," rather than the traditional President/Vice President structure. A variety of YAL members will be heading up specific events and activities, thereby making all of the members of YAL more involved with the organization and making the group more together as a whole.

As in the past, we also plan on revisiting some of our more popular events, all of which give us a well-rounded grouping of activities. Our past homeless food drives have always been successful, and we hope to continue that tradition this year. Additionally, we have been able to take the kids of St. Basil's out for ice skating the past 2 years and completely sponsor their admission and rental, and we plan on doing it again this year. The event not

only enables us to spend time with the kids, but also allows them to go out for some much needed fun. Expect to see another hiking trip, sports day, dance, and possibly another road trip.

Other than that, we are always busy planning other events, whether it be to a museum, out dancing, fundraising, decorating, or otherwise. With our new structure, we also project that we will come up with plenty of new ones to make YAL an overall fun, rewarding, and fulfilling experience.

If you are interested in becoming a part of YAL, please feel free to approach any YAL member for information. Also, we make every attempt to announce our meetings, which take place after church, for all those interested in stopping by to attend. YAL is open to all those 18-35 years of age, regardless of gender, marital status, or otherwise. The door is open and we would love to see you. For further information on upcoming events, you can also check out our website at <http://www.gonj.org/yal.html>.

Joanne Kyriacou-Anderson
YAL Committee

GOYA:

The 2002-2003 GOYA year drew to a close with the Cathedral GOYA participating in the Northern New Jersey GOYA Olympics over the Memorial Day weekend. Eighteen Churches participated in the Olympics, and the top six finalists were recognized in each of the events. A Big Thank You is extended to our wonderful coaches: Anna & Sean Callahan and Michael Sountis. The following Cathedral GOYANS were honored:

- Sr. Boys 100 M Run- Victor Sohm- 5th place
- Sr. Girls 100 M Run- Renee Rousouli- 6th place
- Jr. Girls 100 M Run- Christina Miroso- 4th place
- Sr. Girls 800 M Run- Theodora Guliadis- 3rd place Bronze Medal

- Jr. Boys 800 M Run- Anthony Kinnis- 4th place
- Sr. Boys 1 Mile Run- Nick Derdemezis- 5th place
- Sr. Girls 1 Mile Run- Theodora Guliadis- 2nd place Silver Medal
- Sr. Boys 4x100 Relay- 1st place Gold Medal- Nick Kinnis, George Nomikos, Michael Savva, Victor Sohm, Evan Xenopoulos
- Sr. Girls 4x100 Relay- 5th place- Stacey Kamilaris, Anna Lilikas, Christina Miros, Renee Rousouli, Sophia Zigouras
- Sr. Boys 4x400 Relay- 6th place- Nick Derdemezis, George Hatzis, George Nomikos, Victor Sohm, Evan Xenopoulos
- Sr. Girls 4x200 Relay- 5th place- Alexandra Demetriades, Theodora Guliadis, Christina Kamilaris, Stacey Kamilaris, Elpida Kolios
- Jr. Girls 4x200 Relay- 4th place- Alexandra Demetriadis, Christina Guliadis, Dina Katsogiannos, Anna Lilikas, Sophia Zigouras
- Mixed 4x200 Relay- 4th place- Michael Savva, Renee Rousouli, Constantine Rousouli, Christina Miros
- Swimming 50 yd. Breast Stroke- Sophia Zigouras- 1st Place- Gold Medal
- Swimming 50 yd. Freestyle- Michael Lignos- 2nd Place- Silver Medal
- Jr. Boys Shot put- Constantine Rousouli- 3rd Place- Bronze Medal
- Sr. Boys Long Jump- Michael Savva- 3rd Place- Bronze Medal

The Cathedral GOYANS helped out at this years Cathedral Festival by setting up and running a Coffee Bar/Kafenio.

Elections were held in June for the 2003-2004 Goya Year. Congratulations to our new Executive Board:

President -	Renee Rousouli
Vice-President -	Stacey Kamilaris
Treasurer -	Michael Lignos
Corresponding Secretary -	Mark Mourkakos
Recording Secretary -	Constantine Rousouli

The end of the year GOYA BBQ was graciously hosted by our past president, Michael Savva. Thank you to Michael and his family.

This year's Cathedral representatives to the Northern NJ Mr. & Miss GOYA Pageant are Michael Lignos and Theodora Guliadis. The event will be held on October 12, 2003 at the Pines Manor. Please help support this event and our representatives by buying an Ad Journal. Ad Journal forms will be distributed during the coffee hour on August 31st, September 7th and September 14th.

The first GOYA meeting for the 2003-2004 year will be held on Friday, September 12, 2003. If you are 12 yrs. old and in seventh grade through 18 and a senior in high school, please come and join us. We offer many activities that you can participate in: sports, the arts, dancing, community service, religious retreats, bowling, and tournaments. The Northern NJ Basketball/Volleyball League will begin September 21st right here at our Cathedral. If you would like to play, please come to the first GOYA meeting.

Congratulations to our graduating seniors. Good luck in your future endeavors: George Hatzis, Gregory Hatzis, Katerina Katsapis, Steve Menegatos, Christina Nicolaidis, Niki Panaretos, Michael Savva.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!!!!
The Cathedral GOYA Advisors

AHEPA:

The Bergen Chapter of the AHEPA helped to organize a fundraiser for the Greek Children's Fund. They led a group of baseball fans in attending Greek Night at Shea stadium on August 12th. A portion of the ticket went towards the Greek Children's Fund. All in attendance enjoyed a Mets victory, a rare item this year! Call George Papas for information on the AHEPA.

JOY:

A Junior Orthodox Youth group for children seven years through 12 years old.

JOY allows our children an opportunity to cultivate and strengthen those friendships made through Sunday School, Greek School, and the many different Church Organizations in a fun, relaxed and spiritual environment.

This September officially marks **JOY's** 11th year at our Cathedral and we look forward to another fun filled year.

We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Nicki Louloudis has joined our group of JOY advisors. We welcome her and look forward to her input and support as we all work hard to make **JOY** a fun and important part of our children's lives.

JOY meets the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month from 7:30-8:45 p.m. beginning in October.

Registration dates are September 7th, 14th, and 21st in the Fellowship Hall following the Divine Liturgy. There is a \$25 donation for the first child and a \$5 donation for each additional child. Parent participation is not necessary, however, we are always looking for assistance.

JOY will begin this year with their Ice-Cream Social and elections which is scheduled for Friday, October 3rd at 7:30 p.m. sharp in the Fellowship Hall.

JOY will host their annual Harvest Ball on Friday, October 17th from 6:30-10:00 p.m. There will be a \$10 donation per person collected at the door. As always, our JOY friends from Saint Athanasios in Paramus, and our friends from the Sunday School and Greek School, along with their families are all welcome! Music will once again be provided by DJ Aris Thomas of Five Star Entertainers and DINNER WILL BE SERVED!

We have scheduled many more fun and exciting activities for **JOY** and look forward to seeing everyone soon. Until then...

May there always be JOY

JOY ADVISORS

Fani Demetrakopoulos

Mary Soras

Nicki Louloudis

Sherry Zoe Ziguoras

Boy Scouts:

Boy Scout Troop #25 keeps growing and continues to produce our future leaders! Upcoming in October will be our next Eagle Court of Honor, for Lee Kojanis & Alex Sisti, who will be honored for reaching the highest rank in scouting.

Troop # 25 attended the Eastern Orthodox Committee(EOCS) on Scouting's Spring Camporee in May, competing with other troops from the tristate area, while camping overnight at St. Basil's beautiful grounds.

Many of the Scouts attended Camp NoBeBoSco for one week in July, earning multiple merit badges, learning new skills and having lots of fun.

You can get in on the fun by joining Troop #25 this year, for all boys 6th grade or higher. Meetings are held the 1st, 3rd & 4th Fridays of the month. Call John Lignos or Jack Sardis for information.

Cub Scouts:

The younger boys of Cub Pack #25 enjoyed their spring while attending the EOCS Camporee at St. Basil's, many of them roughed it in their first night of camping ever! May also included a cleanup of the church grounds and helping out at the Festival.

In June, the boys then attended the NJ Jackals baseball game, with a group of them camping overnight on the outfield grass (Yes, they turned out the lights for them!) The Awards Ceremony was exciting with the

Outrageous Pets as entertainment. We needed groups of 12 Cub & Girl Scouts to hold the Albino Python Snake! That was followed by a fishing derby at the Oradell Reservoir and a small group went Biking and Rafting along the Lehigh River.

Scouting continues all year long, so we started July with 5 days & nights of a Wild West theme at Camp Lewis for some boys and 5 days of Cub Scout day camp in Mahwah for other cubs. We followed this with a hike down the palisades (literally down!) to the Hudson river. In August we had a Pool Party & Barbecue, complete with wiffle ball and thunder storms.

Come join us for our upcoming activities in the 2003-4 season. Young boys grades 1-5 can enjoy the fun by calling Peter Hilaris at 750-9173 or Chuck Cuyulis at 768-8105. We meet the 2nd & 4th Fridays, with additional activities scheduled:

- September 6th: Ellis Island Trip
- October 4th: Cub Scout Field Day
- October 11-12th: EOCS Retreat
- October 25th: Corn Maize & Pumpkins

Registration will occur at meetings and Sundays after liturgy in September.

Girl Scouts:

The Girl Scouts of St. John's continued to have fun last spring. You may have noticed, for the second year in a row, our Daisies (Kindergartners) & Brownies (1st, 2nd & 3rd Graders) planted flowers in front of the chapel entrance. They had fun digging, watering & beautifying our church. The girls also were a valuable asset at the Festival this year!

We ended our year with an awards ceremony party & entertainment, which included an exhibition of highly unusual creatures. The girls loved it & learned a lot.

Our last trip of the year was to Six Flags Great Adventure. Everyone had a ball at the wild safari & amusement park.

We're very proud of our girls. In fact, this coming year some will advance to the Junior Girl Scout level (4th, 5th & 6th grade). Each girl is no doubt proud of her achievements & contributions to the troop.

We look forward to our Troop # 653 growing bigger & better. Many exciting meetings, activities & trips are lined up for the coming year. Please contact us to join in on the fun. Our meetings are the 2nd & 4th Fridays of each month @ 7:30pm.

Janet Hilaris 201-750-9173

Helen Kamilaris 201-384-3856

Christalla Papas 201-391-0150

Phyllis Turrin 201-894-0119

The St. John the Theologian Library:

The project of **The St. John the Theologian** Library for Hellenic and Orthodox Studies continues. Thanks to parish stewards' donations we are busy ordering books in both Greek and English and other media such as cassettes, cd's and videos. Many stewards have also made donations of rare books from their personal collections or from that of their deceased loved ones. Under the directorship of Fr. John the library is slowly filling with quality material.

Thanks also must be expressed to young Mr. Alex Sisti for leading the data entry of numerous books into our library computer base as partial fulfillment for the attainment of the Eagle Scout Award. We wish Alex success and thank him and his family for their continued support. We also thank Mr. & Mrs. Jack Kessisoglou and Mr. & Mrs. Homer Vanides and the members of the Kali Parea for assisting with book inventory. Volunteers are greatly appreciated in this slow and tedious task. Efforts are now underway to make our library a viable lending library. Please visit and keep our efforts in your prayers.

Irene Polemis, Library Committee

Celebrating 35 Years

The 35th Annual Cathedral Ball will be held on Saturday, November 8th, 2003 at The Sheraton Cross Roads Mahwah, New Jersey. Cocktails begin at 7:00 p.m., followed by dinner & dancing.

This year's Cathedral Ball will commemorate the 35th anniversary of our beloved Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Saint John the Theologian, and will honor its' first elected Parish Council.

The music will be provided by Nikos Nikolaidis Orchestra and D.J. Aris Thomas of Five Star Entertainers.

Tickets are \$100 per person and are available through the Church office or by contacting the Chairladies Mrs. Effie Thomopoulos 201.307.4927 or Mrs. Sherry Zoe Zigouras 201.894.9353.

Please purchase your tickets early to assure your table reservations.

Honorees

Michael Sdrougias, President
John Manos, First Vice President
Achilles Georgeou, 2nd Vice President
Michael Evangel, Secretary
Peter Nicholas, Treasurer
Dr. George Kiriakopoulos, Assistant Secretary
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Sacraments:

Baptisms:

4/12/03 M/M Gus Tsekenis for George with Mara S. Katsos & John E. Katsos as Koumbaroi.

4/13/03 M/M Theodore Charalambous for Antigone Anain with Helen & Chris Kamilaris as Koumbaroi.

5/04/03 M/M John F. Mayo, Jr for John Michael with John Michael as Koumbaro.

5/04/03 M/M Spiridon Dongaris for Sophia Theodora with Konstantine Dologlou as Koumbaro.

5/04/03 M/M Mark Melizanis for Kyriaki Anna with Maria & Dimitri Nicolaras as Koumbaroi.

5/10/03 M/M Gregory Limbardo for Kayla Elizabeth with Paul Becker & Michelle Macri as Koumbaroi.

6/08/03 M/M Gerasimos Bourboulis for Myria with Athena Antoniou as Koumbara.

6/10/03 M/M Jerry Makris for Jerry Miltiadis with Gary Liberty as Koumbaro.

6/14/03 M/M Scott C. McAllister for Sophia Eleni with Marika Anna Susi as Koumbara.

6/22/03 M/M Sam Matthews for Athena Anastasia with George & Louisa Skoufis as Koumbaroi.

6/29/03 M/M Erik Hansen for Konstantina with Maria Litos as Koumbara.

7/11/03 M/M Jack Pomeranz for Michael with Charles Tsetsekas as Koumbaro.

7/12/03 M/M Steven Nicholson for Efstratia Maria with Jacqueline Nicholson & Michael Papis as Koumbaroi.

7/19/03 M/M George Leon Staphos for Peter Thomas with Audrey & Stephen Vratos as Koumbaroi.

7/26/03 M/M Anton J. Kavallines for John Matthew with Andrew & Denise Apostle as Koumbaroi.

8/02/03 M/M Peter Loran Archibald for Alexander Guy with Anastasia Archibald & Jason Rohr as Koumbaroi.

Chrismations:

7/13/03 Carol Klissouras with Penny Rousouli as the Sponsor.

Weddings:

5/10/03 Bino Chacko & Betsy Kurian with Dr. Bino Chacko & Betsy Vanaides as Koumbaroi.

6/07/03 Donand J. Wright & Yana Lozanova with Liuben Boykov & John Michaels as Koumbaroi.

6/08/03 Taxiarchis Charles Tsocanos & Enas Tuppo with Stavros Angelakos & Ban Tuppo as Koumbaroi.

6/21/03 John Joseph Rice & Nikki Marie Antoniadis with Antonia Antoniadis & Frank Rice as Koumbaroi.

6/29/03 Nickolas Kintos & Sonia Magalhaes with Antonios Kintos as Koumbaroi.

7/11/03 Stavros Spyros Cadenas & Helen Polychronis with Constantine Cadenas & Maria Polychronis as Koumbaroi.

7/20/03 Tsampicos Anastasios Perides & Athena Troianos with Dimitrios Perides & Nicki Louloudis as Koumbaroi.

Funerals:

4/19/03 Clara Papachristou

4/24/03 Alexandra Siaflas

4/26/03 George Milanos

4/29/03 Dimosthenis Hasapis

5/01/03 Nora Pantelopoulos

5/12/03 John C. Sfugaras

5/27/03 Sophia Antonelos

6/28/03 Kasia Polles

7/02/03 Ecaterina Mucenica

7/26/03 Spiros George

8/04/03 Angelina Regas

8/16/03 Lauren Lupu

Cathedral Website:

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Also, for those starting their school shopping online, you can go into the website, and then link to a multitude of big name stores and do your shopping. A percentage will then go towards your Cathedral. Same goes for the Christmas Holiday of course!

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