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Three Ways to Celebrate Great Lent

Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18

Very Rev. Timothy G. Bakakos

Great Lent, as we well know, is the season of the Church year leading up to the Feast of Pascha to Easter. And accordingly, Great Lent has traditionally been a time of *penitence and self-denial*, of *prayer and meditation*, of *cleansing and also of renewal*. It is a time, as our Gospel Readings teach us through the weeks of the Triodion (pre-lenten) period, to seriously take stock of our lives.

And so often, the following question is asked many of our people: ***What is the proper way to celebrate Lent?*** Is it to give up chocolate? Is it to spend endless hours on our knees? Is it to wear glum expressions on our face? How shall we celebrate this holy season in accordance with our Faith, and how our God wants us to prepare ourselves?

Saint Matthew records in his sixth chapter of his Gospel the words of our Lord about this very subject. Jesus says, ***“Be careful not to do your ‘acts of righteousness’ before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father Who is in heaven.”*** In this passage, Jesus is cautioning His followers against public displays of religiosity, but He is also telling us *how* to celebrate Great Lent, with genuine “acts of righteousness.”

Jesus is expecting us to not live the same lifestyle yesterday (before Lent) than we are living now. He is expecting a *change* within us, these ‘acts of righteousness’, as He refers to them. But what ***are*** these acts of righteousness? Well, Jesus explains it to us further in Saint Matthew Gospel when He says, ***“So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men.”*** Here we are told the *first act of righteousness* that we are to adopt: **GIVE TO THE NEEDY**, **not** publicly, **not** with fanfare, but still give, *without* all the doxomania and megalomania.

We are blessed here at Panagias that so many of our faithful followers and supporters continue to be very generous, not only to our blessed Parish, but also in their giving and support to those in need and to needy organizations. We need to continue to deflect the urge to acquire a *hardening of the heart* when it comes to giving to the needy. Sadly it is true that it seems to some that the more we have, the harder it is for us to share. Jesus’ instruction to us during this Great Lenten season tells us to do all that we do in secret, **not** as a show of piety, but rather, as a grateful act and response to give as we have truly been blessed.

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Did you know that *Almsgiving (Stewardship)* in Jesus' day was a public affair, with Temple officials going around to houses to collect offerings, and people giving public offerings in the synagogues? It has changed in the mainstream Christian Churches today, as Jesus has directed, to not to make a show of our charity. But still, we are directed by God to give to those less fortunate than us.

The season of Great Lent offers us that excellent opportunity to find someone in need, and without fanfare, and to share with them....and it doesn't always have to be monetary. Wouldn't Jesus be elated if each of us resolved this Great Lent to do something between today and Pascha (Easter) to make someone else's way a little easier? What a way to celebrate Lent! Giving to the needy is, to use Jesus' words, an "*act of righteousness*". That is a good way to commit ourselves on mind, heart, and soul to this period of Great Lent.

A SECOND IMPORTANT AND VERY MEANINGFULLY WAY TO PREPARE DURING GREAT LENT IS THROUGH PRAYER. *"And when you pray,"* says Jesus, *"do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, Who is unseen. Then Your Father, Who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words."*

I don't think many of us have to worry about putting on a show with our aggressiveness in *over-praying*. In fact, just the opposite is most likely true. We probably do not pray enough. And that is sad. Prayer **does** make a difference. But we don't place enough faith in the *real power* of our prayers, do we? Prayer is a fascinating phenomenon. Prayer is an act of righteousness, so therefore, prayer must be an important ingredient of any preparation of Great Lent. And it is my hope and suggestion that before we enter the Great Lent of our Holy Orthodox Church (which commences on Monday, March 6th), we resolve with God's help, to spend a certain amount of time between now and Easter in prayer.

THE FINAL ACT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT JESUS LISTS HERE IS THAT OF FASTING. Jesus says, *"When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show men they are fasting. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to men that you are fasting, but only to your Father, Who is unseen; and your Father, Who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."*

Finally, in Scripture we see several purposes for fasting. Our Bible says that it is part of the discipline of self-control; it is a way of declaring that we depend on God alone, and draw all our strength and resources from Him. It is also a way of focusing totally on God when seeking his guidance and help, and of showing that you really are in earnest in your quest. And, it is, at times, an expression of sorrow and deep repentance, something that a person or community will do in order to acknowledge failure before God and seek His mercy.

Too many of us tend to think of fasting as *going without food*. But it also involves ALL of our senses.

We are to fast from anything and everything that causes us to distraction from time with God in our Lenten preparation. If we love music and decide to miss a concert in order to spend time with God, *that* is fasting. There's nothing magical about fasting. It is just one way of telling God that your priority at that moment is to be alone with Him, sorting out whatever is necessary, and you have canceled the meal, the party, the concert,

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or whatever else you had planned to do in order to fulfill that priority in preparing your body and soul properly. Remember, when you fast, be humble. The whole point of it is that it is **not** to be done for show or frivolously. As we proceed during the Triodion Period and on through our journey of Great Lent, I humbly ask that you take stock of yourselves. Look to fine tune and change what you know needs changing, in order to make you a better Christian and disciple of Jesus Christ. Be diligent in your preparation for the glorious resurrection of our Lord. Respond to calls for help by giving and doing *acts of righteousness*: give to the needy, pray, and find some way...whether it is fasting or giving up something that is precious to us....to show that God comes **first** in our lives. If you haven't started as yet, it is **not** too late. Start living during Great Lent the way Christ wants us to live year-round.

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Parish Council President...

President's Report *By Andrew Kanel*

It is my sincere pleasure and honor to address our community. We are blessed to have so many dedicated stewards that have stepped forward to serve on the Parish Council and on various committees. We have been working together over the last month to create a calendar of events for 2011 and you will find them in this edition. We look forward to you joining us at our programs throughout the year.

Two important annual events are the Grand Raffle dinner and the Labor Day Festival. Dean Bastounes will be the chairperson for the Grand Raffle. Please contact the church office, if you would like to be on Dean's planning team. We are in need of a chairperson(s) for our Labor Day Festival. As you know, the individual does not need to be on the Parish Council to coordinate the festival.

As we prepare to embark on one of our most holy seasons I wish you all a spiritual Lenten journey an. Kali Saracosti!

Following is the list introducing the 2011/2012 Parish Council and elected officers.

| | | |
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| President - Andrew Kanel | Thomas Demos | AQS & Loretto Relations - James Lakerdas |
| Vice President/Vice President | Joann Stavropoulos | Community Events - Christine Arvanites |
| Finance - Dean Sarantos | Rose Marie Stewart | Fellowship - Rose Marie Stewart |
| Treasurer - George Arvanites | James Lakerdas | Church Maintenance - Dean Maggos |
| Secretary - Mary Ellen Woods | John Vassiliades | Plato School Maintenance - Chris Limperis |
| | Chris Limperis | Endowment - Peter Panton |
| Thomas Poulos | Bill Vranas | Order - Ted Pappas |
| Dean Bastounes | Dean Maggos | Seasonal Grounds Rose Marie Stewart & Jack Woods |
| Diane Berbas | Jack Woods | Stewardship - Jack Woods |
| Peter Spyropoulos | Dr. Peter Panton | Ministries - Voula Spyropoulos |
| Thomas Collis | Theodore Pappas | Youth and Athletics - Tom Poulos |
| Dr. Voula Spyropoulos | Fr. Timothy Bakakos | Parliamentarian - James Lakerdas |

Philoptochos...

Events *By Ann Dervis*

In January our sisterhood donated another wheelchair to the Wheelchair foundation.

On January 8, our membership Luncheon was held in Plato Hall. Fr. Timothy led the invocation and he and President Nancy Pilafas welcomed all the ladies. A raffle was held for prizes of gift cards from Macy's, Von Maur and Nordstrom.

January 9th was the Annual Vasilopita Celebration at St. John the Baptist in Des Plaines. This event helps to support the St. Basil Academy in Garrison, New York.

On Feb. 15, our metropolis sisters held an Agape Dinner. The proceeds will be used to help purchase a permanent office suite (instead of renting space) for our National Philoptochos in New York City. The projected cost is \$4 million of which \$1 million has already been raised. The offices will contain a Center of Philanthropy and Social Services.



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December 21, 2010

Very Rev. Timothy Bakakos
The Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
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Very Rev. Bakakos,

Loretto Hospital would like to thank you and your team once again for your dedicated work and relentless participation in our Visit with Santa event. We understand first hand all the work and manpower that goes into making such an event a success so we wanted to take the time to thank you for helping us once again. We are proud to announce that this year we served close to 1,350 children and their families. Your participation in this is truly appreciated from us all here at Loretto Hospital.

Looking at the faces of the community's children and their parents as they celebrate with us for the holiday makes our event all worth it. Visit with Santa is a tradition here at Loretto Hospital, that we plan to continue for years to come. Your partnership really makes the difference in the event. We look forward to working with you again next year on December 10, 2010, which will mark our 21st Annual Visit with Santa!!!!

Thank you once again, have a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year!

Sincerely,



Camille Y. Lilly
VP External Affairs & Development

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Philoptochos...

2011 Calendar of Events

January

- 8 Membership Tea- Plato Hall - noon
- 9 Vasilopita- St. John's - 6:00 PM

February

- 19 President's Meeting- St. George, Schererville, IN - 9:00 AM
- 27 Apokreatiko Glendi- Diplomat West- 4:00 PM

March

- 6 Loukoumades- Plato Hall- after liturgy
- 17 General Meeting- St. Catherine's meeting room- 10:30 AM
- 19 Lenten Retreat- Holy Trinity, Chicago- 9:00 AM
- 20 Loukoumades- Plato Hall- after Liturgy

April

- 16 Package bake sale items- St. Catherine's meeting room- 10:00 AM
- 17 Bake Sale pickup- St. Catherine's meeting room- after liturgy
- 21 Holy Thursday- Metropolitan visit- reception after service
- 22 Good Friday- decorate Kouvouklion – 10:00 AM

May

- 19 General Meeting- elections- St. Catherine's meeting room – 10:30 AM

June

- 23 Nursing Home Visit- Wheeling, IL. - 2:00 PM

July

- 21 General Meeting- Plato Hall- 10:30 AM

August

- 11 Baking melomakarona- Plato Hall- 9:30 AM
- 14 Panagia vespers- Plato Hall- 6:30 PM
- 15 Panagia liturgy reception- Plato Hall- 10:00 AM
- 20 Bake for festival- (melomakarona and kourambiedes)- Plato Hall- 9:30 AM
- 27 Bake diples for festival- Plato Hall- 9:30 AM

September

- 3 Set up for festival- church grounds- 10:30 AM
- 4 Festival- church grounds- 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM
- 5 Festival- church grounds- 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- 15 General meeting- St. Catherine's meeting room- 7:00 PM
- 17 Metropolis Luncheon- Rosewood Banquets- 11:00 AM

October

- 15 Membership Tea- Plato Hall- Noon
- 20 Fundraiser-TBA - Rosewood Banquets

November

- 6 Artoclasia- Plato Hall- after liturgy
- 10 General Meeting- St. Catherine meeting room- 10:30 AM
- 13 Autumn Bake Sale- Plato Hall- after liturgy
- 20 St. Catherine's Chapel consecration
- 24 St. Catherine's Vespers- (Thanksgiving) reception after service
- 25 Liturgy for St. Catherine Chapel- 10:00 AM- reception after liturgy

December

- 3 Christmas luncheon- Greek Islands/Lombard- Noon
- 11 Metropolis Open House- Metropolitan Home- 5:00 PM
- 13 Feed-the-Hungry- Annunciation Cathedral- 9:30 AM
- 18 Metropolitan visit- reception- Plato Hall- after Liturgy

Lenten Calendar...

Saturday, February 26
First Saturday of the Souls
8:30 a.m. Matins (Ορθρος)
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Θεια
Λειτουργία)
Commemoration of the Dead

Sunday, February 27
Meat Fare Sunday - Sunday of the
Last Judgement
8:30 a.m. Matins (Ορθρος)
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Θεια
Λειτουργία) and Sunday School St.
Catherine
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Θεια
Λειτουργία) Main Church
*Last day on which the eating of meat
is permitted*

Saturday, March 5
Second Saturday of the Souls
8:30 a.m. Matins (Ορθρος)
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Θεια
Λειτουργία)
Commemoration of the Dead

Sunday, March 6
Cheese Fare Sunday - Forgiveness
Sunday
8:30 a.m. Matins (Ορθρος)
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Θεια
Λειτουργία) and Sunday School
St. Catherine
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Θεια
Λειτουργία) Main Church

Monday, March 7
Καθαρά Δευτέρα - Clean Monday
*Last day on which the eating
of dairy is permitted*
GREAT LENT BEGINS
STRICT FAST DAY
5:30 p.m. *Great Compline*
7:00 p.m. *Lenten Dinner*

Wednesday, March 9
6:00 p.m. *Liturgy of the Presanctified
Gifts*
*Communion may be received with
proper preparation.*
Holy Confession before the Service

Friday, March 11
7:00 p.m. *First Salutations
to the Theotokos*

Saturday, March 12
Third Saturday of the Souls
Feast of the Miracle of St. Theodore
8:30 a.m. *Matins (Ορθρος)*
9:30 a.m. *Divine Liturgy (Θεια
Λειτουργία)*
Commemoration of the Dead

Sunday, March 13
First Sunday of the Great Lent
Sunday of Orthodoxy
8:30 a.m. *Matins (Ορθρος)*
9:30 a.m. *Divine Liturgy (Θεια
Λειτουργία)*
Sunday School St. Catherine
10:00 a.m. *Divine Liturgy (Θεια
Λειτουργία)*
6:30 p.m. *Sunday of Orthodoxy Great
Vespers Service*
St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
1220 S. 60th Court, Cicero, IL.

Monday, March 14
5:30 p.m. *Great Compline Service*
7:00 p.m. *Adult Bible Study*

Wednesday, March 16
9:00 a.m. *Liturgy of the Presanctified
Gifts*
*Communion may be received with proper
preparation.*
Holy Confession before the Service

Friday, March 18
7:00 p.m. *Second Salutations to the The-
otokos*

Saturday, March 19
9:30 a.m. *Annual Youth Lenten Retreat*

Sunday, March 20
Second Sunday of Great Lent
Saint Gregory of Palamas
8:30 a.m. *Matins (Ορθρος)*
9:30 a.m. *Divine Liturgy (Θεια
Λειτουργία)* and
Sunday School St. Catherine
10:00 a.m. *Divine Liturgy (Θεια
Λειτουργία)*
*Main Church Oratorical
Festival – Following Service*

Monday, March 21
5:30 p.m. *Great Compline Service*

Wednesday, March 23
6:00 p.m. *Liturgy of the
Presanctified Gifts*
*Communion may be received
with proper preparation.*
Holy Confession before the Service

Friday, March 25
Annunciation of the Holy Virgin
Mary Theotokos
8:30 a.m. *Matins (Ορθρος)*
9:30 a.m. *Divine Liturgy (Θεια
Λειτουργία)*
7:00 p.m. *Third Salutations to the
Theotokos*

Sunday, March 27
Third Sunday of Great Lent
Veneration of the Holy Cross
8:30 a.m. *Matins (Ορθρος)*
9:30 a.m. *Divine Liturgy (Θεια
Λειτουργία)* and
Sunday School St. Catherine
10:00 a.m. *Divine Liturgy (Θεια
Λειτουργία) Main Church*

Monday, March 28
5:30 p.m. *Great Compline Service*
7:00 p.m. *Adult Bible Study*

Wednesday, March 30
9:00 a.m. *Liturgy of the Presanct-
ified Gifts*
*Communion may be received with
proper preparation.*
Holy Confession before the Service

Lenten Calendar...

Friday, April 1

7:00 p.m. Fourth Salutations to the Theotokos

Sunday, April 3

Saint John of the Ladder

Fourth Sunday of Great Lent

8:30 a.m. Matins (Ορθρος)

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Θεια Λειτουργία) and
Sunday School St. Catherine

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Θεια Λειτουργία) Main
Church

Metropolis Youth Choir Conference – Hosted at Panagia

Monday, April 4

7:00 p.m. Service of the Bridegroom

Wednesday, April 6

6:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Communion may be received with proper preparation.

Holy Confession before the Service

Friday, April 8

7:00 p.m. Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos

Sunday, April 10

Fifth Sunday of Great Lent

Saint Mary of Egypt

8:30 a.m. Matins (Ορθρος)

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Θεια Λειτουργία) and
Sunday School St. Catherine

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Θεια Λειτουργία) Main
Church

Monday, April 11

5:30 p.m. Great Compline Service

7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Saturday, April 16

Saturday of the Resurrection of Lazarus

8:30 a.m. Matins (Ορθρος)

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Θεια Λειτουργία) Main
Church

Sunday, April 17

Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m. Matins (Ορθρος)

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Θεια Λειτουργία) and
Sunday School St. Catherine

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Θεια Λειτουργία) Main
Church

Monday, April 18

Great and Holy Monday

7:00 p.m. Service of the Bridegroom

Tuesday, April 19

Great and Holy Tuesday

7:00 p.m. Service of the Bridegroom

Wednesday, April 20

Great and Holy Wednesday

2:30 p.m. Sacrament of Holy Unction

7:00 p.m. Service of the Bridegroom

Holy Unction will be distributed after the Service.

Thursday, April 21

Great and Holy Thursday

9:00 a.m. Vespers and Divine Liturgy of Saint
Basil

7:00 p.m. The Holy Passion of Our Lord

Friday, April 22

Great and Holy Friday

9:30 a.m. Reading of the Royal Hours

3:00 p.m. Removal of Christ from the Cross

7:00 p.m. Service of the Lamentations

Saturday, April 23

Great and Holy Saturday

5:00 a.m. Vespers and First Divine Liturgy

9:00 a.m. Vespers and Second Divine Liturgy

11:00 p.m. Canon of the Holy Resurrection

Sunday, April 24

HOLY PASCHA

**12:00 Midnight Resurrection Service and Di-
vine Liturgy**

***CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD
TRAMPLING DOWN DEATH BY
DEATH
AND UPON THOSE IN THE TOMBS
BESTOWING LIFE***

Parish/Sunday Church School Calendar...

In addition to the liturgical services scheduled, the Assumption community has many other activities scheduled in 2011 to foster fellowship. So, mark your calendars!

| Date | Event |
|-------------------|--|
| February 27 | Apokreatiko Dinner Dance Diplomat West |
| March 6 | Loukoumades Sunday |
| March 7 | First day of Lent/Clean Monday dinner |
| March 19 | Lenten Retreat |
| March 20 | Loukoumades Sunday |
| March 20 | Assumption Oratorical Festival |
| April 2 | Jr. Choir Federation luncheon |
| April 6 | Lecture on is visit to The Holy Land (tentative) presented by the Very Reverand Father Timothy Bakakos |
| April 17 | Palm Sunday Luncheon |
| April 30 | Metropolis Oratorical Festival hosted at St. Nectarios Palatine, IL |
| May 1 | Sunday Church School Easter party |
| May 8 | Mothers Day Tribute |
| May 15 | Sunday School Awards |
| May 22, | General Assembly |
| May 28 & 29 | Jr. Olympics |
| June 5 | Sunday Church School Picnic, Lombard, IL |
| June 16 | Sunday Church School event |
| August 14 | Vespers to the Theotokos |
| August 15 | Feast day of The Theotokos |
| August TBD | Baking with the Philoptochos for the Assumption Greek Festival |
| September 1 | Preparations for Assumption Greek Festival |
| September 3 | Grounds setup for Assumption Greek Festival |
| September 4 & 5 | Assumption Greek Festival |
| September 11 | First day of Sunday Church School |
| October 6 | Dr. Ari Christofidis lecture |
| October 22 | Harvest Day Celebration |
| November 20 | St. Catherine's Consecration |
| November 1 - TBD | Food Drive |
| TBD | Christmas Decorate the Hall |
| December 11 | Christmas Pageant |
| November/December | DCFS Holiday Toy Drive |
| November/December | Loretto Hospital Toy Drive |

Parish Happenings...

Assumption Parish to host **Annual Metropolis Youth Choir Conference**. The Choir Federation of Chicago is pleased to announce that this year's Youth Conference will be hosted by our Assumption Parish on the weekend of April 2nd and 3rd. The annual conference gives Orthodox youth throughout our entire Metropolis of Chicago between the ages of 10-17, an opportunity to come together to meet new friends, get reacquainted with old friends and sing together in preparing for the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy that will take place on Sunday, April 3rd. The choir will be lead by our own director, Marika Pantou. Diana Ott will be leading the Communion Hymn and the guest organist will be Georgia Mitchell. Events planned for the weekend include a Sunday luncheon in Plato Hall following Divine Liturgy.



Pat Quinn
Governor

Erwin McEwen
Director

Illinois Department of Children & Family Services

January 13, 2011

Fr. Timothy Bakakos
Assumption Church
601 South Central Avenue
Chicago, IL 60644

Dear Fr. Bakakos:

Thank you so much for your generous donation of toys and clothing.

As you know, needy families and children in our society go without toys and clothing during the Christmas season for a variety of reasons. While all of us are susceptible to hard times, poor families and their children are at the most risk and they make up the clients we serve.

With the generous support of Assumption Church, we have been able to help many of these families and children to have a very special Christmas and our children had a very special holiday because of your generosity during this Christmas season.

Thank you again, and we look forward to your continued support.

Sincerely,



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Financial Information...

2010 Festival and 85th Anniversary Dinner Financial Results *By Dean Sarantos*

The following summaries contain the financial results for the last two major Assumption fundraisers of 2010. Congratulations and many thanks to all of those who helped to make these events successful and fun. If you have any questions about the information below, please call me at (708) 660-0154.

Assumption Church 2010 Festival - Financial Results

| Summary: | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | <u>Revenue/ Cash In</u> | <u>Expenses/ Cash Out</u> | <u>Net Gain/Net Cash In</u> |
| Non-Raffle | \$44,595.85 | \$28,778.98 | \$15,816.87 |
| Raffle | 31,035.00 | 4,450.00 | 26,585.00 |
| Grand Total | \$75,630.85 | \$33,228.98 | \$42,401.87 |
| Detail: | | | |
| <u>Booth Cash Receipts:</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Expenses - Non Raffle</u> | |
| Food Tent | \$16,451.00 | Tents | \$ 5,278.00 |
| Sweets | 2,621.00 | Labor | 3,857.93 |
| Bread Table | 814.00 | Children's games | 3,695.00 |
| Loukoumades | 2,886.00 | Various food | 2,743.56 |
| Bar | 5,599.00 | Supplies, textiles, etc. | 2,135.41 |
| Lemonade | 761.00 | Beverages | 1,679.87 |
| Hot Dogs & Ice Cream | 643.53 | Pork | 1,604.00 |
| Bookstore | 492.85 | Advertising & promotion | 1,295.00 |
| East Gate | 1,784.00 | Dumpsters | 1,030.00 |
| West Gate | 963.00 | Entertainment | 1,000.00 |
| Raffle East Gate | 1,100.00 | License, permit & insurance | 793.00 |
| Raffle West Gate | 13,235.00 | All Other | 3,667.21 |
| Kids Games | 2,221.00 | Total Non-Raffle Expenses | \$ 28,778.98 |
| Total Booth Cash Receipts | \$49,571.38 | | |
| | | <u>Raffle Expenses:</u> | |
| Raffle Receipts - Office* | 16,700.00 | Raffle Prizes | 4,000.00 |
| | | Raffle Tickets | 450.00 |
| Other Receipts & Donations - Office* | <u>\$9,359.47</u> | Total Raffle Expenses | \$ 4,450.00 |
| Grand Total Festival Receipts | \$75,630.85 | Total Festival Expenses | \$ 33,228.98 |
| *Cash received by office for festival (not received at booths during festival) | | | |

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Stewardship List Jan-February 2011

MR JOHN ALEXANDER
MRS MARY ALEXANDER
MR & MRS ERNEST ANALITIS
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MS CONSTANCE ANDREWS
MS DEMETRA ANDREWS
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MS CAROL ARGYRAKIS
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40 DAY BLESSINGS

- Son of Basil and Maria Tsourapas
- Son of Jodi and Peter Gianakopoulos
- Son of Mark and Diana Patterson

BAPTISMS

Daughter of Demetrios and Joanne Skoufis, taking the name, *Christina Ann*
 Godparent: Angelique Naughton

WEDDINGS

Peter G. Karahalios and Penny Sierros
 Sponsors: George and Jamie Reveliotis

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| + Frances (Fotini) Zack | + Demetrios Christopoulos |
| + James Dionesotes | + Georgia Goros |
| + Dena Vagias | |

MEMORIALS

40 Days

Peter Ganos
 Constantine Kezios
 Angie (Angeliki) Berbas
 Frances (Fotini) Zack
 James T.Dionesotes
 Dena Vagias
 James Christopoulos
 Georgia Goros

6 Months

Elizabeth Phillips

1 Year

Catherine K. Kanelos

2 Year

Peter Karagiannis

3 Years

Paraskevi Kalogeresis
 John Ferguson

7 Years

Peter J. Kanelos
 Demetra (Toula) Longson

9 Years

Donald (Dionysios) Zack
 Matina Phillips

10 Years

Bessie (Vasiliki) Kouretas
 Evanthea A. Veremis

15 Years

Foster (Foti) Trihas
 Elaine Godellas

21 Years

Rose Theodosis

23 Years

Gregory Phillips

35 Years

George Ganos

63 Years

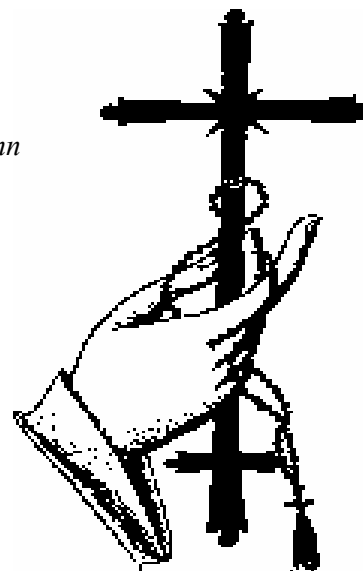
Thomas Theodosis

67 Years

George Logisios

69 Years

Theofania Logisios



Parish Happenings...

85th Assumption Anniversary Celebration

On the evening of Sunday, October 17th, the faithful of our blessed Parish of Panagia, along with friends and supporters, gathered at the Esplanade Lakes in Downers Grove, Illinois, to celebrate the 85th Anniversary of the Assumption Church of Chicago, and also recognize the 30th anniversary of the Ordination and Priestly Ministry of our Proistamenos, the Very Reverend Father Timothy Bakakos.

The event Chairpersons were John Vassiliades and Bill Vranas. In attendance that evening were also His Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos of Chicago, Mrs. Joanne Stavakis, President of the Ladies Philoptochos Metropolis Board, Archon of the Ecumenical Throne, Mr. Harold Peponis and his wife Faye, and Seminary classmate and close friend, the Rev. Stratton Dorozenski, and his Presvytera, Denise.

Over four hundred and fifty guests gathered for dinner, were shown a video presentation honoring yesterday, cherishing today, and looking forward to tomorrow, and listened to a few short speeches by the Chairmen, Panagia's Ladies Philoptochos President, Ms. Nancy Pilafas, and Mr. James Lakerdas, Parish Council President. A presentation was made to Father Timothy, who then welcomed the guests, and also thanked the Community and His Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos then offered His short remarks. The Esplanade Lakes in Downers Grove, IL was decorated in a fall theme with colors of burgundy and gold, and the people danced until yjr band stopped playing.

Father Timothy, the Parish Council, and the 85th Dinner Dance Committee again thank all who attended, participated, and contributed to the success of this most memorable event.



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85th Assumption Anniversary Celebration



Christmas Luncheon

Photos from the Philoptochos Christmas Luncheon held
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