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## *Something to Brag About: Independence Day*

Galatians 6:14

**Very Rev. Timothy G. Bakakos**

Probably many of us already know this story, but it doesn't hurt to be reminded. The second and third Presidents of the United States were John Adams and Thomas Jefferson. These men were good friends in their youth, but after Adams was replaced by Jefferson, political disagreements separated them and they never saw each other again. They did reconcile their feelings toward one another through correspondence, and in the last fourteen years of their lives, they exchanged many affectionate letters. When John Adams died at the age of 91, his last words were, "*Thomas Jefferson still lives.*" But this was incorrect. You see, at the age of 83, during *his* last hours in his home in Monticello, VA, Jefferson passed in and out of consciousness. In 1826, just a few hours before Adams died, Jefferson died surrounded by friends and family. And HIS last words were, "*Is it the 4th of July?*" After he heard, "*Yes,*" he breathed his last.

Amazingly, the final words of these two Founding Fathers were uttered on the same day, July 4th, and on the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Those of us who take pride in our country and respect it's tradition proudly look at the fourth of July as a **true** celebration... a day when we look to the **real** birthday of our nation. This is the 234th anniversary of that world-changing day. People in other parts of the world are often amused... and sometimes put off... by the pride most Americans take in their country. How often have we heard speakers declare, "*We are the greatest nation on earth.*" Well, we certainly are the strongest nation... AND the wealthiest. Because of that, we surely have more responsibilities than any other nation on earth. "***To whom much is given, much is required.***"

But as we look at our Nation today, as Americans, blessed in so many ways, are we really proud of our Country? Whenever I hear someone say how proud they are to be an American, or proud of their children, or proud of their football team, or whatever we might take pride in, I am reminded of the words of an anonymous author who once said, "*The older I get, the less there is to be proud of and the more there is to be thankful for. I'm more thankful for my family than I am proud of them, because I realize most of what they are is out of my hands. Most of what has happened to us is **not** of our works alone, but has been the blessing of God. So*", this author concludes, "*my 'thankfulness' list is growing much longer while my 'proud' list is becoming much shorter.*"

And I think there is much truth to that. Each year in July, we celebrate the birth of this great Nation. And yes, we **are** and **should** be proud to be Americans, and proud to be able to live in the

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greatest country and society on earth. But I can also say without a moment's hesitation, that I am thankful to be a free citizen of this wonderful country as well. I, like many of you, were born here, so America was a gift to me. I can't say it's something I achieved, nor even something I earned, or even necessarily something I take pride in. It just happened. It was an accident of birth. But I consider myself one lucky person.

IN ONE OF Saint Paul's Epistles, specifically in his Letter to the Galatians, he speaks about freedom, which is a very appropriate passage to draw from on this national holiday that we celebrate each July. In Saint Paul's writings to the people of Galatia, he speaks of ***Christian liberty***. And in his letter to them, he refers to the freedom that Christ brings. It is a very pointed and strongly worded letter. Our Orthodox Christian scholars tell us that Saint Paul wrote it because he saw that the liberty that Christians were experiencing was in danger of eroding. He could see the imminent threat that our rights as followers of Christ could be taken away, just as we sometimes see ***our*** freedoms in this land threatened by people who do not understand the fundamental foundations of our Republic.

Let me be more specific what Saint Paul was referring to. There were a group of early Christians who were infiltrating the churches of Galatia in Asia Minor known as Judaizers. They taught that ***before*** a person could be saved, it was necessary to follow the law of Moses as well as have faith in Jesus Christ. That meant that in addition to baptism as sign and symbol of the new believer's walk with Jesus Christ, there was required the rite of circumcision that the male believer had to go through. This was a horrible idea to Saint Paul. He had tried desperately to live according to the law of Moses before his conversion on the road to Damascus, and it had brought him ***not*** liberty, but bondage....***not*** freedom, but fear. Saint Paul could not bear the thought that new believers would have this Jewish practice infiltrate the Christian Church and forced upon them. And so, he wrote forcefully to the church of Galatia that salvation was ***by faith alone***. ***Not*** by works....***not*** by ceremony....***nor*** by the cutting of human flesh....but by faith in what Christ did for us for the salvation of our souls. And in ending his Epistle to the Galatians, Saint Paul writes, ***"May I never boast of anything except the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."*** (6:14)

Saint Paul's choice of words is interesting. He is boasting ***not*** of what he *has* done, but of what *was* done in his behalf. In the Old Testament, it was taught that living under the law gave people the opportunity to boast. ***"I am a good man...I keep the law....I observe the commandments....I have been circumcised....Therefore I am one of God's chosen."***

As Christians, we are told not to do that. Yes, we can brag, but it's like bragging about being citizens of this country when we were simply born here. So you're a good person? So what! That won't get even your big toe inside the gate of heaven. So you're the president of the PTA, chairman of the United Way, president of the of the Parish Council; so what? We salute you. But your resumé, no matter how full of good deeds, it won't sway Saint Peter when you stand before him at the gate to the Kingdom of Heaven. We are NOT saved by anything we do; we are saved by what Christ has done, and because Christ has died for our sins, and we believe, and have faith in Him, we are then called and moved to do the good works that we do. Otherwise, if we did good works with no belief or feeling, it would be like trying to buy or bribe our way into heaven!

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So what does all of this mean to us who call ourselves American's in this, God's greatest Nation? First, with the celebration of Independence Day, we should be reminded that we have so much to be thankful for. How can we ever thank God enough for all He has given us? Things like our salvation, our freedom, and the many good things that make up our lives? As true Americans, we simply cannot take our rights and freedom for granted. We are very lucky people, luckier than any of us probably deserve. But that's the point. What we need today is **not** *pride*, but *gratitude*. Gratitude to a merciful God, gratitude for the sacrifices of people of faith through the ages who have made it possible for us to enjoy the privileges that are ours. We truly do have so much to be thankful for.

Secondly, we may be free, but we are also tremendously indebted to the One who gave His life for us. You and I have all the benefits that go with being citizens of this free and prosperous land of our here in the United States. What kind of people would we be if we did nothing to help make this an even stronger and freer country? It's always amazing to me that some of the people who wave the flag so publicly resent the fact that we **also** need to obey the laws that we demand others to be accountable for! We call ourselves Americans, and talk about our constitutional rights, but we sometimes want to place ourselves above that same law that is there for **all** to follow! Some of us criticize serving in the military, and even resent having to vote in our elections. How can we say that we are "proud" to be an American, and yet despise its basic precepts and institutions?

And then there is our debt to God. Christ has set you free. What kind of person would you be if you didn't feel a sense of obligation, a sense of call, a sense that you should live life on a higher plane because of what has been done on your behalf? You and I have so much to be thankful for. We are free, but we are also indebted.

Finally, as we again observe another Independence Day (July 4<sup>th</sup>), there is one thing more we need to see: True freedom, if we call ourselves and live as Orthodox Christians, begins with the Holy Cross. Maybe for some reason you **don't** feel free today. Maybe you **don't** feel thankful. Maybe you're hurting...hurting so badly that you can't see what God has done for you. That can happen to us, can't it? Sometimes the cloud of pain is so great that it can almost eclipse the sunshine of God's love. We have all been there. But in the midst of that, we need to know that there is healing here, if you'll receive it. **True freedom** is present where there is the existence of *love* and *understanding* and *peace*.

We have so much to be thankful for on this Independence Day, 2011. We **are** a free people and a free nation, but we also owe a great debt that can never be repaid. There is the thanks to those who made our nation free. And, there is freedom that we find when we come to accept the power of salvation through the Cross of Jesus Christ. Remember the words of Saint Paul to the Galatians: **"God forbid that I should boast, save in the cross of Christ my God."** Dear Beloved of Panagia, may our Lord bless each of you, and may God continue to bless the United States of America!

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# Parish Council President...

## *President's Report* *By Andrew Kanel*

I hope this note finds you all well and busy with summer plans. As you all know we held our 32nd Grand Raffle this past May 26, at the Diplomat. A big thanks to Dean Bastounes who really knocked himself out making sure that all 300 tickets were sold in order to host this event. Dean brought a great deal of fun and entertainment to the evening. Dean's efforts were greatly appreciated and will not be forgotten. Thanks to all who sold tickets and helped the night of the event. To Tom and the staff at the Diplomat we are grateful for all that you do for our community.

We are also appreciative of the efforts of Tom Poulos, Christina Arvanites, James Lakerdas, Jetta Georgeopoulos, Dina Koulouris and Chris Caprio in coordinating the Jr. Olympics. I know this event is something that many of our children look forward to every year, as well as their parents.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our summer activities as well as in church on Sunday's. Christina Arvanites has planned many activities for us during the summer months beginning with the Sunday School picnic on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for other events throughout the summer months.

Please remember that our church will celebrate its feast day on August 14th and 15th. Our church will welcome approximately 2000 guests that will come to pay their respect and show their love to Panagia. We could use your help and support from crowd control to pouring coffee. Please contact Fr. Timothy, the church office or me if you're available to assist.

We will also need your help for our annual Labor Day Festival. We need your help before and during our festival. If you're interested in cutting and skewering meat we need you. If you're available to help setup on Saturday, we need you and if you would like to work one of the booths, please let us know. We would love for you to join us. You can make it a family event and bring the entire clan to work different sections or as a family you can take one area and take turns. We welcome your time and talent. We will also be accepting donations to underwrite some of our expenses for the festival. We will share with you later this summer what those expenses are and look forward to your generous contributions.



# Philoptochos...

## *Current Events* *By Ann Dervis*

### **Oratorical Prizes**

The St. John Chrysostom Oratorical and Arts Festival gives our church School students in grades 7-12 an opportunity to express their commitment to their faith in Speech, Essay, Poetry or Iconography. On May 15, the Assumption Philoptochos honored four outstanding students with checks for representing our Assumption Church in the Metropolitan competition on April 30. Sincere congratulations to Nikos Chulos-Saarinen, Estelle Bastounes, Christen Massouras and Marika Maggos.

### **Meeting and Elections**

On Thursday, June 2, the Feast of the Ascension, we gathered after Liturgy in St. Catherine's meeting room to hold elections and enjoyed light refreshments.

### **Looking Ahead**

Save the evening of Thursday, October 20, for an evening of dinner and musical entertainment at the Rosewood Restaurant. More details will follow as the date draws near.

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### Broadway Bound

On Thursday, June 16, we will enjoy lunch and the Neil Simon play "Broadway Bound" at the Drury Lane Theater in Oak Brook. See Elaine Vassiliades and the Sunday weekly bulletin for more details.

### Visit to the Greek-American Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

On Thursday, June 23 at 2:00pm we will be carpooling to Wheeling for a visit with the residents. We will be bringing treats of cake, fruit, koulourakia, juice and most appreciated conversation in Greek and English.



April 21, 2011

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# Sunday Church School...

## *The 2010-2011 Retrospective* *By Christina Arvanites, Director, Church Sunday School*

As the old cliché says “Time flies when you are having fun” and fun we certainly had this year in Sunday Church School. It seems like just yesterday we started the *New School Year* off and filled the *newly* renovated St. Catherine’s Chapel. We had so many *new* faces, *new* teachers, *new* students and families and even a “*new*” Priest. Certainly Fr. Treantafelas is not new to Assumption but “*new*” for the 2010-2011 Sunday Church School year. Even our Altar Boys were given *new* robes.

It seemed to be the year of *NEW* and everything was *new*. Everything that is, except for our commitment to the religious education of our young children. This is something that is certainly not new to our community. We are truly blessed that the Assumption community sees the importance of a good religious education and even more so the importance of Divine Liturgy in our children’s lives in their very own Chapel.

A look back at the 2010-2011 school year reminds us of the fun we had. We lined our halls with posters of our children; which brought a smile to our faces to see them every time we walked past them. We had monthly perfect attendance drawings and waited with anticipation to see who would win the prize. Half the fun was watching our little ones race up to get their prizes, some of them barely able to contain their excitement.

We had another beautiful Christmas Pageant with the spotlight once again on our children. Our 7<sup>th</sup>-HS students and teachers got together and organized our Food Drive with great results. We had a day filled with fun activities, learning about The Beatitudes at our Annual Lenten Retreat. We were filled with pride as our children represented Assumption Church at the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival! Our Jr. Choir sang beautifully (as they always do) at the Jr. Choir conference our parish hosted. Our Mother’s Day Tribute was an opportunity for our Little Ones to shine and shine they certainly did!! We had a great time at our Easter Party and Egg Hunt even our special guest the Easter Bunny came by to celebrate with our children.

Finally, our Awards Day ended the year; we had perfect attendance prizes, faithful attendance prizes and our Oratorical participants received a gift from our lovely Ladies’ Philoptochos.

We as parents, play such a vital role in our children’s spiritual growth. This coupled with the opportunity we have been given by our Church and SCS program will allow our youth to cultivate strong roots in our Orthodox Faith.

I once again, thank everyone for the involvement in the success of this program. I especially thank our staff who gives of their time and talents not only because of their love of this church but for their love of “our” children.

*“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it” Proverbs 22:6*



# Stewardship...

## ***Taking Care of God's Garden***

*From the Archdiocese Stewardship Web page*

If you were asked to explain the meaning of "Stewardship" to a group of people who had never heard the word, how would you define it?

Here's God's definition, told in word pictures from the first chapter of Genesis, verses 28 through 30: "God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful, and multiply, and re-plenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the of the air, and to everything that creeps upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.'"

This beautiful definition continues in Genesis 2:15, where you'll read "And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the Garden of Eden, to dress it, and to keep it." Just as with Adam and Eve, God put you here to care for his garden, to be the keeper of all he has put before you. This is a picture of Stewardship.

Indeed, God created the heavens and the earth and placed you in His garden and told you to prune the bushes and pluck the fruit. What an opportunity! But remember, it's God's garden. And it's at this point this idea of ownership that many Christians go awry. They see themselves as owners. God didn't intend for you to be owner of the garden, just its caretaker. That's what He envisioned for your first parents, Adam and Eve. However, when tempted by Satan, they violated the trust God had bestowed upon them. They were supposed to take care of the garden according to the instructions and under the authority of the owner, who was God. But they failed.

This matter of failed Stewardship is believed by many theologians to be the beginning of sin. If you carry this thought all the way through God's Word, you will see that this idea of Stewardship is prominent in the New Testament as well. You will see that your place is to take care of God's world. That's why you must envision yourself as God's Steward, as a manager of His affairs, and always, al-ways subject to reporting to him.

"Everyone of us shall give an account of himself to God," Paul writes in Romans 14:12. That includes being a reliable and trustworthy Steward. Taking care of God's garden is a mighty responsibility, but it's what Stewardship is all about. It's something caring hearts always do. Consider this as you review your commitment to the Lord's work for the coming year.



**Assumption Food Drive**



**A special visitor during the Easter Party**

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## From Evzones Post #1039, American Legion

*By John Vlahos*

Evzones Post #1039 was founded over 65 years ago by a group of young veterans from the Assumption Community returning from World War II.

They first met in the lower level (hall) of our Church and subsequently bought their own building at Lotus and Harrison Street. They now meet on the second Wednesday of every month at the Best Western/Hillside Hotel across from Car Max.

The meetings start at 1:00p.m. with lunch (members pay \$5.00 and the Post picks up the difference) and the meeting commences at 2:00p.m. and is concluded by 3:00p.m. Membership, \$35.00, is open to any veteran who has served in the armed forces and was awarded an honorable discharge.

The Post has a \$500.00 death benefit, it sponsors and underwrites a summer picnic at the Oak Brook Park District facilities, it visits Hines Veterans Hospital three times a year and conducts a Bingo game where it awards cash prizes to the veterans. In addition, the Post also has an annual sit down Christmas Dinner Party with fine food, open bar and gifts as well as sponsors many of the philanthropic programs it takes on. As you can see there are many benefits the American legion has to offer to its members.

For more information, contact Sr. Vice commander John P. Vlahos at (773) 261-6695

# Parish Registry March-May 2011

## 40 DAY BLESSINGS

Daughter of George and Jennifer Vlahos

## BAPTISMS

Son of, Steve and Tina Bokiess, taking the name, *Patrick*

Godparent: Christopher Sioukas

Son of, Mark and Diana Patterson, taking the name, *Christopher*

Godparent: Christopher Thomopoulos

Son of Alex and Elizabeth Panagiotopoulos, taking the name, *Nicholas*

Godparent: Sophia Carrera

Daughter of Dan and Efstathia Kickert, taking he name, *Panagiota (Patricia)*

Godparent: Marina Taylor

## WEDDINGS

William Dagiantis and Carla Guzman were joined in Holy Matrimony.

Sponsor: Nick Dagiantis

Lambrini Moustakis and Matthew Haayer were joined in Holy Matrimony.

Sponsor: Joy Komitas-Bardezbanian

Jennifer Krapec and Tyler Tielbar were joined in Holy Matrimony.

Sponsor: Jaime Krapec

## FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

+ Celia (Athanasia) Alexopoulos

+ Thomas Velis

+ Louis J. Kazaglis

+ Helen S. Limperis

+ Andrew Karos

+ Patricia Rombakis

+ Carol (Chirban) Guido

+ Eleanor Georgalas

+ John Maroutsos

## MEMORIALS

**40 Days:** Thomas G. Velis

Helen S. Limperis

Louis J. Kazaglis

**10 Years:** Marie Rdel

**13 Years:** Helen Spiropoulos

**3 Months:** Stephanos Georgiafentis

**15 Years:** Georgia Varvitsiotis

**6 Months:** Peter Ganiou

Memorial-The Brotherhood of Kerasea

**1 Year:** Antonia Cosmos  
Agapi Shubalis  
Angeline Chibucos  
Mary Varven



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***Important  
Upcoming Dates:***

**August 14th and 15th**  
Vespers to the Theotokos  
Feast Day of the Theotokos

**September 4th and 5th**  
Assumption Greek Festival

**September 11th**  
First Day of  
Church Sunday School

**November 20th**  
St. Catherine's  
Consecration Service