



THE WHEEL OF FAITH

St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

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Archpastoral Reflections of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios

We continue our series of reflections by identifying and applying certain aspects of the theme of our most recent Clergy-Laity Congress, "Gather My People to My Home." In our last reflection, we examined how the usage of the term "My" in the theme was a clear reference to God. This month, we consider what is meant by the term "Home" as it is used in the theme. The theme implies that we are speaking of "God's Home." Naturally, it is important for us to better understand God's Home, since we engage in the task of gathering His people to His Home.

Properly understood, "God's Home" is that place where all human beings experience the abundant, tender, and reassuring love of God firsthand. In our Orthodox Christian understanding, God's Home is exemplified in the most superb manner by the Church. In this context, we speak of the Church as God's Home in various ways: Church as structural edifice; Church as place of worship; Church as a community of believers; and, ultimately, Church as the dwelling place of God Almighty.

Each of these above enumerated ways of referencing the Church as "God's Home" is rooted in the Holy Scriptures and in our Holy Tradition, and each can stand on their own as topics for deeper reflection. The notion of the Church as the dwelling place of God on earth deserves a heightened level of treatment in this brief reflection, for this way of referring to the Church is the most central to our direct application of our Congress' theme "to gather God's people to His Home." We encounter the idea of God's dwelling place as an earthly structural edifice in both the Old and New Testaments. In the first book of Kings, for example, we read how King Solomon built the Lord's Temple according to exacting specifications, and how, in the form of a great cloud, the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord (I Kings 8:11). Beholding this with awe, King Solomon could only stand back to ponder the completion of his labor as he began his prayer of dedication to the Temple with a most solemn question, "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain You, much less this house that I have built!" (I Kings 8:27). Generations later, this very important concept of God's dwelling place

as a structural edifice would find expression once again in the form of a question. This time, however, the question would be posed affirmatively by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself in the Temple, Who at a young age calmly reassured His Mother Mary and Joseph who had spent three days looking anxiously for Him throughout Jerusalem with the question, Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house? (Luke 2:49).

Each of these instances point to the very reality that our God, in all His glory and magnificence, has chosen to dwell among us throughout our human history in physical, visible edifices built by human hands. As Orthodox Christians, we believe that the Church today is the dwelling place of God; that the Church is, indeed, God's Home on earth. This reality of the Church as the place where God dwells on earth carries powerful implications for our theme "Gathering God's People to His Home," for it allows us to conclude with certainty that this great task is attainable in every way. For God's Home does not reside in a far-away distant land. God's Home is not located in a realm outside this earth. Rather, God's Home is capable of human identification and accessibility to all people on earth, regardless of their differences in age, generational attitudes, ethnic origin, language, gender, or political affiliation.

This brief reflection has tried to offer some clearer understanding of what we truly mean when we speak of "God's Home" as the destination for the gathering of His people. While we rest in the assurance that God dwells among us on this earth in the Church, which is His Home; we also know that the majesty and glorious nature of God's Home and His physical presence therein cannot be fully comprehended due to our human limitations. For example, in spite of all that has been said above, there are many other aspects of "God's Home" which go beyond the strict notion of God's Home as a structural edifice on earth. These other aspects of understanding what we mean when we speak of "God's Home" will be considered in greater detail as the topic for our next reflection.

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Archbishop of America

**ORTHROS 9:00 AM; DIVINE LITURGY 10:00AM; SUNDAY SCHOOL FOLLOWING HOLY COMMUNION;
MEMORIALS/40 DAY BLESSINGS AFTER LITURGY**

President's Message

Helen Dalis



What a pleasure it was to have His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos at St. Katherine to celebrate Theophany with us. Also, for him to swear in our Parish Council for 2009 was for us a first. May his words of wisdom resound the remainder of the year.

Again it is my pleasure to serve you as Parish Council President. We have elected the following individuals to the Executive Board: Helen Dalis, President, Catherine Shweiri, Vice-President, Stephanie Vezzuto, Secretary and Carolyn Crossley, Treasurer. Also serving on the Parish Council this year will be: Nick Bazos, Nick Boyiazis, Dr. Frank Scolinos, Ray Skarzenski, Arlene Staich, Christos Tzelepis and William Vasilion. With the guidance of our Spiritual Advisor, Father Michael Courey, and the assistance of our Parish Administrator, Deacon Kyriakos (Cary) Constantine, I pray with God's help we will make this a fruitful year. Please feel free to approach anyone of us if you have any questions or suggestions.

This month we shall have our first General Assembly of the New Year, on February 8, in which we shall go over the Financials of last year. The agenda will be sent out under a separate mailing shortly.

Philoptochos

Andrea Ballas

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped prepare for our general assembly meeting on Saturday, January 17. A more complete report will be in next month's Wheel of Faith.

Our outreach project supporting **Beacon Light Mission** continues through February 9. A flyer (included with your calendar) lists specific items that are needed. They include: men's socks and underwear (new); men's clothing (in good condition); blankets and bath towels; and men's toiletry items. (Flyers can also be found in the rack outside the church office.) Thank you for the donations that we have already received.

We thank and appreciate everyone who has replied to our Philoptochos membership invitation. Everyone is invited and welcome to join the philanthropic work of the Orthodox church by becoming a member of Philoptochos. Please remember that membership is renewable each calendar year. When you consider your stewardship amount, note that from each membership, \$10.00 goes to the National Philoptochos and \$10.00 to the Metropolis Philoptochos. Our National Philoptochos is the largest Christian philanthropic organization in the United States.

Secondly, thank you to everyone who has recently donated to Philoptochos in other ways too. We appreciate your generous response to our calendar mailing. Thank you to everyone who baked the delicious vasilopites that were shared with our community on January 4. Angelo Revels, representing the Saint Katherine Foundation, received the blessed coin. Thank you also to our community for supporting our tray collection on Vasilopita Sunday. Over \$900 was sent to the National Philoptochos for support of Saint Basil Academy. Recently, we have also sent \$350 to the Social Services Fund of the National Philoptochos. We are sincerely grateful for the continued support of our community which enables us to carry on our philanthropic work

In May we will hold elections for the 2009-2011 Philoptochos Board. If you are interested in serving on this board, please notify president, Mary Tervo at 310-519-0877. An election committee will be appointed to carry out the election procedures as stated in our by-laws.

We are adding to our list of "Coffee Hour Hostesses." The "job" includes serving coffee, clean-up and, if necessary, putting koliva in cups. You can sign up as an individual or if you prefer, as a group of two or three. The more hostesses we have, the less often you will serve. Call Mary Tervo at 310- 519-0877 to volunteer.

The translation of "prosforo" is "offering." Prosforo is an "offering" of your faith to God. Making Prosforo is a simple yet profound way to become part of the Orthodox liturgy. If you would like to be added to the prosforo list, would be willing to bake one or more loaves occasionally, or would like to learn to bake prosforo, please call Mary Roumele at 310-325-5904.

If you would like to learn more about our National Philoptochos, visit www.philoptochos.org

ST. KATHERINE YOUTH MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND DIVINE LITURGY

10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Sunday School
Immediately Follows
Holy Communion

Nursery Room (Parent Co-op) and
Pre-School Room available

Contact: Bonnie Mitrosilis
310-375-4211

GREEK SCHOOL

It's all Greek to me
Friday 4:30 – 6:00 pm

Contact: George Vassilakis
310-316-2431

GREEK DANCE

Opa!

Mondays

Kymatakia 4-5 pm (MPR)
Thysavros 4-5 pm (Gym)
Angelakia 5-6 pm (MPR)
Rhythmos 5-6 pm (Gym)
Periyiali 6-7:30 pm (Gym)

Contact: Maria Farrow
310-377-5808



BASKETBALL

Girls 11-19 yrs
Boys 11-19 yrs

Girl's Coach: Kosta Mallakis
213-804-7478

Boy's Coach: Ted Wolfe
818-343-3414

John Deferios – GOBL Rep
310-628-6748

ALTAR BOYS

4th Grade – High School

Contact: Sub Deacon Evangelos White
310-541-4899

S. K. Y. NIGHT

1st Friday Each Month

Contact: Georgia Goergen 310-374-3232

Lenten Dinner: 6:00-6:30 pm

Youth Activities: 6:30 pm



BUDDING ANGELS

Newborn – 36 months

Join Fr. Michael for an informal
presentation specifically for
Budding Angels parents.
Moms-n-Tots Playgroup

LITTLE-LAMBS & HOPE

36 months to 2nd Grade

Children meet with Fr. Michael for
age appropriate theme discussions
then rotate through games and
Greek cultural activities.

JUNIOR ORTHODOX YOUTH

3rd Grade – 5th Grade

JOY provides a valuable setting to
interact and have fun with fellow
Orthodox Christians. Fr. Michael
discussion followed by an at-church or
off-site activity.

JUNIOR GOYA

6th Grade – 8th Grade

Jr. GOYA offers middle schoolers a year
full of fun and fellowship. Young teens
discuss theme topics with Fr. Michael,
followed by an at-church or off-site
activity. Jr. Goyans volunteer in a variety
of service projects throughout the year.

SENIOR GOYA

9th Grade – 12th Grade

Meetings: SKY Night at 5:30 pm

Sr. GOYA teenagers put their leadership
skills to use by creating their own social
and service calendar. Exciting excursions
include ski trips, Project Mexico and
Special Olympics. Meetings provide
opportunities to discuss teen-relevant
topics with Fr. Michael.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TO OUR YOUTH!

FEBRUARY

1. BENJAMIN BROTHERS
ERIC BROTHERS
MATTHEW BROTHERS
ATHENA HATZAKIS
MARINA KARE
ANDIGONI SYMS
3. JAMES MARKULIS
5. THEODORE STAVROPOULOS
6. LUKE ALEX
7. HARRISON DULGARIAN
STEPHEN DUVERNET
8. TRIANNA MITSANAS
9. ALEXANDER MALARO
LUKE SIMSIR
12. ANDREW KOUTURES
CHRISTOPHER VEZZUTO
14. DIMITRIS BUTERAKOS
LEAH HARRISON
DIMITRI MAVROGIANNIS
15. LEIGH BOTELLO
LAUREN PIERSON
17. ANDREW BOORAS
GEORGIANNA KARAHALIS
19. ELENI GIAGOS
21. EMMANUEL ALEX
JOEY SKARZENSKI
22. CHRISTOPHER HALKIAS
JOY KOSTON
24. LUC JACQUEMETTON
NIKOLAS TSANGARIS
25. TASO MARCOPULOS
27. TAYLOR HANE
28. ATHANASIOS ANGOURAS
VASI BEST
ALEXANDRA CARDENAS



CHURCH REGISTRY

40 DAY BLESSINGS

Nikki & Zoey Glaros (January 13)

BAPTISMS

CHRISMATIONS

MEMORIALS

Metropolitan Anthony 4 yrs (December 28)

Athanasios Zogopoulos 40-days (January 4)

Jimmy Hantzarides 6 months (January 4)

TRISAGIA

Fr. John MacLean (January 4)

FUNERALS

Elias Kollios (January 15)

Fay Bardos (January 16)

Monde Turlis (January 25)

Overview of Upcoming Parish Events

February 6	SKY Night
February 8	General Assembly
February 13-16	Folk Dance Festival (FDF)
March 2	Great and Holy Lent begins
March 6	SKY Night
March 14	PTAO Pancake Breakfast
March 21	Greek Independence Day Dinner Dance
March 25	Annunciation Liturgy
April 12	Holy Week begins
April 19	The Resurrection - Holy Pascha
April 23	St. George - Liturgy
May 1	SKY Night
May 28	Ascension of the Lord - Liturgy
May 31	Sunday School Promotion
June 5	SKY Night
July 10-12	South Bay Greek Festival
September 13	Youth Sunday
September 20	Sunday School

Please note that the above dates are **subject to change**. If your organization has an activity they would like to have included on the Master Calendar, please contact the church office and request the date. All dates must be approved by Fr. Michael (Ecclesiastical scheduling) and the Parish Council.

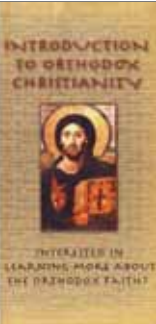
Conflicts of dates will be resolved in order of:

- 1) Spiritual Activities
- 2) Parish Activities
- 3) Church sponsored organizations
- 4) Parishioners
- 5) Church affiliated organizations
- 6) Non-church related organizations

If you would like to have your event listed in this column, please contact the Church Office. You can Email the information to: Office@StKatherineGOC.org.

St. Katherine Foundation

Roz Halikis



The St. Katherine vasilopita coin was won by the Foundation after the Divine Liturgy on January 4. Happily accepting the coin was Angelo Revels, president of the Foundation, who hopes that this serves as a very special blessing that 2009 will be a very successful year for its ministries which will continue to serve our church in so many ways. May God also bless *all* the

hard working organizations of this parish that continue to serve with love and dedication.

Students of St. Katherine: Just a reminder to pick up a scholarship application from the church office.

Completed applications are due in the office by April 27, 2009. If you are a senior planning to attend an accredited university/college, a college student or a graduate student take advantage of this generous offer. At least four scholarships will be awarded to students who meet the requirements.



OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday: 9am to 5pm

Closed for Lunch: 1pm to 2pm

Fr. Michael: In Monday - Thursday, away from the office on Fridays. Meetings by appointment only. Please call the office to schedule an appointment.

Dn. Cary: In Tuesday - Friday. Appointments will be scheduled for Wednesday through Friday during regular office hours.

All non-emergency Saturday and Sunday calls will be picked up from the answering service on the following Monday.

St. Katherine Youth Recipients of Generous Gift from Mr. Tom Stratos

Mr. Tom Stratos, in his typical style, walked into the Church Office with his normal smile, quick wit and that little gleam in his eye. Those who know him, know that gleam. However on this particular day his smile seemed broader and the gleam a little brighter. He came to church to offer a substantial donation to the Youth Ministries of St. Katherine. He placed a check on the counter and said that the \$5,000 was "in memory of all the departed brothers and sisters of St. Katherine Parish." He gave the check to our youth because they are the future brothers and sisters of St. Katherine. Tom, being very aware of the economic conditions, and that the basketball teams had to raise the GOBL league fees, stepped up, out of his love for the youth and our Lord with the donation. The youth of St. Katherine whole heartedly thank Mr. Stratos for his generous gift and offer prayers to God on his behalf.

February 2009 Schedule

COFFEE SET UP: Pitsa Captain & Helen Servetas

Date	Epistle	Prosforo	Coffee Hour	Altar Boys
February 1	Arlene Staich	Fifi Menzelos	Presv. Nika Fotion Arlene Staich Mary Tervo	Captain: Joseph Wolfe , Christopher Rendon, Nicko Pappas, Samuel Wolfe, Garrett Pierson, Archer Defterios, Ioan Gheorghiu, William Scolinos
February 8	Jan Linde	Cynthia Halikis	Mattina Alexakis Ellie Thermos Evelyn Tragus	Captain : Joey Skarzenski , Dimitri Dimitriou, Alexander Farrow, Adoni Tzortzoudakis, Alec Estrada, Timmy Farrow, Vaggeli Tzortzoudakis
February 15	Rdr. Andreas MacLean	Eleni Zogopoulos	Helen Anastassiou Maria Donlou Marianthi Sourvanos	Captain: Michael Vezzuto , Barrington Wilson, Costas Frangoudis, Dimitri Frangoudis, Sam Dupas, John-Paul Frangoudis, George Dupas, Peter Furgis
February 22	Nathaniel Hubbard	Mary Peters	Bessie Constat Maria Smith Tina Stathoulis	Captain: Jimmy Skarzenski , Sam Wolfe, Michael Goulis, Matthew Peters, Panos Makrygiannis, Dimitris Buterakos, Christopher Tarakji

March 2009 Schedule

COFFEE SET UP: Youla Krikelas & Dean Giakoumis

March 1	Gus Alex	Helen Christopoulos	Stella Schiewe Nitsa Bazos Helen Litsis	Captain: Joseph Wolfe , Christopher Rendon, Nicko Pappas, Samuel Wolfe, Garrett Pierson, Archer Defterios, Ioan Gheorghiu, William Scolinos
March 8	Lucretia Watkins	Mary Pruitt	Pitsa Captain Cynthia Halikis Sophia Roffey	Captain : Joey Skarzenski , Dimitri Dimitriou, Alexander Farrow, Adoni Tzortzoudakis, Alec Estrada, Timmy Farrow, Vaggeli Tzortzoudakis

St. Katherine Church Organizations

Parish Council	Helen K. Dalis, President (310) 325-7963
AHEPA	Gus Yiakas, President(310) 378-3984
Altar Boys	Sub deacon Evangelos White (310)541-4899
Basketball	Kosta Mallakis, Girls Coach (213) 804-7478 & Ted Wolfe, Boys Coach (818)343-3414
Basketball GOBL Representative	John Defterios (310) 628-6748
Bookstore	Angie Schwitters & Ann Zampas (310) 540-2434
Choir and Chorale (Adult)	Elaine Palaiologos, Director (310) 540-2434
Comforters	Andrea Ballas, Chair (310) 325-5002
Daughters of Penelope	Ann Eliopulos, President (310) 371-4027
Festival	Christos Tzelepis, e-mail: tzoepas@hotmail.com
GOYA (Junior)	Russell Pierson (310) 375-6115 & Rita Dupas (310) 373-3051
GOYA (Senior)	Amelia Skarzenski (310) 704-2961 & Stella Demis (310) 378-3789
Greek Dance School	Maria Farrow, President (310) 377-5808
Greek Language School	George Vassilakis, Director (310) 316-2431
JOY	Genie Katsouridis (310) 316-5466, Katherine Estrada (310) 791-7179, Stella Georgious (310) 640-1449
Little Lambs & HOPE	Barbara Menzelos (310) 375-8565
Maids of Athena	Christina Vasilion (310) 544-3085
Moms-n-Tots	Doris Donlou-Richmond (310) 316-7298
Office Manager	Tom Bouras (310) 540-2434
Office Volunteers	Angie Schwitters (310) 540-2434
Philoptochos	Mary Tervo, President (310) 519-0877
Prime Timers	Julie Elliot (310) 991-0504
Senior Citizens	Mary Peters, President (310) 316-4143
Sons of Pericles, South Bay	Joey Skarzenski, President (310) 634-3631
Stewardship	Parish Council (310) 540-2434
St. Katherine Foundation	Angelo Revels (310) 377-4519
Sunday School	Bonnie Mitrosiliis (310) 375-4211
Young Adult League (YAL)	Karen Causey, e-mail: karencausey@yahoo.com
Youth Ministry Coordinators	Julie Makrygiannis (310) 373-1278 & Maria Scolinos (310) 544-7721

If you are interested in any of the above programs, please contact the Chair of that group.



“Praise His Name with the Dance”

By Deacon Niko Bekris, Director

I remember my first year ever going to FDF with my dance group. It was 1990, I was eight years old, and I remember the beautiful Pacific Northwest was covered in snow that February. FDF that year was in my hometown of Seattle, Washington not an area of the country that gets the honor of hosting a Folk Dance Festival very often (probably in part because of the way the weather was behaving that day...). My group, Junior Levendya, won fourth place in Advanced Primary that year. Not bad for a first experience of FDF, I thought, and there would be many more experiences to come. Through many blessings from above, not to mention hard work by my dad, my family and I got to attend every FDF after that (except one) for the next fourteen years! Each one was an unforgettable experience.

On several occasions I have asked myself, what is it about Greek folk dancing that I love so much? For that matter, what is it about Greek folk dancing that we all love so much? Have you seen how quickly an exhibit hall in Ontario will fill up with dancing once a Greek folk band starts playing there? It doesn't even matter if the music is Cretan, Thracian, Macedonian, Pontic, we love it! And why do we love it? That's easy - *because dancing expresses what's going on inside our soul.* When we're alone and sad, we're not very inclined to dance, are we? But around tons of our friends feeling joy and love, we can dance all night long (and many of us do!)

If you open your Bible to the Old Testament (and we should), you'll read many verses about dancing as an expression of joy. But even more than that, you'll see dance as an expression of praise to God. King David danced

around the Ark of the Covenant the sacred container where the Hebrews kept many holy items that symbolized God's love for them (2 Kingdoms 6:5). Psalm 149 says “Praise His name with the dance,” (v.3) and there are others. When you read these, you may think, “What does God have to do with Greek dancing?” He has plenty to do with Greek dancing. Look at how we dance the majority of our dances holding hands as one body. If one person moves off step, the whole line is affected, just like in life. Have you ever tried holding your hands up by yourself? Holding hands all together is a lot easier, just like anything in life we do together. Let's look at the bigger picture, too most of these dances came from the celebration of joyful events, like weddings, baptisms, and major feast days, and as your directors can tell you, even the harvest seasons! Dancing is something beautiful that God has created us to love!

FDF is such an amazing experience, and we can often get swept away in the rush of emotion and enthusiasm of the whole weekend that sometimes we may miss what the key component of the festival is: that we come as faith communities and as part of a greater faith community. Remembering this is how our dancing is fulfilled. At my first FDF in 1990, I didn't come as a member of “Junior Levendya, from Seattle.” I came as a member of “Junior Levendya, *from the Church of the Assumption, in Seattle.*” Let's hold closely to this beautiful part of our faith. And let's always remember to “Praise His name with the dance,” so that we may know true fulfillment as we continue the dance of life.

Youth and their families can contact Dn. Niko at: sfyouth@sanfran.goarch.org.

You can also view and download this article from the Metropolis Youth webpage at: <http://www.youth.sanfran.goarch.org>

Agatha Felactu Receives Appointment

We are proud to announce that His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios has appointed Agatha Felactu to the National Philoptochos Board. Agatha is a long time and active member of our parish. Agatha takes with her many years of service to the Church, the desire to give of herself and a commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ. St. Katherine Parish is known for its Philoxenia and now Agatha will be taking that love of helping those in need to the National Board. May our Lord watch over her and guide her as she helps promote the ideals of the Philoptochos.

Marmarion Benevolent Society of Afthoni

By Jim Demetriou

We celebrated our annual Artoklasia Service and Vassilopita cutting last month, January 25, and also sponsored the Coffee Hour. We thank all who assisted in the preparations and attended the gathering "synaxis." The Society is pleased to announce its 100th Anniversary Pilgrimage & Tour of Greece and Turkey. This Summer the Marmarini will be traveling back to Constantinople to celebrate "Tis Panagia's", the Dormition of the Holy Theotokos, August 15, at the Ecumenical Patriarchate. In addition, they will visit their ancestral island of Marmara, Neo Marmara, Thessaloniki and Athens. Anyone interested in joining the Marmarini are welcomed and should contact Jim Dimitriou at 310-371-8445 or by e-mail, jfdplato@aol.com.

Sons of Pericles

By Jim Demetriou

We wish to thank Mr. Tom Stratos for his gift of \$500.00 to the Sons of Pericles. Mr. Stratos has been an active member of the AHEPA for many years. His gift validates his commitment to the perpetuation of AHEPA by supporting today's Sons who will be tomorrow's AHEPAns. Also, as members of the St. Katherine Youth programs, we thank Mr. Stratos for his generous donation to the Youth Ministry programs of St. Katherine.

The Sons would like to invite the collegians of St. Katherine to participate in the AHEPA 4th Annual Journey to Greece Program. Participants will be able to choose from two sessions, or attend both. Students will travel to Greece, Constantinople and visit the Ecumenical Patriarchate as well as earn up to 9 units credit. More information is available at www.ahepa.org/journey/ as well from Jim Dimitriou, 310-375-8445 or jfdplato@aol.com. There is a limit of 45 students per session, so interested students are encouraged to turn in their applications ASAP.



Graduating in 2009?

If you will be graduating from high school or college/university, the parish would like to know. The names and degrees earned will be published in the July Newsletter. Remember to put a reminder on your calendar (either paper or electronic, do it now before you forget) to submit the information to the Church Office by June 5, 2009. Please include the following information:

Student's name (first and last)

School from which they are graduating

Degree/s received and field of study (i.e.: Bachelor of Science - Chemical Biology)

Sunday School

As a reminder, the last day of St. Katherine Sunday School for this year is May 17 and promotion/graduation will be on Sunday, May 31. We ask that our Sunday School Seniors re-confirm with Ted Wolfe as to their status. WE also ask parents of children entering Kindergarten in September are asked to confirm with Bonnie Mitrosilis, St. Katherine Sunday School director, that their child will be participating in the upcoming Kindergarten class here at the church. We need to have the appropriate amount of supplies at the start of the school year. Do not delay, tell her on Sunday.

Risk Management - a Part of the Volunteer Life

In our attempt to be proactive in many aspects of the day to day life and to protect our youth and parish as a whole, a Risk Management program will be implemented this year. As the Parish Council and administration of the parish learn more about our obligations, information will be made available. Briefly, the program will require that any person involved, at any level, with our youth will be required to attend a seminar about protecting the youth.

SOUTH BAY GREEK FESTIVAL - JULY 10, 11 & 12

Last year's festival was very successful and with your help this year's will do better. The first meeting of the booth chairpersons (still not used to that word) took place in January and ideas were presented to add a booth or two. There was conversation about possible minor changes to the grounds. No matter what is planned, without **you** it will remain just a plan. Stay tuned for more information in the March Newsletter.

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Ionian Village 2009 Registration Open, Spaces Filling Fast

Ionian Village is the travel abroad summer camp program of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. It combines the classic elements of a youth camp program with excursions to some of Greece's most important religious and cultural sites. Each three-week session offers Greek Orthodox teens from all over the United States an inspiring, educational, and often life-changing experience of Orthodoxy and Hellenism. Teens are eligible to register once they have completed the 7th grade, and may register through the summer following their senior year of high school.

Registration includes round trip airfare from New York to Greece, three square meals a day, three nights stay at the Metropolitan Hotel in Athens, transportation, and entrance to a number of museums, archeological sites, churches and monasteries. Ionian Village maintains a seven to one camper/staff ratio, and is also staffed by medical professionals. Campers and staff members will make excursions to the churches of St. Dionysios on Zakynthos, St. Gerasimos on Kefalonia and St. Nektarios on Aegina. They will ascend to the heights of Meteora's cliff side monasteries, and hike to the summit of the Acropolis. In all, participants will explore over fourteen destinations, visiting churches, museums, monasteries, archeological sites, Greece's metropolitan cities and traditional Greek villages.

On non-travel days (about every other day), campers will rotate through four daily educational sessions: Athletics, Orthodox Life (a catechetical discussion period), Music and Greek Culture, and Arts and Crafts. Under the careful eye of certified lifeguards, campers enjoy a daily free swim period on the Ionian Sea. Each evening, a variety of activities is planned for campers to interact with each other, whether it be a dance, skit night, or campfire on the beach. To learn more and register, visit www.ionianvillage.org, call the Ionian Village office at 646. 519.6190.

St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Weekday Services of Great Lent – 2009

Saturday	February 21	10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy and 1 st Saturday of the Souls
Saturday	February 28	10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy and 2 nd Saturday of the Souls
Monday	March 2	7:00 p.m.	Great Compline / Confessions
Wednesday	March 4	5:30 p.m.	Pre-sanctified Divine Liturgy / Lenten Potluck
Friday	March 6	10:00 a.m.	Pre-sanctified Divine Liturgy
Friday	March 6	7:00 p.m.	1 st Salutations
Saturday	March 7	10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy and 3 rd Saturday of the Souls
Monday	March 9	7:00 p.m.	Great Compline / Confessions
Wednesday	March 11	5:30 p.m.	Pre-sanctified Divine Liturgy / Lenten Potluck
Friday	March 13	10:00 a.m.	Pre-sanctified Divine Liturgy
Friday	March 13	7:00 p.m.	2 nd Salutations
Monday	March 16	7:00 p.m.	Great Compline / Confessions
Wednesday	March 18	5:30 p.m.	Pre-sanctified Divine Liturgy / Lenten Potluck
Friday	March 20	10:00 a.m.	Pre-sanctified Divine Liturgy
Friday	March 20	7:00 p.m.	3 rd Salutations
Monday	March 23	7:00 p.m.	Great Compline / Confessions
Tuesday	March 24	7:00 p.m.	Great Vespers - Annunciation
Wednesday	March 25	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Orthros – Annunciation Divine Liturgy – Annunciation
Friday	March 27	10:00 a.m.	Pre-sanctified Divine Liturgy
Friday	March 27	7:00 p.m.	4 th Salutations
Monday	March 30	7:00 p.m.	Great Compline / Confessions
Wednesday	April 1	5:30 p.m.	Pre-sanctified Divine Liturgy / Lenten Potluck
Friday	April 3	10:00 a.m.	Pre-sanctified Divine Liturgy
Friday	April 3	7:00 p.m.	AKATHIST HYMN
Monday	April 6	7:00 p.m.	Great Compline / Confessions
Wednesday	April 8	5:30 p.m.	Pre-sanctified Divine Liturgy / Lenten Potluck
Friday	April 10	10:00 a.m.	Pre-sanctified Divine Liturgy
Saturday	April 11	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Orthros – Saturday of Lazarus Divine Liturgy – Saturday of Lazarus Communion Breakfast/Followed by Palm Tying

The Sacrament of Holy Confession is available at the conclusion of the Great Compline Services on Monday evenings by appointment.

Please call the Church office to schedule your Lenten confession with Father Michael.

February 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy Sunday School 1-6pm Greek Dance	2 The Presentation of the Lord 9am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy 4pm Greek Dance	3 7pm Philoptochos 7pm Girl's Basketball Practice	4 10am Bible Study	5 7pm Bible Study	6 St. Photios 9am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy 4:30pm Greek School 5:30pm Sr. GOYA 6pm SKY Night	7 10am Greek Dance
8 Triodion Begins 9am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy Sunday School 12pm General Assembly 1-6pm Greek Dance	9 4pm Greek Dance	10 St. Haralambos 9am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy 11am Sr. Citizens at Sizzler 7pm Girl's Basketball Practice	11 10am Bible Study	12 7pm Bible Study	13 FDF Weekend NO Greek School	14 FDF Weekend
15 9am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy No Sunday School FDF Weekend	16 Presidents' Day Office Closed	17 10am Philoptochos Koulourakia & Prosforo Baking Demo 7pm Girl's Basketball Practice	18 10am Bible Study 6:30pm AHEPA, Daughters, Sons & Maids	19 7pm Bible Study	20 4:30pm Greek School	21 1st Saturday of Souls 10am Divine Liturgy 11am Memorial Service
22 Meatfare 9am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy Sunday School	23 5pm Greek Dance Pizza Party	24 7pm Girl's Basketball Practice Fr. Michael attending Clergy Lenten Retreat	25 10am Bible Study 7pm Parish Council	26 7pm Bible Study	27 4:30pm Greek School	28 2nd Saturday of Souls 10am Divine Liturgy 11am Memorial Service
March 1 Cheesefare 9am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy Sunday School 2pm Basketball @ St. Nicholas	2 7pm Compline/Confession	3 7pm Girl's Basketball Practice	4 No Bible Study-Lenten Recess 5:30pm Pre-sanctified Liturgy & Lenten Potluck	5 No Bible Study Lenten Recess	6 10am Pre-sanctified Liturgy 4:30pm Greek School 5:30pm Sr. GOYA 6pm SKY Night 7pm Salutations	7 3rd Saturday of Souls 10am Divine Liturgy 11am Memorial Service

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