

The Light



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The newsletter of the Greek Orthodox Parish of Loudoun County



METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

Dear Parishioners,

Xristos Anesti! Christ is Risen! We hope you all had a wonderful Easter.

In just six weeks, Friday June 12 – Sunday June 14, our parish will host its "1st Annual Greek Fair and Food Fest". The event will be the first of its kind in Loudoun County and the first event of such magnitude by our young parish. It

is critical that we have a successful event, both for the purpose of generating a recurring revenue stream that will allow us to grow and reach our long-term goals, as well as to generate a positive reputation for our community! To this end, the Parish Council has approved a budget of \$25,000 toward the funding of this event. To our young parish, this is a lot of money; however, we believe it will prove to be a good investment in the future of our parish.

To make this event successful, we need the help and support of everyone. We are asking for volunteers and donors of various items to help offset the cost of the event. The event will surely be a success if we all pitch in. Please consider how you can participate in this effort.

Donations:

Tray Liner Advertisement – donate \$100/business card advertisement (Goal: 20 business card spots)

Vendors – we will have 10 vendor spots available at a price of \$300 for the entire weekend.

Pastries – donate \$50/tray (Goal: 125 trays; combination of Baklava, Kourabiethes, and Finikia)

Greek Band/Singer - \$300/hr; you may donate any quarter of an hour for \$75 (Goal: 10 hrs.)

Gyros – donate \$75/cone (Goal: 75 cones)

Souvlakia – donate \$100 for 50 lbs. of chicken (Goal: 800 lbs.)

Greek Fries – donate \$20/case (Goal: 40 cases)

Sodas – donate \$10/case (Goal: 200 cases)

Volunteer Shifts:

Friday 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Sunday 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Let's all work together, have some fun and support our church.

Thank you and may God continue to bless our wonderful community.

With love in Christ,

Michael Koutsourais

President, Parish Council

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Philoptochos

The Philoptochos would like to thank everyone for their generous donations for the flowers and plants that decorated our church during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. We hope that everyone who supported our Easter Bakesale enjoyed their pasteries and Tsuereki. Thank you for your support.

The 2008-2009 year is winding down. Over the next two meetings and into the summer we will be planning our 2009-2010 year. We will still have our annual activities, Christmas and Easter Bakesales, collecting items for Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter and the long awaited membership tea as well as other fun activities.

The Philoptochos will helping the Parish by organizing the baking and selling of pasteries for the Greek Orthodox Parish of Loudoun County Greek Fair and Fest in June.

The Ladies of the Philoptochos will be baking for the Greek Fair and Fest on Sunday May 17th at the Amphora Bakery in Herndon, and Saturday May 30th and Saturday June 6th at St. George's Greek Orthodox Church in Bethesda Maryland. We will be making Finikia on May 17th, Kourambethes on May 30th and Baklava on June 6th. All parishioners are welcome. This is a great opportunity to get to know people in our community better.

Our next meeting is cancelled and instead we will be holding a cooking event at Cookology in the Dulles Towne Center on Tuesday May 12th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. We will be taught to make two appetizers by a professional chef. The cost will be \$25 per person. And limited to the first 16 people. Please contact Maria Drapas at markamaria@yahoo.com for more information.

Our last meeting of the year will be Monday June 12. All Members should attend. Happy Mother's Day to all of our mothers.

Niki Lelis Philoptochos President

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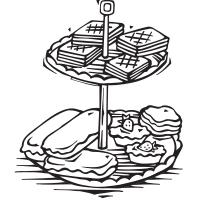
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WHEN: Sunday, May 17, 2009

TIME: Following the Divine Liturgy

WHERE: LOBBY

RSVP: To help us appropriately prepare for this event, please email

Julie OR contact Angelike if you will be bringing gold to sell. juliemaoury@golddoesgood.com or Angelike 703-620-9846

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Greek Language School

Zito E Ellada!

Children in the Greek Language School of the Greek Orthodox Parish of Loudoun participated in our parish's 2nd Annual Greek Independence Day Pageant on March 22nd. Twenty children, many dressed in traditional Greek clothing, sang songs and recited poems about Greece's War for Independence from the oppression of the Ottoman Turks during 1821 to 1829. Pageant participants included: Amelia Burkhard, Alexander Kotmel, Melina Kotmel, Ourania Michael, Orion Spiliotopoulos, Angelo Dermitzakis, Ava Dorn, Paris Economou, Evangelos Hadjimichael, Christina Kendrat, Kostantinos Papalabrakopoulos, Sabrina Spiliotopoulos, Alexander Steele, Isabella Bournas, Luke Kendrat, Andreas Voyages, Alexandra Dorn, Anna Maria Kendrat, Diana Malachias, Christo Kyriacou, Nadia Faour, and Alexandra Dacey. The pageant was created and coordinated by our dedicated Greek Language School teachers. Eleni Aliozi, Athanasia Dacey, Ioanna Epaminonda and Vasilia Ravaris.

Greek school children will receive their promotion certificates on Sunday, May 17th after Divine Liturgy. Registration for the 2009-2010 school year will begin in August. Look for more information in upcoming newsletters.



ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Ladies Philoptochos want to know where you are, so please send us your information.
Name
Address
Phone(cell)
College Name

Drop this in the mail to the Greek Orthodox Parish of Loudoun County, 21580 Atlantic Blvd., Building D, Unit 160, Dulles, VA 20166, or email this info to: silvercps@hotmail.com (subject line-GOPLC), or drop it in the Sunday Tray.

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HOPE&JOY

CHRISTOS ANESTI! CHRIST HAS RISEN!

HOPE&JOY had quite an eventful, spiritual lent. We attended two Lenten retreats. Our first one was the weekend of March 7th & 8th at the HOLY Protection Monastery in White Haven, Pa. at the beginning of lent. Nine children from HOPE/JOY and GOYA attended along with 18 other parishioners. It was a great way to begin Great Lent, focusing on redirecting our minds and souls towards coming closer to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and trying to reach Theosis. We attended Vespers Saturday evening and Divine Liturgy Sunday morning. We were able to tour the monastery, shop at the bookstore/gift shop, and hear some of the most beautiful awe inspiring chanting we've ever heard by the nuns. We felt like we were in heaven! The priest who serves that monastery, Father Mark, spoke with our children about keeping their spiritual focus on Christ and His teachings. He answered many interesting questions that our children asked and kept them engaged in discussion for well over an hour. The kids, as well as the adults, had a great time and we all left feeling spiritually equipped and ready to take on the challenging road ahead of us for Great Lent.

The end of March, we had a HOPE/JOY meeting which focused on learning about The Last Supper, Christ's betrayal by Judas, His denial by Peter, and His Passion leading up to His crucifixion, death, and Holy resurrection. After reading the Bible stories about these events, the kids participated in a "Resurrection egg" hunt. Once they found their eggs, they opened them up to find a surprise inside each one which correlated to a Bible verse relating to one of the events we had just learned about. They each did a wonderful job in being able to match their item from the eggs with the correct Bible verse. At the end of this meeting they were all able to practice Greek dancing with Ms. Maria Plevrakis and some of our GOYA children.

Our second retreat was towards the end of lent on Friday, April 10 hosted by St. George's Greek Orthodox Church in Bethesda. They were so kind as to invite our HOPE&JOY children to their Lenten retreat. Eight of our children were able to attend and, if you ask them, "IT WAS AWESOME!!" They had several stations which were run by their GOYA and Sunday school teachers. In each station they learned about every day of Holy Week through fun, interactive activities. They also learned about and participated in the Holy sacrament of confession. The day culminated in a challenging "Bible Jeopardy" game for the older participants and palm folding into crosses for the younger group. St George's HOPE&JOY provided a continental breakfast and a delicious Lenten lunch. All together there were about 80 children there. Thank God and St. George's wonderful parishioners for thinking of us!

After the Divine Liturgy for Saturday of Lazarus, HOPE/JOY sponsored a Lenten brunch for all those attending the Palm folding into crosses for Palm Sunday. We a great turnout of HOPE/JOY & GOYA children as well as several other parishioners, and were able to make over 400 Crosses!

Our HOPE/JOY & GOYA children that danced at our "Taste of Greece" in February were requested to dance at the Doukenie Winery's "Taste of Greece" on May 16th!! Congratulations to our dancers for performing so well that they received a request to perform at this event. Let's all come out to support our children and the Doukenie Winery on May 16th!

We hope everyone had a blessed Pascha and will continue to support our HOPE/JOY program. May God continue to bless our vital youth ministries. For more information on HOPE&JOY please contact Kathy Kendrat kmkendrat@aol.com or (703)669-5865.



Catechetical School

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

I pray that each of us continue to witness His Glorious Illuminating Resurrection in our own lives daily. As we approach the close of our catechetical school year, I want to express my thanks to all the teachers and staff that have faithfully and selflessly worked to make this another successful year. In initiating the 50% attendance rule, we found that we have had a much greater student turnout and participation each Sunday. Many thanks to the parents for their continued involvement and support. Unfortunately, there are still some children who have not come close to meeting the attendance requirement and may not receive certificates during our commencement, which will be held on May 19, 2009. I can not express how vital it is for our children to attend church and church school regularly and learn about their Orthodox faith. We live in a secular society with ever-changing norms and values, many of which are not Christ centered. Our Orthodox Church following a course set forth by our Lord and God and Savior Jesus, along with His Apostles acknowledging the teaching that He is the "same yesterday and today and forever" Hebrews 13:8. As some of the students prepare to head off to college and/or the work force we hope and pray that some of the lessons they have learned in Sunday school will help shape their decisions in life. May we have a restful summer break and continue to be mindful of coming to church faithfully.

May our risen Lord richly bless His servants!

In His Service, Nicholas Zangos Catechetical School Director

Make Sure You Participate Our First Greek Fair

The Greek Orthodox Parish of Loudoun County is proud to present its first annual Greek Fair, the beginning of a warm and wonderful tradition for our local community. For three fun-filled days, we welcome you to come and partake in our fair geared to take your senses to Greece! Located in our church's parking lot area, this Greek Celebration will begin on Friday, 12 June at 5 PM with your favorite Greek meals served and an outdoor, tent-covered eating area provided. Beer and wine will also be made available for the adults, while authentic Greek pastries will be available as an after-dinner treat for the whole family (Sno Cones for the kids also!).

We will also have a covered area with a dance floor that will offer live Greek music and traditional Greek folk dancing throughout the weekend. Dancers dressed in traditional costumes will also perform authentic dances throughout the weekend. Hourly tours of our beautiful Greek Orthodox Church will be also be provided for our visitors. We will also have booths that will offer various imported and local arts and crafts for you to take home, and there will also be a children's entertainment area for kids of all ages to ensure the entire family enjoys their visit to our festival.

Free parking for the 1st annual Greek Fair which will be in the parish parking lot. The hours are:

Friday – 12 Jun – 5PM – 9PM Saturday – 13 Jun – 1130AM – 9PM Sunday – 14 Jun – 11:30AM – 8PM

If you have any questions, email Bill Aubin at aubinb@verizon.net

Announcements

Our new church choir debuted during Holy Week. Their beautiful voices filled our parish and have added so much to our services. Special thanks to Choir Director Emily Kangalaris for coordinating our new choir. It is a nice addition to our services.

The GOYA's bake sale was a huge success! GOYANS raised over \$300 for an area homeless shelter. Way to go GOYA!

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Greek Orthodox Parish of Loudoun County

Greek Fair & Food Fest Steeplechase - 21580 Atlantic Blvd., Dulles, VA 3 blocks south of the Dulles Towne Centre, Next to the Dulles SportsPlex June 12 – 14, 2009

FRIDAY June 12: 5:00PM – 9:00PM

SATURDAY June 13: 11:30AM – 9:00PM

SUNDAY June 14: 11:30AM – 8:00PM

Free Admission

Fun Family Entertainment

Live Greek Music by

Achilleas

Saturday & Sunday

Live Greek Dance Performances



FOOD:

- **♦ GYROS**
- ♦ SOUVLAKI
- **♦ GREEK SALAD**
- **GREEK FRIES**
- **♦ HOT DOGS**
- **♦ ICE CREAM**
- **SNOW CONES**
- **♦ COTTON CANDY**
- **♦ SOFT DRINKS**
- ♦ BEER & WINE
- **♦ GREEK PASTRIES**

KIDS CORNER:

- **♦** Rockwall
- **♦ Air Brush Tattoo**
- **♦ Obstacle Course**
- ♦ Moon Bounce & Slide
- **♦** Fire Truck Ride
- **♦** Fun Express Train Station
- ♦ Human Gyroscope
- ♦ Mini Pirate Ship
- ♦ Rodeo Bull Ride
- **♦ Wizards Castle**

Platters \$10. Entrées \$7 and under. Kids Meals available.

Attention Loudoun County Government Employees, Loudoun County Public School employees, Loudoun County and municipal Firefighters, Law Enforcement and Military personnel. Present your badge or service ID when ordering and receive \$1.00 off a platter. Discount applies to employee only.

For more information visit www.GreekOrthodoxLoudoun.org or e-mail: GOPLCevent@gmail.com. Proceeds will support the Greek Orthodox Parish of Loudoun County, and a portion of the proceeds will go to support the Loudoun Homeless Shelter.



TASTE OF GREECE

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2009 NOON-6:00 PM

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Stewardship

Have You Made Your 2009 Pledge?

The 2009 Stewardship Drive is well underway! We have 100 families who have returned a 2009 pledge card. However, in order to reach our stewardship goal we need participation from **ALL** of our families. Stewardship determines the church's ability to afford a full-time priest and effectively manage the church's operations. We need every possible pledge.

If you have not returned your 2009 pledge card, please take a few moments to do so. A pledge card can be found in this newsletter, in the Narthex or online at www.greekorthodoxloudoun.org. Thank you for your pledge, contributions and support!

Pledge Summary	2009 - YTD (as of 4/5/2009)		
	\$	# Families	% Fam
Total Pledged	\$115,650		
New Families for '09		20	14%
'08 Stewards Pledged in '09		80	55%
'08 Stewards still un-pledged in '09		46	32%
Totals	\$115,650		

Thank You To Our 2009 Pledged Stewards

Families denoted in **bold** are new stewardship families to our Parish. Please welcome them! If you have any questions, additions or corrections, please contact Christie Rebok @ crebok@comcast.net (This list is current as of April 5, 2009)

Steve & Kristin Adams Elias Aipos

Alexander, Andrea & Mark Christos & Tracey Alexandrou Eugene & Ursula Anemojanis Spiro & Eftychia Anthony Theodore & Martha Apostolou Bill & Nancy Aubin

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Terry & Christine Poulias

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Emanuel & Marilyn Rouvelas

Jeff & Cynthia Smith

Basil Soutos

Nick & Elizabeth Spyros Stavros & Virginia Stephanakis Angelo & Anna Tjoumas Michael & Maria Tsapos Jennifer Vlachopoulos

Sam Youssif & Mona Boutros

George & Timea Zangos Nicholas & Carol Zangos Christos & Christina Zirps

Goal \$200,000

Budget \$170,000

Pledged \$115,650

Collected \$49,060

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If anyone is interested in hosting a coffee hour, please contact Cynthia Smith at silvercps@hotmail.com

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- 21 June-Philoptochos
- 14 June- Gonzalez Family
- 7 June- Koutsourais family
 - 31 May-Elizabeth Vika
- 24 May-Fotopoulos Family
 - 17 May- Sunday School
- 10 May- Jim and Mary Rigas

Coffee Hour Schedule



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