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NEW JERSEY

“And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams...” (Joel 2:28; Acts 2:17)

This edition of “The Light,” beloved parishioners, covers our summer months, June to August; another will not appear until September. I seize this opportunity, therefore, to encourage you during this time of summer vacations and respite, to contemplate and pray about the prophecy recorded above.

I appealed to this passage from scripture on Sunday, May 20, for two specific reasons: first, as an opening to the report given by members of our Future Planning Committee; second, because on this Sunday we were concluding our Sunday School and Greek School programs for the year. It was an ideal opportunity, a gathering of old and young—parents, grandparents, students and teachers—, all devoted members of our young and growing parish. Most important of all, during the Committee’s report we had surrounding us the maximum compelling argument for growth and development—our children. In them we could see the very reasons for hope, careful planning and commitment to the future.

On many occasions I have commended the founders and members of this yet-to-be-named community for their extraordinary achievements. They make it possible for us to witness to Orthodoxy in one of the fastest growing and wealthiest counties in our nation. Generations to come will praise both their wisdom and efforts. Today, Orthodox faithful of diverse backgrounds gather in our present humble and love-filled church, to worship the Holy Trinity, strengthening our faith day by day. Truly, when God is for us, who can be against us?

Yet, we are quickly outgrowing our facilities. We need a home, a place we can look to as our spiritual anchor in a world that constantly challenges the most basic spiritual and moral tenets of our Faith; a place where we can gather for worship, prayer, study, cultural and social enrichment. Consider this: our children attend public or private schools where they are instructed in environments using the most sophisticated and modern techniques. Should they not enjoy the same advanced resources when coming to Sunday School and Greek School? Should we not have a permanent place where we can all gather together as members of God’s family, to benefit from genuine Orthodox fellowship? These are but a few of the questions and challenges that face us as we reflect on the nature of our future. Yes, much work needs to be done. Together we can move mountains (Matthew 17:20). All we need is unwavering trust in the Lord and in our ability to continue the work of our forefathers and mothers, who, over the years sacrificed more than we will ever know, to preserve our Orthodox Faith in a country that was not always hospitable to strangers. They overcame much because they believed greatly and loved their children immensely. Let us use all resources available to us, to equal in our own day and age their miraculous faith and accomplishments. Let us make our children’s dreams a reality. Let us be a people of vision! May God make it so!

Father George A. Alexson

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Message from the President

2012 has proved to be a very busy year so far. There is quite a bit of activity going on behind the scenes, and you will all be asked to participate and give input soon to the Future Planning Committee effort associated with the briefing they gave the Parish on 20 May. Please keep an eye on your email, the website, and the weekly bulletin for more information about the next steps that will be taking place soon. If you missed that presentation, there is a copy of it on the website (www.greekorthodoxloudoun.org) under the "Future Planning" page.

I would like to take the time to thank our Future Planning Committee and all of its members:

Fr. George
Diane & Tim Boone
Vasilis Fotopoulos
Dean Coulopoulos
George Mokhiber
Andrew Kaffes
Nick Spyros
Dimitri Kesari
Ari Dimitriou
Pete Chambers
Susan Dorn

This committee is working tirelessly behind the scenes to make our future a possibility. I want to thank them for all of their work and the time they spend helping our Parish. I'm on all the emails and see all the meetings that are going on, and I can tell you that they are working very hard.

I also wanted to remind everyone that we have an important SAVE THE DATE on our schedule. His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos has accepted our invitation to be the Guest of Honor at our Parish's 6th Annual Anniversary Dinner this fall! This is very exciting news for us as His Eminence's schedule is extremely difficult to book for a fall weekend like this. The Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday evening, 6 Oct at the Dulles Hilton Hotel off of Route 28. There will be more information coming on this event soon, but please mark your personal calendars now. We want to have a great turnout for His Eminence to show Him just how strong our Parish is, and how much we've grown. Metropolitan Evangelos will then lead the Orthros & Liturgy the next day (7 Oct) at our Church.

Speaking of His Eminence, He has ratified our new Parish Council. There was a delay due to some post-election withdrawals, and I would like to congratulate our four newly elected board members:

Dean Coulopoulos
Andrew Kaffes
Paul Orphanides
Cynthia Smith

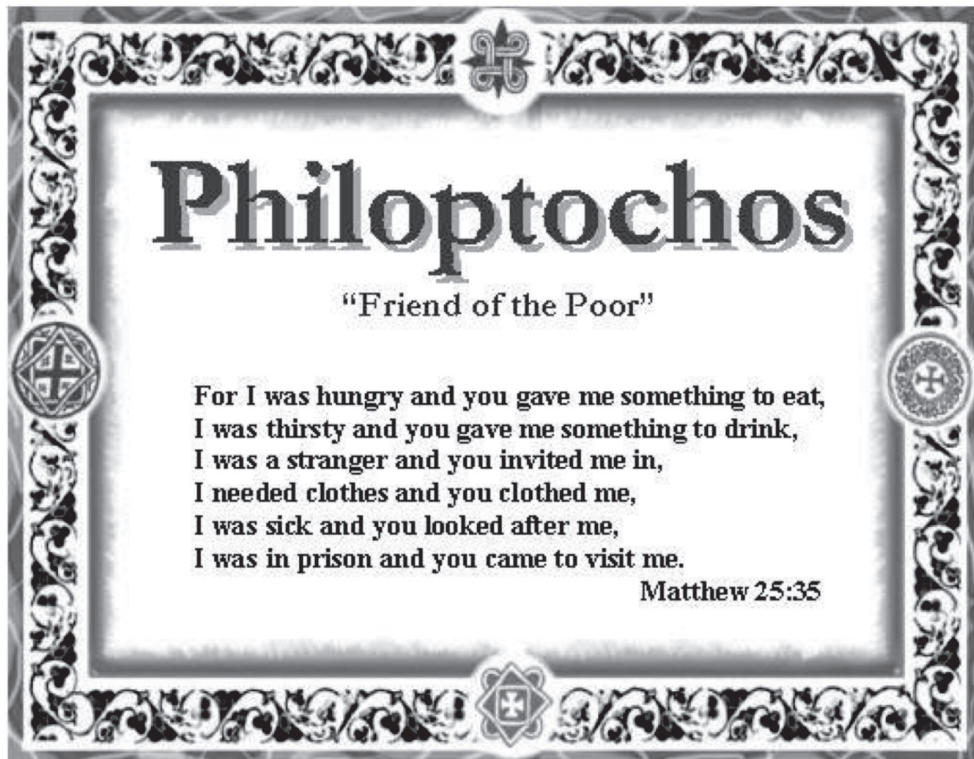
With that being said, it is time to recognize three legacy members who will no longer be on the Parish Council as a result of the election. Vasilis Fotopoulos, Niki Lelis, and Nick Spyros have been a part of our Parish since the beginning and are three of the hardest workers our parish has. I've seen the love, dedication, and long hours they've put into our events like the Greek Festival and Taste of Greece, the Parish Council, etc. We're sad to see them leave the Parish Council, but know that they will always be a part of our future and will continue to give their time and talents to the Church. Thank you Vasilis, Niki, and Nick for all of your hard work on the Parish Council, and we look forward to continuing to work with you.

Our debts are paid, our future is bright, and we have a great deal to be thankful for. I pray that you all have a very safe summer and look forward to seeing you in church.

Thank you all for your continued support, and as always if you have any questions or concerns at all you can contact me directly at aubinb@verizon.net, or call my cell phone at 703.625.4484.

With Gratitude in Christ,

-Bill



The Ladies Philoptochos Society of
The Greek Orthodox Parish of Loudoun County
invite you to join us in this great commission.
We begin with our own and, then, reach out to others.

2012 Membership Drive

Every level of participation is welcomed and appreciated.
We depend on your stewardship to help fund our many efforts
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Please contact Cynthia Smith – silvercps@hotmail.com or 703-478-0522
regarding meetings and ways that you may volunteer with Philoptochos

Please send membership form and stewardship contribution to:
Greek Orthodox Parish of Loudoun County Philoptochos Society (GOPLC-Philoptochos Society)
Attention: Membership, 21580 Atlantic Blvd. Building D, Unit 160, Dulles, VA 20166

Philoptochos

Springtime and Easter time has been a busy time for the Philoptochos. Leading up to Easter, the Philoptochos coordinated and sent its first ever Easter card for our community. Our community's young children submitted colorful and artistic interpretations of the theme "He is Risen." A selection committee chose the drawing of Maria Kaffes, age 9, for the card's cover. This springtime fundraiser made possible a \$400 contribution to the Loudoun Citizens for Social Justice/ LAWS (Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter), a significant gift for LAWS at a time of the year when contributions can ebb. We warmly thank the children who participated in the artistic competition for the card's cover, and all the families and individuals who chose to be included in the Easter card, and made possible this generous contribution to LAWS.

Our Philoptochos members also joined Hope/Joy and GOYA families in the folding of palms for Palm Sunday on Lazarus Saturday. In just a couple short hours our community's children participated in true teamwork in palm cross folding, while Philoptochos members separated, folded, and decorated the church with palms for the next day. It was a fun and quick afternoon of fellowship in practice, and we thank all those who participated in the folding of the palms.

Easter preparations also mean church Easter flowers and the decoration of the epitafios, or kouvouklion, for Holy Friday evening. This year were very blessed to have the active guidance and participation of our immensely knowledgeable Presvytera Ioanna who led a team of volunteers on Holy Friday morning to the creation of what was by many accounts the most elegantly stunning epitafios decoration our church has seen. Our Presvytera's guidance together with the savvy business acumen of our Efty Anthony who negotiates, orders and coordinates the Easter flower arrangements made possible an exceptionally beautifully decorated church during Great Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Our warm thanks go to Presvytera and Efty, and naturally to all the so many volunteers who participated with their time and talents in creating flower arrangements and decorating the epitafios, and to all the individuals and families who generously made a special Easter flower contribution that made it all possible.

In May our Philoptochos held its last meeting until the Fall, and I took the relay from Cynthia Smith at the helm of our chapter. For those who don't know me yet, I was born in Athens where I lived the first sixteen years of my life. I am very well versed in the Greek language and speak five more. My studies brought me to the U.S. where I have lived for more than 20 years now. I met my husband Bill, or Vasili, a first generation Greek, fourteen years ago and we were

married in Greece. We have been blessed with a son, Nicholas, now six years old, and growing older much too quickly. Although I have a degree in International Affairs and Communication from nearby George Washington University, the professional career I enjoyed most was in real estate, which I practiced until my son was born. In recent months I followed my dream and channeled my childhood passion for making beaded jewelry into a business of its own I called LouBiNi, and have been actively building it from the ground up. It is my ardent hope and ambition for our Philoptochos chapter and our community to make our chapter grow in fellowship, participation, membership, and structural strength as we move forward to meet regional and national Philoptochos standards.

Lastly, on June 9, 2012 our Philoptochos honored our long-time previous president Cynthia Smith, and her continuous and generous contributions of time, leadership, sharp organizational skill, and genuine kindness of spirit to our Philoptochos, making it the chapter that it is today. We visited the Doukenie Winery for a very special afternoon of celebration with wine tasting, fellowship and fun! More on this event will be reported in our next issue.

Wishing everyone a happy, restful, and blessed summer,

Loula Lagadinou

GOPLC Philoptochos President

Loula@angelic.com



HOPE & JOY

Hope and Joy has had a wonderful, blessed year, filled with activities. We started our year with a Walk for the Homeless in Leesburg. We had numerous meetings at the church, with Father George present to instruct our children. We are truly blessed to have the support of our wonderful priest! At Christmas we visited the Youth Homeless Shelter, and brought the children treats along with gifts. Our children rehearsed and performed Christmas carols for the youth of the shelter. We also started a new Orthodox singing group under the tutelage of Kathy Kendrat. The group made its debut on May 20th, after services.

Hope and Joy is for children in grades K-6. Activities will resume in the fall. Anyone interested in Hope and Joy may contact either Eleni Hadjimichael at 703-657-0308 or Sophia Orfanidis at 540-751-1704 for more information.

Sophia Orfanides
Eleni Hadjimichael

GOYA

Once again, our amazing GOYAn's have managed to continue their participation in the GOYA and perform service for our parish. Whether serving as an Acolyte(Altar Boy), Choir Member, Passing the tray in church, attending Catechetical School, or assisting with prayers, they have always been ready to serve God and the church. GOYA has also continued to collect food for the area Food Pantries with the help of our very generous paritioners. A BIG thak you to ALL!

In April, our GOYAn's, along with the HOPE/JOY and the Philoptohos, joined together to fold palm crosses for Palm Sunday on the Saturday of Lazarus. Also in April, the GOYAn's helped make sandwiches for the Loudoun Homeless Shelter. The shelter greatly appreciated our offering!

In May, the GOYA met for a meeting to discuss end of the year activities and package gifts for the ladies of our parish for Mother's Day. On Mother's day, the GOYAn's passed out their gifts to the ladies with enclosed prayers for our mothers.

We are culminating our active year, with a much deserved POOL PARTY/LUAU at one of our prescious adopted grandparents' homes. Our wonderful Mrs. Maoury will be hosting our party in her lovely home! We greatly appreciate her most generous offer to host this activity for our GOYA! What a sport!

Finally, we would like to recognize and thank our AWESOME seniors who will be going off to college this year:

Chris Batistatos- GOYA participant (University of Virginia)

George Daoud- GOYA President 2011-2012, GOYA Secretary 2010-2011, Acolyte and Lead Acolyte 2006-2012 (George Mason University's Honor's College)

Ashley Dodson- GOYA participant (Virginia Tech)

Emily Kangelaris- Choir Director, GOYA President 2010-2011 (Duquesne University)

Will Papageorge - GOYA participant (Northern Virginia Community College)

Congratulations to all our Seniors and their parents! We are very proud of all of your accomplishments and pray that you will continue to be good examples and strong soldiers for Christ and the Orthodox Faith for the rest of your lives. You have a been a BIG part of our parish and you will be GREATLY missed!

We hope that all our rising 7th graders will join GOYA in the fall!

With love in Christ,
Debbie Kangelaris and Effie Koutsourais
GOYA advisors

Catechetical School

Beloved Orthodox faithful! We have ended another successful catechetical school year at our humble Greek Orthodox Parish of Loudoun County; having over 100 children registered in our Sunday school. The success of our program can be witnessed in our growth and the children's excitement each Sunday. It also has a lot to do with the dedication of the teachers, which I would like to recognize. In the Pre-Kindergarten level, we have Loula Lagadinos and Vasilia Ravaris, both are young mothers and truly committed to the children and our parish activities. Ms. Loula is the President of our Ladies Philoptochos and Ms. Vasilia is the principal of our Greek School. They provide a warm and loving environment, which makes the children happy to come each Sunday. I know because my granddaughter is one of the students and she is quite excited and thrilled with the activities every time she goes to Sunday school. In our Kindergarten class we have the pleasure and privilege of two new teachers David and Anna Stratford; both very knowledgeable and committed to the Orthodox faith which they embrace with much zeal to encourage and share with our little ones (my grandson is thrilled attending each Sunday). As we proceed to the 1st grade we have Ms. Ioanna Epaminonda, who also teaches Greek school, along with her daughter Irene guiding and shaping the minds of our children with a vast knowledge of our Orthodox faith and Holy Traditions. Ms. Valerie Avramides and Ms. Athanasia Dacey have the 2nd grade. Ms. Valerie has truly been a solid committed teacher since the very start of our mission church, always willing and able to take on any challenges; along with Ms. Athanasia, who also teaches in our Greek School, provide a well balance approach to the eager little minds of our youth. In the 3rd-4th grade we have my wife, Ms. Carol Zangos returning along with a new assistant Ms. Sofia Kouiroukidis. They provide a warm and loving atmosphere encouraging the children to learn the stories of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through the reading of the Scriptures; and how they can truly be warriors for Christ. As we advance through the 5th-6th grade, we need to recognize Mike and Effie Koutsourais. This husband and wife

team work diligently together to help our middle age youngsters understand and appreciate the basic teachings of our Orthodox faith. In our junior grades 7th through 9th we have Kathy Kendrat and Alex Kangelaries. Both of these individuals provide a strong and solid spiritual foundation to our young adults through varied multi-presentations. Finally, I have been privileged and honored to instruct our senior youth grades 10th through 12th. An age in which these children are thinking of their future endeavors and a life committed to Christ and His Church. With the help of my two helpers, Dimitrios Stratakos and Daniel Gallagher; praying that this was accomplished. Finally yet, importantly, I need to recognize, and thank my daughter, Maria Mollo, who is also our parish webmaster, working behind the scenes as the Assistant Director making sure that all correspondence and required communications were properly handled.

As a final note, recognition must be given to Miss Annamaria Kendrat, who represented our parish, as well as the Greek Orthodox communities of Virginia, at the Diocese Oratorical Festival, junior level. Among the entire Metropolitan finalist consisting of 5 states (New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia) Annamaria was the Diocese runner up! This is a huge achievement for her and our Parish as a whole. I am certain that our beloved Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos is also very proud of all our accomplishments, and have his blessings.

Thanks to all of you, and, may God bless you! I think that we should all get to know these individuals and thank them for the wonderful job they are doing with our children. Now that the summer months are upon us and our Church school program takes a much needed break, as our Divine Liturgy states, "let us commit ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God."

In His Service,

Nick Zangos

Do you want to be part of our parish's history? Become our Parish Historian. We are looking for a volunteer to serve as our Historian to collect and preserve important documents, photos, announcements, etc. and keep them organized. This is a worthwhile project and one that is needed by our parish. Current and future church stewards will appreciate your efforts when significant anniversaries and events take place. If interested contact Parish Council Secretary Susan Dorn at ssdorn@aol.com or 571-333-1733.

Stewardship

Thank you to the 92 families who have submitted Stewardship pledge cards this year. We have collected \$65,000 in Stewardship payments year to date, however this is well below our operating budget of \$180,000 for 2012. We thank all those who have given so generously and remind you that we need your continued support to help our Parish and its Ministries flourish.

Also remember that this Fall will be our Parish General Assembly. Please note that to be eligible to vote at the General Assembly, you must be a Steward in good standing. This means that as a Steward you are an active participant in the life of the Church, giving of your time, talents and treasure. A Steward "in good standing" has contributed toward


their pledge commitment or fulfilled that commitment for that calendar year. Also note that our Parish by-laws state that "Current members must have their Stewardship Pledge Card signed and turned in 30 days before a General Assembly to be eligible to vote in said Assembly."

If you have any questions regarding your eligibility to vote in the next Parish General Assembly or any other Stewardship questions fee free to contact me at liaecon@comcast.net. I hope you are having a wonderful summer!

In God's service,

Lia Economou
Stewardship Chairperson

<p>2012 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE GOPLC</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Total Amt: \$ _____ <i>(for Jan 2012 – Dec 2012)</i></p> <p>Payment frequency: <input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-annual <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly</p> <p>CUT and KEEP this portion for YOUR RECORDS</p>	<p>2012 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE – GREEK ORTHODOX PARISH OF LOUDOUN COUNTY</p> <p>In faith, prayer and sacrifice, my family and I wish to share in the support and work of the Greek Orthodox Parish of Loudoun County, Virginia.</p> <p>Out of our love and gratitude for all His blessings, we would like to pledge AN HOUR'S PAY PER WEEK (i.e. 2.5% of annual household income) or the amount of \$ _____ for the year 2012.</p> <p>This amount will be paid as follows:</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Annually <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-annually <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly </p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____</p> <p>E-mail: _____ Phone: _____</p> <p>Your pledge is strictly confidential.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">PLEASE Complete Other Side →</p>
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Weekday Liturgical Calendar: June, July & August

July 27

St. Panteleimon

Orthros 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

August 1

Dormition Fast Begins

Paraklesis to the Theotokos will be chanted on the following evenings at 7:00 PM: August 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13.

August 6

Transfiguration of our Lord

Orthros: 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

August 14

Vespers for the Dormition

7:00 PM

August 15

Dormition of the Theotokos

Orthros 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

August 29

The Beheading of St. John the Baptist

Orthros 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM



Sacrament of Confession

Fr. George is available on request for Confession. To schedule a time, please contact Father at: 703-314-6421

PROSFORO:

We are always looking for parishioners to make Prosforo, especially during the summer when many are away for the summer. So if you can help, please bring your Prosforo in on Sunday morning (at the start of Orthros) or make arrangements and bring it during the week.

KOLLYVA

Are you able to prepare Kollyva ? Would you be able to help in preparing Kollyva for others. If so contact Cynthia Smith. If you have any questions, please call Cynthia Smith 703-478-0522, silvercps@hotmail.com

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Member in the Spotlight

Christine Poulias

Where are you from (in the U.S. and your roots in Greece)?

I was born in Illinois, and raised Roman Catholic with a family background that includes German, French and Italian. My husband's family is from Sparta. I converted to Orthodoxy when we married to ensure our future family would worship together.

Who is in your family?

Our family includes my husband Nektarios (Terry) and our two children, Luke and Kalliope (Kayla). Oh ... and our miniature Schnauzer, Max.

Any interesting facts about you, your family or your Hellenic heritage?

While we have never seen official documentation, our Theo Socrates in Greece claims he has traced the Poulias family bloodline all the way to King Constantine.

What are your interests/hobbies?

Family is very important to us, so we do a lot together. Recently, we attended a Twilight Polo match at Great Meadow and had a wonderful time watching the horses while enjoying a picnic on the grass. We also enjoy biking, camping, and cooking. Me personally, I enjoy photography, art and music. I have a guitar that has sat in my living room for a decade, mocking me that I still have not learned to play. I hope to make this the year!

How did you come to our parish?

We moved to Ashburn in 2008, after having lived in Canada for 10 years. We were members of St. Peter & Paul's in Kitchener, Ontario and really enjoyed Fr. Constantine Chatzis' services. He made you feel welcome and really took the time to get to know the parish members. He had a passion for preaching and would sometimes bring himself to tears during his own sermons. While we were excited for the opportunity our move back to the US was going to bring us, it was very difficult to leave our church and knew it would be even more difficult to find one that came close in comparison. We visited a few in the area, but they just seemed so far away. One morning I was browsing the local paper and saw a Greek Orthodox Easter Service ad for Loudoun County (thanks, Susan!) and remember calling up the stairs to my husband to come take a look at what I just found in the paper! Our first Easter back in the US was celebrated at the Greek Orthodox Parish of Loudoun County, and we have never left.



What aspects or ministries of our parish are you involved with?

My son is an altar boy, and both children attend Sunday School. We look forward to the Christmas pageant every year, where I join my children by singing in the pageant choir. I used to love listening to my grandmother sing in church; she sang a beautiful Ave Maria. My childhood priest once said, "He who sings in church prays twice." As of recent, I have helped with some of the Taste of Greece advertising and my husband helps out in the kitchen. My mother-in-law recently handed down her Prosfora stamp to us, so I hope to learn how to make it. I apologize in advance if it tastes "a little less than heavenly" while I work out the recipe.

What are your hopes for the future of our parish?

We are committed to seeing our parish succeed. To tell you the truth, I like the small and humble atmosphere of our existing church, but realize that as we grow we will need a greater space to do greater things.

What have you enjoyed most about our parish?

First and foremost, the service includes a lot of English. I have been to other churches that perform their services primarily in Greek and I can't help but feel disconnected. I don't want that for my children. I want them to be engaged in the sermon and understand what is being said and take that message to heart. Ironically, the first time my husband (who is fluent in Greek) attended Easter Service at GOPLC, he told me just how moving it was to hear (in English) the Lamentations of Mary and the expression of her grief. It never moved him that way in Greek.

Secondly, I would have to say that I enjoy the way Father John, and now Father George, preach their sermons in a way that is down to Earth and relevant to our generation and our society. Things change and I think it is important for a priest to constantly find new ways to reach their parish ... especially the youth (and our church is abundant in youth).

Last, but certainly not least, I love that we say the Lord's Prayer in so many different languages. It really is a beautiful testament of the unity of our faith. I would hate to ever see that go.

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Coffee Hour Schedule

Our Fellowship Hour is now being sponsored by our various Parish Ministries and groups. If individuals want to schedule a Fellowship Hour, you may do so by contacting Cynthia Smith at silvercps@hotmail.com.

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