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CONNIE PANAGOTACOS, ATHENA TSOUGARAKIS HONORED AS SPIRIT OF STEWARDSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

At the Spirit Award Dinner held on October 10 in San Jose, two additional members of the Annunciation Cathedral, namely **Connie Panagotacos White** and **Athena Tsougarakis** were honored as examples of Christian Stewardship. (They were nominated after the October *Herald* went to press.) The Cathedral acknowledges these nominees, who are also hard-working and dedicated members of the Cathedral, and congratulates them on the occasion of the Metropolis-wide recognition received.

CONNIE PANAGOTACOS WHITE

**Connie Panagotacos – Metropolis Philoptochos Nominee,
Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral – San Francisco, CA**

In Mathew 5:14 “we are called to be the light of the world.” Connie has been a shining example of a faithful and spiritual steward of the Orthodox Faith. Growing up in Fresno at St. George Church, she and her family were very active members. After marriage, she and her husband John settled in San Francisco and joined the Annunciation Cathedral.

While raising her sons she became involved in many ministries of the Church and she showed her love and devotion as she volunteered endless hours to serve. Asked to organize Greek School classes she immediately formed a parent organization. Joining Philoptochos she took on many fundraising activities, chaired events, and served in many offices including President. Connie was always at the helm of every function. At the Cathedral she served on its finance, building, facilities and food festival groups including being in charge of food preparation. This began with the earlier fund raising bazaars that became today’s food festival, even chairing when she was in a body cast due to an accident. The words “it can’t be done” or “I don’t have time” don’t exist in Connie’s vocabulary. She gave great support to the Metropolis Philoptochos in addition to serving her famous galaktobouriko whenever asked.

After her husband died in 1967 she began a career with the Office of Assessor at City Hall while serving her Church and keeping her sons involved in the faith. Today, Connie with her second husband, Neal White, still supports many areas of Church life. Her vibrant personality and warmth allow her to interact with all age groups. She continues to support and encourage younger women to join the philanthropic endeavors of Philoptochos. The example of her faith and commitment has transferred to her children who all serve the Church in many capacities.



ATHENA TSOUGARAKIS

Athena Tsougarakis – Metropolis Church Music Federation Nominee Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral – San Francisco, CA

Athena has been involved in her church choir for many years. As she puts it, “My mother dragged me kicking and screaming to choir one day before my fifteenth birthday.” She was a bit intimidated as most of the choir members at that time were much older, but it didn’t take too long before she was hooked. She was soon appointed assistant choir director and eventually took on the job as Choir Director at Annunciation Cathedral for over 35 years.

Athena has been a constant presence within the Metropolis Church Music Federation for many years. She served as layout editor for the Inchoirer Metropolis Church Music newsletter, lending her graphic design skills and keen eye for editing. She was also a driving force behind the Federation stewardship program as she was personally a very generous steward and challenged her choir members and others in the Federation to not only offer their talents but their resources to support the music ministry of our Church.

At the end of Federation meetings and conferences she would always encourage the group to sing a loud and resounding “Amen” to mark the completion of the gathering. She still carries a tremendous devotion to the music of the church, has created lasting friendships, and people love to hear her deep but melodious voice on the phone saying her trademark, “Hi, my name’s Athena”.



PARISH ASSEMBLY UNANIMOUS IN ITS SUPPORT OF THE CATHEDRAL’S BUILDING EFFORTS

The Cathedral’s second Parish Assembly, convened following the Divine Liturgy on October 18, set the tone, not only for the work of the Assembly, but also for the building project which the Annunciation Cathedral community are about to undertake. Following a report on the status of the project, a motion made and seconded by a number of parishioners, was adopted unanimously. The motion commended the Parish Council for their leadership in developing the project and encouraged the Parish Council to formulate a proposal for approval by the Parish Assembly, by the end of 2009.

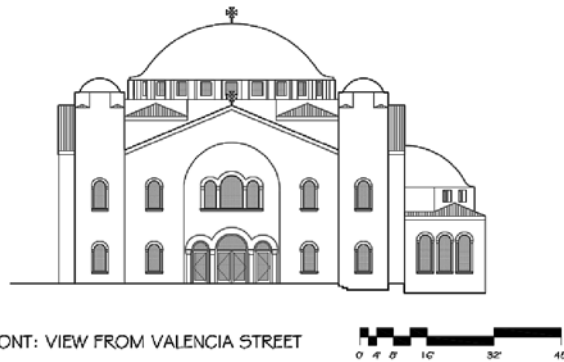
The Cathedral has undertaken to complete Phase Two of its Building

Project, namely, to build the Church, along with on-site parking. A two level below-grade parking structure is being planned at its Valencia Street site, along with a domed Cathedral church at the level of its current courtyard. The church will measure approximately 13,300 square feet and will seat 650 (550 in the naos, or main church, and 100 in the choir loft and elsewhere). It will also feature a baptistery, which will be used for adult baptisms and smaller services.

Geotechnical services were performed on several occasions, to determine the most suitable construction for the kind of soil found on the site. Recently, four new holes were drilled, down to 75 feet. Schematic , or preliminary, drawings were done in order

to work out a cost estimate, but also to receive a preliminary “approval” from the Planning Department. Members of the Planning Department recently reviewed the project. We are pleased to report that things went well, enabling us to proceed to the design development stage. Meanwhile, on October 28, the construction firms of Nibbi, Plant, and Cahill were interviewed for the purpose of providing pre-construction services. The essential points of pre-construction services are to determine how best to build the structures and also to work out a realistic cost estimate for the project. For example, what is the best way to build a 50 foot wide dome? Does one build it in place, i.e. by the placement of steel ribs and either pre-formed or poured

elements in between, or does one build it off-site and transport it, by helicopter or other means? As for cost, how can the same thing be constructed for less? Is poured concrete less expensive in the end? Of course, concrete costs more, but the labor involved is far less than shaping the various forms by hand. Then, again, one weighs more than the other. Is the added weight an advantage, given the type of soil the structure will sit in? As these issues are resolved, and we have the necessary information, Annunciation's parishioners will be invited to a special Parish Assembly to consider the proposal of building and at a specified cost, along with a plan for raising the necessary funds. A fund raising will be formed to carry out the fund raising, and we will be on our way.



CHURCH FRONT: VIEW FROM VALENCIA STREET

Addressing the congregants and clergy who assembled for Metropolitan Gerasimos' feast day celebration on October 20, the Metropolitan declared his support for the building of the Cathedral church and encouraged everyone to work together to make it a reality. Construction could begin in the autumn of 2010. Approximately 18 months are required for the completion of the structure. Assuming the necessarily approvals and financing are in place, we could plan a thyranoxia (or official opening) on Christmas, 2012.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE GEARS UP FOR CAMPAIGN 2010. IT BEGINS NOVEMBER 15 AND CONCLUDES WITH STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY ON DECEMBER 6

The 2010 Campaign, being planned by the Cathedral's Stewardship Committee, has a number of new features. These were also reported in the October *Herald*. They are:

1. A New Program, with the theme COME AND SEE. This phrase is simple yet powerful. It comes from the Gospel according to St. John, where two Disciples, Philip and Nathanael, are talking, and Philip says to Nathanael: "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael essentially says, that's impossible. His actual words are, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip answers him, "Come and see." Of course, Nathanael goes on to meet Jesus. His life changes forever. Meeting Christ calls us to change, physically and spiritually. In finding Christ, we grow and mature in faith.

2. A defined campaign. The campaign will begin on **Sunday, November 15** and conclude **Sunday, December 6**. It will take place over four weeks, in the context of giving thanks, during which time parishioners will be invited to make their commitment to the church for 2010 and bring their cards to church on December 6. The Cathedral clergy and the Parish Council will first make their pledge and then the congregation will be invited to place their cards in the collection plate. Pledge cards will be mailed to all parishioners of the Cathedral, along with pertinent stewardship information. As the cover letter, which accompanies this information, states: "Envelopes will not be opened, nor will the individual amounts of the pledges be made public...Your pledge is between you and the Lord!" Nevertheless, by placing our pledge cards in the collection plate, in a public manner, we affirm our support for the Church and her ministries.

3. Speakers for the four Sundays of the campaign. **Gus Vouchilas** will speak in church on Sunday, November 15. **Nick Svetcoff** will speak in church on Sunday, November 22. **Dr. Nikolas Stathopoulos** will speak in church on Sunday, November 29. **Pauline Zakis Smith** will speak in church on Sunday, December 6. These four people are members of the Cathedral's Stewardship Committee. Along with Deacon Niko and Father Stephen, they work tirelessly to motivate others to become stewards. In essence, they will be delivering the sermon for the Sundays indicated.

4. Involvement of our children. In cooperation with the Sunday School, our children will process in church on Stewardship Sunday, inviting us to join them as they "make a joyful noise unto the Lord" (Psalm 100:1, e.g.). Stewardship is also about our children.

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5. A luncheon on December 6. We will celebrate the conclusion of the Stewardship campaign by means of a fellowship meal. How appropriate that this day coincides with the Feast of St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra in Lycia (Asia Minor). St. Nicholas is a prime example of Christian stewardship. It is also Deacon Niko's birthday.

Parishioners are asked to review the materials sent to them and to call the Cathedral, at 415 864-8000, should they have any questions. The Cathedral's Stewardship Committee invites your continued involvement, suggestions and support. It invites everyone to be involved in the support of the Cathedral community, young and old alike.

O radiant light of holy
glory, the immortal Father,
heavenly and holy, blessed
Jesus Christ. And now that
we have come to the setting
of the sun with all the light
of eventide, we praise You
the Father, Son, and Holy
Spirit, One God. It is
worthy at all times to praise
You, with voices of holy
song, O Son of God and
giver of life, the world does
glorify You.

Vesperal Hymn:

O radiant Light,

Phos Ilaron

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

There are eight members of the Parish Council whose term expires on December 31, 2009. They are: **Michael Bagatelos, John Coundouris, Thomas A. Nuris, Nikolas Stathopoulos, Nicholas Svetcoff, George Vlahos, James D. Vorrises, and Gus Vouchilas.** Meanwhile two other parishioners have declared their candidacy. As this issue of the *Herald* went to press, we have received declarations of candidacy from **John Coundouris, Andrew Dimitriou, Perri Tsougarakis Nager, Thomas A Nuris, Nikolas Marios Stathopoulos, Nicholas Svetcoff, and Gus Vouchilas.** Elections will take place on Sunday, December 13, 2009, following the Divine Liturgy. Absentee ballots will be available November 20. Once again, those elected will serve a two-year term.

OTHER PARISH ASSEMBLY MATTERS

The members of the Nominating Committee, namely, **Anthony Ambus, Annette Chiappari, and Basil Tonas,** will now serve as the Board of Elections, which will oversee the Parish Council elections on December 13. They will prepare the ballots. (Absentee ballots will be available for mailing on Friday, November 20.) They will oversee the elections, and they will also tabulate and record the results. Meanwhile, **James Dariotes** and **James Vorrises** were named to represent the Cathedral, together with **Father Stephen** and **Tom Nuris,** at the Metropolis Clergy-Laity Congress, which will take place at the St. Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center February 8-9, 2010.

THE GREEN PATRIARCH, A NEW VIDEO WORTH SEEING

Like Al Gore, who named him the "Green Patriarch," the Ecumenical Patriarch of the Eastern Orthodox Church is a prominent leader in the environmental movement. Since 1997, he has been bringing principal scientists, environmentalists, religious leaders from all faiths, and policy makers from all over the world together to work on the ecological crisis.

A new film, entitled "The Green Patriarch," looks at the ecological consequences of the historical split between science and religion, how we came to see ourselves as separate from nature, and how our consumer based economy found its moral justification in a Judeo-Christian view that humans have dominion over the planet's resources. At the same time it also explores how Bartholomew's activism is inspired by the Orthodox position that we are part of nature, and that God's intention for humans is to be stewards, or caretakers, of all creation. In a world of unprecedented consumption of the earth's natural resources, Patriarch Bartholomew shows by example how saving the planet is finally a moral issue, not solely a technological one. And as this film follows him on his trips to the most ecologically threatened areas of the planet, it also illustrates why these views are so controversial. The Ecumenical Patriarch arrived in the United States on October 20, to preside over an ecological conference, convened in New Orleans, LA, along the banks of the Mississippi River, and will return to Constantinople in early November, after visiting a number of Metropolises and meeting with a number of Orthodox hierarchs and other Orthodox faithful. For more information, please visit www.patriarchate.org.

HOLIDAY BRUNCH 2009: O COME ALL YOU FAITHFUL

His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos and the San Francisco Philoptochos Board and its Chapters extend a cordial invitation to everyone to attend the joyous annual Bishop Anthony Philoptochos Student Aid Endowment Fund Holiday Brunch Luncheon. This year the host chapter will be our own Annunciation Cathedral Philoptochos. The event will take place at the Annunciation Cathedral on Saturday, December 5, 2009. All the Chapters are doing their part to make this a memorable day. The Cathedral Chapter, under the chairmanship of **Angie Leventis**, is planning a most enjoyable luncheon. A reception will begin at 11 a.m., followed by lunch, Christmas tree drawings, the awarding of fabulous gifts, a silent auction and entertainment.

A merry prelude to Christmas, the holiday luncheon will raise funds for the Student Aid Endowment Fund, which supports seminarians and other students from our Metropolis who attend Hellenic College/Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, MA. Please note the date on your calendars and plan to be with us. For additional information, please call **Angie Levents** at the Cathedral, at 415 864-8000 or BAPSAEF Chair **Pat Aleck** at the Metropolis Philoptochos office, 415 321-2600. Join our Metropolis Chapters as they work to secure the future of our Orthodox Faith by supporting our seminarians.

His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos
The Metropolis of San Francisco Philoptochos
Board & Chapters
joyfully invite you to attend

A HOLIDAY BRUNCH

In support of our Seminarians and Students



O Come, All Ye Faithful

Saturday, December 5, 2009

**Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral
San Francisco, California**

11:00 am Reception & Silent Auction
12 noon Luncheon & Entertainment

\$50.00

Contact: Pat Aleck at (415) 431-2600

An important part of a child's education is storytelling, since good stories excite the imagination and strengthen the bond between parent and child. Stories from the Bible are preferred, and the child should repeat them often, to underscore full comprehension.

*Saint John Chrysostom
Fourth Century, Antioch*

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS



*The Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos Society
presents their annual*

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Date: Sunday, November 22, 2009

Time: 12:00 noon after church services

Place: Annunciation Cathedral Community Hall

Donation: \$15.00 per person

\$5.00 per child under 12

Honoring: All Senior Citizens of the Cathedral

**Proceeds to benefit the
Annunciation Cathedral Building Fund**

**COST OF LUNCHEON DONATED BY
GEORGIA EVANGELATOS**

**For reservations: Please call 415.864.8000
Tables of 10 available**

We are pleased to announce that our Ladies Philoptochos Board and members after a long summer of baking and cooking for the festival is now focusing on their annual events. The following are some of the projects we will be working on through the end of the year and we hope that all of the parishioners and friends of the Cathedral will continue to support our events for the good of the church.

**Thanksgiving Luncheon, Sunday,
Nov. 22, 2009**

This year our Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held after church services on Sunday, November 22, 2009. We will honor all of the Senior citizens of the Cathedral and the proceeds will benefit the Cathedral Building Fund. We are blessed to have Georgia Evangelatos, a Past President of our organization and presently a current member, sponsor the entire event so that all of the funds collected will go to the Building Fund. Ms. Eva Sogotis is chairman of this event.

The Angel Tree Program

The Angel Tree Program sponsored annually for the last 12 years by the Ladies Philoptochos during the Christmas Holidays is by far one of the most successful and inspiring projects we sponsor. Last year, we were able to collect gifts, gift cards and money for more than 70 children for the Raphael House, an Orthodox shelter for women and disadvantaged children. We are currently in the process of identifying the shelter and/or organization that will receive the gifts donated by our wonderful parishioners and friends of the Cathedral.

This year the project will be handled by the following capable Philoptochos members, Helen Markanton, Nicoletta Ketchum and Vivian Curd. The Christmas Tree will be setup in the hallway on Sunday, November 22 with the names of the children, their age and gender. We plan to complete this project by Sunday, December 20.

BASAEF Luncheon – Saturday, December 5, 2009

This year our Ladies Philoptochos Chapter will be hosting the annual Bishop Anthony Student Aid Endowment Fund Luncheon – a Fund which benefits seminarian/students at the Hellenic College/Holy Cross Seminary in Brookline, Massachusetts. Several Bay Area Philoptochos Chapters of the Metropolis Philoptochos will also be involved in the preparations to make this luncheon one of the best ever.

Annual Christmas Luncheon – Thursday, December 10, 2009

The annual Christmas Luncheon for the Ladies Philoptochos will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2009 at 12:00 noon at John’s Grill Restaurant. This will replace the monthly general meeting and we will just enjoy the day with a great lunch and being with friends.

There will be more details forthcoming on this luncheon in the latter part of November.

The Annunciation Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos invites you to note its meeting dates and activities over the next few months. They are:

General Meeting	Thursday, November 12	1 p.m.
Thanksgiving Luncheon	Sunday, November 22	noon
BASAEF Holiday Event	Saturday, December 5	11 a.m.
Christmas Party	Thursday, December 10	noon
Vasilopita	Sunday, January 10, 2010	noon
Crab Feed	Friday, January 29, 2010	6 p.m.

The Annunciation Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos invites women 18 and above to join this dynamic arm of the Church, as it ministers to those in need, promotes education by offering scholarships, supports future clergy from the San Francisco Metropolis by helping underwrite their tuition at Hellenic College/Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, fosters learning by presenting seminars and workshops on wellness, and, in general, strengthens the aims and purposes of the Church community. The Annunciation Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos, for example, raised over \$1 million for the first phase of rebuilding of the facilities lost to the Loma Prieta Earthquake. During the last ten years, it raised another \$1 million for its various charities. For further information about Philoptochos, and how to become more involved, as a member, please call its president, **Angie Leventis**, at 650 878-2855. (Men may also join the organization, but only as non-voting, associate members.)

Thank You, Lord, for your strength and guidance in my work.

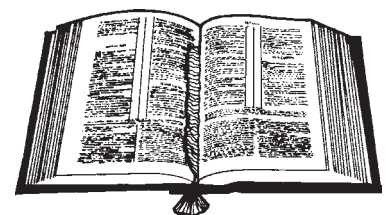
You are the fulfillment of all good things.

Fill my soul with joy and gladness, that I may praise You always

Amen.

**IOCC
REMEMBERING
HOME DINNER
NOVEMBER 1**

The IOCC Metropolitan Committee of Northern California invites everyone to a special evening in celebration of the cultures of the Bay Area’s Orthodox Christian community in support of the humanitarian aid and development work of the International Orthodox Christian Charities. The 17th annual “Remembering Home” Banquet and Silent Auction will take place Sunday, November 1, at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 999 Brotherhood Way, San Francisco, CA 94132. Pan-Orthodox Vespers will be celebrated at 4 p.m. A Reception and Silent Auction will follow, at 5 p.m., and Dinner & Entertainment will take place beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased by mailing a check made payable to IOCC, c/o the Holy Trinity Church. For further information call 415 584-4747.



NEXT COMMUNITY LINK NOVEMBER 21

Please join us for our upcoming Community Link, which will take place Saturday, November 21, following the Divine Liturgy. As with another major Feast Day, the Dormition of the Theotokos (August 15), this Feast Day, the Presentation of the Theotokos to the Temple, falls on a Saturday. We will meet at the Cathedral at 9 a.m. (Orthros also begins at 9 a.m.) for prayer and visit assignments, and begin our visits by immediately following the Liturgy, which begins at 10 a.m. We go out in pairs, concluding our visits before lunch time. Our visitations to home bound parishioners are very special, to us and to those we visit. They bring joy to our seniors who are experiencing isolation from their community due to illness, loss or hardship. Community Link is an excellent way for all of us, children, adults and families to engage with one another and to share the message of God's love. There are many ways we can do this. One is through prayer. Another is through our visitations. A third is by "adopting" a senior and, literally, giving them a "lift." As we have stated on a number of occasions, many of the seniors we visit need rides to doctor appointments and to church. If you would be willing to help in this way, please contact Caroline Pappajohn, at 415 699-5633 or cpappajohn@yahoo.com. The last Community Link in 2009 will take place on Saturday, December 19.



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD

Yes, it is that time. The time when we gather names of parishioners who wish to extend greetings to one another via the Cathedral's Christmas card. The card is sent to over 1,000 homes. What a wonderful way to extend best wishes to one another, particularly during these challenging, yet, exciting times. Your greeting brings hope and encouragement to one another, since it celebrates the Birth of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ.

You may participate in one of three ways: 1. By clipping the form below and sending it back to the Cathedral; 2. By calling the Cathedral, at 415 864-8000 and telling us you wish to be included; or 3., by responding to Annette Chiappari and Mary Tonas on Sundays, following the Liturgy. They will staff a special "Christmas Card Table" during the coffee fellowship hour during the month of November. Your gift of \$25. per line helps defray the cost of the card, as well as mailing.

Yes, please count me (us) in on the Cathedral's 2008 Christmas Card. I/we wish to be listed as follows:

(Please forward this, together with your check in the amount of \$25. to the Annunciation Cathedral, attn: 2008 Christmas Card, 245 Valencia Street, San Francisco, CA 94103). The Cathedral thanks you for your participation.

Breakfast is one of the most neglected meals, yet it is important because it takes place at the beginning of the day. During those hours the family often seems to be simply running a relay race, to get everyone ready in time for work or school. Nonetheless, apart from morning prayer, which goes without saying, it would benefit children to begin the day with even five minutes' experience of their mother's and father's concern, love, and interest in what everyone is going to do that day.

When a child leaves for school the mother can bless him, or pray: "God bless" or "the Mother of God be with you." All this does not only further psychological security; it is a safeguard against any negative influences the child may meet, and it is a link between the two worlds of home and school.

*Sister Magdalen
Children in the Orthodox
Church Today*

FOCUS ON YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL KORNER

November is Thanksgiving month and your Sunday School Food Drive is gearing up early. This year, Marci Stratakis has offered to chair our efforts to collect food items for donation, through the San Francisco Food Bank. Bins will be dropped off November 10 and our drive will end on December 15. Please note these dates and plan to bring food items, as indicated, and leave them in the bins for collection by the San Francisco Food Bank. As a parish, Annunciation Cathedral collected and donated over 450 pounds of food last year. In our busy lives, it's often easy to overlook the needs of others. We have much to be grateful for – let's join together as a community and show our compassion to the very needy by donating generously to this year's Food Drive. The bins will be located at either end of the gallery and will be replaced prior to December 15, as needed.

November 26, Thanksgiving Day. Sunday School will once again sponsor the coffee hour after the Liturgy. This tradition was begun many years ago by Mrs. Vellis and we'll be offering a tasty fare of coffee and donuts and milk. Bring your entire family to church on Thanksgiving Sunday and let us give thanks together on this day of family worship.

Christmas Program: December 13th. Put the date on your calendar now! Immediately after Thanksgiving Day, we'll begin preparations for our Annual Christmas Program. We want to provide a good time for the children and their parents. Father Stephen and Denise are planning the program and you can count on it being fun, festive,

and geared toward the kid's interests. The Christmas program always includes lots of holiday music and songs which the kids love. Don't forget those cameras! Incidentally, December 13th is the last day of the Parish Food Drive.

Bravo! During the Food Festival it was really nice for us to see your children in their Greek Dance costumes and performing all the many dances that they have learned so well. It is very gratifying to see our children participating so enthusiastically in the youth activities offered at our church. What better place to see our children thriving!

Sunday School takes place during Liturgy on Sunday and dance practice is then held during the coffee hour immediately following the Liturgy. It is often very difficult for busy parents and their children to wake up early on Sunday morning for Liturgy and Sunday School. It would be great if our grandparents could help out their busy families by bringing their grandchildren to Sunday School. Since the kids obviously enjoy being together at church it's another way to incorporate all Greek traditions into their lives. We have a full staff of dedicated teachers who are committed to bringing the teachings of Our Lord and Savior to our children. Don't let your children's religious education fall through the cracks!

Please note the following Sunday School dates for the remainder of the year:

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| 11/01/09 | Regular Classes held / Daylight Savings |
| 11/08/09 | Teaching Liturgy held in church for all |
| 11/15/09 | Regular classes held / Food Drive Begins /
Stewardship Campaign Begins Upper School students to
learn about St John Chrysostom & Oratorical Festival
Entire School to participate in Stewardship Campaign kickoff |
| 11/22/09 | Philoptochos Thanksgiving Luncheon
following Sunday School |
| 11/26/09 | Thanksgiving Day/ Family Worship
Sunday School sponsors coffee hour/donuts |
| 11/29/09 | Thanksgiving weekend/ NO Classes Held
Family worship Day |
| 12/06/09 | Preparation for Xmas Program in classes |
| 12/13/09 | Christmas Program & Luncheon/ Food Drive Ends
Parish Elections Held |
| 12/20/09 | No classes held/ families worship in Church |
| 12/27/09 | No classes held/ families worship in Church |



GETTING READY FOR FDF IN SAN JOSE, CA JANUARY 14-18, 2010

Our dancers and directors, advisors and parents, are hard at work preparing for the Greek Orthodox Folk Dance and Choral Festival, which will be held in San Jose, CA over the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend, January 14-18, 2010. This will be the 34th annual FDF. Typically, the event, which draws over 2,500 young people and their families and friends, is held over the Presidents' Day weekend. However, because Pascha in 2010 will fall on April 4, FDF will be held approximately one month earlier. Parents are encouraged to go ahead and register for themselves and their children.

Meanwhile, costumes are being made. The cost of making the costumes is being underwritten by the parish budget but also by donations and fundraising events by the parents themselves. In addition to funds raised at our recent festival, dance group parents participated in the recent Alzheimer's walk, raising an additional \$2,000 for the program. Other fund raising events are being considered, such as a New Year's Eve event.

Meanwhile, our groups *Ekrixi* and *Erini* practice on Tuesday evenings, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. *Ekrixi* (jr. high school) is being directed by **Michael Garibaldi** and **Nicole Georgiou**. *Erini* (ages 7-10) is being directed by **Katerina Loufas**, **Alyssa Obester**, and **Jimmie Stavrakaras**. *Seizmos* practices on Tuesday evenings, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. *Seizmos* (high school/adult), is being directed by **Leah Stavrakaras**. Our adult dance group, directed by **Deacon Nikos Bekris**, practices Tuesdays, at 7:30 p.m. *Spithes* (ages 5-10) practices on Sundays, following the Divine Liturgy. *Spithes* (ages 5 to 8), is being directed by **Irene Kyriacou**, **Lea Lyberopoulos**, **Lea Papavasiliou** and **Nicholas Balian**. *Thisavri* (ages 3 and 4) practices on Sundays, following the Divine Liturgy. It is taught by **Irene Kyriacou**, **Lea Lyberopoulos** and **Shareen Saddick**.

Please note that the Dance Group *Glendi*, originally scheduled to take place in November, will not take place in November. A spring event is being considered, instead, as is a New Year's Eve event, noted above.

GOYA NEWS

The Annunciation Cathedral GOYA and their family members attended a Giants baseball game September 16th! The group of 25 watched the Giants take on the Colorado Rockies, and a great time was had by all. Thanks to all those who joined us! The first GOYA meeting of the fall was held in October in the conference room of the Cathedral. Dinner, as usual, was provided, and the group shared GOYA news, and a "teen talk" with Deacon Niko. Meanwhile, a group of GOYAns was asked to plan a calendar of events for the duration of the year, including service projects, fun events, meeting dates, etc. The proposals, still coming in, are amazing. They will be included in the December *Herald*. For more information on upcoming GOYA events, contact Deacon Niko Bekris at (415) 864-8000 or deacon@annunciation.org

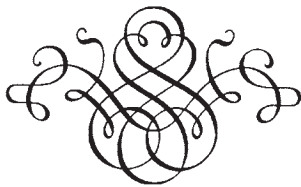


ANNUNCIATION BASKETBALL HAS BEGUN

Junior Varsity Basketball (ages 8 through 14) has begun. We continue to accept players, both boys and girls, who would like to participate in Annunciation Basketball. Practices are held Wednesday evenings, 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. The Annunciation Cathedral participates in OYAA (Orthodox Youth Athletic Association), enabling us to play basketball with teams of the other area Orthodox Churches. Parents of players must be members in good standing of the Cathedral. Please bring with you your insurance information at the time of enrollment. Please see **Mike Canellos**, Programs Director, or **Chris Kallas**, the Cathedral's OYAA representative. Once again, JV Basketball is for boys and girls, ages 8 through 14.

CATHEDRAL YOUNG ADULTS HELP AT FOOD FESTIVAL

The Annunciation Cathedral Young Adult Group contributed of its time and talents at this year's Greek Food Festival! Instead of going out to dinner the last Thursday of September, the group decided to assist in setting up the Cathedral hall the evening of September 24th, and ordered pizza. In addition, young adults assisted during the Food Festival in various areas, in particular at the children's play area on Sunday. Our thanks to all our young adults and youth of the Cathedral for their support of our community! Meanwhile, our regularly scheduled Thursday dinners have resumed. For more information, contact Deacon Niko Bekris at (415) 864-8000 or deacon@annunciation.org, or visit the Youth of Annunciation Cathedral San Francisco Facebook Group.



Why is the Lord's presence
promised to two or three?
Because there, where two or three
are gathered in the
name of Christ, is the Church,
the union of faith and love;
there is mutual love.

*Saint John of Kronstadt
Nineteenth Century, Russia*



TROJAN WOMEN (ΤΡΩΑΔΕΣ)

Directed by Leonidas Loizides, Text by Mihalis Kakoyannis, Music by Mikis Theodorakis

The magnificence of Ancient Greek Theater is coming to the Bay Area directly from Greece, Live, on Stage

Sunday, November 8, 2009, 5:00pm

Ascension Cathedral, Community Hall

4700 Lincoln Ave., Oakland, CA

Sponsored by the Metropolis of San Francisco,
The Elios Society, and UHAS

Grand Benefactor: The Elios Foundation

Entrance: Free of charge



Following the overwhelming success of the 2008 USA tour of Bacchae, Director Leonidas Loizides and the cast of the Loizides Theatrical Group, continue their dedication and commitment to bring the ultimate form of Ancient Greek culture and heritage, the Ancient Greek Theater, to every corner of the world where Helenes and Philhelenes live. This tour is under the auspices of the Greek Government with the support of SAE USA and its director Ted Spyropoulos, the "Paideia" project and its director Elias Tomazos, and the Hellenic Federation of Northern California and its president Ted Laliotis.

The play portrays the plight of women and children following the defeat of Troy at the Trojan war and brings alive the timeless message that there are neither winners nor losers at any war, and that despite the disaster and despair, there is always hope and catharsis.

YOUTH FOR THOUGHTS

“More Than Friends”- Part 2 of 4 by Rev. Deacon Niko Bekris

I'm thankful for many things in my life- my wife, my family, my friends, health, food, shelter, clothing, the freedom to worship freely in our country. Is it silly to say I'm thankful for love? A little abstract, sure, but it's true. I'm thankful for the fact that I have ended up with THE right girl. I am thankful when I see friends of mine find someone right for them, date, and get married. Relationships are certainly one of the most interesting aspects of our life on earth, and healthy relationships can truly be one of the greatest gifts God gives us. November is a month where we reflect on what we are thankful for, and this is certainly something I feel I should thank God for daily.

Last month, I shared some thoughts on what love is, from a Christian perspective- about meeting someone, being attracted to them (and that butterflies-in-the-stomach thing). This month, I want to discuss what is commonly the “next step” following the initial attraction- going out with someone.

It usually goes something like this: you find someone attractive, you want to spend time with them, and if they say yes, the two of you go to dinner, or a movie, or to do something fun with a group of friends. Hopefully along the way, you enjoy your date, and either ask if you want to have another date, or go your separate ways because your personalities just weren't clicking. So is this what makes two people “boyfriend/girlfriend?” I think it takes a little more than just going out somewhere, right? Obviously, it's not a simple answer, because it's not a simple subject. But there are a few simple thoughts I have about dating that might be beneficial to keep in mind.

Going on dates with one person on a regular basis, or being a “boyfriend” or a “girlfriend,” means that you spend time together in order to learn a little more about yourself, and what kind of person you gel with. There are unique qualities about ourselves that we only begin to understand in a relationship with the opposite sex- and I'm not referring to physical relations, but spending time and even just conversing with the other person. Dating gives us a unique opportunity to find out just how generous or selfish, patient or impatient, kind or mean-spirited we really are, not what we think we are. Dating gives us a right to learn more about ourselves, about guys and girls, about people. It gives us a right to enjoy life from a new perspective. However, like any relationship, there are ways that we can take advantage of and even abuse these rights.

Like any relationship, we should go into dating remembering of course, the golden rule: “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” (Luke 6:31, Matthew 7:12) If we go into any relationship asking ourselves “What can I do for this person?” rather than “What can I get from this person?” your relationship will go well, and you will grow as a person. More important that anything else, though, we have to remember that we fully understand a person's heart, and true love, when we look at the other person as a child of the Most High, a child of God (Psalm 82:6). God has created each of us in His image, which means each of us is special. God loves that person, and we have to try our best to love them the same way He does. When we stop trying to love is when the other person becomes a mere object, and we cease respecting them, and possibly

even hurting them deeply. When we acknowledge this, and keep Christ at the center of a dating relationship, or any relationship, we too will be thanking God for this beautiful gift of love He has given us.

Still with me? More next month...



Let your prayer be completely simple, for both the Publican and the Prodigal Son were reconciled by a single purpose.

*Saint John Climacus
Sixth Century, Mount Sinai*



In a home filled with prayer, God is “tasted,” prayer is as natural as breathing, and Holy Tradition is passed to the next generation less by preaching than by life and example.

*Sister Magdalen
“Orthodox Tradition and Family Life”*



WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

The Cathedral welcomes the following new members to our Church family:

Allen B. Mann and **Panagiota Teitsa Vlahos** were married recently and joined the Annunciation Cathedral. While they live in Dallas, Teitsa was raised at the Cathedral and, consequently, wishes to continue to be a member of the Cathedral.

The Cathedral invites people new to San Francisco and the Bay Area, who wish to be congregants of the Cathedral, to identify themselves to the Cathedral's clergy, at their earliest convenience. They will be welcomed, placed on the Cathedral's mailing list, and sent a Stewardship packet as well as a list of activities offered by the Cathedral, with a view to involving them in the life of the Church. Meanwhile, the Cathedral would appreciate it if, as part of the Cathedral's outreach, members invite newcomers whom they know to worship with them and introduce them to the Cathedral clergy. Being such an important part of our lives, the Church is not only where we connect, in worship, with our Lord Jesus Christ, but also where we connect with one another, making for a *family away from home* as well as *friendships for life*.

Sacraments & Services

BAPTISMS

Andonis, son of **George Ambadiotakis** and **Tessa Mellena Milojevich Ambus**, was baptized at the Cathedral on October 17. His sponsor is **John Spachis**.

Rufta, daughter of **Amine** and **Sofanit Tesfai**, was baptized at the Cathedral on October 24. Her sponsor is **Semainesh Zerai**.

Bealu, son of **David** and **Anastasia Scourkes Neeve**, was baptized at the Cathedral on October 24. His sponsor is **Athena Scourkes**.

WEDDING

The marriage of **Allen Barclay Mann** and **Panayota Teitsa Vlahos** was blessed at the Cathedral on October 3. **William Vlahos** is their sponsor.

Na mas Zisoun! (Long life!)

SYMPATHIES

The Cathedral extends deepest sympathies to **Pam Piccinini** and the rest of the members of the **Mitchel** and **Piccinini** families, upon the recent falling asleep in the Lord of **Raymond Piccinini**. Known as the "Easter Bunny," Ray brought joy to thousands, over the years, including children of the Annunciation Cathedral family.

The Cathedral also extends deepest sympathies to **George Mattis** and the rest of the members of the **Mattis** family upon the recent falling asleep in the Lord of George's brother, in Pittsburgh, PA. His brother was George's junior and leaves behind a family of children and sisters. George is a past president of the Annunciation Cathedral Parish Council.

Finally, the Cathedral extends deepest sympathies to **Edward Taylor** and the children of **Marina Taylor** upon her recent falling asleep in the Lord. Prior to her passing, Marina was tonsured a nun in the Orthodox Church. Known as **Antonia** the Nun, she was buried at the St. Anthony Monastery. For years, **Sister Antonia** led the Greek Bible study at the Cathedral, decorated the festival icons, baked prosphoro, and led pilgrimages to the Holy Land.

Aionia I Mnimi! (Eternal memory!)



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Orthros 9 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m. Class on Orthodoxy 9 a.m. Dance practice 12-1 p.m. IOCC Dinner		Dance Practice 6:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.	Basketball Practice, 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Orthros 9 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m. Class on Orthodoxy 9 a.m. Dance practice 12-1 p.m. Teaching Liturgy		Dance Practice 6:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. Food Drive Begins	Basketball Practice, 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.	Philoptochos Meeting, 1 p.m.		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Orthros 9 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m. Class on Orthodoxy 9 a.m. Dance practice 12-1 p.m. 2010 Stewardship Campaign Begins		Dance Practice 6:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.	Basketball Practice, 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. Parish Council, 7:30 p.m.			<i>Ta Eisodia</i> , Orthros 9 a.m., Liturgy 10 a.m. Community Link 9 a.m.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Orthros 9 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m. Class on Orthodoxy 9 a.m. Dance practice 12-1 p.m. Thanksgiving Luncheon		Dance Practice 6:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.	Basketball Practice, 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving, Orthros 9 a.m., Liturgy 10 a.m.		
29	30					
Orthros 9 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m. Class on Orthodoxy 9 a.m. Dance practice 12-1 p.m.	St. Andrew the Apostle Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.					

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, December 5	BASAEF Holiday Lunch
Sunday, December 6	Stewardship Sunday
	Bring 2010 Pledge Cards to Church
Thursday, December 10	Philoptochos Christmas Luncheon
Sunday, December 13	Parish Council Elections
	Sunday School Christmas Program & Luncheon
Tuesday, December 15	Food Drive Ends
Sunday, January 10, 2010	Vasilopita
Thursday, January 14-Monday, January 18, 2010	FDE, San Jose
Friday, January 29	CRAB FEED
Monday-Tuesday, February 8, 9, 2010	Metropolis Clergy-Laity

ΣΥΓΧΑΙΡΟΥΜΕ ΤΗΝ Π. ΑΛΕΞΟΠΟΥΛΟΥ, ΤΟΝ Κ. ΒΟΥΤΣΙΛΑ, ΤΗΝ Π. ΠΑΝΑΓΙΩΤΑΚΟΥ, ΤΗΝ Α. ΤΣΟΥΓΚΑΡΑΚΗ

Στις 10 Οκτωβρίου, στην Κοινοτική Αίθουσα του Ιερού Ναού Αγίου Νικολάου Σαν Χοζέ, έλαβε χώρα ένα τιμητικό δείπνο, με την ευκαιρία της Εορτής του Αγίου Γερασίμου (ονομαστική εορτή του Σεβασμιωτάτου Μητροπολίτου μας). Το δείπνο αυτό ετίμησε άτομα από τις διάφορες κοινότητες της Μητροπολιτικής περιφέρειας, άτομα που προσέφεραν επί πολλά έτη υπηρεσίες στις κοινότητές τους. Η κάθε κοινότητα ονόμασε δύο άτομα. Ο Καθεδρικός Ναός ονόμασε τον Κώστα Βουτσιλά και την Παναγιώτα Αλεξοπούλου. (Τυπώσαμε τις φωτογραφίες τους και το βιογραφικό τους σε προηγούμενο δελτίο, συγκεκριμένα, στο δελτίο του Οκτωβρίου.) Στο μεταξύ, οι χορωδίες της περιφέρειας ονόμασαν την Αθηνά Τσουγκαράκη, η οποία εχρημάτησε χοράρχης στον Καθεδρικό Ναό επί πολλά έτη, επίσης την Κωνσταντίνα Παναγιωτάκου, η οποία εχρημάτησε πρόεδρος της Φιλοπτώχου Αδελφότητας του Καθεδρικού Ναού ως και τόσων άλλων σωματείων (οι φωτογραφίες και τα βιογραφικά τους ευρίσκονται ως πρωτοσέλιδο άρθρο στο παρόν δελτίο). Επομένως, τέσσερα άτομα-ενορίτες του Καθεδρικού Ναού ετιμήθηκαν στο δείπνο αυτό. Είμεθα (δικαιολογημένα) υπερήφανοι. Συγχαίρουμε τα πρόσωπα αυτά. Είναι αξιέπαινα. Ο Θεός νάναι πάντα μαζί τους, να τους ενισχύει στο έργο που εκτελούν, προς δόξαν του Ονόματός Του.

Η ΓΕΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΝΕΛΕΥΣΗ ΥΠΟΣΤΗΡΙΖΕΙ ΤΙΣ ΠΡΟΣΠΑΘΕΙΕΣ ΜΑΣ ΩΣ ΠΡΟΣ ΤΗΝ ΟΙΚΟΔΟΜΗ ΤΟΥ ΝΑΟΥ

Στις 18 Οκτωβρίου έλαβε χώραν η δεύτερη Γενική Συνέλευση των μελών του Καθεδρικού Ναού, κατά την οποία έγινε σχετική αναφορά για την προσπάθεια που γίνεται για να κτίσουμε τον Καθεδρικό Ναό. Τα μέλη της συνελεύσεως, παμψηφεί, ευχαρίσησαν το Κοινοτικό Συμβούλιο για την πρωτοβουλία και την δραστηριότητά του μέχρι τώρα και το παροτρύνουν να κάνει ό,τι ακόμα χρειάζεται για να παρουσιάσει το όλο σχέδιο, κόστος, κλπ. μέχρι το τέλος του έτους. Το σχέδιο ουσιαστικά αποτελεί την δεύτερη φάση της προσπάθειας που έγινε μετά τον σεισμό του 1989 για την οικοδομή του Καθεδρικού Ναού και των βοηθητικών κτιρίων. Η δεύτερη αυτή φάση αποτελείται από δύο επίπεδα πάρκιγκ (υπογείως) και τον ναό (κανονικό, βυζαντινό, παραδοσιακό ναό, με γυναικονίτη) από πάνω. (Ο ναός θα ευρίσκεται στο ίδιο επίπεδο με τα άλλα κτίρια, όπως τα γραφεία,

κοινοτική αίθουσα, κλπ.) Το σχετικό γραφείο της Πόλης του Αγίου Φραγκίσκου πρόσφατα ενέκρινε το σχέδιο (τροποντινά). Με άλλα λόγια, κοίταξε το σχέδιο και δεν είδε τίποτε που θα εμπόδιζε την τελική έγκριση, η οποία δύναται να δοθεί μόνον όταν υποβληθούν τα τελικά σχέδια. (Υπάρχουν 1-2 ερωτήσεις ακόμα όσον αφορά το πάρκιγκ.) Έτσι το Κοινοτικό Συμβούλιο προχωρεί. Σε λίγες μέρες θα προσλάβει κατασκευαστές, οι οποίοι θα μπορέσουν να εκτιμήσουν το έργο και να μας δώσουν έναν υπολογισμό ως προς το κόστος. Έτσι, θα μπορέσει το Συμβούλιο να καλέσει ειδική συνέλευση, μέχρι το τέλος του έτους, και να υποβάλλει προς έγκριση το σχέδιο, το κόστος, επίσης το σχέδιο χρηματοδότησης. Είμεθα αισιόδοξοι, συμμεριζόμαστε την χαρά και την ενθάρρυνση της Γενικής Συνελεύσεως, ακόμα και του ίδιου του Μητροπολίτου μας, την οποία εξέφρασε στο γεύμα που έγινε ανήμερα της Εορτής του Αγίου Γερασίμου, στις 20 Οκτωβρίου.

Η ΕΚΣΤΡΑΤΕΙΑ ΣΤΕΩΑΡΔΣΗΠ ΓΙΑ ΤΟ 2010 ΑΡΧΙΖΕΙ ΣΤΙΣ 15 ΝΟΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ, ΟΛΟΚΛΗΡΩΝΕΤΑΙ ΣΤΙΣ 6 ΔΕΚΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ

Το πρόγραμμα χρηματοδότησης της Κοινότητας δεν είναι καινούργιο. Μάλιστα, ευρίσκεται στην πράξη και στην παράδοση των προγόνων μας. Εδώ στον Καθεδρικό Ναό, όπως και σε όλες τις κοινότητες της Ιεράς Μητροπόλεως, το έργο της Εκκλησίας χρηματοδοτείται και ενθαρρύνεται από τις προσφορές των πιστών, ανάλογα με τις δυνάμεις που ο κάθε ένας έχει. Αυτό που είναι καινούργιο είναι ότι η "εκστρατεία", η προσπάθεια να συλλέξουμε υποσχέσεις-δηλώσεις για την ενίσχυση της Εκκλησίας κατά το έτος 2010, θα ξεκινήσει στις 15 Νοεμβρίου, στον ναό, με ομιλία-κήρυγμα από ένα μέλος της επιτροπής, και θα αποπερατωθεί μετά από τέσσερες εβδομάδες. Στο μεταξύ, θα σταλούν ενημερωτικά φυλλάδια, μαζί με κάρτες στις οποίες οι πιστοί θα δηλώσουν το ποσόν που θα είθελε ο κάθε ένας να προσφέρει, φάκελλα για τις κάρτες, και γράμματα που εξηγούν, λεπτομερώς, την προσπάθεια αυτή. Στις 22 Νοεμβρίου, στις 29 Νοεμβρίου και στις 6 Δεκεμβρίου θα μιλήσουν και τα υπόλοιπα μέλη της επιτροπής. Την Κυριακή 6 Δεκεμβρίου (όταν θα τελειώσει η εκστρατεία), αφού τελεσθεί η Θεία Λειτουργία, θα περιφερθεί ειδικός δίσκος. Πρώτα, ο κλήρος θα καταθέσει τις κάρτες του. Στη συνέχεια, τα μέλη του Κοινοτικού Συμβουλίου. Και τελευταία, οι υπόλοιποι πιστοί. Σηειώστε ότι δεν πρόκειται να ανοίξουμε το φάκελλό, ούτε πρόκειται να κοινοποιήσουμε το ποσόν της ατομικής προσφοράς σας.

Η προσφορά σας είναι μεταξύ σας και του Κυρίου. Τα ονόματα αυτών που θα καταθέσουν την κάρτα-δήλωσή τους (των ενεργών μελών της Κοινότητας) θα περιληφθούν στον κατάλογο των ενεργών μελών του Καθεδρικού Ναού που θα τυπωθεί στο μηνιαίο δελτίο τον Ιανουάριο, έτσι ευχαριστώντας όλους όσοι ενισχύουν το έργο της Εκκλησίας (αυτό που κάνουμε κάθε χρόνο). Παρακαλούνται τα μέλη του Καθεδρικού Ναού να δώσουν προσοχή στα σχετικά έντυπα που θα σταλλούν και να παροτρύνουν όσους γνωρίζουν (παιδιά, γειτόνους, συγγενείς) να δώσουν και αυτοί τον όβολόν τους, έτσι ούτως ώστε να συνεχισθεί και να αυξηθεί αυτό που λέμε Ελληνική Ορθόδοξη Εκκλησία και κληρονομιά, της οποίας μέλη είμεθα όλοι.

ΕΚΛΟΓΕΣ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΟΥ ΣΥΜΒΟΥΛΙΟΥ

Όπως γνωρίζουν όλοι, η προθεσμία υπηρεσίας στο Κοινοτικό Συμβούλιο λήγει μετά από δύο χρόνια. Εφέτος, η προθεσμία του Γιώργου Βλάχου, του Δημήτρη Βορρίση, του Κώστα Βουτσιλά, του Γιάννη Κουντουρή, του Μιχάλη Μπαγατέλου, του Αθανασίου Νούρη, του Νίκου Σβετκόφ και του Νίκου Σταθοπούλου λήγει

στις 31 Δεκεμβρίου. Στο μεταξύ δύο άλλα μέλη της Κοινότητας εξέφρασαν επιθυμία να υπηρετήσουν στο Κοινοτικό Συμβούλιο, και υπέβαλαν το απαιτούμενο έντυπο. Μέχρι την ημέρα που τυπώθηκε το παρόν δελτίο, ελάβαμε σχετικά απαιτούμενα έντυπα από τον Κώστα Βουτσιλά, τον Ανδρέα Δημητρίου, τον Γιάννη Κουντουρή, την Παρασκευή Τσουγκαράκη Νέϊγκερ, τον Αθανάσιο Νούρη, τον Νίκο Σβετκόφ, και τον Νικόλα Μάριο Σταθόπουλο. Προς το παρόν αυτοί είναι οι υποψήφιοι για τις κοινοτικές εκλογές που θα λάβουν χώρα μετά από τη Θεία Λειτουργία την Κυριακή 13 Δεκεμβρίου. Στο μεταξύ, ο Αντώνης Αμπαδιοτάκης, ο Βασίλης Τόνας και η Ανέτα Τσαπάρεϋ εξελέγησαν μέλη της Εφορευτικής Επιτροπής, η οποία έχει την ευθύνη επιθεώρησης, καταγραφής, κλπ. των εκλογών. Τέλος, η Γενική Συνέλευση των μελών, που έλαβε χώρα στις 18 Οκτωβρίου, ψήφισε εκπροσώπους του Καθεδρικού Ναού στη Κληρικο-Λαϊκή Συνέλευση της Ι. Μητροπόλεως, εκτός από τον Ι. Προϊστάμενο και τον Πρόεδρο του Συμβουλίου, τον Δημήτρη Βορρίση και τον Δημήτρη Δαριώτη. Η Κληρικο-Λαϊκή Συνέλευση θα γίνει στο Ίδρυμα του Αγίου Νικολάου 8-10 Φεβρουαρίου 2010.