



THE VOICE

H  ωνη
THE KOINOTHTOS

CELEBRATING 65 YEARS OF COMMUNITY NEWS AND HISTORY

VOL. 73 • NO. 531

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL • 600 E. BOULEVARD • CHARLOTTE, NC 28203 • 704-334-4771

www.htgo.org

JAN/FEB 2013

Our Vision: With the Grace of God, to provide a loving and caring Community where all belong to Christ, through worship, sacramental life, everyday spiritual discipline, sanctification, education, witness and fellowship.



Holy Theophany



New Years Eve Party



Cutting of the Vasilopita

HDF Adult Dance Group

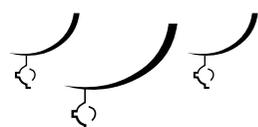
Our Mission

Our Mission is to become faithful followers of Christ and thus active Greek Orthodox Christians by accepting and submitting to the Will of our Lord so that we may realize salvation and enter into the Kingdom of God.

WHAT'S INSIDE THIS ISSUE....

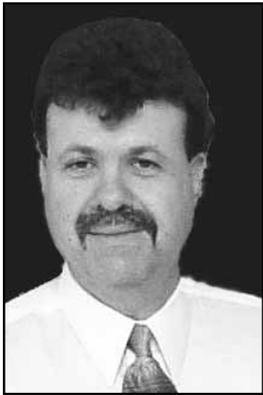
Remarks from Father Michael.....	3
Message from the President George Karres.....	4
TRIODION by Fr. Tommy D. Vlahos.....	6
Renderings of Cathedral Expansion.....	7
St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival	14
2013 HDF Overview.....	16

HOLY TRINITY
Greek Orthodox Cathedral
600 East Boulevard
Charlotte, NC 28203



Non-profit Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Charlotte, NC
Permit No. 871

A Message From The Editor



Hello again Charlotte community,

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year and I hope 2013 will be a good year for everyone.

It has been a long five years since the economy crashed, where a lot of us have lost our jobs within this nasty recession. I hope everyone has learned from this experience, to never take things for granite, always expect the unexpected, and keep your guard up!

Technology and Society have changed since the years I was in Sunday school. We have computers, Smart phones, the Internet, Facebook, coffee houses, etc. The reason I am saying all this is because we must not forget church and God. It is important for our kids to go to Sunday School

and never put anything else above Church and God. To our kids, be thankful that you have a roof over your heads, food on the table, because other kids in our city are not so lucky.

Again, I wish all of our community a very happy and healthy 2013.

Until next time be safe,

Angelo Pete Politis

**Get up
to date
news and events at: www.htgo.org**

Perpetuation of our Hellenic Heritage and Culture.

In appreciation of the language in which all the books of the New Testament have been written, the language in which the Theology, Dogmas, and Canons of our Christian Church have been expressed, the language of our immigrant parents and grandparents we proudly are committed to perpetuate and promote through the Greek School, lectures, celebrations, and other appropriate ways.

**BALLAS
CHIROPRACTIC**
at Northcross

John J. Ballas, DC
Certified Chiropractic Sports Physician®

- Wellness Care • Relief Care
- Acupuncture • Corrective Care
- Sports Injury Care

The spine serves as the root of the human body. To optimize your health, you must always go straight to the root.



Neck Pain? Back Pain? Headaches?

CALL FOR A CONSULTATION.

Most Insurance & Medicare accepted

Call now for appointments
(704) 896-8080

Conveniently located at Exit 25 across from Target
9718-D Sam Furr Rd • Huntersville

Voice Editorial and Business Staff

Voice Committee Members:

Angelo Pete Politis, Editor; Effie Dounis, Despina Kaltsounis, Stephanie Kaltsounis, Lucy Zapsas, George Andrews

Contributing Writers

Fr. Michael Varvarelis, Dean of the Cathedral

Fr. Tommy Vlahos, Priest – Religious Reflection

George Karres - P.C. Presidents Message

Ministry Writers:

Diane Christides – Sunday School

Larry Peroulas – Greek School

Maria Kleto – Preschool

Toni Karnazes – Philoptochos

Olga Yamalis – Choir News

Olga Yamalis – Children's Choir

Cathy Chicklistas – Forever Young

Tom Ganatsios – GOSA

Georgia Georgoulakos – Around Charlotte Town

Johnny Couchell – Athletic Program

Jimmy Demopoulos – GOYA-HOPE/JOY

Loula Kontoulas – Heritage Preservation Committee

Gloria Kontoulas – Education, Culture and Youth Diakonia, Around Charlotte Town

Helen Beleos – Community Profiles

Andrew Karras – Spiritual

Dr. Taki Hondros – Health

George Politis – Professional Services

– Daughters of Penelope

N. Markos Kontos – AHEPA

Harry Cavalaris – WTVI Project

Clergy/Staff:

Rev. Fr. Michael Varvarelis, Dean of the Cathedral; Mrs. Helen Karras, Office Manager/Secretary; Angelo Tatsis, Building Supervisor; Jimmy Demopoulos, Youth Director; Mr. Larry Peroulas, Greek School Director; Mrs. Maria Kleto and Cindy Balatsias, Preschool Directors; Lucy Zapsas Choir Director; Toni Karnazes, First Sevice Choir Director; Irina Monzolevskaya, Organist; George Politis, Effie Fotopoulos, Sunday School Directors.

2013 Parish Council:

George Karres, President; John Karagiannis, Vice President; George Andrews, Treasurer; Spero Koufaliotis, Assistant Treasurer; John Tsumas, Secretary; Peter Thomopoulos, Assistant Secretary; Dr. Takie Hondros, Member; Dino Pappas, Member; Margaret Nixon, Member; Caleb Russell, Member; Angelo Kefalas, Member; Dimitri Dounis, Member; Jimmy Georgiou, Member; George Limbanovnos, Member; Angelo Spero, Member.

Cathedral Foundation:

Harry Stathopoulos, Chairman; Nickolas Ballas Vice-Chairman; Mathew Karres, Secretary; Chris Karres Tresurer; Nick Kantsios, Assistant Sec./Tres.

Number of Parish Families – 1200

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral bi-monthly publication is published 6 times per year. Church Telephone: 704/334-4771; Preschool: 704/333-4961

Check out the latest news and photos on the web
www.htgo.org

"Reasonable Prices With Prompt, Dependable Service" **FREE ESTIMATES**

**Gus's
Tree Service**

- Tree Removal
- Lot Clearing
- Trimming
- Topping
- Hauling
- Bushhogging
- Deadwood
- Firewood
- Pruning
- Stumps

RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL
LICENSED & INSURED

Over 19 Years
Experience
in Europe
& USA

24 Hour
Service

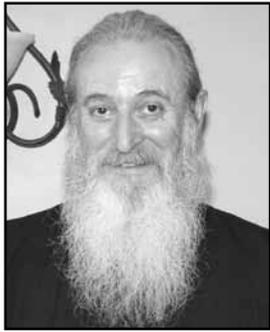
704-896-5200 • 704-713-2673



Kostas Holevas - Owner

Pager: 704-520-2695

Remarks From Father Michael



by **Father Michael Varvarelis**
Dean of the Cathedral

2013!!! A Blessed Year

I wish you all a “Happy New Year 2013” and that it may be blessed by the Lord. We may enjoy good health, have progress, uphold peace, curtail criminal activities, not have people, families, and children be in poverty, and in this way the blessing of God will be apparent. We also wish and pray that all of us will have advancements both personally and in our families throughout the New Year!!!

With this current article I appeal to your love and I would like to update you first on my personal and family issues and secondly some thoughts on our Parish. I would like to address you from my heart my appreciation to all of you who are involved in the betterment of our Community and possess faith, love, zeal, and passion for the progress of our Cathedral. Also I would personally like to thank all of you for your kindness, love, and support that you provide for me and my ministry as your Priest. I would like to bring to your attention from my personal and family life certain things.

The year 2012 granted us many gifts in our family but also brought us a most difficult hardship.

Perhaps you may know that up to July of 2011, God had granted us with five grandchildren and we were in great gratitude. In July of 2012 the number doubled. This happened within one year. Five of our children each had a child and from then on we have ten grandchildren, who with the Grace of God, have their health and are growing under His protection. This event cannot again be repeated. I mean to double the number of grandchildren we have now in one year! We give glory to the Name of our God for His special blessings.

2013!!! Ένα Ευλογημένο Έτος

Ευχόμαστε «Καλή Χρονιά» σέ όλους γιά τό νέο έτος 2013 και νά είναι ευλογημένο από κάθε άποψη. Νά έχουμε υγεία, νά υπάρχει προκοπή, νά επικρατεί ειρήνη, νά περιοριστούν τά εγκλήματα, νά μήν υπάρχουν άνθρωποι, οικογένειες και παιδιά σέ ανέχεια και έτσι νά γίνεται αντιληπτή η ευλογία τού Θεού. Ακόμη ευχόμαστε και προσευχόμαστε νά δούμε πρόοδο προσωπική και οικογενειακή.

Μέ τό τωρινό άρθρο θά απευθυνθώ στήν αγάπη σας και πρώτα θά σας ενημερώσω γιά τό τί συμβαίνει στόν προσωπικό και οικογενειακό τομέα και δεύτερο θά παραθέσω μερικές σκέψεις γιά τήν Ενορία μας. Θά ήθελα νά απευθύνω εκ καρδίας τίς ευχαριστίες μου σέ όλους πού συντελούν στήν καλύτερευση τής Κοινότητός μας και διακατέχονται από πίστι, αγάπη, ζήλο και πόθο γιά πρόοδο τού Καθεδρικού μας. Επίσης θά ήθελα νά ευχαριστήσω προσωπικά όλους γιά τήν καλωσύνη, αγάπη και στήριξη πού παρέχεται

Though, the Fall of 2012 came and with it the hardship that shocked us and still this condition remains the same. Our son-in-law, Vageli, husband to our daughter, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He had surgery at Sloan Kettering in New York on November 20th and now is doing chemotherapy. I had mentioned this in Church and I had asked for your prayers. I would like to now thank you from my heart for your prayers and I would like to ask you to continue praying for him because he is still not well and his struggles continue. It is true that currently we do not know what the future will bring. Vageli is 34 years old this February and has three children, with the youngest just turning one in January. He is a good Christian and very smart. He is an electrical engineer and has a great job. He loves his family very much and has love for everyone. I believe that you may have met him when he has visited Charlotte. Again I trust in your love and I am very grateful for your prayers.

Our other children have good progress in their lives and we consider ourselves, both Presbytera and I, very

“...let us embrace... this vision and after some years to speak of the enormous blessings that our Lord has bestowed on us to leave behind this legacy to our children and to the generations to come.”

loved from our Almighty and Merciful God.

Our ministry here continues with the Grace of God and I try for the best. Perhaps our Lord will bring Fr. Efsthios this summer to us. The final decision has not been made yet. He does say that he misses America and the wonderful life here.

In our Parish we have in general a good order even though issues may be present. I would like to say that we always have a good progress and a presence of spiritual life. The programs of our youth are abundant with many activities and also there exists opportunities to develop spiritually the lives of our youth and adults offering it continuously. I have to thank the Parish Council, the Youth Director, Jimmy Demopoulos, also all those who work with them, and all the parents that give their best so that we may have these programs. Our schools, the Sunday School and Greek School, are in great shape and show continuous progress. I would like to thank all those who contribute to make them successful. We have committees and ministries that are attaining progress in their domains. We all feel so proud

στό πρόσωπό μου και τήν διακονία μου σάν Ιερεύς σας. Θά παραθέσω στήν αγάπη σας από τό προσωπικό και οικογενειακό πεδίο ορισμένα πράγματα.

Τό 2012 ήτο έτος πού χάρισε δώρα στήν οικογένειά μας αλλά και έτος πού έφερε μία μεγάλη δοκιμασία.

Ισως νά γνωρίζεται ότι μέχρι τόν Ιούλιο τού 2011 ο Θεός μας είχε χαρίσει πέντε εγγονάκια και είμαστε πολύ ευγνώμονες. Τόν Ιούλιο τού 2012 ο αριθμός διπλασιάστηκε. Αυτό έγινε μέσα σέ ένα χρόνο. Πέντε από τά παιδιά μας είχαν τέκνα και έτσι από τότε έχουμε δέκα εγγονάκια πού έχουν μέ τήν Χάρι τού Θεού υγεία και μεγαλώνουν μέ τήν προστασία Του. Αυτό τό γεγονός δέν φαίνεται ότι μπορεί νά επαναληφθεί. Δηλαδή νά διπλασιαστεί πάλι ο αριθμός τών εγγονών μας μέσα σέ ένα έτος! Νά έχει δόξα τό Ονομά τού Θεού γι'αυτή τήν ιδιαίτερη ευλογία Του!

Ομως τό Φθινόπωρο τού 2012 ήλθε

of their care and progress and their achievements. May the Lord grant His blessings to all the Chairpersons and all the members of our Ministries.

Allow me to focus on a very worthwhile endeavor that the IRR Committee is undertaking. The IRRRC oversees and plans the maintenance and improvements of our facilities that we have. You may know that members of this Committee are engineers and together with the other members of the Committee, saw the necessities, discussed, and with the approval of the Parish Council, proceeded to develop a carefully planned renovation.

During the last three Sundays in January the Committee invited everyone in the Community to come and see these architectural drawings that were prepared for discussion and with the vision to renovate and upgrade the outside courtyard and also our Cathedral. Your comments were heard and the plans were adjusted. We will see them, God-willing, at the General Assembly. I believe that you too will be happy as I am very proud of these drawings as well as the Committee. It is a sight to behold!!

Seeing that this year, 2013 is the 60th Anniversary of our Cathedral at this current location (1953-2013) and 90th year of the establishment of this Parish (1923-2013), we are organizing an event to celebrate these landmarks of the life of our Community. Our thoughts are to have the possibility to see in the long run the outcome of our Community and to present the final plans and show you how the courtyard and Cathedral will look like for the next sixty or ninety more years to come.

This means that ten years later when we will celebrate the 100 years from the foundation of the Cathedral, we will have finished all the renovations. Since now I am your Proistamenos and from what I see, because of my age, I will not be your Proistamenos in ten years. I would like to celebrate these anniversaries this year having decided that for the next two to three years we will begin and fulfill an optimistic series of renovations.

I hope and pray with you that we all may embrace with love, great effort, offerings, and passion this renovation vision and after some years to speak of the enormous blessings, that our Lord has bestowed on us to leave behind this legacy to our children and to the generations to come. What do you say? May God bless. To Him we find our support to protect us and guide us. May everything be done in glory of His Name. We are motivated and inspired in this endeavor by the prayers that we hear in every Liturgy, “Bless oh Lord those who love the beauty of Thy house”. That is what we envision and plan. May this New Year be fruitful for our Cathedral. Amen

η δοκιμασία πού μάς συγκλόνησε και εξακολουθεί νά συνεχίζει αυτή η τόσο δύσκολη κατάσταση. Ο γαμπρός μας Ευάγγελος, σύζυγος τής κόρης μας διαγνώστηκε μέ καρκίνο τού παγκρέατος. Εκαμε εγχείρηση στό Sloan Kettering τής Νέας Υόρκης στίς 20 Νοεμβρίου και τώρα κάνει χημοθεραπείες. Τό ανέφερα τότε στήν Εκκλησία και σάς παρεκάλεσα νά τόν έχετε στίς προσευχές σας. Θέλω τώρα νά σάς ευχαριστήσω εκ καρδίας γιά τίς προσευχές σας και νά σάς παρακαλέσω και πάλι νά εξακολουθήσετε νά τόν έχετε στίς προσευχές σας επειδή συνεχίζεται η δοκιμασία. Είναι αλήθεια ότι πρós τό παρόν δέν ξέρουμε τί θά φέρει τό αύριο. Ο Βαγγέλης έγινε 34 ετών αυτό τόν Φεβρουάριο και έχουν τρία παιδάκια, μέ τόν μικρότερο πού μόλις έκλεισε ένα έτος ζωής. Είναι πολύ καλός Χριστιανός, μέ πολύ καλό μυαλό. Είναι ηλεκτρολόγος μηχανολόγος μέ πολύ καλή δουλειά. Αγαπά τήν οικογένειά του και έχει πάντα αγάπη γιά όλους. Πιστεύω

Fr. Michael Continued on page 7

The President's Message



by **George Karres**
Parish Council
President

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to begin by thanking everyone for the opportunity to serve you and entrusting me as the Parish Council President at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral. Furthermore, I would like to wish everyone a healthy, happy, and prosperous year for 2013. I would also like to thank all the members of the Parish Council for their desire to serve, for continual growth of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral through community improvement, and working diligently on increasing stewardship. These desires shows how vested we as the Parish Council are to you.

My goals for the 2013 year are to continue the forward momentum of the Parish, increase youth participation, increase stewardship, and lessen our dependency of the Yiasou Festival for paying our bills. In addition, increase of the Yiasou Festival income would allow the Church to make capital improvements to our Cathedral and Education Building.

The Improvements Repairs and Renovations Committee is continually reviewing our facilities and identifying items that are in need of being repaired or replaced in order to keep our facilities safe and updated for you, your children, and grandchildren. The Building Fund continues to grow with your pledges. I ask for and need your continued encouragement, support, and love. The Parish Council and I are always here to listen and discuss your suggestions for making our Church a safer and more

enjoyable place. Additionally, we are looking forward to the future of our community with the help of the Long Range Planning Committee. With their help we have identified opportunities that would benefit our community and we will ensure that these opportunities have no burden whatsoever to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral.

In closing, I would like to identify the most important ministry that we have, our stewardship program. It is the key to our continued growth and development and thus requires everyone's participation in the different ministries through the devotion of time, talents, and financial support of the Church. As Orthodox Christians' we must remember that Orthodox Christian Stewardship is a way of life, which acknowledges accountability, reverence, and responsibility before God. A primary goal of Stewardship is to promote spiritual growth and strengthen faith. Stewardship calls on faithful to cheerfully offer back to God a portion of the gifts with which they have been blessed. Your stewardship benefits the community in helping the Hope/Joy, GOYA, YAL, MOMS (Moms on the Move), the Hellenic Dance Program, all Athletic Programs, our Pre-school, and all the Ministries of the Church. It is a call to our Christian responsibility to give willingly of our time, talents, and financial responsibilities. Please remember, that through stewardship we are able to help provide for our community by keeping our facilities available to you, your children, and grandchildren.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

George Karres

Αγαπητέ Ενορίτες,

Θά ήθελα νά αρχίσω ευχαριστώντας τόν κάθε ένα γιά τήν ευκαιρία νά σάς διακονήσω καί επειδή με εμπιστεύεσθε σάν τόν Πρόεδρο τού Κοινοτικού Συμβουλίου τού Καθεδρικού Ναού τής Αγίας Τριάδος. Επὶ πλέον, θά ήθελα νά ευχηθώ στόν καθένα σας τόν έτος 2013 νά είναι γεμάτο υγεία, χαρά καί προκοπή. Θά ήθελα επίσης νά ευχαριστήσω όλα τά μέλη τού Κοινοτικού Συμβουλίου γιά τόν πόθο τους νά διακονήσουν γιά τήν συνεχόμενη πρόοδο τού Καθεδρικού τής Αγίας Τριάδος μέ τήν καλύτερευση τής Κοινότητος καί μέ τήν προσπάθεια πού κάνουν γιά τήν αύξηση τής Εθελουσίας Προσφοράς. Ολα τά παραπάνω δείχνουν πόσο τό Κοινοτικό Συμβούλιο θέλει νά διακονήσει όλους σας.

Αυτό πού επιθυμώ γιά νά γίνει γιά τό έτος 2013 είναι νά συνεχίσουμε τήν καλύτερευση τής Ενορίας, τήν αύξηση στά πρόγραμματα τών Νέων, τήν αύξηση τής Εθελουσίας Προσφοράς καί έτσι νά μήν εξαρτώμαστε από τό Υιάσου Φέστιβαλ γιά νά πληρώνονται οι λογαριασμοί μας. Επιπλέον νά αυξήσουμε τό εισόδημα απο τό Υιάσου Φέστιβαλ γιά νά επιτρέψει στήν Εκκλησία νά κάμει τής απαραίτητες διορθώσεις στόν Καθεδρικό καί στά άλλα κτίρια πού έχουμε.

Η Επιτροπή γιά τήν επίβλεψη τών κτιρίων συνεχίζει νά μελετά τά κτίρια καί νά εντιπίζει τίς ανάγκες τους γιά διορθώσεις ή ανανεώσεις ώστε όλα τά κτίρια νά είναι ασφαλή καί στήν καλύτερη κατάσταση γιά σάς, τά παιδιά σας καί τά εγγόνια. Ο λογαριασμός πού έχουμε ανοίξει γιά τά κτίρια συνεχίζει νά αυξάνει μέ τίς δικές σας συνδρομές. Σάς παρακαλώ καί έχουμε ανάγκη γιά τήν συνεχόμενη υποστήριξη σας καί αγάπη σας. Τό Κοινοτικό Συμβούλιο καί εγώ είμαστε πάντα εδώ νά ακούσουμε καί νά συζητήσουμε τίς ιδέες σας γιά νά κάνουμε τήν Εκκλησία μας πίο ασφαλή καί πίο ευχάριστο τόπο. Επιπλέον, κοιτάζουμε στό μέλλον γιά τήν Κοινότητά μας μέ τήν βοήθεια τής Επιτροπής Σχεδιασμού γιά τό μακρύτερο μέλλον. Μέ τήν βοήθειά τους έχουμε εντοπίσει τίς ευκαιρίες

πού θά ωφελήσουν τήν Κοινότητά μας καί εμείς θά σιγουρέψουμε ότι αυτές οι ευκαιρίες δέν θά επιβαρύνουν μέ κανένα τρόπο τόν Καθεδρικό τής Αγίας Τριάδος.

Τελικά, θά ήθελα νά τονίσω ότι η πίο σπουδαία διακονία πού έχουμε είναι τό Πρόγραμμα Εθελουσίας Προσφοράς. Αποτελεί τό κλειδί γιά τήν συνεχόμενη αύξηση καί καλύτερευση τής Ενορίας καί έτσι αυτό τό Πρόγραμμα έχει τήν ανάγκη γιά τήν συμμετοχή τού καθενός μας στίς διάφορες διακονίες μέ τό νά δώσουμε από τόν χρόνο μας, τά χαρίσματά μας καί τήν οικονομική στήριξη στήν Εκκλησία. Σάς Ορθόδοξοι Χριστιανοί πρέπει νά έχουμε υπ' όψιν μας ότι η Χριστιανική Εθελουσία Προσφορά είναι τρόπος ζωής, πού αναγνωρίζει ευθύνη, σεβασμό καί υπευθυνότητα ενώπιον τού Θεού. Ο κύριος σκοπός τής Εθελουσίας Προσφοράς είναι νά ενθαρρύνει τήν πνευματική καλλιέργεια καί τήν εδυνάμωση τής πίστεως. Η Εθελουσία Προσφορά προσκαλεί τούς πιστούς νά προσφέρουν στόν Θεό με ευχαρίστηση ένα μέρος από τά δώρα πού από Εκείνον έχουν ευλογηθή νά έχουν. Η Εθελουσία Προσφορά ωφελεί τήν Κοινότητα βοηθώντας τά μικρά παιδιά ηλικίας 5 μέχρι 11 χρονών, τήν Γκόγια, τούς Νέους, τίς Μικρομανάδες, τό Πρόγραμμα Ελληνικού Παραδοσιακού Χορού, τά Προγράμματα Αθλήσεως, τό Σχολείο Προσχολικής Ηλικίας καί γενικά όλες τίς διακονίες τής Εκκλησίας. Η Ελεθουσία Προσφοράς αποτελεί ένα κάλεσμα γιά τήν Χριστιανική μας υπευθυνότητα νά προσφέρουμε ολόθυμα χρόνο, χάρισμα καί οικονομική υπευθυνότητα. Σάς παρακαλώ ενθυμθείτε ότι μέσω τής Εθελουσίας Προσφοράς είμαστε σέ θέση νά προσφέρουμε στήν Κοινότητα όλα αυτά πού τά κτίρια διαθέτουν νά τήν εξυπηρετησή σας, τών παιδιών σας καί τών εγγονών.

Μέ σεβασμό εν Χριστώ,

Γεώργιος Καρύγιαννης

Πρόεδρος Κοινοτικού Συμβουλίου



EASTER LAMBS AND GOATS
KARRAS FARMS
APVAKIA & KAT6IKAKIA
DAIRY PRODUCTS AVAILABLE
ORGANIC LAMBS
ANDY KARAGOUNIS
704-778-2032



Basil's Lawn Care
Affordable/Dependable
Residential or Commercial

Bill, (Basil) Katsanos
Owner

4113 Bramwyck Dr
Charlotte, NC 28210

980-225-4935
704-621-2628 Cell

bkatsanos@aol.com

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATES

How to Budget for Stewardship

Over the past few years parishioners have been requested to increase their stewardship to \$1,200 per year so that our parish can be festival independent, allowing us to use festival proceeds to update our aging infrastructure. When you think of cutting a check for \$1,200 to Holy Trinity, this may seem daunting. But if we convert the \$1,200 stewardship contribution to a monthly basis, it would mean a family would contribute \$100 per month for stewardship. Is this not less than what a family spends on their cable bill or cell phone bills per month? It is recognized that the economy is still weak and that families have many expenses. However, it is important to take a minute to reflect on how our financial contribution compares to all the other items that we are willing to spend our income on, many of which are not necessities. Please consider making stewardship contributions on a monthly or weekly basis so that you can more easily budget for your stewardship contributions. One such option is to set up on-line bill payments through your bank so that a check for stewardship is automatically sent to the church on a monthly (or other) basis. Below are instructions on how to accomplish this, though your individual bank's website might have slightly different instructions.

1. First, you'll need to find where to pay bills on your bank's website. Often you just click a link or tab that says 'Pay Bills'.
2. When you make an online bill

payment, who does it go to? The recipient (your service provider) is called a 'payee'. Click a link that says something like 'Add Payees' or 'Manage Payees'.

3. When adding a payee, you need to provide the following details:

* Payee Name: Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral

* Mailing Address: 600 East Boulevard, Charlotte, NC 28203

* Phone : 704-334-4771

* Account/Memo; can be used to indicate that this is a Stewardship Payment. It is important that stewardship is noted on this check so that the office knows how to process it.

4. After you create a payee, you should verify that everything is accurate and then proceed in setting up an automatic reoccurring Stewardship Payment.

5. It is important to make sure that you verify that you have sufficient funds on the day that you set for the reoccurring payment to occur.

Another option to help you budget your stewardship contribution is to use the weekly giving envelopes that are located in both the Narthex and at each end of the church pews. The stewardship committee's goal is to increase stewardship so that it will cover the church's operating expenses, thus allowing festival proceeds to be used to revitalize our aging buildings at 600 East Boulevard for future generations. We ask that you help us achieve this goal.

Respectfully,
The Stewardship Committee

Christian Maturity
In Ephesians chapter four, Saint Paul says we are to be a "measure of the stature of Christ; that we should no longer be children, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head: Christ.

IRRC COMMITTEE

Courtyard and Cathedral Capital Improvement Project

Progress and More Progress.....

The Improvements, Repairs and Renovations Committee (IRRC) continues to meet each month to discuss and evaluate the progression of projects which consist of improvements, repairs and renovations to our Cathedral and building facilities. It is the responsibility of the IRRC to structure and prioritize the future remodeling projects of Holy Trinity along with the Clergy, parish council members and parishioners.

At the present time we are focusing on the Courtyard Renovation and Cathedral Expansion projects. The latest designs from the architectural firm of WKWW were presented and displayed in the Social Room on January 13th, 20th and 27th. We received many positive comments from the community and we appreciate the time and effort from our parishioners. The next step will be a presentation of renderings at the General Assembly and we encourage all parishioners to attend this very important meeting. In addition to designs and renderings details such as costs and fundraising will also be discussed.

Holy Trinity is moving forward with a vision for our future generations. With the participation and contribution of all parishioners there is no project or goal that we can not achieve at our beloved Agia Triada.

Projects completed in 2012

- Educational Building Chiller/Boiler has been replaced
- Renovation of the Preschool bathrooms and Preschool closet repair work
- Safety padding for basketball in Father C Hall
- New phone system installed
- New security system installed
- New ice maker was installed in the kitchen
- New preschool doors and security system
- No Skateboarding signage installed

Projects to be completed in 2013

- Dance floor addition
- Demolition of the Ahepa House
- Stage Clean up and organization
- Library organization
- Replace exterior wall packs
- Courtyard Renovation and Cathedral Expansion

All the latest news and photos are now on the web.

www.htgo.org Visit today!

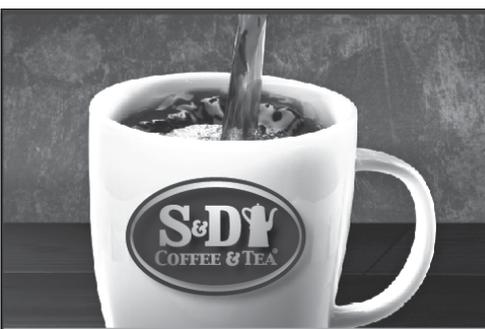


(704) 529-6606

- Graphic Design
- Fast Turnaround
- High Speed Copying
- Volume Discounts
- Stationary
- Carbonless Forms

copycatprinting@bellsouth.net
Fax (704) 529-6616

4612-B South Blvd.
(Across from Tokyo Restaurant), Charlotte, NC
Diane Solomon Gilbert, Owner



Coffee And More...

S&D Coffee & Tea is more than a great coffee roaster with 8 decades of experience. We are also the number one iced tea provider to the foodservice industry and offer premium juices for a complete beverage solution for your operation.

But we're not just about supplying product, we believe in partnering with customers to help them grow their business by offering state of the art brewing equipment, service, training and marketing support. Contact Deborah Thevaos or Stephanie Thevaos Dwyer.

800.933.2210 • www.sndcoffee.com



YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD JEWELER!

We offer a large selection of quality jewelry at affordable prices as well as watches that include *Citizen, Seiko, Bulova, Swiss Army, Skagen* and more. We have full service jewelry and watch repair to care for your treasures!

Brownlee Jewelers is a Charlotte tradition specializing in excellent customer service for over 70 years!

For more information on what is offered at Brownlee as well as additional store locations:

www.brownleejewelers.com

MICHELLE PAVLAKOS
Μιλάμε Ελληνικά
store manager and graduate gemologist

Park Road Shopping Center
4147 Park Road Charlotte, NC 28209
704-527-1717
Hours: M-F 10-7, Sat. 10-6

TRIODION

By Fr. Tommy D. Vlahos

The Triodion begins and as many faithful Christians are accustomed to attend the ORTHROS on the Sunday of the Triodion, they hear the three psalms of our Church, which are sung immediately after the 50th psalm, the psalm of repentance. In the first troparion we hear "Giver of life open for me the door of repentance". With these words the chanter and every faithful person begs God to open for him the doors of repentance, to make him worthy of the repentance. Here we see that the chanter calls our Lord Jesus Christ Giver of Life, Lord who gives and grants life to the people. Here it is not about the bodily life, which is also a gift of God, but here it is about the spiritual life. It is about the sanctification and the devotion to God. It is about the life, which the Lord gives to those who decide to strive to live the rest of their life according to the All Holy will of God.

In the Gospel by John, chapter 10, line 10, the Lord says: "I came to the world for my sheep, the faithful people to have life and to have spiritual food in abundance, and everything good". Then this Lord Who gives the life; the chanter begs to open for him the doors of repentance. He compares repentance with some dwelling, some building, whose doors are closed, and begs Him to open them.

These words, my brothers, hide a great truth because repentance is a gift of God. A gift, which is given to the good intentioned men. It is given to the people who realize their spiritual poverty and need the divine mercy. The Lord knocks at the door of the soul of every sinner and if he finds response then He himself enters into his heart. He then opens widely the doors of repentance and the faithful person enters into the new life, in the life of holiness and complete obedience to the will of God.

This consciousness of his sinfulness, the chanter in the next phrase accents in the next phrase of the hymn. "My spirit is awakening in Your holy temple, that temple that brings the body entirely filthy, " meaning "Early in the morning, Lord, my spirit, my existence, is found in your holy temple to live with warm prayer Your mercy". But I feel that the other temple, the temple of my body is full of dirt and filth, it is dirtied by much sin.

Do we know this my brothers? The temple of God is our body. St. Paul assures of that saying in 1st Cor. 6-19: "Don't you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which lives inside you, and He has taken it from God, and consequently you do not belong to yourselves," and again in 1st Cor. 3-16 he says: "Don't you know from the experience of your Christian life that you are a temple of God and that the spirit of God lives inside you."

Truly! How much we Christians must pay attention to the temple of their body and keep it clean from every infection! We must avoid every effort and every action, which make this temple dirty. If anyone dirties and contaminates the hand-made temple (our temple here now) in any way, truly how much does he sin!! What great responsibility will the faithful person have when he lets the temple of his body become dirty and contaminated? For this reason, all of us Christians must be careful. We must be careful because there are sins which if a man commits and does not repent, and then they, the sins, exclude him from the kingdom of heaven. St. Paul tells us this very clearly: "Don't you know that the unjust will not inherit the Kingdom of Heaven. Do not be mistaken. Not the adulterers or the idol worshippers, nor the irregular men and women or the greedy or the thieves or the drunkards or th who mock and deride the others, or robbers will in any way inherit the Kingdom God" (1st Cor. 6; 9-10).

Now when we have entered into the period of Triodion, let us all take care. us examine ourselves and let us work for our spiritual cleanliness. Let us work f with the warm prayer and later sincere confession and repentance. The chanter u the warm prayer ending: the troparion saying: "With faith and warmth Lord, I l You, You are compassionate, You are merciful. The mercy of Your compassion immeasurable. Lord as merciful as You are, clean all of med. And thus I will entirely Yours. So I will be free from every guilt and sin".

Consequently, the strife, my brothers, is in front of us and all of us must stri All of us must clean ourselves, and all of us with this cleanliness to pass this per of the Triodion and arrive to the joyful Resurrection of our Lord. AMEN.

ΤΡΙΩΔΙΟΝ

Αρχίζει τό Τριώδιον , και όσοι συνηθίζουν νά παρακολουθούν τόν ορθρόν κατά τίς Κυριακές αυτές του Τριωδίου , μέ μεγάλη κατάνυξη ακούνε τούς τρεις ύμνους τής Εκκλησίας μας , πού ψάλλονται αμέσως μετά τόν 50^ο Ψαλμόν , τόν ψαλμό τής μετανοίας . Στο πρώτο τροπάριο ακούμε : * Τής μετανοίας άνοιξόν μοι πύλας ζωοδότα* . Μέ τίς λέξεις αυτές ο υμνωδός , αλλά και κάθε πιστός παρακαλεί τό Θεό νά τού ανοίξει τίς πότρες τίς μετανοίας . Νά τόν κάνει άξιο τής μετανοίας . Βλέπουμε εδώ ότι ο υμνωδός καλεί τόν Κύριόν μας , Ιησούν Χριστόν , Ζωοδότην , δηλ Κύριον πού δίνει τή ζωή . Κύριον πού παρέχει και δίδει ζωή στους ανθρώπους . Δέν πρόκειται όμως εδώ περί τής σωματικής και οργανικής ζωής , πού και αυτή είναι δώρον του Θεού , αλλά εδώ πρόκειται γιά τήν πνευματική ζωή . Πρόκειται γιά τή ζωή του αγιασμού και τής αφοσιώσεως στό Θεό . Πρόκειται γιά τή ζωή πού ο Κύριος μάς χαρίζει εις όσους αποφασίσουν νά αγωνισθούν γιά νά ζήσουν τό υπόλοιπον τής ζωής τους , σύμφωνα μέ τό θέλημα Αυτού . Στο κατά Ιωάννην Κεφ. 10. στ.10 , λέγει ο Κύριος : * Εγώ ήλθα στόν κόσμο γιά νά έχουν τά πρόβατά μου, οι πιστοί μου,ζωήν και διά νά έχουν εν αφθονία τροφή πνευματική και κάθε τι τό αγαθόν* . Αυτόν λοιπόν τόν Κύριον πού δίδει τή ζωή , παρακαλεί ο υμνωδός γιά νά τού ανοίξει τίς πύλες (τίς πότρες) τής μετανοίας . Δηλ. Παραβάλλει τή μετάνοια μέ κάποιο οίκημα , κάποιο κτίριο , του οποίου οι πόρτες είναι κλειστές και Τόν παρακαλεί νά τού τίς ανοίξει . Αυτές οι λέξεις κρύβουν μεγάλη αλήθεια . Αλήθεια γιατί η μετάνοια είναι δώρον του Θεού . Δώρον πού παρέχεται στους καλοπροαίρετους και τόν μολύνει μέ οποιοδήποτε τρόπο , πόσο αλήθεια αμαρτάνει ! Αλλά και ποιά ευθύνη θάχει ο πιστός , όταν τόν ναόν του σώματός του καταστήσει ακάθαρτον και λερωμένον ! ; ; Για τό λόγο αυτό άς προσέξουμε όλοι μας . Νά είμαστε προσεκτικοί γιατί υπάρχουν αμαρτήματα πού , εάν τά πράξει ο άνθρωπος και δέν μεσολαβήσει μετάνοια , τότε τόν αποκλείουν από τή Βασιλεία τών Ουρανών . Ο θεός Παύλος μάς τό λέγει ολοκάθαρα : *Δέν γνωρίζετε ότι οι άδικοι δέν θά κληρονομήσουν τή Βασιλεία τών Ουρανών; Μή πλανήσθε : Ούτε οι πόρνοι , ούτε οι ειδωλολάτρες , ούτε οι μοιχοί , ούτε οι ανώμαλοι άνδρες και γυναίκες , ούτε οι πλεονέκτες , ούτε οι κλέφτες , ούτε οι μέθυσοι , ούτε αυτοί πού εμπαιίζουν και κατακρίνουν τούς άλλους , ούτε οι άρπαγες , κατ' ουδένα λόγον δέν πρόκειται νά κληρονομήσουν τή Βασιλεία του Θεού (Α Κορινθ. 6, 9-10). Και τώρα πού βρισκόμαστε στην περίοδο του Τριωδίου άς φροντίσουμε όλοι μας . Άς ανακρίνουμε τόν εαυτόν μας και νά εργαστούμε γιά τήν πνευματική του κάθαρση . Νά εργαστούμε πρώτα μέ θερμή προσευχή και έπειτα μέ ειλικρινή εξομολόγηση και μετάνοια . Τή θερμή δέ προσευχή τήν χρησιμοποιεί ο υμνωδός τελειώνοντας

ανθρώπους . Παρέχεται στους ανθρώπους πού αισθάνονται τήν πνευματική τους φτώχεια και έχουν ανάγκη του Θεού έλεους . Ο Κύριος κρούει τήν πόρτα τής ψυχής , του κάθε αμαρτωλού, και εάν εύρει ανταπόκριση τότε μπαίνει ο ίδιος στην καρδιά του . Τότε ανοίγει διάπλατα τίς πόρτες τής μετανοίας και ο πιστός άνθρωπος μπαίνει στη νέα ζωή . Στη ζωή τής αγιότητας και τελείας υποταγής στο θέλημα Αυτού . Αυτή τή συναισθηση τής αμαρτωλότητας του τονίζει ο υμνωδός στην επόμενη φράση του ύμνου : *Ορθρίζει γάρ τό πνεύμα μου προς ναόν τόν άγιόν Σου , ναόν φέρον του σώματος όλον εσπιλωμένον* . Δηλ. Πρωί = πρωί , Κύριε τό πνεύμα μου , η ύπαρξή μου , βρίσκεται στον άγιον Ναόν Σου γιά νά ζήσει μέ θερμή προσευχή τό έλεός Σου . Όμως αισθάνομαι , ότι ο άλλος εκείνος ναός , ο ναός του σώματός μου , είναι γεμάτος ακαθαρσίες και βρωμίες , είναι κατασπιλωμένος από τήν αμαρτία .

Αραγε γνωρίζουμε , αδελφοί μου, ότι Ναός του Θεού είναι τό σώμα μας ; Τούτο μάς τό βεβαιώνει ο θεός Παύλος λέγοντας στην Α Κορινθίους Α' 6, 19, ότι : Δέν γνωρίζετε ότι τό σώμα σας είναι Ναός του Αγίου Πνεύματος , τό Οποίον κατοικεί μέσα σας και τό έχετε λάβει από τό Θεό , και συνεπώς δέν ανήκετε στον εαυτόν σας ; ; Και πάλι 9^α Κορινθ. 3.16) * Δέν γνωρίζετε από τήν πείρα τής Χριστιανικής ζωής σας , ότι είσθε Ναός του Θεού και τό πεύμα του Θεού κατοικεί μέσα σας ; ; Αλήθεια ! Πόσο πολύ πρέπει οι Χριστιανοί νά προσέχουν τό ναό του σώματός τους και νά τόν κρατούν καθάρων από κάθε μολυσμό ! Νά αποφεύγουν πρέπει κάθε ενέργεια και κάθε πράξη πού καθιστά ακάθαρτον τόν ναόν αυτόν . Αν κανείς τόν χειροποιήτων ναό (τήν Εκκλησίαν μας) τόν λερώσει τό τροπάριο λέγοντας : Μέ πίστη και μέ θερμότητα , Κύριε, Σε παρακαλώ . Εσύ , Κύριε, είσαι ευσπλαγχνος , είσαι ελεήμων . Τό έλεος δέ τής ευσπλαχνίας Σου , Κύριε, είναι αμέτρητον . Καθάρισέ με , Κύριε, σάν οικτίρμων πού είσαι . Καθάρισέ με ολόκληρον , και έτσι νά είμαι τελείως δικός Σου . Νάμαι απηλλαγμένος από κάθε ενοχή και αμαρτία . Επομένως , αδελφοί μου, ο αγώνας είναι μπροστά μας και αξίζει όλοι μας νά αγωνιστούμε . Όλοι μας νά καθαριστούμε , και όλοι μας , μ' αυτή τήν καθαρότητα νά περάσουμε τήν περίοδο αυτή του Τριωδίου και νά φθάσουμε στην λαμπροφόρο Ανάσταση του Κυρίου μας . Αμήν .

Ιερέας π. Ταξιάρχης Διον. Βλάχος .



Get up
to date
news and events at:
www.htgo.org

"Gentle Dental Care"

KAKOURAS FAMILY DENTISTRY



TOMMY KAKOURAS, DMD, PA
MELISSA HELMS-KAKOURAS, DDS

Family & Cosmetic Dentistry

11020 South Tryon Street, Suite 401

Charlotte, NC 28273

(704) 504-8070

Fax: (704) 504-8885

Fr. Michael Continued from page 3

θά τόν έχετε δει όταν μάς επισκέπτονται εδώ στό Charlotte. Καί πάλι εμπιστεύομαι στην αγάπη σας καί σάς ευγνωμονώ για τίς προσευχές σας.

Τά άλλα παιδιά μας έχουν μιά καλή πρόοδο στή ζωή καί θεωρούμε τούς εαυτούς μας μέ τήν Πρεσβυτέρα μου πολύ ευνοούμενους από τό Παντοδύναμο καί Ελεήμονα Θεό.

Η διακονία μας εδώ συνεχίζεται μέ τή Χάρι του Θεού καί προσπαθώ για τό καλύτερο. Ίσως ο Θεός επιτρέψει νά μάς έλθει τό καλοκαίρι ο πάτερ-Ευστάθιος. Ακόμη δέν έχει γίνει η τελική απόφαση. Ο ίδιος μάς λέει ότι του λείπει η Αμερική καί η πολιτισμένη όμορφη ζωή εδώ.

Στό ενοριακό μας πεδίο έχουμε γενικά μιά καλή σειρά καί ενώ θέματα θά υπάρχουν πάντοτε γενικά θά έλεγα ότι υπάρχει μιά καλή πρόοδο καί παρουσία πνευματικής ζωής. Τά Προγράμματα τών νέων σφίζου από πολλές δραστηριότητες αλλά καί οι ευκαιρίες καλλιέργειας τής πνευματικής μας ζωής σέ νέους καί μεγάλους προσφέρονται συνεχώς. Πρέπει να ευχαριστήσουμε τό Κοινοτικό μας Συμβούλιο, τόν διευθυντή Νεότητος Δημήτριο Δημόπουλο καθώς καί όλους τούς συνεργάτες του μαζί μέ όλους τούς γονείς πού προσφέρουν τό καλύτερο για νά έχουμε αυτά τά Προγράμματα. Τά σχολεία μας Κατηχητικό καί Ελληνικό βρίσκονται σέ πολύ καλή κατάσταση καί πρόοδο. Ευχαριστούμε όλους πού συντελούν στην άριστη απόδοσή τους. Έχουμε πολλές Επιτροπές καί Διακονίες πού κάνουν πολύ σημαντική πρόοδο στους τομείς πού εξυπηρετούν. Είμαστε τόσο υπερήφανοι για τήν εργατικότητα πού τούς διακρίνει καί τούς καρπούς πού δρέπουν. Ο Θεός να χαρίζει κάθε Του ευλογία σέ όλα τα μέλη καί τούς υπευθύνους.

Επιτρέψατέ μου νά επικεντρώσω τήν προσοχή σας στην αξιέπαινη προσπάθεια πού καταβάλλει η Επιτροπή πού επιβλέπει καί σχεδιάζει για τή σωστή διατήρηση καί βελτίωση τών κτιρίων πού έχομε στην Εκκλησία. Αρκετά μέλη τής Επιτροπής είναι επαγγελματίες μηχανικοί πού μαζί μέ τά υπόλοιπα μέλη τής Επιτροπής είδαν τίς ανάγκες, συζήτησαν, καί μέ τήν έγκριση του Κοινοτικού Συμβουλίου προχώρησαν σ'ένα προσεκτικό σχεδιασμό ανακαινίσεων.

Στή διάρκεια τών τριών τελευταίων Κυριακών του μηνός Ιανουαρίου η Επιτροπή σας προσκάλεσε νά δείτε καί νά εκφέρετε τήν γνώμη σας για τά αρχιτεκτονικά σχέδια πού ετοιμάστηκαν προς συζήτηση μέ τήν συγκεκριμένη προοπτική ανακαινίσεων καί βελτιώσεων του αυλείου χώρου καθώς καί του Καθεδρικού Ναού. Οι προτάσεις σας ακούστηκαν καί τά σχέδια εκπονήθηκαν. Θά τά δούμε, πρώτα ο Θεός, στή Γενική Συνέλευση. Ελπίζω νά τά χαρείτε καί εσείς όπως τά καμαρώνω καί εγώ μαζί με τά μέλη τής Επιτροπής. Είναι πράγματι χάρμα οφθαλμών!!!

Επειδή αυτό τό έτος, τό 2013, είναι η επέτειος τών 60 χρόνων του Καθεδρικού μας σ'αυτή τήν τοποθεσία (1953-2013) καί 90 χρόνων από τήν ίδρυση τής Κοινότητός μας (1923-2013) οργανώνεται ο εορτασμός αυτών τών οροσήμων στή ζωή τής Ενορίας μας.

Τό σκεπτικό είναι νά έχουμε τήν δυνατότητα νά δούμε διαχρονικά τήν εξέλιξη τής Κοινότητός μας καί νά παρουσιάσουμε τά τελικά σχέδια για

τό πώς θά φαίνεται ο αυλείος χώρος καί ο Καθεδρικός για τά επόμενα 60 ή 90 ή περισσότερα ακόμα χρόνια.

Δηλαδή μετά από δέκα χρόνια όταν θά εορτασθούν τά 100 χρόνια από τής ιδρύσεως του Καθεδρικού νά έχουμε τελειώσει μέ όλες τίς ανακαινίσεις καί μέ χρέη πού ίσως προκύψουν στην αρχή τών εργασιών. Καί επειδή τώρα είμαι ο Προϊστάμενος καί απ' ό,τι φαίνεται, λόγω ηλικίας, δέν θά είμαι ο Προϊστάμενος μετά από 10 χρόνια θά ήθελα νά γιορτάσουμε εφέτος αυτές τίς επετείους γνωρίζοντας ότι διανύουμε ένα δρόμο αισιόδοξο ανακαινίσεων πού είναι απαραίτητες νά γίνουν στά επόμενα δυό-τρία χρόνια.

Ελπίζω καί προσεύχομαι μαζί σας νά αγκαλιάσουμε μέ αγάπη, θυσία, προσφορά καί πόθο αυτό τό όραμα τών ανακαινίσεων καί μετά από μερικά χρόνια νά μιλάμε για μιά τεράστια ευλογία Θεού πού θά ζούμε σάν πραγματικότητα πλέον αλλά καί σάν κληρονομιά πού θά αφήσουμε πίσω για τά παιδιά μας καί τίς γενεές πού θά μάς διαδεχθούν. Τί λέτε; Ο Θεός νά ευλογήσει. Σ' Αυτόν στηριζόμαστε για νά μάς προστατεύσει καί νά μάς κατευθύνει. Ολα νά συντελέσουν στην δοξολογία του Ονόματός Του. Εμείς στηριζόμαστε στην προσευχή πού ακούμε σέ κάθε λειτουργία «αγίασον Κύριε τούς αγαπώντες τήν ευπρέπεια του Οίκου Σου.» Γι' αυτό οραματιζόμαστε καί σχεδιάζουμε. Ας είναι καρποφόρα η νέα Χρονιά για τόν Καθεδρικό μας. Αμήν.

«... νά αγκαλιάσουμε... τό όραμα τών ανακαινίσεων καί μετά από μερικά χρόνια νά μιλάμε για μιά τεράστια ευλογία Θεού πού θά ζούμε σάν πραγματικότητα πλέον αλλά καί σάν κληρονομιά πού θά αφήσουμε πίσω για τά παιδιά μας καί τίς γενεές πού θά μάς διαδεχθούν.»

Renderings of the Proposed Expansion of Cathedral and Narthex



DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE VENUS CHAPTER #102

The 17th Annual Queen of Hearts High Tea and Fashion Show was held Saturday, February 17th at Carmel Country Club. Members of the Venus Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope worked diligently throughout the winter to present another successful event to benefit women. This year's guest speakers were Dr. Derek Raghavan, Dr. Terry Sarantou, and Eleni Bingham. Dr. Raghavan is president of the Levine Cancer Institute, Dr. Sarantou is a surgical oncologist, and Eleni Bingham spoke of her experience last year with breast cancer.

The fashions this year were from Coplon's at Phillip's Place. Emcee of the fashion show was Laura Palka Callis. We were also honored to have with us Kathy Matrakas from Silver Spring, Maryland representing the district.

Close to 300 guests enjoyed a delicious light lunch, Greek pastries, and of course tea. During the afternoon, many lovely door prizes were given away. The last prize for the raffle was a cashmere wrap and a rex lined silk jacket. Almost everyone was a winner. The prize for best hat was revived this year. Many of the attendees wore hats, from fascinators to large brimmed flower decorated fedoras.

Throughout the years, the Daughters of Penelope have donated more than \$60,000 to promote breast cancer awareness in the Charlotte area. Thank you everyone who attended the event.

ORDER OF AHEPA MARATHON CHAPTER No. 2

The 2013 Scholarship Committee has been activated again. Applications are now available through the officers of the Chapter. The awards are

- | | |
|---|---------|
| (1) The Marathon Chapter No.2 Scholarship | \$2,000 |
| (2) The John G. Plumides Scholarship | \$1,000 |
| (3) The Father "C" Scholarship | \$1,000 |
| (4) The Venus Chapter No.102 Scholarship | \$1,000 |

The submissions are ranked upon three general categories: academic grades, activities, and the submitted essays. Academic grades are adjusted to a 4.0 maximum grade ranking. The activities are divided into academic activities at school, athletic activities at school, civil activities not at school, athletic activities not at school, and any honors including honor societies. The deadline for submission is Thursday, 25 April 2013.

Eligibility is based on membership to the Order of AHEPA for the fathers and the grandfather of applicants with AHEPAs who (a) have attended four meetings annually for two consecutive years up to April 2013 and (b) have been a paid member for the last two consecutive years. In addition, eligibility has been extended to the children and grandchildren of deceased members of the Marathon Chapter No. 2 of the Order of AHEPA and the Venus Chapter No. 102 of the Daughters of Penelope. In either case, the National Headquarters must verify the membership of the deceased member. The definition of "deceased member" as used in these requirements means the deceased member was an active member at the time of their death.

The Chapter will be celebrating its 91st Anniversary this year. In recognition of this important milestone, a social event will be held in the afternoon of May 19th. There will be a nominal charge per person. We will honor this year's scholarship recipients, provide a brief history of the chapter, overview of the philanthropic support provided to various organizations, and announce the winners of the 2013 Scholarship Fundraiser Raffle. Any one interested in purchasing a raffle ticket may contact any of our members. This event is open to the entire community.

In addition to the scholarship events, May 19th will be AHEPA Day nationally. The Chapter is planning a memorial service at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral to memorialize our local Order of AHEPA and Daughter of Penelope members who are no longer with us. There will be coffee hours sponsored at both Saint Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church and Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral in the weeks leading up to May 19th.

As the Chapter continues to increase in momentum and interest in drawing more new members, the Officers of the Marathon Chapter would still encourage our members not to overlook friends and acquaintances that may also be interested in the Order of AHEPA. The mission of the Order of AHEPA is to promote the ancient ideals of education, philanthropy, civic responsibility, and family and individual excellence through community service and volunteerism.

If you are interested in applying for membership, please feel free to contact Louie P. Politis at (704) 607-0840 or N. Markos Kontos at (704) 332-7395.

PHILOPTOCHOS BY TONI KARNAZES

The ladies of the Agia Elpis chapter of Philoptochos at Holy Trinity Cathedral greeted the New Year by hosting the annual Vasilopita cutting on January 6, 2013. The much-anticipated event was held in the Social Room and many were in attendance. Each organization of the



church community was announced and a representative came forward to receive a slice of bread. Donations were solicited from every organization, the sum of which was sent to St. Basil's Academy. (A second tray was passed during each Liturgy for the same purpose). We would like to thank everyone for his or her generous contribution to this worthy cause.

A general meeting of all members was held on Tuesday, January 8. The

proposed budget for the year was presented and unanimously approved. The ladies also voted unanimously to accept the invitation of Mary Pappas as our newest Board member. Mary is filling a vacant position that just recently occurred. Welcome Mary! We eagerly look forward to working with you. Our January meeting gave us the opportunity to gather for a baby shower honoring Olga Dakhova. Much joy and happiness filled the room as Olga excitedly opened her gifts. All of us will be eager to meet your sweet little bundle of joy.

The annual Membership Tea was held on Sunday, February 10 in the Social Room. This event has been well attended for the past several years and

we are so pleased. Please join us even if you were not present at the tea. The suggested level of giving is \$35.00 or more. Of that amount, \$22.00 is committed to Metropolis and National obligations. Only the amount above that is available for local giving. Philoptochos assists civic organizations, both locally and nationally, through gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Please help us in our mission of reaching out to others during difficult times. Our chapter is



committed to making regular donations to organizations in the Charlotte community that assist hungry, homeless, and others in financial crisis. We ask that you

help us make a positive impact on someone's life through your participation in our activities. Philoptochos is the philanthropic backbone of the Orthodox Church in America. Make a commitment to helping us make a difference!

Furniture, kitchen items, clothing, toys, jewelry, antiques! All this and so much more will be available for purchase at the spring Attic Sale. Vendors from the Charlotte area will be selling new and used items on Saturday, April 13th from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm. I also understand that delicious treats prepared by the ladies will be available for sale as you browse and buy. Yum! Yum! Join us as the Father "C" Hall is transformed into a bargain hunter's paradise. Proceeds from table rentals and food sales will be used to fund our charitable commitments.

ACTIVITIES YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS

March 12 General Meeting, Pier 51 Seafood

April 13 Attic Sale, Father "C" Hall

Check the bi-weekly bulletin for additional events.

Disc & Sciatic Problems? Decompression Therapy

...Without Surgery!

Sports Injuries
Rehab

Preventative Scoliosis Care

Kids

Cold Laser

Massage Therapy

Nutrition

Auto Accidents



Move Well To Live Well



**CAROLINA FAMILY
CHIROPRACTIC**

Dr. George A. Limbanovnos
1932 Weddington Rd. · Weddington, NC 28104

704.321.0656

Renderings of the Proposed Renovation of Courtyard



Service:

As believers we like to fulfill our commitment to serve others within and outside our Community. We do this by sharing our time, talent and treasures for the ministry and the glory of the Lord.

Now Offering
 DJ Services for Weddings
 & Special Events
 Greek & American Music

APOLLO VIDEO PRODUCTIONS

Weddings • Baptisms • Engagements
Photo's to Video • Video to DVD

We can now video your special event in the 16 to 9 format for today's wide screen televisions.

- HD DVD Quality
- 3D Graphics
- Digital Effects
- Custom Wedding Albums
- Over 20 years experiance

International video conversions
We convert foreign video DVD's/VHS tapes (PAL/SECAM) to American (NTSC) or vise versa.

Wedding Specialist
704-814-8899
www.apollovideoct.com

Member of Carolina's Professional Videographers Association
& Wedding and Event Association





SOUTH 21

MATTHEWS

(704) 844-1004



THE OASIS OF THE HAMBURGER

HOURS:
 Tuesday - Thursday 11:00 am - 9:00 pm
 Friday - Saturday 11:00 am - 9:30 pm
 *Closed Sunday & Monday

11450 E. INDEPENDENCE BLVD.
MATTHEWS, NC



New
Years Eve
Celebration



Hellenic Dance Festival





ΠΕΝΘΗ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΑ

Theodore John Solomon "Ted" CHARLOTTE - Theodore John Solomon "Ted", age 87, passed peacefully in his sleep on February 4, 2013. He was born June 26, 1925 in Republic, PA, to parents Joseph and Effie Solomon. One of 12 children (six boys and six girls), he learned the true meaning of family from his parents and siblings in childhood and continued his love and commitment for family throughout his life. At the age of 18, he enlisted in the US Army to serve during WWII. He was in the First Army in North Africa and the Fifth Army in Italy. After the Japanese surrender, he was sent from Italy to the Philippines and Japan. On November 13, 1948 he married Madeleine Joseph Solomon, his wife of 64 years. Together they impacted the lives of many with their generosity as well as their love and compassion for others. A pioneer in the office equipment industry, he worked for APECO in Cleveland, Ohio, and SCM Corporation in Chicago, Illinois. In 1971 he then started his own company, White Business Machines in Rock Hill, SC. His business expanded to several locations throughout the Carolinas. He reached out to many people to help them reach their potential and succeed in business. He was a successful business person who shared his experience and knowledge to teach others. Even after retirement, he started another company, Advanced Imaging Systems, a document management company, which continues to thrive today. Ted's ability to see the best in all people was the basis of his success. Aside from his business contributions, Ted served on boards for many organizations. He received an abundance of both civic and business

leadership and community service awards. He was particularly active in ARC of Mecklenburg County, Metrolina Phoenician Club, AHEPA of Charlotte, Young at Heart of St. Nektarios, Kiwanis, Harris YMCA, and York Technical College. Ted was an active member of Saint Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church in Charlotte and loved the seniors' group, Young At Heart. He loved sports and was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers and Carolina Panthers fan. Ted had great pride in his Syrian heritage and visited the middle east several times to learn more about his ancestry. He embraced other cultures as well, and enjoyed travel and interaction with people of all backgrounds. Of all his travels, some of his favorites were right at home in the beautiful beaches and mountains of the Carolinas. In summary, his life motto was God first, family second, and all else after. Survived by his wife of 64 years, Madeleine Joseph Solomon; his brothers James Solomon and Terry Solomon; his children, TJ Solomon, II, Diane Solomon Gilbert and husband Larry, Shari Solomon, and Jodi Solomon Gorman; his grandchildren, Christin Solomon Zerega and husband Anthony, Matthew Joseph Solomon and wife Lauren, Michael John Solomon, Theodore John, "Jack" Solomon, III, Ingrid Gilbert Wheelahan and husband Richard, Gabrielle Eliza Gorman; and his great grandchildren, Lily and Ridge Wheelahan. Predeceased by his parents, Joseph and Effie Solomon; his sisters, Meriam, Angeline, Josephine, Catherine, Helen, and Thelma; his brothers, Samuel, George, and Daniel; his nephews, Ronald Heaton and David Solomon; his nieces, Judy Ansil and Natalie Petrie. The family will receive family and friends on Thursday, February 7, 2013 from 1-3 p.m. with a Trisagion Service at 2:00 p.m. and also from 6-8 p.m. with a Trisagion Service at 7:00 p.m. Funeral service will be held on Friday, February

Continued on page 17

Christ washed the feet of His disciples and He gave His life for us

REFLECTIONS BY FR. MICHAEL VARVARELIS

Never, had any King ever knelt to wash the feet of his servants; because an official person wants to be served and not to serve.

Christ though took the initiative. He washed the feet of His Disciples; even the feet of His betrayer, Judas.

Christ did not simply teach humility and love but made these virtues His life and the life of the Church, the life of the Christians. That is why He is the Light, the Truth and the Life of the world. He is the One who projected and constantly reflects the love in the most perfect and wholesome form.

Christ continues even today to wash our feet. What more is He doing when He is washing - forgiving through repentance and confession - the filth of our soul? What else is He doing when He is humbled and comes with His body and His blood in our hearts? What else is He doing when he is giving all His goods to the just and unjust ones?

Though, two main concerns are in front of us:

Do we accept this saving cleansing? Or are we despising it and we remain with the filth of our fallings? and

Do we wash the feet of our fellow humans? In other words do we serve them with sacrifice?

This is our sacred mission on earth: To accept the sacrifice of Christ and to sacrifice for our fellowmen for Christ.

Thus we become His real siblings.

Ακολουθία τού Μυστικού Δείπνου

Ποτέ κανένας Βασιλιάς και κανένας άρχοντας δέν είχε σκύψει

νά πλύνει τά πόδια των δούλων του. Γιατί οι μεγάλοι άρχοντες θέλουν νά υπηρετούνται και όχι νά υπηρετούν.

Ο Χριστός όμως πρωτοτύπησε. Επλυνε τά πόδια των μαθητών Του. Ακόμη και τού προδότη Του.

Ο Χριστός δέν δίδαξε απλώς τήν ταπεινώσι και τήν αγάπη αλλά τις έκανε ζωή του και ζωή τής Εκκλησίας των Χριστιανών. Γι αυτό είναι τό φώς, η αλήθεια και η ζωή τού κόσμου. Είναι αυτός πού εξέφρασε και εκφράζει τήν αγάπη στήν πιό τέλεια και ολοκληρωμένη μορφή της.

Ο Χριστός συνεχίζει και σήμερα νά πλένει τά πόδια μας. Τί άλλο κάνει όταν μάς πλένει συνέχεια τούς ρύπους τής ψυχής μας; Τί άλλο κάνει όταν ταπεινώνεται κι έρχεται μέ τό σώμα του και τό αίμα του στίς καρδιές μας; Τί άλλο κάνει όταν δίδει όλα τά αγαθά του σέ δικαίους και άδικους;

Προβάλλουν όμως δύο μεγάλα ερωτήματα:

1^{ov} - Εμείς δεχόμαστε αυτό τό σωτήριο πλήσιμο; Η μήπως τό περιφρονούμε και μένουμε μέ τήν βρωμιά τής πτώσης μας; και

2^{ov} - Πλένουμε τά πόδια των συνανθρώπων μας; Δηλαδή τού υπηρετούμε μέχρι θυσίας;

Αυτή είναι η υψηλή αποστολή μας στήν γή: Νά δεχόμαστε τή θυσία τού Χριστού και νά θυσιαζόμαστε για τούς συνανθρώπους μας χάριν τού Χριστού. Ετσι γιώμαστε πραγματικά αδέρφια του.

Carolina Funeral Service & Cremation Center



5505 Monroe Rd
Charlotte, NC 28212
704-568-0023

www.carolinafuneral.com

Dignity Afforability Simplicity

*Steven Kuzma
Owner/Director*

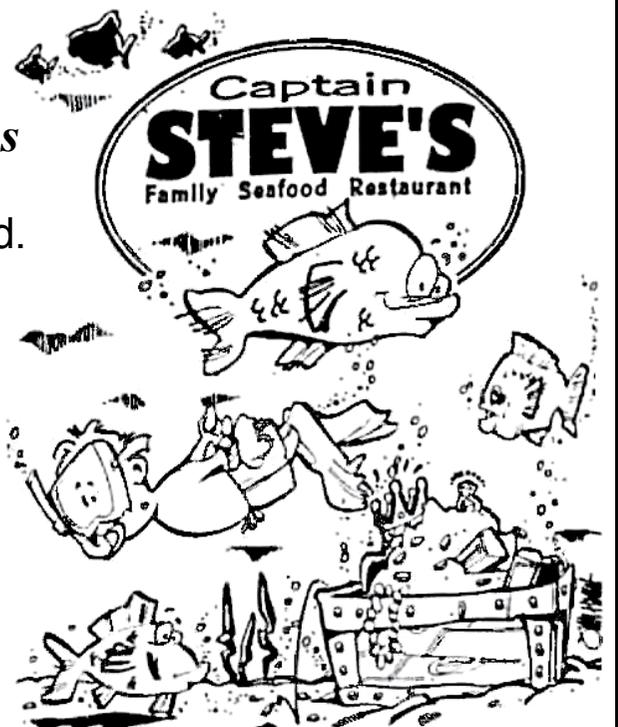
Visit us today at www.htgo.org

*Finest Seafood
in the Carolinas*

8517 Monroe Rd.
Charlotte, NC
(704) 535-1400

*Open Sundays
12 p.m. to 8 p.m.*

*Private
party room
seats up to 100*



GOYA News By Jimmy Demopoulos

Happy New Year everyone! Our main focus the last few months were the preparations for HDF, which was hosted this year in Winston Salem. HDF is something that is taken very seriously here in our community just like basketball. Goyans and our young adults practice for close to six months out of the year with many difficult and complex dances including choreography. They were even practicing until 1am the morning of their competition! Their hard work of course paid off. Our adult group won 1st place, senior Goyans finished 4th, and junior Goyans finished 4th. Congratulations to all of you for your hard work and dedication!



The Goya also volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House, which is a very popular service project amongst the Goya. We had nine Goyans participate. We made a spaghetti dinner for the children that stay at the house. All of the kids received the opportunity to make the salad, cut the vegetables, cook the spaghetti, make the meat

sauce, the garlic bread, and bake the cookies. Watching the all the other kids make their plate with a meal that the Goyans cooked is an awesome sight! I also must say our Goyans are brilliant chefs as well!



Hope/Joy participated with their gym night in our Father C Hall in February, which was well attended with 35 kids and quite enjoyed! The Hope/Joy will



continue to have events here at the church to offer opportunities for our youngsters to play in the gym with a variety of games and other activities also including dinner

Our basketball season was yet again a successful one. We had the most participants than any other year. All of our teams played hard. A special thank you to all the parents, players and coaches for making out basketball program as successful as it is. The basketball banquet was also held at the end of February. All players received their trophies and were treated to pizza. Father Michael gave his remarks, which were well received by everyone. Congratulations to all of our teams on another successful season.



As we move forward through the year, the Goya will start playing more of an integral role with planning, organizing, and executing events and activities. We met during the month of February and we have already begun this process. The board is planning activities such as go carting, bowling, and white water rafting along with a summer trip. We will also participate in many service projects such as The Ronald McDonald House, bake and donate project, a car wash and many others. This is going to be an awesome year for the Goya and hopefully



everyone will be able to participate!

Something that we need to focus on is developing our relationship with Christ. The youth program will definitely be implementing this in several different ways but this is the most important element in our lives. A life without Christ, is like our planet without water and oxygen; dead. "Getting back to the basics" might be an appropriate saying. We are so involved with email, Facebook, twitter, our iPhones, status updates, Xbox, PlayStation. These are really cool things yes, and did you know God is cool like you and has Facebook, twitter; email, iPhone, and status update capabilities as well?? Yes, it is true, and in fact this capability has been around for thousands of years! It is called, prayer! Prayer is the way you can also give your status update to God and to communicate with him. We find so much time to communicate with friends yet sometimes we forget to spend a few minutes in the morning, day, and evening to also share a quick status update with Christ! In fact, go ahead, and add him as a friend and send him a quick message. I am pretty sure he will respond! For me, he is the best friend I have! "Since you are God's dear children, you must try to be like him. Your life must be controlled by love, just as Christ loved us and gave his life for as sweet-smelling offering and sacrifice that pleases God." Ephesians 5, 1-2.



"Celebrating Memories Since 1946"

**HANKINS & WHITTINGTON
FUNERAL SERVICE**



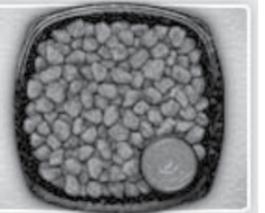
Ken Poe, President
Nick Bowen, Manager

For the past 65 years we have had the honor of serving the Greek Orthodox Community. We look forward to continuing to serve our friends and neighbors for many years to come.

704-333-6116
1111 East Boulevard
www.hankinsandwhittington.com



Perfect For
Game Days,
Birthdays
& Mondays.



Catering with Chick-fil-A is easy! We offer a wide range of options from our signature Chick-fil-A Chicken Nugget Trays to our wonderful selection of Boxed Meals. Keep in mind that we also cater our breakfast, so if you are having an early meeting, don't forget Chick-fil-A!

Andre Harakas & John Tsumas



Bank of America
101 South Tryon St
(704) 344-0222



Cotswold
4431 Randolph Road
(704) 366-0073



South End
3015 South Boulevard
(704)665-6371

Sunday School

Stewardship:

"God can do it: We can help"

Our Sunday School classes are ready to embark on their spring stewardship projects! Our preschool-first graders are preparing Easter cards for our senior citizens. If you know a young preschooler or first grader, please feel free to help them with some creative ideas for their cards. They will be working on these in class on March 17th and March 24th.

Second-sixth graders are collecting school donations for A Child's Place (www.achildsplace.org). Our homeless children's critical needs vary throughout the year depending on the season, the point in the school year, and the generosity of the community. Fourth grade Sunday School class has prepared for this project by utilizing the internet, looking up A Child's Place web site, and reading about the organization. They also competed in class by playing "Find The Bible Verse" in which all the verses had something to do with stewardship.

The team that found the verse first read the verse to the class and received a point! They learned a little more about stewardship and also had fun doing it! If you know any second grader through sixth grader and would like to donate to this cause, please ask them what types of donations they are collecting.

Our seventh-twelfth grade students are taking donations for our soldiers (www.soldierangels.org). This organization collects and delivers items to our military stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan. If you would like to help these students with donations, I am sure they will be happy to let you know what type of items they are seeking.

If you are interested in donating with a child or children that you may know in one of the grades above, please visit the web site, and or ask the child what might be a good donation item. All donations will be accepted through March 24th. Please help our children to have a successful project!

St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival

On Saturday, February 23rd, the Sunday School Program hosted our annual St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival, where students in the 7th through 12th grades had the opportunity to research, write, and prepare speeches on topics related to our Orthodox faith. This year's Junior Division participants were: Georgia Athens, Constantine Boardman, Floriana Boardman, Alexandra Choate, Nikole Gallis, Lea Holevas, Helen McGinnis, Arianna Meletiou, and Joanna Nixon. In the Senior Division: Angelika Ballas, Katerina Exarhos, John Kontoulas, Margarita Margiotis, Yianni Margiotis, Stefani Palamaris, Gabrielle Stavropoulos, and Evan Vlahos all participated.

Again this year we included an Elementary Division. As a class, the 6th grade wrote a speech together and elected one member of the class to present their speech. We congratulate Chrysoula Xyrafakis for representing her class well. We are happy to encourage our younger students to take an interest in the Oratorical Festival, so that they too can compete when they reach middle and high school. Although all of the participants did an excellent job, we want to especially congratulate the finalists in the Junior Division - Floriana Boardman and Lea Holevas. In the Senior Division - Katerina Exarhos and Margarita Margiotis were the finalists.

In addition to receiving a plaque, each finalist was awarded a \$100 check from our local Philoptochos chapter. A sincere thank you goes to the Philoptochos for their generosity, and we congratulate these exceptional students for their achievements. Our local finalists will compete at the District Division Oratorical Festival, which will be held in Durham, NC on Saturday, April 20th. We wish them all the very best.

Just as the students work hard to prepare for the competition, a tremendous effort goes into preparing for the event itself. We are so fortunate to have Jerri Holevas as chairperson for our local festival, and we appreciate the efforts of Jerri, and her committee members in preparing such a beautiful and well-organized program. We also thank our wonderful chefs Mr. Spero Kalevas and Mr. Constantine Katsoudas. The meal they prepared was delicious. A special thank you goes to Ioanna Housiadas,

Joanna Pitsikoulis, and Cathy Tsoulos who served as our Junior Division judges, Fotena Kalstounis, Vaki Karampourniotis, and Evan Metaxatos who served as our Senior Division judges. We would also like to thank our timekeeper, Anna Pitsikoulis. Many thanks to all of you for contributing your time and talents to this special event for our Sunday school students.

Terri's View  **Photography**



Photographic GREEK Weddings & Christenings for more than 18 years

704-893-2015
www.terrihood.photorelect.com

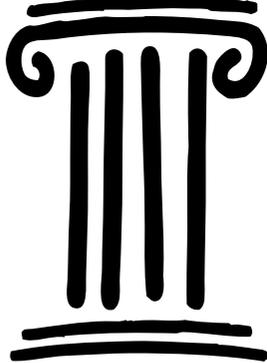
Tryon House Restaurant

OPEN FOR BREAKFAST LUNCH AND DINNER

Sundays 7am - 3pm
Available for Baptisms, Showers and Rehearsals up to 150 people
p.kakouras@bellsouth.net

215 E. Exmore St.
Charlotte, NC
Phone: 704-527-6545

GREEK ISLES



Authentic Greek Restaurant
Located in Southend
200 East Bland St.
Charlotte, NC 28203

Lunch: Sun - Fri 11:00am - 2:30pm
Dinner: Mon - Thur 5:00pm - 10:00pm
Dinner: Fri & Sat 5:00pm - 11:00pm

Available for Private Parties on Sundays
Call for Reservations
704-444-9000
www.greekislesrestaurant.com



President of Philoptochos, Georgia Andrews, Presented the Finalists each with a check from Philoptochos



Judges and Timekeeper, along with Father Michael, Jerri Holevas, & Jimmy Demopoulos



Senior Division Participants



Chrisoula Xyrafakis, Presenting the 6th Grade Class Speech



Junior Division Participants

PreSchool By PRESCHOOL STAFF



Whoose in the News at the Preschool?

2013 - 2014 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

For information contact us at:

Preschool Office: 704-333-4961 or Email: preschool@htgo.org

Co-Directors: Cindy Balatsias 704-502-3859 or Maria Kleto 704-564-5842

Happy New Year and many blessings in 2013! We hope that everyone enjoyed their Christmas holiday as we celebrated the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. It was great to have all of our children back at the preschool after the break. The staff would like to thank all of our parents for the gifts and the many thoughtful things they did for us during the holiday season. It is truly appreciated. We would also like to thank the Fr. Michael, the Parish Council, and the entire Holy Trinity Community for always supporting the preschool and its programs.

Preschool registration is now open for the 2013 - 2014 school year. For those of you who are not familiar with Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Preschool, we are a half-day program open from 9:15 am to 1:15 pm. We have classes for children 18 months old to 4/5 year olds. Since we are a Greek Orthodox preschool, your child will have the unique opportunity to learn Greek and be exposed to the Orthodox faith. Please be sure to register your child today to guarantee a spot for the coming school year. We invite you to come by and take a tour of our preschool. If you need any further information, you may contact us at the information above.



January and February have been busy months at the preschool. We started the month with our annual "Doughnuts for Dads" on January 15th and 16th. All of the Dad's and Papou's were invited to come and have doughnuts and coffee with their children and grandchildren. On January 30th, the three and four year old

classes had an in-house fieldtrip with Mr. Nigel's Music. He had all the children and the teachers moving to the music all while teaching them about some of the different percussion instruments. In February, we kicked off the month with the opening of registration for the 2013 - 2014 school year and our annual World's Finest Chocolate Candy Bar fundraiser. The four-year-old classes had another in-house fieldtrip on February 6th with "Mad Science" learning all about weather during their "Weather Wonders" program. Each of the classes enjoyed their individual Valentine's Day parties that took place on February 13th and 14th. We wrapped up the month with a teacher workday on the 20th and the beginning of the Parent/Teacher conferences. Please enjoy reading a brief summary from our teachers to see what has been happening in each of their classes.



Teacher's Corner...M-F 4's - The Little Explorers

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and happy New Year. In January, we learned about doctors, the human body, winter, polar bears and penguins, and the shape hexagon and snowflakes. We also began testing the children to see how much they have learned so far! This included the alphabet, opposites, shapes, colors, patterns, and so much more. Our goal is to have your children super ready for kindergarten, and excited to show their teachers what they know!

Our Little Explorers had fun learning about two community helpers, postal workers and police officers. They sent valentines to their classmates via our "post office", and upholding the law in the classroom at our police station! We learned about mixing colors, shapes, and our 5 senses, and of course, love!

In addition, the kids learned all about dental hygiene through hands on activities such as brushing and flossing teeth, and creating teeth using play dough. We talked about ways to prevent cavities and the healthy foods we should eat. Lastly, we finished evaluations and start conferences. Please make sure you signed up to hear about all the great things your child is learning!

M-F 4's - The Shining Stars

Happy New Year to all of our "Shining Stars". We are back in school and eager to continue our learning. We focused in January on winter things such as snow, penguins, polar bears, and hibernation. We also learned about doctors and nurses. Being kind to one another was our character focus for January. The hexagon was our special shape and we're hoping for some snowflakes. We reviewed all our letters, numbers, shapes and colors. For religion, we learned about Epiphany and St. John the Baptist.

February may have been our shortest month, but we had a wealth of activities for our "Shining Stars". Our themes were Valentine's Day, healthy habits, nutrition, and our national symbols. Two of our Moms, Rea Buie and Effie Gregory, visited to talk to us about hospitals and dentists, respectively. We had an in-house fieldtrip with Mad Science on "Weather Wonders" and we visited our church to learn about our Iconostasion. We are continuing our testing activities and Parent/Teacher conferences begin on February 19th. Our "Shining Stars" are learning and growing daily and we look forward to a full and exciting month.

MWF 3's - The Faithful Fish

Happy New Year! We hope our little ones enjoyed the holidays and the winter break. We are all refreshed and ready to jump right back into our routine here in the 3's classroom. In January, we kept our little ones busy with a host of new winter themes (polar bears and penguins, Eskimos and igloos, snowflakes and snowmen, winter, and Epiphany). We continued progressing with letters from the English alphabet (J, K, L) and Greek Alphabet (K, L, M), learning additional shapes like the star and snowflakes, and the colors black and white. We had some of our favorite activities taking place in January; Donuts with Dad on the 16th and Mr. Nigel Visits on the 30th. Our class attended church on the 7th (St. John the Baptist) and on the 30th (Three Hierarchs). Last but not least, we began testing and evaluations for our class in preparation for our conferences. Please check your monthly calendars for information about our ongoing activities

In February our class explored new letters, colors, shapes, and themes. We continued progressing in our English alphabet with letters L, M, and N, as well as in our Greek alphabet with letters M, N, X. Our color of the month was pink, and of course we celebrated the heart as our shape. The children enjoyed learning about Groundhog's Day, Community Helpers and Transportation/Service Vehicles, Dental and Heart Health, and Valentine's Day.

We continued Fridays with Father on 2/1, Bible Stories with Ms. Mimi on 2/8 and 2/22, and attended church on 2/15. Our class Valentine's Day party was on 2/13.

TTH 2's - The Leaping Frogs

Happy New Year 2013 to all! We are back in full swing after a restful Christmas break. January was a busy month for the "leaping frogs". Our themes included everything having to do with winter, cold weather, and snow. We discussed the climate, arctic animals, such as penguins, and polar bears and how to dress for the changing seasons. We focused on our bodies and how God made us special. We learned about the five senses, and how very important they all are. Our colors for the month are white and black and our shapes were the star and snowflake. We enjoyed seeing those of you who can make it on January 15th for "Donuts with Dad"; the children really enjoyed this special time! Also, as a little reminder, please continue to check your child's folder for any news, events, or progress reports.

February was an exciting and eventful month for the two year olds. Our themes included Valentine's Day, dental health, visiting the doctor, and everything Circus! We focused on the color pink, and our shape, the heart. We discussed friendships and being kind to one another, and celebrated Valentine's Day with a class party. We continued our lesson with the importance of good dental hygiene, and the proper way to brush our teeth. We discussed visiting the doctor's office for our check-ups and how important it is to stay healthy. Lastly we explored different aspects of the circus through our crafts and activities.... We had a fun filled and busy month!

All the latest news and photos are now on the web
www.htgo.org
 Visit today!

2107 SOUTH BLVD.
 George and Pamela
 Dizes,
 Owners
375-4318

MR. K'S ICE CREAM AND SNACK BAR

Coca-Cola

MK'S Home Design Co.

- The high performance double-pane glass system comes with Softcoat Low E and Argon gas.
- Measured and manufactured exclusively to fit your home.
- Quality materials and installation
- Manufactured warranty
- Satisfaction guaranteed!
- Energy Star qualified.

Siding of the 21st Century
 • Industries #1 High Performance insulation and reduced energy costs.
 • Long lasting beauty.

- Windows
- Siding
- Roofing
- Metal Roofing
- Sunrooms
- Decks

Choose from many premium styles and types of roofing to beautify your home! Quality you can trust.
 MK's water system protection, "No More Leaks" Guaranteed.

Over 30 Years of Experience
704-840-6193

Hellenic Dance Festival

HDF 2013 OVERVIEW

BY SARANTOS N. KAPERONIS

The Hellenic Dance Festival (HDF), hosted by the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Atlanta in various parishes, is the second largest dance competition in the United States. The event occurs annually on Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend and this year we were fortunate to travel to our sister parish in Winston-Salem, NC to take part in this year's festivities. Thirty-one groups from sixteen parishes from both within and outside of our Metropolis participated in this event. After countless practices throughout the year, these groups arrived in Winston-Salem, ready to present two suites of dances from various regions of Greece. Many performances were accompanied with live music, as musicians played the various folk instruments of our homeland. Eight qualified dance judges, who have done extensive research in Greek folk dance, critiqued performances and each judge provided scores based on authenticity, steps/styling, stage presence, and overall performance. Following judge evaluation, each group was given a ranking of Superior, Excellent, or Meritorious that therefore reflected their scores. First place awards in categories and entire divisions were also awarded to dance troupes that had higher overall scores than their competitors. Our three GOYA Charlotte groups, Exousia, Thorivos, and Vasileia all received a Meritorious ranking. Our Thrylos Adult group won first place in both the Adult Category and their entire division, thus receiving additional awards for this fine achievement. After long days of competition, each night was eventful with various Glendia with live musicians who strive to perpetuate paradosi through music and instrumentation. Participants danced all night as they reunited with old friends and kindled new friendships. We look forward to participating and continuing our effort to perpetuate paradosi in our local parish and to subsequently participate in the next year's Hellenic Dance Festival in sunny Florida!

Description of awards from the "Hellenic Dancer" February 2013 Newsletter

*Gold (superior), Silver (excellent), and Bronze (meritorious) medals are awarded based upon the efforts of each dance team for their performance in the two rounds, regardless of the score of any other dance group.

*A Platinum medal is awarded to the top score in each category.

*A Diamond medal is awarded to the top score in each division.

For a complete list of awards or to read the Hellenic Dancer Newsletter, please visit the Hellenic Dance Festival link on the Metropolis website at atlanta.goarch.org

Horeftikos Omilos Agia Triados "Thrylos" - Adult Dance Group - By Candace Pistolis

Horeftikos Omilos Agia Triados "Thrylos" is a newly formed adult dance group at Holy Trinity. This past year, Sarantos Kaperonis and Candace Pistolis directed the group. The dancers of this group competed for the first time together at the Hellenic Dance Festival in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Thrylos presented a set of dances from the island of Paros, and Pentalofos, Evros. Thrylos received the Platinum award in Adult Category, as well as the Diamond award within the Division II category. Thrylos continues to grow each day, and their mission is to preserve Greek culture and tradition to the best of their ability and thus engage the interest of young adults

at Holy Trinity in Charlotte.

Vasileia - 11th and 12th Grade Dance Group - By Candace Pistolis

Vasileia is the eleventh and twelfth grade group at Holy Trinity in Charlotte, North Carolina. Candace Pistolis, Alexis Elia, and Sarantos Kaperonis direct them. Vasileia took part of the Hellenic Dance Festival this past year in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. They have competed at HDF for several years, and have received several awards. This past year, Vasileia received the Meritorious award in the Advanced Senior category. They presented dances from the island of Kalymnos, and Boyialiki, Voreia Thraki. Although several of these dancers are graduating from high school, many of them will plan to return for practice in order to keep Greek folk tradition alive.

Thorivos-10th Grade Dance Group - By Charlie Kleto

Thorivos is the 10th grade dance group instructed by Renee Fragakis and Charlie Kleto. At this year's HDF competition they placed fifth out of nine groups, giving them a medal ranking of Meritorious. The group performed two suites at HDF this year. Their semi-final suite was from the village of Kiani in Evros, Thrace. For their final suite the group performed dances from the village for Xiropotamos, Drama in Makedonia. Through the HDF program, the dancers are given the opportunity to learn about the richness of the Greek culture and the deep traditions of the various regions throughout Greece. All of the HDF participants and instructors work very hard and dedicate many hours of practice in order to prepare for HDF. Through this program we gain a deeper appreciation and respect for our Greek culture and its traditions.

Exousia - 8th and 9th Grade Dance Group - By Evelyn Karras

HDF 2013 was the first year Exousia competed, bringing home a Meritorious "bronze" medal. Exousia is a combined group of 8th and 9th graders directed by Evelyn Karras, Nikos Haralambous, and Kathy Pittman. Their first suite of dances was from the island of Kos, which is part of the Dodecanese. Their second suite of dances was from Megara in Attica, Greece. Being that it was their first year, we are proud that they went and performed two different styles of dances and actually placed. They had a great time hanging out and meeting new people. This is only the beginning for Exousia and hopefully they continue to learn, gain a deeper appreciation for their culture, and achieve higher recognition in the future.

Choral Competition - By Kathy Xrysfakis

This year we were fortunate to be able to represent Holy Trinity Cathedral in the choral portion of HDF. We were treated to the vocals of George Hodges, Yianni Margiotis, Evan Vlahos, & Daniel Houlis (from Colombia, SC). They sang a capella & it was truly amazing. Their selections included: "Tessera Mila Kokkina", "O Yiannis Mas", "Thalassaki", "Ti Ypermaho", & "Agne Parthene". We congratulate them on a job well done. BRAVO PAIDIA!!!!

HDF Dance, Choral, and Spiritual Odyssey 2013 - By Charlie Kleto

Congratulations to Evan Vlahos for being selected as one of the Odyssey Full Scholarship recipients for the 2013 HDF Dance, Choral and Spiritual Odyssey Trip to Greece. In order to qualify for this unique opportunity, the applicants had to write a two hundred-fifty word essay on the life and celebration of a Saint's day and make a presentation to a panel of judges during the HDF weekend. In July, the winners of the Odyssey scholarship will be traveling to Greece with His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios, Chairman Gerry Clonaris, and several members from the HDF Executive Committee. While in Greece, the metropolis youth will be attending dance workshops and performing at different locations throughout Greece. During their travels, they will also have the opportunity to grow in our Orthodox faith as they visit some of the churches and monasteries. This will truly be a life changing and an unforgettable spiritual and cultural journey. Way to go Evan and Kalo Taxiidi!



SEDFIELD

- Free Delivery
- 15% off Every 3rd of the Month on all non-Prescription Items
- Drive Thru
- Durable Medical Equipment
- Six Month Supply Discount
- US Post Office

2334 South Blvd

704-523-8608

www.cannonpharmacies.com



LONG'S MONUMENT CO.

3016 N. Graham Street
Dial 704-376-5740
Charlotte, N.C. 28206

Ray M. Teague - Res: 704-596-2665

Custom Memorial Designs for the Individual Family

Monuments, Markers & Mausoleums

Our Purpose and Desire is to Perpetuate the Memory of Your Lost Loves Ones

Continued from page 12

8, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. All services will be held at St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church. Burial will be at Forest Lawn East Cemetery in Weddington. In lieu of flowers, please forward donations to Saint Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church building fund, 5108 Kuykendall Road, Charlotte, NC 28270, Alzheimer's Association Western Carolina, 3800 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte, NC 28215-3220. Our many thanks to his Doctor and friend, Dr. Josh Shoemake, his wonderful caretakers and staff at Southminster, the

outstanding medical staff at CMC, and the kind and compassionate professionals at the Levine & Dickson Hospice House. Ted lived a life of passion for his family and for his community. He stressed the importance of connecting with people in all walks of life. He gave more than he received. He taught through example that whatever you give in life will come back tenfold. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Funeral Home, Weddington Chapel. An online guestbook is available at www.heritagecares.net

Choir News BY OLGA YIAMALIS

CHOIR NEWS

A new men's choir has begun, males sixteen years of age and older are welcomed. The group meets one Thursday evening per month and one Sunday per month. Please contact Philip Thevaos 704-574-7765 for details.

The St. John's Koukouzelis Youth Choir has done a great job this year chanting the Liturgies in the loft. The school year is more than half over and spring is coming soon. The youth have three more Liturgies left in this school year: Sunday March 17th, Sunday April 14th, and Saturday April 27th. Thank you

to the youth and their parents for making this a successful program. Their voices are absolutely heavenly.

Our choirs are looking forward to the upcoming annual SFGOCM choir conference to be held July 25th-July 28th in Tampa, FL. The Liturgical music of Dean Limberakis will be featured. Stay tuned for more info as conference preparations are underway.

If anyone would like to join HTC's first service or second service choirs, please join us-we'd love to have you!

Psalm 95:1 O come, let us sing to the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Check out our new website and Get up to date news and events at www.htgo.org Visit today!

Living the Orthodox Life: Putting Christ first in our lives through prayer, worship and partaking in the Sacraments thus building and growing spiritually, His Kingdom on earth.

Fellowship: Recognizing that the Church is a unified body of Christ, we value our Community being renewed and transformed, producing the fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

SOUTH 21's
The Seafarer
Your Family Seafood RESTAURANT
 "For A Whale Of A Meal"
 38 years in Restaurant Business in Charlotte
 9306 Albemarle Road 704-536-7540

Selling your GOLD and SILVER Jewelry?

SELL YOUR JEWELRY WHERE THE JEWELERS SELL THEIRS!

NO "MIDDLEMAN" = NO JEWELER FEES!

BEST PAYOUT IN TOWN!

FREE & HONEST ESTIMATES

704-525-4646

www.cascaderefiningnc.com

4436 Park Road, Charlotte (Across from Park Rd. Shopping Center)

Νέα & Φωνές του Ελληνικού Σχολείου Αγίας Τριάδος

Κοσμοσυρροή στη Μαθητική Γιορτή των Τριών Ιεραρχών και των Ελληνικών Γραμμάτων

Την Κυριακή 27 Ιανουαρίου, μαθητές, γονείς, φίλοι και επίσημοι προσκεκλημένοι του Ελληνικού Απογευματινού Σχολείου και του Κατηχητικού Σχολείου του Καθεδρικού Ναού Αγίας Τριάδος πλημμύρισαν με την παρουσία τους το κοινοτικό μας κέντρο για να τιμήσουν, όπως κάνουν κάθε χρόνο, την μνήμη των Τριών Ιεραρχών, να γιορτάσουν τα Ελληνικά γράμματα, να αποτίσουν έναν ελάχιστο φόρο τιμής και ευγνωμοσύνης στον εκλιπόντα μέγα ευεργέτη του Ελληνικού Απογευματινού Σχολείου Νικόλαο Γουδέ, να συγχαρούν τους επιτυχόντες στις Εξετάσεις Ελληνομάθειας 2012 και να επιδώσουν τα ελληνοαγγλικά λεξικά στους μαθητές της Δευτέρας τάξης του Ελληνικού Σχολείου..

Αμέσως μετά το γεύμα, ο προϊστάμενος του Καθεδρικού μας Ναού πρωτ. Μιχαήλ Βαρβαρέλης κήρυξε την έναρξη των εκδηλώσεων με προσευχή, όλοι μαζί ψάλαμε το απολυτίκιο των Τριών Ιεραρχών και ακολούθησε ενός λεπτού σιγής στη μνήμη του αείμνηστου και μεγάλου ευεργέτη του Ελληνικού μας Σχολείου Νικολάου Γουδέ. Γλαφυρότατη, στα ελληνικά και αγγλικά, η πανηγυρική ομιλία του π. Μιχαήλ. Ο πατήρ-Μιχαήλ στόν πανηγυρικό του λόγο τόνισε και τα ακόλουθα σημεία:



Ο π. Μιχαήλ κατά τη διάρκεια της ομιλίας του πλαισιωμένος από τον πρόεδρο του κοιν. συμβουλίου κ. Γεώργιο Καρύγιαννη.

«Σήμερα γιορτάζουμε τά Ελληνικά Γράμματα, την Ελληνική Γλώσσα και τους τρεις αγίους οικουμενικούς Διδασκάλους τής Εκκλησίας μας. Χρόνια Πολλά σε όλους, στους μαθητές μας στους δασκάλους μας στόν Κο Περούλα τον άξιο διευθυντή τού Σχολείου μας, στους γονείς και σε όλους πού συμμετέχουν σ' αυτή την γιορτή τού Ελληνικού μας Σχολείου. Σήμερα γιορτάζουμε γιατί γιορτάζει ο Ελληνισμός.

Η Ελληνική γλώσσα μας επηρέασε και άλλες γλώσσες. Είναι γεγονός ότι γιά τούς γλωσσολόγους – μή Ελληνες – η Ελληνική γλώσσα είναι η ανώτερη μορφή γλώσσας πού

έχει επινοήσει ποτέ τό ανθρώπινο πνεύμα. Αυτό έχει προκύψει από κριτήρια αντικειμενικά σχετικά μέ τήν αξιολόγηση μιάς γλώσσας.

Τό Αμερικάνικό Λεξικό Merriam-Webster έχει 166,724 λεξίτυπους. Σύμφωνα μέ τό ίδιο λεξικό από αυτές τίσ λέξεις οι 41,214 λέξεις είναι αμιγώς ελληνικές χωρίς νά υπολογίζονται οι σύνθετες. Η Ελληνική γλώσσα, πριν τήν άλωση τής Κων/νουπόλεως είχε τουλάχιστον 1,200,000 λεξίτυπους καί ίσως μέ τήν αποπεράτωση τής απογραφής τών λέξεων νά πλησιάσει τά 2 εκατομμύρια λέξεις.

Στήν Ελληνική γλώσσα οι λέξεις έχουν λεπτές εννοιολογικές διαφορές μεταξύ τους. Για παράδειγμα η λέξη «λωποδύτης» χρησιμοποιείται γι' αυτόν πού βυθίζει τό χέρι του στό ρούχο (λωπή) μας, καί μάς κλέβει κρυφά. Ενώ ο «ληστής» είναι αυτός πού μάς κλέβει φανερά, μπροστά στά μάτια μας. Η λέξη «παντρεμένος» έχει διαφορετικό νόημα από τή λέξη «νυμφευμένος». Η λέξη παντρεμένος προέρχεται από τό ρήμα υπανδρεύομαι καί σημαίνει τίθεμαι υπό τήν εξουσία τού ανδρός, ενώ ο άνδρας νυμφεύεται, δηλαδή παίρνει νύμφη. Η Ελληνική γλώσσα έχει λέξεις γιά έννοιες οι οποίες παραμένουν χωρίς απόδοση στίς υπόλοιπες γλώσσες όπως άμιλλα, θαλπωρή, καί φιλότιμο.

Ο Γκαίτε (μεγαλύτερος ποιητής τής Γερμανίας) είπε: «Άκουσα στόν Άγιο Πέτρο τής Ρώμης τό Ευαγγέλιο σέ όλες τίσ γλώσσες. Η Ελληνική αντήχησε σάν άστρο λαμπερό στή νύχτα.» Οι μαθητές τού Γκαίτε τόν ρώτησαν: Δάσκαλε τί νά διαβάσουμε γιά νά γίνουμε σοφοί; Απάντησε: Τούς Ελληνες κλασσικούς. Τόν ρώτησαν πάλι: Κί όταν τελειώσουμε τούς Ελληνες κλασσικούς τί νά διαβάσουμε; Τούς απάντησε: Πάλι τούς Ελληνες κλασσικούς.

Μέ αυτή τήν γλώσσα τού κλασσικού Ελληνισμού οι Τρεις Ιεράρχες ανέπτυξαν καί επλούτισαν τήν Ορθόδοξη λατρεία. Οι Θείες Λειτουργίες πού έχουμε στήν Λατρεία μας είναι τού Αγίου Ιωάννου Χρυσοστόμου καί τού Αγίου Βασιλείου ενώ υπάρχει καί άλλη τού Αγ. Γρηγορίου. Οι Τρεις Ιεράρχες συνέδεσαν στό χώρο τής εκπαίδευσης καί τής αγωγής, τή μάθηση καί τή γνώση μέ τήν αρετή καί τόν φόβο τού Θεού. Ετσι έθεσαν τίσ βάσεις νομοκανονικές, θεολογικές, πνευματικές, ώστε γύρω από τό οικουμενικό κέντρο τής Κων/νουπόλης νά δημιουργηθή ο θαυμάσιος κόσμος τής Ορθοδοξίας μέ τήν μεγαλοπρεπή λατρεία, τή μυστική θεολογία, τούς Βυζαντινούς ναούς, τή Βυζαντινή μουσική καί τίσ Βυζαντινές εικόνες. Δηλαδή ένας κόσμος πού μέχρι σήμερα εξακολουθεί νά είναι ζωντανός καί νά αποτελεί τήν μόνη δυνατότητα νά γίνει καί πάλι ο Ελληνισμός οικουμενικός».

Επίσης, στο σύντομο χαιρετισμό του ο διευθυντής του Κατηχητικού Σχολείου Αγίας Τριάδος π. Γεώργιος Πολίτης παρότρυνε

τους μαθητές να μελετήσουν τα θεόπνευστα συγγράμματα των Τριών Μεγάλων Πατέρων της Εκκλησίας μας και τους ευχήθηκε καλή πρόοδο.

Σύντομους χαιρετισμούς απηύθυναν και η πρόεδρος του εξαιρετικά δραστήριου Συλλόγου Γονέων και Διδασκάλων του σχολείου μας κυρία Πάμελα Διζέ και ο διευθυντής του Ελληνικού Σχολείου και του Εξεταστικού Κέντρου Ελληνομάθειας Ελευθ. Περούλας, ο οποίος έκανε και την όλη παρουσίαση του προγράμματος, ευχόμενος στους μαθητές η ακτινοβολία των λόγων και των αρετών των Τριών Ιεραρχών να φωτίζουν την ψυχή τους και να καθοδηγούν τις σκέψεις και τις πράξεις τους.

Στη συνέχεια, η επιβραβευμένη χορευτική ομάδα της ελληνικής μας κοινότητας, αποτελούμενη από μαθητές της 8ης και 9ης τάξης και καθοδηγούμενη από τη δασκάλα τους κ. Kathy Pittman, χόρεψε θαυμάσιους παραδοσιακούς χορούς, οι μαθητές του Κατηχητικού Σχολείου διάβασαν αποσπάσματα από τα αξεπέραστα συγγράμματα των Τριών Μεγάλων Πατέρων και Οικουμενικών Διδασκάλων, οι επιτυχόντες στις εξετάσεις ελληνομάθειας απαγγείλαν στροφές από το αθάνατο ποίημα του εθνικού μας ποιητή Διονυσίου Σολωμού «Ύμνος εις την Ελευθερίαν» και οι μαθητές της 2ας τάξης παρέλαβαν τα ελληνοαμερικανικά λεξικά που η κοινότητα δωρίζει κάθε χρόνο.

Απονομή Πιστοποιητικών Ελληνομάθειας

Κάτω από τα παρατεταμένα χειροκροτήματα όλων, ακολούθησε η απονομή των Πιστοποιητικών Ελληνομάθειας στους επιτυχόντες στις περσινές εξετάσεις πιστοποίησης ελληνομάθειας του Κέντρου Ελληνικής Γλώσσας του Ελληνικού Υπουργείου Παιδείας, Δια Βίου Μάθησης και Θρησκευμάτων. Οι επιτυχόντες, με το επίπεδο επιτυχίας σε παρένθεση, είναι οι εξής: MARIA TSAMBOUNIERIS (A1) - BARBARA EURIPIDES, VASILIOS LABRAKIS (A2) - LEA HOLEVAS, JOANNA NIXON & GEORGE TSAMBOUNIERIS (B1).



Θερμότατα συγχαρητήρια στους επιτυχόντες στις Εξετάσεις Ελληνομάθειας 2012 καθώς και στους γονείς τους, μερικοί των οποίων ήλθαν από πολύ μακριά για να συμμετάσχουν στη θαυμάσια αυτή γιορτή και να παραλάβουν τα παιδιά τους τα Πιστοποιητικά Ελληνομάθειας.

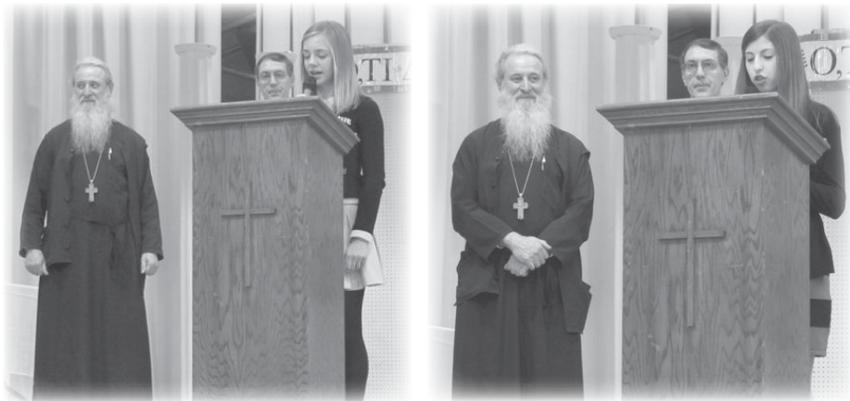
Greek School News Continued

Ο κ. Περούλας δεν παρέλειψε να ευχαριστήσει θερμά, ως ελάχιστο δείγμα αναγνώρισης, το γιό του Κώστα που έκανε προσφορά το γεύμα και τους πάντα πρόθυμους μαγειρούς με επικεφαλής το κ. Σπύρο Καλύβα, οι οποίοι διέθεσαν τον πολύτιμο χρόνο και το ταλέντο τους για να μαγειρέψουν τα νοστιμότατα φαγητά. Επίσης τον διευθυντή Νεολαίας κ. Δημ. Δημόπουλο και τον κ. Ευάγγελο Τάτση, τις άοκνες κυρίες του

Συλλόγου Γονέων και Διδασκάλων και τις δασκάλες του σχολείου για τις απαραίτητες προετοιμασίες στην αίθουσα των εκδηλώσεων καθώς και την αγάπη τους και ενθάρρυνση των μαθητών μας.



Μαθητές της 2ας τάξης μετά την απονομή των ελληνοαγγλικών λεξικών



Greek School Three Hierarchs & Greek Letters Day Celebration

Η χορευτική ομάδα από μαθητές της 8ης και 9ης τάξης. Θερμά συγχαρητήρια σε όλους και τη δασκάλα τους Mrs. Kathy Pittman.



www.htgo.org

Crown Point FAMILY PHYSICIANS

Remarkable People. Remarkable Medicine.

REMARKABLE FAMILY CARE
is just around the corner.

Crown Point Family Physicians is a name you can trust when it comes to your family's health. We combine leading-edge technology with personalized service to deliver remarkable care. Our board-certified physicians can care for every member of your family – from newborns to seniors.

Your entire family can count on us for:

- Newborn, infant and pediatric care
- Adolescent, adult and geriatric care
- Routine gynecological care and post-menopausal care
- Same-day sick appointments • Treatment of minor injuries
- School, sports and employment physicals
- On-site laboratory, X-ray, ultrasound and bone density testing
- Cardiovascular testing – echo and stress testing

*Make an appointment today
by calling 704-384-1260.*

9101 Monroe Road, Suite 155 • Charlotte, NC 28270
www.CrownPointFamilyPhysicians.com



Jaime Wise, MD

Jeffrey Hutchings, MD

M. Mark Hester, MD

Dimitrios Hondros, MD

Kate Lowe, MSN, RN, FNP

Marshall McMillan, MD

John Crawford, MD



- Compassionate hearts providing quality service at a sensible price
- Specialists in shipping and receiving loved ones
- Traditional funeral arrangements made with the care and certainty that the service selected properly memorializes your loved one
- Pre-arrangement planning and transfer of existing pre-arrangements

Make the HeritageChoice

Charlotte/Ballantyne
16151 Lancaster Hwy.
Charlotte, NC 28277
704-714-1540

Indian Trail
4431 Old Monroe Road
Indian Trail, NC 28079
704-821-2960

Weddington/Matthews
3700 Forest Lawn Dr.
Matthews, NC 28104
704-846-3771



We Proudly Support "THE VOICE" and are Grateful to the Volunteers who prepare it.



Billy Drosinis, Anthony Asprogiannis, Pete Pappas, Jimmy Strates
Dean Georgoulas, John Karagiannis, Andy Vrantsis & Jimmy Georgiou

Showmars Casual Dining...Fast!

Founded in 1982

Celebrating 30 years
Providing exceptional service
Then, now & always

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
www.htgo.org
FATHER MICHAEL G. VARVARGIS
FATHER EPSTATHIOS M. VARVARGIS



RE/MAX

Metro Realty

Dimitra (Tula) Kourakos

BROKER
RE/MAX 100% Club

8035 Providence Road, Suite 320
Charlotte, North Carolina 28277-9717
Office: (704) 543-6680
Fax: (704) 542-9718
Direct: (704) 641-9996
Email: dkourakos1@carolina.rr.com



Each Office Independently Owned and Operated

HM properties

IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING
A MOVE OR WOULD LIKE
TO KEEP UP WITH THE
REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY IN
YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD WITH
AUTOMATIC EMAIL UPDATES,
PLEASE LET ME KNOW!



JERRY O'KEEFE

704-502-4259

JERRY@HMPROPERTIES.COM

LICENSED IN NC & SC

WWW.JERRYOKEEFE.COM

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
FATHER MICHAEL G. VARVARGIS
FATHER EPSTATHIOS M. VARVARGIS

**All the latest news and photos
are now on the web**
www.htgo.org

American Community Bank Proudly Serving the Greek Community

If you are looking for a bank that truly cares about its customers and takes tremendous pride in providing the highest level of personal service, then we invite you to visit one of our nearby offices. Discover today why thousands of area residents have made American Community Bank their top banking choice!



Jimmy Koutsokalis
Assistant Vice President & Branch Manager

Stop by today and meet our friendly and knowledgeable financial team!



South Park Office
4500 Cameron Valley Parkway • Suite 100
Charlotte, NC 28211 • 704-936-4369

www.AmericanCommunityBank.com

With 13 Area Offices & 55,000 Free ATMs Nationwide