

# THE CHAMPION

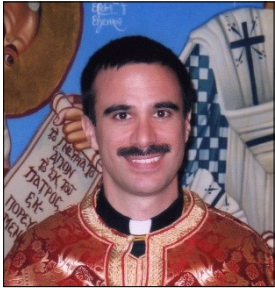
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from **Fr. Peter**

## Not walking away.

### Christ is Risen.

Now that we have reached the Anastasis, we are called to begin a new life. We are resurrected from our old selves and have become new. When the myrrhbearing women went to the tomb they met the angel there. After that encounter they went back and told the disciples of what had happened. The news that Christ has risen, was not only “news” but a charge that was given to them by an angel. The news of the empty tomb is also something that we need to proclaim that same news to all the people that we encounter. Not only should we say, “Christ is Risen”, but we should also speak about the beauty and significance of the Resurrection of Christ. We should speak about His resurrection, because it is our faith, but also our charge.

One of the lessons that we must not forget, is that we are called to continue our journey of spiritual growth. If the myrrhbearing women had seen the empty tomb and just took the message and buried it within themselves, what would the Church have been? Likewise what will the Church in the coming years become if we don’t continue to proclaim that same Good News. Even more important, what will “we” become if we don’t let Christ live in our hearts, or if “we” abandon our progress that we achieved during the Lenten period and during Holy Week.

Summer is usually when we take some time “off” from church. Whatever the reason, statistically church attendance is lower during the

summer months. Attendance during the summer months should actually be higher since we were just recharged during the Pascal Season. However, that is not the case. This summer, think about what your journey has been this year and where it needs to continue to go. Don’t allow yourself to wander from the calling that you have been given by God. Continue to speak of the Resurrection. Continue to spread the Good News. Continue to place yourself at the feet of Christ through your liturgical participation throughout the year. Don’t just rest on what has happened to you, but continue to make your life one of growth and holiness. Don’t walk away without coming back with the same fervor as you had during Holy Week.

### Truly He is Risen.

With Paternal Blessings,

Fr. Peter Spiro





## **Parish Council Update**

We are required to hold two Parish Assemblies annually under the guidelines of The Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. In 2011 these assemblies will be held on **Sunday, June 5th** and on **Sunday, November 20th**; as we did this past November, these meetings will be held in the sanctuary of our St. Athanasios Parish and will immediately follow Divine Liturgy and other services.

We are always pleased to have the opportunity to share key information with you at these meetings. The spring assembly provides you with a mid-year update on our finances, our progress in meeting the goals of our strategic plan (“To Improve the Well-Being of St. Athanasios”), Father Peter’s report and a number of other importance pieces of information relative to our community. We have had a very active first quarter to date, and will have updates that will give us a good indication on how the year 2011 will play out for us financially as well as in other initiatives.

Because our agenda is not as packed as the November one, this gives all stewards an even better opportunity to ask any questions they may have; we will (as usual) provide an “open mic” for the purpose of questions, but I am also inviting you to submit any questions you may have of Father Peter and/or the Parish Council to the church office no later than Friday, May 27th. You may feel free to identify yourself or ask the question anonymously ... we’ll do our best to answer your questions in the most complete manner.

As the representatives of all the Stewards of this church the Parish Council has the responsibility to make all decisions with the best interests of our community / church family always # 1 in our minds. We feel we have our fingers on the pulse of the community, but always welcome comments / input that will ensure we are on the “same page” with our constituents.

We hope you will join us for both of these meetings.. so **SAVE THE DATES** of **June 5th** and **November 20th** and attend the Parish Assemblies. We look forward to seeing you, and to sharing timely information relative to our beloved St. Athanasios!

Sincerely,

Frank L. Demas

Parish Council President

## Finance Update:

We would like to take this opportunity to update you on the financial status of our spiritual home, St. Athanasios. Through the first 3 months of 2011, our finances are stronger than they were in 2010. Our current positive financial position was helped by a strong finish in 2010. Remember, in the fall of 2010, we were predicting a \$30,000 to \$40,000 deficit. But due to the generosity of a few individuals and strong expense control, we finished the year with a deficit of less than \$5,000.

The financial strength that we showed in late 2010 has carried over into 2011. The following is a review of our finances through the first three months of 2011:

### Income:

2011 YTD Actual:\$186,327 – 105% of 2011 budget and 110% of 2010 income

2011 YTD Budget: \$177,550

2010 YTD Actual:\$169,921

### Expenses:

2011 YTD Actual:\$170,824 – 92.5% of 2011 budget and 97.7% of 2010 expenses

2011 YTD Budget: \$184,643

2010 YTD Actual:\$174,875

As you can see, income is above budget and expenses are below budget. These are all positive trends and encouraging, but we cannot get over confident. There are several infrastructure projects that have been delayed for several years that need to be completed this year, so expenses will eventually be on-budget by year-end. This means that we need to achieve our income budget to cover our 2011 operating expenses.

For us to continue our current financial strength through the rest of the year, the following needs to occur:

If you have **not** made your 2011 Stewardship pledge, please make your pledge and fulfill it. Over 150 past stewards have still not made their 2011 pledge as of the end of March.

If you have made your 2011 Stewardship pledge, please fulfill it by year-end.

Support the various fundraisers sponsored by the Parish Council and other Church organizations.

We would like thank you for your continued financial support of our church. If you have any questions about our current financial status or wish to see some additional information, please feel free to contact us. We will give a detailed review of our finances at the Spring General Assembly on Sunday, June 5th.

Peter Nassos  
Parish Council Treasurer

Foti Georgopoulos  
Assistant Parish Council Treasurer

## 2011 Stewardship Update:

Through the end of March, we have received 231 pledges for a total value of \$257,000 with an average pledge of \$1,113 ... thank you for your support and generosity! However, this amount is still \$103,000 short of our 2011 Stewardship Goal of \$360,000.

As of today, we have about 160 past stewards who have not made their 2011 pledge. We encourage everyone to make their 2011 pledge as soon as possible. Letters were sent out in late March to remind the unpledged stewards to submit their 2011 pledge. In May, the Parish Council will begin contacting those who have not made their 2011 pledge. A Stewardship table will be set-up in the Church Hall until the end of the school year, so stop by after service and see if we have a record of your 2011 pledge. If we don't have it, you can make your 2011 pledge at that time. If you have any questions about our 2011 Stewardship program, please feel free to contact any member of the Parish Council.

Remember ... Stewardship is our #1 fundraiser and 100% of the funds raised goes to the church to support our ministries and operating expenses. With many other church fund raisers (e.g., festivals, golf outings, dinners, etc.), about 50% of the funds raised goes to the church with the remaining money going to off-set the cost of the fund raising activity!

Thank you again for your support,

St. Athanasios Stewardship Committee



## Saint Athanasios 2011 Stewardship - April 25, 2011

- A**  
 ACITELLI, Charles & Sophie  
 ADAMS, Christine  
 ADAMS, Greg & Lori  
 ADRIAN, Katherine  
 AFSHARI, Nader & Kanela  
 AGNOS, Kevin & Lisa  
 AGRES, Daisy  
 ALTIDIS, Paris & Stephanie  
 ANDREWS, MaryAnn  
 ANGELIDES, Philip & Katherine  
 APOSTOL, George & Nicoleta  
 ARCHAKIS, Thomas & Debra  
 ATHENS, Lamona  
 ATHENS, Peter & Karie
- B**  
 BACICH, Michael & Mary  
 BAKAS, Peter & Genella  
 BAROUKAS, Costas & Anna  
 BASS, Sam & Heidi  
 BATITSAS, Steve & Helen  
 BEDON, Nouhad & Luis  
 BENAKIS, Ariadne  
 BERGMAN, Helen  
 BERIS, Tom & Sandy  
 BESHILAS, George & Kathryn  
 BEZANIS, Steven & Heather  
 BLACK, Joseph & Joanne  
 BLISS, Christine  
 BOTSIS, Demetrios & Afroditi  
 BOTSIS, John & Terry  
 BOZNOS, Bill & Maria  
 BOZONELOS, John & Maria  
 BROWN, Alexandra  
 BROWN, George  
 BURBULES, George
- C**  
 CALAMARAS FALK, Kathy  
 CALAMARAS, Marianne  
 CALAMARAS, Rikki  
 CALAMIA, Ray A. & Maria  
 CARLSON, Dave & Lori  
 CASSIANI, John & Aphrodite  
 CHABEZ, Paul & Kathy  
 CHASE, Mark & Maria  
 CHINO, Michael & Janulla  
 CHINO, William & Sofia  
 CHIOLES, Joan Zoe  
 CHLACHIDZE, Guram & Ketevan  
 CODINA, Terry & Bernie  
 COLLINS, Bill & Tracey  
 COLLINS, Steven & Joanne  
 CONDOS, Peter & Angela  
 CONDOS, Steve & Niki  
 CONSTANTINE, Gus  
 CORICHIDES, Sultana
- COULOS, Harry  
 COULOS, James  
 CROUTHAMEL, James & Pamela  
 CUCURAS, Charles & Sandy
- D**  
 DAGIANTIS, Dena  
 DALINIS, Gus & Shari  
 DAMIANIDES, Charles & Kathy  
 DANOS, Perry & Anne  
 DELIGIANNIS, Bill  
 DELIGIANNIS, James & Dena  
 DELIGIANNIS, Sophia  
 DELLIS, Louis & Karen  
 DEMAS, Frank & Jean  
 DEMOS, Anna  
 DIERKING, Randy & Angela  
 DIGIOVANNI, Valerie  
 DIGRINDAKIS, John & Athena  
 DIGRINDAKIS, Nicos & Jill  
 DRACOPOULOS, George & Venetia  
 DRAVILLAS, Aris & Mr. Allen Griffin  
 DRAVILLAS, Dimitrios & Joy  
 DRECHSLER, Mark & Christine  
 DULLES, Ted & Samantha  
 DURAN, Sandra  
 DUSSIAS, Constantine & Edyta
- E**  
 EFSTATHIOU, Sandra  
 ELLIS, Peter & Jennifer  
 ESTOPARE, Greg & Tina  
 EVERT, Michael & Irene
- F**  
 FINCH, Marshall & Mrs. Rose Pagonis  
 FINNIGAN, Ronald & Angeline  
 FOLEY, Effie  
 FOLEY, Michael & Christine  
 FREELAND, Christine
- G**  
 GALOUNIS, Maria  
 GARBIS, Louis & Phyllis  
 GARIFALIS, Nicholas & Vicky  
 GAROUFALIS, Matthew & Cathie  
 GAVRILYS, James & Mary Ann  
 GEKAS, Paul & Pauline  
 GEORGACOPOULOS, Anthony & Georgia  
 GEORGACOPOULOS, Christos  
 GEORGANAS, Peter & Theodora  
 GEORGOPOULOS, Foti  
 GEORGOPOULOS, John & Amalia  
 GERAKARIS, William & Janice  
 GIALAMAS, John & Lisa  
 GLADIS, George & Nancy  
 GOFRON, Kevin & Stella  
 GOMEZ, Leon  
 GOUMAKIS, Lynn  
 GRAWE, Jeffrey & Elaine
- GUCKEL, Erik & Efimia
- H**  
 HALKIAS, Evan  
 HALKIAS, Louis & Helen  
 HALKIAS, Michael  
 HANSEN, Michael &  
 Mrs. Joanne Spyridakos-Hansen  
 HARALAMBOPOULOS, Chris & Sherry  
 HAROVAS, Perry & Michele  
 HATZILABROU, Labros &  
 Georgia-Mina  
 HENIADES, Bill & Connie  
 HERNANDEZ, Jeff & Effie  
 HIOTIS, Diamantis & Kathy  
 HOUNTALAS, Harriet  
 HOUNTALAS, Spiro & Eleni
- I**  
 IANNUZI, Robert & Susan
- J**  
 JACOBSON, Steve & Terry  
 JENKINS, Robert & Helen  
 JOHNSON, Steve & Rebecca  
 JOSEPH, Richard & Toulia
- K**  
 KALANT, Don & Sandra  
 KALLAS, Nicholas & Kathy  
 KAMINSKI, Glen & Kimberly  
 KANARIS, Frixos & Despo  
 KANDALEPAS, Christina  
 KANDALEPAS, Pete & Anastasia  
 KANELLIS, Kosta & Renata Mariano  
 KAPPOS, Gust & Shirley  
 KARLIS, Louis & Pat  
 KARRAS, George & Georgia  
 KARTSONAS, Constantinos & Dina  
 KASTRAN, Thomas & Despina  
 KIEFER, Steve & Niki  
 KOKAS, Muriel  
 KONTOS, Gregory & Anna-Marie  
 KOSTOPOULAS, Tony & Kristi  
 KOTTIS, Nick & Linda  
 KOULOS, Bessie  
 KOULOS, James & Jill  
 KOULOS, Michael & Elli  
 KOULOS, Stephen & Noelia  
 KOULTOURIDES, Carris & Nancy  
 KOURBANIS, Ioanis  
 KOURSARIS, Bessie  
 KOUTSOGIANNIS, John & Nancy  
 KRAULOS, Andrew  
 KUKLA, Demetra & Marc  
 KUNCL, James & Stacy
- L**  
 LADAS, Michael & Patty  
 LAMBROU, Louie & Maria  
 LEECH, William & Jami

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LEHPAMER, Michael & Tina  
LIAPIS, Louis & Sheila  
LIAPIS, Pola  
LIVERIS, Randy & Vanessa

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MAGLARAS, George & Suzan  
MAINS, Jeremy & Angela  
MANETAS, Violeta  
MANIATIS, John & Laura  
MANIKAS, Theodore & Dora  
MANIKAS, Theos & Lydia  
MANOS, George & Susan  
MAYHEW, Michael & Stephanie  
MCANALLY, Brian  
MCKINNEY, PJ & Amanda  
METROS, George  
METROU, Nancy  
METROU, Nicholas & Helen  
METROU, Peter & Christine  
MICHNIEWICZ, Jason & Helen  
MIHALOPOULOS, Gloria  
MIRMINGOS, Dino & Athena  
MISHOS, Elsie & Angelo  
MISHOS, Helen  
MISSANA, Joseph & Leann  
MODLINGER, Vicky & Ms. Fay Theodor  
MOLOGOUSIS, Michael & Kalomira  
MOSSIDES, George & Pamela  
MOTT, Olympia  
MOUROUSIAS, John & Jennifer  
MUNDIE, Aaron & Hannah

**N**

NASSOS, Peter & Betsy

NASSOS, Philip & Lisa

NICHOLAS, George & Beth

NIFOROS, Helen

NOEL, John & Diane

NOEL, Paul

**O**

OSTENDORF, Brad & Nicole

**P**

PAGONIS, Alex J. & Chrissy

PALOS, Constance

PANAGAKIS, Peter & Anna

PANAGOPOULOS, Iraklis & Irene

PANAGOPOULOS, Panagiotis &  
Anastasia

PANAGOPOULOS, Pantelis &  
Christina

PANOS, John & Sia

PANOS, Peter & Erene

PAPADIMITRIOU, Vaia

PAPAGEORGAKIS, George & Freda

PAPASIDERIS, Stamos & Katherine

PAPOUTSIS, Savvas & Tanya

PARTHENIOS, George & Stella

PATSAVAS, Dean & Colleen

PATSAVAS, Michael & Marie

PEDDLE, Thomas & M.J

PEROZZI, Vince & Eugenia

PETERS, Scott & Connie

PETROU, Ann

PIETRZYK, Edward & Joleen

PILALIS, Odys & Brenda

PIROVANO, John & Patty

POULAKIDAS, John & Betty

POULAKIDAS, Stathis

POULOS, Harry & Vicky

POULOS, Nick

POULOS, Sam & Toula

PROCOPOS, Modestos & Jill

PROKOS, John & Margo

PULLOS, Christopher & Megan

PULLOS, George & Sheila

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RADOVICH, Joseph & Virginia

RANTIS, George P.

RANTIS, Nicholas

ROBINSON, Mondo

ROFALIKOS, Ted & Carmen

ROMANO, Amerigo & Olga

ROMIOS, Gus & Connie

ROUMBOS, Bill & Vasiliki

ROUSONELOS, Gus & Georgia

ROUSSOS, Betty

ROY, Georgina

RUDELLA, Chris & Jennifer

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SAVAS, Michael & Kristin

SCHNEIDER, David & Evelyn

SCHOEN, Demitra & Kenneth

SCHOPLER, Michael & JoAnne

SCHROEDER, Demetra

SCHUMACHER, Tom & Faith

SELLAS, Angelo & Maria

SHEAFFER, Janet

SHUKAS, Andrea

SIAMBIS, John & Pauline

SIMIOS, George & Stella

SIMIOS, Van & Jeannette

SLEEZER, Charles & Joanne

SMITH, Deacon Vasilios & Argie

SPIRO, John & Frances

SPIRO, Fr. Peter & Presbyteria Dana

STAMAS, Tom & Nicole

STAMATAKIS, Penelope

STAMATOPOULOS, Peter & Theodora

STAMATOPOULOS, Xenia

STANDISH, Tony & Kristin

STAVROPOULOS, Ernest &

Dr. Vasilike Sandas Stavropoulos

SUNTKEN, Ron & Helen

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TANGEDAHL, Michael & Andrea

TCHAKANAKIS, Matina

THEODOR, Nick & Jennifer

TONKIN, Christine & Edward

TOULOUMIS, Alexi

TSIMOURIS, Emmanouil & Annette

TSIPAS, Thomas & Virginia

TURZINSKI, Randall & Toula

TUSKEY, Robert & Kathy

TZANETAKOS, Nicholas & Lisette

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UGASTE, Dan & Denise

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VARDOUNIOTIS, Chris & Anastasia

VARDOUNIOTIS, Peter &

Ms. Jennifer MacPhail

VARELAS, Nikos & Maria

VARNEY, Terry & Joanne

VATIANOU, Kostas & Sophia

VLAHOS, John & Irene

VON TRACHTENBERG, David & Camile

VRANAS, Nicholas & Ellena

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WALLACE, Clint & Christina

WALTER, Mark & Thania

WEIBEL, John & Sophia

WELD, Angeline

WHITNEY, Michael & Stacia

WONAS, Gus & Rene

XINOS, Bill & Eleftheria

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Mrs. Mary Merkouris

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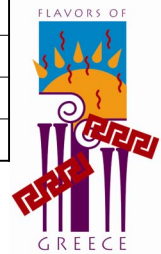
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*St. Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church presents...*

# The Flavors of Greece Greek Festival

Festival Week Calendar of Events ... *we need your support!*

DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME*	PLACE
Sunday	5/22	Pass Out Yard Signs	11:30 AM	Church Hall
		Sign Up Sunday	11:30 AM	Church Hall
Monday	5/23	Food Committee Prep Activities	5:00 PM	Church Hall
Tuesday	5/24	Food Committee Prep Activities	5:00 PM	Church Hall
Wednesday	5/25	Load Trucks / Drop at Fairgrounds	6:00 PM	Church & KCFG
Thursday	5/26	Signs & Decorations Set Up	1:00 PM	Kane County Fairgrounds
		Unload Trucks at Fairgrounds	6:00 PM	Kane County Fairgrounds
Friday	5/27	Festival Set Up	7:30 AM	Kane County Fairgrounds
		Festival Doors Open	5:00 PM	Kane County Fairgrounds
Saturday	5/28	Festival Set Up	9:00 AM	Kane County Fairgrounds
		Festival Doors Open	12:00 PM	Kane County Fairgrounds
Sunday	5/29	Festival Set Up	9:00 AM	Kane County Fairgrounds
		Festival Doors Open	12:00 PM	Kane County Fairgrounds
Monday	5/30	Festival Tear Down / Load Trucks	11:00 PM	Kane County Fairgrounds
		Unload Trucks	9:00 AM	Church Hall



## Memorial Day weekend 2011

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### GYROS CUTTERS NEEDED!

Working the Festival is (seriously) a lot of fun and a great way to get to better know fellow parishioners. This year we are in need of a fresh crop of Gyros cutters. No experience is necessary: the learning curve is probably 15 minutes and you will be a pro! We will be cutting gyros continually throughout the Festival. So, any block of time you can give would be greatly appreciated. If interested, please call Brian McAnally at 708-514-5676 or Nick Rantis at 630-596-6263.

### ADMISSIONS

Work Festival Admissions and greet all your friends and family at the door. No experience needed. Just four hours of donated time would be greatly appreciated. Recruit your friends and work together. Call or contact Terry or Joanne Varney at 630-907-0645 or send an e-mail to [cl330@comcast.net](mailto:cl330@comcast.net) to schedule your time. Thanks!

## FLAVORS OF GREECE SPRING FESTIVAL

We are approximately **3** weeks away from the opening of the 2011 Flavors of Greece Food & Cultural Festival. As usual, this event will be held on Memorial Day weekend (May 27 -29) at the Kane County Fairgrounds in St. Charles, IL.

Last year was a challenging year for us, but we are confident that the 2011 event will be better than ever! Members of our Flavors of Greece Executive Committee (Foti Georgopoulos, Glen and Kim Kaminski, George Pullos, Ali Gerakaris, Pete Nassos, Gregory Kontos, Valerie DiGiovanni and me), members of the Decorations team and area / booth chairpersons are already working hard to make this year a big success.

Changes for this year include the following:

- New Hours (5:00 PM – 10:00 PM) for Friday night only
- The West Room will now be named “The Marketplace” and will include new vendors and some changes in the overall layout
- Our very popular Cooking Classes will return this year (after a 2 year absence) and will be held during both Saturday and Sunday afternoons in The Marketplace.
- Some subtle changes in the layout of the main East room, but no big “news”
- Our Atrium will be updated and we have some “fun” surprises that I can’t share with you yet, but promise to be a big hit with all attendees
- The Grand Raffle money payouts will be the same as year ago; however we will be adding an additional “non-monetary” prize very shortly.
- Increased marketing focus in the Chicago Metropolis, social networking sites and in web based/viral initiatives.

We are confident that our actions can only take us so far; therefore, to ensure a “better than ever” event this year, we need your support in the following areas:

- **Support the Grand Raffle** by purchasing or selling one ticket. All active parishioners have received one ticket and we are asking / pleading with you to please buy it or sell it ... **PLEASE DO NOT RETURN IT TO VALERIE DIGIOVANNI or THE RAFFLE COMMITTEE!** If every one of us would buy one ticket, this will virtually guarantee that we will sell out the Grand Raffle’s 750 tickets. ***Early Bird drawing is on Sunday 5/1/11***, so sell / buy your ticket, turn it in to the committee and get two chances to win \$\$\$\$!
- **Sign-up Sunday begins on May 1st** ... also the date of the Grand Raffle Early Bird Drawing, so sign up to volunteer in any of the areas of the festival and help make this the most successful event ever! We need your time and talent to maximize our success!
- **Donations and Ad Book Support:** We are looking for all the support we can get in garnering donations and ad book support in 2011! The more success we have here, the better our chances are of meeting the financial goals.

We are confident that the changes we are making will make our festival more enjoyable for all attendees, so tell your friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers and anyone else you can think of to come out to the Kane County Fairgrounds Memorial Day weekend and experience ***“The Flavors of Greece” ... Chicago’s #1 Indoor Greek Food and Cultural festival!***

**We look forward to your support of the festival and the Grand Raffle.**

Sincerely,  
Frank L. Demas  
General Chairman

## PHILOPTOCHOS MAY UPDATE

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Christos Anesti!

This month, we have just a few important "thank you" and announcements to share.

Thank you to everyone that responded to our calling for cookies and breads for the shut-ins that Father Peter visited before Easter. All of the recipients really appreciated and enjoyed your tasty treats and we appreciate your help in bringing a little sunshine to their days.

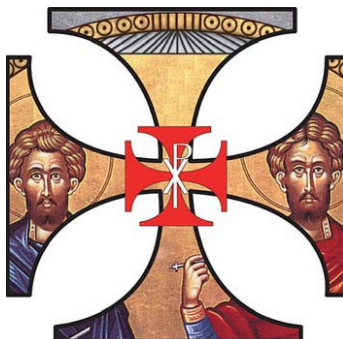
We also appreciate everyone who brought food to share for our Good Friday luncheon (as well as red eggs for the Anastasi service) and we hope you enjoyed participating in that day's activities. It's always heartwarming to share the time together in preparing our church for the celebration of our Risen Lord.

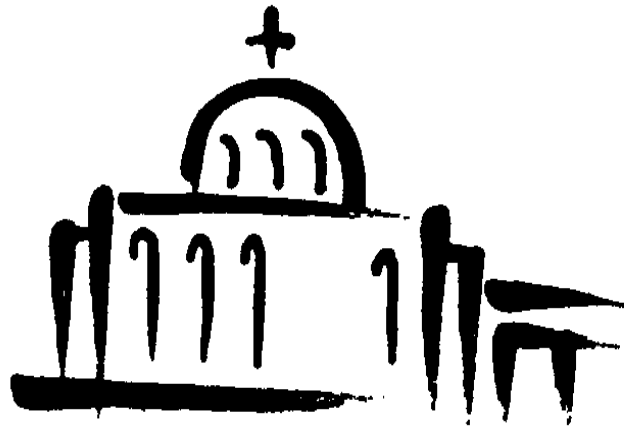
Our "So You Think You Can Dance" event is being postponed to Fall, due to scheduling issues. Please watch for more information soon.

Lastly, please join us in celebrating another successful church year at our year-end gathering on June 2 at 6:30 p.m. Stacy Kuncil is graciously opening her home to us. Stacy's address is 1141 Johnson Drive, Naperville. Please contact Stacy at 630-922-3326 or [stacyk@wowway.com](mailto:stacyk@wowway.com) to let her know if you will be attending. You may also respond to Thanea Walter at 630-778-2405 or [tcwalter@wideopenwest.com](mailto:tcwalter@wideopenwest.com). Philoptochos Board members will be providing appetizers, dinner and desserts. Everyone is welcome and we hope you will bring a friend that might be interested in joining Philoptochos.

On behalf of all of the ladies of St. Athanasios Philoptochos, we wish you a glorious spring and summer!

In Christ,  
Sheila Pullos  
President, St. Athanasios Philoptochos





**(Revised Schedule)**

**F.U.N. (Family Unity Nights)**

Consolidating & Strengthening our Ministries

September 23<sup>rd</sup>, October 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, November 11<sup>th</sup>, December 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, January 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, February 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, March 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, April 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, May 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

Ministries	Schedule
TOTS (0-Kindergarten)	5:30 – 6:30 FREE Dinner 6:30 – 7:00 TOTS with Fr. Peter 7:00 – 7:30 craft & fun time
Jr. JOY (K-2 <sup>nd</sup> grade)	5:30 – 6:30 FREE Dinner 6:30 – 7:30 Lesson in Church with Parents
JOY (3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grade)	5:30 – 6:30 FREE Dinner 6:30 – 7:30 JOY in Meeting Room
GOYA (7 <sup>rd</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade)	5:30 – 6:30 FREE Dinner 7:00 – 8:00 GOYA with Fr. Peter



## ~ SUNDAY SCHOOL / YOUTH CHOIR NEWS ~

Sunday May 1	Sunday School Classes Resume
May 15	Last day of Sunday School Classes
May 22	Sunday School Graduation (Classes resume in September )
June 14 – 17 <sup>th</sup>	St. Athanasios Summer Camp-Tuesday- Friday, 9 – noon.

### ST. ATHANASIOS SUMMER CAMP

**Tuesday** – Friday, **June 14** -17, for students entering Pre-K (4 yrs. old) through 5th grade. Join us for a fun filled week of celebrating our Lord and enjoying friendships, old and new. This year we're changing the camp format a little. Stay tuned for more details! Registration opens soon, watch for flyers and more information.

**GRADUATES OF 2011** - St. Athanasios annually recognizes High School and College Graduates in church on Graduation Sunday, May 22, 2011.. All students planning to graduate from High School, College, and Graduate School this year are recognized.. Please email information to [chrisdrechsler@wowway.com](mailto:chrisdrechsler@wowway.com) by May 15<sup>th</sup> to be recognized on Graduation Day. Send student's NAME - SCHOOL/ DEGREE EARNED- COLLEGE DESTINATION (if applicable).

### Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) Coin Box Collection--

Thank you to all the families that participated in our OCMC Coin Box Drive. All the monies collected are sent to OCMC for support of Orthodox Mission work around the world.

**MYROPHORES** Our 2011 Mothers & Myrophores Luncheon was held at Basil's Restaurant. The luncheon is held for fellowship with the girls and their Mothers, and to learn more about their special role as myrophores. Thank you to Christine Metrou and Dr. Ellena for coordinating our Myrophores again this year.



Contact Christine Drechsler at (630) 922-0089 or [chrisdrechsler@wowway.com](mailto:chrisdrechsler@wowway.com) for Sunday School registration, or any questions or concerns.



**Jesus is my rock. Jesus is my star.  
Jesus is my rock star.**

**St. Athanasios 2011  
Rock Star Summer Camp**

**Tuesday, June 14 - Friday, June 17  
9:00 a.m. - noon**

*Join us for a fun filled week  
with Our Lord, Our Rock!*

**Pre-K (4 yrs) - entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade.  
\$25 per child before May 20  
\$30 per child May 21 - June 10**

**Includes T-shirt, ALL NEW Small group selection\*,  
Outdoor games, FUN, Fellowship,  
and a Rockin' Family Luncheon @ Noon Friday**

**\*Each child will be able to pre-select an individual small group,  
choosing from the following categories: art, music, cooking, &  
bible study. There's limited availability per group. *Sign up now!***

**St. Athanasios Rock Star Summer Camp 2011 Registration Form**

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address/City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**ROCK STAR CAMPERS ATTENDING**

**Please make a small group selection\* for each child. The groups are: art, music, bible study, or cooking.**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **GRADE entering Fall 2012:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_ Small Group 1<sup>st</sup> choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Small Group 2<sup>nd</sup> choice: \_\_\_\_\_  
**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **GRADE entering Fall 2012:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_ Small Group 1<sup>st</sup> choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Small Group 2<sup>nd</sup> choice: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_ Small Group 1<sup>st</sup> choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Small Group 2<sup>nd</sup> choice: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please keep in mind, small groups are per age group and are limited in size.

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Child(ren)'s Physican: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Child(ren)'s Dentist: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the child(ren) covered by family medical/hospital insurance: Yes No  
 Carrier or Plan Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Group Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Carrier Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Insured: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to child(ren): \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize the following individuals to pick up my child(ren) from Summer Camp:  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Rock Star Volunteer Info: We'd LOVE your help!** If you can help out, please indicate by circling your preferences:

I would like to help with the **preparations & planning BEFORE Summer Camp** (May and June)  
 I can help **DURING Summer Camp and I am available these days from 9 – noon: T W Th F**  
 Would you like to be a teacher? **YES** Would you like to be a teachers helper? **YES**  
 Would you like to help with preparations for the Rockin' Family Luncheon on Friday morning? **YES**

**Registration Fee: \$25 per child by May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**Submit payment with your registration form in a sealed envelope to the Church Office, checks to "St. Athanasios".**

As a parent and/or legal guardian, I do herewith authorize St. Athanasios Summer Camp staff to administer first aid as needed and treatment by a qualified and licensed medical doctor of the registered minor(s) in the event of a medical emergency, which in the opinion of the attending physician, may endanger his or her life, cause disfigurement, physical impairment or undue discomfort if delayed. This authority is granted only after reasonable effort has been made to reach me. I also give my child(ren) permission to take part in the planned activities and assume all risks and hazards incidental to such participation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of parent or guardian Date

# GREEK SCHOOL NEWS TA NEA TOY ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟΥ

## *Greek Independence Day Celebration*



**25η Μαρτίου 1821 - Greece's modern revolution began on this day with the declaration of independence from the Ottoman Empire since the fall of Constantinople in 1453. Bishop Germanos of Patra credited as the first to declare Greece free raised a flag over the monastery of Ayia Lavra and declared "Ελευθερία ή Θάνατος" ("Liberty or Death") and became the rallying cry for the ensuing revolution.**



...On March 19th our students celebrated Greek Independence Day with a program full of songs, poems and dance. Congratulations to our teachers and students for a wonderful performance celebrating this important day in modern Greek history. Ζήτω η Ελλάς!

***Greek Independence Day Parade..*** On May 1st our students and parents continued the celebration by marching down the heart of Greek Town at this years Greek Independence Day Parade. Special thanks to Tasso's Greek Cuisine for sponsoring our wonderful float.



***Graduation Day June 5th...*** Mark your calendars for Graduation Day on June 5th. Join us as our Greek School sponsors a luncheon for our graduating Kindergarten and 6th grade students. During this big celebration students will receive their certificates and diplomas.

***Registration for next school year...*** Don't forget to save your spot before the summer vacation. Our school offers evening and Saturday classes for children pre-K to 6<sup>th</sup> grade and provides the students with a rich library and modern computer-based teaching methods. If you have any questions or would like to know more about our program please contact the school Principal, Mrs. Stella Lundquist at (815) 267-3048.

## Save the Date!!!!

### 2011 St. Athanasios Annual Golf Outing Date Set

By Spiro C. Hountalas

Attention **Greek Orthodox Loving Fellowship** fans!!! Mark your calendar.

The 12<sup>th</sup> annual St. Athanasios Golf Outing will be Saturday, September 24th at the Phillips Park Golf Course, located 1.2 miles southwest of our church on Hill Avenue in Aurora. The outing will begin at noon with registration and fellowship and a “shotgun” start at 1:00 pm.

We use a scramble format opening the event up for everyone regardless of skill. The *patara* (camaraderie) is what makes the outing! Our foursomes include grandparents, parents & children, brothers/cousins and just friends. If you can't come up with your own foursome, sign up anyway! We will make one for you. Since 2005, our golf outing has attracted an average of 91 golfers per year and since its inception has raised over \$62,800 for our church!

The golf course is part of the 325-acre Phillips Park. Golfing and non-golfing family members can enjoy the other park attractions and amenities that include a Park Zoo (exhibits include wolves, foxes, bald eagles, pot bellied pigs, llamas, elk, peacocks, Elk Bull and herds, goats, a bird/reptile house and more.)

Large state-of-the-art playgrounds, toddler playgrounds, tennis courts, horseshoe pits, sand volleyball courts, picnic pavilions, fishing piers and bike paths.

Even if you don't golf, we welcome you to the community dinner at the Church hall that follows. We will again have a silent auction/raffle.

Cost: \$95 (\$85 if registered and paid by September 18)  
 For children 12 & under: \$75 (\$65 if registered and paid by September 18)  
 Includes golf, cart, “goodie bag” and dinner.  
 Dinner only: \$10/adults and \$5/children 12 and under.

This year's dinner will again be catered by our very own John Vlahos and his crew!

### Needed...

Items for the silent auction: Sports Tickets, Memorabilia, Day Spas, Restaurant Gift Certificates, Vacation stays...etc. Please contact Tom Tsipas, [atsipas@comcast.net](mailto:atsipas@comcast.net), if you can help with any of these donations.

Quality items for “goodie”/welcoming bag that promotes your business.

Also, if you would like to promote your business or support of the golf outing event by sponsoring a hole, please contact Randy Turzinski, [Randy\\_Turzinski@genpt.com](mailto:Randy_Turzinski@genpt.com). \$100 donation.

If you would like to help or have any questions or add your e-mail to a golf outing update list, contact Spiro Hountalas: [naperspike@aol.com](mailto:naperspike@aol.com) or call 630-778-6150.

See you at Church...and then the links!!!

**April 2011**

**Letter from Peter Boznos**

**Dear Fr. Peter; Parish Council Members; Women of Philoptochos; and Parishioners of St. Athanasios,**

By the Grace of God I am once more able to bring you news of my life at the Seminary. I hope that this letter finds you well and in a state of vigilance during our shared Lenten journey. I am sure that you have discovered, as in fact this year has illumined me, that each and every time we undertake the struggles of Lent we are facing something new, and yet all together familiar. The fast is the same, the hymns and services recognizable, however each of our individual endeavors take on a new and unique face from that of previous years. The labors of years past have become internalized, providing the strength and tools to engage the next round of spiritual work, and in this way the Lenten period offers us arguably the greatest period of growth.

My Lenten experience last year was earth shattering and formative, and yet seems to be eclipsed by my current efforts, which I recognize as just another step on a lifelong voyage of growth. I am constantly amazed at just how beneficial it can be to suspend the instinct to speak whenever an opportunity presents itself. A clear sense of calmness has presented itself as the fruits of an increased spirit of observation and quiet.

I find it hard to believe that I will have completed half of my Seminarian education within a few months' time. With my forthcoming status as an upperclassman next year, I will be taking on increased responsibilities on campus. I have accepted the position of Assistant Ecclesiarch for the '11-'12 school year. The Head Ecclesiarch and I are essentially responsible for coordinating everything that happens within the chapel; from scheduling service and the respective clergy, to cleaning, and instructing the Altar Groups as to the proper way to perform the services. It is a large responsibility, and I attribute my accomplishment in this arena to the time spent with Fr. Peter in the Altar at St. Athanasios.

I cannot explain just how excited I am to join you for Pascha this year. Because my undergraduate studies were done out of state, this will be only the second Pascha in the last six years that I will be able to spend with you. What a joy it will be to herald in the resurrection amongst the community which nurtured me.

Your Brother in Christ,

Peter Boznos

## BITS AND PIECES

### AHEPA'S 13TH DISTRICT 2011 SCHOLARSHIPS

Eligible students must be a high school senior, have a minimum four year cumulative GPA of B, and be of either Greek heritage or have a parent who is an active member of the AHEPA family. Special provisions may apply for those students attending Seminary schools and those who can demonstrate financial need. Please visit [www.ahepa.org](http://www.ahepa.org) and follow the prompts to District 13, Application for Scholarship to download an application.

### 2011 PROGRAMS AT IONIAN VILLAGE

This year, in addition to the well-known **Ionian Village Summer Camp** programs for youth ages 13– 18, two new programs have been added: “**Journey to Pascha**” open to adults, families and young adults ages 19 and over, and the highly anticipated return of “**Spiritual Odyssey**” for young adults ages 19-28. Registration for ALL programs is now open and can be completed on line at [www.ionianvillage.org](http://www.ionianvillage.org)

## PROSFORO NEEDED!

**If you are able to make some, it would be greatly appreciated.**

**Thank you**



**Prosforo Stamp**

<b>Prosforo Recipe:</b>	1	pkg. dry yeast or 1 t. dry yeast from jar
	2	T. sugar
	1/4	cup warm water
	5	cups sifted flour
	1	t. salt
	1 1/4	cup warm water

Dissolve yeast in warm water and set aside for about 15 minutes with 2 T. sugar. Make a depression in the sifted flour and add yeast water and salt. Knead well until smooth and no air bubbles remain. Roll and flatten dough . Put in a round cake pan that has been floured only (Not Greased). Sprinkle flour on top of dough and on stamp. Stamp hard with the seal. Leave stamp on dough while rising. Let rise in a warm place for 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Prick the dough with a toothpick 8 times. Bake at 350 deg. For 45 minutes.

Note: During the preparation of the prosphro pray with the Jesus Prayer.

### Jesus Prayer

**“Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me, a sinner”**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
1 8:15am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy/SS 11:30am FOG Grand Raffle Early Bird Drawing 12pm FOG Committee Chairperson's Mtg. Greek-American Parade	2 5pm Greek School	3	4 5pm Greek School 7pm Parish Council Mtg.	5 5:30pm F.U.N.	6	7 9am Saturday Greek School
8 Mother's Day 8:15am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy/SS	9 5pm Greek School	10	11 5pm Greek School	12	13	14 9am Saturday Greek School
15 8:15am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy/Last day of SS	16 5pm Greek School 7pm FOG Committee Chairperson's Meeting	17	18 5pm Greek School	19 5:30pm F.U.N. (Last F.U.N.)	20	21 Sts Constantine & Helen 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy 9am Saturday Greek School
22 8:15am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy/SS Graduation Ceremony	23 5pm Greek School 5pm FOG Food Commit- tee Prep Activities	24 5pm FOG Food Committee Prep Ac- tivities	25 5pm Greek School 6pm Load Trucks/ Drop off at Fair- grounds	26 6pm Unload Trucks at Fairgrounds	27 8am FOG Set up 5:00pm Flavors of Greece kicks off at Kane County Fairground until 10:00pm	28 NO Saturday Greek School Today! 9am Festival Set up 12pm-11pm Flavors of Greece continues
29 8:15am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy 9am Festival Set up 12pm-11pm Flavors of Greece Last Day	30 Memorial Day Parish Office Closed Fr. Peter - Cemetery Visits NO Greek School Today!	31				

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
.			1 5pm Greek School Last Day 'Fun Day'	2 Ascension of Our Lord 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Liturgy	3	4 9am Sat. Greek School Last Day 'Fun Day'
5 8:15am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy Parish Assembly Greek School hosts Graduation Luncheon	6	7	8	9	10	11 Saturday of Souls 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy
12 Pentecost 8:15am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy	13	14 St. Athanasios Summer Camp	15	16	17 Last Day for Summer Camp	18
19 All Saints Father's Day 8:15am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy	20 Begin the Fast of the Holy Apostles (Lasts 9 Days)	21	22	23 7:00 pm Parish Council mtg.	24	25
26 8:15am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy	27	28	29 SS Peter & Paul 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy	30 Holy Apostles 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy		

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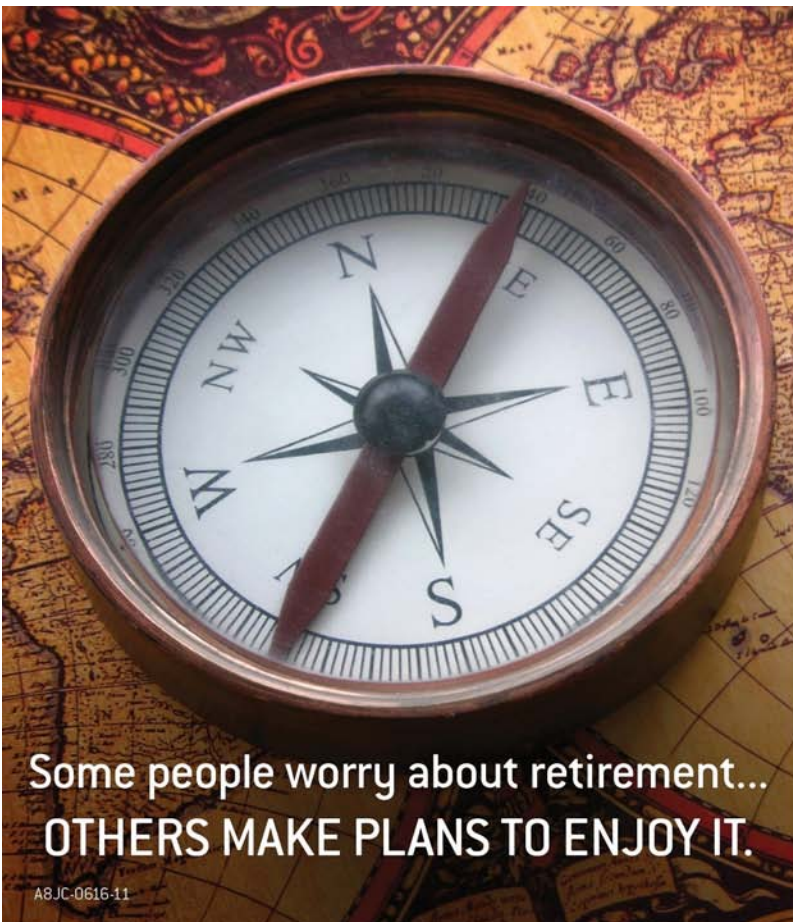
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