

The History of St. Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church



Let Us Commit Ourselves and One Another and Our Whole Life to Christ Our God. The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom; from The Great Litany

"For God so loved the world that He gave us His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

Our community has grown over the years through the spirit of stewardship. The willingness to offer ourselves through our time, talent and treasure

"We are to be regarded as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God." 1Cor. 4:1

"We are to toil together, struggle together, run together, suffer together, lie down together, rise up together, as God's stewards, assessors and ministers." St. Ignatius

Our endeavors speak of our commitment to follow The Way of our Lord. "Show me then your faith by what you do," can describe the intent of our founders as they lived their lives striving for "that something better" to further enrich their lives, the lives of their families and their community.



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Following The Way, we begin our journey through the reflections of the living founders of our beloved Church.

"Your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions." Joel (2:28)

The year 1944. The Greek community in Aurora was resilient, productive and socially adept within their new surroundings. The ability to assimilate within the community proved to be straightforward. Family ties allowed new immigrants the ability to organize and newly formed social organizations were places for introduction, fellowship and opportunity.

Ahepa, The Daughters of Penelope, The Three Saints Women's Club were a few of the avenues the Greek community utilized to fulfill their cultural and social needs, while religious needs were addressed through the All Saints Greek Orthodox Church in Joliet, 25 miles from their homes and businesses that were located in the Fox Valley areas.



LATONA

Latona was the daughter of Coeus, the Titan, and Phoebe. She was the mother of Apollo and Diana by Jupiter.
 Latona was persecuted by Juno because she was admired by Jupiter. In order to escape the persecution, she wandered from place to place until Jupiter gave her refuge on Delos, where she gave birth to her children.
 She was also known as Leto.

LATONA CHAPTER #145
 AURORA, ILLINOIS
 CHARTERED: DECEMBER 29, 1946

CHARTER MEMBERS:

Luella Falkos, Evelyn Kriaras, Frances Polyzandristas, Elizabeth Ruth Curtis, Helen Lecouris, Theresa Cook, Jennie Andrews, Catherine G. Kingsley, Sophia Lenzard, Margaret Magos, Hilar Chiolis, Alexandra Sotiron, Virginia Ann Kapellias, Ruby Kontros, Bessie Bazos, Adairna G. Kingsley, Carnation Kouzouras, Arantasia Koulos, Laura Issatzos.



1947 — ΟΦΗΤΕΡΣ



AHEPA Meeting Galena Road: Right, Front to Back: Chris Hountalas, Chris Koulos, James Deligiannis Spiro Pappas, _____ Falkos, Harry Kouvas, Sam Bazos, Tom Bazos, Head of the Table: Gus Tchakanakis Left, Front to Back: James Choles, George Choles, Nick Metrou, Chris Dagiantis, Dr. Linardos, George Boytor, Gentlemen Standing in the are from the Blue Moon. George Andrews to this picture

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Mr. George Andrews, Mr. Sam Bazos, Mr. Harry Kontos, Mr. Harry Kouvavas, and Mr. Nick Metrou, were stewards within the community of selfless Greeks, sharing beliefs many in the Greek community embraced. The importance of family, a strong work ethic, the value of education and the expression of the Greek Orthodox faith drove the Greek community to look optimistically upon the future with passion in the ability to grow and flourish.

Ahepa was thriving through assertive leadership, fellowship, and successful fundraising. Ahepa's reputation ascended as a result of the 1945 District Convention held at the Leland Hotel. Fox Valley Chapter 332 of Ahepa was the strongest financial chapter outside of Chicago. President Jim Lesiotis of Chapter 332 was proud of the Chapter's accomplishments, realizing the importance of the Chapter's reputation. A fiscally sound chapter could support long range projects benefiting the community.

During the 1950's the Greek community was growing in numbers. The Panhellenic social organizations continued to grow, strengthening the Greek community presence in the Fox Valley. Financially the Greek community flourished through organized fundraising events, dinner dances and donations, benefiting philanthropic programs.

In time, the various commitments placed upon the community were beginning to hinder many families from attending the Divine Liturgy at All Saints Church in Joliet. Members of the Greek community soon approached Father Emmanuel Lionikis of All Saints Greek Orthodox Church, requesting his availability to serve the community. Father Lionikis, mindful of the growing community, responded by serving the community once a month on Saturdays at the Holy Trinity Episcopalian Church in Aurora on Benton Street and Lincoln Avenue. This was a positive step, however the religious need of the community required the presence of a full time priest.

Into the late 1950's, the Ahepa chapter was subtly losing focus in respect to their mission. Where fellowship and fundraising were once a priority, a gradual complacency enveloped the chapter. Time was spent nurturing businesses, assisting one another in home projects and other endeavors resulting in time spent away from the chapter. Attendance was decreasing within the chapter and certain members were aware of the peril.

The Ahepans were utilizing the American Legion Hall.

Mr. Harry Kouvavas and Mr. Sam Bazos were interested in purchasing the VFW building on 228 E. Galena. The VFW building provided more opportunity for the chapter to socialize, hold meetings and serve as a long-term financial investment.



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Mr. Kouvas and Mr. Bazos brought the idea of purchasing the VFW building to the membership. The issue was discussed over a period of time. The idea had merit in terms of added space and as a financial investment, however not all members agreed. The concern centered upon the real need for this property. The membership eventually decided to vote on the issue and the motion to purchase the VFW property passed.

Those who voted were: Mr. George Anastopoulos, Mr. George Andrews, Mr. Sam Bazos, Mr. George Chioles, Mr. Chris Dagiantis, Mr. Dominick Falkos, Mr. Katsos, Mr. Harry Kontos, Mr. Harry Koulos, Mr. Harry Kouvas, Mr. Jim Lesiotis, Mr. Nick Metrou, Mr. Chris Poulos.

The years 1960-1961. The VFW building was in need of repair.

The Ahepans mobilized to proceed with remodeling. Mr. David Diamond, a building contractor who immigrated from Levidi, Greece was working in Chicago at the time. Respected for the expert work he and his brother produced, Mr. Diamond and his brother were hired to remodel the property. The brothers occupied the property while remodeling and the project was completed within a year's time.

The Ahepans met and socialized at this time while religious need for a permanent Church was becoming apparent. Monthly services, though appreciated, were not enough. The members of Ahepa understood the need of the community and voted to allocate the second floor to the community for religious services. A chapel was to be prepared and members of the community proceeded to refurbish the second floor. Mr. Chris Hountalas, and Mr. Jim Deligiannis with the help of other volunteers painted and cleaned the interior, while Mr. Thomas Magin acquired and installed pews and flooring. Many within the community volunteered their time, talent and treasure to prepare the Chapel. The membership was successful in preparing the second floor to serve as a chapel for the community and the Archdiocese granted Chapel status to a portion of the building. Father George Kiricopoulos from All Saints church began a regular schedule of services for the Aurora community every other Saturday.

Mr. Tom Drosos was a bachelor and financially sound. Mr. Drosos would go out for walks passing the remodeled building on a daily basis. Mr. Harry Kontos who owned and operated the Marine Grill noticed Mr. Drosos each time he passed by. Mr. Kontos approached Mr. Drosos one day suggesting that Mr. Drosos offer a donation for the benefit of the Chapel. This would occur with some regularity and eventually Mr. Drosos heeded the wise words of Harry Kontos and donated a considerable sum for the Chapel.

Mr. Drosos donation was used to build the Iconostasion. Through an understanding that the donation would allow Mr. Drosos the honor of the title Nono (Godfather), Mr. Tom Drosos became the Godfather of the Chapel, which was named St. Athanasios.



Godfather of St. Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church: Tom Drossos



George Andrews

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Within a short period of time, the chapel could not hold the many members coming to worship. This meant that the first floor needed to serve the religious needs of the community.

Once more, the Ahepans acted to fulfill the needs of the community and proceeded to prepare the first floor for worship. The first floor now served the community's religious needs allowing the upper floor to serve social events and meetings.

The community required a full time priest serving every Sunday as well as weekdays, ministering to the community's religious needs. In time community members mobilized to establish a Greek Orthodox Church for the Aurora area.

The year 1964. A formulating committee was elected with George Andrews as acting president.

The goal was to establish a Greek Orthodox Church in Aurora. Mrs. Dora Stamatopoulos and Mr. Nick Metrou would lead the drive. Mrs. Dora Stamatopoulos proceeded to research the procedure for receiving an Ecclesiastical Charter for the establishment of a church in the Aurora area. Meetings were held between the years 1962 and 1965 encouraging the community to offer their support through the petition drive. Mrs. Stamatopoulos traveled throughout the area visiting homes and businesses asking people to support the establishment of a church for the community. Volunteers, through the direction of Mrs. Stamatopoulos, circulated petitions throughout the community informing the community of the status of the request for a charter from the Archdiocese. Petitions were gathered for the granting of a charter to establish a Church in the Aurora area.

Finally a final meeting took place on July 6, 1965 with Bishop Meletios granting the charter for the establishment of a Church in Aurora.

The Signers of the Final Petition:

George N. Andrews, Jennie Andrews, Alexandria Bazos, Bessie Bazos, Sam Bazos, Tom Bazos, Alexandria Brown, Manuel Brown, Zoe Chioles, Gus Cordogan, Chris Dagiantis, James Dagiantis, Peter W. Dagiantis, Chris Deligiannis, Dena Deligiannis, James Deligiannis, Tom Drosos, Sam (Fotopoulos) Poulos, Kalliope (Georgadou) Kronitiris, Nafsika Georgadou, Tom Georgakopoulos, Chris Hountalas, Kalliope Karlos, Mike Karlos, Ademena G. Kingsley, Catherine G. Kingsley, Eva Kontos, Michael H. Kontos, Ruby Kontos, Bessie Koulos, Chris Koulos, Jane Koulos, Nick Koumoutseas, Chris Kousoulas, Harry Kouvavas, Thomas Magin, Chris T. Mesiacos, Helen Metrou, Nick Metrou, Hercules Panagopoulos, Irene Panagopoulos, Katherine Papisideris, Stamos Papisideris, Speros M. Pappas, Alexandra Sotrop, James Stamatopoulos, Peter Stamatopoulos, Theodora Stamatopoulos, James Theodor, Nicky Theodor, Tom Theodor, Constantine J. Zaharias, Penny Zaharias.

The following were not available at the official signing of the Church Charter they are without question considered foundng members of our community:

Irene Dagiantis, Harriet Hountalas, Harry Kontos, and Harry Koulos. The signing of the charter was a new beginning and in the words of Mr. Harry Koulos " we are establishing a good foundation for growth within our community".

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The year 1965. The St. Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church received its full Ecclesiastical Charter from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America.

Father Steve Zanis was assigned full time to the parish through the efforts of Mrs. Stamatopoulos.

In 1966, the first Parish Council was elected and George Andrews becomes President. A Sunday School, choir, Women's Club and a Building fund committee were established for the future growth of St. Athanasios Church.

In 1967 the community through Ahepa purchased property. Thirteen acres were purchased on Sheffer Road for the eventual construction of a Church building.



Spiro Hountalas, Doug Wagner, Fr. Zanis, Herry Koulos at the Sheffner Road site.



The first choir at St. Athanasios: Front Row: Marino Stamatopoulos, Chris Halikis, _____, Greg Zanis; Back Row: Anna Halikay, Sora Stamatopoulos, Fr. Zanis, Matrona Zanis, Irene Zanis, Christine Brown, Jim Halikios, _____ Vicki Theodor, Virginia Curakus, _____, Betty Coulos, _____, _____ Knelling behind the first row Dr. Michael Kontos



1970 Wedding of Michael Hountalas and Magdalene Panagotata, Fr. Kavvadias, Eleni (Hountalas) McHale, (maid of honor), Petro Panagotata, Spiro Hountalas (Groomsman)



Spiro Hountalas baptizing Christina Theodor.

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In 1978, the Fifth Avenue property was purchased.

The Sheffer road property was divided and sold in two parcels, the first in 1978, and the second in 1982. Through the efforts of Ahepa and the growing community, funding became available for the Fifth Avenue purchase.

As the surrounding cities grew, so too did the parish. The tri-Cities of Batavia, Geneva and St. Charles saw steady growth while the Naperville-Lisle area was one of the fastest growing suburbs in the country.

A General Assembly meeting held on February 26, 1978 gave the Parish council the authorization to proceed with a building program chaired by Dr. Michael Kontos of the Building Committee, the Architect, Louis Cordogan, and the Finance committee.

November 5, 1978. Groundbreaking for the community center took place with the blessing of Bishop Philotheos of Meloa.



Groundbreaking of the Community Center



Parish Council 1978 Groundbreaking Church Hall: Left to Right: Dr. Michael Kontos, Peter Kandalepas, George Georgacopoulos, Nick Metrou, George Maglaris, Harry Koulos, Harry Kontos, Harry Kouvavas, Peter Lagios, George Chioles



Parish Council 1978 Groundbreaking Church Hall: Left to Right: Fr. John Chakos, Kostas Foukas, Bishop Philotheos, Harry Kontos, Nick Metrou, Harry Kouvavas, Louis Cordigan, Peter Kandalepas

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The Parish of St. Athanasios at the Community Center Groundbreaking



Building Committee 1978 Groundbreaking Church Hall,
1979: Kostas Foukas, Bishop Philotheos, Nick Metrou, Dr.
Michael Kontos, Harry Kontos, Harry Kouvas, Louis
Cordigan



Philoptochos 1978 Groundbreaking Church Hall: Left to
Right: Helen Metrou, Eva Kontos, Dora Stamatopoulos, Fr.
Chakos, Harriet Hountalas, Bessy Koulos.

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The temporary sanctuary

November 25, 1979.

The congregation entered the new community center with a temporary sanctuary in place



Church Hall



The Community Center

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April 4, 1982 Bishop Iakovos of Chicago blessed the groundbreaking for the church building, with the realization occurring on March 27, 1983. Thyranoxia!



Groundbreaking of the Church



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April 4, 1982 Ground Breaking, Sanctuary - Left to Right:
Fr. Bill Cassis, Steve Dellis, Metropolitan Iakovos



Groundbreaking of the Church: Giannoula Koulos



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Throughout the 70's and the 80's, programs (ministries) were in transition as the community grew. The community recorded 120 families at this time as growth continued.



Philoptochos Welcoming Tea April 24, 1980 at the "New Church Hall" Left to Right: Harriet Hountalas, Metropolitan Iakovos and Eleni (Hountalas) McHale



Sunday School Baseball Team 1980 - Left to Right: Ellena Kontos, Vicky Modlinger, Spiro Deligiannis, Penny Deligiannis, _____, Yanoula Stamatopoulos, Pete Metrou, Marino Stamatopoulos, Eleni Procopos, _____, Chris Procopos, Spiro Deligiannis



The laying of the cornerstone.



Church Outdoor Event 1980: Left to Right: Bessy Koulos, Christos Koulos, Harry Kontos, Matina Tsakanakis, Gust Tchakanakis, Kostas Foukas, Maria Foukas, Fr. Granias



1985 Parish Council, Front Row: Harriet Hountalas, Helen Jenkins, Janice Gerakaris, Second Row: Sasha Karayannis, Dr. Michael Kontos, George Pullos, Lou Halkias, George Simios; Third Row: Bill Gerakaris, Mary Wright, Dr. Robert Jenkins, Fr. Bill Cassis, Steve Dellis, Ken Gianoulis, Charles Koulos

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The 1990's. By this time the community experienced the passage of five priests:

- Father Steve Zanis 1965-1968
- Father Spyridon Kavvadias 1968-1975
- Father Louis Greanias 1975-1977
- Father John Chakos 1977-1980
- Father William Cassis 1980-1986

Father Christopher Constantinides, arriving in 1987, guided the community in response to rapid growth.

We proceeded with a building plan to increase Sunday School classroom size. January 22, 1995 saw the completion of classroom expansion with 200 students enjoying the Sunday School experience.



"Open, Open The Gates And Let Them Remain Open Forever And Let The King Of Glory Enter"

Our beautiful Church was Consecrated October 6, 1996 to the Glory of God.

Ground Breaking for the Educaton Wing: Kneeling: Dan Pullos, Eleni Roubos, Standing Left to Right: George Pullos, Pat Campros, Helen Halkias, Greg Kachoris, Vicky Modlinger, Greg Adams, Fr. Christopher Constantinides, Harry Kontos, Ruby Kontos, Jim Lesiotis, Esther Condos, Pete Kandalepas



Consecration of the Church: Oct. 6, 1996: From left to right: Deacon Vasilios Smith, _____, Metropolitan Iakovos, Harriet Hountalas, Evan Constantinides, Chris Hountalas

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Deacon Vasilios Smith

November 16, 1996: We were blessed to witness Vasilios Smith ordained into the Diaconate.

Once again the question of growth arose and we purchased through the authorization of our parishioners five acres of land adjoining our current property to the west. The land acquisition doubled the size of our current parcel ensuring our continued growth and future for decades to come.

The year 2000 plus—and growing! Currently we are blessed with our seventh priest, Father Peter Spiro. During Father Peter's arrival in 2002, he recognized the potential for further growth and continues to establish ministries to address parish needs. Our parish, through the authorization and financial support of our parishioners, undergoes a four-phase revitalization project of our building and grounds.

Our community witnessed: The ordination of Nicholas Georgiou on June 16, 2002

Altar Boys



1990 Altar Boys - First Row: Bill Vardauniotis, Patrick Dranias, Evan Halkias, John Bakalis, Michael Halkias, Mickael Gekas, Kosta Xinos, _____ Second Row: Dean Vardouniotis, Simeon _____, _____, Harry Gerakaris, Louis Chiotis, Peter Karlas, Peter Roumbos Third Row: Jim Botsis, Steve Condos, Alex Vatianou, Sam Poulos, Jim Sterio, George Poulakidas, Dan Pullos, Spiro Hountalas, Fourth Row: Angelo Vatanou, Chris Pullos, Bobby Grigoropoulos, Sam Poulos, Louis Hiotis, Louis Mesiacos, Mike Poulakidas, Stathis Poulakidas



1985 Altar Boys - First Row: Mike Prack, Costa Cassis, Alex Vatianou, Steve Condos Second Row: Louie Simios, John Vatianou, Chris Pullos, John Brinda, Louie Mesiacos, Angelo Vatianou, Mike Poulakidas Third Row: Alex Arzoumonides, Andy Phillipides, Stathi Poulakidas, Fr. Bill Cassis, Bill Deligiannis, Lou Dellis, Andrew Lagios

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Our community recognized: The bestowing of the great honor of Archon upon Mr. Gust Tchakanakis March 9, 2003

An Archon is an honoree by His All Holiness, the Ecumenical Patriarch, for his outstanding service to the Church, and a well-known distinguished, and well-respected leader of the Greek Orthodox Community (at large).

It is by the grace of God that the Archon has been able to offer his good works and deeds of faith. Further, it is the sworn oath of the Archon to defend and promote the Greek Orthodox faith and tradition. His special concern and interest is to serve as a bulwark to protect and promote the Holy Patriarchate and its mission. He is also concerned with the human race's inalienable rights wherever and whenever they are violated - and the well-being and general welfare of the Church.

This honor, extended by the Church, carries with it grave responsibilities, deep commitments, and sincere dedication. Consequently, it is of utmost importance that this honor of obligation be bestowed upon individuals of proven Orthodox Christian character, who conform faithfully to the teachings of Christ, and the doctrines, canons, worship, discipline, and encyclicals of the Church.

Furthermore, the honoree should have demonstrated to a greater than average degree his commitment toward the stewardship of time, talent, and treasure, for the betterment of the Church; Parish-Diocese; Archdiocese; and the community as a whole, and must truly be deserving of the proclamation - AXIOS.

Our beloved Archon Mr. Gust Tchakanakis

Mr. Tchakanakis was born in Tripolis, Greece and immigrated to the United States in 1951. His father always told him he would be famous. When Patriarch Demetrios visited the United States he had the pleasure to meet current archons of the church. In 1999 he visited with his Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew in Constantinople formerly the capitol of the Byzantine Empire. Mr. Tchakanakis has been a member of St. Athanasios Church and Assumption Church in Chicago for the past 40 Years. He also was a member of the St. Athanasios Parish Council for 25 years.

He has represented St. Athanasios Church at the Clergy Laity Conference in Washington D.C. and Chicago, Illinois.

His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios bestowed upon Mr. Tchakanakis the Offikion, or title "Archon Notarios" meaning Patriarchal Notary, on March 9, 2003 at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New York.



Our Church Archon



Mr. Tchakanakis

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Our community witnessed: The awarding of The Archdiocesan Medal of St. Paul for outstanding Stewardship Mr. George Pullos in 2004



Father Peter awarding the Medal of St. Paul to George Pullos



The Archdiocesan Medal of St Paul Certificate



Deacon Vasilios, Geroge Pullos (holding his awarded proclamation) Metropolitn Iakovos, Fr. Spiro.

This proclamation was awarded for Mr. Pullos efforts in the completion of the Sanctuary Restoration Project in 2003.



The Archdiocesan Medal of St Paul

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Today we stand ready to address concerns involving our parish growth and ministerial needs. Once more it is the spirit of stewardship and our relationship to our Lord and Savior that will carry our parish forward in the years to come.

Sons of the Parish Serving our Lord

Through the Grace of God these young men of our parish found their calling to serve our Lord through steadfast Faith, Hope and Agape.

O God great in might and inscrutable in wisdom, marvelous in counsel above the sons of men: do Thou, the same Lord, fill with the gift of thy Holy Spirit this man whom it hath pleased Thee to advance to the degree of Priest; that he may be worthy to stand in innocence before Thine Alter; to proclaim the Gospel of Thy kingdom; to minister the word of Thy truth; to offer unto Thee spiritual gifts and sacrifices; to renew thy people through the laver of regeneration. That when he shall go to meet Thee, at the second coming of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, Thine Only-begotten Son, he may receive the reward of a good steward in the degree committed unto him, through the plentitude of Thy goodness.

May our Lord and Savior love them, guide them and keep them in His care as they take the responsibility of proclaiming God's word through word deed and thought to all those in their charge.

Lord remember thy servants



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AHEPA: American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association

Founded July 26, 1922

Fox Valley Chapter 332, District 13 from 1942-1990

Worked to promote family values, work ethic, business ties, non-violence toward Greeks and Greek Americans, encouraged education and language development, sport activities, fundraising, promotes hellenism, philanthropy, and civic responsibility.

Daughters of Penelope

Latona Chapter 145. Women's auxiliary of Ahepa. Founded November 16, 1929

Promotes philanthropy, hellenism, civic responsibility, Family values, work ethic, encourages education and learning development, family values

Three Saints Women's Club

Founded 1951

Philanthropy, Fundraising, and Social Gatherings were promoted.

Members: Mrs. Despina Stathis, Mrs. Ann Calamaras, Mrs. Ruby Kontos, Mrs. Alexandra Brown, Mrs. Maria Jiavis, Mrs. John Kapelas, Mrs. Sophia Coulos, Mrs. Betty Coulos, Mrs. Eva Kontos, Mrs. Muriel Kokas, Mrs. Harriet Hountalas, Mrs. Helen Kokas, Mrs. Katherine Papisideris, Mrs. Maria Dagiantis, Mrs. Reveka Korakas, Miss. Virginia Korakas, Mrs. Irine Dagiantis, Mrs. Vasiliki Zaharias, Mrs. Fran Palikandriotis, Carol Palikandriotis, Pam Kontos, Mrs. Demitreliis.

Past Parish Council Presidents of St. Athanasios

George Andrews- 1965, 1966

Harry Koulos- 1967

Dr. Michael Kontos- 1968, 1975, 1986, 1987, 1990

Harry Kouvavas- 1969

Jim Lesiotis- 1970

Judy Hamper- 1971

William Skouras- 1971, 1972

Chris Mesiacos- 1973, 1974, 1975

Harry Kontos- 1976

Nick Metrou- 1977, 1978

William Kontos- 1979

George Georgacopoulos- 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983

William Gerakaris- 1984

George Pullos- 1985

Peter Nassos- 1988

Dean Raptakis- 1989

John Digrindakis- 1991

Chris Stathis- 1992, 1993

Greg Adams- 1994

Dr. Don Kalant- 1995

Louis Halkias- 1996, 1997, 1998

Frank Demas- 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005

Peter Metrou- 2002

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History of St. Athanasios Gallery of Images



First board members:: First Row: H. Koules, Z. Chioles, G. Andrews. K. Kingsley, S. Bazos, Second Row; C. Hountalas, M. Karlos, H. Kouvavas, D. Stamatopoulos, J. Deligiannis



Parish Council board of 1978



1995 New Year's Eve Party: Lee and Maria Plankis, George Pullos, George Simios, Peter Nassos, Dean Raptakis



1993 Flavors of Greece Festival, Left to Right: Pete Nassos, Dean Raptakis, George Pullos.



Coffee fellowship hour - Harry and Ruby Kontos



Junior Olympics 1998





1995 GOYA - Front Row: Peter Karlis, Jimmy Botsis, Chris Georgacopoulos, Maria Condos, Gus Xinos, Bill Roubos; Second Row: Dan Pullos, Evan Halkias, Michael Halkias, Patrick Dranias, Stacy Xinos, Evangelia Metrou



1990 GOYA First Row: Bobby Grigoropoulos, Steve Ilnatiuk, Angelo Vatianou, Louis Mesiacos, Louie Hiotis, Mike Poulakidas, _____; Second Row: Sam Poulos, Penny Matthews, Mary Maxis, Kathy Ilnatiuk, Christina Mesiacos, Alex Vatianou; Third Row: Penny Deligiannis, Kelly Grigoropoulos, Renee Raptakis, Jeanette Plankis, Joanne Panagopoulos, Kelly Kentros, Margarit Brinda, Joanne Georgacopoulos; Fourth Row: Bill Gerakaris, Chris Pullos, Anastasia Xinos, Cathy Stamoudis, Ali Gerakaris, Francis Hountalas



1995 Church Choir First Row: Marianne Calamaras, Esther Condos, Vicky Modlinger, Fr Chris, Helen Mishos, Irene Panagopoulos Second Row: Lou Demas, Joleen Demas, Virginia Radovich, Bill Gerakais, Bill Rambos, Marino Stamatopoulos, Pete Condos, Helen Halkias, Nick Velisaris



1990 Choir First Row: Ramona Fourkas, Esther Condos, Helen Raptakis, Vicky Modlinger, Helen Halkias, Georgianna Adams; Second Row: Lou Halkias, Chris Koulos, Nick Velisaris, Alan Philippides, Jim Stamatopoulos, Marino Stamatopoulos, Jean (Stamatopoulos) Zavos, Georgina Philippides,



2003 New Year's Eve party, Niko Vlahos Dancing a Zembekio. Left to Right, Eva Kontos, Marianna Kontos, Anna-Marie Kontos, Danielle Landando, Tonia Ugaste, Alexandra Antonio, Maria Cucuras, Evangelia Tsipas



1993 Flavors of Greece Festival Left to Right: Betsy Nassos, Angie Constantinides, Mary Halkias, _____, Argie Smith, Kiki Oscarson



Little Saints Children's Center Board 1985 - First Row: Athena Digrindakis, Mary Ann Andrews, Janice Gerakaris, Helen Jenkins, Second Row: Lou Halkias, Gregory Arzoumanidis, Sandra Duran



1989 New Year's Eve Party, Dancing are Dean Raptakis, Dr. Michael Kontos, George Vlahos, Joanne Katsuleas, Tom Arges



1992 New Years Eve, Left to Right: Foti Georgopoulos, George Vlahos, Irene Georgopoulos, Eleni Metrou

