

# THE LAMPLIGHTER

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF LANSING

*"Yea, Thou dost light my lamp; the Lord my God lightens my darkness..." (Psalms 18:28)*

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August 2010

## Pastoral Reflection: Three Cheers for Sports!

In the lazy, hazy days of early August, it's pretty much the off-season for most sports except baseball (which I don't really follow) and NASCAR (which I *really* don't follow). The recent World Cup tournament—and the level of interest it generated in our country—got me thinking about the tremendous importance of sports in the lives of our children. Since there's nothing much on ESPN now, I thought we might finally have a spare moment to consider all the benefits that athletics give our youth, and why sports is such a worthy commitment of their time and energy.

Three cheers for sports! We all know the most obvious benefit of sports for our kids: *sports build character*. This truth should be self-evident, but in case there are any holdouts among us, let's consider the validity of this idea. All those hours of practice and training, of sweating and straining—these mold not only the body, but also the soul with self-discipline and the drive to excel in all of life.

Just look at the top athletes in all the sports. Who would not want their son to grow up to be a fine young man like Kobe Bryant or Jose Canseco or Michael Vick or Tiger Woods or Pete Rose or ....

Wait, wait ... forget I mentioned them. Sports really *must* build character most of the time. I mean, if all the hard work of high-level competitive sports *didn't* build character, well, then, all that aggression would start working itself out in other ways. Like bullying. And we know that doesn't happen in our schools.

OK, sure, it *did* happen at Columbine. It was the "cult of the athlete" there that drove two young, bullied men to their killing spree in 1999. And, yes, bullying (by athletes especially) is a chronic problem across the country: an epidemic, one might say. (We now have the new word *bullycide* as a label for suicide caused by bullying.)

And, yes, school officials turn a blind eye to the misdeeds of top athletes, for fear that their talents be lost on the playing field, and with them the victories. Because, after all, as Vince Lombardi said, "If winning isn't everything, then why do they keep score?" And if that isn't a statement about character, I don't know what is! (I leave it to you to decide if it reflects good character or bad character.) Maybe UCLA coach John Wooden had it right: "Sports don't build character, they *reveal* it." And they reveal it in both the players and the boosters.

Even so, still let's say: **Two** cheers for sports! We know that American kids are increasingly sedentary, and that more exercise is what all of them need, and organized sports provide that exercise. Plain and simple: sports participation is good for young and growing bodies, and it begins an ongoing habit of physical activity, as all the research shows.

Although ... some of it doesn't. Actually, a lot of it doesn't. In fact, research actually shows that we are in the middle of yet another epidemic: teenage sports injuries. Chief among these problems are concussions, ruined knees, and neck and shoulder trauma—all conditions that can have lifelong effects and create early-onset arthritis. But hey, it's worth walking with a cane at age 40 in order to have the one shining moment of glory when you're seventeen that everyone will remember until ...

Well, actually they'll forget it pretty much by the next season. If we didn't forget, how could we—in good conscience—push our kids into activities that produce stress fractures and repetitive usage injuries at younger and younger ages? Doctors are seeing problems in teenage kids that they used to see only in middle-aged adults (including steroid use). And it's

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# Parish Council

by Elaine Christofilis

## *Clergy-Laity Reflections*

I would like to thank the parish for giving me the opportunity to attend the 40th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress in Atlanta. The overall theme of the Congress was *Gather My People to My Home, Come and See*. His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios' Keynote Address provided exciting challenges for all of us. Are we ready to educate, participate, and take ownership of our faith? Are we ready to gather and have the people come and see? Following the Keynote Address, the Metropolitans led small sessions discussing the keynote address and offering delegates the opportunity to reflect on the speech.

This year's format was different, a day shorter than past years with the elimination of the workshops. In place of the workshops there were two Strategic Forums: Orthodoxy Yesterday & Today and Orthodox Reality in America. Also, Ministry Strategic Planning Sessions took place, led by the directors of the National Ministries of the Archdiocese. The Ministries included: Outreach, Missions & Evangelism; Family & Marriage, Interfaith Marriage; Youth, Young Adults, OCF, Camping and IV; Religious Education; Greek Education; "Social"(Special Ministries); Communication/Internet Ministries; and Stewardship.

Stewardship was one of the main focuses at the Congress. A special session: Successful Stewardship Strategies presented by Bill Marianes and George Vouroulis took place. The presenters were very enthusiastic and provided various ideas and resources, which we will implement in our own 2011 Stewardship Campaign. (Materials will be available in the church office for those interested in additional information provided at the Clergy-Laity.)

Having an opportunity to speak, listen and interact with our Greek Orthodox Christians made me take a deep breath and realize we are not alone. All parishes face similar issues such as, lack of ministries, economic problems, low youth participation, and even a leaky roof.

We are also a unique parish, different from the rest. First, we have caring parishioners of various backgrounds who have all stepped up to help base our current Budget on Personal Stewardship, not on dues or on a Greek Festival. Surprisingly many parishes are still on the

dues system and even more run mainly on Festival profits. Secondly, having Father Mark as our parish priest for the last 10 years is a blessing. Father is known throughout the Archdiocese and we should be lucky to have him as our spiritual leader. Lastly, many delegates and clergy were surprised to see young women as President and Vice President of the Parish Council, this is not the norm but many were pleased to see us represent our parish.

I would like to say how happy and proud I am to be apart of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox family here in Lansing. We are heading in the right direction and with our faith in God we will keep going to help Gather My People to My Home, Come and See.



### *Parish Council Update*

- ◆ To date we have 216 stewardship units who have pledged \$235,697.00 for 2010.
- ◆ Thank you to all those who have submitted their pledge forms. Please remember to continue to submit your pledge donations as attendance is minimal during the summer.

## Great Olive Oil At a Great Price!

The Odyssey Greek Language and Cultural Program of Holy Trinity Church has made an arrangement with the Mediterraneo Restaurant of Ann Arbor to bring a very special olive oil to Lansing. This olive oil comes from one of the finest producing area of Greece and is presented in its pure form, not blended with lesser quality oils the way most other olive oil is sold in this country. Its delicate green color reflects the essence of the sun-grown olives. Its subtle fruity olive aroma and flavor evokes the romance and vigor of the Mediterranean area.

This olive oil comes from the tiny village of Metamorphosis which lies in a fertile valley of the Greek Peloponnesus. Several Lansing Greek families' (Lafkas, Tesseris, and Vlahakis) ancestors are from this area of Greece. In the autumn, the succulent green and purple olives are harvested and brought to the community press. The first gentle pressing results in the extra virgin olive oil, the highest possible grade. This is then bottled and labeled Mediterraneo Extra Virgin Olive Oil and is imported to the United States.

We believe that tasting this olive oil will convince you that this product is something you would like to add to your kitchen and diet. We will be offering olive oil tasting during several coffee hours following our Sunday liturgy. If you would like to order the olive oil, telephone the church office at 482-7341.

Prices:

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Four Pack of 3-liter cans | \$100.00 |
| One 3-liter can           | \$ 27.00 |
| Half liter bottle         | \$ 7.00  |

## Pastoral Reflection, continued

not just in boys' sports or in the contact sports like football and hockey. (If you think tennis is a body-friendly sport, read Andre Agassi's autobiography.)

But at least the kids are picking up pastimes that will motivate them to exercise for the rest of their lives, right? I mean, a guy who plays football in high school will still be playing it regularly as a form of exercise into his forties and fifties, won't he? I myself have never seen it, but it must happen ... otherwise we would be fooling ourselves about what a great lifetime of fitness is prepared for kids by playing in organized sports.

Well, putting that issue aside, at least I can say with confidence: **One** cheer for sports! By participating in sports, kids learn teamwork, they develop perseverance, they make friends, they gain self-confidence, they see the connection between hard work and achievement, and they are less likely to use illegal substances. (I will not mention Michael Phelps).

Of course, your kids can get pretty much the same benefits from singing in a chorus, playing in a band, working on the yearbook, acting in the school play, joining the Scouts ... or coming regularly to church and participating in the life of the community—Sunday School, choir, clean-up days, fundraisers, potlucks, camps, etc.

Granted, all these other activities will cost less than sports participation in terms of equipment, auto mileage, medical bills, and wear and tear on the family schedule and nerves. They also interfere less with academics. But sports is definitely the investment that offers the biggest payoffs in the long run, just in case your child becomes that one in 500,000 that scores a million-dollar contract.

*And isn't that chance alone worth giving up the family's weekly commitment to church in the coming school year?*

Sunday morning practices and tournaments that preempt church—all this is accepted by parents nowadays because otherwise children wouldn't get to participate in organized sports programs. They would miss out. And in missing out they would have to learn how to stand apart from the crowd, how to be their own person, how to stick to their principles, how to manage priorities. (Now *that* would be an exercise in character-building!)

In past generations, letting a young person skip church in favor of sports would have been seen as a shocking collapse of parental priorities—as a form of child abuse even—detrimental to their moral and spiritual development. We don't see it that way anymore. I can't exactly say why ...

# A Vision for the Future: 3rd Installment

The July issue of The Lamplighter posted questions about a capital campaign --- for example, What is a capital campaign? How does a capital campaign benefit Holy Trinity? What is the Difference between a capital campaign pledge and an annual stewardship pledge?

This month's questions focus on three areas that underlie "A Vision for the Future: a Statement of Need 2010-2015:" Ministries, Fiscal Stability, Capital improvements. [ Note: "A Vision for the Future," published in the June Lamplighter, is also available to parishioners in the parish office. In addition, a complete copy of these "Frequently Asked Questions" is also available in the office. ]

*What is the goal of the Capital Campaign?*

The goal is to raise \$600,000 to cover the costs in the three areas identified in the statement of need, "A Vision for the Future:" a) Ministries, b) Fiscal Stability, and c) Capital Improvements.

*What do the costs include?*

There are three components to the campaign objectives: Ministries - Reach Out, Education, and Additional Staff Person; Fiscal Stability - Reduce and eventually remove the debt burden of the parish; Capital improvements of the exterior and interior of the parish facility.

*How do "Ministries" fit into a capital campaign?*

"Seed" monies are needed to assist in the development and expansion of the following parish ministries:

"Reach Out" Ministry: Our parish has many "occasional" parishioners, who are on the fringe, yet do not fully actively participate on a regular basis. It is important to identify and reach out to these individuals and families, and make them a regular part of the parish.

Education Ministry: The youth represent the future of the church. Training of Sunday School teachers in dynamic teaching methods and materials to generate increased interest and participation among children is important. Technology and multimedia can help teachers better connect with today's youth. Adult orthodox education is also necessary in an active parish.

One Additional Staff Person can help accomplish these objectives. Many parishes of our size have additional staff to assist with programs and tending to the daily needs of its members. One priest cannot adequately provide what is needed to reach each parishioner. An additional staff person can help focus on youth ministries and assist Fr. Mark with the above ministries, pastoral duties, and outreach.

Fiscal Stability. Reduce and eventually remove the debt burden of the parish

*Why is it necessary to pay down/off the parish's loans, especially when they have good interest rates?*

We currently pay more than \$2600 each month against the loans. These are funds that could be used in different ways by the parish; for example, supporting youth programs, reduction of cash-flow issues, increased charity support, creation of rainy day funds, etc. Decreasing the loan-debt burden grants the parish greater fiscal flexibility, freedom, and stability.

Capital Improvements of the parish facility.

*What are some of the specific improvements?*

- ◆ Removal and replacement of the parking lot
- ◆ Completion of the processional walk around the perimeter of the building
- ◆ Upgrade classrooms and replace carpeting in the education wing
- ◆ Installation of a sanctuary lighting system
- ◆ Upgrade / rebuild AC and heating systems of the facility
- ◆ Replace the Lobby window glass with insulated, double-pane glass
- ◆ Replace the ceiling tiles in the Narthex
- ◆ Enhance the Sanctuary sound system
- ◆ Replace older kitchen ovens with convection ovens and cook top to support fund-raising events
- ◆ Make the necessary acoustical adjustments in the Baryames Social Hall
- ◆ Replace the wall of many colors between the Lobby and the Narthex

*When would the improvements begin?*

Improvements would begin as soon as their cost is covered by pledges and donations.

## Vision for Future, continued

*Will we need a building loan or mortgage to finance the improvements or implement the projects?*

The intent is to do the improvements on a cash basis. As pledges are fulfilled, improvement projects can be undertaken. Since one of the purposes of the campaign is to reduce and eliminate the current loan debt burden, a cash approach underlies the improvements.

*How will this affect annual giving?*

This is an important thing for all of us to think about! The gifts that we pledge to a Capital Campaign must be done “above and beyond” our normal stewardship, or annual giving. We know that as we experience the joy that only comes from giving back to God of what is His, many of us may even be able to think of giving more annually to the Church than we had previously.

*What are the details concerning the capital improvements and what input will parishioners have on the improvements?*

As with previous improvements to the parish – roof, social room, bathrooms, etc. – parishioners will have an opportunity to consider each project and provide input. Input may take place at a General Assembly and/or in committee meetings. The specific details concerning each capital improvement listed are currently not available.

*Why is it necessary to “remove and replace” the parking lot?*

The parish has expended considerable funds in patching and repairing the parking numerous times. After so many patch jobs, it is at the point where removal and replacement are necessary if we wish to have a safe, smooth surface on which parishioners and parish guests can park.

*Why is it necessary to upgrade the classrooms?*

If we are to interest students in learning or expanding their understanding of the Orthodox faith, we must provide them with places that are conducive for learning. The current classrooms are unattractive, drab rooms. They frequently function as places for storing items or dropping off items for which there is no other place for storage (e.g., audio-visual equipment). Furniture is clearly dated. There are no window treatments. Carpeting is old. An investment in classrooms is really an investment in our youth, the future of the parish.

*Why do we need to consider an improved AC and heating systems?*

Somewhat like the parking lot, each system has failed and been “repaired” numerous times. The time has come to invest in improved, economical systems that are reliable.

*Why do we need a new lighting system in the sanctuary?*

We currently have antiquated fixtures in the sanctuary for which parts are either no longer available or very costly to obtain. The current fixtures or cans direct the light downward and subdue it, rather than spread the light. The innate brightness of the iconography is not allowed to shine through the dim lighting that we currently have.

*What’s wrong with the current ovens in the kitchen? If broken, can’t they be repaired?*

The large stove and ovens are the ones originally installed in the kitchen, some 40 years ago, and they have ceased to be economically productive. Replacing them with convection ovens increases the productivity potential of the kitchen, an important factor if the kitchen is to be used for fundraising events. Convection ovens allow for faster preparation of foods, which automatically increases the volume capacity.

*Why replace the sound system in the sanctuary?*

The current sound system is more than 20 years old. Audio technology has improved considerably in the interim. The improved technology will produce sound of a more consistent quality. The large, unsightly satellite speaker suspended from the ceiling can be removed and replaced by smaller, inconspicuous, surround-sound units.

*What’s wrong with the Social Hall? We just remodeled it.*

Yes, the Social Hall was recently remodeled and is very attractive. The acoustics in the Hall, however, suffered in the process making the noise level so uncomfortably high that table conversations or discussions during meetings have to increase in volume and thus exacerbate the problem. Improving the acoustics will enhance the attractiveness of the Hall.

*Why replace the glass in the large front windows?*

The current glass consists of single panes whose insulation value is nominal. Double-paned, insulated glass will reduce heat loss and will have an impact on utilities costs. New glass will also help protect the large iconography in the Lobby by reducing the UV factor of the daylight

## Vision for Future, continued

that illuminates the Lobby.

*Why does the wall between the Lobby and Narthex need to be replaced or redone?*

The multi-color glass wall was installed as a cost-saving measure when the parish was built in 1967. It allows for considerable glare into the sanctuary and its multiple colors affect the appearance of the iconography. The current multi-color panels resemble the ones used several decades ago in bars and lounges, and they thus seem inappropriate for a church.

*Can pledges be designated for particular projects?*

Yes. Pledges and contributions may be earmarked for specific projects. In fact, several individuals or families may together specify that their contributions are designated for a common project.

*Will the Church accept stock as a way of fulfilling a pledge?*

Yes, people may give through a variety of vehicles which including donations of stock, sales of properties and other assets, and life insurance. There will be opportunities to discuss how these and other methods may be put to use to make your gift possible.

### Call For Sponsors

Sponsoring an issue of the *Lamplighter* is a wonderful gift to your loved ones and to the community.

Your issue can be dedicated as a commemoration of the departed

or as a prayer for the health of the living.

Sponsors are needed for the following issues:

October, November, and December.

Call the Church Office for information on sponsorships.

## Treasurer's Report

by George Mansour

June

In addition to being the month of such things as weddings, graduations, Father's Day – represents the half-way point in the parish's fiscal year. At the conclusion of the year's 50% mark, the financial picture closely approximates that same mark.

Revenue.

Total revenue after six months is \$177,054.63 or 53.7% of the budgeted revenue for the year. Stewardship receipts of \$145,091.25 is 53% of the amount budgeted for the year.

Expenses.

Total disbursements after six months are \$164,142.42 or 49.8% of the projected expenses for the year.

Bottom Line.

For the third consecutive month, the parish is again in the black.

Different factors contribute to this welcomed state of affairs. Parishioners have been making their stewardship contributions on a regular basis – weekly or monthly. This represents a major shift in giving patterns over the past several years in which many stewards waited until the final quarter of the year to meet their pledges. Also adding to the regularity in giving is the direct payment service for stewardship that Holy Trinity makes available to parishioners through electronic transfer of contributions. (For more information about electronic transfer, contact the parish office at 482-7341.

In addition to the question of receipts and expenses, a comment on stewardship is in order. The 2010 budget shows a stewardship target of \$272,875. As of early July, the signed pledges received total \$234,697, which is \$37,178 less than the budget target. The amount pledged is equal to 86.4% of the budgeted goal. We are coming close to attaining 100% of that goal.

**Holy Trinity Operations  
Revenues Disbursements  
Budget vs. Actual  
June 30, 2010**

|   |                  |                   | YTD               | 2010 |
|---|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------|
|   | June 30, 2010    | Jan - Dec. 10     | Budget            |      |
| <b>REVENUES</b>                           |                  |                   |                   |      |
| Stewardship Donations                     | 21,958.00        | 145,091.25        | 272,875.00        |      |
| Hall Rental                               | 0.00             | 1,100.00          | 2,000.00          |      |
| Lamplighter Income                        | 200.00           | 600.00            | 1,200.00          |      |
| Loose Offering                            |                  |                   |                   |      |
| Candles                                   | 514.26           | 7,444.15          | 11,000.00         |      |
| Cash from Collection Tray                 | 271.00           | 3,449.72          | 6,000.00          |      |
| Total Loose Offering                      | 785.26           | 10,893.87         | 17,000.00         |      |
| Second Tray                               |                  |                   |                   |      |
| Haiti Relief Fund                         | 0.00             | 1,316.50          | 1,200.00          |      |
| Chile                                     | 0.00             | 483.00            | 0.00              |      |
| Nashville Flood                           | 0.00             | 207.00            | 0.00              |      |
| Other                                     | 0.00             | 55.00             | 0.00              |      |
| Parishioner Support                       | 0.00             | 300.00            | 2,500.00          |      |
| Philoptochos                              | 0.00             | 500.75            | 3,000.00          |      |
| Fundraising Events                        |                  |                   |                   |      |
| Fundraising Events                        | 15,007.40        | 15,007.40         | 20,000.00         |      |
| Work Free                                 | 0.00             | 0.00              | 5,000.00          |      |
| Total Fundraising Events                  | 15,007.40        | 15,007.40         | 25,000.00         |      |
| Agape Dinner                              | 0.00             | 0.00              | 1,500.00          |      |
| Other Donations (Prosfora, Rewards, etc.) | 100.00           | 642.16            | 3,000.00          |      |
| Baptism & Wedding Custodial Fee           | 90.00            | 140.00            | 0.00              |      |
| Interest Income - Endowment Fund          | 0.00             | 7.70              | 350.00            |      |
| Odyssey                                   | 0.00             | 0.00              | 0.00              |      |
| Other Miscellaneous Income                | 0.00             | 1,400.00          | 0.00              |      |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>                     | <b>38,140.66</b> | <b>177,054.63</b> | <b>329,625.00</b> |      |
| <b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>                      |                  |                   |                   |      |
| Personnel                                 | 11,981.69        | 81,262.85         | 161,668.00        |      |
| Local Priest Benefits                     | 0.00             | 312.00            | 525.00            |      |
| Educational & Liturgical Programs         | 697.01           | 1,513.55          | 8,200.00          |      |
| Archdiocese Disbursements                 | 3,492.17         | 20,953.02         | 44,200.00         |      |
| PC DONATIONS                              | 0.00             | 0.00              | 2,250.00          |      |
| Oratorical Festival                       | 0.00             | 412.00            | 50.00             |      |
| Local Charity                             | 0.00             | 0.00              | 1,000.00          |      |
| Second Tray - Chile, Haiti                | 0.00             | 1,799.50          | 1,200.00          |      |
| <b>OPERATIONAL COSTS</b>                  | <b>16,550.91</b> | <b>58,372.60</b>  | <b>110,532.00</b> |      |
| <b>Total Disbursements</b>                | <b>32,721.78</b> | <b>164,142.42</b> | <b>329,625.00</b> |      |
| <b>NET REVENUE</b>                        | <b>5,418.88</b>  | <b>12,912.21</b>  | <b>0.00</b>       |      |

## Pastoral Reflection, continued

I only ask, though, that before parents agree to another year of putting sports ahead of church, they answer one question. When I go up to Rose City every summer, I hear dozens upon dozens of camper confessions. These give me a good sense of the challenges that face our young people ... *including those who are active in sports.* Chief among them are: hurtful romances, temptations to drink and smoke pot, internet pornography, premarital sex, dealing with divorced/alcoholic/abusive parents, bullying, depression and thoughts of suicide. Your child will face one or more of these problems in the years ahead. It is inevitable.

I know what the church has to offer our young people ... and they always seem deeply grateful for the spiritual help. I doubt I would have the repeat business in the confessional, summer after summer, if the gratitude were not genuine.

My question for you is: what do your children's Sunday morning sports offer to them in the face of these challenges that lie ahead?

Saint Paul knew the answer: *"Bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that is now and of that which is to come"* (1 Timothy 4:8). Everyone on Team Jesus is a champion in the end, if they train diligently. Three cheers for parents—from the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—if they keep their eyes on the prize and their kids in church, faithfully, in season and out of season, Sunday after Sunday.

## Notices

### *Congratulations*

To Elaine and Adam Howell on the birth of their son Samuel Addison. *Na sas zisei!*

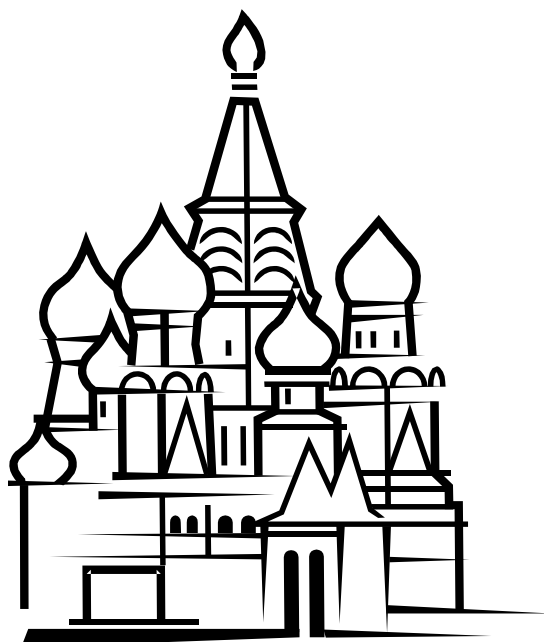
To Nick Gazos and Christina Gennace on their wedding in Chicago on July 10. *Na zisete!*

## The Friends of the Metropolis

Our Bishop needs our help! The Metropolis of Detroit offers ministries and programs that exceed anything that a parish would be able to do on its own. These services strengthen our faith and bring us together as a Christian family from across the miles.

But the Metropolis, like the parish, needs financial support in order to thrive. The "Friends of the Metropolis" program raises funds for diocesan operations, based solely on free-will pledges of individual parishioners. If every family in the Metropolis gave but \$50 a year, our Metropolis would soar on the wings of eagles!

In September we will be holding a Friends of the Metropolis Sunday. Please consider prayerfully whether your family can make a gift in support of our Mother Church. It is an opportunity for each of us to say, "In addition to my support of the parish through which God blesses me, I will give also to the Metropolis through which God also blesses me."



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# August 2010

8:45am ORTHROS SERVICE  
 10:00am DIVINE LITURGY  
 Fellowship coffee following Liturgy

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue | Wed  | Thu  | Fri                   | Sat                                |
|---|---|-----|--|--|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1   | 2   | 3   | 4  | 5  | 6                     | 7                                  |
| Coffee hosted by<br>Edmund Chammas  | Paraklesis, 7pm                                       |     | Calendar Meeting,<br>10am<br>Paraklesis, 7pm | 6pm Vespers! Divine<br>Liturgy of Transfigura-<br>tion of Our Lord &<br>Blessing of First Fruits |                       |                                    |
| 8   | 9   | 10  | 11   | 12   | 13                    | 14                                 |
|   |   |     | Paraklesis, 7pm                              |  | Paraklesis, 7pm       |                                    |
| 15  | 16  | 17  | 18   | 19   | 20                    | 21                                 |
| Dormition of the<br>Theotokos   | Parish Council Meeting,<br>7pm<br>Lampighter Deadline |     |  |  |                       |                                    |
| 22  | 23  | 24  | 25   | 26   | 27                    | 28                                 |
| One-Year Memorial<br>Vasiliki Karakitsos<br>Memorial Garden hosts<br>coffee |   |     |  |  | Bayouk Rehearsal, 6pm | Bayouk Wedding &<br>Reception, 2pm |
| 29  | 30  | 31  |  |  |                       |                                    |
|   | Philokchos Board<br>Meeting, 7pm                      |     |  |  |                       |                                    |

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|     |  |   | 1  | 2   | 3   | 4   |
| 5   | 6<br>LABOR DAY<br>AHEPA Picnic<br>12 Noon,<br>Patriotic Park | 7   | 8<br>Nativity of the Theotokos<br>Liturgy 10am | 9   | 10  | 11  |
| 12  | 13   | 14  | 15   | 16  | 17  | 18  |
|     |  | Exaltation of the Holy<br>Cross, Liturgy 10am |  |   |     |     |
| 19  | 20   | 21  | 22   | 23<br>Fund-Raising<br>Greek Gyro<br>Drive-thru Dinner | 24  | 25  |
| 26  | 27   | 28  | 29   | 30  |     |     |