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Holmdel, NJ

From Father George

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Dear Parishioners:

Below is a copy of a letter from his Excellency Metropolitan Evangelos announcing the three saints that will be deposited into the holy altar of Kimisis Tis Theotokou on October 21, 2007.

In this issue you will also learn about the lives of these three saints: Saint Panteleimon, Saint George and Saint Kyrikos.

Please take time to read about them.

May our Lord God bless us on this auspicious occasion in the history of our church.

Adelficos, Father George



CONSECRATION OF KIMISIS TIS THEOTOKOU OCT 20-21,2007

LETTER OF AUTHENTICITY

*This is to certify
that the relics to be deposited in the Holy Altar of the
Kimisis Tis Theotokou Greek Orthodox Church
in
Holmdel, New Jersey,
during the Consecration services to be celebrated by
His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos of New Jersey
on
Sunday, October 21, 2007,
are those of
St. George, the Great Martyr (April 23),
St. Kyrikos (July 15),
and
St. Panteleimon, the Great Martyr and Healer (July 27).*

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The Lives of the Three Saints

Victor Hugo defined popularity as glory's small change, but in the case of the enormously popular St. George it is more a matter of being short-changed, ironically enough, by those admirers over the years after his martyrdom who tried to outdo one another in their accounts of his heroism. There have been so many myths about this great soul that it is difficult to separate the wheat from the chaff, all to the grievous detriment of this mighty saint. There is so much legend attached to his holy name that there are Christians who have in exasperation dismissed him as the product of some storyteller's imagination which somehow got into the record of saints and has been allowed to cling there out of sentiment, if nothing else.

It is a matter of accurate record, however, that St. George was an actual human being, and that he lived during the reign of the Roman Emperor Diocletian in the third century and partially into the fourth. He was by far Syria's most noble saint, a Christian warrior who captured the imagination of so many Christians that he was overly venerated. Since everyone loves a brave military man to begin with, if that glamorous soldier's image is enhanced by a strong Christian faith, then he is apt to be so blown up in legend as to explode into incredulity.

Before he became the "Victorious Great Martyr," St. George served in the legions of Rome, making a reputation for himself as a fearless officer and highly respected leader of men, thus laying the groundwork for adulation that was to cloud his holy



Saint George

April 23

spirit and proximity to God. The hero worshipers had a tendency to forget that his commitment to Jesus Christ, and not his heroic character, make him a venerated saint of the Christian Church. His biographers, of whom there have been many in the Church, have winced at some of the grossly exaggerated accounts of his exploits and have been forced to wade through a sea of fantasy before arriving at the shore of truth about him. But as someone said, there can be no real beauty without some strangeness in the proportion.

Legend piled upon legend over the years so that when the Crusades were launched from England, the hero-loving crusaders returned from the Holy Land with some well-magnified stories about St. George, whom they took to their bosoms with genuine admiration and affection. The ironic humor of G.K. Chesterton epitomized the skepticism in a poem which reads:

St. George he was from England,

And before he killed the dragon
He drank a pint of English ale
Out of a flagon.

The facts are that St. George was Syrian to the core, and resigned his commission in the Roman army rather than participate in any of the pagan rituals expected of the soldiers. He also resented the merciless persecution of the Christians, whose ranks he joined in a total commitment to Jesus Christ. The fight he put up for Christianity was to prove his undoing and the terrible retribution on the part of the Tyrant Diocletian was all the more intense against the man whom he considered a traitor for having gone over to the side of decency.

There are many accounts of the manner in which St. George died for Christ, but it is certain that he was put through unspeakable tortures which he bravely endured before finally being beheaded in Nikomedia, a town in Asia Minor on an inlet of the Sea of Marmara. His courage gave heart to the many converts for whom he was responsible and his defiant spirit lingered on to inspire the Christians to greater effort on behalf of the Savior, despite the great danger involved.

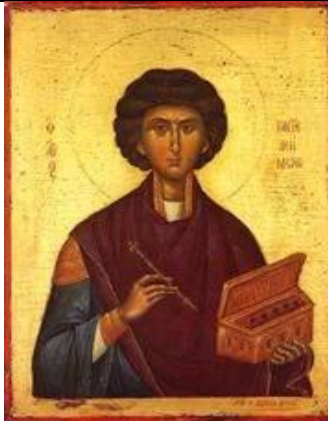
The Emperor Constantine, some years later, erected the Church of St. George in his memory, setting a precedent for the parade of churches which were to be erected in his memory in the years to come. St. George symbolizes the struggle against paganism and the never-ending combat between good and evil, one of the "Sons of Light" who wages an unending combat against the "Dragon of Darkness." In the roster of soldiers who have become Christian saints, the name of St. George leads all the rest.

The Lives of the Three Saints

A man whose lifespan was four years shorter than that of the Savior whom he served crammed into his twenty-nine years on earth enough achievement in science and religion to fill the entire fourth century. Like the great St. Luke of the New Testament, Panteleimon was a doctor and was referred to reverently as a “glorious physician.” Unlike Luke, Panteleimon attained sainthood not through his evangelism, but through his talents as a physician, whose efforts on behalf of the suffering were augmented by the power of the divine.

Panteleimon the All-Merciful was born in 274 in Nikomedia, Asia Minor, of a pagan father and a Christian mother. From his father he derived a profound intellect; from his mother, spiritual awareness. Together they provided him with the skill and dedication that were to thrust him first into prominence, then into tragedy within a relatively short span of time. Of handsome appearance and noble bearing, Panteleimon was an impressive figure while a student of the Empire’s most noted physician, Euphrosinos, a teacher who took pride in his pupil’s remarkable skill and dedication.

He had not been a physician long when his reputation as a healer drew him to the attention of Emperor Maximilian, who encouraged him by his personal sponsorship. This quickly led to Panteleimon’s recognition as the foremost physician of the entire known world. Panteleimon became



Saint Panteleimon July 27

a familiar figure among the people as he went from one patient to another while still serving the emperor and his court. The demand for his services kept him working at a feverish pace, an exhausting obligation he never shirked.

He had been observed by the pious Christian Ermolaos, one who remained in constant hiding in fear of persecution by the state for his over promotion of Christianity. Ermolaos managed to intercept Panteleimon, whose great skill he lauded but who he thought needed to be reminded “from the Most High cometh healing.” After a series of meetings the physician came to know his true Christian destiny, and thereafter his professionalism as a man of medicine was subordinated to his role as a healer in the name of the Greatest Healer of them all. His power of healing was not attributable to a physician’s skill alone, but

to divine intervention as well.

As his reputation grew, Panteleimon came to be known more as a man of God than of science, an acknowledgment that brought wrath and cruel action by the emperor.

After being given the customary interrogation Panteleimon was offered the ultimate choice between Christ and the idols; his response was a reaffirmation of his Christianity. For the noble physician it was a two-edged sword: first because he was a fallen favorite whose betrayal was a personal rebuke to the emperor, and second because of the steadfastness of his loyalty to the Savior.

Not all of the fiendish designs of Panteleimon’s tortures are known, but history tells us that this honorable doctor and noble Christian was, among other things, stretched across a rack and burned by candles. Following this ordeal he was cast first into a fiery pit and then into a den of beasts. When he survived, the pagans were convinced he had the protection of some kind of sorcery.

It was finally decided that, since there could be no antidote for drowning, he would be cast into a deep river with a huge stone bound to his body. When the stone proved buoyant, the exasperated torturers fished him out of the water and placed him on the execution block where he was beheaded. It was said that not blood but milk flowed from the severed head of the martyr. Panteleimon gave his life for Christ on July 27, 304.

The Lives of the Three Saints

Kyrikos is the youngest martyr of the Greek Orthodox Church. He was the son of Saint Julitta who lived during the reign of Emperor Diocletian (284-305 A.D.). She descended from Iconium of Asia Minor. But because there, at that time prevailed a persecution against the Christians, she took her son, the glorious Kyrikos, who was three year old, and went to Seleucia. But finding the same evil there, she went over to Tarsus in Cilicia.

In Tarsus at that time, ruled an evil and vicious ruler named Alexander who was torturing Christians.



Saint Kyrikos

July 15

He arrested Julitta and beat her viciously in front of her child. He took her son from her and tried with flatteries to draw the youth to himself. But the little one, in his childish voice, called on the Name of Christ and kicked

the ruler in the belly so hard, that the tyrant became enraged and cast him down the steps of the tribunal. The blow to the child was fatal, causing a severe fracture to his skull which resulted in his death.

So in this way tiny Kyrikos ascended gloriously into the Kingdom of Heaven.

BOY SCOUTS/CUB SCOUTS

By Lucy Milonas

Eagle Scout

Troop 531 is very proud to announce that Mike Englis and Ted Callis have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. On Sunday, November 18th, 2007, our Boy Scout troop will honor Mike and Ted at their Eagle presentation. We would like to congratulate the boys and their families on their achievement in attaining the highest award in Scouting.

All are welcome to experience the excitement firsthand.

Good job Mike and Ted!

Camping

On September 14 - 18, the Boy Scout troop went on their Fall overnight hike to Kitatinney Scout Camp. Thank you to our leaders and parents who provided transportation.

Popcorn Sale

The Troop and Pack will be sponsoring our 3rd Annual POPCORN SALE this Fall 2007. Please support our scouts who are selling popcorn as a fundraiser to support our activities this year. The boys are taking orders through October 24th and the popcorn will be delivered in November. As always, your support is greatly appreciated and we thank you.

Fall Planting

On October 7th Troop and the Pack will complete their fall community service project by planting the flowers to beautify the church this fall as well as planting tulip bulbs for the spring. Good work scouts!

Information

Boy Scouts is open to all boys ages 6-17. If you are interested in your son joining our scouting adventures, please call Jim Marinos (732-739-9486), Nick Englis (732-591-0563), Matt Bistrimovich (732-863-1822) or George Marinos (732-780-7193).

Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts In the News...

Reprinted from an Article by Nick Petrunico, staff writer for the Asbury Park Press.

Art and Scouting play big parts in the life of Mike Englis.

For his Eagle Scout project, the 17-year-old Marlboro resident combined those hobbies and tried to make the lives of people with memory-impairment disorders at Monmouth Crossing a bit better.

Englis, a member of Boy Scout Troop 531 in Holmdel, painted a mural of a garden scene on some of the walls inside the assisted living facility, at Iron Bridge Road and Route 537 in Freehold Township.

"It's absolutely gorgeous. We're thrilled with it. It brightens up the area when you walk into the neighborhood," said Monmouth Crossing Administrator Andy Harris, referring to the 16-apartment unit designed for people with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia and memory problems.

Harris said that people with such illnesses need sensory stimulation, and Englis' work does that.

"I just wanted to go with something peaceful," Englis said. "I just figured a garden scene would be something that was relaxing and nice to look at."

Englis said he's been creating art for as long as he can remember.

"I've always been painting and sketching and drawing. I wanted to take something I was good at and give to this community," he said.

In addition to working on canvases, sketch books and walls, Englis said he has been getting into computer art and hopes to study graphic design in college. He said he's looking to attend The College of New Jersey or Fairleigh-Dickinson University after his anticipated graduation from Marlboro High School in June 2008.

Englis has been in Scouting most of his life. He started when he was 6 or 7 in Tiger Cubs and worked his way up through Cub Scouts and now is expected to receive the organization's highest rank, the Eagle Scout award, some time in the fall, he said.

Scouting runs in Englis' family. His 15-year-old brother, Nicholas Englis, is a Boy Scout, and their father, also Nicholas Englis, is an Eagle Scout.

The elder Englis and his friend Jim Marinos moved from Brooklyn and started a Cub Scout pack 11 years ago and, as their children grew, established a Boy Scout troop six years ago at Kimisis Tis Theotokou Greek Orthodox Church in Holmdel.

"Scouting develops young men in many different ways. It builds character. It builds citizenship in the country, and it also has a strong faith-oriented belief in God, whoever's god," said the elder

Nicholas Englis, noting that Scouting does not have a specific religious doctrine. "There's a belief that there's a higher source."

He added that Scouting also makes young men well rounded.

Mike Englis said he enjoys getting together with "like-minded guys" in Scouting who want to improve their community and who also like the outdoors.

"It's a big accomplishment for him," his father said. "I think it's a growing experience for him as well. We're (he and his wife, Susan) very proud of him, and we look forward to him getting his Eagle Scout award and moving on into the real world of college."

Harris said the mural is a permanent addition to the facility, and Mike Englis takes pride in that.

"We sealed it up and everything, we put varnish over it — so, it's not going anywhere," Mike Englis said. "It feels pretty good. It's a sense of accomplishment — I actually put something up there that's going to be up there for a while."

G.O.Y.A. NEWS

By: Kristina Koumoutsos and Alexa Teevan

Welcome Back everyone. Hope everyone had a great summer. The GOYA Board and advisors have a great year planned for us this year. Anyone who would like to be in GOYA has to be 12-18 years old.(7th-12th grade) The meetings are the third Friday of every month at 8 p.m. in the community center or the old coffee hour room. For new members registration forms along with parental consent must be completed. Forms may be obtained from the Kimisis.com web site under the GOYA link. The first GOYA meeting proved to be very eventful. Numerous ideas were discussed as this year's event calendar was prepared.

On Sunday, September 16th the following GOYAN's dove for the cross representing our Church in Asbury Park, Andreas Petrou and Stephanie Favara are our Senior divers and Harry Papasavas and Alaina Bontales are our Junior divers. On September 21st we had our first

GOYA meeting. We discussed all about the upcoming events and such.

The Kick-Off Dance on Friday, September 28th at the Randolph Church was a lot of fun, with the theme of Black and White. Michael Teevan and Chrysoula Tampasis are representing our church for the 2007 Mr. And Miss GOYA Pageant Dinner/Dance. The Mr. And Miss GOYA Pageant Dinner/Dance will be held on Sunday, October 7, 2007, 4 -10 p.m. at the Pines Manor, Edison, New Jersey. Adult ticket \$50 Youth \$35. Please make checks payable to Mr. & Miss GOYA Pageant. The money for Mr. And Mrs. Goya is due by no later than September 16th. For reservations please call Theo Papasavas (732) 203-0422, MaryAnne Peters (732)577-0363 or Tom Protentis (732)888-3887.

Our next GOYA meeting will be on Friday October 19th at the Brunswick Lanes in Hazlet at 8pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

GOYA Boy's Basketball
-2007-2008

Jr. Team - Ages 8-13

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information

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732-616-3538

Coach Tony Sideris -
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CONSECRATION COMMITTEE NEWS

BY Gregory Ploussas

Well, we are almost there. Consecration is just about a month away. As you know, Consecration has been set for Saturday, October 20, 2007 and Sunday, October 21, 2007. His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos will begin Saturday evening at 6:30 PM with The Service of the Preparation of the Holy Relics followed by The Great Vespers Service. The following morning, beginning at 7:30 AM, The Orthos, Consecration Service and First Divine Liturgy will occur. We hope all can attend these beautiful services of our Orthodox Faith.

In order to Consecrate a Church, all the Iconography must be in place. At this point, we must thank Father George and the Interior Committee for their commitment and perseverance in getting this done. A special thank you goes to Costa Phillipou, who as Chairman of the Interior Committee, has zealously seen to accomplish this task. Many of us run and hide when we saw Costa, because he was always looking for donations toward the Iconography. A thank you should also go out to all the members of the Interior Committee; Charles Gavaris, Bessie Drogaris, Argyri Milonas, George Katsingris and Roula Merianos for their time and efforts in choosing and placing the Iconography. I also want to thank Elias Tsigounis, who for the last 10 or 15 years has donated his scaffolding and labor to erect and dismantle the scaffolding for the iconographer to work on. He has saved our community tens of thousands of dollars.

You and your family can participate as Consecration Sponsors, Consecration Gift Donors, Consecration Donations, Tree of Life Donations, Ad Journal Support and Committee Assignments. Information related to the Consecration is posted and updated on the Church website www.kimisis.com. Please contact Father George, Costa Phillipou or myself and let

us know where you can help.

If you are interested in donating one of the remaining Consecration Gifts, please contact us. We have set a goal of raising \$200,000 for Consecration. To date, we have collected \$135,000 and the Community has pledged approximately \$155,000. For those who have not donated or pledged yet, we ask you to consider becoming a Consecration Sponsor. We have established five categories of Consecration Sponsors as follows:

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\$50,000

BENEFACTOR

\$15,000

GUARDIAN

\$10,000

DONOR

\$5,000

PATRON

\$2,500

CONSECRATION GIFTS

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| Two Icon Stand Vestments | \$300 |
| Baptismal Table - (Wood Carved) | \$5,000 |
| Souvenirs | \$5,000 |
| Consecration Vespers Booklets | \$3,000 |
| Consecration Service Booklets | \$3,000 |

There is no minimum Consecration Donation. All Consecration Donations will be appreciated and used for Consecration. Also, those who wish may donate towards the Tree Of Life. A leaf on the Tree Of Life ranges from \$1,000 to \$3,000. Please contact Louie Koumoutsos or Tom Protentis if you are interested in donating to the Tree Of

Life. We will also be producing a Commemorative Ad Journal for Consecration. Advertisement forms have been mailed to the community and are included in this issue of the KCU. If you would like to purchase an Ad, please fill out the form and return it to the Church. If you have any questions, contact George Karatzia, Rosa Torres-Tumazos or myself.

The Consecration Committee still needs help from the community in organizing, planning and working the events to be held as part of the Consecration celebration. Please contact either Father George, Costa Phillipou or myself if you are interested in participating. For a successful event, we need everyone's participation in one form or another.

The Consecration Committee, together with the Parish Council and Father George would like to thank the following families for their donations towards Consecration:

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Gus Giannopoulos Family

Ladies Philoptohos Society BAHAM Chapter

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BY Gregory Ploussas

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IMPORTANT

INTERIOR COMMITTEE UPDATE

By Costa Phillipou

We are approaching the dates of the Consecration (Baptism) of our church on Saturday, October 20 and Sunday October 21, 2007. We are abundantly blessed that all the efforts of our beloved and worthy Father George, the Parish Councils of past and present, the Philoptochos/BAHA Society and all our generous parishioners who contributed toward this endeavor are finally coming to fruition.

Just a few years ago, the walls were freshly painted and awaited the enigmatic theological art magnifying our Lord. Through the energetic efforts of the Interior Committee, our church is nearing completion. A magnificent display in mosaic iconography depicting various scenes from Christ's life has recently been completed beneath the choir loft by an Italian craftsman.

Although this was a brave and costly undertaking, the Interior Committee came to the unanimous opinion that a small portion of our iconography should be done in mosaics. We are extremely pleased with the results, but

we have fallen short of our goal to pay the craftsman.

We need your financial aid!

Here is a golden opportunity for those of you who have not pledged toward the iconography or interior of our church thus far to do so now. This mosaic masterpiece will adorn Kimisis Tis Theotokou for a lifetime. Your donation would be warm-heartedly appreciated and would help complete this phase of our planned undertaking of the mosaic iconography.

Please give according to the grace given you. Let your love be genuine.

“He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for

every good work.”

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Here is Paul's landmark teaching on Christian stewardship. The metaphor is not the giving of money but the sowing of seed for a harvest. The seed comes from God Himself. When you give cheerfully you get back tenfold.

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