

# KCU Kimisis Close-Up



20 Hillcrest Road, Holmdel, NJ 07733

## From Father George



Volume 18, Issue 6

Dear Parishioners:

"An angel of the Lord appeared to him (Joseph) in a dream, saying 'Joseph, son of David, do not fear Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit'" (Matt. 1:20). With these words St. Matthew gives us the doctrine of the Virgin Birth. He tell us that Jesus was conceived of the Holy Spirit in his mother's womb.

The phrase "virgin birth" with stress on birth was used in the earliest centuries to teach the reality of Christ's humanity as opposed to the Gnostic teaching that Christ was only "poured through" the womb of Mary and therefore only seemed to have a human body.

"Conceived of the Holy Spirit" means that this is God coming into the world. Born of the Holy Spirit to show that He is God, and Mary to show that he is human. God and man in one

person. "Conceived of the Holy Spirit" means according to C.S. Lewis that God "was creating not simply a man but the Man...was creating Man anew... at this divine and human point, the New Creation of all things. The whole soiled and weary universe quivered at this direct injection of essential life-direct uncontaminated, not drained through all the crowd history of nature." God was introducing into the blood stream of humanity something new, something different, a new life uncontaminated from the sins of the past. Only One who was not of this world, who did not Himself need salvation would be able to save the world.

To safeguard the doctrine of the Incarnation the Church called Mary not "Mother of Jesus" but "Mother of God (Theotokos) so that all might realized that what she bore was not man loosely linked to God, but a single Person who is God and Man at once. Let us remember this every time we say the Theotokos.

*Adelficos, Father George*



### FEAST DAYS

AUGUST 6

HOLY TRANSFIGURATION

AUGUST 15

DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS  
(NAMEDAY OF OUR CHURCH)

REMINDER:

THUR/AUGUST 14  
7:30 PM VESPERS

FRI/AUGUST 15  
9:00AM ORTHROS  
10:00AM DIVINE LITURGY

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# President's Message

by Bill Parlamis

Our annual Greek Festival, held June 5-9 had a different twist this year than other years. As written in the Asbury Park Press, "the volunteers had to endure weather conditions similar to those in the Mojave desert ". I couldn't help but wonder if our parishioners and friends would be able to withstand the 98 degree heat, and 70% humidity. But faith and love for our church brought the over 200 volunteers, and over 4,000 attendees together for another successful festival.

As we were breaking down on Sunday night after a grueling 11 hour day, some of our stewards turned to each other and wished " Kai to Chrono ", which translated means "and to next year". After 5 days of sweat , these stewards had next years festival already in their thoughts ! It reaffirmed what I already knew about our Parish. We actually enjoy working the festival. Whether it is because you are helping raise funds for your church, or are proud of your heritage and customs, or you like socializing; we look forward to that big weekend in June.

On behalf of the Parish Council, I cannot thank you

enough for the inspiring tireless efforts of all our festival volunteers and generous support of our sponsors. Your time, talents, and treasures are truly appreciated. I would be remiss if I didn't give a special heartfelt thank you to our Festival Chairman, Dimitri Geaneas. Dimitri had a most challenging job this year with rising costs, but as always found a way to keep overhead manageable.

A couple of notes that you should be aware of:

- The 2008 Car Raffle kicked off this year at the Festival. The grand prize Mercedes Benz C300 was on display, and immediately drew much deserved attention. There are also 14 additional prizes including flat screen HDTV's, computers, and more ! Tickets are \$100 each, and only 800 tickets will be sold for the November 15 drawing. To purchase tickets or help sell tickets, please contact me at 732 320 7456 or [bparlamis@aol.com](mailto:bparlamis@aol.com) , or Raffle Chairman Gus Giannopoulos at 718 490 3070 or [ggiannopoulos@verizon.net](mailto:ggiannopoulos@verizon.net).

- The Annual Dinner Dance is back ! A committee has been formed and working

hard on planning this years gala. Please save the date of Friday, November 21, where we will be enjoying a 4 course

dinner at the PNC Arts Center. In addition, the Parish Council has decided to honor Prebyteria Eleni Chakalos at this years event, which will also include a performance by the Hellenic Dancers of NJ. Please call Joyce Cocco at 732 969 3246 for reservations or information.

The Junior Orthodox Youth (JOY) is being reformed at Kimisis. The mission is to bring the youth of Kimisis together at a younger age for fun and education. An open house is being planned for the middle of September to get things going.

Please contact Joe and Linda Antonokakis at 732-616-3538, or e mail [Joe@atlasfinancial.org](mailto:Joe@atlasfinancial.org) if you have children in the 9-12 age group that would be interested in participating.

# Ladies Philoptochos Society/BAHA Chapter

by Cheryl Bontales

## A Year in review:

Our end of the year dinner was held on June 12th at The Town n Country Inn in Keyport. Members gathered following a successful year for fun, fellowship, and good conversation. Three Past President's (Connie Mellas, Mary Stamoulis and Martha Parlamis) were in attendance and were presented with Past President Certificates and Gold Past President lapel pins to wear proudly. Members who had chaired events throughout the year and served exceptionally were presented with Achievement Certificates for their dedication.

The 2007-2008 Philoptochos year had began with a welcome back wine and cheese party for new and returning members, which was followed by a Consecration Movie Night. We then sponsored the Annual Christmas Party, the St. Basil Make a wish drive, the Family Game Night, the Apokriatiko Glendi, the Annual Palm Sunday Luncheon, our 2nd Annual Mother of the Year presentation which honored and recognized Mrs. Frieda Mookas for her unselfish dedication and loyalty to our community, the Annual Fashion Show, and we all worked at the Annual Greek Festival as well. Much was accomplished in those 10 months, and money was raised for our donations to the Consecration of our church and annual Greek Festival, and to charitable organizations that include St. Basil's Academy, St. Michael's Home, Ronald McDonald House, Central Jersey Blood Center, Deborah Hospital, Manna

House, The Cancer Fund, Social Services, The Gift of Life Medical Missions, and many, many more.

For a complete list of organizations that we support, visit [www.philoptochos.org](http://www.philoptochos.org), and to learn more about philanthropia and how you can help those in need.

## Nameday of our Church

### PANAYIAS

**On Thursday August 14th** - Vesper Services will be held, followed by a Lenten Fellowship Hour in the Community Center. Hundreds of people attend our services from all over New Jersey. Join us in prayer as his Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos conducts services with Fr. George and a dozen visiting clerics. Please consider making a Lenten offering for our fellowship hour and help with set up in the gym. You can assist with the decoration of the Epitaphion too (representing the burial of the all-immaculate body of the Theotokos at a place called Gethsemane.) Bring scissors.

**On Friday August 15th** - We celebrate the Divine Liturgy for The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary. Again, join us in prayer as his Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos conducts services with Fr. George and visiting clerics from throughout New Jersey. We need everyone in the Community's help with the preparations as we celebrate this most **Holy Day** and the **Name Day of our Church**. If you can help out in any way or want to share your ideas for celebration on this day, please call Cheryl Bontales at 732-

796-1006, or e-mail at [bontsc@aol.com](mailto:bontsc@aol.com).

## Next Meeting

Please join us on September 18th, in the Church Hall as we begin our 2008-2009 Philoptochos year, and the last year of our current executive board's term of office. Help us make our Chapter stronger and more dynamic. We need your ideas, creativity and intuitiveness. If you would like to be a member and perhaps be on the executive board in 2009-2011, your attendance at meetings is extremely appreciated and important. Annual dues are \$30.00, and \$25.00 for seniors over 65 and students 18-23. Our meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month in the church hall at 8:00 pm and will be posted on the church website and in the KCU.

CHURCH FATHERS  
SPEAK: "When someone is occupied with his own faults, he does not see those of his neighbors."  
-Abba Moses

# Ladies Philoptochos Society/BAHA Chapter

Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society – BAHA Chapter

FIRST NOTICE: July, 2008

Kimisis Tis Theotokou Greek Orthodox Church

PO Box 367

Holmdel, New Jersey 07733

Phone (732) 739-1515

Dear Parishioner:

The Ladies Philoptochos Society – BAHA Chapter of Kimisis Tis Theotokou, Holmdel would like to invite you to become a member. Philoptochos is one of the largest women's philanthropic organizations in the country. Your membership will provide the support needed for our annual events and fundraisers that benefit our many philanthropic endeavors. Which include:

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| 1. Philoptochos Biennial District Conference                     | 15 Hellenic College/Holy Cross School of Theology. |
| 2 Thanksgiving and Holiday Baskets for the Needy                 | 16. Purchase store gift certificates for needy.    |
| 3 Kimisis Annual Children's Christmas Party                      | 17. Sponsor a child for holiday break.             |
| 4 St. Basil Academy  | 18. Icon maintenance.                              |
| 5 St. Basil Academy "Christmas Wish List"                        | 19. Baking for various events                      |
| 6 Church and Community Center Christmas Decorating               | 20. OXI Day  |
| 7 Visits to the ill and infirmed                                 | 21. College kids connection                        |
| 8 St. Michael's home for the aged.                               | 22. Mother's Day                                   |
| 9 Apokriatiko Glendi   | 23. Family Game Night                              |
| 10 Pastichio Luncheon  | 24. Family Movie Night                             |
| 11 Lenten Luncheon   | 25. Food pantry and Soup Kitchen                   |
| 12 Annual Fashion Show   | 26. Annual Blood Drive                             |
| 13 Epitaphion Decorating – Holy Friday & August 14 <sup>th</sup> | 27. Health ministry                                |
| 14 Ronald McDonald House visits                                  | 28. Social services                                |

Annual Local Chapter dues for 2007-2008 are \$30 per member. \$25 for Seniors and Students 18-23.

We look forward to having you as a member and hope you will attend the meetings and learn firsthand about your Philoptochos and philanthropia. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. George H Dounelis

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Gigi Vastardis

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I cannot join at this time, but would like to make a tax deductible donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.



# BOY SCOUTS/CUB SCOUTS

By Lucy Milonas

## Welcome Back!

Registration for the Kimisis Tis Theotokou Scout Troop 531 will take place on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> during coffee hour. All boys 6 – 17 are invited to join. Cub Scouting at Kimisis is growing. As we begin our eleventh year, we expect that our registration numbers will continue to grow. The values (Country, Family, God, and Friends/Fun) instilled in our boys through Scouting will be with them throughout their lives.

## Year End Advancement

The final Awards night was held on May 21, 2008, where our some of our Scouts earned their ranks and advanced onto the next in Scouting. Good Job and congratulations to them and their families.

## Cub Scouts

Tigers Cubs Advancing into our Cub Scout Program:

Nolan Ballas

Alex Palatianos

Nicholas Fulwiler

## Wolf Badge/ Bear Badge

Christian Simon

Nicholas Kollydas

Michael Poosikian

Andrew Thermos

## Advancing to Webelos Den

Matthew Nikipoulos

Evan Tsarnas

Stephan Tsarnas

Nicholas Kollydas

Maxwell Ballas

Frank Calderone

George Orthodoxou

George Konstantinidis

Nicholas Lovoulos

## Webelos Badge

Lawrence Machi

Vasilios Nicholas

Timothy Robbins

Steven Simon

## Arrow of Light

Elias Kotsis

Daniel Gammah

Peter Kollydas

## Graduating Webelos Den and Cub

### Pack

Elias Kotsis

Daniel Gammah

Peter Kollydas

Ian Lovoulos

## *Boy Scouts*

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Class

Greg Marinos

Andrew Robbins

Chris Sharick

Michael Emmanuel Simon

## Eagle Scout

Congratulations to John Lynk on earning his Eagle Scout award. Our best wishes to him and his family for continued success in the future.

## Eagle Scout Project

Harry Papasavas has finished his requirements for Eagle Scout. He will be creating a new office and li-

brary for Father George in the community center. If you would like to help Harry with donations of time and/or materials, please contact him at 732-203-0422. Boy Scout Gettysburg Trip

During the weekend of May 30 – June 1, the Boy Scouts visited the National Monument and Cemetery at Gettysburg, PA. The Scouts had a great time!

## Father's Day Picnic

We all enjoyed our final event of the year – a Father's Day Family picnic at Holmdel Park on Sunday, June 15, 2008. It is a time when all families come together and enjoy some outdoor fun and games.

## Boy Scout Summer Camp

During the week of July 20 – July 26, 2008, the Boy Scouts will attend summer camp at the Forestburg Scout Reservation in Forestburg, New York.

## Information

Boy Scouts is open to all boys ages 6-17. In the fall we look forward to adding to our ever-growing Scouting family. If you are interested in your son joining our scouting adventures, please call Jim Marinos (732-739-9486), Nick Englis (732-591-0563), Matt Bistromovich (732-863-1822) or George Marinos (732-780-7193).



**HARRY PAPASAVAS**

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**  
**FR. GEORGE'S NEW OFFICE AND**  
**CHURCH LIBRARY**

**PROJECT:** INSTALL NEW CEILING TILES, PAINT THE TWO ROOMS IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER, INSTALL CARPETING IN FATHER'S OFFICE, INSTALL BLINDS ON THREE WINDOWS, BI-FOLD DOORS WILL BE INSTALLED ON TWO CLOSET DOORS, INSTALL WOODEN ROD IN ONE CLOSET.

PACK AND MOVE FR. GEORGE INTO NEW OFFICE SPACE.

SET UP BOOKS IN NEW LIBRARY SPACE.

**MATERIALS NEEDED**

CEILING TILES - DONATED

PAINT AND SUPPLIES - DONATED

CARPET - DONATED

BI-FOLD DOORS (2 SETS, WHITE, 6 PANELED)

WINDOW BLINDS (3 SETS OF 2" CHERRY FINISH)

BOOK SHELVES

MONETARY DONATIONS ACCEPTED

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

WORK SCHEDULE WILL BE POSTED ON THE KIMISIS WEBSITE, CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD AND BY E-MAIL

**CONTACT**

**HARRY PAPASAVAS**

**[e-mail-apoelsoccer12@aol.com](mailto:apoelsoccer12@aol.com)**

**(h) 732-203-0422 (cell) 732 832-1033**

***Medical Mission Drive to benefit the Dominican Republic.***

by Alaina Bontales

**Senior Girl Scout Troop 337** will be collecting materials for a Medical Mission to the Dominican Republic.

Medical missions are conducted several times each year with the help and support of many civic organizations and individuals. Our troop heard of the medical missions through Mr. Mike Kambourakis, who has traveled to Santiago, Dominican Republic many times offering his assistance to the medical teams that save the lives of children afflicted with heart defects. We can make a difference in the lives of the children there by collecting items that are often overflowing from our closets and drawers.

Band aids

Toothbrushes

Unopened ointments (Bacitracin, Betadine, Neosporin)

Flip-flop sandals (new, any size)

Socks (new, any size)

T-Shirts (clean and in good condition)

Sleeveless dresses (clean and in good condition)

Items should be placed in a bag and marked DONATION - Dominican Republic (DR).

Items will be collected on Sunday following church services throughout 2008 in the GYM.

If you would like to learn more about medical missions or perhaps make a monetary donation to the GIFT OF LIFE program, e-mail [gsusa-holm@aol.com](mailto:gsusa-holm@aol.com) to learn where your tax deductible donation can be made out to. The mission is dedicated to saving children's lives, one little heart at a time.

# STEWARDSHIP

## CHEERFUL GIVING IS A DUTY

**R**emember this: the man who plants few seeds will have a small crop; the one who plants many seeds will have a large crop. Each one should give, then, as he has decided, not with regret or out of sense of duty; for God loves the one who gives gladly. And God is able to give more than you need, so that you will always have all you need for yourselves and more than enough for every good cause. As the scripture says "he gives generously to the poor; his kindness lasts forever." And God, who supplies seed for sower and bread to eat, will also supply you with all the seeds you need and make it grow, to produce a rich harvest from your generosity.

There was a farmer who planted his seed generously, because he knew from experience that only thus could he expect to reap generously. However, like many of us, this farmer never learned to translate his experience into his spiritual life. In

his spiritual life he, like many of us, was a miser. He planted love and action very sparingly; yet he wondered why the crop of spiritual blessings and benefits that he reaped was so poor. Eventually this farmer took the words of our Apostle Paul to heart and his spiritual life as a result became fuller and richer. We, too, can take these words of Saint Paul, and remember that in our spiritual life, just as in physical life, we can only hope to reap generously, if we have sown generously the fertile seeds of Christian action and living. We can no more expect to benefit from the spiritual blessings of God and His Church, if we do not actively participate in its life, than we can expect to collect interest on money that we have buried deep in a hole. If we pattern our life after that of Jesus, we must learn to give and to give generously of ourselves; each of us according to ability. We must give willingly, not reluctantly.

There is always the person who will give, but only if everyone else has given. He gives only because of compulsions, and with great reluctance. He gives because he does not

want to be undone by his neighbor. Saint Paul tells us that "God loves a man who is glad to give." To give in his name is our duty and responsibility as children of God, and followers of His Son, and not as a vain act of condescension towards one less fortunate, or in order to win the praises of men. Giving is a privilege that God has given to us so that we can take an active part in His work. If we give cheerfully in His Name, we will grow rich in every way, especially in spiritual blessings and benefits.

Rev. Fr. Emmanuel  
Lionikis

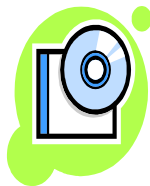


# CONSECRATION COMMITTEE

By Gregory Ploussas

# A.H.E.P.A

The Consecration Ad Journal and Commemorative DVD have finally arrived. A complimentary copy of the Ad Journal will be distributed to all Kimisis members and commercial advertisers. For the next few weeks, the Ad Journal can be picked up after Church during coffee hour. Gregory Ploussas, Costa Phillipou and Rosa Tumazos will be distributing the Ad Journal in the Community Center. At this time, I wish to thank the Ad Journal Committee, our commercial advertisers and our Community members who contributed to the Journal, which made it a success. This Ad Journal has been the most successful in the history of our Community. I want to especially thank Gus Liapis, our graphics consultant, and Rosa Tumazos, our layout coordinator, who spent countless hours making this a professional-looking Journal.



The Commemorative DVD is also now available. For those who have reserved a copy, please see Gregory Ploussas, Costa Phillipou or Demetri Orfanitopoulos during coffee hour after Church for the next few weeks to obtain your copy. If you have not reserved a copy, it is not too late. Copies are available for \$25.00 per copy. You can reserve a copy by filling out the form in the KCU or on the Kimisis website or contacting the above people. I would also like to thank the DVD Committee for their time and effort in producing and editing the DVD. They took two days of videos, or about twenty-four hours of camera footage, and condensed it into two disks covering the entire weekend.

## CHAPTER 517 SEVENTH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Garden State Chapter 517 of Holmdel, New Jersey is sponsoring its Seventh Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, October 6, 2008. The event is being hosted in order to raise funds for the Ronald McDonald House, Cancer Research Fund of the Fifth District, our Chapter's Scholarship Fund and Saint Basil's Academy in Garrison, New York.

We have reserved the Bamm Hollow Country Club in Middletown for the outing. A 1:00 PM shotgun start will initiate a fun day of golf, food, raffles and prizes. A hole-in-one for a 2008 Mercedes has been sponsored by Contemporary Motor Cars of Little Silver. Registration begins at 11:00 AM with a barbecue lunch served at 12:00 noon and a cocktail hour and awards banquet beginning at 7:00 PM. All prizes and awards will be presented at the awards banquet.

Corporate and individual sponsorships are welcomed and will be displayed the day of the event. Sponsorships range from \$150.00, \$250.00, \$500.00, \$1,000.00 and \$2,500.00 depending upon level of sponsorship.

Reservations to play are \$225.00 per golfer, which includes lunch, greens fees, golf cart, beverage cart, locker room facilities, cocktail hour and awards banquet. Non-golfers are welcome to attend the barbecue lunch at a cost of \$25.00 or the cocktail hour and awards banquet at a cost of \$50.00 per person. For information or reservations, call (732) 727-5500.

Also enclosed is a copy of our flyer for your use.

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