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From Father George



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My Beloved in the Lord,

I greet you in Christ the Lord and wish you all a Happy New Year! How strange those words sound in today's society, at this point in our calendar year. Yet today my beloved, we celebrate the beginning of the Church calendar, our Orthodox Christian New Year. The term Indiction comes from the days of the Roman Empire and from the Emperors themselves. Historically, the Indiction addresses were prepared at the end of the harvests and the beginning of the new season, as the people were in preparation for beginning again, waiting to sow seeds and nurture another harvest and journey throughout another year. These messages from the Emperors were designed to provide direction for the remainder of the year. The message is a "rudder" to steer the people, so that they would adhere to the will of the Emperor.

The Church uses this time as well to provide her direction to all peoples. This direction (the direction Christ our Lord gave to us) is given now so that at the beginning of the New Year we may "chart the proper course" and so that we may "stay the course" throughout the entire year. As the holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew tells us in his Gospel, in the beginning St. John the Baptist came first, preaching in the wilderness for

the people to "Repent for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matthew 3: 2) So the Indiction (the direction) is put forth first in the new ecclesiastical year, that we may embark upon the right and proper path, the Orthodox path.

As Solomon spoke in his Proverbs, and told the people: "That men may know wisdom and instruction, understanding word of insight...(the people must know) the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and instruction." (Proverbs 1:2, 7) My beloved, that you may all know the wisdom and instructions Solomon speaks about, and which Christ Himself became incarnate to impart to us, I exhort you at the beginning of this New Year to not only remember the following, but to *participate* in the following: pray before all actions, for in prayer we come into conversation with our Lord and the Saints receiving the grace of God Himself; be always repentant and recognize that we are fallen and sinful, for all sin and all fall short of the glory of God..."Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone..." (John8: 7) If you sin and turn away from God, repent and turn back to Him, seeking forgiveness; Be AC-TIVE, and BE ALIVE within the life of the Church, for without the Church, without our life saving ship, our saving ark, the 'waters' of this world will overwhelm us and drown us under the waves of sin (Genesis 6: 1-22);



Be mindful and adhere to the fast seasons of the Church for these times provide for all of us, time to correct our course throughout the year. If we use these times for the correction, guidance, and direction they are intended to provide, then we will always return to the port of the Lord and be safe upon the seas of life.

I leave you with these final words from the Kontakion of the Feast of Indiction, "You who created all things in Your infinite wisdom, and set the times by Your own authority, grant Your Christian people victories. Blessing our comings and going throughout the year, guide our works according to Your divine will." Praying that Christ our True God will illumine your journey throughout the coming year, I remain,

With Paternal Love and Blessings,

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Metropolitan of New Jersey

President's Message

by Bill Parlamis

Fall is a very important season at Kimisis. Organizations get back into the swing of things, and start their programs for the year. GOYA, JOY, Sunday School, Greek School, Kimisis Dancers, Boy & Girl Scouts, Bible Study, and the Art Program are all wonderful youth organizations that are available to our parishioners. I encourage and hope that your children take advantage of our youth programs. Our youth was the main reason our Parish built the Community Center, and I hope to see it filled with youthful energy this year more than ever. September 14, and 28 are registration Sundays, so please consider joining our many wonderful organizations.

Father George's new office, and spiritual library in the community center is just about completed, and will be occupied very soon. This project was coordinated by Harry Papasavas as his Ea-

gle Scout project. Harry organized and received donations of labor, and materials in order to get the project done without any expense to the community. We all should be very proud of this fine young man, and on behalf of the Parish Council, I wish to thank him for all his work. I would like to also thank everyone who generously donated their time and money to get the job done!

The Dormition of the Theotokos, and the Name Day of our Church Vespers and Divine Liturgy went very well, as church was filled to capacity on both days.

His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos of NJ officiated both services, assisted by our Metropolis Chancellor Father Nikas, our Father George, and other area Priests and Deacons. I thank his Eminence again for being with us, and for his spiritual leadership and love. I would also like to

thank our Ladies Philoptochos Society for again preparing and serving food, and beverages on both days.

Please consider supporting our \$100 Mercedes Benz Car Raffle. Grand prize is a Mercedes Benz C300, and there are 14 other prizes as well. Proceeds will support expenses related to educational, and community programs, and we would be grateful if you can purchase and sell tickets to your family and friends. Drawing is November 15. Please call Gus Giannopoulos

718-490 3070 for tickets.

Matthew 6:19-21

Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Faith and money are two sides of the same coin.

Where the one is, the other is also.

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by Bill Kotsis

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Ladies Philoptochos Society/BAHA Chapter

by Cheryl Bontales-Chapter President

What does Philanthropia mean to you? It dates back to the Byzantine Empire which was the first state to offer philanthropic and charitable assistance to its citizens. Starting with just a few women of devout Orthodox Christian faith in NYC in 1902 the Society has now grown into a nationwide movement of 30,000 women, dedicated to their faith, their church and their philanthropic mission.

The Mission of the Society:

to aid the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the imprisoned, the widowed, the handicapped, the victims of disasters, to undertake the burial of the impoverished persons and to offer assistance to anyone who may need the help of the Church through fund raising efforts; and to promote the charitable, benevolent and philanthropic purposes of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, through instructional programs, presentations, lectures, seminars and other educational resources; to preserve and perpetuate Orthodox Christian concepts and the Orthodox Christian family, and through them, to promote the Greek Orthodox faith and traditions, in accordance with its doctrines, canons, discipline, divine worship, usages and customs; to promote the participation in the activities of the Greek Orthodox community,

with the cooperation of the parish priest and the parish council. www.philoptochos.org.

In order to accomplish our mission, we need to have strength in numbers. In order to accomplish our mission we need more dedicated volunteers. In order to accomplish our mission, we need you. Who should join Philoptochos and be an active member in Philanthropia? YOU should, and every female in our community over the age of 18. Our meetings are the third Thursday of every month in the church hall at 7:30pm.

Upcoming meeting dates are:

October 16 *Welcome Back Wine and Cheese Party* hosted by the Executive Board and November 20 featuring a special guest.

Upcoming events where we need your help:

November - *Thanksgiving Baskets* for the needy are assembled and distributed.

December 7th - *Annual Christmas Party* featuring Santa and our Kimisis Youth Greek Dancers, under the direction of "Mrs. C".

Good will visits to the ill, infirmed and homebound.

"Make a Wish come True" holiday drive to benefit the children who live at the St. Basil Acad-

emy in Garrison NY.

If you can help in any of these areas, please call Cheryl Bontales at 732-796-1006.

Condolences - The Ladies Philoptochos Society/ BAHA Chapter offers sincere condolences to our sister, Mrs. Theodora Papasavas and to the Papasavas and Stathis families on the recent passing of Theodora's father. May his memory be eternal.

Congratulations - The chapter extends sincere best wishes and much congratulations as our sisters, Mrs. Stephanie Countouroudas and Mrs. Vivian Homatopoulos who each recently welcomed the birth of their grandsons Theodorou and Yanni respectively. Congratulations to both families.

With Appreciation - The Chapter wishes to thank all those who donated so generously of their time, talent and treasures for our church's name day on August 14th and 15th as we hospitably welcomed hundreds of people to our church and community with your offerings. Chronia polla!

Join us at our next meeting is on October 16th - 7:30pm in the Church Hall.



Girl Scouts

by Cheryl Bontales

Introduction

The new school year brought our first meeting with all Girl Scout Troop levels and adult volunteers and Leaders in the church Community Center. The troops set their goals for the year and reviewed their calendar of events. Following an opening flag ceremony, reciting the Girl Scout promise and law, troops broke into individual levels and began working on their level badges and year planning. The evening ended with a closing friendship circle and much enthusiasm for a great year of fun and friendship.

Daisies

Daisy Girl Scouts is for all Girls age 5 or in Kindergarten. We are currently accepting applications for the Daisy Troop. You can pick one up through your Kindergarten class. If you are interested in becoming a Daisy Leader or would like to register your daughter as a Daisy, please see the contact name and number below.

Brownies

Brownie Girl Scouts is for all girls in 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade. Our Brownie Leaders are Mrs. Angela Koumoutosos and Mrs. Linda Antonakakis. Brownies earn *Try-its* for skills learned. Our Brownies recently visited Ronald McDonald House and area nursing homes to bring cheer to those in need.

Juniors

Junior Girl Scouts is for all girls in 4th, 5th and 6th grade. Our Junior Leaders are Mrs. Liz Garrity and Mrs. Andrea Protentis. Juniors earn

Badges for skills learned and can apply them toward the Bronze Award. Our juniors enjoyed canoeing, camping and community service last year.

Cadettes

Cadette Girl Scouts is for all girls in 7th and 8th grade or Middle School. We are currently in need of Leaders for this group of girls. Please call the Organizer below if you can help.

Seniors

Senior Girl Scouting is for all girls in High School. This dynamic group will learn things and go places that will help prepare them for leadership roles in their school and in their community. Both Cadettes and Seniors do *Interest Projects*, which can apply to their Silver and Gold Award respectively. The Seniors are currently working on their Alpha Omega religious recognition requirements under the guidance and direction of bible class instructor Mrs. Roula Merianos. We are grateful for Mrs. Merianos' dedication and devotion with this project.

Leader Link

The Girl Scout troops that meet at Kimisis Tis Theotokou are members of the GSUSA, The Girls Scouts of the Jersey Shore Council and The Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting. We are always interested in recruiting new Leaders and Adult Volunteers to share their time and talent with our scouts. You may find resources through our web site www.girlscoutsjs.org. Visit us for a wealth of information, and some beautiful pictures of our Girl Scouts and the opportunities available for members. You may also find information on religious recognition awards

for scouts and religious retreats at www.eocs.org.

Information

Since our inception in 1995, we have grown to over 100 registered members. Two of our first Girl Scouts graduated college this past May and we are thrilled for them and wish them continued success and happiness. We know that Girl Scouting played a role in their success story. Girl scouting is for all girls 5 to 18 years of age. Our meetings are held on Friday's from 6pm to 8pm in the Church Hall. For more information or to learn more about this program that helps girls become confident, competent young women while building lifelong friendships and skills along the way; contact Organizer Cheryl Bontales at 732-796-1006 or via e-mail at gsusa-holm@aol.com If you would like to join our Adult Volunteers, training is provided free on-line and locally. Join Girl Scouts. You'll be glad you did.



GOYA NEWS

By Lucy Milonas

Welcome Back

The first GOYA meeting will be held on Friday, September 14th at 7:30 pm in the church gym. All teenagers ages 12 – 18 are invited to participate. Come and join the fun!

Mr./Ms. GOYA Pageant

We would like to congratulate Steven Marinos and his escort, Connie Protentis on their nomination to participate in the Mr./Ms. GOYA Pageant to be held at the Pines Manor, Edison, NJ on Sunday, October 12th. All GOYANs are invited to attend...details will be discussed at September's meeting.

Sights and Sounds

It is never too early to start getting some sights together for this year's competition. Some of

the categories are candle making, mosaics, oils, original idea on a ready made item, jewelry and needlepoint. The complete list of categories will be available at the meeting. Get those creative juices flowing!

NEW

SPECIAL NEEDS

LITURGY

Starting this October—on the 1st Saturday of each month at 10AM a “Special Needs” Liturgy will take place at Kimisis Tis Theotokou-Holmdel, with the participation of the churches of St. Barbara, Toms River, and St. George, Asbury Park.



GOYA CAR WASH

Sunday,
September
28th

After church in
the church
parking lot.

Please help
support your
GOYA!!!!



BOY SCOUTS/CUB SCOUTS

By Lucy Milonas

Welcome Back!

Registration will be held on September 14th and 28th during coffee hour for the Kimisis Tis Theotokou Scout Troop 531.

All boys 6 – 17 are invited to join. Cub Scouting at Kimisis is growing. As we begin our thirteenth year, we look forward to a continued increase in membership. The values (Country, Family, God, and Friends/Fun) instilled in our boys through Scouting will be with them throughout their lives.

Kick Off Meeting

Our first “kick off night” meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 17th. This is a special meeting for scouts and their parents.

Popcorn Sale



The Troop and Pack will be sponsoring our annual **POPCORN SALE** this Fall 2008. Please support our scouts who are selling popcorn as a fundraiser to support our activities this year. The boys are taking orders and the popcorn will be delivered in November. As always, your support is greatly appreciated and we thank you.

Camping

Our Boy Scout Troop went on their first overnight of the year, the weekend of September 19-21 at Ockinnickon scout camp in Pennsylvania. Thank you to our leaders and fathers of

our scouts for the transportation.

During the summer, the scouts at Forestburg earned a total of 35 badges! Congratulations to all!

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).

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