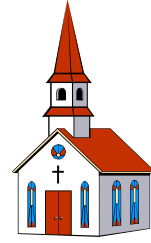


# Kimisis Close-Up



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Kimisis Tis Theotokou Greek Orthodox  
Holmdel, NJ

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## Notices

Summer Hours-  
June-Sept  
Orthros 8:30am  
Divine Liturgy 9:30am

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September Issue

August 10th

Have a Safe and Happy Summer



## From Father George

by Father George H. Dounelis

Dear Parishioners and  
Friends of Kimisis:

Professor George A. Soteriou has written concerning the significance of the Virgin in the apse of the church: "During the Byzantine period, the allegorical meaning of the apse as a point uniting the roof of the church with the floor, and symbolically heaven with earth, contributed to the placing of the icon of the Theotokos as Platytera. The Theotokos hovers as it were between heaven and earth as 'the heavenly ladder, whereby God has descended' and as 'the Bridge leading those on the earth to heaven' (from the Akathist Hymn).

The Theotokos is not on the front wall so that we may pray to her, but

with her. She is there leading us in prayer to the Pantocrator (the fresco decorating the ceiling) in the dome even as she holds Him as a child. Orthodox Christians do not pray to the Theotokos. They ask her to pray for them, to intercede to her Son in their behalf. Nowhere is this brought out more clearly than in the well-known hymn of the liturgy: "through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior save us." The Theotokos intercedes. The Savior saves.

The icon of the Theotokos in the apse is usually called "The Platytera," from the Greek "Platytera ton ouranon" which means "she who is wider than the heavens"- so called because



she gave birth to Christ, who as God is the Creator of all things. Having received and conceived in herself Him who cannot be contained in the whole of creation, the Theotokos is indeed Platytera ton ouranon, wider than the heavens.

*Yours in the Lord's  
Vineyard,*

*Father George*

Emergency General Assembly Meeting  
August 2nd 7:30pm



## Stewardship Report

by Helen Antholis, Stewardship Chair

**A**t the General Assembly on May 10, I reported on the current data on Stewardship for our Church. For those of you who did not attend, here is a summary of the report:

### MAY 10 REPORT

As of May 10, we have 307 commitments to our Stewardship program. We are awaiting the responses from 157 stewards from 2010. There are 31 stewards from 2009 who have not yet responded.

**If ALL were to make a commitment of any kind, we would have 495 households that support our ministries.** To date, we have received **311 pledge commitments** totaling \$148,662.77 with \$107,655.77 donated toward them as of 5/10/11. Our goal for 2011 is \$205,000. We are grateful for the generosity and early commitment by many. We look forward to hearing from our remaining **188 stewards.**

**Since January, we have 30 new stewards and 20 stewards have returned from 2009.**

For those who attended the **General Assembly**, they became aware of additional expenses due to issues in the Community Center: roof leaks, floor repairs, and the need to replace one of the heat/ac

units. Parishioners also learned of the expenditures associated with planning needs for an additional parking lot on the south side of the property (next to the Church). Our community is growing and it takes several years to create a new lot. Early planning will ensure that the lot will be ready for our use sooner than later.

Please make every effort to attend General Assemblies. They are held twice a year (May and November) with an occasional emergency G.A. when a vote is needed on a pressing matter. Attending these meetings is another form of Stewardship to voice your thoughts and vote on important issues.

### CALENDAR YEAR BASIS

Many stewards operate on a different annual cycle than the calendar year. We find that if stewards pledge in September, they pledge again in the following September. That is why the numbers don't match up at this time.

The Stewardship program, like most home and business-based budgets, operates on a **calendar-year basis.** This helps to plan better and to ensure that our operating costs are met in a timely fashion. While Stewardship is about more than treasure (it includes the time and talent of our many parishioners), there is still

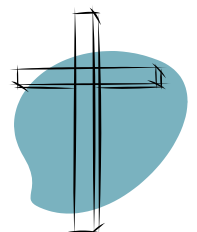
a financial need to fulfill. If at all possible, it would be very helpful if your personal commitment coincided with the calendar-year plan for Stewardship, or at least as early in the year as you can. We have seen that happening already compared with last year and if that continues, we'll see our goal met sooner.

### REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT FOR GREEK SCHOOL AND DANCE

While it's a little early to think about fall registration for Greek School and Dance classes, this is a reminder to complete your stewardship commitment form (in the KCU, in the Office, online at [www.kimisis.com](http://www.kimisis.com)) A commitment is required to register in Greek School and Dance.

### FESTIVAL

Here's looking forward to a very successful Festival. We count on our stewards to help with making it a huge success in whatever way possible. Thank you all for your donations of time, talent, and treasure in what is our biggest fund-raiser and cultural event of the year. See you





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Cost: \$90.00 per Person for Stewards of Kimisis

Or \$150 for Non-Stewards

Time: 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

First Class begins October 6, 2011 in the Kimisis Community Center

Registration Deadline: September 30, 2011

Please Register Early Space is Limited

### Registration Form

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**ADULT CONVERSATIONAL GREEK****By Gregory Ploussas**

**A**HEPA Chapter 517 has organized and will continue to support an Adult Conversational Greek Program. The program's goal is to teach a non Greek speaking person conversational Greek, practical Greek that can be used in everyday life. Speak Greek with your family and friends. The program will consist of 12 sessions. Each session will be held on a Thursday, beginning on October 6, 2011. The remainder of the sessions will be held weekly on Thursdays. A schedule will be provided at the first session. Classes will be held at the Kimisis Tis Theotokou Community Center.

seats are available. Stewards of Kimisis have priority. Tuition for non-stewards is \$150.00 per student. For more information contact Gregory Ploussas at (732) 335-3702 or [gspholm@aol.com](mailto:gspholm@aol.com) or Bill Parlamis at (732) 888-7880 or [bparlamis@aol.com](mailto:bparlamis@aol.com). You are encouraged to register early as space is limited. To register fill out the registration form at the bottom our flyer which is enclosed and return by September 30, 2011. Please mail to AHEPA Chapter 517, P.O. Box 735, Holmdel, New Jersey, 07733.

The program is open to adult stewards of our Kimisis Community, although space is limited. Tuition is \$90.00 per student. Non-stewards of Kimisis will be allowed to participate if

**Prime Timers** by Connie Mellas, President

Calendar for:

September 7, 2011 October 5, 2011, November 2, 2011 December 7, 2011

Up and coming events will be posted in the KCU or on the Prime Timers Bulletin Board..

Looking forward to special events...



**AHEPA CHAPTER 517 TENTH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING**

Dear Friends of the AHEPA Annual Golf Outing,

The Order of AHEPA Garden State Chapter #517 is preparing for its Tenth Annual Golf Outing. The event is being hosted in order to raise funds for the Ronald McDonald House, AHEPA Cancer Research Fund of the Fifth District, AHEPA’s Scholarship Fund, and Saint Basil’s Academy in Garrison, New York.

On Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> we have reserved the Pebble Creek Golf Club in Colts Neck, New Jersey. We invite you to join us for an enjoyable day of Golf, Breakfast, and our Awards Luncheon Banquet. The cost for an individual to play is \$125 and we certainly encourage you to make foursomes, perhaps making it a company event. The cost for lunch only is \$35.

If you are unable to participate as a golfer, we offer a varied schedule of sponsorships to help support these wonderful causes:

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We look forward to your support and thank you in advance for your donation.

For questions and reservations please contact:

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## The Ladies Philoptochos Society/B.A.H.A. Chapter

By: Josephine Michael Tsarnas, President

**T**hen He also said to him who invited Him, "When you give dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

Luke 12:14

Derived from the Greek "friends of the poor", The Ladies Philoptochos Society is the source of fellowship and the philanthropic heart of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. For over seventy-five years, it has undertaken a multitude of philanthropic programs to aid the poor, the sick, the elderly, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the imprisoned, the widowed, the handicapped, the victims of disasters, and has undertaken the burial of improv-

erished persons and has offered assistance to anyone who may need the help of the church through its' fund raising efforts, sponsors and dedicated volunteers.

The Ladies Philoptochos Society/BAHA Chapter of Kimisis, responds to the needs of our community with devoted sisters who sacrifice their time, generosity, compassion and love for our church.

**\*Helping Hands Committee:** enables parish members who need a ride to and from church without that capability or if they need a ride to the doctor, lab appointment or to the supermarket. In addition, the members of the committee prepare a meal for parishioners unable to provide for themselves.

**\*Old Age Home Committee:** visits nursing homes, shut-ins, hospitals as well as various homeless shelters, prisons in the area and brings the love of God and helps bring the people back into the church.

**\*Drive Committee:** coordinates food drives, coat drives, toy drives, blanket/sheet drives for various shelters.

**\*Knit and Crochet Committee:** knits hats, blankets and other items to be donated to various philanthropic groups and children's cancer hospitals.

**\*Fashion Show Committee:** coordinates the annual Fashion Show.

**\*Seminar Committee:** arranges seminars and lectures throughout the year for our community.

**\*Hospitality Committee:** oversees Philoptochos coffee hour preparations.

**\*College Connection Committee:** corresponds with Kimisis youth while away at college through e-mail and letters.

Your support of these committees is greatly appreciated!

Note: Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm.

### Newly Elected Philoptochos Board 2011/2012

*Congratulations to the new executive board.*

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