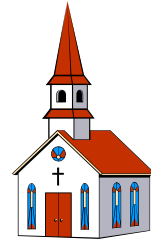


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Kimisis Tis Theotokou Greek Orthodox
Holmdel, NJ

September 2011

Church Services

Orthros: 9:00AM

Divine Liturgy: 10:00AM

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From Father George

by Father George H. Dounelis

*Dear Parishioners and
Friends of Kimisis:*

There is a deeper significance to the raising of the cross which we celebrate on September 14th. Our Lord refers to it when He says in John 3:14 & 15, "...as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life." Jesus is referring to the time when the Israelites were in the wilderness. They were rebellious and complaining. Because of their disobedience, God sent poisonous snakes to punish them. The people were dying from the bites. They went to Moses with a protest and an appeal for help. Moses, as always, took his troubles to God. God told him to raise the standard of a brazen

serpent and to tell the people to look at it when bitten. Healing would come by looking at the standard. And it did. Those who looked at the brazen serpent were healed. Perhaps this is why the serpent today is used as an emblem by medical doctors.

As Moses lifted the serpent in the wilderness, says Jesus, so must the Son of man be lifted upon the cross that whoever believes in Him might have eternal life. Thus, every year on this Feast, the Church raises the cross in our midst. She raises it so that we today may find healing and strength in the uplifted cross of Christ. For we, too, become infested with the deadly poison of sin and guilt. Salvation for us, too, is in a look-a



Exaltation of the Holy Cross

look of faith, repentance, and commitment to the crucified and risen Christ.

The sweet-smelling Basil we receive reminds us of the exquisite joy we find in the Risen Christ. We take the plant home and keep it by our family icon as a constant reminder of the sweetness of salvation in Christ.

Yours in His Vineyard,

Father George

Please Note: Sunday, September 18th, Exaltation of the Holy Cross at Asbury Park.

Kimisis will be closed for church services.

Please attend Divine Liturgy at Asbury Park Convention Hall.



Stewardship Report

by Helen Antholis, Stewardship Chair

Summer is almost over and some of us are looking forward to cooler weather. I hope this issue finds you and your family well.

Typically, summer is the time for days off, outdoor activities, and family vacations. Our thoughts turn to grilling and fun at the shore. Daylight hours are at their longest and summer rains are usually fleeting (well, sort of). It's a more relaxing time, free from the stresses of busy routines.

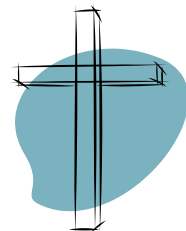
It's also a time when people tend to take a vacation from attending Church. Interestingly, though, many more parishioners are attending Church throughout the summer. Church each Sunday is quite full and the Choir is singing. It's nice to know that we can count on Church being open for us. And that is because we all, in our own ways, support it. That's where stewardship comes in.

This year, we have had a very fine response to our Stewardship Program. Pledges and commitments are higher and being made earlier in the year. This is helpful as the Church budget operates on an annual calendar basis beginning January 1.

However, many still prefer to make their commitment in September. Partly that is because the Orthodox liturgical year begins in September. Another reason is that **classes resume for Sunday School, Greek Dancing, and Greek Language School in September.** For 2012, please consider making your commitment for the calendar year in January.

For now, we bring to your attention now that in order to register children for Greek Dancing classes and Greek School in September, a 2011 commitment is required. We hope that those of you who haven't done so already, find the time this month to complete your stewardship form and make a 2011 commitment. The form is enclosed in this issue, is available at kimisis.com, and is available in the Church Office.

Thank you.





The Ladies Philoptochos Society/BAHA. Chapter

By: Josephine Michael Tsarnas, President

“But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you. To him who strikes you on the *one* cheek, offer the other also.”

Luke 5:38-48

Why are Saints Cosmas and Damian Philoptochos' patron saints?

The remarkable twin brothers were physicians and early Christian martyrs born in Cilicia, part of today's Turkey. They practiced their profession in the seaport of Aegea accepting no payment for their services which led to them being named Unmercenary; it is said that, by this, they attracted many to the Christian faith. They were brothers who healed purely out of love for God and man, strictly observing the command of Jesus.

Surely, these Saints have been the inspiration to a small group of

remarkable, dedicated women who united to become what is known as the “Philanthropic arm of the church”. We are wives, mothers, daughters and in many cases work side by side with our husbands to establish their new business ventures. Today, the original group has been inherited by their daughters and granddaughters and other generations of newcomers. Our church is a place of worship but also a social, emotional and cultural anchor.

We are actively seeking sisters to get involved and participate in our committees.

***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 after a surgery.

***Old Age Home Committee:** Visits nursing homes, hospitals as well as various homeless shelters, prisons in the area and bring the love of God and help 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 children's cancer hospitals.

***Fashion Show Committee:** Coordinates the annual Fashion Show.

***Seminar Committee:** Arranges 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.

***Children Stories for Cancer Committee:** Reads stories to children with cancer at Sloan-Kettering in New York.

***Membership Committee:** Helps to bring in new members to help chapter grow.

Your support of these committees is greatly appreciated!

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



Sunday, September 25th "Shine A Light" Alzheimer kick off - The Pangari will be staffed with Philoptochos members that will be pinning white ribbons on parishioners as they enter to light "white" candles. Proceeds from these candles will go towards research of the disease.

"Walk For The Cure" event for Alzheimer to be held on Saturday, September 24th at Little Silver Park, Baltimore & Arnold Avenues in Point Pleasant Beach. Each participant from our Chapter will be sponsored by Metropolis of New Jersey or simply walk for awareness. (See Philoptochos Bulletin Board for time)

Philoptochos Membership Drive & Registration on Sundays, September 11th & 25th.

The College Connection by Salomi Charalambous-Horvath



The *College Connection* is a new program for our college youth to keep them connected to their church community while they are away at college. As exciting and wonderful the college years are, many of them have told us in the past that they miss their church community and all that they were involved in at Kimisis. We have asked our college-bound students to send us a recent photo with a short write up, the name of the college, city, & state, email & cell phone, what they'll be studying, and a short description of their recent activities and personal interests if they choose to participate.

We have created a collage of their pictures and short write-ups and have placed them outside Father George's office in the community center. Our community loves to see what our students are doing and this will provide a way to stay in contact with them. As we receive more, we will be adding to our database, and we will be posting a monthly article in the KCU with recent reported events & activities, such as: travel, mission work, Dean's Lists, honor societies, recognitions, club membership. This way our Kimisis

family can celebrate the accomplishments of our youth and in receiving an electronic copy of the KCU, our youth will continue to feel the connection to Kimisis.

For interested students, we will also contact the local parish priests to let them know that this student is attending college in the area and ask them to find a way to include them in their parish. If there are students in upper classes who are going to the same college, of course, we will make the connection for them as well. We hope that this program will grow and help our students to transition from home to college without losing connection to their church.

On Sunday, August 7th, Fr. George did a blessing for all the college-bound students who were in church. Please stop outside Fr. George's office and see the write-ups of some of our students. We hope you'll be as proud of them as we are!

The College Connection is a support program of the Ladies Philop-

tochos Society/BAHA Chapter.

Any student interested in joining the College Connection Program, please contact any member of our committee of three ladies: Cheryl Bontales (bontsc@aol.com), Salomi Charalambous-Horvath (msac2@comcast.net), or Joanna Kot-sis (daskalisa@aol.com)

Prime Timers

by Connie Mellas, President

Meeting Dates:

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... For further information call Connie Mellas 732-264-0111.



Girl Scouts

by Cheryl Bontales and Mary Ellen Cestone

The Girl Scout bridging ceremony was held in June in the Kimisis Community Center and the following Girl Scouts were recognized:

Brownie to Junior Girl Scouts

Alexia Apostolides
Isabella Apostolides
Grace Akinsanmi
Christina Cestone
Diana Thermos

Junior to Cadette Girl Scouts:

Karla Kandalaft
Christianah Akinsanmi

Senior to Ambassador Girl Scouts:

Mia Kandalaft
Debbie Vapheas

Graduating Ambassador Girl Scouts:

Daphne Bistrimovich
Alaina Bontales
Sofia Kotsis
Connie Protentis
Dina Tampasis
Eleonora Vapheas

Congratulations to all our Brownies on completing the Wonders of Water Journey badge. The program included a blessing by Father George, flag ceremony, candle ceremony, skits and songs, a closing circle and refreshments for all. Level awards and membership stars were presented to all girls.

2011 Girl Scout Gold Award Recipients

- Daphne Bistrimovich and Alexis Marinos for their project that included a multi-level badge workshop on volleyball and court sports for all girls. Congratulations on joining an elite group of women in the USA. Both girls were honored at a reception held by the Girls Scouts of the Jersey Shore council.

2011 Girl Scout Adult Volunteer Recipients

- Paul Callamaras -Good

Neighbor Award, Mary Ellen Cestone and Angel Kazanis - Leadership Development Pin, Cherine Kandalaft and Joanna Kotsis - Helping Hands Award, Christie Bontales - Outstanding Volunteer Award, Stephanie Bontales - 15 year membership award, and Cheryl Bontales - The Legacy Award. Congratulations to all our adults and girls for their continued commitment to Girl Scouting.

Kimisis Girl Scouts would like to congratulate graduating Ambassador Girl Scout Alaina Bontales on being recipient of the Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting 2011 Scholarship. Dr. Larry Sherman from the EOCS made the presentation following Divine Liturgy on August 7th in church. Two prerequisites for a Girl Scout applying for the scholarship are completion of the Alpha Omega Religious Recognition Award and the Girl Scout Gold Award. Dr. Sherman stated that "the honor is shared by the entire parish as this is a National scholarship which shows commitment to God, church, family and community. Alaina thanked Fr. George and Mrs. Roula Merianos for her spiritual growth and being advisors on her projects.

Important dates:

September 11th and 25th - Registration



September 16th from 6:30 to 7:30 "Beach Campfire by Sandy Hook Bay", at Bayshore Waterfront Park.

Campfire, songs, mysterious stories about sea critters, sea captains, and ships. October 8th and 9th Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting Religious Retreat at St. Basil Academy. You must be a registered scout to attend. Calendar of events will be given out at registration.

Product Sale: Kimisis Girl Scouts will be taking orders for nuts and candies once again. See information on the bulletin board. You can also renew your magazine subscription through Girl Scouts and help the program that helps Girls grow strong.

Meditation Garden: Graduating Ambassador Girl Scout Connie Protentis is completing her gold award project in the creation of the Kimisis meditation garden. Look out the patio door next time you are at church and watch it develop. Connie's plans include benches and engraved pavers. Please stop by.

Registration: Girl Scout Registration will begin during fellowship hour in the gym on **September 11th and September 25th**. All Girl Scouts are asked to participate in the Holy Cross Day at Asbury Park on September 18th. Placement of girls in troops depends on the availability of Leaders. Positions are currently available for Leaders on all levels. K-12. Training begins online and continues at the church hall and is free. We invite you to join the world's largest female organization. If you would like to become a Girl Scout or Adult Volunteer, contact Cheryl Bontales at gsusaholm@aol.com, or 732-796-1006. Girl Scouting at Kimisis Tis Theotokou is in its 16th year and is open to all girls 5-18 years of age. We hold claim to being the first Greek Orthodox church in NJ to sponsor Girl Scouting, and we are very proud of that. We will be celebrating our "Sweet 16" at our meeting on 9/23 at 6pm at the church hall and the 100th year of Girl Scouting in the US. Everyone who registers this year will receive a special 100th Anniversary pin. Please join us, and have fun. Kimisis Girl Scouts will be offering a patriotic ribbon to all parishioners in church on 9/11/2011.

WELCOME TO KIMISIS TIS THEOTOKOU SUNDAY SCHOOL September 2011

Dear Parents:
We hope everyone had a nice summer!

We look forward to all of our children returning to Sunday School and to meeting all the new faces that are joining us this year. Pre-K to high school. All children are welcome.

We are very excited about our staff of teachers and assistants!

Please be respectful and understand that Liturgy begins at 10:00AM. Father George will take the time during The Bible reading to explain its meaning to the children followed by a question and

answer session. This is very special and children should be present to participate in this quality time with Father George.

Sunday School begins after Holy Communion. To expedite Communion, we are continuing to facilitate the procedure where students and teachers sit in the front left pews. Please instruct your children that if there is no seating available in the front left side to take any available seat in church. This is to avoid leaning on the icons as well as to not block the aisles. All the Sunday School children will receive Holy Communion regardless of where they are seated since the Parish council is aware that they are here to attend church and Sunday School. We ask that you explain this to your children.

Father George will attempt to offer Communion to the children first, so they can get to their class much quicker. Your child's grade/class is the same as their grade in public/private school.

Registration fees are \$30.00 per student. Registration is September 11, 2011 and September 25, 2011.

The first day of Sunday School is September 25, 2011.

Registrations will be accepted through October. Graduation Certificates will be given to all students who have been there most of the year. If your child is absent and has attended another religious ceremony, please let the teacher know.

We are excited to continue our Children's Stewardship Program, in which we will provide the children with envelopes so that they can begin to understand and learn the importance of giving to their Church. The envelopes will be collected in their classrooms each Sunday.

We are also participating in a fundraiser with Innisbrook Wraps, which consists of some wonderful merchandise, such as

candy, chocolates and wrapping paper. Each child shall receive a catalog to buy or sell from and at the same time raise money for various Sunday School expenses. The fundraiser ends October 23rd.

During the Holiday season, we are again excited to be hosting our Book Sale, perfect for Christmas gifts! Please note Sunday School class pictures will be taken on October 23, 2011.

Please send in a box of non-perishable cookies (no peanut products please) that can be brought to class with your child. This contribution makes our Church Coffee Hour possible. Thank you.

We look forward to a wonderful year with your children.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to see any of the following directors:

Nikie Sourlis (732) 747-2196; Joyce Magriples (732) 772-0068; Anna Zamora (732) 495-7872; Nausica Orthodoxou (732) 303-9816.

Thank you!

KIMISIS TIS THEOTOKOU SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2011-2012

Niki Sauris (732) 747-2196 Joyce Magriples (732) 772-0068 Anna Zamora (732) 495-7872 Nausica Orthodoxou (732) 303-9816

September 11, 2011	Registration begins and continues through end of Oct. Innisbrook Fundraiser kickoff
September 18, 2011	Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Celebration at Asbury Park. Kimisis will be closed for services - please attend Divine Liturgy at Asbury Park Convention Hall
September 25, 2011	Registration continued // First day of Class
October 23, 2011	Picture Day! Smile!!/Last day of Innisbrook Fundraiser
November 15, 2011	Lent begins for Christmas
November 20, 2011	Sunday School Book Sale Begins
November 27, 2011	No Classes - Family Worship - Thanksgiving Holiday
December 4, 2011	Philoptochos Christmas Holiday Party!
December 11, 2011	Communion Breakfast, Christmas Celebration/Book Sale
December 18, 2011	Christmas Pageant - Following the service / Book Sale
December 25, 2011	No Classes-Family Worship-Christmas Holiday
January 8, 2012	Classes Resume - Sunday before Epiphany
February 27, 2012	Great Lent Begins
March 4, 2012	Sunday of Orthodoxy - Regular classes Grades 2,4,6,8 will participate with the Icon Procession
March 18, 2012	Sunday of the Holy Cross - Regular Classes Grades K,1,3,5,7 will participate with the Cross Procession
April 7, 2012	Saturday of Lazarus - A Didactic Liturgy Service/Communion Breakfast Attend Church and help make palm Crosses
April 8, 2012	Palm Sunday No Classes - Family Worship
April 15, 2012	Great and Holy Pascha - No Classes - Family Worship
May 6, 2012	Godparents' Sunday - Regular Classes Sunday School Coffee Hour
May 13, 2012	Mother's Day - No Classes - Family Worship
May 20, 2012	Teacher Recognition Day "Take Your Books Home"-Last day of Sunday School
May 27, 2012	No Classes - Family Worship - Memorial Day
June 3, 2012	Graduation Day!

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Pre-K to high school.
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◆
Registration for
Sunday School
starts on
Sept. 11th
Join Us!
◆
Classes begin
Sept. 25th

looking for adult volunteers to teach,
please sign up at registration and give
your time for the children.

Prime Timers

by Connie Mellas, President

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On Tuesday, September 27th 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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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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